



AGENDA

EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

27 JUNE 2022

MEMBERSHIP: Councillors J Black, L Burns, S Chowdhury, M Dickerson, V Etheridge, J Gough, R Ivey, P Wells, D Mahon and M Wright.

The meeting is scheduled to commence at 12.30 pm.

PRAYER:

O God, Grant that by the knowledge of thy will, all we may resolve shall work together for good, we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY:

"I would like to acknowledge the Wiradjuri People who are the Traditional Custodians of the Land. I would also like to pay respect to the Elders past, present and emerging of the Wiradjuri Nation and extend that respect to other Aboriginal peoples from other nations who are present".

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CCL22/165 LEAVE OF ABSENCE (ID22/1145)

CCL22/166 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (ID22/1146)

In accordance with their Oath/Affirmation under the Act, and Council's Code of Conduct, Councillors must disclose the nature of any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest which may arise during the meeting, and manage such interests accordingly.

CCL22/167 PUBLIC FORUM (ID22/1147)

MAYORAL MINUTES:

CCL22/167a PROVISION OF CREDIT TO USERS OF POTABLE WATER IN GEURIE DURING BOIL WATER ALERT PERIOD (ID22/1205)

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The Council had before it the Mayoral Minute regarding Provision of Credit to Users of Potable Water in Geurie During Boil Water Alert Period

REPORTS FROM STAFF:

- CCL22/168 2022/2023 DELIVERY PROGRAM AND OPERATIONAL PLAN - RESULTS OF PUBLIC EXHIBITION (ID22/882)** 4
- The Council had before it the report dated 31 May 2022 from the Team Leader Growth Planning Projects regarding 2022/2023 Delivery Program and Operational Plan - Results of Public Exhibition.
- CCL22/169 THE MAKING OF THE RATES AND CHARGES FOR 2022/2023 (ID22/1027)** 767
- The Council had before it the report dated 2 June 2022 from the Revenue Accountant regarding The Making of the Rates and Charges for 2022/2023.
- CCL22/170 TOWARDS 2040 COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN - RESULTS OF PUBLIC EXHIBITION (ID22/877)** 783
- The Council had before it the report dated 31 May 2022 from the Team Leader Growth Planning Projects regarding Towards 2040 Community Strategic Plan - Results of Public Exhibition.



MAYORAL MINUTE: Provision of Credit to Users of Potable Water in Geurie During Boil Water Alert Period

DIVISION: Elected Members
REPORT DATE: 27 June 2022
TRIM REFERENCE: ID22/1205

To the Council
Ladies and Gentlemen

Office of the Mayor
Civic Administration Building
Church Street, Dubbo

A precautionary Boiled Water Alert was issued for Geurie on 8 June 2022, when samples from the water treatment plant marginally exceeded Australian Drinking Water guidelines. For 20 days so far, the users of potable water in Geurie have been asked to limit water usage and boil any water used for consumption while Council worked to return the town's treatment plant to NSW Health standards.

Council is managing an aged water treatment plant in Geurie, built in 1993. Since the amalgamation, Council has installed new sampling technology that has increased sensitivity to changes in the water, than what had previously been in place. Increased rainfall and higher flows in the Macquarie River, are causing increased turbidity issues for a smaller plant of this size. The new, more sensitive technology is detecting these changes in the levels that exceed, albeit marginally, the drinking standards.

Council has proposed in the Draft 2022/2023 Budget in excess of \$4m to upgrade the Geurie Water Treatment Plant.

I would like to seek a report from the CEO providing information on a potential rebate for potable water users in Geurie as recognition of the impost this has posed.

RECOMMENDATION

That the CEO provide a report to the July Infrastructure, Planning and Environment Committee on how a rebate could be provided to users of potable water in Geurie for the period of the boil water alert in June 2022.

Mathew Dickerson
Councillor

MD
Councillor



REPORT: 2022/2023 Delivery Program and Operational Plan - Results of Public Exhibition

DIVISION: Development and Environment
REPORT DATE: 31 May 2022
TRIM REFERENCE: ID22/882

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Purpose	Seek endorsement Adopt a policy	Fulfil legislated requirement
Issue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council is required to adopt a new Resourcing Strategy, Delivery Program and Operational Plan (for the 2022/2023 financial year) before 30 June 2022. • The documents identify how the vision and aspirations from the Towards 2040 Community Strategic Plan will be translated into activities, projects and actions undertaken by Council. • The draft documents were placed on public exhibition from 2 May until 30 May 2022, and Council received 83 submissions. 	
Reasoning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Local Government Act 1993 • The Integrated Planning and Reporting Guidelines 	
Financial Implications	Budget Area	Growth Planning
	Funding Source	Integrated Planning and Reporting
	Proposed Cost	\$20,000 for advertising
	Ongoing Costs	\$20,000 per year for advertising
		Other resourcing will be organisation wide
Policy Implications	Impact on Policy	The Resourcing Strategy, Delivery Program and Operational Plan will identify the activities and projects Council will undertake during the 2022/2023 financial year.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION

The 2040 Community Strategic Plan is a vision for the development of the region out to the year 2040. The Plan includes five principle themes and a number of strategies and outcomes. This report is aligned to:

- Theme: 4 Community Leadership
- CSP Objective: 4.4 Statutory requirements are met and services are provided to the organisation in a cost-effective and timely manner
- Delivery Program Strategy: 4.4.1 The organisation meets all statutory requirements

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the submissions received by Council during the public exhibition period (attached in Appendix 1) be noted.
2. That the draft 2022/2023 Delivery Program and Operational Plan (as amended and attached in Appendix 2), draft Macquarie Regional Library 2022/2023 Operational Plan (attached in Appendix 3), draft Council 2022/2023 Budget and Capital Expenditure (attached in Appendix 4 and Appendix 5), draft 2022/2023 Fees and Charges (as amended and attached in Appendix 6), draft 2022/2023 Annual Statement of Revenue Policy (attached in Appendix 7), draft Macquarie Regional Library 2022/2023 Budget (attached in Appendix 8), draft Macquarie Regional Library 2022/2023 Fees and Charges (attached in Appendix 9), draft Long Term Financial Plan (attached in Appendix 10) and draft Interim Workforce Management Plan (attached in Appendix 11), be adopted and commence operation on 1 July 2022.
3. That that draft documents be amended to correct minor clarifications and typographical errors.
4. That the 2022/2023 Fees and Charges in respect of the Aquatic Leisure Centres – All Access Passes be deleted.
5. That the 2022/2023 Fees and Charges in respect of the Aquatic Leisure Centres – Admission be amended to:

Dubbo and Wellington Aquatic Leisure Centres

Season Pass – Adult	\$120
Season Pass – Child	\$80
Season Pass – Concession	\$80
Season Pass – Family	\$290
28 Day Pass – Adult	\$25
28 Day Pass – Child	\$20
28 Day Pass – Concession	\$20
28 Day Pass – Family	\$45

Geurie Pool

Season Pass – Adult	\$95
Season Pass – Child	\$60
Season Pass – Concession	\$60
Season Pass – Family	\$150
28 Day Pass – Adult	\$22
28 Day Pass – Child	\$17
28 Day Pass – Concession	\$17
28 Day Pass – Family	\$38

6. That Council make a determination on the 2022/2023 Fees and Charges in respect of the Aquatic Leisure Centres – 10 Entry Pass – Dubbo, Wellington and Geurie.
7. That the 2022/2023 Fees and Charges in respect of the Sporting Facilities – Hire Fee – Apex Oval/Barden Park/Victoria Park No. 1 Oval/Dubbo Regional Cycling Facility be

amended to include a new fee as follows:

Casual hire function room – Private – excluding clean if required – per use	\$370
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8. That the 2022/2023 Fees and Charges in respect of the Sporting Facilities – Ground Preparation Fee – Soccer be amended as follows:

Macquarie United	\$2872.47
Orana Spurs	\$2061.17
Dubbo Bulls	\$1667.44

9. That the 2022/2023 Fees and Charges in respect of Companion Animals – Registration be amended in accordance with the Companion Animals Regulation 2018 as follows:

Dog – Desexed (by relevant age)	\$69
Dog – Desexed (by relevant age eligible pensioner)	\$29
Dog – Desexed (sold by pound/shelter)	\$0
Dog – Not Desexed or Desexed (after relevant age)	\$234
Dog – Not Desexed	\$69
Dog – Not Desexed (recognised breeder)	\$69
Dog – Working	\$0
Dog – Service of the State	\$0
Assistance Animal	\$0
Cat – Desexed or Not Desexed	\$59
Cat – Eligible Pensioner	\$29
Cat – Desexed (sold by pound/shelter)	\$0
Cat – Not Desexed	\$59
Cat – Not Desexed (recognised breeder)	\$59
Registration late fee	\$19

10. That the 2022/2023 Fees and Charges in respect of Companion Animals – Annual permit be amended in accordance with the Companion Animals Regulation 2018 as follows:

Cat not desexed by four months of age	\$85
Dangerous dog	\$206
Restricted dog	\$206
Permit late fee	\$19

11. That the 2022/2023 Fees and Charges in respect of the Community Arts Centre Meeting Rooms be amended as follows:

Art Studio – Community – per hour, minimum 2 hour booking	\$30
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12. That \$295,000 from the compulsory acquisition of Wiradjuri Park by Transport for NSW be used to repair the flood damaged pathway in Pioneer Oval, Wellington

13. That an advertisement be placed in local print media advising of Council's adoption of the relevant documents.

14. That in accordance with the requirements of Section 566(3) of the Local Government

Act 1993, the interest charged on overdue rates and charges be at the rate of 6% per annum for the 2022/2023 financial year.

15. That those who made a submission be acknowledged and advised of Council's determination in this matter.

Murray Wood
Chief Executive Officer

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Team Leader Growth
Planning Projects

BACKGROUND

1. Previous Resolutions of Council

28 April 2022	<i>In part:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. That the draft 2022/2023 Delivery Program and Operational Plan, draft Macquarie Regional Library 2022/2023 Operational Plan, draft Long Term Financial Plans and draft Interim Workforce Management Plan be adopted by Council for the purposes of public exhibition only.2. That the draft...documents...be placed on public exhibition from Monday, 2 May 2022 until 5 pm Monday, 30 May 2022.
28 April 2022	<i>In part:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. That the draft 2022/2023 Dubbo Regional Council Budget (including Fees and Charges) and Forward Budgets...be adopted by Council for the purposes of public exhibition only.3. That the draft 2022/2023 Macquarie Regional Library Budget (including Fees and Charges) and Forward Budgets...be adopted by Council for the purposes of public exhibition only.

2. Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework

All Councils in NSW are required to use the Local Government Act 1993 and the Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) Framework to guide short, medium and long-term planning. The IP&R Framework is based on comprehensive community engagement and aims to create a clear vision for the future and provides a roadmap for delivering community priorities in a sustainable manner.

The IP&R Framework consists of the following documents:

- The Community Strategic Plan (CSP) identifies the community's vision and aspirations for the future of the Local Government Area. The draft CSP is the subject of a separate report for the consideration of Council.
- The Resourcing Strategy identifies, in general terms, how Council will allocate resources to deliver the CSP objectives that it is responsible for. It includes the Long Term Financial Plan, Workforce Management Plan and Asset Management Strategy.
- The Delivery Program details the principal activities Council will undertake in the adopted four year Councillor timeframe to implement the CSP strategies.
- The Operational Plan details the activities and projects Council will undertake during the financial year to address the principal activities outlined in the Delivery Program. It also includes a detailed annual budget and the statement of revenue policy.

Council is required to adopt the relevant documents before 30 June 2022.

REPORT

1. Draft Delivery Program and Operational Plan

The draft Plan (attached in **Appendix 2**) identifies the activities and projects Council will undertake during the financial year.

The Plan has been modified in response to community feedback in the following ways:

- Housing theme – a new strategy has been created to communicate development opportunities, guidance materials and development “toolkits” to the community
- Infrastructure theme – actions have been modified to: remove village road resealing, conduct service reviews of rural roads to help inform business improvement and decision making, collaborate and undertake road infrastructure planning for the Central West Orana Renewable Energy Zone, and advocate to ensure Dubbo is considered as part of the fast rail business case
- Economic theme – similar strategies and actions have been consolidated, and a new strategy has been created to proactively attract and support major investment in the region. The intended outcomes of the actions remain the same
- Leadership theme – strategies and actions have been reworded to provide clarity on the intended outcome. The intended outcomes of the actions remain the same
- Liveability theme – strategies and actions have been reworded to provide clarity on the intended outcome. The intended outcomes of the actions remain the same
- Environmental sustainability theme – strategies and actions have been reworded to provide clarity on the intended outcome. The intended outcomes of the actions remain the same
- Changes are proposed to the Aquatic Leisure Centre fees, sporting facilities – hire and ground preparation fees, companion animal fees and community arts centre hire fees.
- \$295,000 from the compulsory acquisition of Wiradjuri Park by Transport for NSW will be used to repair the flood damaged pathway in Pioneer Oval, Wellington
- The list of major capital projects has been included so that the community can understand work that will be undertaken in the 2022/2023 financial year

2. Draft Macquarie Regional Library 2022/2023 Operational Plan

The draft Plan (attached in **Appendix 3**) aims to provide high quality library services to the Macquarie Regional Library Service communities.

3. Draft budget, fees and charges

The draft Dubbo Regional Council budget summary, capital expenditure, fees and charges and annual statement of revenue policy (attached in **Appendices 4 to 7**) and draft Macquarie Regional Library budget summary and fees and charges (attached in **Appendices 8 and 9**) cover the costs of providing a wide range of services to the community.

4. Draft Long Term Financial Plan

The draft Plan (attached in **Appendix 10**) expresses, in financial terms, the activities Council will undertake over the short, medium and long term, to provide a sound basis for strategic decision making. It also guides the future strategies and actions of Council to ensure that it continues to operate in a manner that achieves financial sustainability.

Council received approval from the NSW Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) to increase ordinary (general) rates and the stormwater drainage annual charge by 2.30% in 2022/2023 in accordance with the additional special variation limit. The Plan is based on this scenario.

5. Draft Interim Workforce Management Plan

The draft Interim Plan (attached in **Appendix 11**) identifies and addresses the human resource requirements needed to implement the Delivery Program. Following conclusion of Council's restructure, a further detailed Workforce Management Plan will be prepared. It will incorporate recruitment and attraction strategies, plans for managing different generations, plans for retaining corporate knowledge, plans for increasing workplace diversity, and a statement of desired workplace culture.

6. Consultation and submissions

The draft documents were placed on public exhibition from 2 May until 30 May 2022. Council received 83 submissions during the public exhibition period (attached in **Appendix 1**).

The draft documents were available for viewing at the Dubbo and Wellington Customer Experience Centres, Macquarie Regional Library – Dubbo and Wellington Branches, and through a dedicated consultation page on Council's website.

The documents were publicly notified in the following ways:

Channel	Date
Media Release	4 and 25 May
Social Media Post	2, 11, 13, 17, 20, 23 and 27 May
Daily Liberal	2, 9, 16, and 23 May
Daily Liberal Council Column	4, 11, 18 and 25 May
Dubbo Photo News and Wellington Leader	5, 12, 19 and 26 May
Triple M, Zoo FM / 2DU, Binjang Radio, DCFM Radio	2 – 30 May
Council Website	2 – 30 May
Council Customer Experience Centres	2 – 30 May
Dubbo and Wellington Macquarie Regional Library Branches	2 – 30 May
Email to stakeholders who participated in CSP community consultation sessions	2 May

Consultation highlighted the following topics:

Submission topic	Number of submissions*
Aquatic leisure centre fees, maintenance and programs	51
Airport fees and infrastructure	11
Infrastructure – maintenance, flooding and footpaths, fast rail	5
Rate rises and discounts	4
Environmental outcomes – tree planting, climate change, Regand Park, River Repair Bus	3
Economy – CBD presentation, cultural facilities, events and festivals	2
Housing – diversity, types, short-term accommodation	1
Facilities for people with a disability	1
Wellington improvements	1
General comments	1

*some submissions covered multiple topics which is why the total exceeds 83

The content of submissions have been paraphrased as a number of them are similar.

