



# **ATTACHMENTS**

**Ordinary Council Meeting**

**23 May 2023**



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The Hon. Daniel Mookhey MLC  
Treasurer

The Hon. Jihad Dib MP  
Minister for Emergency Services

The Hon. Ron Hoenig MP  
Minister for Local Government

Mr. Roy Butler, MP  
Member for Barwin

GPO Box 5341  
SYDNEY NSW 2001

Good day,

**Damaging increase in Emergency Services Levy costs**

I write to you on behalf of Lachlan Shire Council to seek your urgent action to avoid serious impacts on the financial sustainability of our Council as a result of the NSW Government's decision to continue to impose increases in the Emergency Services Levy on our Council.

Council has endured enormous rises in the Emergency Services Levy, in particular since the 2019 financial year. In the 2019 financial year, Council paid \$312,339 and is expected to pay \$546,635 for the 2024 financial year. This represents a 75% increase. During this same period, IPART has approved ordinary rates rises of 12.8% in total. Clearly this is unsustainable for any business.

Council acknowledges that there has been subsidies paid in the years 2020 to 2023, however these assisted with the payment of the increase for the one year only. There was no ongoing annual subsidy to cover the cumulative increases.

Our Council is alarmed that the new NSW Government has suddenly ceased this important contribution.

IPART- approved rate rises are intended to compensate for the impacts of inflation and increases in council costs. Instead, the rate revenue will have to be diverted to the significantly higher ESL payments this year. NSW councils will have no option other than to make cuts to infrastructure and services expenditure.

Council's rates peg increase is 3.7% (\$262,983) for the 2024 financial year and the ESL payment required of \$546,635 far exceeds this.

For Lachlan Shire Council the NSW Government invoice we have received for the ESL coupled with the loss of the subsidy received for the prior year, has resulted in a reduction in the financial capacity of Council totalling \$186,00 for the 2023/24 financial year. To put this in simple terms, that represents 530km of unsealed road that we cannot maintain. This

significantly impacts our predominantly farming community, which is one of the largest grains producing of NSW. Farming is also one of the largest drivers of economic development in our shire and our largest employer.

The timing of this development is particularly challenging for councils as it comes so late in the local government budgeting cycle, well after IPART's rate determination for the coming financial year and at a time of soaring inflation and ongoing costs of disaster recovery.

Would you please urgently work to ensure the NSW Government:

- restores the ESL subsidy in 2023/24,
- pass legislation to decouple the ESL from the rate peg to enable councils to recover the full cost, and
- develops a fairer, more transparent and financially sustainable method of funding critically important emergency services in consultation with local government.

Without your assistance in this matter, the financial sustainability of our Council will be placed in serious jeopardy, forcing cuts to our services and infrastructure delivery and harming our community's quality of life.

For further information, please contact Council's General Manager Greg Tory at [Greg.Tory@lachlan.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Greg.Tory@lachlan.nsw.gov.au) or on (02) 6895 1901.

Yours sincerely,

Cr John Medcalf OAM  
**Mayor**

23 May 2023

Ms Carmel Donnelly  
Chair  
Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART)

By email: [ipart@ipart.nsw.gov.au](mailto:ipart@ipart.nsw.gov.au)

Dear Ms Donnelly

**Damaging increase in Emergency Services Levy costs**

I write to you on behalf of Lachlan Shire Council to alert you to the serious concerns of our Council, and the broader local government sector, regarding the unsustainable funding model for the Emergency Services Levy (ESL).

Council has endured enormous rises in the Emergency Services Levy, in particular since the 2019 financial year. In the 2019 financial year, Council paid \$312,339 and is expected to pay \$546,635 for the 2024 financial year. This represents a 75% increase. During this same period, IPART has approved ordinary rates rises of 12.8% in total. Clearly this is unsustainable for any business.

For the last four years, the NSW Government has acknowledged the unsustainable burden of ESL increases on local government by making a one off payment to fund the current year's annual increases in the levy for councils. There was no ongoing funding to cover the cumulative increases.

Our Council is alarmed that the new NSW Government has suddenly ceased this important contribution as it will consume a significant portion of Council's rates peg increase.

Further, the timing of this development is particularly challenging for councils as it comes so late in the local government budgeting cycle, well after IPART's rate determination for the coming financial year and at a time of soaring inflation and ongoing costs of disaster recovery.

I have written to the NSW Government seeking their urgent agreement to:

- restore the ESL subsidy in 2023/24,
- pass legislation to decouple the ESL from the rate peg to enable councils to recover the full cost
- develop a fairer, more transparent and financially sustainable method of funding critically important emergency services in consultation with local government.

Without NSW Government intervention, the financial sustainability of our Council will be placed in serious jeopardy, forcing cuts to our services and infrastructure delivery and harming our community's quality of life.

IPART has a core role in setting key parameters impacting the financial sustainability of local government, and I write to you as it is important that IPART be fully apprised of the impact of this policy decision of the NSW Government.

For further information, please contact Council's General Manager Greg Tory at [Greg.Tory@lachlan.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Greg.Tory@lachlan.nsw.gov.au) or on (02) 6895 1901.

Yours sincerely,

Cr John Medcalf OAM  
**Mayor**



# Investment Report

01/04/2023 to 30/04/2023



## Portfolio Valuation as at 30/04/2023

Issuer	Rating	Type	Alloc	Interest	Purchase	Maturity	Rate	Capital Value	Accrued	Accrued MTD
BNK Bank	Unrated	TD	GENERAL	Annual	04/05/2021	09/05/2023	0.7000	1,000,000.00	6,942.47	575.34
AMP Bank	BBB	TD	GENERAL	Annual	04/05/2021	09/05/2023	0.7000	1,000,000.00	6,942.47	575.34
MyState Bank	BBB	TD	GENERAL	Annual	04/05/2021	09/05/2023	0.5500	1,000,000.00	5,454.79	452.05
BOQ	BBB+	TD	GENERAL	Annual	10/05/2022	10/05/2023	3.0000	500,000.00	14,630.14	1,232.88
NAB	AA-	TD	GENERAL	Annual	25/05/2021	23/05/2023	0.6300	2,000,000.00	11,771.51	1,035.62
ING Direct	A	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	25/05/2022	06/06/2023	3.1600	1,000,000.00	29,522.19	2,597.26
Members Equity Bank	BBB+	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	14/06/2022	13/06/2023	3.9000	1,000,000.00	34,298.63	3,205.48
ING Direct	A	TD	GENERAL	Annual	08/06/2021	13/06/2023	0.5000	500,000.00	2,239.73	205.48
ING Direct	A	TD	GENERAL	Annual	15/06/2021	13/06/2023	0.5000	750,000.00	3,287.67	308.22
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	14/06/2022	14/06/2023	4.0900	2,000,000.00	71,939.18	6,723.29
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	28/02/2023	28/06/2023	4.4000	2,000,000.00	14,947.95	7,232.88
BOQ	BBB+	TD	GENERAL	Annual	28/06/2022	28/06/2023	4.0000	1,000,000.00	33,643.84	3,287.67
Westpac	AA-	TD	GENERAL	Quarterly	06/07/2021	11/07/2023	0.5600	1,000,000.00	383.56	383.56
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	TD	GENERAL	Semi-Annual	20/07/2022	25/07/2023	4.2200	1,000,000.00	13,642.74	3,468.49
BOQ	BBB+	TD	GENERAL	Annual	26/07/2022	26/07/2023	4.0500	600,000.00	18,574.52	1,997.26
AMP Bank	BBB	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	09/08/2022	08/08/2023	4.1500	1,000,000.00	30,130.14	3,410.96
AMP Bank	BBB	TD	GENERAL	Annual	09/08/2022	15/08/2023	4.1500	1,000,000.00	30,130.14	3,410.96
Westpac	AA-	TD	GENERAL	Quarterly	31/08/2022	31/08/2023	4.1200	1,000,000.00	6,998.36	3,386.30



Issuer	Rating	Type	Alloc	Interest	Purchase	Maturity	Rate	Capital Value	Accrued	Accrued MTD
Westpac	AA-	TD	GENERAL	Quarterly	31/08/2022	05/09/2023	4.1200	1,000,000.00	6,998.36	3,386.30
AMP Bank	BBB	TD	GENERAL	Annual	08/09/2021	05/09/2023	0.7500	500,000.00	2,414.38	308.22
Westpac	AA-	TD	GENERAL	Quarterly	08/09/2022	12/09/2023	4.0900	1,500,000.00	9,076.44	5,042.47
NAB	AA-	TD	GENERAL	Annual	13/09/2022	13/09/2023	4.1000	1,500,000.00	38,753.42	5,054.79
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	28/02/2023	28/09/2023	4.7200	1,000,000.00	8,017.53	3,879.45
BOQ	BBB+	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	04/10/2022	04/10/2023	4.5000	1,000,000.00	25,767.12	3,698.63
ING Direct	A	TD	GENERAL	Annual	25/05/2022	07/11/2023	3.3300	1,000,000.00	31,110.41	2,736.99
AMP Bank	BBB	TD	GENERAL	Annual	23/05/2022	23/11/2023	3.3000	1,000,000.00	31,010.96	2,712.33
AMP Bank	BBB	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	29/11/2022	29/11/2023	4.6000	1,000,000.00	19,282.19	3,780.82
Westpac	AA-	TD	GENERAL	Quarterly	30/11/2021	05/12/2023	1.1900	750,000.00	1,516.03	733.56
BOQ	BBB+	TD	GENERAL	Annual	07/12/2022	07/12/2023	4.2900	1,500,000.00	25,563.70	5,289.04
Bank of Sydney	Unrated	TD	GENERAL	Annual	13/12/2022	12/12/2023	4.6000	500,000.00	8,758.90	1,890.41
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	18/01/2023	23/01/2024	4.6500	2,000,000.00	26,243.84	7,643.84
NAB	AA-	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	02/03/2023	06/02/2024	4.9600	2,000,000.00	16,306.85	8,153.42
Westpac	AA-	TD	GENERAL	Quarterly	09/02/2022	13/02/2024	1.5800	500,000.00	1,753.15	649.32
Bendigo and Adelaide	BBB+	TD	GENERAL	Quarterly	22/02/2022	27/02/2024	1.6500	500,000.00	1,536.99	678.08
Westpac	AA-	TD	GENERAL	Quarterly	23/03/2022	26/03/2024	2.3200	1,000,000.00	2,478.90	1,906.85
BOQ	BBB+	TD	GENERAL	Annual	31/03/2022	27/03/2024	2.6000	1,000,000.00	2,208.22	2,136.99
ING Direct	A	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	24/05/2022	28/05/2024	3.7600	1,000,000.00	35,230.68	3,090.41
Westpac	AA-	TD	GENERAL	Quarterly	18/06/2021	18/06/2024	0.8000	1,500,000.00	1,380.82	986.30



Issuer	Rating	Type	Alloc	Interest	Purchase	Maturity	Rate	Capital Value	Accrued	Accrued MTD
Westpac	AA-	TD	GENERAL	Quarterly	06/07/2021	09/07/2024	0.8000	1,000,000.00	547.95	547.95
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	TD	GENERAL	Semi-Annual	20/07/2022	23/07/2024	4.3700	1,000,000.00	12,092.33	3,591.78
Westpac	AA-	TD	GENERAL	Quarterly	23/08/2022	23/08/2024	4.3800	500,000.00	4,020.00	1,800.00
Australian Military Bank	BBB+	TD	GENERAL	Quarterly	29/08/2022	29/08/2024	4.4500	1,000,000.00	7,558.90	3,657.53
Westpac	AA-	TD	GENERAL	Quarterly	30/08/2022	03/09/2024	4.4400	1,000,000.00	7,541.92	3,649.32
BOQ	BBB+	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	30/08/2022	03/09/2024	4.4000	1,000,000.00	29,413.70	3,616.44
P&N Bank	BBB	TD	GENERAL	Quarterly	08/09/2022	10/09/2024	4.4000	1,500,000.00	9,764.38	5,424.66
P&N Bank	BBB	TD	GENERAL	Annual	13/09/2022	13/09/2024	4.4500	500,000.00	14,020.55	1,828.77
AMP Bank	BBB	TD	GENERAL	Annual	20/10/2022	21/10/2024	4.9000	1,000,000.00	25,909.59	4,027.40
AMP Bank	BBB	TD	GENERAL	Annual	22/11/2022	19/11/2024	4.7000	750,000.00	15,452.05	2,897.26
AMP Bank	BBB	TD	GENERAL	Annual	29/11/2022	03/12/2024	4.6500	1,000,000.00	19,491.78	3,821.92
P&N Bank	BBB	TD	GENERAL	Annual	21/02/2023	25/02/2025	5.0000	1,000,000.00	9,452.05	4,109.59
ING Direct	A	TD	GENERAL	Annual	02/03/2023	04/03/2025	5.1000	500,000.00	4,191.78	2,095.89
Police Credit Union SA	Unrated	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	14/03/2023	18/03/2025	4.9400	1,000,000.00	6,496.44	4,060.27
Summerland Credit Union	Unrated	TD	GENERAL	Annual	29/03/2023	01/04/2025	4.8700	1,000,000.00	4,403.01	4,002.74
Auswide Bank	BBB	TD	GENERAL	Annual	04/04/2023	08/04/2025	4.9000	900,000.00	3,262.19	3,262.19
BOQ	BBB+	TD	GENERAL	Annual	10/08/2021	12/08/2025	1.0000	1,000,000.00	7,232.88	821.92
P&N Bank	BBB	TD	GENERAL	Annual	18/04/2023	20/04/2027	5.0000	1,000,000.00	1,780.82	1,780.82
P&N Bank	BBB	TD	GENERAL	Annual	14/02/2023	15/02/2028	5.2000	500,000.00	5,413.70	2,136.99
Macquarie Bank	A+	CASH	GENERAL	Monthly	30/04/2023	30/04/2023	3.4000	3,700,952.66	10,169.17	10,169.17





Issuer	Rating	Type	Alloc	Interest	Purchase	Maturity	Rate	Capital Value	Accrued	Accrued MTD
NAB	AA-	CASH	GENERAL	Monthly	30/04/2023	30/04/2023	3.6000	3,714,383.35	14,264.85	14,264.85
<b>TOTALS</b>								<b>65,665,336.01</b>	<b>843,368.95</b>	<b>188,814.70</b>



## Counterparty Compliance as at 30/04/2023

### Long Term Investments

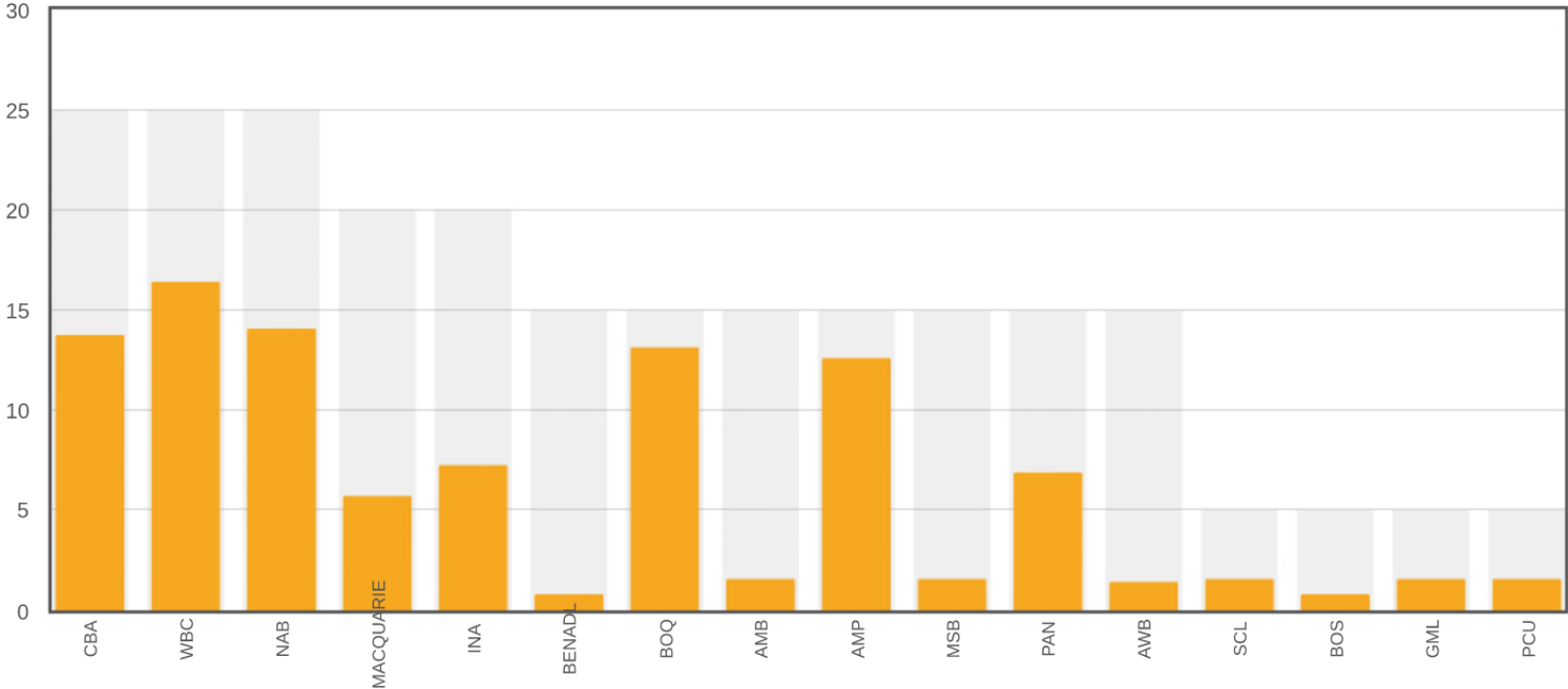
Compliant	Bank Group	Term	Rating	Invested	Invested (%)	Limit (%)	Limit (\$)	Available
✓	Commonwealth Bank	Long	AA-	9,000,000.00	13.71	25.00	-	7,416,334.00
✓	Westpac	Long	AA-	10,750,000.00	16.37	25.00	-	5,666,334.00
✓	NAB	Long	AA-	9,214,383.35	14.03	25.00	-	7,201,950.65
✓	Macquarie Bank	Long	A+	3,700,952.66	5.64	20.00	-	9,432,114.54
✓	ING Direct	Long	A	4,750,000.00	7.23	20.00	-	8,383,067.20
✓	Bendigo and Adelaide	Long	BBB+	500,000.00	0.76	15.00	-	9,349,800.40
✓	BOQ	Long	BBB+	8,600,000.00	13.10	15.00	-	1,249,800.40
✓	Australian Military Bank	Long	BBB+	1,000,000.00	1.52	15.00	-	8,849,800.40
✓	AMP Bank	Long	BBB	8,250,000.00	12.56	15.00	-	1,599,800.40
✓	MyState Bank	Long	BBB	1,000,000.00	1.52	15.00	-	8,849,800.40
✓	P&N Bank	Long	BBB	4,500,000.00	6.85	15.00	-	5,349,800.40
✓	Auswide Bank	Long	BBB	900,000.00	1.37	15.00	-	8,949,800.40
✓	Summerland Credit Union	Long	Unrated	1,000,000.00	1.52	5.00	-	2,283,266.80



Compliant	Bank Group	Term	Rating	Invested	Invested (%)	Limit (%)	Limit (\$)	Available
✓	Bank of Sydney	Long	Unrated	500,000.00	0.76	5.00	-	2,783,266.80
✓	BNK Bank	Long	Unrated	1,000,000.00	1.52	5.00	-	2,283,266.80
✓	Police Credit Union SA	Long	Unrated	1,000,000.00	1.52	5.00	-	2,283,266.80
<b>TOTALS</b>				<b>65,665,336.01</b>	<b>100.00</b>			



Counterparty Compliance - Long Term Investments



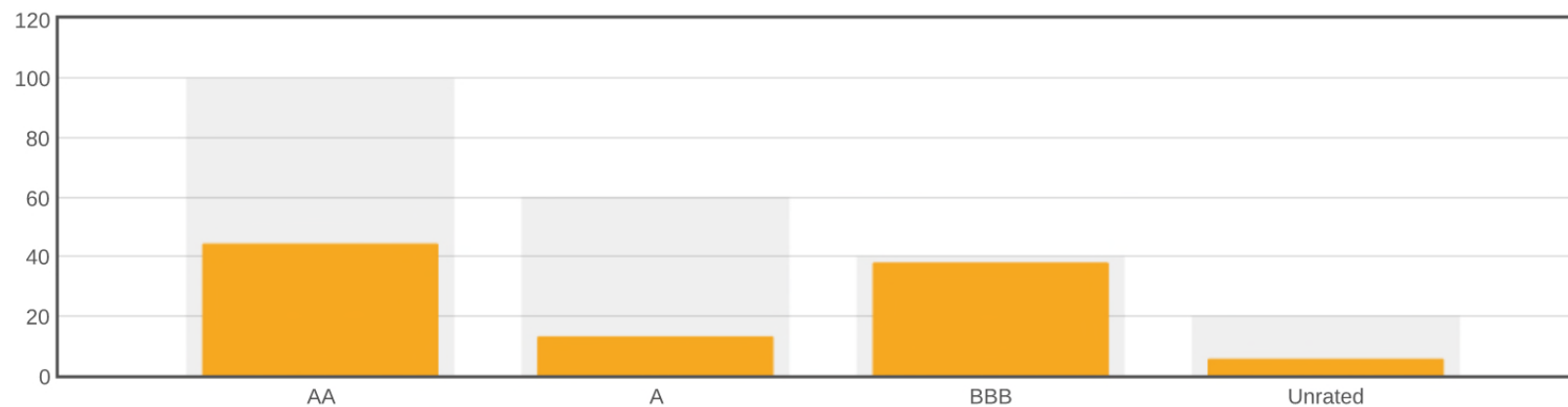


## Credit Quality Compliance as at 30/04/2023

### Long Term Investments

Compliant	Rating	Invested (\$)	Invested (%)	Limit (%)	Available
✓	AA	28,964,383.35	44.11	100.00	36,700,952.66
✓	A	8,450,952.66	12.87	60.00	30,948,248.95
✓	BBB	24,750,000.00	37.69	40.00	1,516,134.40
✓	Unrated	3,500,000.00	5.33	20.00	9,633,067.20
TOTALS		65,665,336.01	100.00		

### Credit Quality Compliance - Long Term Investments

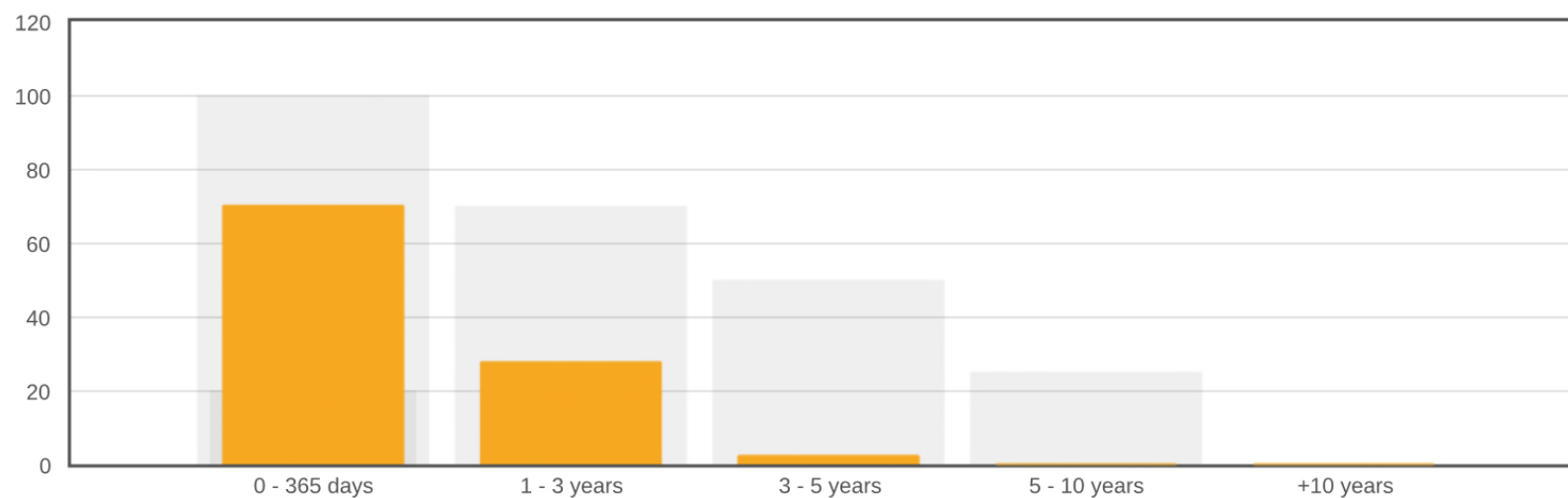




## Maturity Compliance as at 30/04/2023

Compliant	Term	Invested	Invested (%)	Min Limit (%)	Max Limit (%)	Available
✓	0 - 365 days	46,015,336.01	70.08	20.00	100.00	19,650,000.00
✓	1 - 3 years	18,150,000.00	27.64	0.00	70.00	27,815,735.21
✓	3 - 5 years	1,500,000.00	2.28	0.00	50.00	31,332,668.01
✓	5 - 10 years	-	0.00	0.00	25.00	16,416,334.00
✓	+10 years	-	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>65,665,336.01</b>	<b>100.00</b>			

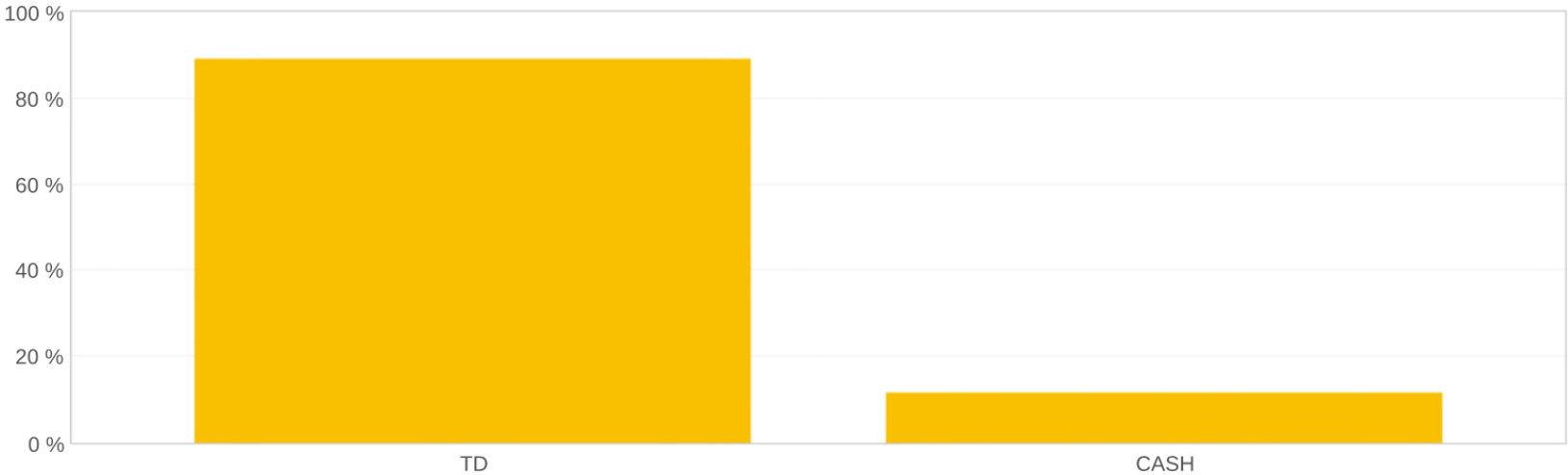
## Maturity Compliance





Asset Class as at 30/04/2023

Code	Number of Trades	Invested	Invested (%)
TD	57	58,250,000.00	88.71
CASH	2	7,415,336.01	11.29
TOTALS	59	65,665,336.01	100.0



**Local Government  
Remuneration Tribunal**

# Annual Determination

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

27 April 2023





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# Executive Summary

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

## Categories

Section 239 of the LG Act requires the Tribunal to determine the categories of councils and mayoral offices at least once every 3 years.

In accordance with the LG Act the Tribunal undertook a review of the categories and allocation of councils into each category as part of this review.

Accordingly, the revised categories of general purposes councils are determined as follows:

Metropolitan	Non-Metropolitan
Principal CBD	Major Regional City
Major CBD	Major Strategic Area
Metropolitan Major	Regional Strategic Area
Metropolitan Large	Regional Centre
Metropolitan Medium	Regional Rural
Metropolitan Small	Rural Large
	Rural



## Fees

The Tribunal determined a 3 per cent per annum increase in the minimum and maximum fees applicable to each category.

For the new categories, the Tribunal has determined fees having regard to the relevant factors and relativities of remuneration ranges for existing categories.

Twenty six (26) councils are recategorised into a higher existing category or placed in a new category.

# Section 1 – Introduction

1. Section 239 of the LG Act requires the Tribunal to determine the categories of councils and mayoral offices at least once every 3 years. The Tribunal last undertook a significant review of the categories and the allocation of councils into each of those categories in 2020.
2. Section 241 of the LG Act provides that the Tribunal determine the maximum and minimum amount of fees to be paid to mayors and councillors of councils, as well as chairpersons and members of county councils for each of the categories determined under section 239.
3. Section 242A(1) of the LG Act requires the Tribunal to give effect to the same policies on increases in remuneration as those of the Industrial Relations Commission.
4. The Tribunal can also determine that a council can be placed in another existing or new category with a higher range of fees without breaching the Government's Wages Policy as per section 242A (3) of the LG Act.
5. Natural disasters have a significant impact on the way mayors in particular work. There is an increase on time demands from the community, and media during these events as well as an increase in workloads. Whilst it is worth noting these issues, it is not within the Tribunal's authority to determine additional remuneration in recognition of the increasing demands on a mayor's time for these events.
6. The Tribunal's determination takes effect from 1 July each year.

## Section 2 – 2022 Determination

7. In 2022, the Tribunal received eight (8) submissions, which included five (5) requests for recategorisation. Three of these requests sought the creation of new categories.
8. The Tribunal found that the current categories and allocation of councils to these categories remained appropriate but noted that some councils may have a case for recategorisation at the next major review of categories in 2023.
9. The Tribunal determined that fees would increase 2 per cent in the minimum and maximum fees applicable to each category from 1 July 2022.

# Section 3 – 2023 Review

## 2023 Process

10. The Tribunal's annual review commenced in October when it wrote to all councils inviting submissions regarding fees, categorisation and any other general matters. The invitation noted that it is expected that submissions are endorsed by the respective council.
11. The Tribunal also wrote to the President of Local Government NSW (LGNSW) inviting a submission.
12. The Tribunal received 18 written submissions, of which 15 were from individual councils, 1 submission from LGNSW, 1 from Australian National University academic, Associate Professor Tanya Jakimow, and 1 from the United Services Union (USU).
13. The Tribunal notes that 12 of the 15 council submissions were endorsed by the representative councils.
14. The Tribunal acknowledges and thanks all parties for their submissions.
15. Noting its comments in its reports of 2021 and 2022, the Tribunal met Central NSW Joint Organisation member representatives in Orange, and Far South West Joint Organisation member representatives in Broken Hill. The Tribunal also gave an overview of its work to a meeting of the Country Mayors' Association in Newcastle. While in Broken Hill the Tribunal met with LGNSW representatives.
16. The Tribunal and Assessors met as required to discuss submissions, review category criteria and allocation of councils

## Categories

17. Section 239 of the LG Act requires the Tribunal to determine the categories of councils and mayoral offices at least once every three years. The Tribunal last reviewed the categories in 2020.
18. In determining categories, the Tribunal is required to have regard to the following matters that are prescribed in Section 240 of the LG Act:
- *the size of areas;*
  - *the physical terrain of areas;*
  - *the population of areas and the distribution of the population;*
  - *the nature and volume of business dealt with by each council;*
  - *the nature and extent of the development of areas;*
  - *the diversity of communities served;*
  - *the regional, national and international significance of the council;*
  - *such matters as the Remuneration Tribunal considers relevant to the provision of efficient and effective local government; and*
  - *such other matters as may be prescribed by the regulations.*
19. The 2020 Determination established the following categories:

Metropolitan	Non-Metropolitan
Principal CBD	Major Regional City
Major CBD	Major Strategic Area
Metropolitan Large	Regional Strategic Area
Metropolitan Medium	Regional Centre

Metropolitan Small      Regional Rural

Rural

20. For its 2023 review, the Tribunal undertook an extensive examination of the categories, criteria and allocation of councils into each of the categories.
21. The Tribunal examined statistical and demographical data, with population data sourced from Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) 2021 Census (the latest available data).
22. Having regard to section 239 of the LG Act, information examined and provided through submissions, the Tribunal has determined the categories of general purpose councils as follows:


Metropolitan	Non-Metropolitan
Principal CBD	Major Regional City
Major CBD	Major Strategic Area
Metropolitan Major	Regional Strategic Area
Metropolitan Large	Regional Centre
Metropolitan Medium	Regional Rural
Metropolitan Small	Rural Large
	Rural

23. In reviewing the current model, the Tribunal sought to improve consistency of criteria.
24. In examining the criteria for each of the categories, the Tribunal is of the view that non-resident population criteria should also be included for consistency in the following categories:



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- Major Strategic Area
  - Regional Strategic Area
  - Regional Centre
  - Regional Rural

25. Three (3) councils will be reclassified as a result of meeting criteria thresholds into an existing category.
26. The Tribunal has determined the creation of two (2) new categories, being Metropolitan Major and Rural Large.
27. In determining the 2 new categories the Tribunal gave significant consideration to section 239 of the LG Act, statistical data, the existing categories and relativities between each category.
28. It was determined that the existing Rural category did not differentiate between large and small rural councils, in population, size, and terrain. Evidence demonstrated that a number of Rural councils are large in geographic area, requiring great distances to be covered. The Tribunal also examined a range of data that it believes goes to the delivery of efficient and effective local government.
29. Hence a new category Rural Large is created. The determination is amended to reflect the new category and criteria that includes a population greater than ten thousand, and a councillor to resident ratio of 1 to 1200. The Tribunal notes there are a number of Rural councils on the cusp of this new category.
30. The revised category also shows more clearly the differences for large rural and remote councils. It is becoming apparent these councils require



different considerations regarding the role Mayors and Councillors in servicing the community across such large distances.

31. Evidence reviewed established the need to differentiate between some Large Metropolitan councils. Comparison data reviewed included population, operating revenue, and submission evidence relevant to section 239 of the LG Act. This examination further exposed the gap between Metropolitan Large and Major CBD categories, thus resulting in the Tribunal establishing a new category to bridge the gap.
32. The determination is amended to reflect a new category, Metropolitan Major, with a population criteria threshold of 400,000 (including non-resident).
33. Accordingly, the Tribunal has identified a number of councils that will be recategorised into these new categories.
34. Given the relativities in population threshold criteria, the Tribunal is of the view that the population criteria for Regional Strategic Area be adjusted from 200,00 down to 100,000.
35. As a result, three (3) councils will be reclassified as Regional Strategic.
36. Whilst the Tribunal did explore additional criteria points that may go to efficient and effective local government, within the bounds of statutory provisions no further changes to the criteria could be determined in this review.
37. The category County Councils remain unchanged, retaining the categories of Water and Other.

38. **Appendix 1 Criteria that apply to categories** has been amended to reflect changes outlined above.