(a) Submission – Aquatic Leisure Centre fee increases

Submission by Alistaire Thompson, Amanda Stevens, Amy Jones, Anonymous, Bernard Cahill, Caroline Ivey, Chris Stevens, David Grant, Doin It for Rural Aussie Kids, Dubbo City Swimtech, Emily Redfern, Gill Taylor, Hannah Boland, Hannah Clavell, Hayley Jones, Hayley Lambourn, Hazel Keogh, Ian and Sally Anderson, Jennifer Frogley, Jennifer Wykes, Jessica Chown, Jessica Finn, Jo Finlay, John Gleeson, Julie Messner, Kathy Ogrady, Kelly Wykes, Leesa Weber, Lucy Maurice, Lynette Midson, Lynne Hyde, Mandy Turner, Marie Scrivener, Mary Bell, Nathan Weeks, Phillip Stevens, Rachael Long, Rebecca Blackstock, Rebecca Groen, Rebecca O'Donnell, Robert Fenton, Rosalee Whiteley, Sara Stevens, Steph Dalton, Teena Campbell, Teresa Johnson, Wellington Amateur Swimming Club (Beth Angell, Carmin Gain, Erin Carney) and Wendy Woldhuis

- *Increasing the cost of entry to the Aquatic Leisure Centres is unjustified and greatly exceeds CPI. Council should apply for funding or heavily subsidise the cost of admission, and reduce the cost of admission compared to last year.*
- *The price rise can't be justified when the centres are continually closed for maintenance.*
- *Many pensioners, low income people, people with a disability and families use the centres for recreational, learn-to-swim and rehabilitation purposes. People will be forced to swim in the river instead, which is very dangerous.*
- *Swimming is an essential skill and every child should have the opportunity to participate.*
- *Since Council took over the facility, prices have continued to climb but service has reduced, including decreased opening times, shorter seasons, more maintenance and closure of the facilities.*
- *The pools have become places to train, compete, exercise and learn to swim, and is no longer the fun, family-friendly facility it used to be. It is over staffed and over regulated.*

- Council should review the management of the pool first before raising prices

Council recognises the importance of aquatic centres and how they can provide significant health and recreational benefits to individuals and the wider community. In response to community feedback, Council staff investigated:

- merging season pass memberships for the Dubbo and Wellington Aquatic Leisure Centres, with a separate season pass for the Geurie Pool
- adjusting proposed costs of memberships based on an approximate 30% increase
- investigating larger discount on 10 visit pass
- investigating a 30 visit pass

Season passes

The draft fees for a season pass were proposed to be the following:

	All access	Dubbo	Geurie	Wellington
Adult	\$400	\$282	\$117	\$262
Child	\$300	\$213	\$73	\$202
Concession	\$300	\$213	\$73	\$202
Family	\$650	\$518	\$200	\$484

The number of season passes purchased over the last few years are as follows:

	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Dubbo Adult	15	90	63
Dubbo Child	6	32	49
Dubbo Concession	11	28	28
Dubbo Family	48	119	98
Wellington Adult	1	52	19
Wellington Child	1	142	18
Wellington Concession	1	Combined in above child	45
Wellington Family	8	108	68
Geurie Adult	0	0	0
Geurie Child	1	1	2
Geurie Concession	1	5	1
Geurie Family	9	31	20
Total	102	608	411

It is recommended that season pass memberships for Dubbo and Wellington be merged, with a separate pass for Geurie Pool. The following fees are proposed for Council consideration:

	2021/22 Fee	Proposed Fee	Increase
Dubbo Adult	\$ 110.00	\$ 120.00	9%
Dubbo Child	\$ 70.00	\$ 80.00	14%
Dubbo Concession	\$ 70.00	\$ 80.00	14%
Dubbo Family	\$ 260.00	\$ 290.00	8%
Wellington Adult	\$ 90.00	\$ 120.00	33%
Wellington Child	\$ 60.00	\$ 80.00	33%
Wellington Concession	\$ 60.00	\$ 80.00	33%
Wellington Family	\$ 210.00	\$ 290.00	33%
Geurie Adult	\$ 75.00	\$ 95.00	27%
Geurie Child	\$ 47.00	\$ 60.00	28%
Geurie Concession	\$ 47.00	\$ 60.00	28%
Geurie Family	\$ 105.00	\$ 150.00	43%

It is noted that Wellington will have a higher percentage increase than Dubbo.

Council generated \$59,811 in revenue from season passes during the 2021/2022 season. Expected revenue during 2022/2023 from the original proposed season passes was to be \$139,766, but this will change to \$70,700 as a result of the proposed amended fees above. In order to maintain a balanced budget for the 2022/2023 financial year and maintain income at the 2021/2022 level, an additional 179 season passes would be need to be sold based on the proposed amended fees above.

	Proposed 2023 price (pre-exhibition)	Revised 2023 price (post-exhibition)	Additional required
Dubbo Adult	25	58	33
Dubbo Child	16	43	27
Dubbo Concession	9	25	15
Dubbo Family	49	91	42
Wellington Adult	6	14	8
Wellington Child	6	14	8
Wellington Concession	13	34	20
Wellington Family	30	51	21
Geurie Adult			
Geurie Child	1	2	1
Geurie Concession	1	1	0
Geurie Family	11	14	3
Total	\$139,766	\$70,700	179

28 day passes – A 28 days pass has been introduced for those not wanting a full season pass. The draft fees were proposed to be the following:

	All access	Dubbo	Geurie	Wellington
Adult	\$52	\$37	\$18	\$37
Child	\$40	\$29	\$12	\$29
Concession	\$40	\$29	\$12	\$29
Family	\$84	\$67	\$30	\$67

The following fees are proposed for Council consideration:

	Proposed 28 day pass	Equivalent casual visits
DALC/WALC Adult	\$25	4
DALC/WALC Child/ concession	\$20	5
DALC/WALC Family	\$45	2
Geurie Adult	\$22	5
Geurie Concession	\$17	5
Geurie Family	\$38	3

10 visit pass – The draft fees for a 10 visit pass were proposed to be the following:

	Proposed 10 visit pass	Cost per visit
DALC/WALC Adult	\$55	\$5.5
DALC/WALC Child/ concession	\$35	\$3.5
Geurie Adult	\$40	\$4
Geurie Concession	\$30	\$3

The number of 10 visit passes purchased over the last few years are shown below:

	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Dubbo Adult	70	40	44
Dubbo Child	54	15	21
Dubbo Concession			
Wellington Adult	5	6	2
Wellington Child	0	2	2
Wellington Concession	11	6	1
Geurie Adult	0	0	3
Geurie Child	1	0	1
Geurie Concession	0	0	0
Total	141	69	74

The following 10 visit pass fees are proposed for Council consideration:

	Option 2	Cost per visit	Option 3	Cost per visit
DALC/WALC Adult	\$50	\$5	\$45	\$4.5
DALC/WALC Child/ concession	\$30	\$3	\$25	\$2.5
Geurie Adult	\$35	\$3.5	\$30	\$3
Geurie Concession	\$25	\$2.5	\$20	\$2
Total	\$3,150		\$2,780	

Council generated \$3,278 in revenue from 10 visit passes during the 2021/2022 season. Expected revenue during 2022/2023 from the original proposed 10 visit passes was to be \$3,520, but this will change to \$3,150 (option 2) or \$2,780 (option 3) as a result of the proposed amended fees above. In order to maintain a balanced budget for the 2022/2023 financial year and maintain income at the 2021/2022 level, an additional 9 passes for option 2 and an additional 21 passes for option 3 would be need to be sold based on the proposed amended fees above.

It should also be taken into account that income generated through casual visits would be effected if more customers purchased the multi-pass option.

30-visit pass

Council staff investigated a 30-visit pass using the 10 visit pass and discount methodology, but this would become more expensive than a season pass. It is recommended that the 10-visit pass be retained, with customers given the option to purchase multiple passes and/or “top up” their pass as required.

Lifeguards

To ensure public safety in and around the water, a trained and appropriately qualified lifeguard employed by Council is required to be on site whenever members of the public are utilising Aquatic facilities. Having a minimum of two lifeguards on duty better ensures that emergency situations do not adversely impact on regular surveillance duties or put water safety personnel at risk.

As per NSW Health Practice Notes, lifeguards are responsible for the supervision of patrons using the facility ensuring safety of patrons at all times in accordance with legislation, regulations and the centre’s rules, policies and procedures.

While Lifeguards are also responsible for cleaning, water testing, plant management, minor repairs, first-aid and supervising general public behaviour in and out of the water, a review of the staffing levels will be undertaken for the 2022/2023 season.

Community consultation

Council has established an Aquatics Working Party which allows for community and industry feedback on a range of issues in an advisory capacity. The aim of this Working Party is to assist Council decision-making in relation to aquatic leisure development programs.

Management model

Council at its Ordinary Meeting on 23 June 2022 considered a report in respect of ongoing management options of Council's Aquatic Leisure Centres. The report examined a range of factors, including:

- The advantages and disadvantages of in-house management and external (contract) management
- Financial analysis of each option (including projected one off and ongoing finance implications)
- Analysis of historical (5 years) financial and attendance performance;
- Analysis of any available benchmarking.

(b) Submission – Aquatic Leisure Centre maintenance

Jennifer Frogley, Jennifer Wykes

- *Nothing was done about the defecating ducks and floating feathers in Wellington. It was disgusting and an OH&S issue.*
- *The heater for the middle pool in Wellington needs repairing as it didn't work last season.*

Ducks

Council sought advice from NSW Health, Wires and a private pest-control company in regards to the ducks at the Wellington Aquatic Leisure Centre. The results of the investigation found:

- NSW Health deemed no public health risk due to the regular cleaning undertaken by WALC staff and safe levels of chemicals in the water.
- A representative from WIRES was invited to visit the facility and advised that ducks are protected and can therefore not be culled or relocated.

Council continually maintains facilities to a high standard to ensure there is no risk to public safety.

Heater

The Wellington Aquatic Leisure Centre - Learn to Swim Pool heater was out of service during February and March 2022. The heat exchanger was found to be faulty, and a replacement was organised. However, the COVID-19 pandemic caused shipping delays and a shortage of spare parts. Unfortunately the system could not be repaired prior to the end of the season.

The heater will be operational prior to the 2022/2023 season.

(c) Submission – Geurie Pool learn-to-swim

Hayley Jones

- *We have struggled to get Council to provide swimming lessons at the Geurie pool. There have been no lessons for babies and toddlers, there were no Term 1 or 4 lessons available, and lessons book out quickly in Wellington and Dubbo*

The COVID-19 pandemic and associated lockdowns impacted Term 4 learn-to-swim courses across all aquatic leisure centres.

Council is working with Royal Life Saving and AustSwim to offer free courses to boost instructor numbers. However, Swim Australia estimates a shortage of about 2,000 swimming instructors across the country, with the shortfall the worst in NSW and Victoria.

This shortage required Council to prioritise lessons at the Dubbo and Wellington Aquatic Leisure Centres as they have the highest patronage. Both centres were booked out within minutes of being released.

Council is investigating ways to offer a broader range of learn-to-swim sessions in the 2022/2023 season.

Council's Workforce Management Plan will incorporate recruitment and attraction strategies, plans for managing different generations, plans for retaining corporate knowledge, and plans for increasing workplace diversity.

(d) Submission – Rate rises

Andrew Brooks, David Grant and Tony Beale,

- *Council should not raise rates above the IPART cap. The cost of living is continually rising, and rate rises will put extra pressure on households. This is irresponsible, unfair and poorly timed. Instead of raising rates, Council should look at its own efficiency for inward savings.*
- *Some community members support the 2.3% rate rise to ensure the long term viability of Council, and ability to reduce asset infrastructure backlog*

The amount of rates levied on a property is determined by the rating category (either residential, business, farmland or mining), land value, the “ad valorem” rate set by Council for that category, and any eligible pension concession.

Council increases rate income by the Rate Peg set by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal NSW (IPART). The rate peg determines the maximum percentage amount by which a council may increase its general income for the year. The rate peg applies to general income in total, and not to individual ratepayers’ rates. Some ratepayers will see their rates decrease, while others will increase, but the overall ordinary rates collected by Council won’t exceed the rate peg.

Given the uncertain economic climate in 2020, Council took a conservative approach and used a rate peg of 2.3% in the adopted 2021/22 Long Term Financial Plan. In late 2021, IPART announced a rate peg for the 2022/23 financial year of 0.7%. A rate peg that is lower than 2.5% will reduce the level of funding available for the maintenance of essential assets and the provision of community services. The NSW Government and IPART agreed to allow NSW councils to apply for a one-off special variation for the 2022-23 financial year only.

It is considered that the risk of not applying for the special variation includes missing the opportunity to invest in infrastructure and keep funding from rate revenue at the level determined in the adopted 2021/22 Long Term Financial Plan.

Council received approval from the NSW Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) to increase ordinary (general) rates and the stormwater drainage annual charge by 2.30% in 2022/2023 in accordance with the additional special variation limit.

The Rate Peg percentage set by IPART over the last five years are as follows:

- 2021/2022 – 2.0%
- 2020/2021 – 2.6%
- 2019/2020 – 2.7%
- 2018/2019 – 2.3%
- 2017/2018 – 1.5%
- 2016/2017 – 1.8%

The NSW Valuer General (VG) is the statutory independent valuing authority in NSW and is the responsible agency for determining land values. The VG reviews land values every three years and recently completed a review of all land values across the State (as at 1 July 2021). The valuation process is something Council cannot influence, and Council is legally required to use these new land values provided by the VG when calculating ordinary rates.

(e) Submission – Rate reduction for low-income health care card

Felicite Wardman

- *The Federal Government website lists there may be some rate relief for residents on a low-income health care card. However, Council does not do this. We are hoping that you will be able to review this scenario, as reducing rates for residents on the low-income health care card would help many in the community*

The Local Government Act 1993 and associated Regulation provide concessions for an “eligible pensioner”, with the definition being a person who receives a pension, benefit or allowance under the Commonwealth Social Security Act 1991, a service pension under the Commonwealth Veterans’ Entitlements Act 1986 and who is entitled to a pensioner concession card issued by or on behalf of the Commonwealth Government

Whilst Council acknowledges that the Services Australia websites outlines potential benefits for people on a low-income health care card, this card does not meet the above legislative requirements.

Council provides concessions on annual rates and charges to ratepayers who meet one of the following eligibility criteria and complete a Pensioner Concession Application Form:

- Holders of the PCC (Pensioner Concession Card)
- Holders of a gold card embossed with TPI (Totally Permanently Incapacitated)
- Holders of a gold card embossed with EDA (Extreme Disability Adjustment)
- War widow or widower or wholly dependent partner entitled to the Pensioner Concession Card (eligibility is subject to an income and assets test).

(f) Submission – Airport parking fees and options

Connor O’Brien, Kaivan Vaidya

- *Council should consider additional fee options for secure parking for FIFO workers. There is currently a daily and weekly fee, but this quickly adds up over a year. Free parking is available, but this would place vehicles at risk from theft and damage*
- *Council should consider permanent and secure overnight bicycle parking facilities at the airport for FIFO workers*

Council operates many of its facilities, including the Dubbo Regional Airport, under a user pays principle with funds contributing to the ongoing maintenance of the facility. Further consideration of the financial impact on further secure parking and bike lockers will be considered by Council in the next review of the Dubbo Regional Airport Master Plan.

(g) Submission – Airport landing fees

Alex White, Fran Philipson, Gary Gould, George Philipson, Jason Thorn, Mack Watson, Mark Conn, Peter Gauci and Phillip Sherwood.

- *The community appreciates half price landing fees on the weekend, and the reduction of landing fees at Wellington airport. These will benefit the region and attract more tourists/businesses*
- *Council should consider a fixed-price landing fee for a 12 month period for all GA aircraft. This could save Council money on avdata fees, and could help improve the failing GA aviation industry in the region*
- *Landing fees and avdata at Wellington should be abolished as it does not have the facilities of a certified airfield and is a low cost maintenance aerodrome. The costs to operate the Wellington Aerodrome are mostly non-aircraft operations from the Dubbo City Car Club*

Council operates many of its facilities, including the Dubbo Regional Airport and Wellington Aerodrome and Recreation Park, under a user pays principle with funds contributing to the ongoing maintenance of the facility.

Full consideration of the financial impact of fixed-price landing fees and the abolishment of landing fees would require significant financial analysis on the future management of the Dubbo Regional Airport and the Wellington Aerodrome and Recreation Park. Council is currently unable to reduce fees further than those proposed, but this may be considered as part of the ongoing review of the Wellington Aerodrome and Recreation Park and facility use.

In 2018 Council introduced the avdata system to determine the actual usage of Wellington Aerodrome and Recreation Park. Avdata increases the transparency of use and payment, and provides a sound base for Council to determine current and future use.