## Submissions Received – Categorisation

39. Nine (9) submissions received from councils requested recategorisation and five (5) of these requested the creation of new categories.
40. A summary of matters raised in submissions and the Tribunal's consideration of those matters is outlined below

## Request for New Categories

41. Requests were received for the creation of new categories namely, Metropolitan Large Growth Area, Metropolitan Major, Metropolitan Medium Growth and Regional Growth.
42. Blacktown City Council again requested the creation of a new category, Metropolitan Large - Growth Area. Council stated its current categorisation in Metropolitan Large "*does not reflect the complexities of servicing their rapid rate of growth and economic influence*".
43. Blacktown City Council contends that a new category would allow a criteria to be set that reflects:
- Size
  - Rate of growth
  - Economic influence
  - Operational budget


- Complexities of remaining financially sustainable whilst maintaining services and providing new infrastructure

44. Penrith Council reiterated previous submissions, again requesting the creation of a new category, Metropolitan Large Growth Centre. Council argues they are unique compared to other similar sized councils, providing significant regional services to Greater Western Sydney.

45. Penrith Council contends its claim for creation and inclusion in a new category is enhanced through their leading role in the region demonstrating the exponential growth that will occur in the Penrith Local Government area. Council submits they are playing a leading role in several significant city-shaping projects and initiatives such as:


- Western Sydney Airport
- Western Sydney Priority Growth Area
- Penrith Health and Education Precinct
- The Greater Sydney Commission District planning process
- National Growth Areas Alliance
- Sydney Science Park
- Defence Industries Precinct and
- South Creek Corridor

46. While the Tribunal understands that areas of Western Sydney are developing rapidly, not least with the new airport and associated infrastructure it is not persuaded to create a new category, Metropolitan Large - Growth Area/Centre. These councils are experiencing growth and will in the future have populations of residents and non-residents that meet the thresholds for recategorisation. It is not within the Tribunal's legislative



remit to anticipate growth. However as dealt with earlier in this determination, the Tribunal acknowledges the need for a new Metropolitan category to reflect increasing population and bridge gap between current categories, Metropolitan Large and Major CBD.

47. Canterbury Bankstown Council proposed the creation of a new category, Metropolitan Major, that would sit in between current category of Metropolitan Large and Major CBD.
48. Council based its argument for a new category on the following grounds:
  - Categories need to have consistent criteria
  - A new category of Metropolitan Major would capture increased population and workloads post amalgamation process
  - New criteria should be based on population size and councillor to resident ratio
  - Councils size, with a current population of 372,322 across five wards
  - Population and distribution of population
  - Councils' area and physical terrain
  - Diversity of communities served
  - Nature and volume of business dealt with by Council
49. Council proposed a new criteria could include population threshold and councillor to resident ratio, with thresholds being 350,000 and 1 to 24,000.
50. The Tribunal considered the suggested criteria of a councillor to resident ratio for all categories. Whilst the Tribunal has included this criteria for



Rural Large category, it has not included it for all categories. It may warrant further consideration for other categories in future reviews.

51. The Tribunal is persuaded to include a new category, Metropolitan Major, with a population criteria threshold of 400,000 in the determination.
52. Camden Council's submission requests the creation of a growth category for Metropolitan Medium councils. They argue the proposed new category would allow criteria to be established to better reflect their growth rate, economic influence and complexities involved in servicing growth.
53. Council proposes the new category be called Metropolitan Medium – Growth Area. Council submits that its inclusion into this new category is based on the following:
  - Population growth
  - Development corridors
  - Growing assets and major infrastructure
  - Major services and institutions
54. The Tribunal has already determined a new metropolitan category, taking into account population and relatives in population between existing categories. It is not persuaded to include another new metropolitan category.
55. Maitland City Council requested the creation of a new category, Regional Growth Area to bridge the gap between Regional Centre and Regional Strategic.
56. Council based its argument for a new category on the following grounds:


- Maitland is the fastest growing regional city in NSW
- significant role in accommodation growth
- Council being an emerging health centre, with the \$470 million investment in the new Maitland Hospital
- Significant role in delivery of state goals, including Greater Newcastle Metropolitan Plan 2036 and a state partner in infrastructure delivery including roads and facilities

57. Council also contends the current categorisation model for non-metropolitan is inadequate. It argues that the application of the population criteria is flawed as increments initially rise by 20,000 before leaping up by 160,000.

58. The current population criteria thresholds for non-metropolitan councils are outlined in the table below:

Category	Population Criteria
Rural	<20,000
Regional Rural	>20,000
Regional Centre	>40,000
Regional Strategic Area	>200,000
Major Strategic Area	>300,000

59. The Tribunal has considered the issues raised in Council's submission but is not persuaded for reasons noted earlier for anticipation of growth versus actual population, to create a new category, Regional Growth Area.

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60. The Tribunal acknowledges the point made in Council's submission regarding incremental increases for non-metropolitan categories population criteria.
61. As outlined earlier the Tribunal has determined to change the population criteria for Regional Strategic from 200,000 to 100,000. This will result in Maitland Council being reclassified.


## Requests for Recategorisation

62. The Tribunal received four (4) requests for recategorisation. Liverpool, Byron, Tweed and Burwood Councils put forward individual cases for recategorisation for the Tribunal's consideration.
63. A summary of council's requests and the Tribunal's findings are outlined in the paragraphs below.
64. Liverpool Council requested to be reclassified from their current classification of Metro Large to Major CBD category. Liverpool Council's case to be included in Major CBD category is based on the following grounds:
- Population forecast to grow by 59.23% in the next 20 years from 242,817 to 386,646
  - A GDP estimated at \$13.03 billion, with 91,000 jobs in the LGA
  - Significant development in the LGA that includes new council offices and chambers, new city library, childcare facility, and the \$106 million Liverpool Quarter development consisting of retail, commercial, food and beverage spaces



- Liverpool being an integral part of Western Sydney Deal to deliver transformative change
- Liverpool being home to several significant infrastructure projects, including Western Sydney Airport, Western Sydney Infrastructure plan, Holsworthy Barracks and Liverpool Hospital upgrades
- Diversity of population

65. The Tribunal notes that the current criteria for Major CBD remains unchanged. It includes being a major provider of business and government services, and secondary CBD to metropolitan Sydney.
66. Having regard to section 239 of the LG Act, the criteria, the submission put forward, and for reasons outlined earlier in regard to anticipated growth versus actual growth, the Tribunal is not persuaded to include Liverpool Council in Major CBD category.
67. Byron Shire Council requested to be reclassified from their current category of Regional Rural into Regional Centre.
68. Council noted, based on ABS 2021 census data, with a population of 36,077, it is on the cusp of reaching the population threshold of 40,000 residents.
69. Council believes they meet several other additional criteria that supports their case for reclassification. Council's request is based on the following grounds:
- Non-resident population of 4,817 travel from surrounding locations to work in the LGA

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- A population growth increase of 7.2% over the last 5 years, which is above the state increase of 5.3%
  - Proximity to Gold Coast and Ballina/Byron airports
  - Byron being home to internationally renowned Hinterland region
  - Byron being home to a large number of festivals and events

70. As outlined earlier in this determination, the criteria for Regional Centre has been amended to include non-resident population as a criteria point.


71. This result is Byron Shire Council will be reclassified to Regional Centre.

72. Tweed Shire Council once again requested reclassification from Regional Centre to Regional Strategic Area on the following grounds:

- Proximity to Sydney via Gold Coast airport
- Proximity to Brisbane and Gold Coast
- Tweed being a major city centre and population centre for Northern Rivers Joint Organisation
- Tweed being the largest employer and strongest growth area in the Northern Rivers
- The construction of new state of the art Tweed Valley Hospital due to open in late 2023

73. Tweed Shire Council will be reclassified as a result of changes to Regional Strategic Area criteria outlined earlier in this determination.

74. Burwood Council requested to be reclassified from their current classification of Metropolitan Small to Metropolitan Medium. Council acknowledged that they do not currently meet the population criteria to be




placed into the requested category. The criteria as outlined in the 2022 Determination, Appendix 1 of the criteria that apply to categories states


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


75. If Burwood Council’s non-resident working population was included, the total population would be 53,435 well short of exceeding the population threshold for Metropolitan Medium.
76. Further examination demonstrates that Burwood council does not meet the broader criteria for Metropolitan Medium. Accordingly, Burwood Council will remain in current classification of Metropolitan Small.
77. The matters raised generally in submissions of Berrigan, Cowra, Inner West, Kur-ring-gai, Singleton and Temora Councils are outside of the scope of the Tribunal statutory functions, but in the view of the Tribunal are worthy of further consideration. These matters relate to the current remuneration principles and structures that apply to mayors and councillors in NSW and the potential impacts of these constraints. These are discussed further below.

## Section 4 – 2023 Fees

78. In determining the maximum and minimum fees payable in each of the categories, the Tribunal is required by section 242A of the LG Act, to give effect to the same policies on increases in remuneration as those that the Industrial Relations Commission is required to give effect to under section 146C of the *Industrial Relations Act 1996* (IR Act), when making or varying awards or orders relating to the conditions of employment of public sector employees.
79. Pursuant to section 146C (1) (a) of the IR Act, the current government policy on wages is expressed in the Industrial Relations (Public Sector Conditions of Employment) Regulation 2014 (IR Regulation). The IR Regulation provides that public sector wages cannot increase by more than 3 per cent per annum and the tribunal therefore has the discretion to determine an increase of up to 3 per cent per annum.
80. Four (4) submissions received addressed the issue of the fees quantum increase. These submissions sought an increase of 2.5% or greater.
81. The LGNSW submission requested that the Tribunal increase fees by the maximum 3 per cent, but further argued that the maximum increase is *“inadequate and does not address the historic undervaluation of work performed by elected representatives and the substantial responsibility associated with local government.”*
82. LGNSW used economic and wage data to support their argument, that included:
- Consumer Price Index (CPI)
  - National and State Wage cases
  - Market comparability

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83. LGNSW in their meeting with The Tribunal and Assessors, further emphasised that remuneration for Councillors and Mayors has been reduced in real terms due to impacts of inflation and capping of remuneration increases.
84. The Tribunal received a late submission from the USU, advocating for the maximum increase to be applied. The USU argued that all work carried out in local government needed to be fairly remunerated and reflect the rise in cost of living.
85. Whilst only five of the eighteen submissions received addressed the issue of quantum increase of fees, more than half of the submissions provided commentary on a range of remuneration issues.
86. Submissions suggested that the current remuneration structure is inadequate and requires further review. It has been suggested that the current remuneration structure does not adequately reflect:
- Role, responsibilities, and commitment required to perform functions successfully
  - Workloads
  - Complexity of role
  - Commitment and skills required
  - Fairness
87. Furthermore, it has been suggested that the low level of remuneration is a barrier to encouraging participation and diversity of candidates that reflects communities.

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88. Associate Professor Jakimow of the Australian National University provided a detailed submission outlining the negative impacts of inadequate remuneration. The substance of the submission is that current remuneration levels do not adequately reflect the hours and complexity of work. Furthermore, low remuneration is a barrier to participation and diversity.
89. Associate Professor Jakimow argues that:
- “inadequate pay has significant negative consequences: low quality local democracy, an unacceptable burden on councillors and their families, and poor councillor diversity.”*
90. A number of submissions provided comparison data to demonstrate that the current remuneration principles and structure are not reflective of time, skills and competencies required to effectively perform the roles of councillor and mayor.
91. Comparisons were made to State and Federal parliamentary members, councillors and mayors in the Queensland and Victorian local government jurisdictions, average remuneration of a chairperson of a board, not for profit organisations and national minimum wage. The basis of the argument is that NSW mayor and councillors are paid below these organisations.
92. One submission noted that legislative change would be required to change remuneration model.
93. The Tribunal acknowledges issues raised in submissions regarding remuneration principles, structure and potential impacts. Many of these issues are worth serious consideration, they are however not currently




within the Tribunal's remit. The Tribunal concludes these matters should be given further investigation and consideration.

94. The Tribunal has considered key economic indicators, including the Consumer Price Index and Wage Price Index, and has determined that the full 3 per cent increase will apply to the minimum and maximum fees applicable to existing categories.
95. As an initial determination, the ranges for new categories are not subject to the wages policy. Future increases in those categories, as is the case for existing categories, will be subject to wages policy in accordance with section 242A(4) of the LG Act.
96. The minimum and maximum fees for the new categories have been determined having regard to the relativities of existing categories

## Time for Fresh Thinking

97. Submissions made to the 2023 review and the Tribunal's own conclusions from evidence it has examined, suggest that there are significant issues underlying the concerns raised about mayor and councillor remuneration. It is apparent to the Tribunal that those issues which include a lack of diversity in representation, changing nature of work required to be undertaken and changed community expectations cannot be easily resolved under the existing framework. In the Tribunal's view, there would be merit in a comprehensive review of the framework for mayor and councillor remuneration.
98. The criteria under which the Tribunal makes these determinations has







been in existence since 1994 and at that time NSW had 177 Councils.  
Much has changed over the past 30 years, but the criteria has not.

99. As noted earlier in this determination the Tribunal and Assessors met with two Joint Organisation member representatives. While much of what was discussed has been dealt with in this determination it is worthy for the record to restate the view of LGNSW of the *“need for major reform”*.
100. Key themes and issues raised during discussions by mayors, councillors and general managers with the Tribunal and Assessors include:
- Changes to ways of working including expectations of increased use of social media and online platforms (“always on” expectations from constituents)
  - Impacts of future development
  - Impact of changes to legislation and regulation on workload
  - Serving constituents in regional centres, country areas regional areas, rural and remote areas
  - Remuneration principles
  - Natural Disasters including floods, fires, mice, locusts and tragedies generally
  - Confusion in roles and responsibilities – need for compulsory and consistent training of candidates prior to election and induction of those elected



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- Popularly elected mayors and two-year mayoral terms and the role of the Deputy Mayor when a mayor is absent, as distinct from temporarily unavailable
  - Questioning whether the guidelines by the Office of Local Government for the payment of expenses and the provision of facilities for mayors and councillors that were issued in 2009 are still fit for purpose. There appears to be significant variation in the interpretation of the guidelines and subsequent council policies
  - The optional payment of superannuation being used for political purposes
  - Paid parental leave for councillors
  - Is remuneration holding back quality candidates or are behavioural issues – both in and out of meeting environment
  - Parity in the payment differential in existing categories between councillors and mayors
  - A possible alignment in categories of councillor to resident and ratepayer ratios and rateable property ratios
  - Clarity in the payment of fees for chairpersons and voting members of Joint Organisations for additional workloads

101. Diversity was a strong theme heard by the Tribunal, both diversity of communities served and diversity of representation. We heard that



younger people, women, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and members of culturally and linguistically diverse communities among others, are underrepresented in many councils.

102. The Tribunal acknowledges that it is not within its authority to address many of the issues that were raised in submissions.

103. The Tribunal is not suggesting a fundamental review of the role of councillors and notes that people enter local government representation from a sense of civic service rather than for remuneration.

## Conclusion


104. The Tribunal is of the view that a broader consideration is required of the matters raised in this determination. If the Minister decided to refer these matters under section 238 (2) of the LG Act the Tribunal would be willing to assist noting that it would require considerable consultation with the sector and access to suitable resources from Government.

105. The Tribunal's determinations have been made with the assistance of the Assessors Ms Kylie Yates, Gail Connolly PSM (in her role as Acting Deputy Secretary) and Mr Brett Whitworth.

106. It is the requirement of the Tribunal that in the future all submissions have council endorsement.

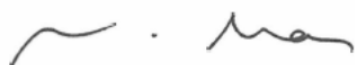
107. Determination 1 outlines the allocation of councils into each of the categories as per section 239 of the LG Act.

108. Determination 2 outlines the maximum and minimum fees paid to



councillors and mayors and members and chairpersons of county councils  
as per section 241 of the LG Act.

109. The Tribunal acknowledges and thanks the secretariat for their excellent research and support in completing the 2023 determination.



Viv May PSM

**Local Government Remuneration Tribunal**

Dated 27 April 2023

# Section 5 – Determinations

Determination No. 1 – Allocation of councils into each of the categories as per section 239 of the LG Act effective 1 July 2023

## General Purpose Councils – Metropolitan

### Principal CBD (1)

- Sydney

### Major CBD (1)

- Parramatta

### Metropolitan Major (2)

- Blacktown
- Canterbury-Bankstown

### Metropolitan Large (10)

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

### Metropolitan Medium (8)

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

### Metropolitan Small (8)

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

## General Purpose Councils - Non-Metropolitan

### Major Regional City (2)

- Newcastle
- Wollongong

### Major Strategic Area (1)

- Central Coast

### Regional Centre (23)

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

### Regional Strategic Area(4)

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

**Regional Rural (12)**

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

**Rural Large (18)**

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

**Rural (38)**

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



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| • Kyogle            | • Uralla        |
| • Lachlan           | • Walcha        |
| • Liverpool Plains  | • Walgett       |
| • Lockhart          | • Warren        |
| • Murrumbidgee      | • Warrumbungle  |
| • Narrandera        | • Weddin        |
| • Narromine         | • Wentworth     |

## County Councils

### Water (4)

- Central Tablelands
- Goldenfields Water
- Riverina Water
- Rous

### Other (6)

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

## Determination No. 2 - Fees for Councillors and Mayors as per section 241 of the LG Act effective from 1 July 2023

The annual fees to be paid in each of the categories to Councillors, Mayors, Members and Chairpersons of County Councils effective on and from 1 July 2023 as per section 241 of the *Local Government Act 1993* are determined as follows:

### Table 4: Fees for General Purpose and County Councils

#### General Purpose Councils – Metropolitan

##### Councillor/Member Annual Fee (\$) effective 1 July 2023

Category	Minimum	Maximum
Principal CBD	29,610	43,440
Major CBD	19,760	36,590
Metropolitan Major	19,760	34,590
Metropolitan Large	19,760	32,590
Metropolitan Medium	14,810	27,650
Metropolitan Small	9,850	21,730

##### Mayor/Chairperson Additional Fee\* (\$) effective 1 July 2023

Category	Minimum	Maximum
Principal CBD	181,210	238,450
Major CBD	41,960	118,210
Metropolitan Major	41,960	106,960
Metropolitan Large	41,960	94,950
Metropolitan Medium	31,470	73,440
Metropolitan Small	20,980	47,390



## General Purpose Councils - Non-Metropolitan

### Councillor/Member Annual Fee (\$) effective 1 July 2023

Category	Minimum	Maximum
Major Regional City	19,760	34,330
Major Strategic Area	19,760	34,330
Regional Strategic Area	19,760	32,590
Regional Centre	14,810	26,070
Regional Rural	9,850	21,730
Rural Large	9,850	17,680
Rural	9,850	13,030

### Mayor/Chairperson Additional Fee\* (\$) effective 1 July 2023

Category	Minimum	Maximum
Major Regional City	41,960	106,960
Major Strategic Area	41,960	106,960
Regional Strategic Area	41,960	94,950
Regional Centre	30,820	64,390
Regional Rural	20,980	47,420
Rural Large	15,735	37,925
Rural	10,490	28,430

## County Councils

### Councillor/Member Annual Fee (\$) effective 1 July 2023

Category	Minimum	Maximum
Water	1,960	10,870
Other	1,960	6,490

### Mayor/Chairperson Additional Fee\* (\$) effective 1 July 2023

Category	Minimum	Maximum
Water	4,200	17,850
Other	4,200	11,860

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



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# Appendices

## Appendix 1 Criteria that apply to categories

### Principal CBD

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

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

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



## Major CBD

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

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

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

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



## **Metropolitan Major**

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

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

Other features may include:

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

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

## Metropolitan Large

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

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

Other features may include:

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

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



## **Metropolitan Medium**

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

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

Other features may include:

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

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



## **Metropolitan Small**

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

Other features which distinguish them from other metropolitan councils include:

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


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

## **Major Regional City**

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

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




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

### **Major Strategic Area**

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

Other features may include:

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

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


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

### **Regional Strategic Area**

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

Other features may include:

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

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


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

### **Regional Centre**

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

Other features may include:

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

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


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

### **Regional Rural**

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

Other features may include:

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



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

### **Rural Large**

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

Other features may include:

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



## **Rural**

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

## **County Councils - Water**

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

## **County Councils - Other**

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

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LACHLAN SHIRE COUNCIL REPORT TO COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD 23 MAY 2023				
AUTHOR: GENERAL MANAGER				
	Dept.	Resolution	Action Taken to Date	Expected Completion
April 2023	GM	<b>2023/67 MAYORAL MINUTE - MAYORAL CHARITY BALL, PENRITH CITY COUNCIL</b>  <b>RESOLVED THAT:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mayoral Minute Report No. R23/79 be received and noted.</li> <li>2. The Mayor, on behalf of Lachlan Shire Council, donate an amount of \$800 towards The Haven – Nepean Women’s Shelter.</li> <li>3. The donation be charge to Council’s General donations – Elected Members which has a balance of \$13,503.00.</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: right;">Rees/Carter</p>	Complete	Complete
March 2023	GM	<b>2023/58 17.6 50 LACHLAN STREET CONDOBOLIN - OFFER TO PURCHASE</b>  <b>RESOLVED THAT:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The General Manager’s Report No. R23/63 be received and noted.</li> <li>2. The General Manager be authorised to negotiate the sale of 50 Lachlan Street Condobolin (lots 1//DP319876: B//DP408388; Y//DP448903; 3/4/5//10//DP758271; and 6//DP81908) at the price recommended in the independent market appraisal attached to the report.</li> <li>3. Council’s legal representative be engaged to prepare a contract of sale.</li> </ol>	Negotiations have progressed favourably and Councils legal representative is preparing a contract of sale. A meeting with the purchaser is planned for late May to continue negotiation discussions.	June 2023.

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		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. The sale contract include appropriate conditions regarding timeframes for the lodgment of a development application and commencement of construction etc., as contemplated in the offer to purchase, in addition to conditions outlined in the report.</li> <li>5. Proceeds from the sale of the property be proportionally refunded to the Plant and Gravel Pit Rehabilitation Reserves.</li> <li>6. The Mayor and General Manager be authorised to sign the contract of sale documents and affix the Council seal.</li> <li>7. A further report on negotiations be reported to Council.</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: right;">Phillips/Harris</p>		
October 2022	GM	<p><b>2022/276 5.3 MAYORAL MINUTE – COUNTRY WOMAN’S ASSOCIATION</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED THAT:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mayoral Minute Report No. R22/354 be received and noted.</li> <li>2. That Council place a plaque recognising the 100 years of the Condobolin and District CWA organisation in front of the Lachlan Shire Council Chambers.</li> <li>3. That the cost of installing the plaque, estimated to be \$1,000, be charge to Council’s special events donations budget which has a balance of \$22,355.</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: right;">Phillips/Harris</p>	Awaiting details of which branch or district should be included on the plaque.	June 2023.



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April 2023	ETED	<p><b>2023/86 17.1 SITE MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR COUNCIL'S WASTE FACILITIES</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED THAT:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Director Environment Tourism and Economic Development Report No. R23/40 be received and noted.</li> <li>2. Council exercise the option to extend the Contract with TG FB Ross dated 29 May 2018 for five (5) years and Zero (0) months, ending 2 July 2028.</li> <li>3. The Mayor and General Manager be authorised to sign the Contract documents and affix the Council seal.</li> </ol> <p>Harris/Carter</p>	The contract documents have been finalised and signed. COMPLETE	COMPLETE
April 2023	ETED	<p><b>2023/76 TULLIBIGEAL MEMORIAL HALL - PROVISION OF AIR CONDITIONING - COMMUNITY BUILDING PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM 2022 - GRANT FUNDING</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED THAT:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Director of Environment, Tourism and Economic Development Report No. R23/77 be received and noted.</li> <li>2. Council agree to accept the grant from the NSW Government to provide air conditioning to the Tullibigeal Memorial Hall.</li> <li>3. Council allocate \$16,392.00 from the Tullibigeal allocation of the Condobolin District Retirement Village (CDRV) Reserve towards the project.</li> </ol> <p>Mortimer/Harris</p>	The Tullibigeal Hall and Recreation Ground Management Committee have been informed of Council's decision and the money will be allocated to the project. COMPLETE	COMPLETE

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April 2023	ETED	<p><b>2023/91 GOANNA MANOR - LIONEL HUNT PARK, 125 BATHURST ST, CONDOBOLIN</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED THAT:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Director of Environment, Tourism and Economic Development Report No. R23/78 be received and noted.</li> <li>2. Council direct that staff investigate possible options for subdividing and transferring ownership of the building to a third party and lodge an expression of interest for the site.</li> <li>3. A further report outlining the options for transfer of ownership to third party be presented to Council for consideration.</li> <li>4. Due to the current condition of the building it remain vacant until repairs are completed or the building is sold or gifted to the third party.</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: right;">Harris/Blewitt</p>	Options are currently being investigated and once established expressions of interest will be sought. A report will then be presented to Council for further consideration.	JULY 2023
April 2023	ETED	<p><b>2023/78 9.3.3 LOCAL HERITAGE GRANT PROGRAM 2022/2023 - REALLOCATION OF FUNDS</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED THAT:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Director Environment, Tourism and Economic Development Report No. R23/100 be received and noted.</li> <li>2. Council re-allocate the funding that was to be provided to the Tottenham and Albert Cemeteries as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) \$500.00 for a total of \$7,500.00 for the works to All Saints Anglican Church, Condobolin;</li> <li>(b) \$500.00 for a total of \$4,500.00 for the works to the Presbyterian Manse Building, Condobolin;</li> <li>(c) \$250.00 for a total of \$1,750.00 the works to the Royal Hotel, Condobolin; and</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	All of the relevant parties have been notified of the re-allocation of funds. COMPLETE	COMPLETE

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		<p>(d) \$250.00 for a total of \$1,510.00 the works to the Weatherboard Cottage at 84 Orange Street, Condobolin.</p> <p>Mortimer/Harris</p>		
March 2023	ETED	<p><b>2023/46 9.3.2 COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED THAT:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Director of Environment, Tourism and Economic Development Report No. R23/58 be received and noted.</li> <li>2. The draft Council Development Application Conflict of Interest Policy attached to this report be adopted.</li> <li>3. The Council Development Application Conflict of Interest Policy be placed on exhibition for a minimum period of 28 days, with any significant submissions received to be reported to Council for consideration. If no significant submissions are received, no further action will be required.</li> </ol> <p>Harris/Carter</p>	<p>The Council Development Application Conflict of Interest Policy was on exhibition from 19 April 2023 to 19 May 2023. At the time of writing this report no submissions had been received.</p>	June 2023.

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October 2022	ETED	<p><b>2022/295 17.1 OPERATION OF CAFÉ IN THE NEW LACHLAN VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED THAT:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Director of Environment, Tourism and Economic Development Report No. R22/261 be received and noted.</li> <li>2. Council invite expressions of interest from local café proprietors to lease the café within the new Visitor Information Centre</li> <li>3. If no expressions of interest are received, further expressions of interest be invited from other interested parties</li> <li>4. A further report be presented to Council outlining the expressions of interest received and recommending a preferred lessee of the café in the new Lachlan Visitor Information Centre.</li> </ol> <p>Harris/Bendall</p>	The brief has been prepared. EOIs will be sought in June 2023.	JULY 2023.
September 2022	ETED	<p><b>2022/271 17.5 CONDOBOLIN WORKS DEPOT UPDATE</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED THAT:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Director Environment, Tourism and Economic Development Report No. R22/318 be received and noted.</li> <li>2. A further report be submitted to Council following receipt of further advice on the resolution of the Works Depot Contract matters.</li> </ol> <p>Harris/Mortimer</p>	The arbitration process is ongoing.	July 2023.

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August 2022	ETED	<p><b>2022/252 9.3.1 ACTIONS FROM THE INDUSTRIAL AND RURAL LANDS STRATEGY - LODGEMENT OF PLANNING PROPOSALS FOR IDENTIFIED SITES</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED THAT:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Director of Environment, Tourism and Economic Development Report No. R22/274 be received and noted.</li> <li>2. Council endorse the investigations in accordance with the Actions (C1) of Council's Industrial and Rural Lands Strategy.</li> <li>3. A further report be tabled once the investigations are complete and individual planning proposals are prepared.</li> </ol> <p>Brady/Bendall</p>	Investigations have commenced. A report will be tabled once the investigations are complete and individual planning proposals have been prepared.	July 2023.
July 2022	ETED	<p><b>2022/242 FIRE DAMAGED PROPERTY IN THE LACHLAN SHIRE</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED THAT:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Remediation/repair works be undertaken in accordance with the terms of the development control order on the property and seek to recover the costs through legal action.</li> <li>3. The cost of the remediation/repair work be charged against the Vacant Land Expenses budget.</li> </ol> <p>Harris/Phillips</p>	The work has been carried out. COMPLETE	COMPLETE
July 2022	ETED	<p><b>2022/222 NSW FLOOD PLANNING PACKAGE</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED THAT:</b></p> <p>Council resolve to amend Lachlan DCP 2018 to include flood planning controls and mapping and that a further report be presented outlining the proposed changes before the draft DCP is placed on public exhibition.</p> <p>Harris/Bendall</p>	The Draft DCP is being prepared.	July 2023.

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MAY 21	ETED	<p><b>92/2021 HONOUR ROLL/ACKNOWLEDGEMENT BOARD</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED THAT:</b></p> <p>That an Acknowledgement Board project be considered, along with other meritorious projects, for a funding application under the Stronger Country Communities Fund – Round 4.</p> <p>Subject to Council approval, and a successful grant application for the Acknowledgement Board project, expressions of interest be invited from community members to assist with the determination of appropriate criteria for a person's name to be considered for inclusion on the board. The advisory group is also to make recommendations to Council on the initial list of people's names for inclusion on the board.</p> <p>A further report be presented to Council following determination of the project funding application.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Harris/Brady</p>	<p>The project was not supported by Council for funding under the Stronger Country Communities Fund – Round 4. Other funding opportunities will now need to be identified.</p>	Ongoing.
FEB 20	ETED	<p><b>353/2019 COMPULSORY ACQUISITION OF CROWN LAND FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE WASTE FACILITY AND THE CREATION OF A NEW ACCESS ROAD AT LAKE CARGELLIGO.</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED THAT:</b></p> <p>Council proceed with the compulsory acquisition of the land known as Lot: 7308 and DP: 1151003 and Lot: 79 DP: 752333 for the purpose of Lake Cargelligo Waste Facility Landfill Expansion in accordance with the requirements of the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991.</p> <p>Council make an application to the Minister and the Governor for approval to acquire Lot: 7308 DP: 1151003 and Lot: 79 DP: 752333 by compulsory process under section [186(1) of the Local Government Act.</p> <p>That the land is to be classified as operational land.</p> <p>Council proceed with the compulsory acquisition of the land described as Lot: 7006 DP: 1029763, Lot: 7005 DP: 1029763, Lot: 7009 DP: 1057453</p>	<p>The acquisition has now been published in the gazette and an application has been made to create the title in Council's name. The compensation process has commenced and is expected to take at least six (6) months.</p>	December 2023.

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		<p>and Lot: 7308 DP: 1151003 for the purpose of road access in accordance with the requirements of the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991.</p> <p>Council make an application to the Minister and the Governor for approval to acquire Lot: 7006 DP: 1029763, Lot: 7005 DP: 1029763, Lot: 7009 DP: 1057453 and Lot: 7308 DP: 1151003 by compulsory process under section 177(1) of the Roads Act.</p> <p>The General Manager be delegated authority to sign the application and affix Council's Seal.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Brady/Hall</p>		
FEB 18	ETED	<p><b>28/18 LAKE CARGELLIGO WASTE FACILITY – LAND ACQUISITION</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED THAT:</b></p> <p>Approve the proposal to acquire 72,700 square metres of crown land comprising part lot 7308 DP 1151003, lot 7009 DP 1057453 and lots 7005 and 7006 DP: 1029763.</p> <p>Authorise the General Manager to lodge a Compulsory Acquisition Consent to Acquire Crown Land Application to the Department of Industry – Lands.</p> <p>The DIS provide an estimated cost of the access road to the March Ordinary Council meeting.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Phillips/Hall</p>	Refer to resolution above. The matter above needs to be resolved before the acquisition process can continue.	December 2023.
DEC 2017	ETED	<p><b>326/17 HERITAGE COMMITTEE MEETING 22 NOVEMBER 2017</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED THAT:</b></p> <p>Adopt the recommendations made by the Heritage Advisory Committee as follows;</p> <p>a) That Council implement a Conservation Management Plan for small rural cemeteries within the Shire.</p>	Melrose Homestead – funds acquitted. Cemetery funds acquitted. Ervin – works not complete and funds now no longer available. The Heritage Advisor has	July 2023.

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		<p>b) That Council award \$6,000 to Meredith Ervin for works to the NAB and residence in Lake Cargelligo; \$6,000 to Katrina &amp; Jim Thomas for restoration works at Melrose Homestead, and \$2,000 to the Tottenham &amp; Albert Cemetery Committee for headstone restoration.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Rees/ Frankel</p>	<p>provided a quote for the preparation of the CCMP for \$9,900. The Heritage Advisor was initially to prepare the plan for Condobolin in December 2018. However, the heritage advisor was focused on the completion of the Beech Periscope in Memorial Park and ensuring that Council submitted applications for a number of grants which were available in the heritage space, including the grant for the Aboriginal Heritage Study. The Heritage Advisor visited Tottenham, Albert and Fifield cemeteries in May 2020. Draft Plans for Albert, Tottenham, Tullibigeal and Fifield have been provided by the Heritage Advisor and are being reviewed by Council Officers.</p>	
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April 2023	C&CS	<p><b>2023/89 17.4 CONSIDERATION OF ADDITIONAL RATING SUB-CATEGORY</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED THAT:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Director of Corporate and Community Services Report No. R23/91 be received and noted.</li> <li>2. Council decline to introduce a rating sub-category for specific residential properties as requested by the ratepayer, and encourage the ratepayer to dispute their valuation with the NSW Valuer General.</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: right;">Harris/Mortimer</p>	<p>27.4.23 Ratepayer advised of Council's decision.</p> <p>2.5.23 Written correspondence advising of Council outcome emailed.</p> <p>COMPLETE</p>	COMPLETE
April 2023	C&CS	<p><b>2023/87 17.2 TOTTENHAM TENNIS CLUB LOAN</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED THAT:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Director – Corporate and Community Services Report No23/75 be received and noted.</li> <li>2. Council approve the write-off of a loan balance to the Tottenham Tennis Club totaling \$4,007.50.</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: right;">Rees/Phillips</p>	<p>Correspondence issued to the Club advising of the write off.</p> <p>Write off actioned.</p> <p>COMPLETE</p>	COMPLETE
April 2023	C&CS	<p><b>2023/72 9.2.1 LACHLAN SHIRE COUNCIL LIBRARIES EXCLUSION AND DIRECTION TO LEAVE POLICY</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED THAT:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Director Corporate and Community Services Report No. R23/42 be received and noted.</li> <li>2. Lachlan Shire Council Libraries Exclusion and Direction to Leave Policy be adopted</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: right;">Harris/Carter</p>	<p>Policy registered and uploaded to the Council website.</p> <p>COMPLETE</p>	COMPLETE

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April 2023	C&CS	<p><b>2023/73 9.2.2 DRAFT COMMUNITY DONATION AND EVENT SUPPORT POLICY, PROPOSED TO COMMENCE 1 JULY 2023, FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED THAT:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Director of Corporate &amp; Community Services Report R22/403 be received and noted.</li> <li>2. Subject to any changes requested by Council, the draft Community Donation and Event Support Policy be placed on public exhibition for 28 days, from 27 April 2023.</li> <li>3. Following the completion of the public exhibition period the Director of Corporate and Community Services present a further report to the June 2023 ordinary Council meeting, summarising any submissions received during the public exhibition period, for the consideration of Council prior to final adoption of the Community Donation and Event Support Policy.</li> </ol> <p>Harris/Rees</p>	<p>Document out on public exhibition. Exhibition closes 4.30pm 31 May 2023.</p> <p>Letters issued to previous donation recipients. Documents distributed to key sites around the shire. Survey online. Media has issued and more scheduled.</p>	June 2023
April 2023	C&CS	<p><b>2023/74 HOME DIALYSIS WATER CONSUMPTION REBATE POLICY</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED THAT:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Director of Corporate &amp; Community Services Report R23/44 be received and noted.</li> <li>2. Subject to any changes suggested by Council the Home Dialysis Water Consumption Rebate Policy be adopted.</li> </ol> <p>Blewitt/Harris</p>	<p>Policy registered and uploaded to the Council website. Media to be released after 1<sup>st</sup> July.</p> <p>COMPLETE</p>	COMPLETE

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April 2023	C&CS	<b>2023/75 DONATIONS</b>  <b>RESOLVED THAT:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Director of Corporate and Community Services Report No. R23/87 be received and noted.</li> <li>Council decline the \$20,300 donation requested by the Anglican Parish of Lake Cargelligo as the Church is able to apply for funding from the Diocese</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: right;">Harris/Bartholomew</p>	Correspondence issued.  COMPLETE	COMPLETE
March 2023	C&CS	<b>2023/43 9.2.1 DONATIONS</b>  <b>RESOLVED THAT:</b> The Council defer a decision on the request for a \$20,300 donation from the Anglican Parish of Lake Cargelligo and a report be submitted to the April 2023 council meeting outlining the option of providing a loan for the requested funds. <p style="text-align: right;">Phillips/Harris</p>	Refer to Resolution 2023/75. Correspondence issued 03.05.23 COMPLETED	COMPLETED
March 2023	C&CS	<b>2023/31 17.7 OUTSTANDING SUNDRY DEBTOR 21656</b>  <b>RESOLVED THAT:</b> The General Manger's Report No R23/64 be received and noted. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council authorise the immediate commencement of debt recovery action in accordance with Council's adopted Debt Recovery Policy to recover all outstanding charges in relation to sundry debtor account 21656 subject to the requirements of section 129 of the Conveyancing Act that "a reasonable time" be given to make good the breach.</li> <li>In accordance with Annexure B clause 12 and section 129 of the Conveyancing Act Council terminate the lease and take possession of the property.</li> </ol>	In progress.  Outstanding debt sent to recovery agent 3.4.23. Solicitor engaged. Medical Centre lease termination emailed 31.3.23. Possession of the building taken 31.3.23. Residential lease notice of termination due to	In progress.

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		<p>4. Council's legal representative be engaged to draft and serve the necessary notice required under section 129(1)(a) of the Conveyancing Act.</p> <p>5. Negotiations commence to find an alternate tenant for the property.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Harris/Phillips</p>	<p>unpaid rent emailed 31.3.23.</p> <p>Negotiations underway with Royal Flying Doctors Services to provide medical services. Non-disclosure agreement received from RFDS, signed and returned.</p>	
December 2022	C&CS	<p><b>2022/338 9.2.2 DONATIONS</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED THAT:</b> That Council provide a donation of \$1,839.20 to the Tess Cross Memorial Team Penning.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Harris/Brady</p>	<p>Contact notified of outcome. Waiting for 'Establish a new creditor' form to be returned so payment can be made. Numerous contacts made but no paperwork provided.</p>	In progress. June 2023.
November 2022	C&CS	<p><b>2022/322 17.3 SALE OF LAND FOR UNPAID RATES UNDER SECTION 713 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT1993.</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED THAT:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Director Corporate &amp; Community Services Report R22/359 be received and noted</li> <li>2. That the General Manager prepare the necessary certificates under Section 713 of the Local Government Act, 1993, in preparation for forthcoming sale.</li> <li>3. That Council, pursuant to Section 713 and other relevant sections of the Local Government Act 1993, authorises sale proceedings to sell the properties listed in this report at a public auction at a time and place to be determined.</li> </ol>	In progress.	June 2023.

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		<p>4. That Executive Collections be appointed to administer the sale on Council's behalf.</p> <p>5. That Council authorises the General Manager and Executive Collections to proceed with the necessary arrangements, pertaining to the sale of the properties listed in this report, as set out in the Local Government Act 1993 and Local Government (General) Regulation 2021.</p> <p>6. That Council delegates authority to the General Manager to take the following actions pertaining to the properties specified in the report:</p> <p>(a) To withdraw from sale any property that prior to the commencement of the auction has had all Rates and charges, including expenses of Council incurred in connection with the sale, paid in full.</p> <p>(b) To withdraw any property from sale for technical or legal reasons.</p> <p>(c) To set reserve prices for sale of the properties at auction.</p> <p>(d) To negotiate by private treaty and accept offers for sale of any property that fails to sell at auction.</p> <p>(e) To execute Sale and Purchase contracts, and property transfer documents, under Council's Common Seal/or by the General Manager.</p> <p>Brady/Phillips</p>		
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April 2023	IS	<b>2023/90 17.5 WHITEGATES ROAD - SR 351</b>  <b>RESOLVED THAT:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Director Infrastructure Services Report No. R23/98 be received and noted.</li> <li>2. Council resolve to transfer the land identified as Lot 1 DP1287750 to Global Ag Properties II Australia PTY LTD for the value nominated in the report.</li> <li>3. Council authorise the Mayor and the General Manager to execute the transfer of land documents and affix the Council seal.</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: right;">Carter/Mortimer</p>	COMPLETED	COMPLETED
April 2023	IS	<b>2023/88 17.3 TENDER ASSESSMENT - DEMOLITION OF OLD WATER TREATMENT PLANT LAKE CARGELLIGO</b>  <b>RESOLVED THAT:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Director Infrastructure Services Report No. R23/85 be received and noted</li> <li>2. Council resolve to accept the tender submitted by Byrne Demolition in response to T2023/04 – Old WTP demolition in Lake Cargelligo.</li> <li>3. The Mayor and General Manager be authorised to execute the contract documents and affix the Council seal</li> <li>4. Council resolve to allocate an additional \$60,000 from the Water Reserve to complete this project.</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: right;">Phillips/Harris</p>	Contract documents provided. Awaiting return of contract	June 2023

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April 2023	IS	<p><b>2023/79 9.4.1 LACHLAN SHIRE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING APRIL 2023</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED THAT:</b>  The Director Infrastructure Services Report No D23/102 be received and noted.</p> <p>2. The status of outstanding and completed matters from previous Traffic Committee Meetings be noted.</p> <p>3. Council support the following recommendations from Traffic Committee:</p> <p>(a) The options for Jones Lane, Henry Parkes Way Intersections be noted and further comments will be made once the revised designs are provided.</p> <p>(b) Retaining the existing bus zone. Consider a Kiss and Drop area with NO PARKING (symbolic) (Specified time) (Morning Only) same time as the morning time on the Bus Zone signs on the northern side of Conapaira Street, from the eastern side of side of the driveway to St Francis Xavier Primary school to 20m east of the driveway to St Francis Xavier Primary school.</p> <p>(c) The traffic guidance scheme for the Condo 750 event be noted.</p> <p>(d) The traffic guidance scheme for various ANZAC Day event be noted</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Harris/Carter</p>	<p>3.a Awaiting further information from TfNSW</p> <p>3.b Design review underway</p> <p>Complete complete</p>	<p>July 2023</p> <p>July 2023</p>
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March 2023	IS	<p><b>2023/59 17.8 TENDER PLANT AND TRUCK HIRE - ADDITIONAL CONTRACTOR</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED THAT:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Director Infrastructure Services Report No. R23/72 be received and noted.</li> <li>2. The tender from M &amp; S Pawsey Transport detailing rates for the plant and equipment term panel be accepted.</li> <li>3. The General Manager be authorised to execute the contract documents.</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: right;">Brady/Harris</p>	<p>Contract documents sent. Additional insurance and vehicle details requested. Awaiting return of documents</p>	<p>Due June 2023.</p>
March 2023	IS	<p><b>2023/57 17.4 CONDOBOLIN POOL LEAK SEALING</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED THAT:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Director Infrastructure Services Report No. R23/53 be received and noted.</li> <li>2. Council acknowledge the deterioration of the Condobolin Swimming Pool and commit to reducing the leaks and preserving the structure.</li> <li>3. Council resolve not to undertake a competitive Tender process for the leak sealing works, due to extenuating circumstances and unavailability of competitive or reliable tenderers that a satisfactory result would not be achieved inviting tenders.</li> <li>4. Council engage Fibre Style Pool Surfacing to undertake leak sealing and fibreglass resurfacing of the Condobolin Swimming Pools, as outlined in their quotation document.</li> <li>5. Council delegate authority to the General Manager to execute the contract documents.</li> </ol>	<p>4 Final investigations complete. Awaiting report to confirm scope of works.</p>	<p>September 2023.</p>



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		<p>6. Council make the necessary amendments to the Local Road and Community Infrastructure project list to include this project in the phase 3 program.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carter/Phillips</p>	<p>6 – Variation submission to LRCI completed.</p>	
March 2023	IS	<p><b>2023/55 17.2 TENDER T2023/03 - MURIE CREEK CULVERT INSTALLATION</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED THAT:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Director Infrastructure Services Report No. R23/49 be received and noted</li> <li>2. The Council resolve to accept the tender submitted by Murrays Construction Pty Ltd in response to T2023/03 Murie Creek Culvert Installation.</li> <li>3. The Mayor and General Manager be authorised to execute the contract documents and affix the Council seal.</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: right;">Phillips/Brady</p>	<p>Mayor used Executive powers to authorise Contract documents, after identification of contract price discrepancy.</p> <p>Quality Assurance Documentation and revised timetable is being developed.</p>	<p>June 2023.</p>

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March 2023	IS	<p><b>2023/49 9.4.1 ROAD ENCROACHMENT ORANGE STREET, CONDOBOLIN</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED THAT:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Director Infrastructure Services Report No. R23/62 be received and noted.</li> <li>2. The Council acquire part of Lot 3, Sec A, DP 16964 pursuant to section 177 of the Roads Act 1993 for the purpose of road widening at the intersection of Orange, Tasker and Fay Streets, Condobolin.</li> <li>3. The Council will acquire the Land by compulsory process pursuant to section 30 of the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991.</li> <li>4. The Council instructs its solicitors to make application to the Minister of Local Government to approve the acquisition under the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991.</li> </ol> <p>Brady / Rees</p>	Solicitor has been advised and requested to progress the matter.	December 2023.
February 2023	IS	<p><b>2023/26 17.5 LAND ACQUISITION - LACHLAN VALLEY WAY FOR ROAD WIDENING AND CONDOBOLIN BORE FIELDS</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED THAT:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The General Manager's Report No R23/38 be received and noted.</li> <li>2. Council note the conditions of the draft Deed of Agreement for the Acquisition of Land and Grant of Easement and Water Use.</li> <li>3. Council authorise General Manager to negotiate and accept any minor variations to the agreement requested by the landowner that do not materially change the agreement.</li> <li>4. The Mayor and General Manager be authorised to sign the Deed of Agreement for the Acquisition of Land and Grant of Easement and Water Use upon acceptance by the landowner.</li> <li>5. Upon signing the Deed of Agreement Council acquire the land shown as New Road Land in Schedule 2 of the Deed of Agreement</li> </ol>	Deed of Agreement has been varied to include minor changes.	June 2023.

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		<p>under the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991 (NSW).</p> <p>6. Upon signing the Deed of Agreement Council close and transfer the redundant road reserve shown as Verge Land in Schedule 2 of the Deed of Agreement to the landowner under Section 44 of the Roads Act 1993.</p> <p>7. The Mayor and General Manager be authorised to sign all necessary documents, applications and plans associated with the acquisition, closure, transfer and registration of the land matters contemplated in this report and affix the Council seal as necessary.</p> <p>Phillips/Mortimer</p>		
June 2022	IS	<p><b>2022/191 ASSET MANAGEMENT PLANS - TRANSPORT, WATER AND SEWER, BUILDINGS AND PARKS &amp; RESERVES</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED THAT:</b></p> <p>1. The Director Infrastructure Services Report No. R22/167 be received and noted.</p> <p>2. The draft asset management plans for transport, water and sewer, buildings and parks and reserves assets be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days and the community be invited to make submissions on the draft documents.</p> <p>3. Council note the summary of key issues raised in the asset management plans as identified in this report.</p> <p>4. Following the expiry of the public exhibition period the Director of Infrastructure Services provide a report to Council on any submissions received, for consideration by Council, prior to the draft Asset Management Plans being adopted.</p> <p>Rees/Mortimer</p>	<p>Report provided to May 2023 Council meeting.</p> <p>COMPLETED</p>	<p>COMPLETE.</p>

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June 2022	IS	<p><b>2022/193 RURAL FIRE SERVICE SHED - LAND ACQUISITION WEJA ROAD, UNGARIE</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED THAT:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Director Infrastructure Services Report R22/180 be received and noted</li> <li>2. Council acquire lands in accordance with section 186 of the Local Government Act 1993 for the purpose of a Rural Fire station;</li> <li>3. Council undertake acquisition by compulsory process of the land described as Lot 1 DP1284208 Parish of Bygalorie, County of Gipps from Colin Arthur Worland;</li> <li>4. The General Manager is authorised to instruct Council's solicitors to make the necessary application to the Minister and/or the Governor to approve the acquisition under the Just Terms Compensation Act.</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: right;">Bendall/Brady</p>	The application for acquisition will be submitted to the OLG. Awaiting response.	June 2023.
MAY 22	IS	<p><b>129/2022 NOTICE OF MOTION – STORM DAMAGE, GRACE ST TO HOLT ST, LAKE CARGELLIGO</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED THAT</b></p> <p>Consult with land owners re: major storm damage over several years from Grace Street to Holt Street running west to east – with it being very dangerous during storms and wild weather. There is water channel/erosion and a danger to public safety.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Phillips/Bartholomew</p>	Refined concepts require further review before community consultation. Site meeting organised with designer for 17 May	June 2023.
OCT 21	IS	<p><b>243/2021 FY21/22 UTILITIES MONTHLY UPDATE FOR SEPTEMBER</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED THAT</b></p> <p>Refer the RNSW842 Sewage Effluent Reuse Management System project costings for Tottenham to the Project Steering Committee for further discussion, highlighting the high ongoing cost for the proposed system.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Harris/Hall</p>	Discussions ongoing with the Racecourse committee.	June 2023.

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JUNE 21	IS	<b>147/2021 BURCHER WATER TREATMENT UPDATE</b>  <b>RESOLVED THAT</b>  The outcomes from the stakeholder information session held on 1 June 2021 be noted.  Council provide guidance on the matter of water supply for the community of Burcher.  Harris/Bendall	Ongoing.	Ongoing.
MAY 21	IS	<b>107/2021 DENISON STREET FOOTPATH CONSTRUCTION REQUEST</b>  <b>RESOLVED THAT</b>  Consideration be given to allocating \$15,000 for the full replacement of the paved footpath on the eastern side of Denison Street from Molong Street to Oxley Street from a future round of the Local Road and Community Infrastructure Fund.  Landscaping, irrigation and turf work in Denison Street, adjacent to the Railway Hotel be completed and maintained by the proprietor of the property subject to the Director of Infrastructure's approval of any proposed work.  Harris/Phillips	Contractor has been engaged to undertake works this financial year.	June 2023.
APR 17	IS	<b>86/17 PARKS, RESERVES &amp; RECREATIONAL FACILITIES – 5 YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN</b>  <b>RESOLVED THAT</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Council support the development of a strategic plan for its parks, reserves and recreational facilities using in house staff for the period FY18/19 to FY22/23.</li> <li>2. Director Infrastructure Services and Manager Recreation submit a draft strategic plan for Council consideration before 1 July 2018.</li> </ol> Hall/Carter	COMPLETE	COMPLETE

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MAR 19	IS	<b>2019/54 ASSET MANAGEMENT PLANS - TRANSPORT, WATER, SEWER, BUILDING, RECREATION</b>  <b>RESOLVED THAT:</b> Council defer advertising the AMP until the schedule of actions are inserted into the document. Council note the summary of key issues raised in the asset management plans as identified in this report. Council consider the need to increase funding for local roads and potentially other asset classes like buildings (while maintaining a financially sustainable position) as part of the next revision of its Long Term Financial Plan.	COMPLETE	COMPLETE
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## ASSET ACCOUNTING POLICY

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## 1. BACKGROUND

The Asset Accounting Policy provides guidance, clarity and consistency regarding the treatment of infrastructure, property, plant and equipment assets to ensure compliance with Accounting Standards and the Accounting Code of Practice. This policy provides a structured framework for the financial aspects of non-current asset management: recognition of assets, measurement, classification, asset recognition thresholds, useful lives, residual values, disposal of assets, impairment assessment, revaluation guidelines, intangible assets, capital works and depreciation.

## 2. SCOPE

This policy applies to all Infrastructure property, plant & equipment of Lachlan Shire Council.

## 3. OBJECTIVE

The aim of this policy is to contribute to the better financial management of Council assets and to ensure accurate data is provided in documents used for decision making

## 4. DEFINITION/S

**Assets:** can be physical, intangible or right of use resources controlled by the Council as a result of past events and from which future economic benefits are expected.

**Assets: Current:** are assets that are expected to be consumed, realised, sold or otherwise disposed of within one financial year

**Assets: Non-Current:** are assets that are not expected to be fully consumed, realised, sold or otherwise disposed of within one financial year.

**Capitalisation Threshold:** when the cost of a new, upgraded or renewed asset, that is controlled by council, reaches a predetermined amount, then it is to be capitalised. In all other cases, the cost is treated as an expense.

**Capital Expenditure:** expenditure on assets that are above the capitalisation threshold. A relatively large (material) expenditure, which has benefits (service potential), expected to last for more than 12 months. Capital expenditure includes new assets, renewal/replacement and expansion/upgrade of existing assets.

**Capital Renewal (Addition):** expenditure on an existing asset, which returns the service potential or the life of the asset back to its original life, including replacement of an existing asset. Partial renewal is expenditure on an asset that increases the service potential of the asset but not up its original service potential.

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**Capital Upgrade (New):** expenditure which enhances an existing asset to provide a higher level of service or extends the life of the asset beyond its original life. This includes expenditure on new assets or where existing assets are replaced at a higher level of service or extends the asset life beyond its original life.

**Carrying amount:** is defined in AASB 116 as the amount at which an asset is recognised after deducting any accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses.

**Componentisation:** involves identifying and separately recording asset components that have different useful lives.

**Cost:** is defined in AASB 116 as the amount of cash or cash equivalents paid or the fair value of the other consideration given to acquire an asset at the time of its acquisition or construction. Or, where applicable, the amount attributed to that asset when initially recognised.

**Depreciable amount:** is defined in AASB 116 as the cost of an asset, or other amount substituted for cost, less its residual value (where a residual value permitted or appropriate).

**Depreciation or Amortisation:** is defined in AASB 116 as the systematic allocation of the depreciable amount of an asset over its useful life.

**Land Classification:** is either Community Land or Operational Land

- a) *Community Land* is council owned land which is kept for use by the general public, such as a public park. The use and management is regulated by a plan of management. Council is limited in its dealings with the land in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993* Chapter 6, Division 2.
- b) *Operational Land* comprises land that serves a commercial or operational function (e.g. Offices, works depot), or land that is being retained for commercial or strategic reasons.

**Property, plant and equipment:** is defined in AASB 116 as tangible items that:

- a) are held for use in the production or supply of goods or services, for rental to others, or for administrative purposes; and
- b) are expected to be used during more than one period.

**Intangible Assets:** An intangible asset is an identifiable non-monetary asset without physical substance. Intangible assets include items such as patents, prototypes and computer software.

**Land under Roads:** is land under roadways and road reserves as defined under the *Road Management Act 2004*, including the land under the road itself, footpaths, nature strips and median strips. It does not include land under unused roads, which is declared under Section 400 of the *Land Act 1958* as not required for public traffic or under 'paper roads' which do not meet the Common Law definition of a public highway.

**Recognition:** the decision to recognise expenditure as capital thereby creating an asset.

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**Maintenance expenditure:** is a component of operating expenditure, specifically spent on an asset, which is periodically required as part of the anticipated schedule of works needed to ensure that the asset achieves its estimated useful life. It is normally relatively low cost compared to the asset value. Maintenance expenditure may include reactive maintenance, repair and planned maintenance.

**Materiality:** Information is material if its omission, misstatement or nondisclosure has the potential, individually or collectively, to influence the economic decisions made by users on the basis of the Financial statements.

**Operating Expenditure:** is recurrent expenditure such as power, fuel, telephone, employee costs, materials, cleaning, minor equipment, overheads, maintenance and depreciation. These costs are the day-to-day expenses associated with providing a service during a year of operations.

**Residual value of an asset:** is defined in AASB 116 as the estimated amount that an entity would currently obtain from disposal of the asset, after deducting the estimated costs of disposal, if the asset were already of the age and in the condition expected at the end of its useful life.

**Useful life:** the time period in which an asset is expected to be available for use.

## 5. POLICY

A class of infrastructure, property, plant and equipment is a grouping of assets of a similar nature

### Asset Classes

Council will recognise in its Financial Statements, the following classes of assets.

- Land
  - Community
  - Operational
- Land improvements
  - Depreciable
  - Non-depreciable
- Plant & Equipment
- Furniture & Fittings
- Office Equipment
- Infrastructure
- Buildings
  - specialised
  - non-specialised
- Other Structures
- Storm Water drainage
- Roads
- Bridges
- Footpaths
- Water Supply network
- Sewerage Network
- Other Assets – Library Books
- Intangible Assets
- Tip restoration Assets

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- Capital Works In Progress

### Purchase of assets

Council preferred philosophy is 'Renew before New' for asset related projects and programs.

### Asset Recognition

Unless otherwise noted in this policy, Infrastructure, Property, Plant and Equipment assets which meet the asset recognition threshold are initially measured at cost in accordance with AASB 116, and must be recorded in Council's Financial Asset register.

For an asset to be recognised it must meet the following criteria:

- It is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to Council
- Council has control over the asset;
- The cost or fair value of the item can be measured reliably;
- The item is not held for sale; and
- The item is expected to be used by the entity for more than 12 months.

The cost of an asset shall include:

- The purchase price less deductions (rebates, discounts etc.)
- Costs directly attributable to bringing the asset to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management.

These costs may include:

- Costs of employee benefits (as defined in AASB 119 Employee Benefits) arising directly from the construction or acquisition of the asset.
- Costs of site preparation and/or restoration and dismantling costs.
- Initial delivery and handlings costs.
- Installation and assembly costs.
- Costs of testing whether the asset is functioning properly, after deducting the net proceeds from selling any items produced while bringing the asset to that location and condition (such as samples produced when testing equipment).
- Professional Fees.
- The initial estimate of the costs of dismantling and removing the item, and restoring the site on which it is located is also included in the total value of the asset.

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*Costs excluded from the value of an asset include:*

- Costs of opening a new facility;
- Costs of introducing a new product or service (including costs of advertising and promotional activities);
- Costs of conducting business in a new location or with a new class of customer (including costs of staff training); and
- Administration and other general overhead costs (i.e. costs not directly attributable to bringing the asset to use).

For assets acquired at no cost or for nominal consideration, the cost is determined as the fair value at the date of acquisition.

*Componentisation:*

Council buildings with a replacement cost exceeding \$750,000 are to be componentised with each component having a different total useful life.

Buildings with a replacement cost under \$750,000 are not to be componentised.

All roads and roads related infrastructure, as well as water & sewer assets are componentised with each component having a different useful life.

Assets contained within the class Other Structures are not componentised.

After initial recognition, accounting standards require that Council shall choose either the cost model or the revaluation model, and shall apply that policy to an entire class of infrastructure, property, plant and equipment.

#### Cost Model

After initial recognition as an asset, an item of infrastructure, property, plant and equipment, not identified as being held under the revaluation model, shall be carried at its cost less any accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses.

Council assets to be carried at cost or substituted cost include:

- Work in progress
- Plant & equipment
- Land Improvements – non depreciable
- Library books
- Office equipment
- Furniture & fittings
- Intangible Assets

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Revaluation Model

After recognition as an asset, an item of infrastructure, property, plant and equipment, that is identified in this policy as being held under the revaluation model, and whose fair value can be measured reliably shall be carried at a revalued amount. The revalued amount is defined as its fair value at the date of the revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Council asset classes that fall under the revaluation method include:

- Buildings
- Other Structures
- Land
- Land improvements - depreciable
- Roads, kerb and gutter, bridges and footpaths
- Stormwater drainage
- Water network
- Sewerage network
- Tip restorations assets

**Capital Expenditure on Assets after initial Recognition**

Relevant expenditure on existing assets can be capitalised when the amount exceeds the asset recognition threshold, and where the associated works improve the condition of the asset beyond its originally assessed life, standard of performance or capacity. Renewals are also capitalised if the expenditure meets the asset recognition threshold.

Where major cyclical maintenance is carried out, the expense incurred is capitalised to the extent that the assets service potential is enhanced.

Outlays that do not meet the above criteria must be expensed.

**Disposal**

All non-current assets will be de-recognised when:

- The asset is destroyed, abandoned or decommissioned with no future economic benefits expected from its use,
- The asset is scrapped, sold or traded,
- The asset is lost or stolen, or
- Control of the asset is transferred to another entity.

Partial disposal of an infrastructure asset is to occur whenever:

- A component or section of an infrastructure asset is destroyed, abandoned or decommissioned with no future economic benefit expected to be generated from its use; or
- Major renewal works have been undertaken resulting in a component or section of an infrastructure asset being replaced.

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Any gain or loss arising on de-recognition of the asset shall be included in Council's Income Statement in the year the asset is de-recognised.

### Asset Revaluations

Revaluations shall be made with sufficient regularity to ensure that the carrying amount does not differ materially from fair value at the end of the reporting period.

Council will revalue all assets, on a class basis, at least every 5 years, where the asset class is identified as being held under the revaluation method. A major event that affects a significant portion of council's assets within the one class, such as a natural disaster, may trigger a revaluation.

Comprehensive external revaluations of material classes of assets by suitable qualified valuers will not exceed a period of 5 years.

If the carrying amount of a class of assets is increased due to a revaluation, the increase shall be recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in equity under the heading of 'Revaluation Surplus'.

If the carrying amount of a class of assets is decreased due to a revaluation, the net revaluation decrease shall first be debited directly to equity under the heading of 'Revaluation Surplus'. Should the decrease exceed the available balance in the revaluation surplus account for that class of assets then the difference is recognised in profit or loss.

Revaluation increases and revaluation decreases relating to individual assets within a class of infrastructure, property, plant and equipment shall be offset against one another within that class but shall not be offset in respect of assets in different classes.

### Depreciation or Amortisation

Assets within the classes of Land Improvements–non depreciable, Community Land and Operational Land are not depreciated.

The depreciation methodology for all other classes of assets shall be the straight-line method. The straight line method allocates the depreciable amount in approximately equal amounts across the useful life of the asset.

Depreciation of an asset begins when it is available for use, i.e. when it is in the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management.

Depreciation of an asset ceases at the earlier of the date that the asset

- a) is classified as held for sale in accordance with AASB 5 and
- b) the date that the asset is derecognised.

Therefore, depreciation does not cease when the asset becomes idle or is retired from active use unless the asset is fully depreciated.

In accordance with AASB 116 the depreciable amount is: "The cost of an asset, or other amount substituted for cost, less any residual value."

As required under the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice the treatment of depreciation on revalued assets is as set out below:

- Gross restatement where an asset is revalued using the cost approach

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- Net restatement where an asset is revalued us the income approach or market approach.

### Useful Life

The useful life of an asset is the time period over which an asset is expected to be available for use by Council. The useful life of an asset may be shorter than its economic life. For example, the asset management policy of the entity may involve the disposal of assets after a specified time.

The estimation of the useful life of the asset is a matter of judgement based on the experience of the council with similar assets. All of the following factors are considered in determining the useful life of an asset:

- expected usage of the asset. Usage is assessed by reference to the asset's expected capacity or physical output.
- expected physical wear and tear, which depends on operational factors such as the number of shifts for which the asset is to be used, the repair and maintenance programme, and the care and maintenance of the asset while idle.
- technical or commercial obsolescence arising from changes or improvements in production, or from a change in the market demand for the product or service output of the asset. Reductions in the selling price of an item that was produced using an asset could indicate technical or commercial obsolescence of the asset, which, in turn, might reflect a reduction of the future economic benefits embodied in the asset.
- legal or similar limits on the use of the asset, such as the expiry dates of related leases.

The remaining useful life of an asset should be reassessed whenever there is a major addition or a significant partial disposal.

### Residual Value

The residual value of an asset is the estimated amount that an entity would currently obtain from disposal of the asset, after deducting the estimated costs of disposal, if the asset were already of the age and in the condition expected at the end of its useful life. Residual values be provided by Council's Asset Managers.

Council will only apply a residual value where permitted by accounting standards.

### Plant & Equipment

Residual values are only applicable to plant & equipment which are likely to be sold for consideration at the end of their useful lives. Generally, this would mean motor vehicles e.g. sedans and plant e.g. graders.

### Furniture & Fittings, Office Equipment & Library Books

Council adopts no residual value on assets within these classes as any salvage value is difficult to reliably estimate and is likely to be immaterial.

### Land & Land Improvements

Council adopts no residual value on assets within this class.

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Buildings

Council adopts zero residuals on buildings on the basis that at the end of their useful life, the cost of demolishing them and clearing the site exceeds any salvage value of the materials. This is applied across all elements/components.

Other Structures

Council adopts zero residuals on other structures on the basis that at the end of their useful life, the cost of demolishing them and clearing the site exceeds any salvage value of the materials.

Infrastructure Assets – sewer, water & roads infrastructure related assets.

As most infrastructure assets cannot be sold at the end of their useful life, all infrastructure assets have a zero residual value.

**Annual review of useful lives & residual values**

In accordance with AASB116 the residual value and the useful life of assets shall be reviewed at the end of every financial year. Prior to 30 June each financial year, managers in charge of Council assets will be required to consider the assets within their control and complete a review of useful lives and residual values. A form for this purpose is appended to this policy (Appendix 3).

Initial estimates of annual value changes should be based on the following indices available from resources such as the Australian Bureau of Statistics ([www.abs.gov.au](http://www.abs.gov.au)) or the Rawlinson's Australian Construction Handbook.

Estimates of annual value changes less than 5% will be deemed immaterial. Estimates of annual changes above 5% will be deemed material and the whole class of assets will be revalued based on a suitable index or by the engagement of a suitable qualified Valuer.

**Indexation**

As required under the Accounting Code of Practice, Council's Water and Sewerage network assets are indexed at each reporting period in accordance with the Rates Reference Manual issued by Department of Planning and Environment - Water.

Other classes of Infrastructure assets will be indexed in a non-revaluation year if the change in value is deemed to be material.

The following ABS Indices will be used to assess materiality

<b><u>Asset Class</u></b>	<b><u>Index No</u></b>
Buildings Non-Specialised	30 Building construction New South Wales
Buildings Specialised	3020 Non-residential building construction New South Wales
Other Structures	3020 Non-residential building construction New South Wales
Roads	3101 Road and bridge construction New South Wales
Bridges	3101 Road and bridge construction New South Wales
Footpaths	3101 Road and bridge construction New South Wales
Kerb & Gutter	3101 Road and bridge construction New South Wales
Land Improvements – depreciable	3101 Road and bridge construction New South Wales

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### Annual Review of Impairment

As part of the end of financial year processes council is required to consider if any of its assets are impaired. This is to enable the correct disclosure of the fair value of assets in the General Purpose Financial Statements.

The following may indicate impairment of an asset:

- The asset is no longer functioning at its expected capability
- The asset is obsolete
- The asset has suffered substantial physical damage
- The asset is no longer being used by council to the level anticipated or the level previously used.

Prior to 30 June each financial year, managers in charge of council's assets will be required to consider the assets within their control and complete an Asset Impairment Review. A form for this purpose is appended to this policy (Appendix 2).

Where the carrying amount of an asset is found to exceed the recoverable amount the asset is to be written down to the lower of the recoverable amount and the carrying amount. An impairment loss will be recorded.

The impairment loss will be recognised immediately as an expense unless the asset class is carried at a revalued amount. If the asset is held at a revalued amount, any impairment losses shall be treated as a revaluation decrease in accordance with AASB 136 Impairment of Assets, so long as the loss does not exceed the balance of revaluation surplus for that class of asset. Any loss in excess of the balance of the revaluation surplus shall be shown in profit & loss.

### Assets withdrawn permanently from use

As idle assets have not been defined in Australian accounting standards, for the purposes of disclosure in the financial statements, an idle asset or a permanently retired asset is defined as follows:

- a physical or intangible asset which has not been employed and/or has been unoccupied for 12 months or more; and
- there are no plans exist to reuse the asset.

Where an asset is to be withdrawn permanently from use, for example, because it has been replaced or because it is surplus to requirements, Council must review the carrying value of that asset.

The majority of assets in Council that are required to be valued at fair value, are valued at depreciated replacement cost as there is no active market for the sale of those assets.

Where the asset is to be withdrawn permanently from use, valuation at depreciated replacement cost is no longer appropriate, and the asset is therefore to be valued at selling price or scrap value. The provisions of AASB 136 Impairment of Assets may therefore apply when the decision to withdraw assets from use is taken.

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Accounting treatment of assets permanently withdrawal from use:

1. Sale - where the asset is to be sold, the rules of accounting standard AASB 5 Non-Current Assets Held for Sale will apply.
2. Abandonment - an abandoned asset is one which has been decommissioned or scrapped. Assets of this type are normally used to the end of their useful life or until such time as they are closed down. The write-off of the old asset is treated according to the provisions of AASB 116.

If Council no longer has a particular class of asset, then the balance of any asset revaluation surplus in relation to that class should be transferred to accumulated surplus (as per the guidance for Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment in the Code of Accounting Practice).

#### Verification of asset existence

Unless circumstances warrant, stock takes of plant & equipment will be undertaken no more frequently than every 2 years.

#### Works in Progress

Works in progress balances are to be reviewed quarterly to ensure completed projects are capitalised as assets in a timely manner. Any items that do not qualify for capitalisation, must be expensed promptly.

#### Updating the Asset Register

To ensure the accurate and timely update of asset register the following is required:

- The finalisation of a project is to be notified promptly to the finance team
- Identification of projects costs to be capitalised versus expensed.
- Identification of the costs of asset components, where appropriate.
- Capitalisation of assets and/or components in the asset register on completion of each project.
- Identification of new asset versus asset renewal expenditure.
- Identification and processing of assets disposed.
- Depreciation of assets annually.
- Reconciliation of the asset register to the general ledger on at least a monthly basis.

#### Land

The *Local Government Act 1993*, Chapter 6, Part 2, Division 1, sections 25 & 26 state that all public land must be classified as community or operational.