(h) Submission – Economic activation

Carlo Hilton, Dubbo Chamber of Commerce

- *Council should help activate the night-time economy, leverage the Health and Education district, and promote the region as a user case for new technology*
- *Council should leverage Evocities and use updated images and videos for businesses to use freely*
- *Council should budget for extra lighting in the CBD to help with safety*
- *Council should continue to bring the NRL to the region - it was a fantastic opportunity and helped local businesses*

Night-time economy

The activation and encouragement of an active night-time economy is a key objective of Council in promoting the region. Council is preparing, and has recently adopted, multiple strategies to help further develop and promote the Dubbo CBD and the Wellington Town Centre. The strategies aim to activate the centres through a variety of programmed seasonal, events and festivals, encourage a thriving day and night-time economy through adaptable and flexible spaces, and encourage new businesses to locate in these areas.

Presently, the centres include a variety of retail, hospitality and service brand offerings. Diversifying these offerings will help further promote activation, increase the day and night-time economy, and better service visitors and the growing population. Council is:

- investigating opportunities to integrate new food and beverage offerings within the ground floor of new developments, with particular emphasis on key corners and laneways
- investing opportunities to provide shade and walkable linkages through laneways and greenspace to further enhance the day and night-time economy
- implementing an economic development delivery program for CBD light projects and activation activities to further promote the night-time economy

Dubbo Health, Education and Wellbeing Precinct

Council has partnered with Charles Sturt University and the Western NSW Local Health District to develop a master plan to support continued growth of services and facilities of the precinct. The master plan was adopted in 2019.

The master plan will help guide and provide for the health care, social assistance, housing, education and training needs of the region. A servicing strategy has been prepared to help

determine an appropriate density across the precinct, and develop an economic means of providing servicing infrastructure to facilitate the proposed development.

Planning activities are ongoing across the precinct.

New technology

Council has prepared a Smart Region Strategy and Smart Council Strategy to guide the adoption of technology, data and innovation. The Strategies will identify the guiding principles Council will use to address current and future opportunities presented by changes in technology, and provide a platform for long-term growth and coordinated planning to help the region reach its full potential. It will focus on the broader regional context rather than just city-centric projects.

A report in respect of these draft strategies will be considered by Council at its July 2022 meeting.

NRL events

The contract between the South Sydney Football Club and Council was for 2021 and 2022 and included a grant from the NSW State Government for \$150,000. Council at its Ordinary Meeting on 23 June 2022 considered a report in respect of NRL events and the benefits for the region.

A report will be presented to Council at a later date to include background information to consider if negotiations will commence for an extension to the current contract. This report will outline the benefits and costs of the NRL match in Dubbo to allow Council to make a determination for 2023. The draft budget of 2022/23 does not currently include an allocation of funds to facilitate the delivery of the NRL event.

(i) Submission – Active transport

Benjamin Connor, Carlo Hilton and Peter Wardman

- *Council should promote and deliver safe and segregated active transport for commuters and children*
- *Council should consider a shared footpath along Douglas Mawson Drive utilising the existing green space. It would keep residents safer and separated from heavy traffic*
- *Creating a Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan will take a long time. Council should consider updating Action 2.3.3.1 to ensure the 6-year old PAMP is implemented*

Council recognises the importance of active transport and how it can help reduce the reliance on motorised transport, mitigate the impacts of climate change and provide significant health benefits to individuals and the wider community. Active transport provides more choice for those people without a licence or access to a vehicle, particularly in areas with limited public transport.

Council has allocated \$2.6 million over the four year period for the Footpath and Cycleway Construction and Renewal Programme, with \$799,165 allocated in 2022/2023. This includes the construction of the Macquarie Street footpath, reconstruction of the Brisbane Street (Tamworth Street to Mitchell Highway) and Gipps Street (Wingewarra to Bultjre Street) footpaths, and ongoing capital maintenance of existing footpaths and cycleways in the region.

Council is undertaking a review of the Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan (PAMP), which aims to address the existing and future active transport needs of Dubbo. The PAMP will assess the existing active transport network, and identify specific projects to improve and enhance the active transport environment. This includes infrastructure close to key destinations, major thoroughfares in residential areas and major transport corridors.

Council regularly applies for National and State Government funding to construct new infrastructure or upgrade or extend existing infrastructure, minimising the costs for ratepayers.

The Operational Plan has been updated accordingly.

(j) Submission – Fast Rail

Carlo Jones

- *Council should advocate for the extension of the Fast Railway to Dubbo. With the new Regional Fleet based here, the rail should be extended from Orange to Dubbo*

Council will advocate to the State Government for the extension of the Fast Railway to Dubbo, given the importance of the region. The Operational Plan has been updated accordingly.

(k) Submission – Facilities for older people and people with a disability

Dubbo Prostate Cancer Support Group – Janice Monk

- *Council should consider disposal bins for incontinence products in public male toilet facilities.*

Council currently provides disposal bins in some public toilet facilities for people with a disability. Council is currently investigating the feasibility of providing additional incontinence products in public male toilet facilities.

(l) Submission – Wellington burial services

David Taylor

- *The current availability of cemetery services in Wellington and surrounding villages is limited by availability of cemetery staff to dig the grave and return the machinery. Council is losing revenue by not keeping up with demand.*
- *Council should contract out Wellington and surrounding villages grave digging services, which will allow more services to take place and generate more revenue for Council. It would also allow staff to undertake maintenance on other areas within the cemeteries.*

Council requires three days' notice to coordinate and plan machinery transport, grave digging operations and other logistics for funeral services between Wellington and surrounding villages. This also provides sufficient time to accommodate unforeseen circumstances in ground conditions, including rock and/or water-logging, as this can impact the machinery required. Council can occasionally accommodate interment on consecutive days, but this is subject to early interment, soil backfilling, transport and sufficient time to dig.

Council also requires sufficient time between interments out of respect for the family and relatives, as there is potential for services to extend, family members to remain at the grave or visit other interred family members. Council fill in graves when family members are no longer on-site.

(m) Submission – Dubbo Animal Shelter

Kristie Klaasens

- *It is pleasing that Council is looking to improve the Dubbo animal shelter.*

- *Please hire qualified staff; provide automatic water bowls, overhead misters, exercise yards, pens for initial assessment; improve access into the dangerous dog section; ensure the exercise substrate is adequate; and hire a consultant who knows how to design the new facility*

Council has allocated \$4,500,000 over the next two years for the construction of a new animal shelter.

Council staff, local vets and the Animal Welfare League have been involved with the design of the new animal shelter. Council staff have investigated different styles of pens, cages, feed and water bowls, including appropriate materials and finishes. In addition, Council staff have considered other Councils' animal shelter facilities to find out what works and what doesn't work.

The proposed design consists of multiple exercise areas, including small areas that are attached to dangerous dog pens. The dangerous dog pens have front and rear entry doors as well as two guillotine-style doors per pen. These pens will be fitted with specially designed doors to allow for the use of catch poles, and will be fitted with swing out food and water bowls.

There are isolation area for both cats and dogs, with the dog isolation area not inside the main building to help with disease control. The overnight pens for dogs are on one side of the building while the overnight cages for cats are on the other side.

One exercise pen will also be used for adoption meetings. Each dog pen will have its own individual drain hole that feeds into a common drain located behind the pens.

(n) Submission – Derribong Street, Wongarboron flooding

Troy Stanford

- *Council has previously promised to rectify flooding issues in this area, however nothing has happened. \$500,000 has been allocated in the 2022/23 budget, but then \$nil after that.*

Council staff met with Mr Stanford onsite on 1 March 2022 to discuss flooding issues. Council has allocated \$500,000 in the 2022/23 financial year to undertake detailed design work, cost-benefit analysis and a review of several mitigation options. Due to the likely significant cost associated with any kind of mitigation, accurate figures for future draft budgets cannot be determined until the analysis work is undertaken.

Council will continue to liaise with residents of Wongarboron as this work progresses.

(o) Submission – Truck access to 1779 Uungula Road, Wuuluman

John Holland

- NB: This submission only contained a photo of a 4.5km access track.

Council received a development application for an extractive industry at this site, which will be utilised solely to supply construction materials for the Uungula Wind Farm approved under State Significant Development SSD-6687. Vehicular access to the site is available via Twelve Mile Road, and a proposed internal access road. Vehicular access will be required to be constructed in accordance with the SSD-6687 approval.

(p) Submission – Road Safety Program and Road Safety Officer

Jayne Huty

- *Council should reintroduce the Road Safety Program whereby a Road Safety Officer can be employed on a part-funded role with Transport for NSW. This should be reinstated so that community members have a contact for road safety concerns and partner with multiple transport stakeholders*

Transport for NSW (TfNSW) is the legislated authority responsible for the control of traffic on all roads in NSW. TfNSW has delegated certain aspects of traffic on local roads to Council.

Council regularly consults with TfNSW on road-related matters. Council employs a Safe Roads Engineer who liaises with TfNSW on road safety, traffic engineering and development applications, and prepares reports for Council's Local Traffic Committee.

The Local Traffic Committee comprises of a representative from Council, the Police, TfNSW, and the State Member of Parliament (or their nominee). This committee is an advisory body and advises Council on traffic and parking control matters. The committee ensures current road technical guidelines are considered, and provides recommendations to Council for consideration.

(q) Submission – River Repair Bus

OzFish

- *Council has previously provided funding for the River Repair Bus, which undertakes riparian restoration work along the Wambuul-Macquarie River. Please continue to allocate funding for this.*

Council has previously provided funding to the River Repair Bus, and there has been no ongoing commitment to fund this program. Council recognises the importance of supporting environmental groups undertaking planning and weed control along the river corridor and is investigating ways to help multiple groups rather than individual organisations.

Funding is not proposed to be allocated in the 2022/2023 Budget for this activity.

(r) **Submission – Housing diversity**

Real Estate Institute of NSW

- *REI NSW generally supports most objectives in the Plan*
- *Some statements in the Plan have remained the same for many years, and lack of action has resulted in failure of the relevant objective. Undersupply of housing is having an economic, employment and social impact for the region*
- *Affordable housing is a term overused and generally not understood*
- *There is a serious market failure to provide basic flat type accommodation of 1-2 bedrooms to accommodate social housing and a large demographic not requiring or unable to afford a dwelling*
- *Council must urgently rezone and increase density in Keswick Estate*
- *The current practice of supplying land and housing will no longer cater for the housing needs of the community. Council must facilitate changes that enable the community to be housed in an adequate way*

The social and economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic have resulted in new and unanticipated pressures on the local housing market across the spectrum of housing types. This has particularly affected the availability of housing to rent that is affordable to people on

low and very low incomes. Council adopted a Housing Roadmap at the 23 June 2022 Council meeting that aims to:

- undertake a housing market needs analysis identifying the current housing supply gaps and needs and capacity
- engage with stakeholders and community
- identify and recommend appropriate short, medium, and long-term actions, incentives and planning mechanisms and/or targets to increase the supply of affordable and diverse housing
- recommend other potential schemes, incentives, and planning mechanisms (including LEP and DCP controls) to encourage a range of housing options.

To help with the supply of land that is suitably zoned, sized and located to facilitate a variety of housing types and densities, Council proposes to:

- Prepare a structure plan for land in the north-west urban release area
- Prepare a structure plan for land in the south-west urban release area
- Investigate rezoning and minimum lot size changes to land in Keswick Estate

Council conducts regular forum with relevant stakeholders and industry representatives to consider the housing availability issues in the region. Forum topics include an update on the current supply of housing and residential land in Dubbo and Wellington, the factors impacting the supply and demand of different types of residential development, and opportunities to increase housing choice in the Local Government Area.

(s) Submission – Playing Field Improvement Fund

Dubbo Regional Sports Council

- *Council should reconsider introducing the Playing Field Improvement Fund. Sport provides a strong foundation for the region to recover from COVID-19, and we are ready to help the community recover. The Sports Council voted unanimously to request Council to reconsider introducing a similar funding opportunity*

Council has previously provided funding to the Playing Field Improvement Fund, which has supported local groups in improving the recreational facilities of Dubbo. While the fund does not appear in the current and forward budgets, Council is willing to work with the Dubbo Regional Sports Council to look at potential funding models to enable the Playing field Improvement Fund to be reinstated in future years.

(t) Submission – Environmental outcomes

Narelle Grant, Barbara Sutherland

- *The tree planting budget is appalling and seems to be a low priority for Council. There are abysmally few shade trees, and Council is not proactive in nurturing and preserving them. The tree planting budget is less than other region Councils*
- *Council needs to create a Tree Preservation Order, encompassing both public and private land. Trees are valuable in ameliorating extreme heat*
- *Council needs to be at the forefront of climate change. Summers are becoming hotter, houses have dark roofs and are on small blocks of land with no room for trees, development needs strict energy efficiency criteria*
- *Regand Park should not become a football field*
- *Council has an obligation to ensure the community has the most liveable environment it can provide*

Street tree planting budget

Council has allocated \$376,000 for the next four year period for street tree planting programs, which is slightly less than the four year period adopted in the 2021/22 Operational Plan.

Council has established a Public Spaces Tree Committee which allows for community feedback and input into the broader community's expectations in relation to the development of the public urban forest, input into strategic tree planting documents, and identify areas of community concern with regards to the management of the public urban forest.

Tree preservation order

Council at its Culture and Committee Meeting on 12 May 2022 considered a report in respect of a tree preservation order, and resolved as follows:

- Council considers the adoption of Chapter 2 of the State Environmental Planning Policy (Biodiversity and Conservation) 2021 to protect prescribed vegetation across defined areas of the Local Government Area;
- Council undertake community consultation on the options in July 2022.

Action 6.4.1.4 of the Operational Plan requires Council to prepare and adopt a tree preservation order to manage important trees within the region.

Climate change

Council recognises that the region's unique environment must be preserved whilst sustainably managing growth and development. A new "Environmental Sustainability" theme was created for the Community Strategic Plan which recognises climate change, and the need for coordinated solutions and education across all levels of society.

Council, in partnership with the University of New South Wales, submitted an expression of interest to the NSW Department of Planning and Environment's Smart Places Acceleration

Program in support of the "Smart and Cool Places in NSW" program. If successful, this project would help identify and potentially address climate change issues.

Council has established a Climate Change and Resilience Committee which aims to assist Council and the local community to take strategic and effective action on human induced climate change. This would include a focus on climate change mitigation (emissions reduction) and adaptation (preparing for climate change impacts).

Regand Park Master Plan

Council at its Ordinary Meeting on 24 February 2022 considered a report in respect of the Regand Park Master Plan Status, and resolved as follows:

- That \$140,000 from the current Section 94 Open Space and Facilities Plan be utilised to engage suitably qualified landscape architects to develop a northern and southern Macquarie River Master Plan, with any unexpended funds being returned to the
- Restricted Asset.
- That a procurement process be undertaken to appoint appropriately qualified consultants to undertake a review of the original Regand Park Master Plan and the development of a master plan for the northern Macquarie River recreational precinct.

As part of the review, community engagement will be undertaken.

(u) Submission – Creative arts and cultural outcomes

Creative Assembly Central NSW

- *Council should consider additional options to export cultural products and practices from the region, such as touring shows, visual arts, music etc.*
- *The Plan specifically references the DRTCC and WPCC, but does not address cultural products beyond this existing framework.*
- *The Plan does not mention festivals*
- *The Plan does not mention creative industries training or employment*

Council adopted the SPARC: Shaping Plans to Advance Regional Culture (2020-2025) in 2020, which identifies Council's priorities and role for developing arts and culture in the Local Government Area. It seeks to create opportunities for all people to learn, create, participate in and contribute to the cultural life of the region. It identifies that strategies and outcomes will be achieved through levels of partnerships, alignment and innovation, with Council playing a leadership role.

The Strategy was developed through extensive community consultation, which helped inform the priority areas for cultural development. It aims to increase cultural awareness through the following strategies and objectives:

- Discovery
- Immersion
- Growth
- Distinction
- Accessibility
- Communal

Council manages a number of major cultural facilities, is the custodian of significant collections of works, and ensures the community has access to quality cultural programming that connects locally and nationally.

Council is committed to supporting the development, growth and sustainability of local events. Events play an important role in our community, provide a diverse range of vibrant experiences, and contribute to the region's social cohesiveness and wellbeing. Council established the Event Assistance Program to help support events that deliver social and cultural benefits.

Council has established a Shaping Plans to Advance Regional Culture Committee which aims to provide advice on significant investment and long term master planning for creative facilities, programming or activities, provide advice on the strategic direction and review of the SPARC Plan, and provide community guidance on the positioning of cultural services and sector within the region.

(v) Submission – Wellington progress and development opportunities

Wellington Community Progress and Action Group

- *The Wellington CBD has inadequate public amenities, to the detriment of the local community. The toilet block and disabled access block were previously removed by Council, but the number of cubicles and amenities was significantly reduced.*
- *Wellington does not have a safe, fenced off-leash dog park. Council should consider providing such a facility in “Market Square” or “Apex Park”*
- *Council should make Wellington become a RV friendly town, as there are currently no RV friendly towns in the Local Government Area. Becoming a certified RV friendly town would provide social, economic and cultural benefits.*
- *Council should finish replacing trees along Showground Road*
- *The community would like to see the Wellington pedestrian suspension bridge between Cameron and Pioneer park restored, repaired and reopened, with a similar version suspension bridge only*
- *Council should develop Bell Park into a native botanical garden, with native Australian plants and wildflowers. This area is not maintained or used, and is currently an empty space overgrown with weeds and lawn clippings.*
- *Council should construct a shared pathway linking the Wellington Caves Complex to Mount Arthur Reserve via Wellington and Old Sydney Road.*
- *Council should install electric vehicle charging stations in the Wellington CBD. This would greatly benefit the town and encourage visitors to stop and shop, boosting economic and commercial activity*
- *Public art murals should be painted on walls (if permission can be obtained), as this would have social, economic, environmental and cultural benefits for the region. We acknowledge that significant funding would be needed for these projects*
- *The Wellington Town Plan needs to be amended*
- *Council should take action and campaign for a 24 hour police station. Wellington is a strong and close-knit community that has been declining and adversely impacted by crime and a decrease in safety and reputation*
- *Council should finish extending the recreation track to Mount Arthur Reserve. People continuing to Mount Arthur Reserve past the end of the track are placed at risk as they have to continue walking or cycling on the road*

Council has established a Wellington Town Committee which aims to provide a voice for residents of Wellington, identify (with the input of residents) the priorities of the Wellington community and communicate these priorities with Council. The Committee will also make recommendations to Council seeking positive outcomes for the Wellington community.

Wellington CBD amenities

The new amenities in Cameron Park opened in 2020, and were designed to provide a higher level of service for persons with a disability, both children and adult, with facilities that includes a hoist and changing table. It is acknowledged there has been a small reduction in the number of toilets available. Council continues to work with bus operators and the

community in an attempt to reduce any inconvenience to park users when buses stop at the park.

Dog park

Council can investigate the feasibility of a fenced leash free dog park in Wellington. However, this project is currently not funded. This request will be considered by Council in the next review of the budget and Operational Plan.

RV friendly certification

Council can investigate the feasibility of receiving RV friendly certification for Wellington. However, this project is currently not funded. This will be considered further

Trees along Showground Road

The trees were removed from Showground Road to enable a path to be constructed from Pioneer Park to Brennan's Way. Council is continuing to investigate means to replace the trees, which is contingent on the final design of Showground Road to improve road safety conditions. Furthermore, the existing overhead and underground services are constraining

the planting envelope and tree species viable to replant. A timeframe for the finalisation is currently undetermined.

Wellington pedestrian bridge

The Bell River pedestrian bridge linking Cameron Park and Pioneer Park was closed during 2017 and identified for demolition, following a structural assessment deemed it unsafe and recommended its closure.

Council contributed \$470,000 and received \$738,000 from the Australian Government Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Phase 2 funding to construct a new pedestrian bridge. Construction commenced in April 2022 and is expected to be complete by the end of July 2022, weather permitting.

Native garden in Bell Park

Prior to committing to the redevelopment of Bell Park, a master plan for the area will be developed to seek community input into the redevelopment of the area. A timeline of the development of this master plan cannot be provided at the present time due to budget constraints. In the interim a concerted effort will be made to ensure that the area is maintained to an acceptable standard.

Mount Arthur to Wellington Caves Recreation Track

Council acknowledges the development of this track could provide an additional and valuable recreational resource within the Wellington township. However, this project is currently not funded, and there is a substantial backlog in asset maintenance across the parks and open space network that requires more immediate attention.

Under Dubbo Regional Council's Asset Management Strategy, existing assets that require maintenance and/or replacement are given priority over the construction of new assets.

Electric vehicle charging stations

Council has prepared a Zero Emissions Fleet Strategy which identifies existing and future options for using electric vehicles and where charging stations should be located at Council facilities. Council is also collaborating with the NSW Government as part of the Electric Vehicle Strategy, which aims to install multiple EV charging stations over the next four years. Public charging stations will be investigated for provision.

Public Art Murals

Council is currently preparing a Public Arts Strategy as part of the SPARC: Shaping Plans to Advance Regional Culture (2020-2025). The Strategy aims to identify the overall plan for public art in the region, how it will be developed, the approvals process, and the funding arrangement. Council at its Culture and Community Committee Meeting on 9 June 2022

considered a report in respect of a public art strategy and resolved to undertake community consultation to gain insights, viewpoints, concerns and opportunities around the community's view of public art.

This strategy will be considered by Council at a later date.

Wellington Town Centre Plan

Council adopted the Wellington Town Centre Plan in 2021, after undertaking extensive community consultation for three months from 25 August until 20 November 2020. In response to submissions, the Plan was amended to correct minor typographical errors, delete some actions, and amend/add new actions. The Plan will be continually reviewed to monitor progress and update where necessary.

24 hour police station

The increasing and resourcing of Wellington Police is the responsibility of the NSW Government, but Council can advocate on behalf of the community to increase police services. Council at its meeting on 24 March 2022 noted a report that addressed current policing arrangement in Wellington, and the concerns raised by the Wellington community of the existing police arrangements and relevant policing statistics.

Recreation track to Mount Arthur

Council acknowledges the development of this track could provide an additional and valuable recreational resource within the Wellington township. However, this project is currently not funded, and there is a substantial backlog in asset maintenance across the parks and open space network that requires more immediate attention. Under Dubbo Regional Council's asset maintenance philosophy, existing assets that require maintenance and/or replacement are given priority over the construction of new assets.

(w) Submission – Extra information in the documents

Owen Johns

- *The budget bites were very informative. Council should consider including these bites in the Plan, along with more details of initiatives and capital works planned to be undertaken over the next 4 years.*

The Operational Plan has been updated accordingly to include this information.

Council is also investigating mechanisms of regular benchmarking reporting on key facilities, major capital projects and strategic programs to help update the community on Council's progress. The mechanism will be easy to interpret and utilise data that is already being collected for operational purposes. Such dashboard reporting could include as relevant:

- comparative period reporting of facility/service usage and engagement,
- operational performance against budget,
- benchmarking to other Councils,
- high-level reasoning around positive or negative change in facility/service performance.

7. Proposed changes

The following changes are proposed to the fees and charges for Council consideration:

- That the 2022/2023 Fees and Charges in respect of the Aquatic Leisure Centres – All Access Passes be deleted.
- That the 2022/2023 Fees and Charges in respect of the Aquatic Leisure Centres – Admission be amended to:

Dubbo and Wellington Aquatic Leisure Centres

Season Pass – Adult	\$120
Season Pass – Child	\$80
Season Pass – Concession	\$80
Season Pass - Family	\$290
28 Day Pass – Adult	\$25
28 Day Pass – Child	\$20
28 Day Pass – Concession	\$20
28 Day Pass – Family	\$45

- That Council make a determination on the 2022/2023 Fees and Charges in respect of the Aquatic Leisure Centres – 10 Entry Pass – Dubbo, Wellington and Geurie.
- That the 2022/2023 Fees and Charges in respect of the Aquatics Leisure Centre be amended as follows:

Art Studio – Community – per hour, minimum 2 hour booking	\$30
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- That the 2022/2023 Fees and Charges in respect of the Sporting Facilities – Hire Fee – Apex Oval/Barden Park/Victoria Park No. 1 Oval/Dubbo Regional Cycling Facility be amended to include a new fee as follows:

Casual hire function room – Private – excluding clean if required – per use	\$370
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- That the 2022/2023 Fees and Charges in respect of the Sporting Facilities – Ground Preparation Fee – Soccer be amended as follows:

Macquarie United	\$2872.48
Orana Spurs	\$2061.17
Dubbo Bulls	\$1667.43

- That the 2022/2023 Fees and Charges in respect of Companion Animals – Registration be amended in accordance with the Companion Animals Regulation 2018 as follows:

Dog – Desexed (by relevant age)	\$69
Dog – Desexed (by relevant age eligible pensioner)	\$29
Dog – Desexed (sold by pound/shelter)	\$0
Dog – Not Desexed or Desexed (after relevant age)	\$234
Dog – Not Desexed	\$69
Dog – Not Desexed (recognised breeder)	\$69
Dog – Working	\$0
Dog – Service of the State	\$0
Assistance Animal	\$0
Cat – Desexed or Not Desexed	\$59
Cat – Eligible Pensioner	\$29
Cat – Desexed (sold by pound/shelter)	\$0
Cat – Not Desexed	\$59
Cat – Not Desexed (recognised breeder)	\$59
Registration late fee	\$19

- That the 2022/2023 Fees and Charges in respect of Companion Animals – Annual permit be amended in accordance with the Companion Animals Regulation 2018 as follows:

Cat not desexed by four months of age	\$85
Dangerous dog	\$206
Restricted dog	\$206
Permit late fee	\$19


Total Financial Implications	Current year (\$)	Current year + 1 (\$)	Current year + 2 (\$)	Current year + 3 (\$)	Current year + 4 (\$)
a. Operating revenue	164,210,252	168,106,058	161,265,080	172,420,932	169,938,248
b. Operating expenses	156,116,937	146,507,179	148,822,269	151,793,181	153,415,000
c. Operating budget impact (a – b)	8,093,315	21,598,879	12,442,811	20,627,751	16,523,248
d. Capital Expenditure	66,350,370	75,316,825	58,077,712	47,484,723	39,685,590
e. Adjustment for non-cash items, loan borrowings and reserved funding utilised	58,257,055	53,717,946	45,634,901	26,856,972	23,162,342
f. Total net impact (c – d + e)	0	0	0	0	0
Does the proposal require ongoing funding?	No				
What is the source of this funding?	No further funding required – the budget has been fully funded via reserved amounts set aside for capital expenditure.				

Table 1. Ongoing Financial Implications

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From: [REDACTED]
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To: [2040 Community Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: CM: revenue policy submission
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Whist I support the councils idea of half price landing fees on weekends i feel there is a better option
A fixed price landing fee is the better option because
The council will save on av data fees approximately 50%
Council would have the revenue for the 12 month period up front
Both Ga community and council would benefit through cost savings on the current scheme

Alex White
[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]

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Surname:	Thompson
Residential address:	[REDACTED]
Contact number:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Select which document you are submitting feedback for:	Draft Delivery Program and Operational Plan
Written submission:	<p>The pool has already gone up in price for me to take students their for there PE and Sport lesson. On top of that we have had to pay and book out the pool for a fee as well as students to pay on entry.</p> <p>This increase in cost will stop our school from bringing any students to attend for PE or Sport which will prevent any students being able to even be competent swimmers.</p> <p>This year I was able to do my entire senior classes with life saving skills. Bronze medallion and bronze star ect but the increase in price will stop all of this.</p>
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First name:	Amanda
Surname:	Stevens
Residential address:	[REDACTED]
Contact number:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Select which document you are submitting feedback for:	Draft Delivery Program and Operational Plan
Written submission:	<p>In response to the extremely high proposed new pricing for a season pass at the DLAC I am very concerned that this increase will impact many families including mine and we simply can not afford to pay this. I have 2 children who swim with a club they train 3-4 times per week. For the past 2 years I have opted to buy a season pass in lieu of individual passes (cost would of been less)</p> <p>If the costs are to cover the facilities why was the heater not functioning the walls were filthy the pool got closed more times that I can could count due to numerous reasons.</p> <p>This cost is going to not only impact regular swimmers but social young swimmers will be forced to swim elsewhere like the river which is dangerous.</p> <p>It's a community facility and should be affordable for the community which will encourage more patrons</p> <p>The increase exceeds the normal CPI increase and it is unreasonable.</p>
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First name:	Amy
Surname:	Jones
Residential address:	[REDACTED]
Contact number:	
Email:	[REDACTED]
Select which document you are submitting feedback for:	Draft Delivery Program and Operational Plan
Written submission:	We are disappointed in the high price rise of the cost of annual season tickets for the Wellington Pool. The pool doesn't get many people there as it is and this will make it worse. The cost of running the swim clubs and having families participate will decrease as a lot of families will be unable to afford the new costs and swimming is an essential skill that children need to stay safe around water and survive
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Surname:	Brooks
Residential address:	[REDACTED]
Contact number:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Select which document you are submitting feedback for:	Draft Long Term Financial Plan (2.3%)
Written submission:	I write in support of the Long Term Financial Plan at 2.3%. As a ratepayer that travels down Wheelers Lane between Cobbora Road and Birch Avenue most days of the week I acknowledge the huge challenges councils faces with maintaining roads and infrastructure. In supporting this plan, given council has a limited number of minimum wage workers employed. I would like to see council support an increase to the minimum wage for those ratepayers who fall under that category.
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First name:	
Surname:	
Residential address:	Wellington
Contact number:	
Email:	
Select which document you are submitting feedback for:	Draft Delivery Program and Operational Plan
Written submission:	<p>The fees and charges for the pool entry at Wellington are extreme</p> <p>We are a lowered socio economic community and these charges are exclusive of this demographic of the community.</p> <p>Concession charges are to high for pensioners to be able to assist with grandchildren or their own fitness needs. Non weight bearing exercise is beneficial to those people trying to recover from injury and maintain movement from arthritic conditions.</p> <p>Surely lower fees allows more people to enjoy the facility and the increase in numbers would increase the revenue</p>
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Surname:	
Residential address:	
Contact number:	
Email:	
Select which document you are submitting feedback for:	Draft Delivery Program and Operational Plan
Written submission:	These prices are not sub stainable for families, we have 3 young child who participate in point scores and swimming lessons. Attending the pool a minimum 3 times per week, this would make it very difficult for us to continue these activities. Swimming is an essential skill and every child should have the opportunity to participate
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Surname:	Sutherland
Residential address:	[REDACTED]
Contact number:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Select which document you are submitting feedback for:	Draft Delivery Program and Operational Plan
Written submission:	<p>My submission is attached. I will preface this by indicating I have found information for this submission very difficult to find My submission relates to the street tree planting budget, To ascertain what the proposal is I needed help to find snyinformation on the proposed budget. I further note that Minutes of Council meeting in April 2022 gave advice that the budget proposal is \$376,000 over four years. This information was provided in less than two lines.</p> <p>Is this indicative of the value Council places on the tree planting budget?</p>
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Council is presently working on a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) and this is welcomed. In order to manage and develop our Tree Canopy, we need a TPO to cover all canopy and vegetation across our Local Government Area (LGA).

An adequate Tree Planting Budget is a critical element in the management of our Tree Canopy.

Following the implementation of DRC Street Tree Master Plan, the Community had to wait five years for funding to replace dead or missing trees. Last financial year was the first year of the increased budget then it disappeared. A motion of the previous Council was to find savings to reinstate the \$682,000 for this financial year.

What has happened to DRC Tree Planting Budget?

We know DRC is the hottest, driest large LGA in NSW and the proposal to spend \$376,000 over four years is inadequate when compared with other large regional centres. It is inadequate in terms of the environment and in terms of a liveable LGA.

Orange Council this year has a tree planting budget of \$525,000 and 80% of houses in Orange have a Street Tree. Armidale Regional Council plant 300 trees a year in their parks and streets.

We need a TPO to manage all our Tree Canopy in public and private spaces, and have a strategic plan to identify how much Tree Canopy we are aiming for, how we will get there and finally when we will get there. We cannot get there without an adequate annual tree planting budget.