Public land is defined to mean any land (including a public reserve) vested in or under the control of the council. However, public land does not include:

- a road; or
- land to which the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* applies (includes land that council controls but which is owned by the Crown)
- a common; or
- a regional park under the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*

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The main effect of classification is to restrict the alienation and use of the land.

Operational land has no special restrictions other than those that may apply to any piece of land.

Classification as community land reflects the importance of the land to the community because of its use or special features. Generally, it is land intended for public access and use, or where other restrictions applying to the land create some obligation to maintain public access such as a trust deed, or dedication under section 94 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* ("the EPA Act).

This gives rise to the restrictions in the EPA Act, intended to preserve the qualities of the land. Community land:

- cannot be sold
- cannot be leased, licenced or any other estate granted over the land for more than 21 years
- must have a plan of management prepared for it.

#### How is public land classified?

Public land is initially classified by one of the following means:

- by resolution of council, prior to or when the land is acquired; or
- by a Local Environmental Plan ("LEP") prepared under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*; or
- by operation of the Local Government Act:
  - applies to certain land controlled by council at 1 July 1993, or
  - where council has since acquired land and there is no resolution to classify the land.

The most common way in which to initially classify land is by resolution of council. It is unlikely an LEP will be used for initial classification.

#### Classification by resolution for land acquired by or vested in the Council after 1 July 1993

Before a council acquires land, or within 3 months after it acquires land, a council may resolve (in accordance section 31 of the *Local Government Act 1993*) that the land be classified as community land or operational land.

A council must give public notice of a proposed resolution to classify public land as either operational or community land. A period of at least 28 days for public submissions must be given (section 34 of the *Local Government Act 1993*).

Classifications or reclassifications of public land are made either by a Local Environment Plan or by a resolution of Council depending if it is Community or Operational Land.

#### *Reclassification of Community Land as Operational Land*

Community land can be reclassified to Operational land through the Local Environment Plan (LEP) and takes effect from the commencement of the Plan in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993* Chapter 6, Division 1.

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### *Reclassification of Operational Land as Community Land*

Operational Land can be reclassified as Community Land through a resolution of Council, which requires public notice to be given of not less than 28 days prior to the resolution (*Local Government Act 1993* Chapter 6, Division 1).

### **Crown Reserves**

Crown Reserves under Council's care and control are recognised as assets of the Council. While ownership of the reserves remains with the Crown, Council retains operational control of the reserves and is responsible for their maintenance and use in accordance with the specific purposes to which the reserves are dedicated.

Council improvements on Crown reserves are also recorded as assets.

### **Land Under Roads**

Council elected not to recognise any values for Land under Roads acquired before 1 July 2008 in accordance with AASB 1051 Property, Plant & Equipment.

Land under roads acquired after 1 July 2008 is recognised in accordance with AASB 116 Property, Plant & Equipment.

### **Rural Fire Service Assets**

Under Section 119 of the *Rural Fire Services Act 1997 (NSW)*, 'all firefighting equipment purchased or constructed wholly or from money to the credit of the Fund is to be vested in the council of the area for or on behalf of which the firefighting equipment has been purchased or constructed.'

Under the Rural Fire Services Act firefighting equipment is defined as firefighting apparatus, buildings, water storage towers or lookout towers. Council will assess whether they have control over rural fire service assets. Where control is demonstrated, council will recognise in its financial statements rural fire service assets including land, buildings, plant and vehicles that meet asset recognition thresholds.

Council has determined that only land and buildings (as identified in Council's asset register) meet the control criteria.

### **Non-Current Assets Classified as Held for Sale**

Non-current assets classified as held for sale if their carrying amount will be recovered principally through a sale transaction rather than through continuing use. The asset must be available for immediate sale in its present condition, subject only to terms that are usual and customary for sales of such assets, and its sale must be highly probable.

Highly probable means:

- Council must have a plan in place & be committed to sell the asset;
- an active program to locate a buyer must be in place i.e. advertised;
- the asset is being actively marketed for sale at a price that is reasonable in relation to its current fair value; and
- it is expected to be sold within one year

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AASB 5 requires Council to measure a non-current asset classified as held for sale at the lower of carrying amount (amount shown in Council's records) and fair value less costs to sell (net realisable value).

Includes the cost of acquisition, development and borrowing costs during development. When development is completed borrowing costs and other holding charges are expensed as incurred.

Borrowing costs included in the cost of land held for resale are those costs that would have been avoided if the expenditure on the acquisition and development of the land had not been made.

An impairment loss is recognised for any initial or subsequent write-down of the asset to fair value less costs to sell-through profit and loss. An impairment gain on an individual asset is recognised through profit and loss for any subsequent increases in fair value less costs to sell. The impairment gain cannot be more than any previously recognised cumulative impairment loss on an individual asset.

A gain or loss not previously recognised by the date of the sale of the non-current asset is recognised at the date of de-recognition.

Non-current assets (including those that are part of a disposal group) are not depreciated or amortised while they are classified as held for sale.

### **Investment Property**

Investment property is defined under AASB 140 as property (land or a building, part of a building or both) held by Council (either as the owner or as a lessee as a right-of-use asset) to earn rentals or for capital appreciation or both, rather than for use in the production or supply of goods or services or for administrative purposes.

Staff housing and property held for social services e.g. community housing is not investment property even if rent is being charged for these properties. These properties are held predominantly for strategic reasons or social services.

Under AASB 140 an investment property shall be measured initially at its cost. Where an investment property is acquired at no cost or for nominal cost, its cost shall be deemed to be its fair value as at the date of acquisition.

After initial recognition Council must measure all its investment property, including Investment property under construction, at fair value or cost. If Council chooses cost, there is still a requirement to disclose the fair value.

If Council chooses fair value, any gain or loss arising from a change in the fair value of investment property shall be recognised in profit or loss in the year in which it arises.

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## 6. RELATED DOCUMENTS

- Code of Conduct for Council Staff
- Code of Conduct for Councillors
- Procurement Policy
- Disposal of Assets Policy
- Office of Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting
- Asset Management Plans
- Office of Local Government Practice Note No.1 Public Land Management

Related Accounting Standards include:

- AASB 5 Non-current Assets held for Sale
- AASB 13 Fair Value Measurement
- AASB 16 Leases
- AASB 101 Presentation of Financial Statement
- AASB 108 Accounting Policies, Change in Accounting Estimates and Errors
- AASB 116 Property, Plant and Equipment
- AASB 136 Impairment of Assets
- AASB 138 Intangible Assets
- AASB 140 Investment Property
- AASB 1051 Land Under Roads

Nothing in this policy limits any applicable legislation.

## 7. RIGHT TO VARY

Council reserves the right to vary or terminate this policy at any time.

**Greg Tory**  
**GENERAL MANAGER**

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## APPENDIX 1: TABLE OF ASSET CLASSES

The following table outlines the asset recognition threshold and useful life (in years) of the prescribed asset classes.

Asset Class	Asset Type	Asset Recognition Threshold	Useful Life (Years)
<b>Land</b>			
	Community Land Operational Land Crown Land	\$1	N/A
	Land Improvements e.g. Irrigation, Landscaping	\$10,000	10 - 70
<b>Plant and Equipment</b>			
	Office Equipment e.g. Smart boards, Conference TV, Telephone systems	\$3,000	5 – 10
	Office Furniture e.g. Desks, Chairs, Electrical fittings	\$3,000	10 - 20
	Computer Equipment	\$3,000	4
	Vehicles	\$3,000	5 - 8
	Heavy plant/road making equipment	\$5,000	5 – 8
	Other Plant & Equipment	\$5,000	5 – 15
<b>Other Structures</b>			
	Playground equipment, Lighting,	\$3,000	5 – 15
	Benches, seats, fencing, BBQ's, Shade Structures; solar panels etc.	\$3,000	10 - 20

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<b>Other Assets</b>			
	Library Books	\$1	5 - 10
<b>Transport Infrastructure</b>			
	Roads – Sealed		
	Formation	\$10,000	Indefinite
	Pavement	\$10,000	80-100
	Seal	\$10,000	20-50
	Roads – Unsealed		
	Formation	\$10,000	Indefinite
	Pavement	\$10,000	20
	Road/Street Furniture	\$3,000	50-60
	Bridges & Culverts	\$10,000	50-100
	Footpaths	\$10,000	Up to 60
	Cycle ways	\$10,000	Up to 30
	Kerb & Gutter	\$10,000	Up to 40
<b>Stormwater Drainage</b>			
	Drains	\$10,000	80 - 100
	Culverts	\$10,000	50 - 100
	Flood Control Structures	\$10,000	80 - 100
<b>Water Supply and Sewer Supply</b>			
	Dams and Reservoirs	\$10,000	80 -100
	Bores	\$10,000	20 - 40

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	Reticulation pipes: PVC	\$10,000	70 - 80
	Reticulation pipes: Other	\$10,000	25 - 75
	Pumps and telemetry	\$10,000	15 - 20
<b>Buildings - Less than \$750,000</b>			
	Specialised e.g. Toilets/Amenities	\$10,000	50 - 100
	Non-Specialised e.g. Carports/Sheds	\$10,000	20 – 40
<b>Buildings \$750,000 and greater - Componentisation</b>			
	Substructure e.g. Floor structure	5% - 35%	50-120
	Superstructure e.g. internal walls, columns, windows	20% - 50%	40 – 100
	Floor Coverings	1% - 7%	20 – 40
	Roof including roof structure	5% - 30%	40 – 80
	Fixture and Fittings	5% - 20%	20 – 50
	Services – Electrical e.g. light fittings and power outlets	3% - 14%	30 – 60
	Services – Fire/Security e.g. Sprinkler systems & Alarms for fire & security	0.5% - 4%	10 – 20
	Services – Hydraulic e.g. Plumbing fit out, water supply & waste removal	5% - 50%	30 – 60
	Services - Mechanical e.g. air conditioning	2% - 10%	10 – 20

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<b>Other Infrastructure Assets</b>			
	Swimming Pools	\$10,000	50
	Other open space/recreational assets e.g. grandstands	\$3,000	20
	Other infrastructure	\$3,000	20
<b>Intangibles</b>			
	Software	\$20,000	3

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## APPENDIX 2: END OF FINANCIAL YEAR REPORTING – NOTIFICATION OF IMPAIRMENT OF ASSETS FORM

### End of Financial Year Reporting – Notification of Impairment of Assets Form

#### ASSET IMPAIRMENT REVIEW - 30/06/XX

The following Asset Classes are under my control

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After reviewing the above Asset Classes, I certify that;

Tick

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I do not believe that any Assets under my control / management within the above categories show any signs of Impairment as at Year End 30/6/XX.

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I believe that the following specific assets within the above categories are showing signs of Impairment as at the Year End 30/6/XX;

**ASSET**

**DETAILS of IMPAIRMENT**

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- 
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**Name:**

**Title**

**Date:**

**Signature:**

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## APPENDIX 3: END OF FINANCIAL YEAR REPORTING – REVIEW OF USEFUL LIFE & RESIDUAL VALUES FORM

**Date:****To:****From:****Subject:** *End of Financial Year Reporting – Review of Useful Lives & Residual Values*

In accordance with AASB 116 – Property, Plant & Equipment, the residual value and the useful life of an asset shall be reviewed at the end of each financial year.

Accordingly, in preparing Council's Accounts for the Year Ended 30/6/XX, we are requesting that you review the residual value & the useful life of all assets under your control.

The residual value of an asset is the estimated amount that Council would currently obtain from disposal of the asset, after deducting the estimated costs of disposal e.g. sale price less commission.

You need to consider what Council could realistically sell the asset for. For example: you have a backhoe that was saleable for \$50,000 last financial year. During the year, the backhoe was badly damaged by a fire in the cab. It may be still saleable but due to its poor appearance & condition, Council may only be able to sell it now for \$10,000. The new residual value is \$10,000 and we need to be advised of this. Residual value could be obtained by 3rd party industry sources such as auction houses, equipment hire or sales agents.

The useful life of an asset is the time period over which an asset is expected to be available for use by Council. It is based on judgment & experience from the use of similar assets.

The useful life of an asset is determined by the:

- (a) expected use of the asset e.g. how many more kilometres you think you will obtain from a truck before it should be sold.
- (b) expected physical wear and tear, which depends on operational factors such as the number of hours for which the asset is to be used and the repair and maintenance programme.
- (c) technical or commercial obsolescence arising from changes or improvements in production, or from a change in the market demand for the product or service of the asset e.g. you might no longer need a power house as we have mains electricity in town.
- (d) legal or similar limits on the use of the asset e.g. you can't hire out a building that's structurally unsound

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Accordingly, we require you to reply (as appropriate) after making due consideration as to whether any of Council's Assets managed by yourself or used in providing Council's functions and services require an adjustment to their residual value &/or useful life.

Thank you in advance for your Review and completion/return of the attached Review of Useful Life and Residual Value Statement.

#### REVIEW OF USEFUL LIFE & RESIDUAL VALUE STATEMENT- 30/06/XX

The following Asset Classes are under my control;

#### After reviewing the above Asset Classes, I certify that;

Tick

☐

I do not believe that any Assets under my control / management within the above categories require an adjustment to their useful life and/or residual value.

☐

I believe that the following specific assets within the above categories require an adjustment to their useful life and/or residual value.

ASSET NUMBER	NEW USEFUL LIFE	NEW RESIDUAL VALUE	REASON
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Name:

Title:

Date:

Signature:

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Please outline how your organisation intends to manage and be accountable for the funds allocated, should your submission be successful.

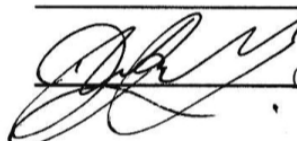
**PART D- Project Budget**

Please provide a detailed budget for your project. It is important that you clearly identify expenses by type and that every effort is made to reasonably estimate the level of income expected from sources such as entrance fees and sponsorship.

Is project budget attached before?	Yes	No
<b>Project Budget Summary:</b>	<b>Amount</b>	
Cash contributed by your organisation:	\$ 2000	
Cash from other sources:	\$3000	
In kind contribution, approximate value e.g. Volunteer	\$1000 volunteer	
Amount requested from Lachlan Shire Council	\$1000	
<b>Total Cost of Project:</b>	<b>\$6000</b>	

**Authorisation:**

I, DANIAL WALLACE (PRESIDENT) (print name) certify that this application for funding was approved by the management committee of this organisation on \_\_\_\_\_ (insert Date).

 (Signed)

23/3/23 (Date)

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<b>PART A-Applicant Details</b>	
Name of group/organisation: Fifield Community	
Postal Address: Slee Street	
Contact Person: Dan Wallace	Position in group/organisation: President
Telephone:	Mobile:
Fax:	Email:
Is your organisation incorporated? <u>No</u>	
Does your organisation have an <b>ABN</b> ? <u>No</u>	
<b>ABN:</b> _____	
Does your organisation have Public Liability Insurance? <u>No</u>	
If yes, please attach a valid Certificate of Currency.	

**PART B - Project Details** (please attach extra pages if insufficient space is provided)

Project Title: Back to Fifield	
Project Location:	
Proposed Start Date: 29 September 2023	Proposed End Date: 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2023

## Summary of Project.

The Back to Fifield event is a reunion for people who have lived or been involved with the Fifield Community. A Time Capsule that is currently buried in the park will be lifted and displayed in the Fifield Hall. On Friday the 29<sup>th</sup> September will be the opening of the weekend with the contents of the Time Capsule on display and a photo exhibition of Past and Present Fifield. There will also be sporting memorabilia and mining memorabilia on display. A ticketed cocktail party will be held on Friday night with photos available for sale.

Saturday the hall will be open again free of charge for people to look around at the photos and memorabilia.

Saturday night there will be a formal reunion dinner with guest speakers, entertainment, and an auction. The purpose of the weekend is to raise the time capsule and raise money to paint the church.

Briefly summarise what your organisation does i.e. its mission.

To look after the town of Fifield and the memorabilia and historic buildings and attract tourist to the local hotel

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How will this project benefit the local community?

Promotes sense of belongingness, Better health and well-being, gives purpose and sense of contribution.  
Adapt and develop new skills. Acceptance and recognition, Increases social network and enhances social support by holding a reunion it reinforces common bonds and regenerate friendship

Please estimate the number of participants and/or spectators in your project.

200-300

Approximately 100 at the cocktail party and 100 at the formal dinner. We have estimated that around 100 people will come and look at the display on the Saturday.

How will the success of the project be evaluated by your organisation?

By selling all tickets to the Cocktail Party and Formal Dinner. Also, to sell photos. All proceeds will go towards the painting of the Church

How will your organisation acknowledge the financial contribution from Council?

Councils logo will be displayed on all flyers and acknowledged in the formal speeches. Council can also display a banner and information in the hall.

Please outline how your organisation will manage this project.

A small committee has been formed to organize the exhibition and dinner.

A catering company will be hired to provide all the food and a company will be hired to look after the liquor licence and serving of alcohol.

On Saturday the exhibition will be open and a P&C will be asked to run a BBQ. A coffee van will also be booked.

<b>PART C - Funding Sources</b>
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Has your organisation received funding assistance from Council before?	No
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If <b>Yes</b> , in which financial year did your organisation last receive funding:
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Please provide details of any funding sought from other sources for this project.

Funding Source	Amount	Secured (Yes or No)
Rim Fire Mines	1000	no
Sunrise	1000	No
Platina	1000	No

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<b>PART A - Applicant Details</b>	
Name of group/organisation: <u>Lake Cargelligo Tigers Football and Netball Club</u>	
Postal Address: <u>PO Box 241, Lake Cargelligo, 2672</u>	
Contact Person: <u>Anna Hart</u>	Position in group/organisation: <u>Secretary</u>
Telephone: <u>0427729189</u>	Mobile: <u>0427729189</u>
Fax:	Email: <u>lake.tigersfnc@gmail.com</u>
Is your organisation incorporated?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Does your organisation have an ABN?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
ABN: <u>54 966 070 355</u>	
Does your organisation have Public Liability Insurance?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
If yes, please attach a valid Certificate of Currency.	
<b>PART B – Project Details</b> (please attach extra pages if insufficient space is provided)	
Project Title: <u>Black + Gold Community Ball</u>	
Project Location: <u>Lake Cargelligo Memorial Hall</u>	
Proposed Start Date: <u>27/05/23</u>	Proposed End Date: <u>27/05/23</u>

## Summary of Project.

A community event to bring together our diverse group of supporters, volunteers + participants, as well as the wider community. To allow people the opportunity to socialise + network + to be rewarded for their volunteer contributions to the club.

Briefly summarise what your organisation does i.e. its mission.  
We are a key organisation of the community, bringing people together to benefit from sport, community participation + social interaction. We are a hub for all community members to come together to

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enjoy sport - AFL + netball.

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How will this project benefit the local community?

An opportunity for social interaction, to distract from day to day stresses. As a smaller community, we don't always have access to live music + social engagements.

Please estimate the number of participants and/or spectators in your project.

Up to 200 people.

How will the success of the project be evaluated by your organisation?

Ticket sales + feedback from those in attendance:

How will your organisation acknowledge the financial contribution from Council?

Banners at the event, social media promotion, acknowledgement over loud speaker at game day + logo / promotion in game day program.

Please outline how your organisation will manage this project.

We have a dedicated committee of volunteers who are handling all aspects of this event. We offer a great mix of skill sets + experience.

## PART C – Funding Sources

Has your organisation received funding assistance from Council before?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If Yes, in which financial year did your organisation last receive funding:

Please provide details of any funding sought from other sources for this project.

Funding Source	Amount	Secured (Yes or No)

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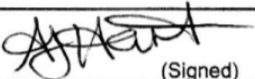
**PART D – Project Budget**

Please provide a detailed budget for your project. It is important that you clearly identify expenses by type and that every effort is made to reasonably estimate the level of income expected from sources such as entrance fees and sponsorship.

Is project budget attached before?		<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
<b>Project Budget Summary:</b>		<b>Amount</b>
Cash contributed by your organisation:		\$ 4820
Cash from other sources:		\$ Ticket sales
In kind contribution, approximate value e.g. Volunteer		\$ 1000
Amount requested from Lachlan Shire Council		\$ 3000
<b>Total Cost of Project:</b>		\$ 8820

**Authorisation:**

I, ANNA HART (print name) certify  
 that this application for funding was approved by the management committee of this organisation on  
21/04/2023 (insert Date).

 (Signed)	<u>21/04/2023</u> (Date)
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CATEGORY	COST
Band	\$2,500
Accommodation for Band	\$120
Catering	\$3,900
Security	\$1,200
Decorations	\$300
Hall Hire	\$300
Hall Bond	\$100
Bar Staff	\$400
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$8,820</b>





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<b>PART A - Applicant Details</b>	
Name of group/organisation: Lake Cargelligo Arts and Crafts Society Inc.	
Postal Address: PO Box 9, Lake Cargelligo, NSW, 2672	
Contact Person: Laken Picking	Position in group/organisation: President
Telephone:	Mobile: 0431615249
Fax:	Email: lakecargelligo.artsandcrafts@gmail.com
Is your organisation incorporated?	Yes <del>No</del>
Does your organisation have an ABN?	<del>Yes</del> No
ABN: _____	
Does your organisation have Public Liability Insurance?	Yes <del>No</del>
If yes, please attach a valid Certificate of Currency.	
<b>PART B – Project Details</b> (please attach extra pages if insufficient space is provided)	
Project Title: Blue Waters Arts & Crafts Exhibition	
Project Location: Lake Cargelligo Memorial Hall	
Proposed Start Date: 9th June 2023	Proposed End Date: 12th June 2023

## Summary of Project.

Blue Waters Arts and Crafts Exhibition is an annual exhibition showcasing arts and crafts from local, shire-wide and national artists, crafters and artisans. This year the theme is "Home: what is home to you?". The annual exhibition is the only whole-community art exhibition in the town and provides an opportunity for established and emerging artists and craftspeople to exhibit their work, and is the only whole-community art exhibition that allows residents of Lake Cargelligo and tourists access to this cultural activity in our own home town.

## Briefly summarise what your organisation does i.e. its mission.

The Lake Cargelligo Arts and Crafts Society works to support the artistic, crafting and quilting community of Lake Cargelligo. The society's main event held each year is Blue Waters, now in its 43rd year. The society works throughout the year to organise the exhibition, volunteering many hours to the mission of bringing the community together to practice and showcase arts, crafts and cultural activities.

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How will this project benefit the local community?

Blue Waters Arts & Crafts Exhibition is the only whole-community art exhibition and has a long tradition of providing artists from Lake Cargelligo, surrounding towns and across the country a space to exhibit their arts and crafts. The exhibition provides an opportunity for residents of Lake Cargelligo, as well as tourists to the town, to attend a cultural event without having to travel outside the town.

Please estimate the number of participants and/or spectators in your project.

It is anticipated that there will be approximately 150 exhibitors and 400 spectators at the exhibition, including a number of tourists visiting the town and viewing the exhibition.

How will the success of the project be evaluated by your organisation?

The primary indicators of a successful event will be the number of attendees at the event, feedback from the community post-exhibition and a comparison with last year's exhibition.

How will your organisation acknowledge the financial contribution from Council?

Lachlan Shire Council will be acknowledged in a promotional materials, in the exhibition pamphlet and at the opening night ceremony.

Please outline how your organisation will manage this project.

The Society works collaboratively throughout the year to put on the Blue Waters Arts and Crafts Exhibition, and has a wealth of experience in managing the execution of the event. The Society will continue to work with community members, schools, local community groups, the Council, and local businesses to put on Blue Waters.

**PART C – Funding Sources**

Has your organisation received funding assistance from Council before?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If **Yes**, in which financial year did your organisation last receive funding:

2022

Please provide details of any funding sought from other sources for this project.

Funding Source	Amount	Secured (Yes or No)
McLain Family	\$100	Yes

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Please outline how your organisation intends to manage and be accountable for the funds allocated, should your submission be successful.

Lake Cargelligo Arts and Crafts Society Inc. will maintain financial records accounting for all funds allocated by Lachlan Shire Council, showing clearly how the funds allocated were used in the production of the Blue Waters exhibition.

**PART D – Project Budget**

Please provide a detailed budget for your project. It is important that you clearly identify expenses by type and that every effort is made to reasonably estimate the level of income expected from sources such as entrance fees and sponsorship.

Is project budget attached before?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Project Budget Summary:</b>		<b>Amount</b>	
Cash contributed by your organisation:		\$	8,000
Cash from other sources:		\$	1,800
In kind contribution, approximate value e.g. Volunteer		\$	7,800
Amount requested from Lachlan Shire Council		\$	5,000
<b>Total Cost of Project:</b>		\$	22,600

**Authorisation:**

I, Laken Picking (print name) certify  
that this application for funding was approved by the management committee of this organisation on  
20 April 2023 (insert Date).

 (Signed)	20 April 2023 (Date)
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**2022/23 DONATIONS BUDGET**  
**AS AT 5/05/2023**

Organisation/Individual	Work order number	Annual Budget for Special Events - in kind	General Ledger- Master/sub account number	Annual Budget for Community Events - specified donations & contributions	Amount paid for Community Events specified donations & contributions	General donations - elected members	Rates/water - elected members	Community Events - general	Special Events-in kind support only	Donation Purpose
Master. Sub					3820.various	3020.0405	3020.0406	3820.0460	3230.509	
Annual Budget						\$27,000	\$9,000	\$270,201		
Tottenham Blue Light (Youth centre)							\$2,274			Rates concession 1023781
Tottenham Blue Light (Youth centre)							\$32			Water Account Q1 1023781
Riverina Academy of Sport						\$200				Southern Sports Academy
Tyron S Palmer T/A Aero Steel								\$1,000		CEF - Condo Rotary
V Rafferty								\$900		CEF- Condo Rotary
Vane Tempest Bros								\$114		Gal Bins and plastic buckets
Rotary Club of Lake Cargelligo						\$1,000				Christmas Carnival 2022
The Condobolin Argus						\$200		\$453		Advertisement Summer Carnival
Condobolin Sports Club Limited								\$400		Triple Bowls Event - Oct 2022
										Condobolin Chamber of Commerce Street festival
										Reconnecting Regional NSW Community Events Funding
Condobolin Junior Cricket Club								\$3,500		
Tullibigeal Central School						\$100				
Tottenham Christmas Tree						\$500				Christmas Event - Dec 2022
										Condobolin Chamber of Commerce Street festival - Reconnecting Regional NSW Community Events Funding
No Moo 4 U								\$3,474		
Tottenham Welfare Council						\$1,000				
A & B Showbiz Pty Ltd								\$5,300		Condo Rotary Summer Carnival -1
Bogan Shire Council								\$6,000		Contribution to Cairn Upgrades
Condobolin Rotary Club								\$3,758		Reimbursement CFC Carnival
Deeverse Entertainment								\$200		System Hire-Condobolin Summer
E Harmer								\$318		Condobolin Chamber of Commerce
Pooka Entertainment								\$500		Entertainment- Condobolin Street Festival 2/12/22
Progress Printing West Pty Ltd								\$459		Condo Rotary Summer Carnival -1
Lake Cargelligo Central School						\$100				Donation - School event
West Milby Rodeo & Gymkhana						\$1,000				Milby sports event
Marrar Kitchen & Co Pty Ltd								\$6,136		Lake Cargelligo Long Lunch \$45
Marrar Kitchen & Co Pty Ltd								\$682		Wait Staff for Lake Cargelligo
Lower Lachlan Community Service								\$1,636		Long lunch grazing platters
Lower Lachlan Community Service								\$1,000		Long lunch Co-ordinator
Lower Lachlan Community Service						\$600				Donation - Resolution 2023/50
Tullibigeal Picnic race Club								\$455		Equipment Hire
Jaruabe Pty Ltd T/A Mia Party								\$1,886		Lake Long Lunch -Seating hire
Inprintz Group								\$750		Lake Long Lunch
Condo 750						\$5,000				Cross Country navigational Rally
RSL LifeCare						\$200				Biggest Morning Tea 2023
Lake Historical society						\$900				Tractor repairs
Lake Cargelligo All Care Incorporated						\$300				Dementia Awareness day event
Tullibigeal Pool Committee						\$500				Donation - Christmas tree and carols event
Koori Kids						\$450				NAIDOC week - Donation - Feb 2023
Rotary Club of Condobolin Inc							\$761			Rates concession 1003888
Tottenham CWA							\$559			Rates Concession 1025630
Tullibigeal CWA							\$480			50% concession on rates & charges
Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation								\$5,000		Sky fest seed funding
Oxley CWA						\$300				Donation - Feb 2023
Condobolin & District Kennel Club / LSC						\$2,048				Donation-accommodation for dog show
St Francis Xavier School Community								\$3,451		Catering & Advertising- Community Event - Art Show
Donations - NAIDOC week			3820.409	\$1,440	\$0					
Murrin Bridge Programs & Events			3820.494	\$0	\$0					
Western Plains Regional Development			3820.476	\$55,530	\$55,530					Contribution to WPRD
Lower Lachlan Community Services			3820.477	\$55,530	\$55,530					Contribution to WPRD
Tottenham Welfare Council			3820.478	\$4,240	\$4,000					
Tullibigeal Progress Association			3820.479	\$4,240	\$0					
Lake Cargelligo Community Gym			3820.483	\$6,970	\$0					
Tullibigeal Pool operations			3720.405	\$45,000	\$0					
Special Event - Condobolin Races	812	\$10,080								\$8,485 Facilities Special Events Operational Condobolin
Special Event - Pony Club Condobolin	1,062	\$650								
Special Event - Breast Screen Van Movement	1,081	\$470								\$815 Facilities Special Events Operational Condobolin
Special Event - Yellow Mountain Cross Country	1,093	\$1,310								\$1,938 in kind support
Special Event - RSL Pipe band Tattoo	1,092	\$4,400								\$6,368 in kind support
Special Event - Milby Sports	1,234	\$2,640								\$121 Milby Event
Special Event - Condo 750	1,071	\$4,890								in kind support - Condo 750 Rally, Traffic control & grounds maintenance.
Special Event - ANZAC day	1,072	\$4,330								\$2,976 Facilities Special Events Operational Condobolin
Special Event - Condobolin B&S	1,138	\$0								
Special Event - Condobolin Show	1,163	\$16,350								
Special Event - Tottenham Races	813	\$8,020								\$23,046 In kind support & Lolly Guessing supplies
Special Event - Tullibigeal Carols	1,365	\$3,238								\$2,022 Special event- Tottenham Races
Special Event - Tullibigeal Races	1,061	\$2,720								\$4,616 Christmas Tree decorations
Special Event - Tullibigeal Gymkhana	1,232	\$910								\$1,145 In kind support
Special Event - Tottenham Gymkhana	1,231	\$3,550								
Special Event - Lake Cargelligo Show	1,221	\$1,720								
Tottenham Christmas event	1,364	\$3,238								\$14,124 In kind support & Lolly Guessing supplies
Special Event - NAIDOC Week	1,505	\$2,150								\$3,544 Tottenham Christmas Tree
Special Event - Lachlan Christmas Fiesta	1,873	\$3,580								\$934 Lachlan Christmas Fiesta
Special Event - Rotary Christmas event Lake Cargelligo	1,363	\$3,739								\$6,949 Lake Cargelligo Christmas Tree
Special Event - Rotary Christmas event Condobolin	1,362	\$3,738								\$9,380 Condobolin Christmas Tree
Special Event - White Ribbon march	2,653	\$0								
TOTAL		81,723		172,950	115,060	14,398	4,105	47,373	89,970	
Total paid						\$14,398	\$4,105	\$47,373	\$89,970	
Annual Budget - General (GL3020.405)						\$27,000				
Annual Budget - Rates/water (GL3020.406)							\$9,000			
Annual Budget - Special events (GL3230.509)										\$81,723
Annual Budget - Community Events (GL3820.460)								\$270,201		
Balance Remaining						\$12,603	\$4,895	\$222,828	-\$8,247	



April 2023

Lachlan Shire Council  
General Manager  
Mr Greg Tory  
18-64 Molong Street  
Mondobolin NSW 2877



Dear Mr Tory,

**Re: 2023 Bush Bursaries and Country Women's Association (CWA) of NSW Scholarship Program**

I am writing to invite Lachlan Shire Council to participate in the Bush Bursary Program in 2023.

**What is the Bush Bursary Program?**

The Bush Bursary Program provides selected medical, nursing, and midwifery students in NSW and ACT with funding to undertake a two-week placement in country NSW during their university holidays.

Lachlan Shire Council initiated this scholarship in 1996 and the CWA of NSW first funded a student in 1997. Nursing and midwifery students were first eligible for the program in 2019, and to date, this scholarship is the only opportunity of its type available to nursing students in NSW.

Over the past two and a half decades, the program has grown to be a well-respected initiative among those studying to pursue a career in rural health, with over 450 students having participated since the program began.

**How do the bursaries work?**

The bursaries are offered on an annual basis and are financially supported by the rural councils of NSW, the CWA and NSW Rural Doctors Network (RDN). A Council investment of **\$3,000 plus GST** provides sponsorship for RDN to allocate two students to undertake a two-week placement in your LGA.

**Why should your Council be involved?**

Our ability to offer students a place in the program is limited by the number of councils involved and therefore the number of placements sponsored. In 2022, RDN received a total of 92 applications for the program, but the program had only 38 placements to offer. With more placements available, there is more opportunity for RDN to expose the next generation of medical professionals to rural practice and lifestyle.

To create a skilled and sustainable health workforce across country NSW, it is vital to work with the next generation of practitioners to encourage them to choose a career in rural health. Our research shows that positive immersion experiences in rural health settings are known contributors to students choosing such careers.

How to participate

Please complete the attached sponsorship form and **return by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023**, via return email. Contact details are included on the form.

I am more than happy to discuss this opportunity with you further if you would like more information.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to showcase country NSW to a future rural health professional. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

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# **Bush Bursary and Country Women's Association Scholarship**

## **Program Guidelines**

**2023**

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# 1. Background

NSW Rural Doctors Network (RDN) [Bush Bursaries and Country Women's Association \(CWA\) Scholarships](#) provide selected medical, midwifery, and nursing students in NSW/ACT with \$1,500 each to assist with the costs associated with participating in the program, including travel to and from the placement, meals, and other discretionary spending during the placement.

Recipients are paired up by RDN and spend two weeks on a placement in country NSW during their university holidays. The placement aims to provide a rural immersion experience by combining the enjoyable aspects of country life and rural medicine.

The program is funded by individual rural councils across NSW and scholarships are funded by the Country Women's Association of NSW. They are administered by RDN. As such, available placement locations may differ each year due to the involvement of different councils.

Placements are typically undertaken between November and January, but can be at different times of the year if circumstances require. Itineraries and accommodation are coordinated by the rural councils hosting the placement.

Students not honouring their commitment to undertake a rural placement and subsequently provide the necessary documentation from their experiences are required to pay back all money granted to them.

## Abbreviations Used Throughout This Document

Full Term	Shortened Term(s)
NSW Rural Doctors Network	RDN
Country Women's Association	CWA
Bush Bursaries and Country Women's Association Scholarships	Bush Bursary, the program, or the placement
Council Designated Contact	Contact



## 2. Application and Selection Process

Applications for the 2023 Bush Bursaries and Country Women's Association Scholarships will be open from Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2023 to Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2023.