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Surname:	Connor
Residential address:	[REDACTED]
Contact number:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Select which document you are submitting feedback for:	Draft Delivery Program and Operational Plan
Written submission:	<p>Good work with the draft DPOP! I have some feedback regarding the active transport infrastructure plans.</p> <p>Action 2.3.3.1 is great (make a Pedestrian access and mobility plan), but this will take time, and there is already a 6 year old PAMP that hasn't been acted on. Could perhaps there be an action 2.3.3.2 "Implement the old PAMP in the meantime until the new one is done"? I've had a read through it and most of the recommendations are just as relevant now as they were 6 years ago.</p>
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Surname:	Connor
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Contact number:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Select which document you are submitting feedback for:	Draft Delivery Program and Operational Plan
Written submission:	<p>I couldn't fit all my feedback on the form, so here is part 2:</p> <p>Under the monitoring and review section, the measure "Increasing length of cycleways and pathways constructed or rebuilt" is better than nothing, but is quite simplistic and fails to measure things like "are the paths well built", "are they placed where they're most needed", and "are people using them to walk and cycle more".</p> <p>Another measure that could be used in conjunction with "total length" is usage as measured by pedestrian/cyclist counters. These seem to cost only around \$1000 each (much less than the total cost of a new path!), and could provide valuable data about how and where to build future connections. Reduced car ownership per household is another potential measurement of good paths, but this would probably show useful trends over decades rather than months or years.</p> <p>Something like this: https://www.eco-counter.com/application/active-transportation/</p>

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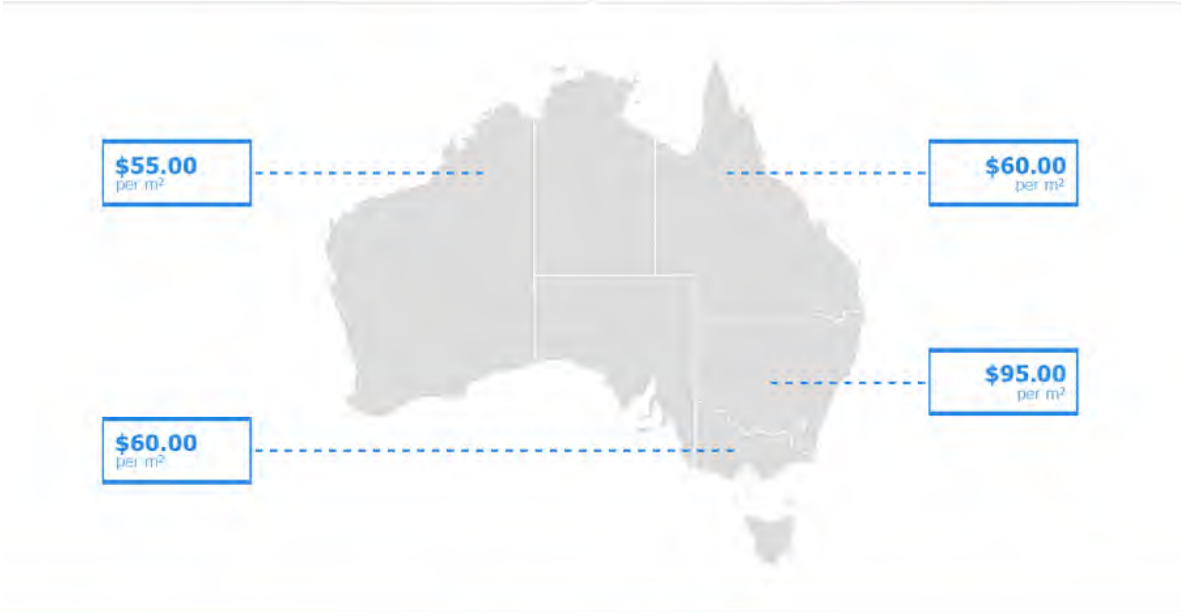
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Surname:	Connor
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Contact number:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Select which document you are submitting feedback for:	Draft Long Term Financial Plan (0.7%)
Written submission:	<p>Thanks for assigning \$799,165 to footpaths and cycleways next year!</p> <p>I have questions about the choice of projects though, they don't seem great value for money. The Gipps street project in particular costs \$325k for a 230m stretch of road - over \$700/m assuming the paths are going on both sides of the road. Is there a reason this is so high? It's seems several times higher per meter than the projects budgeted in the 2016 PAMP. The Brisbane st project is also quite expensive per meter, but not quite so much as Gipps st. Perhaps the money could be better spent on the projects recommended in the old PAMP?</p> <p>There may be something I've missed, so if there is justification for the high budgets of the projects and good reason for still prioritising them, please let me know!</p>
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HOW MUCH DO DRIVEWAYS AND PATHS COST?



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First name:	Bernard
Surname:	Cahill
Residential address:	[REDACTED]
Contact number:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Select which document you are submitting feedback for:	Option 2 Statement of Revenue Policy - 2.3% (including Draft Fees and Charges)
Written submission:	DRC, your proposed admission fees for the Wellington Aquatic center are unreasonable. This pricing schedule will cause more people to put their lives at risk swimming in the rivers.
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From: [REDACTED]

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Surname:	Hilton
Residential address:	[REDACTED]
Contact number:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Select which document you are submitting feedback for:	Draft Delivery Program and Operational Plan
Written submission:	<p>I believe a few actions are missing to complement the great work already done:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Activation of the night time economy creating a safe and inclusive night time activities in Dubbo.- Leverage the Health and Education district to facilitate the innovation ecosystem.- Promote Dubbo as a user case for new technology trials as previous such as the digital license.- Promote and deliver safe and segregated active transport in Dubbo for commuters and children.- Advocate for extension of Fast Rail strategy to Dubbo. With the new Regional Fleet based here it should be advocated that Fast Rail be extended from Orange to Dubbo.
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30 May 2022

Dubbo Regional Council
Via email: 2040.csp@dubbo.nsw.gov.au

To whom it may concern,

RE: Proposed fee increase for the Wellington Pool

I am writing as a GP, parent and member of the Wellington community regarding the proposed fee increase for the Wellington Pool. As a GP in Wellington, I frequently see patients with significant chronic diseases related to physical inactivity, obesity and social disconnection. There have recently been an alarming number of new diagnoses of Diabetes in very young members of the community, again related to diet, inactivity and obesity. The Wellington Pool has traditionally been a welcoming, well patronised venue accessible to all sections of the community for swimming lessons, exercise, leisure and social events.

As a GP I am very concerned that the proposed fee increase is going to make the pool less accessible to members of our community. Those most likely to be affected are those most at risk of chronic disease and disconnection from safe, legal activities.

As a parent I fear that the Wellington Pool will no longer be the summer venue of choice for Birthday celebrations and meeting friends for exercise. Children are spending increasing amounts of time being inactive on screens and many youth sports clubs have seen a drop in participation since the Pandemic. There are a number of children at school carnivals who are unable to swim well. A fee increase is likely to exacerbate these problems. The Wellington Swimming Club will likely see a dramatic decrease in membership and swimming in Wellington will become an elite activity.

As a community member and rate payer I am concerned that the Wellington Pool will no longer be an accessible centre for community connection, exercise and swimming lessons. The patronage of the pool will likely decline significantly with the proposed fee increase. This could have the consequence of increased youth crime and high risk river usage. I understand the need for financial viability, but I am strongly opposed to the pool fees being raised to this degree. Council has an obligation to provide community facilities and infrastructure. In a community like Wellington with the climate, health and social issues it experiences a swimming pool should be an affordable facility for all.

Yours sincerely,

Caroline Ivey

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Surname:	Stevens
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Contact number:	██████████
Email:	██████████████████
Select which document you are submitting feedback for:	Option 2 Statement of Revenue Policy - 2.3% (including Draft Fees and Charges)
Written submission:	Please see attached document for my statement/feedback Thank you
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Have Your Say

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Option 2 Statement of Revenue Policy - 2.3% (including Draft Fees and Charges) (PDF 3.6MB)

I am providing feedback on the fee increases for Wellington Aquatic Leisure Centre.

FEE INCREASE

- The increase of a family ticket from \$210 to \$484 is a 130% increase in fees. This just simply will be incredibly difficult for families in the ellington district to stomach.
- The fee increase is presumably to bring in more revenue. But will this truly happen?
- The fee increase will simply not be affordable by many families in the Wellington community when you consider their low socio-economic background. This will mean LESS people will attend the centre.
- Therefore, the fewer people attending will each be paying more and ultimately you will probably just get the same revenue as in the past. Less people paying more, but the same revenue.
- LESS people will mean reduced purchases at the pool canteen/cafe and again, less revenue.
- LESS people mean less engagement in a summer health activity such as swimming, with the resulting increased physical and mental impacts on the community. This will cost the community in the long term.
- With those children who are not able to afford the **130% fee** increase, they have 1 less community to actively be involved in which will leave them looking for engagement in other ways to stop boredom. Sometimes this results in anti-social behaviour, impacts the residents of the town AND COST THE COUNCIL FURTHER.
- These same children may choose to break into the pool to swim (as they were starting to do in the 2021/22 season).
- The Wellington Amateur Swimming Club (WASC) has an excellent reputation in the state and provides a high-standard club attracting regional and state swimming carnivals to Wellington. This club will be heavily affected as memberships will drop with families not able to afford to pay this **130% increase in fees**. The club has only now returned to pre 2018-19 season closure membership numbers after a few years of rebuilding. And yet, this hard work risks being undermined!
- I note also the practice of double charging WASC members for the use of the pool. The members pay the club fees to participate in club activities. The club hires the pool for club events for its members. The pool charges the members again to enter the pool to participate in the club event! This does not happen at any other council sporting facility. Clubs hire the grounds on behalf of members and they attend and use the council ground WITHOUT BEING CHARGED AGAIN.
- It is noted that there is a high number of pool staff in attendance at the pool with often very few numbers of swimmers. This looks like an area where a lot of money can be saved. Have you really looked into this? People often laugh at this.

I cannot understand the short-sightedness of the council. This community simply cannot afford these fees. They will not pay these fees and this wonderful resource risks being turned into a white elephant.

Council need to seriously look at this fee increase and put themselves into the shoes of the struggling families. These families are facing increased cost-of-living pressures as is currently well documented in the media. The impact on the community will be significant as will be the ultimate cost to council.

Reduce the fees now to a much more reasonable increase or we will all be paying for the shortsightedness one way or another.

Here's hoping sanity and sensibility prevails.

Kind regards

Chris Stevens - 30/05/2022

From: [REDACTED]
Mail received time: Tue, 17 May 2022 07:13:17
Sent: Tue, 17 May 2022 17:12:53
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Subject: Secure parking at dubbo regional airport
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To the C.E.O

My name is Connor O'Brien, I reside at [REDACTED], as of recently I've taken on a fifo job, I have looked at pricing for the secure parking at Dubbo regional airport, it would be around \$230 every swing at work I'm on a 2:1 roster so my vehicle would approximately spend 2/3 of the year at the airport, I see there's a pricing change from daily to weekly, I'm aware there is free parking supplied also but who wants to come home to a damaged car or even worse stolen, especially when living out of town, pretty much to sum it all up, I'm enquiring with hope of a reduced rate for secure vehicle parking on 16/17 day terms, Thankyou for taking the time to read this, Connor O'Brien [REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone



24 May 2022

Chief Executive Officer
Dubbo Regional Council
PO Box 81
Dubbo NSW 2830

Re: 2022 Draft Community Strategic Plan

Dear Sir,

Creative Assembly Central NSW (CrACN) are a creative advocacy and support network based in Dubbo. We work to champion the role of the creative arts to the social, economic, and artistic growth of our community. Our members come from all creative fields and contribute greatly to the creative rigor, and diversity you will find in the region.

Dubbo Regional Council has been instrumental in supporting an emerging cultural awareness through our excellent performing and visual arts facilities. Its professional staff and the longer-term planning outlined in the Draft Community Strategic Plan are areas that would be the envy of other communities.

Please accept the follow submission points to the 2022 Draft Community Strategic Plan.

The strategy outline on page 46- 5.6.1 states "Our community participates in and celebrates the high quality of cultural services and facilities available".

- 1) **Export.** Of seven points in this section of the draft strategy, none address potential cultural export from the region such as touring shows either in performance, visual arts, or music. Sending our cultural product and practices to other regional and metropolitan centres would not only celebrate our capacity but would also signal that we have a "vibe" worth discovering. For instance, the Dave Mason and the Reels exhibition in planning at Western Plains Cultural Centre could tour with relevance and representative power to any city in Australia.

5.5.1.6 "Prepare and implement a Public Art Strategy for culture and space activation within the region".

5.5.1.7 "Engage with the community to create opportunities to contribute to the content and programs at the Western Plains Cultural Centre"

- 2) **Outside of Council facilities.** The document specifically references the Dubbo Regional Theatre and Convention Centre, and the Western Plains Cultural Centre, but does not address the opportunities for art and music performance beyond the existing asset framework of DRTCC and WPCC.
- 3) **Festivals.** There is no mention of festival events in this strategy. Being large conglomerate activities, festival need strategic placement in any planning document. Multi-cultural Festival, Under Western Skies, Dream Festival are all potential visitor drawcards.
- 4) **Learning/mentoring.** The document does not include creative industries training or employment. The opportunities for cultural legacy, need to be optimised for sustainability. For instance, touring big name acts should be obliged to mentor or employ locals to "learn the ropes".

We look forward to any questions, and to the final Strategic Plan.

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute.

Yours sincerely,



Bizzi Mason
President
Creative Assembly Central NSW

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Select which document you are submitting feedback for:	Option 2 Statement of Revenue Policy - 2.3% (including Draft Fees and Charges)
Written submission:	<p>Hi,</p> <p>I have two points I would like to make a submission on:</p> <p>1) I agree to the 2.3% increase in rates to ensure the long term viability of the council.</p> <p>2) I believe the double of pool season pass costs is totally unreasonable and will drive people away from the pool. I would accept a 10% increase in the cost of the season passes, but to more than double some of the costs is a cash grab. I understand that the pool costs a considerable amount to run but this a major asset to our town and the more that pricing is kept within a reasonable range the more people will use it.</p> <p>I believe a review of the management of the pools might be in order first before pushing prices up.</p> <p>Thanks</p>

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Sent: 19 May 2022 14:06:09

To: [Dubbo Regional Council](#)

Subject: SUBMISSION - 2022 DELIVERY PROGRAM, OPERATIONAL PLAN, AND ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS
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Select which document you are submitting feedback for:	Draft Delivery Program and Operational Plan
Written submission:	DRC Liveability - Draft Delivery Program & Operational Plan 5.3 Lifestyle and social needs of the community are supported. 5.3.3 People have access to a range of burial and interment options. 5.3.3.2 Prepare and implement master plans for cemetery facilities in Dubbo and Wellington Proposed Changes
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Dear Sir,

Re: Draft Delivery Program & Operational Plane – Liveability Code 5.3.3

5.3.3. People have access to a range of burial and interment options.

5.3.3.2 – Prepare and implement master plans for cemetery facilities in Dubbo and Wellington.

Current availability of Services in Wellington and Wellington Village Cemeteries is limited by the availability of the cemetery staff to dig the grave and return the machinery to Wellington in a timely manner.

If there is a funeral in one of the villages then there are no funerals able to take place within Wellington proper the same day, nor the day before and the day after the scheduled village service. In these circumstances this effectively cuts the availability of a service in Wellington to two days a week.

Currently there are no interments to take place in the Wellington Villages on a Monday or after 1pm Tuesday to Friday. No interments in Wellington before 1pm on Mondays.

**We have noted that as there are no interments allowed in the villages after 1pm (Tues to Fri), then that leaves three hours to back fill the grave and return the machinery to Wellington on the same day. This will effectively give extra days to have funerals in Wellington proper.

**For every service that is unable to be held because of Council time constraints and the family then opting for a Cremation service to suit their family needs (which includes work commitments and travel) Council is effectively losing revenue for funerals within Wellington proper from between \$2956 & \$3380 and the Villages between \$3595 & \$4503 (current prices).

**Current rules state that you have to give three working days notice to hold a service in Wellington or the Wellington Villages. Eg. if someone passes on a



Friday or the week-end the earliest a Service can be held is Thursday the following week.

**This also is a factor in limiting the availability of days and times for families and in more and more cases is steering families towards cremations. Again Council is losing revenue.

**Availability of Council Staff. It appears that the Cemetery Staff take their RDO on the same day and quite often no replacements are available. This also limits the number of days available for Burial Services.

**Staggered RDO's for staff would be more efficient and more cost effective.

** Noted there are very few restrictions with the Dubbo Cemeteries or the Dubbo Village Cemeteries. These are all contracted out for grave digging.

*****We propose that the Wellington Cemetery and the Wellington Village Cemeteries also be contracted out for grave digging.**

This would allow for more Services to take place within all areas and potentially more Revenue for Dubbo Regional Council.

It would also free up Cemetery Staff to carry out other areas of maintenance within the cemeteries, and allow for services to be held in all areas on any given day.

Importantly, it would also give families more flexibility in when they are able to have a service for their loved ones.