To be eligible to apply for the program, students must meet the following requirements:

- Australian or New Zealand citizen or permanent resident of Australia
- Enrolled in a NSW or ACT university in
  - First or second year medical degree
  - Any year nursing degree
  - Any year midwifery degree
- Completed all university study requirements at the time of application
- Read and understood the information set out in these program guidelines
- Both rural and urban based students are eligible to apply for the program

The application process is done online through MyRDN, where students will answer questions and provide documentation, including but not limited to the following:

- Personal details and contact information
- Degree/study information and university rural health club status
- 500-word essay outlining the student's motivation to apply for the program and demonstrating how they would be a good ambassador for RDN while on placement
- Resume, maximum of 2 pages

Each year, the program receives a high volume of applications which outnumber the placement spots available. Because of this, the selection process is highly competitive and successful applicants must demonstrate an active interest in rural practice and lifestyle, an understanding of the realities of health care provision in rural medical practice, and a genuine motivation to undertake a full rural immersion experience as part of the program.

Once applications close, RDN staff will review all submissions and develop a shortlist of students to be offered the opportunity to attend a virtual interview via Zoom in early August. Students who are not offered an interview will also be notified of the outcome by email before the end of July.

Interviews are typically around 20 minutes in duration, during which time, RDN staff will be trying to understand students' motivation and interest in a rural lifestyle and rural medicine in order to ensure that the rural immersion experience offered by this program will be a good fit for them.

All applicants will be notified before the end of August regardless of the outcome of their application.

Students being granted a placement will be required to provide further documentation to facilitate their placement. Documents requested at that stage will include the following:

- Working with Children Check
- National Police Check
- Evidence of up-to-date COVID vaccinations
- Evidence of up-to-date flu vaccinations
- Evidence of professional indemnity insurance (applicable for medical students only)

Successful applicants will also be required to complete and provide certificates for e-learning modules around Cultural Responsiveness Training and Covid Safety/Infection Control before commencing their placement.

## 3. Placement Details

### 3.1 Overview

Successful students are paired up with a fellow Bush Bursary recipient and allocated by RDN to a specific location to undertake their placement. The total duration of a placement is two weeks, which is comprised of one day each for travel time to and then from the placement location with twelve days of activities in between.

During this time, students are to keep a daily diary of activities undertaken. A template for this will be provided by RDN. After the placement is complete, students are required to submit their diaries along with a placement report summarising their experience to RDN. These documents will then be included in the annual report RDN sends to councils participating in the program.

After the placement is finished, students will also be required to fill out a program evaluation form. This document will not be shared with councils.

### 3.2 Student Preferences

RDN will attempt to allocate students to placements based on their preferred rural location; however, not all students will be placed in their location of preference due to a number of factors including student and/or council availability over the university holidays and changes in council participation for a given year.

Students will engage with a diverse and varying range of social and health care settings within the broader rural setting. To the best of our ability, RDN and councils developing itineraries will take into account student preferences regarding social and clinical interests; however, as rural health services and providers are often limited and unique to the needs of their respective communities, we cannot guarantee that every preference will be catered for.

### 3.3 Payment Schedule

Bush Bursary payments are released in two instalments. The first, for an amount of \$1,000, will be made after relevant documents are received but before the placement commences. The second instalment will be for an amount of \$500 (or \$250 if there was a cost associated with accommodation) and will be released after the placement has finished and students have submitted their diaries and placement reports to RDN.

### 3.4 Travel

Because public transport services in many rural and remote settings are few and far between, students are expected to drive a personal vehicle to their placement locations. Having access to a personal vehicle during the placement will allow students to access a wide range of social, community, recreational, and clinical experiences during their stay.

Paired students may wish to drive together in a single vehicle if practical.

Costs incurred to travel to, from, and around the placement location are to be covered using Bush Bursary funds.

### 3.5 Accommodation

Accommodation will be organised as a component of the placement. Accommodation types may vary depending upon location, including staying with a host family, hospital staff accommodation, or other types of accommodation.

If accommodation is not appropriate or conditions are inadequate, students are to contact RDN as soon as possible for other arrangements to be made.

If there is a cost associated with the accommodation, \$250 will be deducted from the student's final bursary payment, with any remaining balance to be paid by RDN.

### 3.6 Dress Code

As a general guideline, the dress code for time spent in clinical settings is similar to other placements students may undertake throughout the course of their studies: smart casual professional attire and footwear with closed in toes. In some cases, students may be advised that unbranded scrubs are acceptable attire within certain health care facilities.

### 3.7 Designated Council/Community Contact

Participating councils assign a contact who will liaise with RDN to organise the placement(s) in their LGA. Additionally, the contact will be students' main touchpoint during their placement, particularly in the case of circumstances arising which need to be resolved urgently (i.e. students lock themselves out of accommodation).

### 3.8 Insurance

No medical student will be permitted to undertake their placement unless they have arranged medical indemnity insurance for the period of their placement. Students must provide a copy of the cover note of their medical indemnity policy specifically noting the dates of their placement. Failure to provide this document will result in the student being unable to attend their placement.

RDN will provide insurance cover for nursing and midwifery students.

All students should ensure they take a hard copy of their insurance paperwork with them on placement as local health facilities may request it prior to entering the facility.

### 3.9 Social and Community Engagement

The social and lifestyle aspects of living rurally are a hugely important factor in a health professional's decision of whether or not to pursue a career in rural health care. It is for this reason that a focus of the program is to showcase what rural life is really like outside of a clinical setting if a health care professional chooses to go rural. The program aims to realise that goal through both formal and informal social and community engagement.

Placement itineraries may include formal engagement with community such as interviews with local newspapers or radio stations or events with community groups like the local CWA or Rotary Club. Informal social and community engagement can take many forms, and students are expected to be proactive in seeking out and taking advantage of opportunities presented to them while on placement.

### 3.10 Clinical Experiences

The program aims to enable students to engage with a diverse range of clinical services across a variety of clinical settings and within a multidisciplinary team. Students must note that they are likely to be undertaking placements in areas other than their own area of study/interest in order to see and experience the full realm of services available within a rural health setting.

Placements within facilities are undertaken on an observership basis. Any potential hands-on clinical experiences are to be negotiated between the student and the provider based on insurance requirements, the comfort level of both parties, and the student's level of knowledge and competency.

### 3.11 Student Expectations

All students are expected to represent RDN in a proud, mature, and engaging manner.

To maintain professionalism in both personal and professional conduct while on placement, students are expected to be punctual, listen actively, communicate clearly and appropriately, maintain confidentiality, and always show respect for all individuals and community groups they encounter.

Specifically, RDN encourages students to:

- Engage with and ask questions of the health professionals encountered during placement regarding their knowledge and experience, the rural community, and their scope of practise working as a rural clinician
- Proactively seek out social, community, and clinical experiences and embrace those opportunities with grace and enthusiasm
- Be open and receptive to information, guidance, and constructive comments
- Engage in responsible decision making

Students are to keep a daily journal/diary of their activities and experiences during the placement. That document along with a report summarising the placement experience is to be submitted to RDN, at which time, students will receive their final Bush Bursary payment.



## 4. Role of Council

Rural councils are contacted by RDN to engage with and financially support the program. Councils willing to engage will assign their own council/community contact who will liaise with RDN throughout the process of organising the placement.

The designated contact is to work in collaboration with RDN as well as health services and social/community groups within their LGA to develop a 12 day schedule for the placement.

With the goal in mind of creating an enjoyable immersion experience of living and working in rural NSW, and specifically within the placement LGA, a contact collaborating with community members on the ground is often best placed to develop an itinerary showcasing their LGA. In the event that assistance is required for the development of an itinerary, RDN will oversee and support the work of the contact where required, providing support and advice in organising an immersive, diverse, engaging, and safe placement program.

In practice, the main responsibilities of councils participating in the program are as follows:

- Work with health care facilities and other key stakeholders to be involved in the placement to determine an appropriate time to undertake the placement, specifically ensuring that health care facilities will have the capacity to host the students during their stay
- Link with health care providers and services within the community to engage in the program and collaborate with them to arrange time(s) for students to undertake placements within the facilities
- Link with social and community groups (i.e. CWA, Rotary Club, etc.) to engage in the program and arrange time(s) for students to meet the respective groups and individuals, ensuring rich social and community engagement over the course of their stay
- Provide accommodation for students for the duration of their stay in the LGA
  - In the event that non-council and non-health service accommodation, and therefore payment, is required, up to \$250 will be deducted from the student's funding amount, with RDN to pay the balance
- Ensure all services, accommodation, and social/community groups are safe for student engagement
- Provide students with a placement itinerary at minimum two weeks before the start of their placement
- Be the main point of call to provide on the ground support within the community in the case of unforeseen circumstances (i.e. becoming locked out of accommodation)

## 5. Role of Health Care Professionals

Health care facilities are contacted by the council appointed contact or by RDN to organise a suitable time(s) for students on placement to shadow a health care professional(s) working at the facility.

Placements within facilities are undertaken on an observership basis. Any potential hands-on clinical experiences are to be negotiated between the student and the provider based on insurance requirements, the comfort level of both parties, and the student's level of knowledge and competency.

Health care professionals willing to participate are to share their knowledge, skills, and experiences with the students, acting in the capacity of a mentor and positive role model for the time the student spends in the facility. Where appropriate, professionals are encouraged to provide guidance and constructive feedback around both clinical and career topics.

## 6. Role of NSW Rural Doctor's Network

NSW Rural Doctors Network facilitates and oversees the program.

Ensuring that the program runs effectively requires RDN to liaise with various stakeholders throughout the course of the program each year. The main stakeholders RDN work with each year are councils and students, though communication and collaboration can and does happen with other parties as required.

### Engagement with Councils

Each year, RDN will make contact with rural councils of NSW to invite them to engage with the program.

RDN will then liaise with participating councils to determine the level of support required by the council and their designated contact to develop an enriching and immersive placement program. Ideally, the designated contact will undertake the majority of placement development due to their expertise on their LGA, but RDN will provide support and assistance as needed and as capacity allows.

As the placement draws closer, RDN will be in touch with councils and their designated contacts to connect them with the students undertaking a placement within their LGA. RDN is to ensure all parties are aware of the specifics of the placement. This will include confirming that students receive their itineraries a minimum of two weeks before the placement commences.

Throughout the placement period, RDN will be available to assist with any concerns that arise.

Finally, after the placement is complete, RDN will collate students' diaries and placement reports to include in a report to the council, which will be sent via email. The timeline for councils and contacts to receive their report varies depending on when the placement takes place, but will typically be between January and March.

### Engagement with Students

RDN holds the responsibility of promoting the program to students. This is achieved through various means, including presentations at universities throughout the state, electronic direct mail marketing, social media, and other methods.

Applications for the program will be facilitated by RDN. After the application period concludes, RDN will review all submitted applications and select applicants to proceed to the interview stage. RDN will then conduct virtual interviews and make the final decision on which students are granted a spot on the program. All students will be informed of the outcome of their application whether successful or not.

Once selections are finalised, RDN will engage with students to understand their preferences around placement location and clinical interests, and will endeavour to include those preferences in the development of the placement program where possible. RDN will pair students and allocate them to a participating council. Prior to placements commencing, RDN will provide e-learning modules to students and collate documentation needed to undertake placement. RDN will also be available to provide advice and guidance in the lead up to and then during the placement.

As the placement draws closer, RDN will link students and council contacts and ensure all parties are aware of placement specifics. This will include ensuring that students have received their itineraries a minimum of two weeks before the placement commences.

During the placement period, RDN will touch base with students regularly to maintain an open line of communication. RDN will be available to assist with any concerns that arise.

After the placement is complete, RDN will receive and process students' diaries, placement reports, and program evaluations.



## Abby Bursary Case Study: Lachlan Shire Council, NSW

Abby Connor has a rural background and is a 1<sup>st</sup> year medical student at the Australian National University. Angeline Reed has a metropolitan background and is a 1<sup>st</sup> year nursing student at the Australian Catholic University. These two bright, eager young women spent two weeks in Lachlan Shire, NSW in December 2022.

### In Their Words

I am so grateful to have been given the opportunity to undertake this placement. Despite everything that the community has been through in recent times, everyone was so welcoming and accommodating, which really highlighted the strength of the community and the people of Condobolin." Abby said, reflecting on her time in Lachlan Shire. "This placement was not only super fun, but also reinforced my desire to practice rurally after graduating. I was able to see the reality of what healthcare is like in such a small town, and, despite the challenges, how much every single person that works in the space adores what they do. Their commitment to their community does not go unnoticed."

I'd definitely recommend this opportunity to other students. It really helped showcase the realities of rural medicine; not only the strengths, but also the challenges that communities face in terms of healthcare and the importance of consistent and accessible healthcare to communities." Angeline noted. "It was also great to have the opportunity to participate in different activities with locals from the town and get the chance to really get to know them. This really helped me to see the sense of community in small towns, where everyone gets to know everyone else, and they all look out for each other. That's something you just can't quite get in the city."



Both young women had wonderful experiences in clinical settings as well, each encountering clinicians that had a impact on their placements and their perspectives.

While shadowing Katie, the EN at Condobolin Hospital, I got to see her role as a community nurse, where I was able to go along to a home visit and see her do a dressing. It was great to be able to see how valuable community nursing is in rural health, to help people access healthcare services especially if they have difficulties getting to the hospital in the first place." Angeline explained.

I was lucky enough to spend a day sitting in with Dr May El-Khoury at the Aboriginal Medical Service (AMS), which was one of the highlights of my time in Condobolin. Dr El-Khoury has become someone that I admire greatly, and watching her practice was very enlightening. We encountered some challenging and emotionally complex cases and I feel very grateful to have been able to observe how she managed those." Abby remarked.



Abby also reflected on some highlights of the social and community aspect of her placement. "Starting the day doing some painting with the community at the Social and Emotional Wellbeing Centre was a lot of fun, and gave us a really great opportunity to just chat with the locals. After that, we were invited to the council chambers for lunch with some of the council members including the mayor and the GM. It was really lovely to have this opportunity and I was very thankful to have been able to meet and personally thank the council staff, as we would not have been able to do this placement without their help. Another night, the AMS staff invited us to the sports club for Christmas Bingo. We didn't win any prizes, but it was such a fun night and gave us the opportunity to support the local junior cricket club."

"Despite the challenges, including the recent flooding and the busy end of year period, I appreciate how welcoming everyone was in allowing me to take part in this program, from all the patients who were willing to let me observe to all the healthcare practitioners going out of their way to create learning opportunities for me. This experience has further validated my desire to practice rurally following my training and studies." Angeline said.

I will definitely be coming back in the near future to see everything that we couldn't see due to closed roads and flooding. I will forever appreciate my time in Condobolin and I am so thankful to have been given the chance to be a part of the community, even if it was only for two weeks." Abby concluded.



Operational Budget Budget 2022-2023								
Description	Original Annual Budget - Operating Plan 2022/2023	% of year elapsed	75%					
		Actual YTD Results as at 31 March 2023	Percentage Actual YTD/Amended QBR Budget	Revotes & additional projects	Adjustments for QBR1	Adjustments for QBR2	Adjustments for QBR3	Proposed Amended Annual Budget as at 30/06/23
CONSOLIDATED RESULTS								
Income								
Rates & Annual Charges	(12,178,278)	(12,377,457)	101.6%	-	-	-	-	(12,178,278)
User Charges & Fees	(4,337,963)	(3,460,531)	75.7%	-	-	(27,347)	(205,600)	(4,570,910)
Interest & Investment Revenue	(662,382)	(527,947)	49.7%	-	-	-	(400,000)	(1,062,382)
Other Revenues	(382,747)	(587,464)	99.7%	-	(38,326)	(13,147)	(155,251)	(589,471)
Grants & Contributions - Operating	(17,291,615)	(18,784,769)	64.6%	(26,810)	(836,774)	(2,486,336)	(8,438,716)	(29,080,252)
Grants & Contributions - Capital	(9,898,517)	(9,611,736)	56.7%	(2,144,335)	(552,814)	(103,120)	(4,267,748)	(16,966,533)
Net Gains from the Disposal Of Assets	-	(195,703)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Income from Continuing Operations	(44,751,502)	(45,545,607)	70.7%	(2,171,145)	(1,427,913)	(2,629,950)	(13,467,315)	(64,447,825)
Expenses								
Employee Costs	10,921,307	8,174,998	75.1%	-	(7,390)	(23,980)	(5,555)	10,884,382
Borrowing Costs	368,558	227,029	61.6%	-	-	-	-	368,558
Materials & Services	13,307,962	9,223,100	46.7%	237,904	690,093	2,587,050	2,913,605	19,736,614
Depreciation	10,992,691	8,506,080	75.0%	-	-	348,749	-	11,341,440
Other Expenses	1,102,620	797,667	58.9%	-	240,374	15,800	(5,545)	1,353,249
Losses on Disposal of Assets	50,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	50,000
Total Expenses from Continuing Operations	36,743,138	26,928,875	61.6%	237,904	923,077	2,927,619	2,902,505	43,734,243
Operating Result from continuing operations - (Gain)/Loss	(8,008,364)	(18,616,733)		(1,933,241)	(504,836)	297,669	(10,564,810)	(20,713,583)
Operating Result from continuing operations before Capital income (Gain)/Loss	1,890,153	(8,809,294)		211,094	47,977	400,789	(6,297,062)	(3,747,049)
Capital Expenditure	21,198,026	17,696,353	46.4%	14,587,236	487,937	156,956	1,732,070	38,162,224
Loan Funds Utilised	-	-	0.0%	-	-	-	-	0
Loan Principal Repaid	464,518	232,259	50.0%	-	-	-	-	464,518
Transfers to Restricted Assets (Reserves)	124,565	207,758	82.7%	-	40,099	43,094	43,390	251,148
Transfers from Restricted Assets (Reserves)	(3,236,149)	(16,449,665)	98.7%	(12,653,995)	(344,521)	(215,000)	(215,417)	(16,665,082)
Depreciation Contra	(10,992,691)	(8,506,080)	75.0%	-	-	(348,749)	-	(11,341,440)
Net Unrestricted Cash (Surplus)/Deficit	(450,094)	(25,436,108)		\$ -	(321,322)	(66,030)	(9,004,767)	(9,842,214)

2023 RESERVE MOVEMENTS

Details	Opening Balance 1/07/2022	Approved by Cnl ResIn June 22		Approved by Cnl ResIn October 22							Proposed Balance
		2023 Annual Budget transfers in	2023 Annual Budget transfers out	Budget Revotes transfers out	QBR 1 adj trf in	QBR 1 adj trf out	QBR2 adj trf in	QBR2 adj trf out	QBR3 adj trf in	QBR3 adj trf out	
<b>19550/29550/39550 - Other Reserves</b>											
9550 - Reserve ELE	1,955,000										1,955,000
9551 - Reserve Unexpended Grants	13,106,844		343,346	6,757,872							6,005,626
9552 - Reserve Uncompleted Works	1,963,036		80,000	150,594	16,773	44,521		25,000		38,870	1,640,824
9553 - Reserve Election	40,245	25,000						40,000			25,245
9554 - Reserve Chambes/Computers	80,044		10,000	11,563							58,481
9555 - Reserve Meals on Wheels	65,319										65,319
9556 - Reserve Town Planning	64,653			32,000							32,653
9557 - Reserve Cemetery	32,657			25,730							6,927
9558 - Reserve Plant	7,250,218		587,208	1,283,814							5,379,197
9559 - Reserve Housing & Development	1,966,971									32,000	1,934,971
9562 - Reserve Swimming Pools	81,266										81,266
9563 - Reserve Retirement Village Proceeds	955,634									24,948	930,686
9568 - Reserve Aerodromes	140,568	5,000	100,000								45,568
9570 - Reserve Gravel Restoration Reserve	713,054		20,000								693,054
9571 - Reserve Gum Bend Lake	63,220										63,220
9572 - Reserve HACC	25,000										25,000
9575 - Reserve Domestic Waste Management	105,896										105,896
9576 - Reserve Capital Improvements	1,487,981										1,487,981
9577 - Reserve Tip Restoration	188,168										188,168
9580 - Reserve Stormwater Drainage	641,206	52,525	150,000								543,731
9582 - Reserve Condobolin Main Street Improve	104,261										104,261
9583 - Reserve FAG GP & Road Grant Rec'd in Advance	9,138,465			578,475						59,599	8,500,391
9586 - Reserve Waste Management Improvements	277,338	20,000	65,000	26,520							205,818
9587 - Reserve Depot Improvements	5,422,233					300,000					5,122,232
9589 - Reserve Section 7.12 Contributions	334,186	22,040	100,000				41,447		22,285		319,958
9592 - Reserve Revolving Energy Fund	47,449						1,647		5,642		78,064
29550.9591 - S64 Contributions Water	13,377				23,326				12,011		25,388
29550.9578 - Water Supply Reserve	9,778,421		1,374,722	2,729,695				150,000		60,000	5,464,004
39550.9591 - S64 Contributions Sewer	3,955								3,452		7,407
39550.9578 - Sewer Supply Reserve	6,564,056		749,218	1,057,733							4,757,105
<b>19550 - Other Reserves Total</b>	<b>62,610,722</b>	<b>124,565</b>	<b>3,579,494</b>	<b>12,653,995</b>	<b>40,099</b>	<b>344,521</b>	<b>43,094</b>	<b>215,000</b>	<b>43,390</b>	<b>215,417</b>	<b>45,853,441</b>

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Job Ref	Project/Job	Est Cost	Proposed Funding					Spent 2017/2018	Spent to Date 2018/2019	Spent to Date 2019/2020	Spent to Date 2020/2021	Spent to Date 2021/2022	Spent to Date 2022/2023	TOTAL SPENT TO DATE	% of Budget Spent	30/06/2023
			CDRV Reserve	Other Reserves / Sales	General Revenue	Community Contrib	Grants									
	<b>complete</b>															
	<b>Albert</b>															
	Unallocated	\$ 100,000	100,000					-	-					-	0%	100,000
		\$ 100,000	100,000	-	-	-	-	\$ -	\$ -					\$ -	0%	100,000
	<b>Burcher</b>															
	Unallocated	\$ 50,000	50,000					-	-					-	0%	50,000
3153	Water Filtration 2022	\$ 100,000	50,000	50,000								13,636	-	13,636		36,364
		\$ 150,000	100,000	50,000	-	-	-	\$ -	\$ -					\$ 13,636	9%	86,364
	<b>Condobolin</b>															
2473	Library Building Upgrade/Extension	\$ 720,000	520,000				200,000 State Libr	477,528	156,594					634,122	100%	-
	Scott Street - Residential Subdivision - returned in QBR 3 19	\$ 1,600,000	463,000	1,137,000				25,249	12,038				-	37,287	2%	455,694
2431	Bathurst St Beautification	\$ 63,612	50,500		13,112			63,612						63,612	100%	-
2857	SRA Showground - Perimeter Fence	\$ 24,500	24,500					24,500						24,500	100%	-
2283	Adventure Park Construction	\$ 435,000	372,000		63,000			430,863	-					435,000	100%	-
2527	Cemetery K&G, Sealing 2017-2018	\$ 140,000	100,000		40,000			80,876	112,847					193,723	100%	-
	Unallocated	\$ 863	863					-	-			863		863	100%	-
3123	Gumbend Lake Walkway S1	\$ 20,000	20,000								5,368			5,368	27%	14,632
2764/161.	Street Trees	\$ 80,000	80,000					-	36,423			18,628	24,948	80,000	100%	-
3321	Purchase of 7 Hay Street	\$ 155,000	115,000	40,000							115,000			115,000	100%	-
		\$ 3,238,975	1,745,863	1,177,000	116,112	-	200,000	\$ 1,102,628	\$ 317,903					\$ 1,589,475	49%	470,326
	<b>Fifield</b>															
	Unallocated	\$ 100,000	100,000					-	-					-	0%	100,000
		\$ 100,000	100,000	-	-	-	-	\$ -	\$ -					\$ -	0%	100,000
	<b>Lake Cargelligo</b>															
2469	Entry Signs	\$ 50,000	50,000					52,044	-					52,044	104%	-
2858	Foster St Beautification	\$ 303,000	200,000		103,000			-	38,882	8,777	7,765		-	55,423	18%	144,577
2505	Adventure Playground	\$ 200,000	200,000					203,269	-					203,269	102%	-
2285	Sportsground Upgrade	\$ 150,000	150,000					35,904	125,945					161,849	108%	-
2434	Sportsground Irrigation	\$ 105,076	100,000		5,076			-	106,985					106,985	102%	-
		\$ 808,076	700,000	-	108,076	-	-	\$ 291,218	\$ 271,812					\$ 579,571	72%	144,577
	<b>Tullibigeal</b>															
2774	Recreation Ground Lighting	\$ 280,330	112,500				\$ 180,330	-	-					292,748	104	-
2772	Exercise Equipment	\$ 55,000	48,080					-	-	48,080	292,748			48,080	100	-
	Tullibigeal Co-Op Improvements	\$ 10,000	10,000							10,000				10,000	100	-
	Tullibigeal Hall - Air Conditioning April 23	\$ 28,400	16,392				\$ 12,008 Community Building Partnership	-	-					-	0%	16,392
	Unallocated	\$ 35,000	13,028					-	-					-	0%	13,028
		\$ 408,730	200,000	-	-	-	192,338	\$ -	\$ -					\$ 350,828	86%	29,420
	<b>Tottenham</b>															
2135	Swimming Pool Replace Amenities	\$ 621,000	189,550		100,000	150,000	181,450	168,073	613,904					781,977	126%	-
	Tottenham Community Tent	\$ 2,499	2,499					-	2,499						100%	-
2775	Tottenham Racecourse upgrade	\$ 7,951	7,951					-	-	7,951				7,951	100%	-
		\$ 631,450	200,000	-	100,000	150,000	181,450	\$ 168,073	\$ 616,403					\$ 789,928	125%	-
	<b>TOTALS</b>	\$ 5,437,231	3,145,863	1,227,000	324,188	150,000	573,788	1,561,919	1,206,117			33,127	24,948	3,309,801	61%	930,686



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## WATER METER POLICY

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## 1. BACKGROUND

This policy outlines the responsibilities that Lachlan Shire Council (Council) and Property Owners have for the installation, maintenance and management of water meters.

Each individual property connected to Council's reticulated potable and treated water supplies, will be metered such that water demand can be measured, managed and be relied upon as a justifiable basis for water supply charges.

## 2. SCOPE

Council is responsible for the installation, maintenance, measuring of supply, and arranging accuracy testing of water meters. The water meter is the property of Council and it is the final point of Council's responsibility along the water service line. It is the property owner's responsibility to ensure the water meter is not wilfully damaged or tampered with, and to keep the area around the water meter clear from obstructions for accessibility.

Water meters measure the amount of water used. This measurement helps to accurately charge customers for the water they have used (consumed). It also helps customers to gauge their own water use.

All premises connected to Council's potable water or treated water supplies, should be fitted with their own individual water meter. Council will supply the most appropriate size of meter for each property. Residential properties will be fitted with 20mm meters, while non-residential applications may apply for larger sized installations of which will be assessed by Council.

## 3. OBJECTIVE

The purpose of this policy is to:

- Ensure water meters are functioning within standards to facilitate the correct billing of consumption to customers,
- Clearly define the responsibilities of Council and the property owner with regards to the installation, maintenance and management of water meters,
- Reference the standards for water meter installations in accordance with applicable legislation, regulations, codes and standards.
- Identify the conditions that need to be met for a water meter to be replaced or tested for accuracy.

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#### 4. DEFINITION/S

<i>Alteration</i>	the relocation, or raising/lowering of a water meter, or change of
connection size	
<i>Consumption</i>	the registered usage of water measured by the water meter
<i>Council</i>	Lachlan Shire Council
<i>Reticulation</i>	a network of pipes delivering water to the customer
<i>The property owner/customer</i>	the owner of the subject property and does not include tenants
<i>Water supply</i>	reticulated potable or treated water; does not include raw water
supplies	

#### 5. POLICY IN BRIEF

This policy will cover the:

- Meter Installation
- Alterations
- Meter Access
- Meter Replacement
- Meter Damage
- Meter Accuracy and Meter Testing

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## 6. POLICY IN DETAIL

### 6.1 Meter Installation

Council is responsible to supply and fit a water meter assembly when installing a new connection or reconnection to Council's water supply; the cost of the meter assembly and installation is borne by the property owner as outlined in Council's Fees and Charges.

The size of the connection (and thus the size of the meter) is determined by Council, with reference to guidelines in AS/NZS 3500.1 and New South Wales Code of Practice - Plumbing and Drainage. Only water meters conforming to AS3565 or having achieved patented approval under the relevant code are to be used in Council's water service connections. In duplexes, flats/ units or strata titled properties, there may be one master meter with subtract meters servicing each of the dwellings. This is the only circumstance where subtract meters will be considered.

The subject property must meet the following conditions to be eligible for a water connection:

- The property must be situated within 225m of a water main,
- The property must have a water main adjacent to the property boundary (either directly or parallel across the street)

The water service is to be installed at a 90 degree angle from the water main and be located in a position determined by Council in accordance with existing cross road conduits, mains tapings, and the like. The water meter should be located towards the front of the property, near the left or right boundary, and within one meter of the boundary. All meters are to be installed above ground, with a minimum of 300mm clearance around each meter. In cases where the Director of Infrastructure Services determines that an above ground meter will adversely impact on the adequate function of a driveway, formed walkway, gate, fence line or other such immovable structure, the meter may be placed in a pit.

Where Council's Director of Infrastructure Services determines that it is not financially practical to install a water meter, the property owner will be subject to a non-metered charge in accordance with Council's Fees and Charges.

Domestic dwellings are to be serviced by one size water meter only, with that connection being a 20mm water connection. Non-residential applications may apply for larger sized and/or multiple water connections; however, this will be reviewed by Council to provide a determination.

Council's maintenance responsibility of a water service ceases at the outlet of a water meter or the outlet of a backflow prevention device that has been fitted to a water meter by Council staff.

### 6.2 Alteration

Any alteration to the water service connection from, and including, the water meter back to the water main, is the responsibility of Council. The water service connection and its components (water meter, ball valve, and fittings) always remain the property of Council.

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Council may consider a written request to alter the location or size of a water service connection and if approved the cost of the works will be met by the property owner in advance.

Any alteration to the water service on the property owner's side of the water meter is the responsibility of the property owner.

It is an offence under Section 636 of Local Government Act, 1993 to tamper or interfere with the normal operation of water meters.

### 6.3 Meter Access

Meters are read by authorised contractors and/or Council employees every four months, with accounts being issued shortly after the meter reading is taken. The reading taken from the meter forms the basis for determining the water usage charges for each metered property.

If a meter cannot be accessed because of locked gates, fences, dogs or other obstructions, Council may estimate the consumption for these properties based on the average consumption of the previous three (3) billing periods or equivalent seasonal billing periods. If a meter remains inaccessible, the property owner will need to make arrangements to provide access to the meter or to enable the actual meter readings to be obtained. Should any costs be associated with this, it will be at the property owner's expense.

### 6.4 Meter Replacement

Council has a meter replacement program for 20mm meters where they are replaced once they reach their economic life, which is 15 years, or once having reached the maximum reading on the dial, whichever comes first.

Council will also arrange to replace a meter if it is found to be defective (eg. stopped registering), damaged, unreadable or if it can no longer be reasonably maintained.

Meter replacements and maintenance may only be conducted by a Council employee. The water supply may be disconnected for a few minutes whilst this work is completed.

### 6.5 Meter Damage

The property owner will be responsible for the cost to repair or replace a damaged water meter, unless the damage is the direct result of Council workmanship.

If a meter has been stolen from a property or has sustained damage that will impede the function of the meter, the property owner is required to inform Council immediately. Council will install a new meter and you will be required to pay the relevant fee for the new meter.

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## 6.6 Meter Accuracy and Meter Testing

The property owner can request that the water meter at their property be tested, if it is considered that it is not accurately recording the amount of water used on the property. Upon application and payment for a meter test, Council will remove the meter and install a new meter.

The removed meter will be sent to an independent National Association of Testing Authorities (NATA) laboratory using an accredited procedure to test the meter's accuracy. Council will advise of the test results and make a written report available on request.

In accordance with the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 – Regulation 158, a meter registering within + or – 4% is deemed to be correctly measuring the quantity of water passing through it. Council will refund the Meter Test fee if the meter is found to be faulty by registering greater than +4% accuracy. Additionally, Council will also adjust the associated water account due to the account being overcharged – refer to Council's Undetected Water Leak and Faulty Water Meter Policy. If the meter is found to be slow or under-registering, customers will not be back-charged for the additional water used.

## 7. RELATED DOCUMENTS

Related LSC policies include:

- Undetected Water Leak and Faulty Water Meter Policy

Related Legislation includes:

- Local Government Act 1993
- Local Government (General) Regulation 2005
- Water Act 2000
- AS/NZS 3500.1:2021 Plumbing and Drainage Water Services
- AS 3500.1.2:1998 National Plumbing and Drainage – (Water Supply) Section 5.3 (reference to proximity to other services (i.e. electrical cables, gas pipelines))
- AS 3565.4-2007 Meters for Water Supply – Cold water meters

Nothing in this policy limits any applicable legislation.

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GENERAL MANAGER

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## NATURE STRIPS: MOWING, PLANTING AND LANDSCAPING POLICY

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## 1. BACKGROUND

Nature strips are public land and not part of residential property, however it is well recognised that a shared maintenance approach between Council and the community provides the maximum opportunity for individual and town wide benefits.

Where this relationship exists, the nature strip can perform its essential role as a conduit of services and make a highly valuable contribution to the street character, which in turn can lead to higher individual property value and sustainability benefits.

While many aspects of nature strip maintenance is the responsibility of Council, it is accepted practice that the adjacent landholder or resident is responsible for some maintenance and for ensuring that any landscaping development is safe and appropriate.

For example, the landholder is expected to ensure that trees and shrubs growing on private land do not impede access to the nature strip or the footpath. Likewise, residents who wish to landscape their nature strip may do so but only in a way that provides for safe access and use by the public.

## 2. SCOPE

This policy applies to all Council owned and/or controlled nature strips within the Lachlan Shire LGA.

Council has had a long-standing practice of relying on residents and businesses to maintain those grassed nature strips adjoining their property. This policy restates this practice identifying the importance of community involvement and cooperation.

This policy does not extend to the mowing of grass or landscaping on private property; which is the responsibility of the owner or occupier of the property.

## 3. DEFINITION/S

**Nature strip:** means any Council owned and/or controlled land located between a constructed road and a parcel of private property (that is, the street verge) but does not include land reserves for a public purpose or bushland. It is generally that portion of the street verge that is grassed and may contain street trees.

## 4. POLICY

### 4.1 Principles

Lachlan Shire Council is committed to ensuring that the streetscapes are maintained in partnership with the residents of Lachlan Shire. Nature strips contribute significantly to the streetscape and visual amenity of local neighbourhoods. Council aims to maintain an overall consistency and appearance of nature strips.

Council maintains the street trees but relies on residents to maintain the grass. Council also relies on residents to keep garden plants within their property or along the fence line trimmed to ensure it does not obstruct pedestrian access on the footpath or nature strip and doesn't interfere with cyclist or motorist sightlines.

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It is Council's responsibility to ensure that members of the public are safe and not caused injury wherever possible while they are on Council owned footpaths and nature strips.

To ensure safety and amenity the following general principles apply:

- Narrow strip gardens between the footpath and the fence line can be paved, turfed or planted with small, low-growing, soft-foliaged plants which must be trimmed back away from the footpath.
- The footpath area, either formed concrete/asphalt pathway or unformed grass verge must be maintained with sufficient clearance (generally 1.2 – 1.5 metres wide) to allow pedestrian to walk along comfortably
- Wide grass verges generally with street trees must be free of obstructions that interfere with a pedestrian walking on the nature strip or a driver and/or passenger using the roadway or driveway.

#### 4.2 Mowing of nature strips

##### 4.2.1 Areas that Council will mow and maintain

Council undertakes to maintain the nature strips or verge areas that meet any or all of the following criteria:

- Adjacent to Council community facilities.
- Adjacent to parks and reserves.
- Nature strips where the resident or owner of the property is unable physically and financially to undertake the work themselves and has made application to Council and had it approved for Council to maintain the area.

Council, at its discretion may maintain other nature strips.

##### 4.2.2 Areas to be mowed by owners/residents

Council generally relies on the community spirit of its residents to help maintain the local amenity of their neighbourhoods by mowing the grassed nature strips adjoining their properties.

All areas not maintained by Council are expected to be maintained by the owners and/or residents of the adjoining private property. Grassed nature strips are expected to be mowed regularly by residents or property owners and kept neat and tidy such that they provide a safe environment and contribute to the general appearance of the streetscape.

It is recognised that some residents may appoint a contractor to undertake this work for them. It is considered reasonable that the nature strip mowing would be carried out in conjunction with the mowing of the private property. Nature strips will generally not be mowed by Council if other lawns on the private property are being maintained by the resident or a contractor on behalf of the resident.

##### 4.2.3 Eligibility criteria for Nature Strip Mowing Service adjacent to private property

Council provides a nature strip mowing service in circumstances where residents, due to health or financial reasons, are unable to mow the nature strip adjoining their residence, to ensure that Lachlan Shire grassed nature strips and streetscape amenity is maintained.

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Only where residents meet certain criteria will the nature strip mowing service be provided by Council.

The nature strip mowing service is not an entitlement program. At all times the mowing service will only be provided subject to availability of funding.

- Be a permanent resident of Lachlan Shire, and occupy the property which is the subject of the nature strip mowing service application; and
- Be receiving or be assessed as eligible to receive home care services such as Meals on Wheels, Gardening Service, or have a disability or other medical condition which makes it impossible for that person to mow their nature strip; and
- Be the holder of a current Pensioner Concession Card issued by the Commonwealth Government or in receipt of a Service Pension; or some other type of income substitution resulting from a physical disability that restricts a person from mowing their nature strip e.g. worker's compensation or income protection benefit; and
- Have no other members of the household who are able to mow the nature strip.

Council reserves the right to take special conditions into consideration, other than those listed above.

#### 4.2.4 Mowing Service schedule

The nature strip mowing service does not provide a guaranteed mowing frequency and site visits under this Policy will generally be no more than 6 times a year, or at Council's discretion.

Council will clean grass clippings from the footpath, driveway and gutter that results from works carried out in the maintenance of the nature strips. No other rubbish, debris or green waste will be cleaned up and/or removed from the nature strip or private property at the time of mowing.

#### 4.2.5 Approval process for Nature Strip Mowing Service

Applicants requesting this nature strip mowing service must fill in the relevant application form.

Once the application has been assessed, residents who meet the eligibility criteria will be entered on Council's nature strip mowing list.

All recipients of the service are reviewed annually and may have to re apply at Council's discretion.

The Council reserves the right to remove any person from the nature strip mowing list at any time with two weeks written notice, if any of the following occur:

- The person sells or otherwise transfers their interest in the property, and/or ceases to occupy the property.
- The circumstances of the owner / occupier of the property change dramatically, such that the person no longer meets the eligibility criteria stated in this policy.
- The person fails to report any changes in their circumstances, which could make them ineligible for inclusion on the nature strip mowing list.
- Council deems that the person no longer meets the eligibility criteria stated in this policy.

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### 4.3 Gardens and vegetation on nature strips

#### 4.3.1 Existing gardens on nature strips

The nature strip must not be landscaped to look like private land and/or used for a private purpose.

Garden plants on nature strips must be kept in a safe, clean, healthy and attractive condition. Understorey plants must be kept to a maximum height of 1 metre and maintained so as not to obstruct pedestrian, cyclist or vehicular traffic.

#### 4.3.2 Replacing grass with garden plants on nature strip

A resident wishing to replace the grass with low maintenance plantings or garden areas must apply in writing to Council for approval prior to undertaking any works. Any proposal must comply with the following essential terms:

- The area to be improved must not be used for any purpose other than the landscaping of the nature strip, to enhance the existing streetscape aspect of the area. There must not be any alienation of public land for a private purpose.
- The landscape works must not represent an obstacle or an obstruction of any nature to the adjoining property owner(s) and/or users of the road or nature strip, including pedestrian access, kerb side parking and cyclists.
- The current topography of the nature strip must not be altered and no garden beds or retaining structures may be erected.
- All vegetation to be planted on the nature strip must be approved by Council and the garden must grow no higher than 1 metre.

If Council gives approval for the conversion, Council will not contribute financially to the cost of the work or its ongoing maintenance, regardless of any change of ownership/ occupancy of the adjoining property.

### 4.4 Street Trees

All street tree planting will be carried out by Council in accordance with Council's Tree Management Plan.

## 5. RELATED DOCUMENTS

- Local Government Act 1993
- Local Government (General) Regulation 2005

Nothing in this policy limits any applicable legislation.

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<b>Important Information</b>	Council provides a Nature Strip Mowing Service for those residents who are unable to maintain the nature strip to meet eligibility requirements. Please complete this form to enable Council to determine your eligibility for placement on the Nature Strip Mowing List.		
<b>Details of Applicant</b>	Name: ..... Address: ..... ..... Phone: ..... Email: .....		
<b>Resident Status</b>	1. Do you live at this address permanently?	Yes	No
<b>Home care eligibility or disability / mobility / health status</b>	2a. Do you currently receive any home care services, Yes No Eg. Meals on Wheels, Linen Service, Easy Care Gardening Service? If Yes, provide further information: ..... 2b. If no, do you have a physical disability or mobility problem? Yes No If Yes, what type: ..... 2c. Does your health prohibit you from mowing the nature strip? Yes No If Yes, please attach medical certificate.		
<b>No mowing by others</b>	3. Do you have family who can assist you with mowing? Yes No 4. Do you have a lawn within your property? Yes No 5. Who currently mows the lawn within your property? ..... 6. Who has been mowing your nature strip up until now? .....		

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<b>Area requested to be mown</b>	<p>7. How large is the area of nature strip that requires mowing? (approx. dimensions in metres)</p> <p>Front Nature Strip .....</p> <p>Side Nature Strip (if corner block) .....</p> <p>Rear Lane (if applicable) .....</p>																												
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The following criteria will be considered in assessing a person's eligibility for inclusion on the Nature Strip Mowing List. Council reserves the right to take special conditions into consideration, other than those listed.

- Be a permanent resident of Lachlan Shire, and occupy the property which is the subject of the nature strip mowing service application; and
- Be receiving or be assessed as eligible to receive home care services such as Meals on Wheels, Gardening Service, or have a disability or other medical condition which makes it impossible for that person to mow their nature strip; and
- Be the holder of a current Pensioner Concession Card issued by the Commonwealth Government or in receipt of a Service Pension; or some other type of income substitution resulting from a physical disability that restricts a person from mowing their nature strip e.g. worker's compensation or income protection benefit; and
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#### 1 Background

This policy has been developed to provide clear and transparent direction regarding the management of all trees that are the responsibility of Lachlan Shire Council (LSC).

#### 2 Objectives

Council's objectives are as follows:

1. To maximise the benefits of township trees through tree protection and renewal.
2. To plant more trees to fill in the vacant tree spaces to broaden their overall benefits such as shade.
3. To manage the public urban tree population using best practice tree management principles.

#### 3 Scope

This Policy refers applies to all public trees that occur on Council managed land within our townships such as street and park trees.

Trees excluded from the policy are:

- Trees on private property
- Roadsides with speed limits over 80km/hr
- Bushland reserves
- Shrubs and grasses

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Council is committed to managing its trees in line with relevant legislative requirements, strategic policies and industry best practice tree care methods. Any operation that is known to be detrimental to long-term tree health will not be accepted. To meet these commitments, Council undertakes the following:

##### 4.1 Tree Planting

LSC will carry out annual tree planting in nature strips, parks and reserves and other Council managed land to increase shade and amenity within our townships.

Tree Species will be selected by Council staff planting based on their function and suitability for each site.

LSC will not plant tree species that are declared noxious weeds as listed in the Noxious Weeds Act 1993 or environmental or invasive weeds species as declared in our Weeds Policy.

All newly planted tree will be given 2 years of establishment care.

##### 4.2 Tree Maintenance and Pruning

LSC will provide adequate resources to carry out tree maintenance in streets, parks and reserves and other Council managed land to appropriately manage risk as follows:

- Tree maintenance and pruning works will be undertaken on an as needs basis depending on the request, as required to protect, enhance and preserve existing trees and public space to a high standard while minimising known risks
- The principles of integrated pest and disease management (IPDM) will be adopted for pest and disease management with a focus on problem prevention through appropriate tree selection, planting and tree maintenance.

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#### 4.3 Tree Root Management

LSC will consider a range of strategies, such as species selection and site assessment, infrastructure design solutions, root pruning and barrier placement, to avoid or manage tree root conflicts with infrastructure.

#### 4.4 Tree Removal

LSC will manage and monitor all public trees throughout their lifecycle and remove and replace them as required. Tree removal will only be authorised when no other viable options are available.

Public trees may not be removed unless approved by a LSC Urban Works Staff in accordance with the tree removal criteria stipulated in LSC's Tree Management Guidelines.

#### 4.5 Tree Protection

Council managed trees, their stems, roots and crown, shall always be protected from construction works, events, development and other activities, reducing where possible the negative impacts that threaten tree condition, health, safety and/or amenity.

#### 4.6 Assessments

LSC will use an industry wide accepted methodology for assessing trees and their risk.

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#### 5 Associated legislation

##### Applicable Legislation and Government policy

1. Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)
2. Commonwealth Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999
3. Electricity Supply Act 1995
4. The Roads Act 1993
5. Rural Fires Act 1997
6. Local Land Services Act 2013
7. Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979
  - a. State Environmental Planning Policy (Vegetation in Non-Rural Areas) 2017
  - b. *State Environmental Planning Policy – Infrastructure 2007*
8. Biosecurity Act 2015
9. Biodiversity Conservation Act 2017

##### Australian Standards (Standards Australia)

- AS 4373-2007 Australian Standard - Pruning of amenity trees.
- AS 4970-2009 Australian Standard - Protection of trees on development sites. Provides tree protection distances and tree protection guidelines.
- AS 4419:2018 Australian Standard. Soils for landscaping and garden use.
- AS 4454-2012 Australian Standard. Composts, soil conditioners and mulches.
- AS 2303-2015 Australian Standard. Tree stock for landscape use.
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#### 6 Definitions

**DBH** Trunk diameter at breast height. Measured vertically at 1.4m from ground level.

**Exotic tree:** An introduced, alien, exotic, non-indigenous, or non-native species, or simply an introduction, is a species living outside its native distributional range

**Noxious weed** means; (a) a State prohibited weed; (b) a regionally prohibited weed; (c) a regionally controlled weed; or (d) a restricted weed.

**Public tree:** defined as any tree which has any part of its trunk growing from Council managed land.

**Risk** The combination of the likelihood of an event and the severity of the potential consequences. In the context of trees, risk is the likelihood of a conflict or tree failure occurring and affecting a target and the severity of the associated consequences.

**Street tree:** specifically refers to trees planted within a road reserve.

**TPZ** Tree Protection Zone. A TPZ is measured by multiplying the DBH by 12.

**Tree:** A tree is defined as a long lived woody perennial plant with one or relatively few main stems with the potential to grow to a height greater than 3 metres

**Tree failure:** structural failure or breakage of a tree trunk, branch or root. A tree failure does not include the death of a tree that is still intact and standing, nor a tree that has been or will be removed due to its probability of failure.

**ULE** Useful life expectancy which is the length of time a tree remains useful in the landscape before it is likely to require removal due to old age, inadequate space, poor health, poor structure or inappropriate species for the location.

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#### 8 Review

LSC may review this policy at any time but unless otherwise requested will be reviewed at least every four years from date of adoption. Minor amendments to the policy may be authorised by the General Manager or Director of Infrastructure at any time where such changes do not alter the substance of the policy, e.g. typographical errors, a change to the name of a related policy, or a change to the name of legislation.

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## Overview

Lachlan Shire Council acknowledges the important contribution of trees in the townships and villages. They provide much needed shade and urban character to parks and streetscapes as well as providing habitat for local wildlife. In recognition of this, Council is committed to managing all public township trees using an equitable asset management approach.

## Purpose

These tree management guidelines provide a formal and documented framework in which to make decisions on public urban tree management in the Lachlan Shire. They are to be used to inform and provide guidance on everyday processes, planning and decision making that involves public township trees.

## Objectives

1. To maximise the benefits of township trees through tree protection and renewal.
2. To plant more trees to fill in the vacant tree spaces to broaden their overall benefits such as shade.
3. To manage the public urban tree population using best practice tree management principles.

## Scope

These guidelines apply to the management of all public street and park trees managed by Council in each of the following townships and villages:

1. Condobolin
2. Lake Cargelligo
3. Tottenham
4. Albert
5. Burcher
6. Tullibigeal
7. Fifield
8. Derriwong

Tree management includes tree protection, tree removal, tree planting, species selection, data and tree maintenance.

Private trees and on those on rural roads are not included within the scope of these guidelines.



## 1. Tree Protection

Healthy well-structured trees make an enormous contribution to township character. To retain this character, it is important to have a robust tree protection process. Lachlan Shire commits to ensuring that healthy, viable public trees will be protected from encroachment of development or construction works using Australian Standard *AS 4970-2009 - Protection of trees on development sites. (Reconfirmed 2020)*.

Trees will only be removed if works cannot satisfactorily retain the tree as determined by Council's Urban Works staff.

A tree protection zone (TPZ) will be stipulated for:

- all Development Applications in their conditions of consent where the tree is within or likely to be impacted from the development work and
- all Council construction works that may impact on a street or park tree.

### 1.1. Tree Protection Zones

The TPZ for individual trees will be determined on a case-by-case basis depending on the space available.

As a guide, optimum TPZ's are calculated by multiplying the DBH, measured at 1.4m above ground level, by 12. The TPZ distance is measured as a radius from the centre of the stem at ground level.

The TPZ will be a restricted area delineated by sturdy fencing, as specified in AS 4970, which will isolate the tree from disturbance so that it remains viable. The TPZ will be established prior to the commencement of any works and checked by Council's Urban Works staff.

The following activities are not permitted within the TPZ:

- Mechanical excavation including trenching
- Stockpiling of building materials or debris
- Vehicular traffic, parking or any crossovers
- Preparation of chemicals, including preparation of cement products or movement of fuel
- Wash down and cleaning of equipment
- Severing of roots greater than 50mm
- Damage to the trunk or canopy of the tree

### 1.2. Root pruning and root barriers

Given roots are vital for trees to uptake water and nutrients and provide stability for the tree in the ground, root pruning is discouraged where possible.

However, in instances where roots are causing damage to footpaths, kerb and channel or road surfaces Council will prioritise the retention of healthy viable trees by combining an appropriate set of measures including root pruning, redesigning or repairing kerb and channel/footpath and or the installation of a root barrier. The conflicting requirements of trees and infrastructure will be

minimised where possible to maintain public safety and contain tree root growth where necessary to prevent damage to property, roads and pavements.

Root pruning of Council managed trees will always be undertaken in accordance with AS 4373 and AS 4970 to ensure the health, stability, and longevity of the tree.

Any tree root over 50mm that requires cutting, should be inspected by Council's Urban Works staff and be done using clean sharp equipment to minimise wound damage.

## 2. Tree Assessments

When a tree request is made, we are required to inspect and assess the tree to determine the appropriate course of action, whether that be maintenance, canopy or root pruning, removal, or watch and monitor.

Trees will be assessed using an industry wide accepted methodology to determine the level of risk or impact made by the tree. Industry guidelines, "[Managing Risks by Arboriculture Australia](#)" will support our decision making.

Council will then follow the protocols to ensure an evidence-based decision is made that minimises risk and maintains safety.

## 3. Tree Removal

All trees at some point will require removal, whether due to old age, ill health, for construction and development or having been assessed as inappropriate for its location. Lachlan Shire commits to assessing public tree removals using a risk management and public safety approach, while ensuring our key objectives are still being met.

As a result, tree removal requests will be assessed against Council's Tree Removal criteria as set within the Tree Management Policy. Trees will only be removed if no other viable option exists.

Public trees may not be removed unless approved by a LSC Urban Works Staff in accordance with the tree removal criteria.

Public trees will not be removed for the following reasons:

- If the tree is healthy, structurally sound and has a viable future
- For solar access for PV's
- To reduce leaf litter or fruit drop, unless it clearly causes significant public safety risks
- To improve views or advertised signage
- To deter animal, bird or insect inhabitants
- For personal aesthetic preference
- If the tree conflict can be managed without tree removal e.g., footpath grounding.

Trees may be considered for removal for the following reasons:

- The tree poses a safety risk as determined by Council's Urban Works staff

- If the tree is dead or dying
- If no other option for retention exists for development or construction removals
- The tree is a weed or biosecurity risk
- The tree has a low useful life expectancy and is part of a whole street upgrade where new street trees will be planted.

Any significant or high-profile tree removal requests will require formal Councillor approval.

If a tree is approved for removal, the requestor will be notified and the works scheduled.

## 2.1 Tree Renewal

Trees that have been removed should be replaced where feasible within two (2) years of removal.

## 4. Tree Planting

The long-term health and viability of a street or park tree starts with making sure each and every tree is planted properly. This also ensures that any investment made in tree planting is not lost when trees die or fail shortly after planting. Lachlan Shire commits to this by ensuring the right species are selected, quality stock is purchased, adequate establishment care is given and that each tree is provided ongoing maintenance.

Tree Planting in our townships will be conducted when resources and budgets allows and be guided by the following:

- The Street tree Masterplans developed for Condobolin, Lake Cargelligo and Tottenham
- Higher priority areas to be targeted for tree planting include township entryways, main streets and shopping areas, parks that have low levels of tree shade
- Trees will be planted in locations that minimise their impact or conflict with under and above ground utilities and services
- Annually, planting locations will be concentrated in proximity to each other so as to streamline the movement of staff and trucks during the establishment care phase
- Utilisation of species that are proven or have potential to be viable in each individual township and that align with township character
- Stake trees according to the below diagram only where needed. Trees will grow stronger roots and trunks if they are not staked.
- Where required, tree guards will be installed to decrease the rate of vandalism
- Where required, soil conditions may be improved for water holding capacity and nutrient levels
- Where the location allows, trees will be mulched

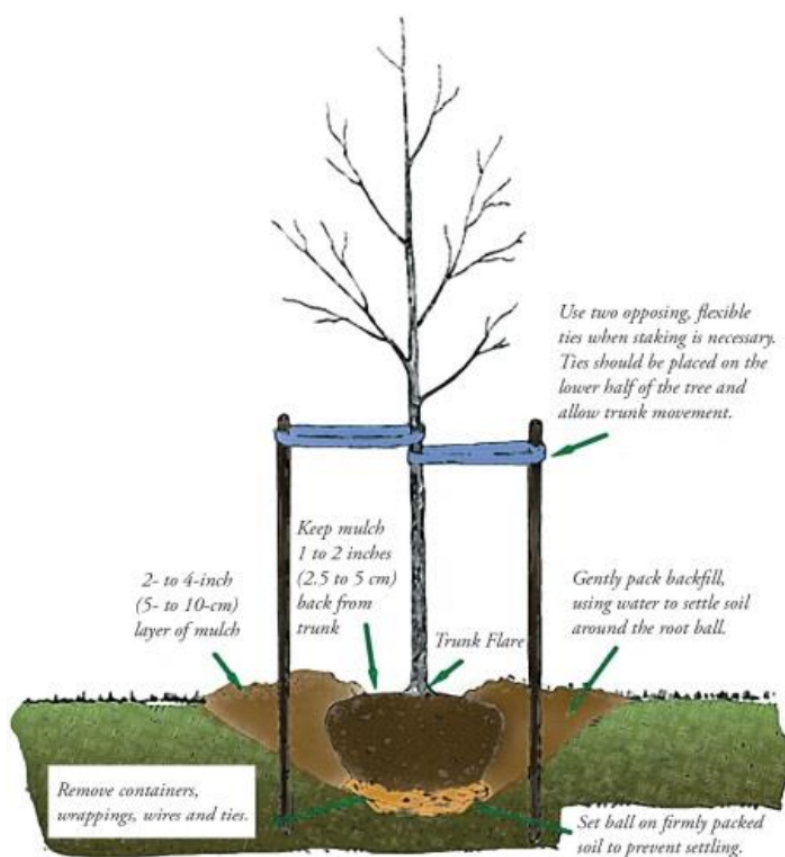


Image 1: Best practice tree planting method. Source: Arboriculture Australia, 2023.

#### 4.1. Stock procurement

To help with ensuring that quality stock is planted, Council will:

- Pre-order stock from a reputable supplier in advance when feasible so as to guarantee desired species and stock numbers
- When stock is delivered to Council, the Urban Works staff will inspect a sample to ensure stock is suitable for planting, is not root bound and structurally sound as per Australian Standard
- Poor tree stock will not be planted.

#### 4.2. Tree establishment

To maximise Council's investment in street and park tree planting, all newly planted trees will be given two (2) years of establishment care. This includes:

- Supplementary watering during spring, summer and autumn months when rainfall is not adequate to establish roots. The amount of watering will be determined by the tree management officer season by season. More watering will be required in the first few months post planting if rainfall is limited to establish the root systems.
- Removal of nursery stakes that are tied flush to the tree trunk
- Formative pruning just prior to coming off the establishment period. Formative tree pruning removes any potential weaknesses in the tree caused by crossing branches or any other parts that have grown in an unusual way. Selective branch removal greatly improves the structure and health of trees, creating a well-spaced canopy of branches and ensuring strong branch attachments. Resources include:
  - [TreeNet's Guide to Formative Pruning](#)
  - [Specialty Trees Guide to Formative Pruning](#)

### 4.3. Species

Given the harsh climatic conditions across Lachlan Shire, species selection is crucial to the long-term health and viability of any newly planted trees. Appropriate tree selection requires adequate site analysis of each planting site so that the planting site limitations are matched with the right tree for that site. Site criteria to consider for tree selection includes presence of power lines, building shade, requirements for pruning to allow vehicular and pedestrian movement, adaptability to waterlogged soils, tolerance of soil compaction and those that do not create onerous maintenance requirements. Other considerations include the species' longevity, pathogen and pest susceptibility and manageability, effect on community health and allergies, low flammability (particularly on the peri-urban fringes), the degree and quality of shade cast, maintenance requirements and extent of tree litter produced. There are also the considerations about the aesthetic qualities and seasonal variations that tree bring and how they can help define the landscape character of an area.

It is also important to understand that there is no one type of urban environment. The urban environment is a varied conglomeration of microclimates and heterogeneous soil conditions. Above ground or below ground site conditions can change dramatically within the space of a few metres.

Selected tree species should be available commercially, however, with some forward planning, other preferred species can be contract grown by nurseries to commercial quantities. The Lachlan Shire should coordinate with nurseries to enter contract growing agreements to ensure availability of the less commonly planted tree species.

#### **Base Selection Criteria for Urban Conditions**

Adaptability to urban conditions is a culmination of various plant tolerances that make a particular species or cultivar suited to planting in urban landscapes.

The 12 base criteria in order of importance are:

1. Drought tolerance

2. Heat tolerance
3. Availability
4. Longevity
5. Ability to form a canopy (generally taller than 6 metres)
6. Low flammability, including fibrous or ribbon bark
7. Low weed potential (self-seeding)
8. Pathogen and pest susceptibility and manageability
9. Potential as allergen
10. Maintenance required and ability to be pruned
11. Tree litter (particularly fruit)
12. General urban tolerances, particularly soil conditions and appropriate space

A logical five-step process for selecting the species or cultivar of tree to be planted is as follows:

1. Define the purpose of the tree in the landscape (residential or commercial street areas, shade, specimen plantings, etc)
2. Evaluate site conditions that will affect the selection (soil condition, size of planting site, presence of overhead power lines, etc.)
3. Consider arboricultural practices that can impact the tree (available resources to manage the tree)
4. Develop selection criteria based on purpose, site, and managerial impacts
5. Match characteristics of candidate trees to the criteria to identify suitable species and/or cultivars, leading to the final selection.

As part of our species selection process, Council will:

- Utilise the Lachlan Shire Tree Selection Species List that includes all possible species that are suited for planting in our townships
- Trial new species as and when appropriate
- Utilise species that enhance and contribute to a townships existing character.

## 5. Data

In order to make informed decisions regarding tree management, knowing the status of the tree assets and where the issues and opportunities lie is important. Tree data provides the basic building blocks for planning and program delivery decision making. Lachlan Shire will commit to building a tree asset database based on the following:

- Using GIS, all newly planted street and park trees will be captured annually on a new inventory. Data to be collected includes spatial location (x,y coordinates), species, street or park tree, date planted
- As and when staff capacity allows, significant trees and those in high profile locations e.g., along main streets, around playgrounds will also be catalogued. Data to be collected includes spatial location (x,y coordinates), species, age (juvenile, semi-mature, mature, over mature), useful life expectancy, street or park tree, any maintenance works required
- Once set up and when funding allows in the longer term, Council will seek to collect data on both reactive and proactive tree works where possible.



## 6. Tree Maintenance

Looking after the tree assets as they mature through life will extend their useful lives and maximise their benefits to the community. Council commit to maintaining all street and public trees in line with resourcing and budgetary levels and informed by best practice principles.

### 5.1 Trees under powerlines

- Essential Energy prune trees under powerlines to meet the Electrical Line Safety requirements.
- Council recognise that some trees under powerlines have been pruned to a level where their amenity and therefore community benefits are limited. Council will proactively seek opportunities to remove poorly pruned trees and replace with more appropriate species for underneath powerlines. This will reduce the need and therefore cost to continually prune.

### 5.2 Reactive Maintenance

- Council will continue to respond to customer requests for tree maintenance in a timely manner. This may be done by Council's urban works crew or outsourced to an external Contracting Arborist.
- Council will also undertake required tree maintenance works as needed e.g., after major weather events or required by internal works teams.

### 5.3 Proactive Works

- Council will conduct formative pruning on all newly planted trees at the end of the establishment period.
- The works crew will also identify risk while they are out in the field during their daily work.

### 5.4 Pruning

- Council recognise the benefits of cyclical pruning to maintain health and vigour within the tree population.
- All tree pruning on trees will be in accordance with *AS 4373 Pruning of amenity trees*.
- No more than 25% per cent of the total tree crown will be removed at any one time.
- Council will not prune trees for the following reasons:
  - For solar access
  - To reduce leaf, fruit and litter debris.
  - For causing minor allergenic and irritant responses.
  - To minimise obstructions of advertising signage and desired views.
  - To reduce the impact from any bird / bat / other animal waste or noise.
  - For personal aesthetic preference.



## Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program

## Lachlan Shire Council

## Phase 3

Nominal Funding Allocation: \$4,257,016

\$ 100,000						
	Approved Projects (Project Name in Approved Work Schedule)	Total Project Cost	Total LRCI Funding Required	Project Status	Total LRCI Funding as at 30 March 23	Project Update / comments (eg community feedback; events or public announcements made regarding the program)
1.	LED Street light replacement	\$ 495,000	\$ 495,000	Nearing completion	\$ 450,400	Only 45 lights remain. These will be replaced as local Essential Energy Resources become available.
2.	Officers Parade and Scott Street Condobolin Infrastructure works	\$ 3,196,054	\$ 1,816,000	On track to be completed by dec 2023	\$ 29,955	Materials ordered. Long lead times have delayed works. Physical works to commence May 2023.
3.	Fit out of Visitor Information Centre, Lachlan Shire Council Tourism Precinct	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	Finalising design concept & theme	\$ -	EOI for design concept & theme received. PO issued for preliminary designs
4.	Tottenham Recreation Ground goal posts	\$ 14,840	\$ 14,840	Complete	\$ 14,840	Complete
5.	Tottenham Caravan Park Enhancement	\$ 155,000	\$ 155,000	Works have commenced	\$ 81,609	Works have commenced fo solar lighting, site office installed, new patio slab installed, other works continuing
6.	Renovation of Council Administration Building	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000	Works are underway and due for completion june 2023	\$ 161,560	Works have commenced. Provision of new A.C, lighting, ceiling panels & comms cabinet. Internal wall lining has been provided, Int. painting and carpet underway
7.	Willow Bend Sports Centre renewal	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000	Modifying scope to ensure project with budget.	\$ 11,120	Initial quotes have been obtained, reducing in design scope to ensure project with budget. Significant delays have occurred due to availability of contractor and ensuring scope is within budget allocations. Awaiting revised quote from local builder.
8.	Lake Cargelligo Foreshore Shared path stage 4	\$ 55,000	\$ 55,000	To to commence in May	\$ -	
9.	Companion Animal Surrender Cages at Lake Cargelligo	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	Design finalised. Contractor appointed.	\$ 1,750	Design finalised. Contractor appointed. Awaiting for contractor to commence.
10	Condobolin Swimming Pool Leak Sealing	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	Design being finalised. Contractor appointment pending project approval.		Awaiting project approval.
11.	Condobolin River Walk - shared Path	\$ 233,975	\$ 65,000	Work programmed for April-May	\$ -	
12	SRA picket fencing and associated works	\$ 206,902	\$ 206,902	Suggested new project		seeking project approval.
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5,756,771</b>	<b>\$ 4,207,742</b>		<b>\$ 751,234</b>	

\$ 29,274 Potential underspend on LRCI phase 3 projects.



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Page 1: Lachlan Shire Asset Management Plans – Community Survey

**Q1**

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services and facilities in your local area, how satisfied are you with the quality of these assets?

Roads	Not at all satisfied1
Water and Sewer	Not at all satisfied1
Public Buildings	Not at all satisfied1
Parks and Sporting Grounds	Not at all satisfied1

**Q2**

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services, and facilities in your local area, how supportive would you be to pay more via rates and charges to receive better services?

Roads	Not at all supportive1
Water and Sewer	Not at all supportive1
Public Buildings	Not at all supportive1
Parks and Sporting Grounds	Not at all supportive1

**Q3**

What would you propose is the best method to reduce the funding shortfall? e.g. do nothing, reduce services, rely on government grants, continue to lobby the government for an increase in federal revenue

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**Q4**

Additional comments:

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### Q1

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services and facilities in your local area, how satisfied are you with the quality of these assets?

Roads	2
Water and Sewer	2
Public Buildings	2
Parks and Sporting Grounds	2

### Q2

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services, and facilities in your local area, how supportive would you be to pay more via rates and charges to receive better services?

Roads	2
Water and Sewer	2
Public Buildings	2
Parks and Sporting Grounds	2

### Q3

What would you propose is the best method to reduce the funding shortfall? e.g. do nothing, reduce services, rely on government grants, continue to lobby the government for an increase in federal revenue

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### Q4

Additional comments:

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#### Page 1: Lachlan Shire Asset Management Plans – Community Survey

##### Q1

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services and facilities in your local area, how satisfied are you with the quality of these assets?

Roads	2	
Water and Sewer	3	
Public Buildings	3	
Parks and Sporting Grounds	Very Satisfied	5

##### Q2

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services, and facilities in your local area, how supportive would you be to pay more via rates and charges to receive better services?

Roads	2
Water and Sewer	Not at all supportive1
Public Buildings	Not at all supportive1
Parks and Sporting Grounds	Not at all supportive1

##### Q3

What would you propose is the best method to reduce the funding shortfall? e.g. do nothing, reduce services, rely on government grants, continue to lobby the government for an increase in federal revenue

cut waste within the council operations.  
better budget forecasting and accountability for over runs.

##### Q4

Additional comments:

overall council seem to be doing ok but should look within for operational improvements.

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## Page 1: Lachlan Shire Asset Management Plans – Community Survey

## Q1

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services and facilities in your local area, how satisfied are you with the quality of these assets?

Roads	Not at all satisfied1
Water and Sewer	2
Public Buildings	3
Parks and Sporting Grounds	2

## Q2

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services, and facilities in your local area, how supportive would you be to pay more via rates and charges to receive better services?

Roads	Not at all supportive1
Water and Sewer	Not at all supportive1
Public Buildings	Not at all supportive1
Parks and Sporting Grounds	Not at all supportive1

## Q3

What would you propose is the best method to reduce the funding shortfall? e.g. do nothing, reduce services, rely on government grants, continue to lobby the government for an increase in federal revenue

Stop wasting money on frivolous activities (ie: tourist information centres built on flood plains) within the town limits & get back to basics. Condobolin's water & sewerage systems are vintage & major updates have not been done for decades. Roads & services for our community should be a priority. The shire & it's management need to remember that this area generates its income primarily from Agricultural production not tourism. Perhaps management should start supporting the local businesses & residents that pay your rates. Stop outsourcing everything out of the shire. As a rural rate payer I am not sure what we actually see for our rates - apart from wearing out our vehicles on crap roads. If council are serious about cutting costs how about staff be made to live locally & start driving cheaper vehicles not wearing out top of the range prados on the Parkes road on a daily basis.

## Q4

Additional comments:

Rather than cutting services to residents & rate payers perhaps council management & its staff need to look at reducing their own operating costs & expenses.

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## Page 1: Lachlan Shire Asset Management Plans – Community Survey

## Q1

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services and facilities in your local area, how satisfied are you with the quality of these assets?

Roads	Not at all satisfied1
Water and Sewer	3
Public Buildings	2
Parks and Sporting Grounds	3

## Q2

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services, and facilities in your local area, how supportive would you be to pay more via rates and charges to receive better services?

Roads	Not at all supportive1
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## Q3

What would you propose is the best method to reduce the funding shortfall? e.g. do nothing, reduce services, rely on government grants, continue to lobby the government for an increase in federal revenue

Reduce the number of staffing in the decision making rooms and get more staff on the ground to actually do the work.

## Q4

Respondent skipped this question

Additional comments:

#6

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## Page 1: Lachlan Shire Asset Management Plans – Community Survey

### Q1

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services and facilities in your local area, how satisfied are you with the quality of these assets?

Roads	2	
Water and Sewer	2	
Public Buildings	Very Satisfied	5
Parks and Sporting Grounds	Very Satisfied	5

### Q2

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services, and facilities in your local area, how supportive would you be to pay more via rates and charges to receive better services?

Roads	Not at all supportive1
Water and Sewer	Not at all supportive1
Public Buildings	Not at all supportive1
Parks and Sporting Grounds	Not at all supportive1

### Q3

What would you propose is the best method to reduce the funding shortfall? e.g. do nothing, reduce services, rely on government grants, continue to lobby the government for an increase in federal revenue

The answer is not increasing rates, the answer is running the Lachlan shire more efficiently. There is far too much expenditure that is unnecessary. How much does it cost rate payers for employees to work at the LSC when not actually living in this shire!! It's truly outrageous and then there's the matter of productivity, what is our tourism sector doing??? Not helping with events run by locals that's for sure, not advertising this fantastic asset we have. I will be very interested to see if the newly advertised positions are filled wisely.