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From: [REDACTED]
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Sent: Thu, 26 May 2022 09:11:00
To: [2040 Community Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Oppose Swimming Pool Fee Increase
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26/05/2022

Chief Executive Officer
Dubbo Regional Council
PO Box 81
Dubbo NSW 2830

Dear Sir / Madam,

My wife Betsy, myself and our Children's Charity "Doin It For Rural Aussie Kids" would like to oppose the increase in Admission Fees to Dubbo, Wellington and Geurie Pools.

Over the past three years we have assisted many rural families across Australia, but by far our greatest demand for assistance has been in the Central West of NSW - assisting families off the land, families suffering from financial hardship, illness, trauma and natural disasters. Rural families really struggle with asking for and accepting assistance of any kind, so on behalf of all the families that will not raise an issue we would like to ask for your compassion and consideration in not raising the admission prices. We feel that admission prices were already unrealistic for the majority of low income families and that by raising the prices you are forcing our rural children into rivers, dams, weirs and the impending tragedies are inevitable.

The small communities of Wellington and Geurie comprise many farming families and these children may not have any other access to swim safety or swimming lessons. These additional costs are just too much for the

families to even consider in their stretched budgets, and with the cost of living increasing the budgets will be stretched further.

Many local families are unable to afford holidays with their families and rely on the swimming pool for their family outings. This request for assistance is from a central west family, which absolutely broke our hearts – ☹️

“This year is the first year that I couldn’t afford a family season ticket to the pool for me and the kids, that’s something we done every year as an activity just me and the kids, but this year there’s just no way I could afford the \$330 and I really miss that quality time together, swimming and having fun and forgetting for a moment how bad things are. There’s literally always something to fix or pay for and these beautiful kids miss out on everything”

Our Charity “Doin It For Rural Aussie Kids” provides assistance in the form of Santa Sacks, but as we are so limited in our funding we struggle to extend to these requests.

We would be very grateful for Council’s reconsideration of admission price increase to all three swimming pools as it will have a lasting impact on the children’s future safety. We would also be very grateful for Council to examine their budget and see if there is any avenue at all to providing a lower admission price, which we feel would result in a higher attendance. We feel the children who have access to the swimming pool will not only be safer throughout their lives, but will also feel proud to be a part of their local community. We need to be nurturing our kids and giving them positive reassurance that they are an important member of our society and can grow up to be anything that they want to be.

Thank you for your time and consideration, and please don’t hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss further.

Jason and Betsy Owen

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<https://www.doinitforruralaussiekids.com.au/>



30 May 2022

The Dubbo Chamber of Commerce would like to put in our thoughts and ideas for the Economic Development budget and what we believe to be priorities.

1. Leverage what Evo Cities previously provided to our business community. For the website to have updated images and videos for businesses to use freely when advertising their positions - showing a liveability side of Dubbo.
2. A large concern is the safety of the CBD for our businesses and their customers, we understand this is on a far larger scale than just DRC but, we think budgeting for extra lighting in areas of the CBD to brighten the area is something to be considered.
3. The NRL - this has been a fantastic opportunity for Dubbo as a business community and even more so for families here to enjoy something so different and exciting in our Region. We would love to see this opportunity extend to 2023 and beyond.

Thank you and we hope these can be taken onboard when putting the budget together.

In February we held a Dubbo Regional Council Breakfast and received such amazing feedback, especially on the presentation [REDACTED]. Many of the attendees had no idea Council have and can find such statistics. So, we would just like to comment on this and how interesting the data is to receive, and we hope to work together to bring another breakfast later in 2022.

We attended the New Resident night at the beginning of May and would like to congratulate DRC on what was a fantastic night and great effort to hold this event.

We would also like to take this opportunity to say how grateful we are to have Dubbo Regional Council in support of our Rhino Awards each year.

We look forward to working with Dubbo Regional Council in the future.

Kind Regards,
Errin Williamson
President



Website: dubbocityswimtech.com.au



I'm writing in regards to 2022 Delivery Program and Operational Plan and fees increase to Dubbo regional council aquatic facilities to increase the family, adult and child concession season membership fees. The Family membership 2021-22 \$260 to the proposed draft fee to \$650 is a **150%** increase and a concern community will be impacted and not given an affordable opportunity to attend and DALC as a casual or regular attendee. I understand the DRC pools have difficulty accruing a neutral financial position leading to an increase to have an improved financial viability.

DRC outlines in the 2040 strategic plan theme 5 Liveability outlines "The health and safety of the community is maintained and enhanced" increasing membership fees will impact Dubbo diverse Community with a growing population that have little exposure to swimming this increases chances of injury and drownings in rivers or back yard pools and also the exposure to a traditional Aussie swimming experience this can lead to anxiety and social isolation amongst peers due to minimal experience or opportunities to learn to swim because of the increased cost to visit a DRC pool. DRC outlines the needs of older people to ensure appropriate facilities are available due to swimming a low impact rehabilitation and or exercise for elderly access by fee increases may impact attendance and transfers to not met physical and mental health needs flowing onto increased health needs in Primary and acute health care settings. DRC pools are a setting First Nations people attend to socialise and celebrate family connections a fee increase is just another barrier for self-empowerment and social inclusion.

I'm currently the president of Dubbo City Swimtech (DCS) that has a membership base of 220 athletes that would cater for a large proportion of patronage at DALC and majority are families. This 150% fee increase to family memberships will have a negative impact on the DCS and the income to DRC potentially reducing athletes. DCS members will have to endure this fee increase with the community and this may affect the sport of Swimming due to the unaffordability to membership costs. Dubbo swimming is rich in producing athletes that have performed at the highest level the Olympics, world championships, national and state and not providing this opportunity in the future leading into the 2032 Brisbane Olympics.

I understand a fee increase is warranted to reduce the current deficit but I'd like DRC to take into consideration a 3 year staged plan to increase family memberships Family, adult and child concession season. An example of a proposal is a family membership 2020/21 fee \$260 increase by 35% per annum or \$91 increase over 3 years then revise the financial position for DRC aquatic facilities.

Should you require any additional information please don't hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

Jay Forrester

President, Dubbo City Swimtech Swimming Club



27/05/2022

Murray Wood
Chief Executive Officer
Dubbo Regional Council
PO Box 81
Dubbo NSW 2830

Dear Mr Wood,

DUBBO REGIONAL SPORTS COUNCIL PLAYING FIELD IMPROVEMENT FUND

Further to our letter dated 13 October 2021 and advice at the Dubbo Regional Sports Council (DRSC) General meeting held Tuesday 29 March 2022, the Playing Field Improvement Fund has not been included in the Dubbo Regional Council (DRC) draft Budget documents due to budget cuts.

We were disappointed to learn that this decision has been made.

All Sports Council members understand the difficult financial situation being experienced due to COVID-19 across the community, including Council. While each of the sports has suffered too, we believe that sport will provide a strong foundation for the Dubbo and Wellington communities to recover from the COVID-19 hardships we have faced. To that end we ask you reconsider the decision to cancel the Playing Field Improvement Fund and instead reinstate it in a future budget when the financial situation allows.

The sporting clubs view the management of the Playing Field Improvement Fund as an important function of DRSC to assist clubs meet the costs of important projects to upgrade their facilities to benefit members and Council.

The Dubbo Regional Sports Council voted unanimously to move a motion to be submitted to Dubbo Regional Council as follows;

'Dubbo Regional Sports Council request, Dubbo Regional Council reconsider introducing a similar funding opportunity to the Playing Field Improvement Fund as part of the new budget. Dubbo Regional Sports Council provide a letter to Dubbo Regional Council formally requesting consideration when finalising the 2022/2023 budget.'

May we suggest a meeting between DRC and the DRSC Executive to discuss possible options around when and how the Improvement Fund could be reintroduced in the budget even if available funds were reduced until DRC were in a better financial situation.


Dubbo Sports Council members are ready to play our part to help the community recover from COVID-19 hardships. Please contact me if you would like to discuss further.

Yours sincerely,



Neil Webster
President
Dubbo Regional Sports Council

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Mail received time: Mon, 30 May 2022 07:01:31
Sent: Mon, 30 May 2022 17:01:12
To: [2040 Community Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Wellington Pool price increase
Importance: Normal
Sensitivity: None

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to voice my concern over the intended price increase to the Wellington pool entry fees. As a family with growing kids we will be soon entering the phase of pool family passes and the proposed price increase is incredibly high. Many many families across the area will not be able to justify this cost and we ask that Dubbo council subsidise and look as a more realistic price for families and individuals to use the facilities.

Kind regards

Emily Redfern

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]

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Select which document you are submitting feedback for:	Draft Delivery Program and Operational Plan
Written submission:	<p>Re Rates and low income health care card</p> <p>Hello</p> <p>We are recently retired, self funded, and have received a low income health care card.</p> <p>On the government website, link attached, you will find details about the low income health care card.</p> <p>https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/benefits-low-income-health-care-card?context=21986</p> <p>As you can see it lists here that there may be some Rate relief when we have the card.</p>

	<p>I have phoned the council office and been advised that Dubbo council don't do this.</p> <p>We understand that this is up to the business, however, we are hoping that you will be able to review this for us and hopefully some Rate relief might be forthcoming.</p> <p>We are long term residents of Dubbo and have owned this home for some 26 years.</p> <p>We are sure that adding the low income health care card to your strategy would help many in the community.</p> <p>We thank you for your time and look forward to hearing from you</p> <p>Kindest regards</p> <p>Peter and Felicite Wardman</p>
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Subject: Submission re draft budget airport charges
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Summary

I support the reduction in landing fees for aircraft at Wellington aerodrome.

Wellington aerodrome is the **only** non security controlled aerodrome 'west of the mountains' that has landing fees. The 22 similar aerodromes in this area have no landing fees for light aircraft and usually no fees for any aircraft to land.

The closest aerodrome that is non-certified and non-registered like Wellington that has landing fees is at Evans Head on prime coastal land. The landing fees at Evans Head aerodrome are even less than the proposed reduced landing fee for Wellington.

The costs to run the aerodrome at Wellington are mostly due to non aircraft operations.

This includes \$9,750.00 +CPI, that the Dubbo City Car Club should have paid over 3 years to lease the part of the terminal building that was annexed especially so they would have an office; \$13,000.00 per year where they got the use of the runway but didn't do the mowing in exchange; \$9,000+ for the gap sealing that was done on the hot mix section damaged by drag cars (see photo); and the extra \$940 that it costs for each mowing for car events compared to what is needed for aircraft.

In conclusion I would urge DRC to drop charges for aircraft to use Wellington Aerodrome, get rid of the expense of having AVDATA and the associated WIFI booster and look closely at what causes most of the expenses at Wellington Aerodrome.



Full submission

I wish to register my support for the section in the DRC 2022-2023 draft budget for the proposal to lower the landing fee at Wellington Aerodrome for Non RPT aircraft under 1000kg to \$6.74 per tonne. This is more reasonable than the previous charges.

In my opinion the landing fee for aircraft at Wellington Aerodrome should be scrapped altogether in line with all other **non security controlled aerodromes** in NSW 'west of the mountains'.

The following 22 aerodromes have no landing fees for light aircraft and usually no fees for any aircraft to land. Narromine, Coonamble, Forbes, Parkes, Walgett, Bourke, Albury, Cobar, Condobolin, Coolah, Coonabarabran, Cowra, Hay, Hillston, Inverell, Lightning Ridge, Nyngan, Rylstone airpark, Temora, Tottenham, Warren and Young.

The closest aerodrome that is non-certified and non-registered like Wellington that has landing fees is at Evans Head on prime coastal land. The Richmond Valley Council only charges \$4.30 for light aircraft to land. They do not have the expense of AVDATA, but use an honesty box or you can pay at the council office. Pilots who have light aircraft hangared there pay \$94 per year regardless of how often they use the airstrip.

There are only eight aerodromes in the whole of Australia where there is no RPT or regular charter services where a landing fee is charged. Wellington should not be one of these. Wellington is an uncertified aerodrome so there are no certification expenses unlike Dubbo.

The costs to run the aerodrome at Wellington are mostly due to non aircraft operations.

In 2020, the Airport Manager contacted me to say DRC was spending \$17,000 on the terminal building. This was so the Dubbo City Car Club (DCCC) would have an office and visiting pilots would have a lounge. DRC provided the materials and the Car club were to do the work. This resulted in pilots losing access to more than 60% of the building and gaining a lounge (which the mice loved).

In the report CCC22/14 dated 14 April 2022 it is stated *the Dubbo City Car Club lease surrender of the building has been*

completed. This means the part of the \$17,000 expense to divide the terminal building to make DCCC office space has reverted to becoming an aerodrome expense caused by the DCCC not paying the lease, and in no way caused by aircraft users. The \$17,000 cost should have been offset by lease payments which were for \$3250 per annum for 3 years ending on 31 July 2022.

The report CCL/221 Dated 7 December 2020 informs us the DCCC has a 3 year agreement to do all grass mowing on the aerodrome in exchange for being able to use the runway for 10 individual days each year. In the first year of this arrangement, the DCCC **did** use the runway for the 10 days but **did not**, to my knowledge, ever mow the whole aerodrome. In fact the runway was left in such a bad state that the Airport manager sent out an urgent message to the Aero Club president stating that unless he could organise mowing urgently, the aerodrome would need to be closed. Six members from the Aero Club stopped the work they were doing, found heavy duty mowers and mowed the runway. The question is, did the DCCC ever pay for breaking their 3 year licence agreement or did they continue to get free use of the runway?

The gap sealing that was carried out earlier this year was done on the section where the drag races are held. No gap sealing was carried out where aircraft use the rest of the runway. It is obvious the damage has been caused by drag racing and not aircraft. This cost was in excess of \$9,000 and should not be listed as a Wellington Aerodrome expense. In the budget under the heading *Facility hire*, it states *Event owners will be charged 'at cost' for any and all damages that are caused during the event, as per the event hire agreement. This cost should be paid by the people who caused the damage.* The same applies to the lights that have been damaged during non-aviation events. *See the photo taken after the 17.4.2022 drag event, showing the damage at the start of the drag section of the runway and the damage caused to the gap sealing by this event.*

When there is a non- flying event and the grass needs mowing, all the grounds are mowed. Aircraft only need the section mowed out to the runway markers. The extra cost to mow the whole area is in the vicinity of \$940. This needs to be considered when deciding the profitability of holding non-aviation events.

In conclusion I would urge DRC to drop charges for aircraft to use Wellington Aerodrome, get rid of the expense of having AVDATA and the associated WIFI booster and look closely at what the expenses really are at Wellington Aerodrome.

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To: [2040 Community Strategic Plan](#)

Subject: CM: Landing fees

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Chief Executive Officer
Dubbo Regional Council

I am writing this email in support of the reduction in landing fees at Wellington airport in the future it can only benefit the region and attract tourism and business to the area and will help to offset the negative aspects of the airport such as lack of services such as hire cars taxis and terminal facilities

Regards Gary Gould level 2 Aircraft maintenance engineer and pilot

Sent from my iPhone

2022-2023 Budget Submission

Thank you for lowering the landing fees at Wellington Aerodrome. Hopefully this will encourage more people to visit Wellington using the aerial road. It is a step in the right direction.

George Philipson

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25 MAY 2022
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From: [REDACTED]

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Sent: 14 May 2022 19:40:05

To: [Dubbo Regional Council](#)

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Email:	[REDACTED]
Select which document you are submitting feedback for:	Draft Delivery Program and Operational Plan
Written submission:	Regarding the exorbitant price increase for Wellington Pool...this should be a community service to encourage families with healthy exercise and learning to swim. Instead this past season the pool was hardly used and now you are tripling the price! I swam regularly along with other seniors who need this service for rehab exercise and often I was the only one in the pool. Learn to swim classes were minimally available , but still there were often 3 or 4 lifesavers sitting around chatting with nothing to do. This pool used to be full in the summer months with families enjoying the day out together. However with the removal of pleasant shade trees and high entry costs along with some authoritarian admin. people have stopped using it. The proposed cost increase makes the pool inaccessible for many families and sadly many children at local carnivals have not even learnt to swim . Dubbo Council seems to have been making decisions on behalf of Wellington with no understanding of the community culture .
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Subject: 2022 Delivery program & operational plan - feedback
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Dear Mr Wood,

I refer to the Dubbo Council's 2022 Delivery program & operational plan - in particular the significant increase in the annual family fee for the Dubbo aquatic leisure center.
I believe that such a drastic increase in the fee would mean that many families would be unable to afford to use these facilities - my family included.
This is such a shame when the facilities provide an excellent learning space for such an important life lesson - learning to swim. Not to mention the many friendships formed through attending the swim training with Dubbo City swimtech.