### Q4

Additional comments:

It is so very frustrating trying to deal with the LSC with matters such as DA's and construction certificates. It beggars belief how slow and difficult the process is. How is the township going to develop and improve when prospective development is made so difficult



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## Page 1: Lachlan Shire Asset Management Plans – Community Survey

## Q1

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services and facilities in your local area, how satisfied are you with the quality of these assets?

Roads	Not at all satisfied1
Water and Sewer	3
Public Buildings	4
Parks and Sporting Grounds	4

## Q2

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services, and facilities in your local area, how supportive would you be to pay more via rates and charges to receive better services?

Roads	Not at all supportive1
Water and Sewer	Not at all supportive1
Public Buildings	Not at all supportive1
Parks and Sporting Grounds	Not at all supportive1

## Q3

What would you propose is the best method to reduce the funding shortfall? e.g. do nothing, reduce services, rely on government grants, continue to lobby the government for an increase in federal revenue

Stop the long held corrupt culture within council of receiving "facilitation payments". It is sending the council broke!!

## Q4

Additional comments:

We all know the council is broke and the reason it is broke is because past staff and councillors have been roting the system. Stop punishing the ratepayers for bad behaviour within the council itself. It's your problem not ours. Start by prosecuting those who have been roting the system and start getting some of that money back that way.

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**Q1**

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services and facilities in your local area, how satisfied are you with the quality of these assets?

Roads	3
Water and Sewer	3
Public Buildings	3
Parks and Sporting Grounds	4

**Q2**

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services, and facilities in your local area, how supportive would you be to pay more via rates and charges to receive better services?

Roads	3
Water and Sewer	3
Public Buildings	3
Parks and Sporting Grounds	3

**Q3**

Respondent skipped this question

What would you propose is the best method to reduce the funding shortfall? e.g. do nothing, reduce services, rely on government grants, continue to lobby the government for an increase in federal revenue

**Q4**

Respondent skipped this question

Additional comments:

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**Q1**

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services and facilities in your local area, how satisfied are you with the quality of these assets?

Roads	2
Water and Sewer	2
Public Buildings	2
Parks and Sporting Grounds	3

**Q2**

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services, and facilities in your local area, how supportive would you be to pay more via rates and charges to receive better services?

Roads	Not at all supportive1
Water and Sewer	Not at all supportive1
Public Buildings	2
Parks and Sporting Grounds	2

**Q3**

What would you propose is the best method to reduce the funding shortfall? e.g. do nothing, reduce services, rely on government grants, continue to lobby the government for an increase in federal revenue

Government Grant

**Q4**

Respondent skipped this question

Additional comments:

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### Q1

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services and facilities in your local area, how satisfied are you with the quality of these assets?

Roads	2
Water and Sewer	2
Public Buildings	2
Parks and Sporting Grounds	3

### Q2

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services, and facilities in your local area, how supportive would you be to pay more via rates and charges to receive better services?

Roads	3
Water and Sewer	3
Public Buildings	3
Parks and Sporting Grounds	2

### Q3

What would you propose is the best method to reduce the funding shortfall? e.g. do nothing, reduce services, rely on government grants, continue to lobby the government for an increase in federal revenue

Rely on gov grants and continue to lobby

### Q4

Respondent skipped this question

Additional comments:

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## Page 1: Lachlan Shire Asset Management Plans – Community Survey

## Q1

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services and facilities in your local area, how satisfied are you with the quality of these assets?

Roads	3
Water and Sewer	2
Public Buildings	4
Parks and Sporting Grounds	2

## Q2

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services, and facilities in your local area, how supportive would you be to pay more via rates and charges to receive better services?

Roads	Not at all supportive1
Water and Sewer	2
Public Buildings	Not at all supportive1
Parks and Sporting Grounds	3

## Q3

What would you propose is the best method to reduce the funding shortfall? e.g. do nothing, reduce services, rely on government grants, continue to lobby the government for an increase in federal revenue

Lobby for more revenue. Finding more efficient methods providing services

## Q4

Respondent skipped this question

Additional comments:

## #12

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## Page 1: Lachlan Shire Asset Management Plans – Community Survey

## Q1

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services and facilities in your local area, how satisfied are you with the quality of these assets?

Roads	2
Water and Sewer	2
Public Buildings	2
Parks and Sporting Grounds	Not at all satisfied1

## Q2

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services, and facilities in your local area, how supportive would you be to pay more via rates and charges to receive better services?

Roads	Not at all supportive1
Water and Sewer	Not at all supportive1
Public Buildings	Not at all supportive1
Parks and Sporting Grounds	Not at all supportive1

## Q3

What would you propose is the best method to reduce the funding shortfall? e.g. do nothing, reduce services, rely on government grants, continue to lobby the government for an increase in federal revenue

Provide out town with the same % of funding, staff and opportunities as other towns in the same shire ie Condobolin

THE PERSON

#### Q4

##### Additional comments:

How do we get sporting and community facilities like Condobolin!!!

I own a house in another area out of the Lachlan shire - 1200 sq meter block 3x1 tenanted at \$350 week, and i get extra to Lake Cargelligo - 1 green waste bin per week, 1 x 2 monthly kerbside pickup, actual footpaths that are safe to use, indoor leisure centre (basketball, netball, tennis and squash courts, Heated swimming pool gym, crèche, function centre and cafe )

Our rates are \$1600 a year the rates in Lake Cargelligo are absolute robbery nearly \$3000 for the same type of house!!!!  
No housing here, plenty of jobs because no one wants to live in a shit show that has nothing for the community !!!!

We attended Condo for the footy pup cup the other week and the grounds and facilities were great - but Lake Cargelligo is atrocious.

Our Showgrounds are covered in Khaki and no one does anything about it!!!

It should have been sprayed a month ago - I asked council about their weed control management plan and was told they would get back to me.....never heard a response!!!!

Honestly why doesn't council come out to Lake and advertise it with plenty of notice so the community members can have a forum!!!

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### Q1

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services and facilities in your local area, how satisfied are you with the quality of these assets?

Roads	3
Water and Sewer	Not at all satisfied1
Public Buildings	3
Parks and Sporting Grounds	3

### Q2

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services, and facilities in your local area, how supportive would you be to pay more via rates and charges to receive better services?

Roads	2
Water and Sewer	2
Public Buildings	2
Parks and Sporting Grounds	3

### Q3

What would you propose is the best method to reduce the funding shortfall? e.g. do nothing, reduce services, rely on government grants, continue to lobby the government for an increase in federal revenue

Lobby the government to invest in rural communities to make service's accessible in safe environments.

Invest in grant writers to apply for funding to better our communities. Give services or subsidies services to access council grant writers to apply for funding.

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DATE FOR SUBMIT

#### Q4

Additional comments:

In lake Cargelligo specifically regarding rate payers:

Rates keep being increased with little to no change in structures and services available to us. We already pay for nothing to change.

Every year I contact council in regards to the storm water drainage system which continues to widen due to erosion and lack of management. What will it take for council to do something about this? Maybe the erosion going underneath our homes and them falling down? Maybe a community member falling into the drains and getting hurt?

It is nice to see that something is finally being done with our Main Street but the lack of care and consideration to community safety is ridiculous. Can't council place traffic management when only 1 side of the main road is accessible?

These are only considerably small things when you see all the work and money that goes into Condobolin.

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### Q1

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services and facilities in your local area, how satisfied are you with the quality of these assets?

Roads	Not at all satisfied1
Water and Sewer	3
Public Buildings	Not at all satisfied1
Parks and Sporting Grounds	4

### Q2

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services, and facilities in your local area, how supportive would you be to pay more via rates and charges to receive better services?

Roads	Not at all supportive1
Water and Sewer	Not at all supportive1
Public Buildings	Not at all supportive1
Parks and Sporting Grounds	Not at all supportive1

### Q3

Respondent skipped this question

What would you propose is the best method to reduce the funding shortfall? e.g. do nothing, reduce services, rely on government grants, continue to lobby the government for an increase in federal revenue

### Q4

Respondent skipped this question

Additional comments:

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## Page 1: Lachlan Shire Asset Management Plans – Community Survey

**Q1**

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services and facilities in your local area, how satisfied are you with the quality of these assets?

Roads	2
Water and Sewer	3
Public Buildings	3
Parks and Sporting Grounds	Not at all satisfied1

**Q2**

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services, and facilities in your local area, how supportive would you be to pay more via rates and charges to receive better services?

Roads	4
Water and Sewer	2
Public Buildings	2
Parks and Sporting Grounds	4

**Q3**

What would you propose is the best method to reduce the funding shortfall? e.g. do nothing, reduce services, rely on government grants, continue to lobby the government for an increase in federal revenue

Rely on gov grants

**Q4**

Additional comments:

Stop spending all our money on Condo!!

#16

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## Page 1: Lachlan Shire Asset Management Plans – Community Survey

## Q1

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services and facilities in your local area, how satisfied are you with the quality of these assets?

Roads	Not at all satisfied1
Water and Sewer	Not at all satisfied1
Public Buildings	Not at all satisfied1
Parks and Sporting Grounds	Not at all satisfied1

## Q2

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services, and facilities in your local area, how supportive would you be to pay more via rates and charges to receive better services?

Roads	Not at all supportive1
Water and Sewer	Not at all supportive1
Public Buildings	Not at all supportive1
Parks and Sporting Grounds	Not at all supportive1

## Q3

What would you propose is the best method to reduce the funding shortfall? e.g. do nothing, reduce services, rely on government grants, continue to lobby the government for an increase in federal revenue

Rely on our local council to provide the same for Lake Cargelligo as it does for Condobolin

## Q4

Additional comments:

We at Lake Cargelligo could really benefit from more sporting grounds like the SRA ground at Condobolin- the canteen not just one but 2 canteens are absolutely amazing and with facilities like these it could really help and benefit our growing sporting events

#17

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Page 1: Lachlan Shire Asset Management Plans – Community Survey

### Q1

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services and facilities in your local area, how satisfied are you with the quality of these assets?

Roads	Not at all satisfied1
Water and Sewer	3
Public Buildings	Not at all satisfied1
Parks and Sporting Grounds	Not at all satisfied1

### Q2

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services, and facilities in your local area, how supportive would you be to pay more via rates and charges to receive better services?

Roads	2
Water and Sewer	3
Public Buildings	3
Parks and Sporting Grounds	Very supportive 5

### Q3

What would you propose is the best method to reduce the funding shortfall? e.g. do nothing, reduce services, rely on government grants, continue to lobby the government for an increase in federal revenue

Lobby the government, grants

### Q4

Respondent skipped this question

Additional comments:

#18

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## Page 1: Lachlan Shire Asset Management Plans – Community Survey

### Q1

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services and facilities in your local area, how satisfied are you with the quality of these assets?

Roads	2
Water and Sewer	4
Public Buildings	Very Satisfied 5
Parks and Sporting Grounds	2

### Q2

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services, and facilities in your local area, how supportive would you be to pay more via rates and charges to receive better services?

Roads	Not at all supportive1
Water and Sewer	Not at all supportive1
Public Buildings	Not at all supportive1
Parks and Sporting Grounds	3

### Q3

What would you propose is the best method to reduce the funding shortfall? e.g. do nothing, reduce services, rely on government grants, continue to lobby the government for an increase in federal revenue

Spend more money towards lake cargelligo rather than condo

### Q4

Additional comments:

Lake cargelligo need a scoreboard at the football ground. Atm its the worst scoreboard in the region easily. Also with a lake right beside it it should be the best ground by far. But instead its hard like your running on dirt. Went and played a trial game in condo there ground was soft and green why cant the same be put in here where the amount of people playing sport is way more than whats in condobolin

#19

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## Page 1: Lachlan Shire Asset Management Plans – Community Survey

## Q1

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services and facilities in your local area, how satisfied are you with the quality of these assets?

Roads	Not at all satisfied1
Water and Sewer	3
Public Buildings	3
Parks and Sporting Grounds	Not at all satisfied1

## Q2

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services, and facilities in your local area, how supportive would you be to pay more via rates and charges to receive better services?

Roads	Very supportive	5
Water and Sewer	Very supportive	5
Public Buildings	Very supportive	5
Parks and Sporting Grounds	Very supportive	5

## Q3

What would you propose is the best method to reduce the funding shortfall? e.g. do nothing, reduce services, rely on government grants, continue to lobby the government for an increase in federal revenue

Grants and lobby the government. The bush is falling further and further behind

## Q4

Additional comments:

Money needs to be spent elsewhere then Condo. The outlining towns are going backwards while Condos infrastructure is going ahead in leap and bounds.

You only need to look at the sporting facilities in Condo compared to outlining towns.

#20

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## Page 1: Lachlan Shire Asset Management Plans – Community Survey

## Q1

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services and facilities in your local area, how satisfied are you with the quality of these assets?

Roads	Not at all satisfied1
Water and Sewer	3
Public Buildings	2
Parks and Sporting Grounds	3

## Q2

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services, and facilities in your local area, how supportive would you be to pay more via rates and charges to receive better services?

Roads	Not at all supportive1
Water and Sewer	Not at all supportive1
Public Buildings	Not at all supportive1
Parks and Sporting Grounds	Not at all supportive1

## Q3

What would you propose is the best method to reduce the funding shortfall? e.g. do nothing, reduce services, rely on government grants, continue to lobby the government for an increase in federal revenue

More allocation of existing funds to Lake Cargelligo not Condobolin.

## Q4

Respondent skipped this question

Additional comments:



#21

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## Page 1: Lachlan Shire Asset Management Plans – Community Survey

## Q1

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services and facilities in your local area, how satisfied are you with the quality of these assets?

Roads	Not at all satisfied <sup>1</sup>
Water and Sewer	2
Public Buildings	3
Parks and Sporting Grounds	2

## Q2

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services, and facilities in your local area, how supportive would you be to pay more via rates and charges to receive better services?

Roads	Not at all supportive <sup>1</sup>
Water and Sewer	2
Public Buildings	2
Parks and Sporting Grounds	2

## Q3

Respondent skipped this question

What would you propose is the best method to reduce the funding shortfall? e.g. do nothing, reduce services, rely on government grants, continue to lobby the government for an increase in federal revenue

## Q4

Respondent skipped this question

Additional comments:

#22

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## Page 1: Lachlan Shire Asset Management Plans – Community Survey

## Q1

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services and facilities in your local area, how satisfied are you with the quality of these assets?

Roads	Not at all satisfied1
Water and Sewer	2
Public Buildings	Not at all satisfied1
Parks and Sporting Grounds	Not at all satisfied1

## Q2

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services, and facilities in your local area, how supportive would you be to pay more via rates and charges to receive better services?

Roads	3
Water and Sewer	3
Public Buildings	3
Parks and Sporting Grounds	3

## Q3

What would you propose is the best method to reduce the funding shortfall? e.g. do nothing, reduce services, rely on government grants, continue to lobby the government for an increase in federal revenue

Government grants, fund raising, more recreational facilities for kids/teens may help reduce the high crime rate

## Q4

Respondent skipped this question

Additional comments:

#23

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## Page 1: Lachlan Shire Asset Management Plans – Community Survey

## Q1

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services and facilities in your local area, how satisfied are you with the quality of these assets?

Roads	3
Water and Sewer	3
Public Buildings	2
Parks and Sporting Grounds	2

## Q2

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services, and facilities in your local area, how supportive would you be to pay more via rates and charges to receive better services?

Roads	3
Water and Sewer	Not at all supportive1
Public Buildings	4
Parks and Sporting Grounds	Very supportive 5

## Q3

Respondent skipped this question

What would you propose is the best method to reduce the funding shortfall? e.g. do nothing, reduce services, rely on government grants, continue to lobby the government for an increase in federal revenue

## Q4

Respondent skipped this question

Additional comments:

#24

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## Page 1: Lachlan Shire Asset Management Plans – Community Survey

## Q1

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services and facilities in your local area, how satisfied are you with the quality of these assets?

Roads	3
Water and Sewer	4
Public Buildings	4
Parks and Sporting Grounds	Not at all satisfied1

## Q2

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services, and facilities in your local area, how supportive would you be to pay more via rates and charges to receive better services?

Roads	2
Water and Sewer	2
Public Buildings	2
Parks and Sporting Grounds	4

## Q3

What would you propose is the best method to reduce the funding shortfall? e.g. do nothing, reduce services, rely on government grants, continue to lobby the government for an increase in federal revenue

Continue to lobby the government for an increase in federal revenue, long-term.  
In the short term rely on grants.

## Q4

Additional comments:

Water pressure is to low along Loughnan.

Sporting grounds for our juniors is pathetic considering what Condobolin has, we are thinking of taking our JRL elsewhere on home games so we can accommodate the numbers, hence killing rugby league in this passionate small town. You should be ashamed. This is one of the worst designed townships next to one of the best inland body of water. Where is the infrastructure around this beautiful lake, not a thing to entice tourists, club, golf course, water ski park on the lakes edge not even a decent caravan park on the lake edge

#25

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## Page 1: Lachlan Shire Asset Management Plans – Community Survey

## Q1

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services and facilities in your local area, how satisfied are you with the quality of these assets?

Roads	Not at all satisfied	1
Water and Sewer	Very Satisfied	5
Public Buildings		2
Parks and Sporting Grounds		3

## Q2

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services, and facilities in your local area, how supportive would you be to pay more via rates and charges to receive better services?

Roads	Not at all supportive	1
Water and Sewer	Not at all supportive	1
Public Buildings	Not at all supportive	1
Parks and Sporting Grounds	Not at all supportive	1

## Q3

What would you propose is the best method to reduce the funding shortfall? e.g. do nothing, reduce services, rely on government grants, continue to lobby the government for an increase in federal revenue

Stop wasting money on areas or buildings that didn't need to be fixed/built.

## Q4

Additional comments:

Seek more federal funding/grants on behalf of organisations that have asked for your assistance in the past. Treat all areas of Lachlan Shire as equal.

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## Page 1: Lachlan Shire Asset Management Plans – Community Survey

## Q1

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services and facilities in your local area, how satisfied are you with the quality of these assets?

Roads	Not at all satisfied1
Water and Sewer	Not at all satisfied1
Public Buildings	Not at all satisfied1
Parks and Sporting Grounds	3

## Q2

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services, and facilities in your local area, how supportive would you be to pay more via rates and charges to receive better services?

Roads	Not at all supportive1
Water and Sewer	Not at all supportive1
Public Buildings	2
Parks and Sporting Grounds	2

## Q3

Respondent skipped this question

What would you propose is the best method to reduce the funding shortfall? e.g. do nothing, reduce services, rely on government grants, continue to lobby the government for an increase in federal revenue

## Q4

Respondent skipped this question

Additional comments:

#27

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## Page 1: Lachlan Shire Asset Management Plans – Community Survey

## Q1

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services and facilities in your local area, how satisfied are you with the quality of these assets?

Roads	Not at all satisfied1
Water and Sewer	2
Public Buildings	2
Parks and Sporting Grounds	Not at all satisfied1

## Q2

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services, and facilities in your local area, how supportive would you be to pay more via rates and charges to receive better services?

Roads	Not at all supportive1
Water and Sewer	Not at all supportive1
Public Buildings	2
Parks and Sporting Grounds	4

## Q3

What would you propose is the best method to reduce the funding shortfall? e.g. do nothing, reduce services, rely on government grants, continue to lobby the government for an increase in federal revenue

As far as I can we need more grants and federal revenue. Our rates are already through the roof in Lake Cargelligo and we see very little change in our services.

## Q4

Additional comments:

Our sporting and community facilities in Lake Cargelligo are below average. Our community struggles to hold sporting events namely our junior football club due to the lack of usable, modern infrastructure, we don't even have the field space to hold junior football on a regular weekend never mind hold any sort of carnival, our rates are through the roof and nothing ever changes out here, and all the money gets spent else where, Condobolin seems to come first above all else.

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**Q1**

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services and facilities in your local area, how satisfied are you with the quality of these assets?

Roads	2
Water and Sewer	3
Public Buildings	3
Parks and Sporting Grounds	Not at all satisfied1

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**Q2**

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services, and facilities in your local area, how supportive would you be to pay more via rates and charges to receive better services?

Roads	Not at all supportive1
Water and Sewer	Not at all supportive1
Public Buildings	Not at all supportive1
Parks and Sporting Grounds	Not at all supportive1

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**Q3**

What would you propose is the best method to reduce the funding shortfall? e.g. do nothing, reduce services, rely on government grants, continue to lobby the government for an increase in federal revenue

I thing we pay well and truely enough rates!! (We pay more here then my relatives that are living on the beach with water views and the water only 30 m away) As well as everything else going up, People are struggling as it is. So I think share the money more evenly with lake and condo and the Government funding would be another option.

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#### Q4

##### Additional comments:

Thankyou for this opportunity to have our say.

You guys are killing lake cargelligo junior rugby league with our terrible facilities . They cannot cater for the amount of kids needing to use the fields in such short time. We are playing on too small of grounds as it is because of the terrible big ditch/drain running through it. Which they were meant to fix years ago with the grant they received for it, but of course didn't get done and the money went elsewhere! After playing in condo a few weeks ago and seeing their amazing grounds and facilities was a massive downer for us. Even after a massive flood it still looks mint! With slake of space we can't even take half of the kids to play at a different ground as there is nowhere big enough with decent grass and no burrs to take them too! (And that is definitely not ideal for parents with multiple kids playing at different grounds) This is all our kids have in Lake Cargelligo please consider helping it stay alive.

Also the Main Street upgrade is great but we are loosing at least 4-6 car parking spots each corner, it was hard enough finding a car space to park as it was. The business are definitely going to suffer as they already are with this upgrade. (It will definitely look the part but not practical at all)

we are very thankful for all the shire workers here in lake cargelligo they do an amazing job with what they have to work with.

Thankyou for your time . Have a good day.

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#29

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## Q1

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services and facilities in your local area, how satisfied are you with the quality of these assets?

Roads	Not at all satisfied1
Water and Sewer	4
Public Buildings	4
Parks and Sporting Grounds	2

## Q2

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services, and facilities in your local area, how supportive would you be to pay more via rates and charges to receive better services?

Roads	Not at all supportive1
Water and Sewer	Not at all supportive1
Public Buildings	Not at all supportive1
Parks and Sporting Grounds	Not at all supportive1

## Q3

What would you propose is the best method to reduce the funding shortfall? e.g. do nothing, reduce services, rely on government grants, continue to lobby the government for an increase in federal revenue

apply for more government grants, and an increase revenue from the government.

## Q4

Additional comments:

Lake Cargelligo don't currently have a public or council managed cricket ground. Our local cricket competition is played at the sport club cricket ground. The sport club has recently shut its doors so the costing, time and effort put into maintaining this ground, now falls onto the member of the cricket club. We have a football ground that resides beside our beautiful Lake, I find it mind blowing that we can not put a cricket pitch in on this field.

All the towns in the northern riverina football and netball competition have cricket pitches covered for the football season, why should Lake Cargelligo be any different.

#30

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## Page 1: Lachlan Shire Asset Management Plans – Community Survey

## Q1

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services and facilities in your local area, how satisfied are you with the quality of these assets?

Roads	Not at all satisfied1
Water and Sewer	2
Public Buildings	4
Parks and Sporting Grounds	4

## Q2

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services, and facilities in your local area, how supportive would you be to pay more via rates and charges to receive better services?

Roads	Not at all supportive1
Water and Sewer	Not at all supportive1
Public Buildings	Not at all supportive1
Parks and Sporting Grounds	Not at all supportive1

## Q3

What would you propose is the best method to reduce the funding shortfall? e.g. do nothing, reduce services, rely on government grants, continue to lobby the government for an increase in federal revenue

Continue to lobby the Government for an increase in federal revenue

## Q4

Additional comments:

The road from Rabbit Trap pub(Dandaloo Road) to Narromine turn off is a disgrace and has been for years. Not just from the recent floods but way before then and I did send pictures via email to the Lachlan Shire council some years back of how damaged the roads were and nothing has been done on repairing them!!!

#31

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## Page 1: Lachlan Shire Asset Management Plans – Community Survey

## Q1

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services and facilities in your local area, how satisfied are you with the quality of these assets?

Roads	2
Water and Sewer	3
Public Buildings	3
Parks and Sporting Grounds	2

## Q2

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services, and facilities in your local area, how supportive would you be to pay more via rates and charges to receive better services?

Roads	3
Water and Sewer	2
Public Buildings	3
Parks and Sporting Grounds	4

## Q3

What would you propose is the best method to reduce the funding shortfall? e.g. do nothing, reduce services, rely on government grants, continue to lobby the government for an increase in federal revenue

Manage programs more wisely, so doesn't have to be redone fixed eg water sprinklers etc. grants, government

## Q4

Additional comments:

Consult local community before commencement to get ideas instead of after when not right and has to be changed that is what section 355 committee is there for

#32

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## Page 1: Lachlan Shire Asset Management Plans – Community Survey

## Q1

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services and facilities in your local area, how satisfied are you with the quality of these assets?

Roads	2
Water and Sewer	Not at all satisfied1
Public Buildings	4
Parks and Sporting Grounds	3

## Q2

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services, and facilities in your local area, how supportive would you be to pay more via rates and charges to receive better services?

Roads	Not at all supportive1
Water and Sewer	Not at all supportive1
Public Buildings	Not at all supportive1
Parks and Sporting Grounds	Not at all supportive1

## Q3

What would you propose is the best method to reduce the funding shortfall? e.g. do nothing, reduce services, rely on government grants, continue to lobby the government for an increase in federal revenue

Government grants, I can't see how Council can ask rate payer especially when Tullibigeal do not have potable water

## Q4

Additional comments:

I do not understand how Council can charge the same rates at Tullibigeal as other towns when there is no potable water I would of thought that in 2023 all towns should have access to clean drinking water, we are not a third world country

#33

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## Page 1: Lachlan Shire Asset Management Plans – Community Survey

### Q1

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services and facilities in your local area, how satisfied are you with the quality of these assets?

Roads	3
Water and Sewer	4
Public Buildings	4
Parks and Sporting Grounds	Very Satisfied 5

### Q2

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services, and facilities in your local area, how supportive would you be to pay more via rates and charges to receive better services?

Roads	3
Water and Sewer	Not at all supportive1
Public Buildings	2
Parks and Sporting Grounds	Not at all supportive1

### Q3

What would you propose is the best method to reduce the funding shortfall? e.g. do nothing, reduce services, rely on government grants, continue to lobby the government for an increase in federal revenue

Control spending eg value of shire infrastructure jobs are way above the average. Too many fingers in the pie .

### Q4

Additional comments:

It a joke what services charge the shire and the shire admins and requirements scopes are over the top . I believe the shire is trying to improve our area but the wasted Money is their biggest issue .

#34

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## Page 1: Lachlan Shire Asset Management Plans – Community Survey

## Q1

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services and facilities in your local area, how satisfied are you with the quality of these assets?

Roads	2
Water and Sewer	4
Public Buildings	3
Parks and Sporting Grounds	4

## Q2

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services, and facilities in your local area, how supportive would you be to pay more via rates and charges to receive better services?

Roads	3
Water and Sewer	2
Public Buildings	4
Parks and Sporting Grounds	3

## Q3

What would you propose is the best method to reduce the funding shortfall? e.g. do nothing, reduce services, rely on government grants, continue to lobby the government for an increase in federal revenue

Consultation of rate payer's as to where the money should be spent and not wasting on projects the majority of people don't want

## Q4

Respondent skipped this question

Additional comments:

#35

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## Q1

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services and facilities in your local area, how satisfied are you with the quality of these assets?

Roads	2
Water and Sewer	Not at all satisfied1
Public Buildings	2
Parks and Sporting Grounds	Not at all satisfied1

## Q2

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services, and facilities in your local area, how supportive would you be to pay more via rates and charges to receive better services?

Roads	Very supportive	5
Water and Sewer	2	
Public Buildings	3	
Parks and Sporting Grounds	Very supportive	5

## Q3

What would you propose is the best method to reduce the funding shortfall? e.g. do nothing, reduce services, rely on government grants, continue to lobby the government for an increase in federal revenue

Spend rates accordingly. We pay more rates than other towns and their facilities are well maintained.

## Q4

Additional comments:

We pay near double the rates of the previous town that I lived in and our roads are a disgrace!



#36

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## Q1

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services and facilities in your local area, how satisfied are you with the quality of these assets?

Roads	Not at all satisfied1
Water and Sewer	Not at all satisfied1
Public Buildings	3
Parks and Sporting Grounds	4

## Q2

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services, and facilities in your local area, how supportive would you be to pay more via rates and charges to receive better services?

Roads	Not at all supportive1
Water and Sewer	Not at all supportive1
Public Buildings	Not at all supportive1
Parks and Sporting Grounds	Not at all supportive1

## Q3

What would you propose is the best method to reduce the funding shortfall? e.g. do nothing, reduce services, rely on government grants, continue to lobby the government for an increase in federal revenue

Stop spending money on non essential services, like beautification and repair essential services like roads first  
Stop spending all the Shire rates in Condobolin for tourism- and repair the roads first.  
Cut paying so many staff- if they aren't fixing roads.

THE PERSON ...

#### Q4

##### Additional comments:

We as farmers pay some of the highest rates in the state with Lachlan Shire and get the poorest road services- which is the only thing we see from our rates, and is what our livelihoods depend on. All roadworks in Lachlan shire are reactive and nothing is proactive or planned. There is no yearly budgeted grading of roads. There appears to be budgeting done for beautification and tourism rather than fixing essential service like roads. Other shires have fixed their flood damage, but Lachlan Shire hasn't. Our road Lansdale Road is still a complete mess. The single bitumen- is dangerous, shoulders haven't been graded up to the bitumen- with steep drop off, dangerous to pass trucks, unsafe for school bus to travel. There are potholes in bitumen, that haven't been fixed. The gravel road hasn't been graded- severely corrugated, dangerous corrugations on corners- that will see an accident if someone has to pass a vehicle . The trees are growing again- at the Bulbodney Crossing- obscuring visibility, making the crossing dangerous, as it is on a corner. I have rung council- only to be told there is " no plan" for our road. Not acceptable! Wondering what we are paying so many staff in Tottenham to be doing- if they aren't out fixing roads?

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#37

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## Page 1: Lachlan Shire Asset Management Plans – Community Survey

## Q1

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services and facilities in your local area, how satisfied are you with the quality of these assets?

Roads	Not at all satisfied1
Water and Sewer	3
Public Buildings	2
Parks and Sporting Grounds	Not at all satisfied1

## Q2

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services, and facilities in your local area, how supportive would you be to pay more via rates and charges to receive better services?

Roads	Not at all supportive1
Water and Sewer	Not at all supportive1
Public Buildings	Not at all supportive1
Parks and Sporting Grounds	Not at all supportive1

## Q3

What would you propose is the best method to reduce the funding shortfall? e.g. do nothing, reduce services, rely on government grants, continue to lobby the government for an increase in federal revenue

Rely on government grants and lobby the government for an increase in federal revenue

**Q4**

## Additional comments:

The rec ground in lake cargelligo needs major works to bring the fields up to scratch. I believe there was funding to fill the ditch in for more fields but the funding grant has since disappeared into thin air with no explanation to Lake Cargelligo as to where the funds have been spent.

Given that the rates Lake Cargelligo residents pay are on par with Wagga City council rates I don't believe the town should be forced to pay even higher rates when services received here are very limited.

lake cargelligo has the potential to be a promising tourist destination with the right funding and tourism management.

A water park on the lake at the end of the main street would also be a huge asset to this town.

On a positive note the lawn maintenance of our parks and sporting facilities positive which is a huge thumbs up to our local shire workers

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## Page 1: Lachlan Shire Asset Management Plans – Community Survey

## Q1

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services and facilities in your local area, how satisfied are you with the quality of these assets?

Roads	Not at all satisfied1
Water and Sewer	3
Public Buildings	3
Parks and Sporting Grounds	2

## Q2

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services, and facilities in your local area, how supportive would you be to pay more via rates and charges to receive better services?

Roads	Not at all supportive1
Water and Sewer	Not at all supportive1
Public Buildings	Not at all supportive1
Parks and Sporting Grounds	Not at all supportive1

## Q3

What would you propose is the best method to reduce the funding shortfall? e.g. do nothing, reduce services, rely on government grants, continue to lobby the government for an increase in federal revenue

Distribute funds more evenly across the Shire, sometimes it feels like it lacks in our area (Lake Cargelligo).

## Q4

Additional comments:

It would be great to see our sporting facilities expanded to cater to the increasing numbers of players we are getting in our area. Sport is a large part of the Lake Cargelligo community. Toilets at the Sports Club (cricket ground), more football facilities to cover numbers on game days (i.e. additional ovals). We would also like to see more road work in our area (Brewer Lane and Bootoowa Rd). We are in the very corner of the Shire and the roads are in dangerous condition.

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**Q1**

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services and facilities in your local area, how satisfied are you with the quality of these assets?

Roads	<b>Not at all satisfied</b> 1
Water and Sewer	<b>3</b>
Public Buildings	<b>3</b>
Parks and Sporting Grounds	<b>Not at all satisfied</b> 1

**Q2**

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services, and facilities in your local area, how supportive would you be to pay more via rates and charges to receive better services?

Roads	<b>Not at all supportive</b> 1
Water and Sewer	<b>Not at all supportive</b> 1
Public Buildings	<b>Not at all supportive</b> 1
Parks and Sporting Grounds	<b>Not at all supportive</b> 1

**Q3**

What would you propose is the best method to reduce the funding shortfall? e.g. do nothing, reduce services, rely on government grants, continue to lobby the government for an increase in federal revenue

Rely on more Government grants

**Q4**

Respondent skipped this question

Additional comments:

#40

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## Page 1: Lachlan Shire Asset Management Plans – Community Survey

## Q1

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services and facilities in your local area, how satisfied are you with the quality of these assets?

Roads	Not at all satisfied1
Water and Sewer	3
Public Buildings	Not at all satisfied1
Parks and Sporting Grounds	Not at all satisfied1

## Q2

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services, and facilities in your local area, how supportive would you be to pay more via rates and charges to receive better services?

Roads	Not at all supportive1
Water and Sewer	Not at all supportive1
Public Buildings	Not at all supportive1
Parks and Sporting Grounds	Not at all supportive1

## Q3

What would you propose is the best method to reduce the funding shortfall? e.g. do nothing, reduce services, rely on government grants, continue to lobby the government for an increase in federal revenue

Increase in revenue

## Q4

Respondent skipped this question

Additional comments:

#41

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### Q1

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services and facilities in your local area, how satisfied are you with the quality of these assets?

Roads	2
Water and Sewer	4
Public Buildings	3
Parks and Sporting Grounds	Not at all satisfied1

### Q2

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services, and facilities in your local area, how supportive would you be to pay more via rates and charges to receive better services?

Roads	4
Water and Sewer	3
Public Buildings	4
Parks and Sporting Grounds	Very supportive 5

### Q3

What would you propose is the best method to reduce the funding shortfall? e.g. do nothing, reduce services, rely on government grants, continue to lobby the government for an increase in federal revenue

Let community know how much so can see if it can be sourced locally somehow

### Q4

Additional comments:

Lake Cargelligo deserves to have better facilities. Condo gets all new sports grounds and buildings, new facilities around their tiny lake and Lake Cargelligo get second rate stuff



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## Q1

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services and facilities in your local area, how satisfied are you with the quality of these assets?

Roads	3	
Water and Sewer	2	
Public Buildings	4	
Parks and Sporting Grounds	Very Satisfied	5

## Q2

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services, and facilities in your local area, how supportive would you be to pay more via rates and charges to receive better services?