I do hope you reconsider your pricing.

Kind regards

Hannah

Hannah Boland CPA
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From: [REDACTED]

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Surname:	Clavell
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Email:	[REDACTED]
Select which document you are submitting feedback for:	Draft Long Term Financial Plan (0.7%)
Written submission:	The proposed increase to the wellington (and regional) pools for visit and season passes is astronomical. Last year I struggled to pay entry fees, and my children did lessons each week (which I was also charged pool entry fees!!!) we definitely won't be getting a pass next season or visiting the pool. I have 4 children and that is too much! The socio economics of our area with the increases already saw a massive drop in service utilisation at the local pool, and this will be further damaging to your profits, lower costs means more larger families utilise the services as it is more affordable. This increase is outrageous.
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From: [REDACTED]

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Sent: 15 May 2022 11:19:54

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Email:	[REDACTED]
Select which document you are submitting feedback for:	Draft Delivery Program and Operational Plan
Written submission:	<p>I'm writing regarding the proposed prices rises with the Geurie Pool. I'm extremely against the proposed prices rises and I would like to know how council can justify nearly doubling the cost of a family Season Pass? This is absolutely ludicrous. Since council took over our community Pool, prices have continued to climb and along with this services regarding the pool have definitely not increased but seem to be decreasing if anything. We have a shorter swimming season and much, much shorter opening hours at Geurie Pool. We have struggled to get council to provide swimming lessons at our pool, this year there were no lessons for babies and toddlers (the group that needs lessons the most) There were no Term 4 or 1 lessons available at Geurie Pool and by the time we were notified, lessons were already full in Wellington and Dubbo.</p> <p>A local Pool should be accessible to all community members and the continued price rises will make it too expensive for so many.</p>
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Select which document you are submitting feedback for:	Draft Delivery Program and Operational Plan
Written submission:	The new fee prices for the pools will make it too expensive to purchase a season ticket or go regularly as a family.
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Contact number:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Select which document you are submitting feedback for:	Draft Delivery Program and Operational Plan
Written submission:	The increase in charges for the Wellington Aquatic Leisure Centre are excessive and will cause an already under used facility to be even more under used. As an age pensioner I use the pool for exercise as rheumatoid arthritis makes other forms of exercise very difficult. Adding the increased pool charges to the cost of travel (from Mumbil) will be just another added expense.
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To: [Dubbo Regional Council](#)

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First name:	Ian and Sally
Surname:	Anderson
Residential address:	[REDACTED]
Contact number:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Select which document you are submitting feedback for:	Draft Delivery Program and Operational Plan
Written submission:	
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My wife and I are regular users of pool facilities run by Dubbo Regional Council. We are early morning swimmers at Geurie and Wellington pools, and , occasionally, Dubbo.

We are dismayed at the increases in entry fees proposed for the 2022-23 season.

For example, as a concession card holder (Seniors Card) :

Dubbo season ticket	up 304%
Wellington season ticket	up 336%
Geurie season ticket	up 155%
All access season ticket	up \$273%

Some further points :

Why is that public pools (and libraries) always seem to be in the “firing line” for cost cutting / fund recovery increases ? They are an essential part of any community and should be available to everyone

If cost cutting is a priority, perhaps the staff numbers at Wellington pool in the early morning could be reduced by 50% from four people to two. We do understand Council may have to abide standards imposed by other bodies in allocating staff numbers.

Use of the pools may have been down last season. If so, perhaps it was due to the unseasonably wet and cool weather. Raising pool entry fees certainly won't bring patrons back.

The Geurie pool is a wonderful facility for the village with great staff and swimmers always using it in the 6 – 7 a.m. time slot. What are the terms of reference for the proposed feasibility study for Geurie Pool ? Please don't even consider reducing pool hours or closing the facility.

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From: [REDACTED]

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Surname:	Monk
Residential address:	[REDACTED]
Contact number:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Select which document you are submitting feedback for:	Draft Delivery Program and Operational Plan
Written submission:	Advocating on behalf of Dubbo Prostate Cancer Support Group In relation to 5.1.2. The attached submission, has already been sent to the Mayor, who has indicated that it has been passed on to appropriate personnel. So far no further response. The need is very real, not just for men who have received treatment for prostate cancer, but for many other males who have continence issues.
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Dubbo Prostate Cancer Support Group
[Redacted]
[Redacted]
Website: <http://www.prostate.org.au/support/find-a-support-group/dubbo-pcsg/>



Facilitator/Chairman

John Allen
[Redacted]
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Minutes Secretary:

Janice Monk
[Redacted]

Correspondence Officer

Sam Exelby
[Redacted]

The Mayor of Dubbo Regional Council
Councillor Mathew Dickerson
PO Box 81
DUBBO NSW 2830

17 February 2022

RE: Disposal bins for incontinence products in male toilets

Dear Mathew

At the most recent meeting of Dubbo Prostate Cancer Support Group, during a time of member sharing, it became very apparent that a significant number of our members have issues relating to incontinence. All commented on the scarcity of facilities and the challenges faced, in attempting to dispose of continence products. Below are some examples of how they 'manage'.

Option 1

Some members carry a plastic bag with them and place the used pad in it. They then dispose of it by placing it in a public garbage bin. They were not comfortable doing this but felt they had no other option.

Option 2

Some members use accessible toilets. They find that these sometimes have a dual purpose for both parents of infants and those with a disability. The advantage of these toilets is that they also have larger bins to dispose of nappies and adult continence products. The embarrassing drawback is that when the men emerge, they are often subjected to nasty comments or glares as it is presumed they were unfairly using the facility when they had no visible disability.

Options 3

Only go out for short periods of time so that they can get home in time to change their product.

Dubbo Prostate Support Group would like to urge Dubbo Regional Council to give favourable consideration to the installation of disposal bins for incontinence products in the male toilets at facilities managed by Dubbo Regional Council. Letters of advocacy have also been sent to Dugald Saunders, Member for Dubbo Electorate, and the Board of Directors, Dubbo RSL Club.

In order to assist with your deliberations:

1. The Continence Foundation of Australia is a valuable source of information and can provide the resources needed to implement Bins4Blokes. Website bins4blokes.org.au

2. Attachment One – Infographic re raising awareness of the predicament faced by the 1.34 million Australian men and boys who experience incontinence.
3. Attachment Two - A step by step guide outlining steps that you may choose to take to implement Bins4 Blokes in your toilet facilities.

Your sincerely

Janice Monk

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Surname:	thorn
Residential address:	[REDACTED]
Contact number:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Select which document you are submitting feedback for:	Draft Delivery Program and Operational Plan
Written submission:	<p>I think that half price landing fees on weekend at DRA is a brilliant idea , I was wondering if we may be able to expand on this idea to the stage we may have a fixed price landing fee for a 12 month period for all GA aircraft all year round .</p> <p>with this in mind I think that all parties could greatly benefit from this idea, council would save on high cost of avdata fees with GA aircraft owners paying a yearly fee direct to council and GA aircraft owners may have a cost saving as well. this could go a long way to kick starting the failing GA aviation industry in the local area.</p> <p>would be more than happy to discuss further with any councilor's interested</p> <p>thank you</p>
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First name:	Jayne
Surname:	Hutty
Residential address:	[REDACTED]
Contact number:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Select which document you are submitting feedback for:	Draft Workforce Management Plan
Written submission:	I would like to see Dubbo Regional Council reignite the Local Government Road Safety Program whereby a Road Safety Officer can be employed on a 50/50 funded role with Transport for NSW. Dubbo had a Road Safety Officer position for some 20 years before the role was removed and council gave up the 50/50 funded position. To give up a 50% funded role was detrimental to a community the size of Dubbo, Wellington and surrounding villages. I believe this vital role should be reinstated so that the community has a supportive and knowledgeable contact for their road safety concerns and can interact with the community and council partners in Transport for NSW, Centre for Road Safety, NSW Police Force, Heavy Vehicle industry, all vehicle users, active transport groups, sporting groups, and can be advocates for the elderly, youth, First Nation, disabled and disadvantaged people of Dubbo. Dubbo Regional Council must support road safety in its community by enabling Safe Systems Approach and Towards Zero goals.
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Surname:	Frogley
Residential address:	[REDACTED]
Contact number:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Select which document you are submitting feedback for:	Option 2 Statement of Revenue Policy - 2.3% (including Draft Fees and Charges)
Written submission:	<p>WELLINGTON AQUATIC LEISURE CENTRE FEES</p> <p>It is concerning that the yearly entrance fees will be more than double. Few people use this facility and increasing the fees will make it even more inaccessible.</p> <p>It has become a pool with a purpose: to train, compete, exercise and learn to swim. It is no longer the fun, family friendly facility it used to be. It is over staffed and over regulated. It is common knowledge around town that "no one goes there".</p> <p>Nothing was done about the defecating ducks. It was not unusual to have to avoid duck excretion on the steps into the big pool and stirred up pieces of feather floating throughout the pool. It was disgusting and an OH&S issue. Why wasn't mesh put on the southern fence?</p>
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From: [REDACTED]

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First name:	Jennifer
Surname:	Wykes
Residential address:	[REDACTED]
Contact number:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Select which document you are submitting feedback for:	Draft Delivery Program and Operational Plan
Written submission:	I am contacting you in relation to the price hike at the Wellington Aquatic Centre. It is absolutely disgusting that Council should consider such a price rise as Wellington has a low socio economic community. You are pricing a public pool out of the range of a lot of kids & families. Also , the middle pool heater needs repairing...it didn't work at all this past season & it was freezing in it at Seniors aqua fitness. While on thus subject I feel it is wrong to charge extra for classes being held at the pool that are for the betterment of the seniors
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First name:	Jessica
Surname:	Chown
Residential address:	[REDACTED]
Contact number:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Select which document you are submitting feedback for:	Draft Delivery Program and Operational Plan
Written submission:	The proposed fees only Wellington Pool is absolutely disgraceful! Very few families would be able to afford this!
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First name:	Jessica
Surname:	Finn
Residential address:	[REDACTED]
Contact number:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Select which document you are submitting feedback for:	Draft Delivery Program and Operational Plan
Written submission:	<p>I wish to strongly object to the price rise of the admission prices and season pass price for the wellington aquatic centre. As a community we should be making entry to such a wonderful facility more affordable to encourage its use and promote people to swim. The council should be able to apply for funding or heavily subsidize the cost of admission. There are many renewal companies on our region who possibly should be approached to contribute to the cost of such passes.</p> <p>Please if anything reduce the prices in comparison to last years cost.</p> <p>Kind regards Jess Finn</p>
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tue, 17 May 2022 05:29:30
To: Community Strategic Plan
Subject: Draft pool entry fees
Importance: Normal
Sensitivity: None
Archived: Tuesday, 31 May 2022 9:59:11 AM

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Good afternoon, I am writing regarding the draft pool entry fees for next season.

Swimming is a life skill, essential for good health and a community activity - something that DRC should be promoting, not prohibiting!

A small increase is expected, but to increase by more than half is extreme and will prevent so many locals from utilising the pool.

On a personal level, I am a single parent with 4 children who swim with local swimming clubs. To pay this on top of their squad fees is almost impossible (especially since we are now unable to use the fitness passport) and I will have to look at reducing their commitment to the sport. I'm sure I'm not the only one.

Thanks and regards,

Jo Finlay

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Sent: 17 May 2022 16:25:17

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First name:	John
Surname:	Gleeson
Residential address:	[REDACTED]
Contact number:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Select which document you are submitting feedback for:	Option 1 Statement of Revenue Policy - 0.7% (including Draft Fees and Charges)
Written submission:	<p>Dear Sir</p> <p>I am appalled at the increase in fees for visiting the pools in Dubbo and Wellington. In a time when we are trying to encourage people to be healthier and become less obese the council is putting a huge barrier in their way. Rather than be increasing fees they should be reducing to get more people swimming. The pool in Dubbo is nowhere near as well run as it was a few years ago under Nick Wilson - it is less family friendly and not as clean and well maintained. I hope the council reconsiders this policy and revisits the fee increases.</p> <p>Yours faithfully</p> <p>John Gleeson</p>

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From: [REDACTED]

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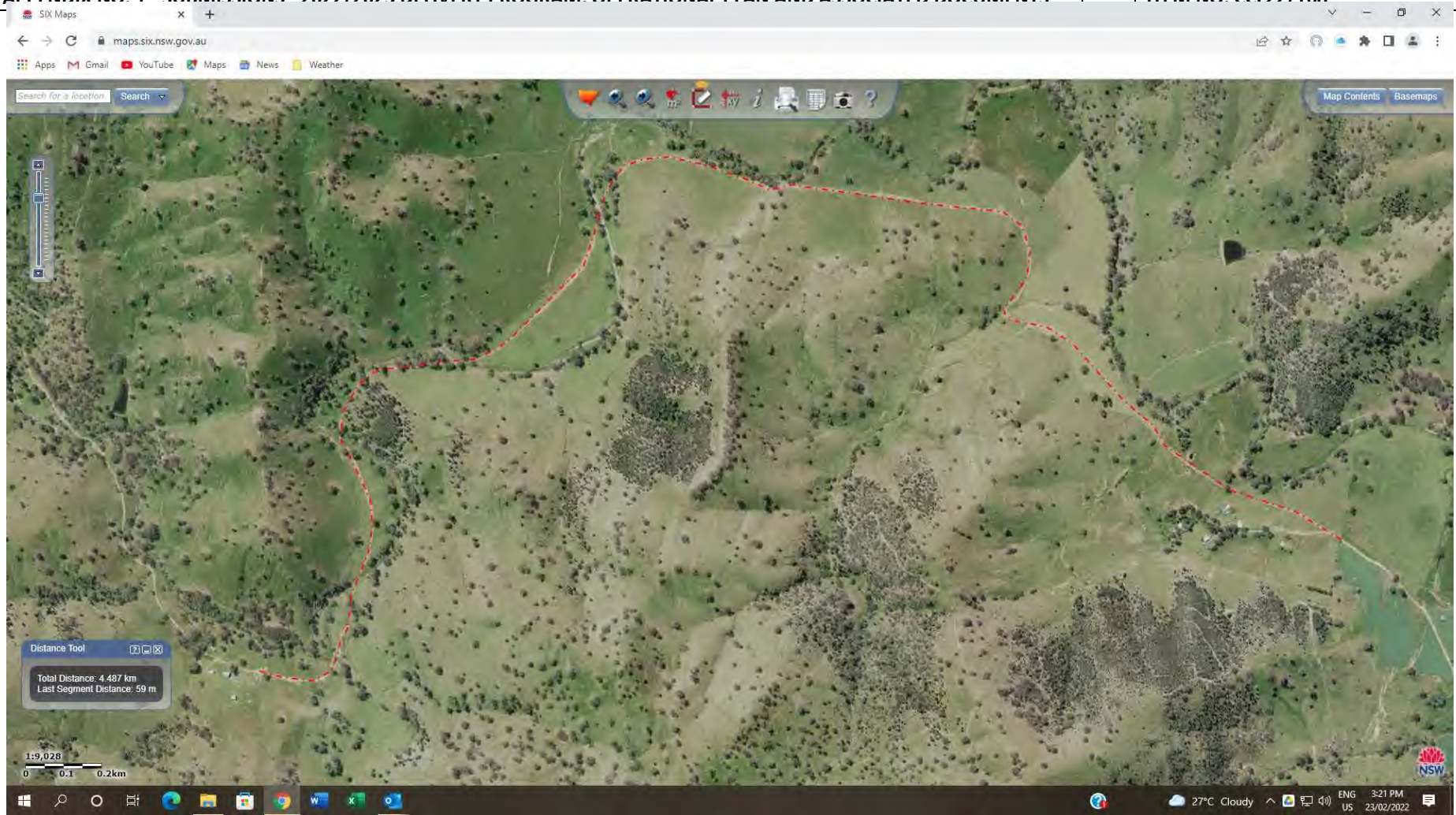
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First name:	John
Surname:	Holland
Residential address:	[REDACTED]
Contact number:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Select which document you are submitting feedback for:	Draft Delivery Program and Operational Plan
Written submission:	Truck access to 1779 Uungula Road, Wuuluman 2820
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From: [REDACTED]

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Surname:	Messner
Residential address:	[REDACTED]
Contact number:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Select which document you are submitting feedback for:	Draft Delivery Program and Operational Plan
Written submission:	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>I would like to voice my concern over the proposed monumental fee increase for swimmers for next season. The doubling of fees is just outrageous and completely unreasonable to expect people to afford this cost. It's certainly not incremental over a period of time. Swimming is a survival skill needed by everyone, not to mention the health benefits. Over the last 2 years I have been the Secretary of Dubbo City Swimtech and I have seen firsthand the enjoyment that kids have in competing and being with their friends around a water environment. The financial cost of these fees to swim at the aquatic centres coupled with costs of athletes travelling and competing in Sydney is just unfair.</p> <p>Please don't take away these opportunities for fun, health and competition for our Dubbo kids and their families. It would be sad to drive by our Aquatic Centres and see no one swimming and training because it's too expensive. Thankyou.</p> <p>Kind regards, JM</p>

Essentially I have been hired as a cardiologist to work in Dubbo Base Hospital on Wednesdays and Thursdays, and most weeks I intend to fly up from Sydney on the first Rex flight Wednesday morning and fly back on the last flight Thursday evening. This is a contract for at least 2 years so if the arrangement works well for me I will probably be doing this week after week for a long time.