Roads	2
Water and Sewer	2
Public Buildings	2
Parks and Sporting Grounds	2

## Q3

What would you propose is the best method to reduce the funding shortfall? e.g. do nothing, reduce services, rely on government grants, continue to lobby the government for an increase in federal revenue

All employees live in shire

Grant writer who actively seeks out ways to help community groups seek opportunities to develop joint council and group projects liason with MP and influential business to inform and lobby other levels of government and businesses on what living west of the mountains entails. Basically a dripping tap as many city centred politicians have little knowledge and therefore interest in life in rural and remote NSW

## Q4

Additional comments:

Involve councillors, not just the major more in actively promoting life in the shire.

#43

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## Q1

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services and facilities in your local area, how satisfied are you with the quality of these assets?

Roads	2
Water and Sewer	2
Public Buildings	2
Parks and Sporting Grounds	3

## Q2

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services, and facilities in your local area, how supportive would you be to pay more via rates and charges to receive better services?

Roads	4
Water and Sewer	4
Public Buildings	4
Parks and Sporting Grounds	4

## Q3

What would you propose is the best method to reduce the funding shortfall? e.g. do nothing, reduce services, rely on government grants, continue to lobby the government for an increase in federal revenue

Increase in Federal revenue

## Q4

Additional comments:

Lake is a beautiful town but it is let down by our public spaces that aren't utilised in how they could be due to not being maintained. Like the tennis courts, the boat shed, the empty buildings like our beautiful old cinema that could be bought as a public space for arts and crafts in this town. Our parking will soon be an issue too with the wonderful upgrades to the Main Street that are great but reduce parking significantly.

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### Q1

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services and facilities in your local area, how satisfied are you with the quality of these assets?

Roads	3
Water and Sewer	2
Public Buildings	3
Parks and Sporting Grounds	4

### Q2

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services, and facilities in your local area, how supportive would you be to pay more via rates and charges to receive better services?

Roads	Not at all supportive1
Water and Sewer	Not at all supportive1
Public Buildings	Not at all supportive1
Parks and Sporting Grounds	Not at all supportive1

### Q3

What would you propose is the best method to reduce the funding shortfall? e.g. do nothing, reduce services, rely on government grants, continue to lobby the government for an increase in federal revenue

You cannot expect people to pay more in rates, they are already high. We need more grants and federal funding.

### Q4

Additional comments:

I am supportive of improving all of the above infrastructure but not entirely at the cost of rate payers.

#45

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## Q1

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services and facilities in your local area, how satisfied are you with the quality of these assets?

Roads	Not at all satisfied1
Water and Sewer	2
Public Buildings	3
Parks and Sporting Grounds	2

## Q2

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services, and facilities in your local area, how supportive would you be to pay more via rates and charges to receive better services?

Roads	Not at all supportive1
Water and Sewer	Not at all supportive1
Public Buildings	Not at all supportive1
Parks and Sporting Grounds	Not at all supportive1

## Q3

What would you propose is the best method to reduce the funding shortfall? e.g. do nothing, reduce services, rely on government grants, continue to lobby the government for an increase in federal revenue

Our rates are higher than some bigger areas and we get for them is a joke, and maybe if jobs ( roads etc )were done properly in the first place they would last longer. May cost more initially but when it lasts longer the initial dollars become irrelevant. In fact it should be fine by private enterprise with time frames around it as everything shire do takes twice as long and is half as good

## Q4

Respondent skipped this question

Additional comments:

#46

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## Q1

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services and facilities in your local area, how satisfied are you with the quality of these assets?

Roads	3	
Water and Sewer	4	
Public Buildings	4	
Parks and Sporting Grounds	Very Satisfied	5

## Q2

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services, and facilities in your local area, how supportive would you be to pay more via rates and charges to receive better services?

Roads	2	
Water and Sewer	Not at all supportive1	
Public Buildings	3	
Parks and Sporting Grounds	2	

## Q3

What would you propose is the best method to reduce the funding shortfall? e.g. do nothing, reduce services, rely on government grants, continue to lobby the government for an increase in federal revenue

Rely on Government grants and lobby government

## Q4

Respondent skipped this question

Additional comments:

#47

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## Q1

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services and facilities in your local area, how satisfied are you with the quality of these assets?

Roads	Not at all satisfied1
Water and Sewer	2
Public Buildings	3
Parks and Sporting Grounds	4

## Q2

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services, and facilities in your local area, how supportive would you be to pay more via rates and charges to receive better services?

Roads	Not at all supportive1
Water and Sewer	Not at all supportive1
Public Buildings	Not at all supportive1
Parks and Sporting Grounds	Not at all supportive1

## Q3

What would you propose is the best method to reduce the funding shortfall? e.g. do nothing, reduce services, rely on government grants, continue to lobby the government for an increase in federal revenue

Continue to lobby the government

## Q4

Additional comments:

Stop spending so much money at Condo. The utes in the paddock should have stayed where it was.

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## Q1

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services and facilities in your local area, how satisfied are you with the quality of these assets?

Roads	Not at all satisfied1
Water and Sewer	2
Public Buildings	3
Parks and Sporting Grounds	2

## Q2

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services, and facilities in your local area, how supportive would you be to pay more via rates and charges to receive better services?

Roads	Not at all supportive1
Water and Sewer	Not at all supportive1
Public Buildings	Not at all supportive1
Parks and Sporting Grounds	2

## Q3

What would you propose is the best method to reduce the funding shortfall? e.g. do nothing, reduce services, rely on government grants, continue to lobby the government for an increase in federal revenue

Allocate existing funds to Lake Cargelligo, instead if condobolin getting all the money.

## Q4

Additional comments:

Lake Cargelligo always seems to miss out in comparison with Condobolin. Roads around Lake in every direction are falling apart and are not being maintained properly. The Lake Cargelligo Road (in the section that was recently flooded just a few km from lake cargelligo) needs to be built up and fix properly. Sporting facilities in Lake Cargelligo compared to Condobolin are crap. The funds are obviously there as Condobolin have everything new and looking good when you drive into town and look at their big new raise road, big tourist attractions, brand new massive sporting facilities etc etc.

#49

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## Q1

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services and facilities in your local area, how satisfied are you with the quality of these assets?

Roads	2	
Water and Sewer	Very Satisfied	5
Public Buildings	3	
Parks and Sporting Grounds	3	

## Q2

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services, and facilities in your local area, how supportive would you be to pay more via rates and charges to receive better services?

Roads	Not at all supportive1
Water and Sewer	Not at all supportive1
Public Buildings	2
Parks and Sporting Grounds	2

## Q3

Respondent skipped this question

What would you propose is the best method to reduce the funding shortfall? e.g. do nothing, reduce services, rely on government grants, continue to lobby the government for an increase in federal revenue

## Q4

Respondent skipped this question

Additional comments:



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### Q1

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services and facilities in your local area, how satisfied are you with the quality of these assets?

Roads	2
Water and Sewer	4
Public Buildings	Not at all satisfied1
Parks and Sporting Grounds	4

### Q2

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services, and facilities in your local area, how supportive would you be to pay more via rates and charges to receive better services?

Roads	3
Water and Sewer	2
Public Buildings	3
Parks and Sporting Grounds	3

### Q3

What would you propose is the best method to reduce the funding shortfall? e.g. do nothing, reduce services, rely on government grants, continue to lobby the government for an increase in federal revenue

Grants, lobbying, invest in activities and amenities that attract and retain people

### Q4

Respondent skipped this question

Additional comments:

#51

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## Q1

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services and facilities in your local area, how satisfied are you with the quality of these assets?

Roads	Not at all satisfied1
Water and Sewer	3
Public Buildings	3
Parks and Sporting Grounds	3

## Q2

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services, and facilities in your local area, how supportive would you be to pay more via rates and charges to receive better services?

Roads	Not at all supportive1
Water and Sewer	Not at all supportive1
Public Buildings	Not at all supportive1
Parks and Sporting Grounds	Not at all supportive1

## Q3

What would you propose is the best method to reduce the funding shortfall? e.g. do nothing, reduce services, rely on government grants, continue to lobby the government for an increase in federal revenue

Rely on government grants and continue to lobby government for an increase in federal revenue.

## Q4

Additional comments:

Infrastructure, services, and facilities should be maintained and improved equally across the entire shire not just in Condobolin.

#52

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### Q1

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services and facilities in your local area, how satisfied are you with the quality of these assets?

Roads	3
Water and Sewer	4
Public Buildings	Not at all satisfied1
Parks and Sporting Grounds	2

### Q2

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services, and facilities in your local area, how supportive would you be to pay more via rates and charges to receive better services?

Roads	Not at all supportive1
Water and Sewer	3
Public Buildings	2
Parks and Sporting Grounds	4

### Q3

What would you propose is the best method to reduce the funding shortfall? e.g. do nothing, reduce services, rely on government grants, continue to lobby the government for an increase in federal revenue

Rely government grants  
 More federal funding  
 Also why are our land rates \$1,000 more than wagga coastal  
 Areas ??  
 As I've asked friends family about land rates .. we paying way more

### Q4

Additional comments:

Why is our land rates way more than other shires??

#53

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## Q1

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services and facilities in your local area, how satisfied are you with the quality of these assets?

Roads	2
Water and Sewer	4
Public Buildings	3
Parks and Sporting Grounds	4

## Q2

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services, and facilities in your local area, how supportive would you be to pay more via rates and charges to receive better services?

Roads	4
Water and Sewer	4
Public Buildings	4
Parks and Sporting Grounds	4

## Q3

What would you propose is the best method to reduce the funding shortfall? e.g. do nothing, reduce services, rely on government grants, continue to lobby the government for an increase in federal revenue

lobby government

## Q4

Respondent skipped this question

Additional comments:

#54

COMPLETE

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## Q1

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services and facilities in your local area, how satisfied are you with the quality of these assets?

Roads	3
Water and Sewer	3
Public Buildings	3
Parks and Sporting Grounds	3

## Q2

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services, and facilities in your local area, how supportive would you be to pay more via rates and charges to receive better services?

Roads	2
Water and Sewer	2
Public Buildings	2
Parks and Sporting Grounds	2

## Q3

What would you propose is the best method to reduce the funding shortfall? e.g. do nothing, reduce services, rely on government grants, continue to lobby the government for an increase in federal revenue

Quote the bigger jobs better . Local governments really are paying "overs" for their jobs . Not sure how this can be corrected  
Possibly allow local farming groups to do " smaller quieter "grading jobs . Get these local farming groups to sort payment etc amongst themselves

## Q4

Respondent skipped this question

Additional comments:

#55

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## Q1

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services and facilities in your local area, how satisfied are you with the quality of these assets?

Roads	2
Water and Sewer	2
Public Buildings	4
Parks and Sporting Grounds	2

## Q2

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services, and facilities in your local area, how supportive would you be to pay more via rates and charges to receive better services?

Roads	3
Water and Sewer	3
Public Buildings	Not at all supportive1
Parks and Sporting Grounds	Not at all supportive1

## Q3

Respondent skipped this question

What would you propose is the best method to reduce the funding shortfall? e.g. do nothing, reduce services, rely on government grants, continue to lobby the government for an increase in federal revenue

## Q4

Respondent skipped this question

Additional comments:

#56

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## Q1

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services and facilities in your local area, how satisfied are you with the quality of these assets?

Roads	2
Water and Sewer	2
Public Buildings	3
Parks and Sporting Grounds	4

## Q2

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services, and facilities in your local area, how supportive would you be to pay more via rates and charges to receive better services?

Roads	Not at all supportive1
Water and Sewer	Not at all supportive1
Public Buildings	Not at all supportive1
Parks and Sporting Grounds	Not at all supportive1

## Q3

What would you propose is the best method to reduce the funding shortfall? e.g. do nothing, reduce services, rely on government grants, continue to lobby the government for an increase in federal revenue

A massive investigation of infrastructure. How many buildings are taxpayers paying for that are NOT self sustaining. What percentage of the ratepayers are USING these premises? Therefore how is their ownership and upkeep justifiable?

## Q4

Additional comments:

Roads are poorly maintained in the southern part of the shire. Our dirt roads are still to see a grader in over a year of inaction but still with massive potholes taking up 2/3 of road surface. We pay nearly \$10K in rates, but use virtually no other council services and have vehicle damage due to road damage. So do you know how that makes us feel? Thank you.

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## Page 1: Lachlan Shire Asset Management Plans – Community Survey

## Q1

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services and facilities in your local area, how satisfied are you with the quality of these assets?

Roads	Not at all satisfied1
Water and Sewer	2
Public Buildings	2
Parks and Sporting Grounds	4

## Q2

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services, and facilities in your local area, how supportive would you be to pay more via rates and charges to receive better services?

Roads	Not at all supportive1
Water and Sewer	Not at all supportive1
Public Buildings	Not at all supportive1
Parks and Sporting Grounds	Not at all supportive1

## Q3

What would you propose is the best method to reduce the funding shortfall? e.g. do nothing, reduce services, rely on government grants, continue to lobby the government for an increase in federal revenue

Obtain funding from government for road repair and upkeep

## Q4

Additional comments:

I live on a farm property on the Bootoowa Road, I pay high rates and get absolutely nothing for it, no garbage collection (not even a wheelie bin), no sewerage/water, no street lights or footpaths. I literally pay for the road and it is bordering on dangerous it's in such poor condition- someone is going to get hurt on that road if it isn't repaired soon. I've already had to replace the suspension in my 3 year old 4wd due to the terrible road condition- it's just not right.



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Q1

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services and facilities in your local area, how satisfied are you with the quality of these assets?

Roads	3
Water and Sewer	3
Public Buildings	4
Parks and Sporting Grounds	4

Q2

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services, and facilities in your local area, how supportive would you be to pay more via rates and charges to receive better services?

Roads	3
Water and Sewer	4
Public Buildings	4
Parks and Sporting Grounds	Very supportive 5

Q3

Respondent skipped this question

What would you propose is the best method to reduce the funding shortfall? e.g. do nothing, reduce services, rely on government grants, continue to lobby the government for an increase in federal revenue

Q4

Respondent skipped this question

Additional comments:

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## Page 1: Lachlan Shire Asset Management Plans – Community Survey

## Q1

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services and facilities in your local area, how satisfied are you with the quality of these assets?

Roads	Not at all satisfied	1
Water and Sewer	Very Satisfied	5
Public Buildings	Not at all satisfied	1
Parks and Sporting Grounds	Not at all satisfied	1

## Q2

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services, and facilities in your local area, how supportive would you be to pay more via rates and charges to receive better services?

Roads	Very supportive	5
Water and Sewer	Very supportive	5
Public Buildings	Very supportive	5
Parks and Sporting Grounds	Very supportive	5

## Q3

What would you propose is the best method to reduce the funding shortfall? e.g. do nothing, reduce services, rely on government grants, continue to lobby the government for an increase in federal revenue

Government grants

## Q4

Respondent skipped this question

Additional comments:

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## Page 1: Lachlan Shire Asset Management Plans – Community Survey

## Q1

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services and facilities in your local area, how satisfied are you with the quality of these assets?

Roads	Not at all satisfied1
Water and Sewer	Not at all satisfied1
Public Buildings	Not at all satisfied1
Parks and Sporting Grounds	3

## Q2

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services, and facilities in your local area, how supportive would you be to pay more via rates and charges to receive better services?

Roads	3
Water and Sewer	3
Public Buildings	3
Parks and Sporting Grounds	3

## Q3

Respondent skipped this question

What would you propose is the best method to reduce the funding shortfall? e.g. do nothing, reduce services, rely on government grants, continue to lobby the government for an increase in federal revenue

## Q4

Respondent skipped this question

Additional comments:

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## Page 1: Lachlan Shire Asset Management Plans – Community Survey

### Q1

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services and facilities in your local area, how satisfied are you with the quality of these assets?

Roads	2
Water and Sewer	3
Public Buildings	3
Parks and Sporting Grounds	2

### Q2

Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services, and facilities in your local area, how supportive would you be to pay more via rates and charges to receive better services?

Roads	Not at all supportive1
Water and Sewer	Not at all supportive1
Public Buildings	Not at all supportive1
Parks and Sporting Grounds	Not at all supportive1

### Q3

What would you propose is the best method to reduce the funding shortfall? e.g. do nothing, reduce services, rely on government grants, continue to lobby the government for an increase in federal revenue

government grants, continue to lobby the government for an increase in federal revenue

### Q4

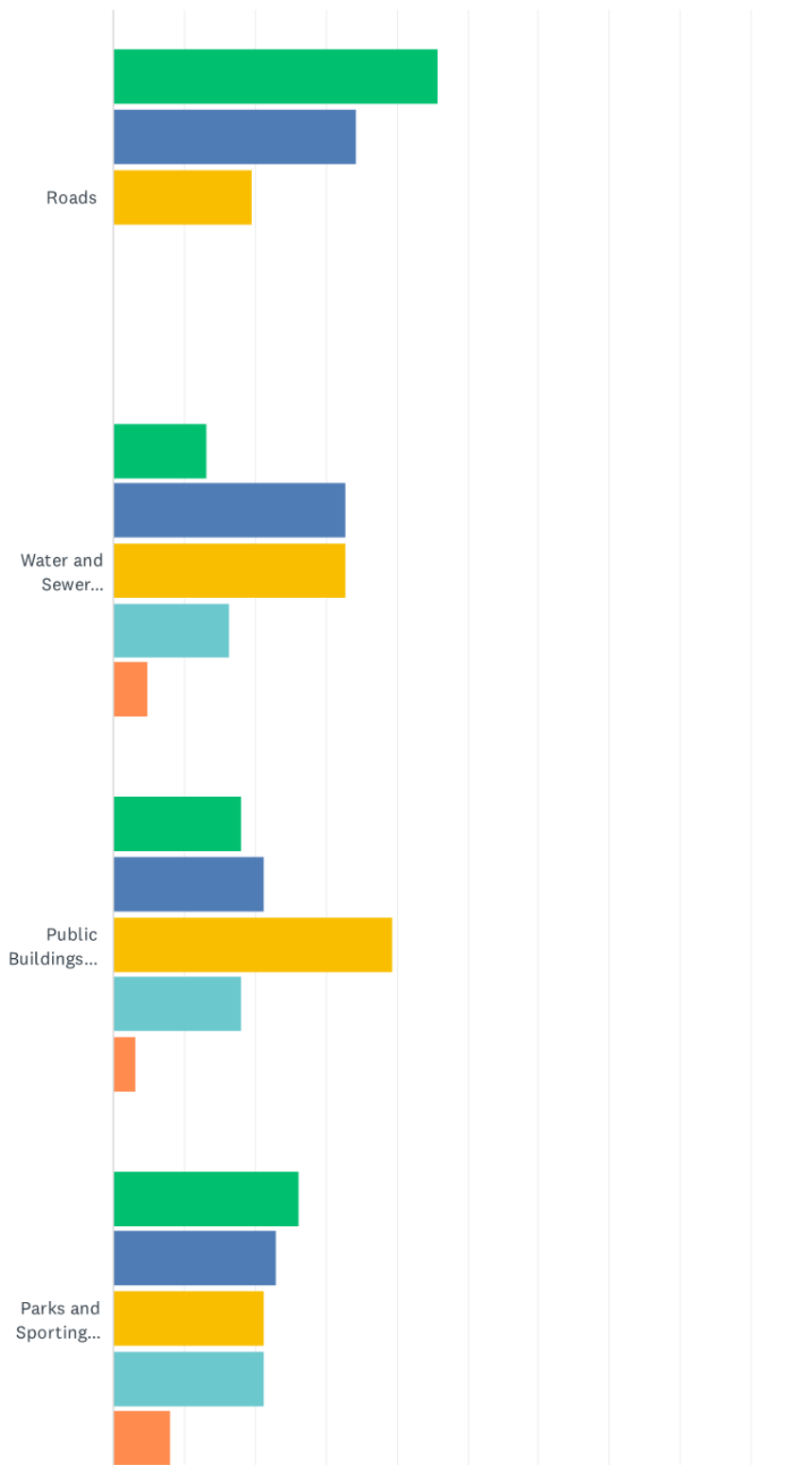
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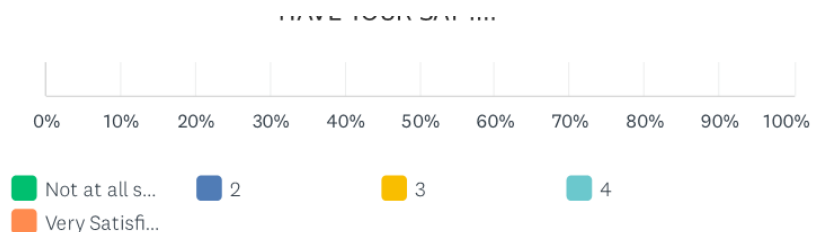
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# Q1 Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services and facilities in your local area, how satisfied are you with the quality of these assets?

Answered: 61 Skipped: 0

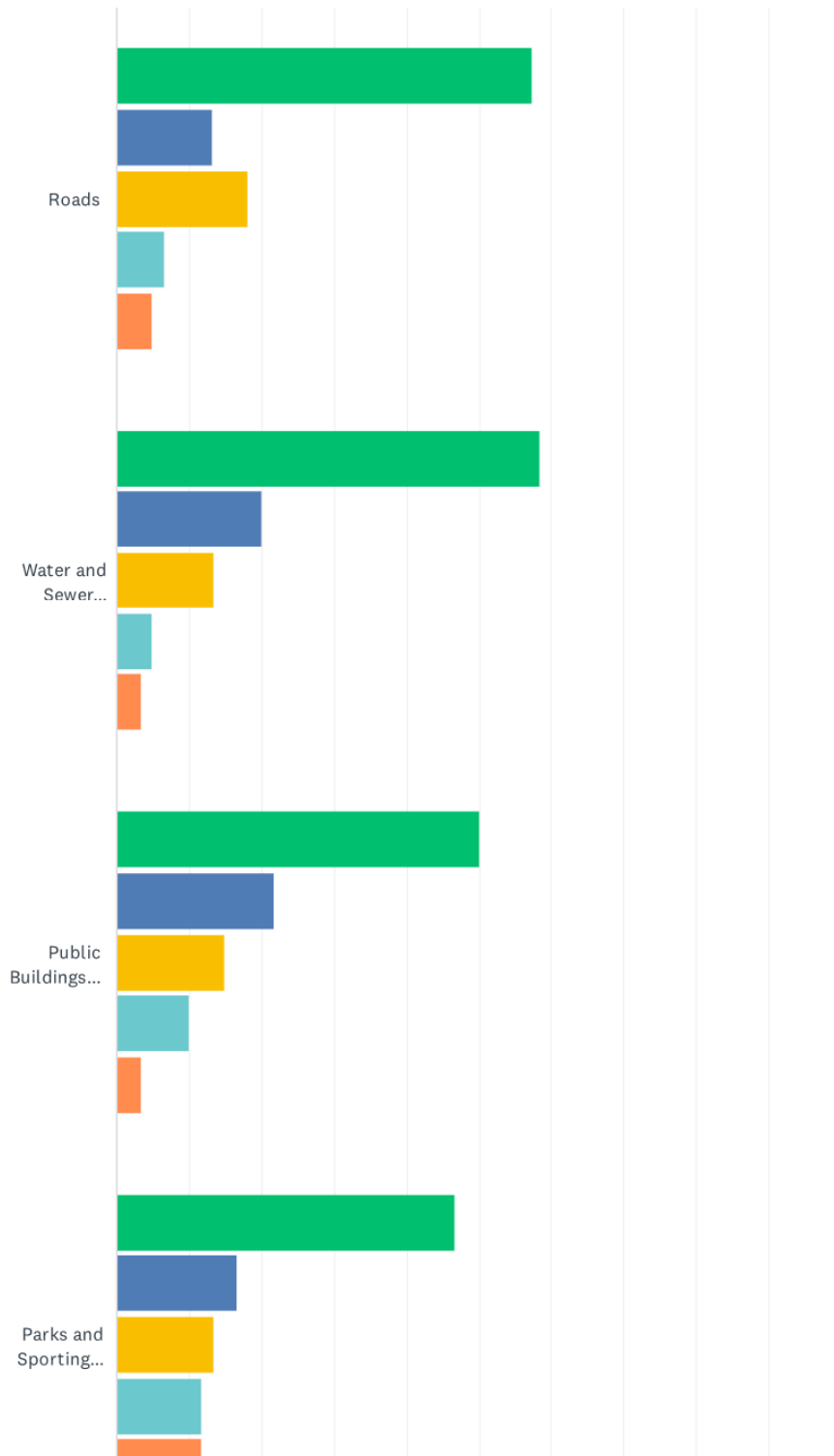


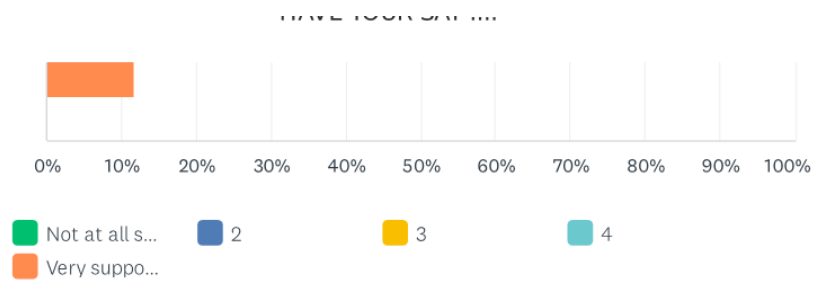


	NOT AT ALL SATISFIED1	2	3	4	VERY SATISFIED 5	TOTAL
Roads	45.90% 28	34.43% 21	19.67% 12	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	61
Water and Sewer	13.11% 8	32.79% 20	32.79% 20	16.39% 10	4.92% 3	61
Public Buildings	18.03% 11	21.31% 13	39.34% 24	18.03% 11	3.28% 2	61
Parks and Sporting Grounds	26.23% 16	22.95% 14	21.31% 13	21.31% 13	8.20% 5	61

## Q2 Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services, and facilities in your local area, how supportive would you be to pay more via rates and charges to receive better services?

Answered: 61 Skipped: 0





	NOT AT ALL SUPPORTIVE1	2	3	4	VERY SUPPORTIVE 5	TOT
Roads	57.38% 35	13.11% 8	18.03% 11	6.56% 4	4.92% 3	
Water and Sewer	58.33% 35	20.00% 12	13.33% 8	5.00% 3	3.33% 2	
Public Buildings	50.00% 30	21.67% 13	15.00% 9	10.00% 6	3.33% 2	
Parks and Sporting Grounds	46.67% 28	16.67% 10	13.33% 8	11.67% 7	11.67% 7	





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**The Hon Catherine King MP**

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**Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government  
Member for Ballarat**

John Medcalf  
Mayor  
Lachlan Shire Council  
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Dear Mayor/Councillor

I am writing to you about your Phase 4 funding allocation for the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) Program. The Australian Government is proud of its continued support of councils across Australia, including our focus on funding road projects in rural, regional and outer urban Australia through Phase 4 of the LRCI program.

The Government has committed \$750 million to Phase 4 of the LRCI Program which includes two components of funding:

- Part A: \$500 million to spend on priority local road and community infrastructure projects, and
- Part B: \$250 million to spend on road projects in rural, regional and outer urban areas.

In February 2023, the Government announced council allocations for the Part A \$500 million funding component. Councils across Australia will be able to spend this funding on priority local road and community infrastructure projects.

I am now advising you about the allocation you will receive under the Part B \$250 million funding component. In addition to your Part A funding component, the **Lachlan Shire Council** will receive a Part B allocation of **\$1,227,771**.

Allocations for the Part B funding component are available to councils classified as rural, regional or outer-urban to spend on road projects. 466 of Australia's 550 councils will receive a Part B funding allocation. The Government has drawn on the Australian Classification of Local Governments, as a robust framework underpinning the determination of eligible councils for this funding component.

Individual council allocations for Part A and Part B funding components are available on the LRCI Program [website](#).

Phase 4 Guidelines are expected to be released ahead of the opening of Phase 4 on 1 July 2023, with projects to be completed by 30 June 2025.

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Guidelines and grant agreements will be finalised by the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts over the coming months.

We look forward to continuing to work with you to deliver priority local road and community infrastructure projects.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Catherine King".

THE HON CATHERINE KING MP  
Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristy McBain".

THE HON KRISTY MCBAIN MP  
Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories

3/5/ 2023

**The Hon Jenny Aitchison MP**  
Minister for Regional Transport and Roads



Ref: JA23/001

5 May 2023

**Mr Greg Tory**  
**General Manager**  
**Lachlan Shire Council**  
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**Via email: [council@lachlan.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@lachlan.nsw.gov.au)**

Re: Regional transport and roads in NSW

Dear Mr Tory,

As Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, one of my first priorities is to reach out to all regional councils and MPs to introduce myself, and share the new NSW Government's commitment to ensuring better roads and transport for people in regional communities across our state.

Before being elected to Parliament in 2015, I was a tour and transport operator, and an active member of industry organisations across the regional, tourism and transport sectors for nearly twenty years. I am excited to have this unique and privileged opportunity of working with you to improve our roads and public transport options across NSW.

Having well-functioning road and public transport networks in regional, remote and rural NSW is vital to ensuring our communities thrive. Roads and transport are social determinants of health, education, opportunity and jobs.

As an elected representative of a regional community, I understand and feel the challenges faced by our people after the repeated natural disasters of the past few years. We must make our network more resilient in the face of natural disasters and build back better when necessary.

During previous natural disasters, I have been a strong advocate for impacted communities, individuals and businesses, particularly local farmers, tourism operators and other small business owners. Residents in my own community of Maitland have faced isolation for over a week at a time twice in the last ten years.

I understand there are complex funding models for Local Government to improve the local roads people use every day. I will be working closely with my Ministerial colleagues to ensure these funding opportunities are clearer, simpler and available across all NSW regional councils.

Having met with many regional Mayors, Councillors and Local Government representatives while in Opposition, I am very aware of the frustration over the former Government's failed and unfunded Regional Road Transfer and Reclassification election commitment. I also want to address the funding disparity under the Regional and Local Roads Repair Program (RLRRP) that saw metropolitan councils receive five times the funding per kilometre compared to regional councils.

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The new NSW Government will provide an additional \$390 million over the next two years, as part of our new Regional Emergency Road Repair Fund. This commitment is an increase on the former Government's RLRRP, of which \$280 million went to regional councils. It will accelerate the vital work of repairing our regional roads. This will bring the total funding to \$670 million for emergency road repair in regional, rural and remote communities and towns, over the next two years.

The Independent Panel's final report on reclassification took over four years to deliver. The former Minister failed to release the report, despite it sitting with him for months prior to the election. Given the failure of the former Government to deliver on its 2019 election commitment, the new Labor Government will provide funding for councils to fix the roads our communities use every day.

Ensuring regional commuters get their fair share of transport projects is important to the NSW Government. In my first week in the role, I joined with the Federal Assistant Minister for Infrastructure, Senator the Hon Carol Brown, the Member for Parkes, Mr Andrew Gee MP, the Member for Orange, Mr Phil Donato MP, the Mayor and councillors from Orange City Council to turn the sod for Stage 4 of the Southern Feeder Road in Orange. This is an important road project, funded by all levels of government, including a grant of \$4.5 million from the NSW Government. It is vital all levels of government work together on roads and transport solutions.

I have a vision for strategic regional Integrated Transport Plans that consider how people can connect better in all aspects of their lives, and move safely and effectively around our regions. The Minns Government will be reviewing rail and bus timetables and services across the state to ensure we are encouraging active and public transport, reducing our reliance on cars, and improving productivity and efficiency. I hope you will join with me in ensuring the bespoke needs of your community are considered, participate in consultation, and proactively provide your feedback at every opportunity.

I have always advocated for better outcomes for roads and transport users in the regions. This includes the restoration of over \$80 million for the Fixing Country Roads Program after it was reallocated away from the program in 2019. I pushed for a better deal to support regional taxi plate owners to assist in continuity of point-to-point services for taxi users in rural and remote areas, particularly the most vulnerable in our communities.

In my first week as Minister, I launched the Regional rollout of the Sunflowers of Hope Lanyards, with the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Inclusion, the Hon Kate Washington MP. This is a program which will ensure people with hidden disabilities are more easily able to access services on our regional TrainLink services. There is more to do, and I look forward to working with you to achieve better outcomes across regional transport and roads.

If you need further information on any roads or transport issues in your local government area, please reach out to your normal contact at Transport for NSW. They will be able to provide further details about projects in your area.

Of course, my Ministerial team and I are also available to assist you with any issues or concerns. Please contact my office by email: [office@aitchison.minister.nsw.gov.au](mailto:office@aitchison.minister.nsw.gov.au) or by phone on 02 7225 6220.

I thank you for your service in your role. I look forward to working with you in the coming years.

Sincerely,



**Jenny Aitchison MP**

Minister for Regional Transport and Roads

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# Financial support for flood affected individuals and families

## Back Home Grant

**Available to owner/occupiers, owner/investors and tenants the Back Home Grant provides a one-off payment of up to \$20,000 per property. Examples of what the grant can assist with include:**

- Replace or repair whitegoods, kitchen and household appliances, laundry and cleaning equipment, essential personal communications devices, furniture and bedding
- Restore or replace damaged roofing, flooring, walls, fittings and fixtures
- Inspect and reconnect damaged utilities including replacement or repairs to electrical, gas, water and hot water



To be eligible you must live in a disaster defined area, be ineligible for other disaster claim relief and be unable to claim on insurance.  
For information on how to apply, scan the QR code.

## Rental Support Payment

**A payment to help cover short-term accommodation bookings for eligible NSW residents unable to live in their home.**

- The payment is based on the number of people who normally live in your home who need short-term accommodation
- Payments are up to \$6,000 for one person and up to \$18,000 for six people
- If you have more than 6 people in your household, the payment will increase by \$2,800 for each additional person



You're eligible to apply if the damaged property is your principal place of residence and is a house, apartment or moveable dwelling such as caravan, motorhome, relocatable home, cabin or shipping container and you're unable to claim temporary accommodation costs under an insurance policy or your insurance does not cover the full length of your accommodation needs.

For information on how to apply, scan the QR code.

For more information on financial assistance,  
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If you need an interpreter, please call 13 14 50 and ask them to contact us.



# Financial support for flood affected businesses and primary producers

## Small Business Grant

**This disaster recovery grant of up to \$50,000 is to help pay for the costs of clean-up and reinstatement of a small business or not-for-profit organisation's operations.**

- Payment for tradespeople to conduct safety inspections
- Equipment and materials required for cleaning up
- Equipment and materials essential for immediately resuming operations
- Payment for a cleaner if the service would not have been needed, or exceeds ordinary cleaning costs, in the absence of the disaster
- The removal and disposal of debris, damaged materials or damaged stock
- Repairing premises and internal fittings
- Leasing temporary premises, replacing or repair of motor vehicles registered for business use, or replacing lost or damaged stock, if it's essential for resuming operations



To be eligible you must be a small business or not-profit organisation in a defined disaster area.  
For information on eligibility and applying, scan the QR code.

## Primary Producer Grant

**Primary producers may be eligible for a \$25,000 up-front payment, with a further \$50,000 available with submission of valid tax invoices. The grant can help pay for costs associated with flood clean up and getting your business back up and running. This may include:**

- Immediate clean-up
- Replacing livestock (including oyster spat)
- Repairs to infrastructure
- Repair or replacement costs of agricultural equipment



To be eligible you must operate in a Declared Natural Disaster area.  
To check eligibility and apply, scan the QR code

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