I was hoping to bring my bicycle up to Dubbo and use it to commute between the airport and the hospital.

So I was wondering whether there was any place at the airport that I could keep it between Thursday evening to the following Wednesday morning (the week after)? I have my own lock that I can use of course.

Thanks again for considering the request and let me know if you have any other questions!

Kind regards,

Kaivan

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From: [REDACTED]
Mail received time: Mon, 30 May 2022 06:58:12
Sent: Mon, 30 May 2022 16:58:01
To: [2040 Community Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Cost of pool entry for the Wellington pool
Importance: Normal
Sensitivity: None

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I am emailing as a concerned rate payer, life time resident and regular user of the pool.

How can residents of a low socio economic town be expected to pay the extra price rise.

It is turning into an elitist activity. How can parents be expected to cover these costs. It will force kids to the river and get involved in anti social behaviour.

How will they learn swim.

Maybe council needs to look at how they run the pool. There have been numerous times I have been to the pool and observed 3 or 4 lifeguards standing around talking and not even watching those that are in the pool.

The rise in cost will increase the cost of swimming lessons which are already too expensive particularly if you have multiple children requiring lessons.

The decrease in swimmers attending point score is already a reflection of the high cost of going to the pool. Why build such an expensive resource if you cannot maintain at a reasonable cost. Dubbo pool attendees are better off than those from Wellington

I say no to the increase in entry fees.

Kathy OGrady

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]

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First name:	Kelly
Surname:	Wykes
Residential address:	[REDACTED]
Contact number:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Select which document you are submitting feedback for:	Draft Delivery Program and Operational Plan
Written submission:	<p>To the General Manager,</p> <p>I am writing to express my concern about the increase in price for a family season pass at the Wellington Aquatic Centre.</p> <p>I feel that the local pool is facility that should be able to accessed by all members of the community for recreational, learn to swim and competitive purposes i.e. swim squad, carnivals etc.</p> <p>with limited things to access in regional areas the pool is a community resource that keeps our youth occupied and engaged for almost half of the year.</p> <p>If the price is increased it will limit those people attending who are unable to afford to visit the facility regularly.</p> <p>Learning to swim is a vital skill for life and the council should be doing everything they can to get as many children into learn to swim programs.</p> <p>Swimming should be accessible to all no matter what their socio-economic status.</p> <p>Please consider looking at the charges and how they will affect</p>

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	attendance at the pool. Warm regards Kelly Wykes
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From: [REDACTED]
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Sent: Fri, 20 May 2022 01:00:08
To: [2040 Community Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: CM: CSP animal shelter
Importance: Normal
Sensitivity: None

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Hi

I'm so pleased to hear you are looking to improve the facilities for the animals of Dubbo. Please tell me you are also looking at hiring qualified staff (minimum cert II Animal Care) and providing more pens with automatic plumbed in water bowls, overhead misters for our warm summer days and more exercise yards. Please get a consultant who actually knows what they are talking about and has experience in the shelter industry when designing the new facility.

You need more pens for initial assessment prior to entering pound when they are first brought in. Your dangerous dog section needs access through both sides with slides in between the 2 sides of the enclosure. The current 1 sided access is impossible to clean effectively and dangerous.

Please check the substrate you decide to use for exercise yards and ensure it is not going to heat up and is easy to clean faeces from and not a harbour for weeds to build up. The current set up is dangerous and hides burrs and is a disease risk.

I am happy to help with ideas and tips to provide a better safer place for our animals to be kept whilst finding their homes.

Kristie

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From: [REDACTED]

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Sent: 17 May 2022 19:56:11

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First name:	Leesa
Surname:	Weber
Residential address:	[REDACTED]
Contact number:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Select which document you are submitting feedback for:	Draft Long Term Financial Plan (2.3%)
Written submission:	The rise in pool fees is beyond ridiculous and will make a healthy and affordable activity no longer accessible for so many.
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From: [REDACTED]
Mail received time: Mon, 30 May 2022 08:42:03
Sent: Mon, 30 May 2022 18:41:49
To: Community Strategic Plan
Subject: Price of swimming pool entry for coming season.
Importance: Normal
Sensitivity: None
Archived: Tuesday, 31 May 2022 9:59:44 AM

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To Whom it may concern,

The proposed price of the pool admission for the coming season is so very very expensive. Teaching my children to be confident and competent swimmers is a priority. We have enjoyed the facilities in Dubbo, Wellington and Geurie for many years. When I saw the proposed prices I was shocked. They are so so expensive. We want all our children to be able to use the pools and learn to swim.

Thank you
Lucy Maurice.

Sent from my iPhone

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From: [REDACTED]

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Sent: 18 May 2022 12:39:55

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First name:	Lynette
Surname:	Midson
Residential address:	[REDACTED]
Contact number:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Select which document you are submitting feedback for:	(Select)
Written submission:	Please don't put the pool prices up as I am pensioners and can't afford that sort of price I need to go to the pool for my mental and physical health thankyou for your consideration
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From: [REDACTED]

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Sent: 15 May 2022 08:16:41

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Surname:	Hyde
Residential address:	[REDACTED]
Contact number:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Select which document you are submitting feedback for:	Draft Delivery Program and Operational Plan
Written submission:	I wish to complain about the proposed increase in Wellington Pool price increases in both single entry and season tickets. A small increase ok but this is ridiculous. For families that have children who do training daily and point scores, this massive increase may force a lot of families to quit. As we are a small community sport is essential. Isn't it better to have people using the pool at a lesser price than an empty pool. And also children will revert to using the rivers which is very dangerous. It is essential that children learn to swim and continue swimming if they like it. Please make it a reasonable cost for all families including low income and single income families
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To: [2040 Community Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: No Subject
Importance: Normal
Sensitivity: None

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Chief Executive Officer
Dubbo Regional Council

Re: Landing Fees at Wellington Aerodrome.

Landing Fees and Avdata should be abolish at Wellington Aerodrome because it does not have the facilities of a Certified Airfield and also a low cost maintenance aerodrome. It prevent other aircraft visiting Wellington Aerodrome.

Thank you,
MACK WATSON

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Written submission:	I am writing in opposition to the proposal to increase the fees for the local swimming pools in our LGA. Pools should be accessible to the whole community and increasing the price this much in one hit across the three pools would reduce the accessibility due to the cost. This price rise will likely reduce the usage of the pool as it is not affordable anymore and more people would instead swim in the e river which has more risks associated with it. Being in such a hot climate I would implore the council to reconsider such a large increase and keep the cost to visit the pool affordable for the community
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Surname:	Scrivener
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Email:	[REDACTED]
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Written submission:	<p>It is disgusting to think you will be charging these fees for the pool in Wellington</p> <p>I have severe back problems and I use the pool and aqua aerobics at least 3/4 times a week</p> <p>There is no way I can afford to do that at the new proposed fees</p>
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Surname:	Conn
Residential address:	
Contact number:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Select which document you are submitting feedback for:	Option 2 Statement of Revenue Policy - 2.3% (including Draft Fees and Charges)
Written submission:	<p>I fully support the new landing fee for Wellington Aerodrome. It is an uncertified aerodrome without the services that Dubbo has and this is a much more appropriate landing fee.</p> <p>Regards</p> <p>Mark Conn</p>
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Surname:	Bell
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Email:	[REDACTED]
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Written submission:	I am only on a pension and take my 12 year old foster son to the pool for squads with Monique and Pointscores every Friday night. He has Cerebal Palsey and swimming helps with his therapy and sport. He also is a competative swimmer in The Multi Class Division at Western Districts Swimmer. This is all he has I am going on 68 and don't have much money.. Not only me, but there are a lot of low income families and under priveledge children who come to the pool. We will find it very hard to pay for an adult and child Season pass. It will only be the wealthy who can use it,also I little Swim club will suffer as well as so many of us will miss out.Please don't make it so expensive that only the wealthy can go to the pool and Pointscores.
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2022 Delivery Program and Operational Plan – Dubbo Regional Council

My submission relates to the funding of green infrastructure and the ongoing liveability of our LGA.

I find this document (2022 Delivery Program and Operational Plan – Dubbo Regional Council) so convoluted and obscure that I have no idea which section to lodge this submission under, and I imagine other members of the community have also found this the case. I hope in the future such documents will be made clearer and easier for the community to engage with.

I am therefore leaving it to you to please place my submission in the correct section.

Dubbo prides itself on being at the cutting edge, but in 2022 we are sitting on our hands while the boat sails on so many levels.

1. The DRC tree planting budget is appallingly inadequate.

- A tree budget of \$94 000 pa over four years is paltry compared to cold climate cities like Orange that is spending \$525 000 this year alone, and Armidale that has a policy of planting 300 new trees per year.
- Tree planting seems to be a very low priority for DRC and in 2022 the community expects better.
- You only need walk the streets of Dubbo in summer to discover how abysmally few shade trees there are left.
- Apart from dragging the chain planting bio-diverse trees to add to our shade canopy, DRC does not appear to be proactive in nurturing and preserving the shade trees we do have?
e.g. What remedies are in place to correct the massacring of the avenue of plane trees in Darling St by Essential Energy that began 7 years ago? Those trees are now showing negative structural effects that need to be addressed.
- The community is also tired of seeing healthy half-grown trees removed to make way for a new fad or because they were a poor choice to begin with.

2. DRC Tree Preservation Order.

- It is also past time we showed true leadership and restored a Tree Preservation Order encompassing both public and private land similar to the one we abandoned to please the developers in 1995.
- It is past time we gave green infrastructure (trees) the same importance we give grey infrastructure and plan and build around them.
- DRC must do that if we are to address the wants and needs of the whole community and arrest the wanton destruction of our green infrastructure.

3. Climate Change

- Australia is at the forefront when it comes to the impact of global warming, so when is Dubbo going to accept that our summers are becoming hotter by giving priority to the greening of our city, hence improving livability?
- Why are we still allowing developers to raze everything in their path to maximise their profit?
- Why do we still grant DAs for hotboxes with dark grey roofs on pocket handkerchief size blocks, narrow streets with no room for a decent size shade tree?
- Are we going to wait until things are so bad that we need to be like Blacktown Council that trialled 'heat shelters' last summer so that people could escape their hot homes?
- Why aren't we enforcing strict energy efficiency criteria for new builds both domestic and commercial?
- Research also shows how valuable street trees are in ameliorating extreme heat, so it's imperative we do all we can to take care of the few shade trees we have left and add to their number.

4. Green Space

- Why are we even discussing the handing over of what is arguably the last tract of riverine green space within our built-up area (Regand Park) for a football field when there are any number of other sites available? If anything, we should be buying up such areas for passive public use both now and into the future.
- Research has shown what an important role trees and green recreational spaces have in making a city liveable, which is why the tracks along the river are so popular especially in the summer heat.

5. Attracting new residents and keeping them:

- If we are to attract people to live in our LGA there must be an attractive bank of essential goods and services, but it must also be an appealing place to live. A concrete jungle is not appealing to many. Council has an obligation to ensure the community has the most liveable environment it can provide.

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Surname:	Week
Residential address:	[REDACTED]
Contact number:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Select which document you are submitting feedback for:	Draft Delivery Program and Operational Plan
Written submission:	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>Increasing the cost of family entry to the Dubbo pool is an insult. We had family passes this year. It was almost a waste of money with the amount the pool was closed due to contamination and breakdowns. The contamination was such an issue that councillor Black had to raise it at a council meeting. How can you possibly justify a price increase if you can't ensure the service is available? If anything, those people that paid for the previous season should be provided with credit towards next season due to the inconvenience. Price increases can be justified with good service and usability, any other reason for a price increase is just money grabbing.</p> <p>Regards</p> <p>Nathan</p>

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Surname:	Johns
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Email:	[REDACTED]
Select which document you are submitting feedback for:	Draft Delivery Program and Operational Plan
Written submission:	<p>The "Budget Bites" are very informative details .</p> <p>Would it be possible to include these bites in the Plan along with more details of initiatives and capital works planned to be undertaken over the next 4 years.</p> <p>For example</p> <p>Details of Village Road sealing projects</p> <p>Significant roadworks including new works and rehabilitation works (egWhealers Lane)</p> <p>New Parks and Recreation areas planned for new residential developments especially in West Dubbo.</p> <p>Expanded Toilet facilities in Cameron Park Wellington</p> <p>Projects planned to contribute towards renewable energy targets.</p> <p>I understand many of these projects are detailed already within the build up of the 4 year plan and would provide meaningful information to the community.</p>

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Subject: Submission to DRC draft budget 2022-2023

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[OzFish River Repair Bus Submission to DRC budget 2022-23.pdf](#); [OzFish River Repair Bus Jan-April 2022 report.pdf](#);

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Hi,

Please find attached a submission to the draft DRC budget for 2022-2023. Can you please advise if I have submitted this correctly, as there are 4 draft documents that relate to the budget open for public comment whereas my submission simply refers to 'the budget' rather than these documents specifically.

Thanks,

Bron

Bron Powell | [REDACTED]



I acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of land on which we work and their continuing connection to land and waterways. I pay my respect to Elders past, present and emerging.



Better Habitat Better Fishing

Submission on the draft 2022-2023 Dubbo Regional Council budget

OzFish Unlimited – submitted by Bron Powell, Project Manager – Central Murray-Darling Basin.

29/5/2022

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

OzFish run the River Repair Bus in Dubbo and Wellington which you may have heard about or seen along the Wambuil-Macquarie River. The River Repair Bus undertakes riparian restoration work along the river in the Dubbo LGA, including rubbish removal, weed control and native revegetation work. We involve volunteers and community groups in our work, providing social outcomes as well as environmental outcomes.

Part of our River Repair Bus work is undertaken on public reserves under a contract with Dubbo Regional Council. DRC have provided \$45 000 per year for the last few years to do this. We work closely with the Liveability division (soon to be the Development and Environment division) of DRC and report monthly to this division, although our outcomes also achieve results for the new Strategy, Partnership and Engagement division, new Community, Culture and Places division and the Infrastructure division (see details below).

To continue to meet these outcomes, we request that the DRC budget for 2022-2023 allocates \$45 000 (+GST) to OzFish again.

The strategies and activities of the draft 2022/2023 Delivery Program and Operational Plan the OzFish River Repair Bus fulfils, and how we are achieving this, are:

Economy:

Delivery Program		Operational Plan			OzFish
Code	Strategy	Code	Action	Responsibility	River Repair Bus actions
3.2.2	Traineeships and employment pathways are available for all sectors of the community	3.2.2.1	Advocate and support the employment of youth, Aboriginal, long-term unemployed and people with a disability in major public projects	Strategy, Partnerships and Engagement	The River Repair Bus provides training opportunities for these sectors of society. In 2022-23 we are offering a training program for Aboriginal people (Indigenous River Rangers Program) plus work with Probation and Parole.



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Liveability:

Delivery Program		Operational Plan			OzFish
Code	Strategy	Code	Action	Responsibility	River Repair Bus actions
5.5.1	Passive and active open space is located to maximise access and use by the community	5.5.1.4	Manage and maintain recreation and open space areas in accordance with the service levels of the Asset Management Plan	Community, Culture and Places	The River Repair Bus crew undertake mowing and whipper-snipping in certain DRC reserves, and collect litter in 20 DRC reserves covered in the OzFish-DRC MOU.

Environment and Sustainability:

Delivery Program		Operational Plan			OzFish
Code	Strategy	Code	Action	Responsibility	River Repair Bus actions
6.2.3	Waste management processes reduce our environmental footprint and impact on the environment	6.2.3.2	Undertake a litter and waste minimization education program	Development and Environment	OzFish, with funding from the NSW EPA, are building a business case for litter prevention on the Wambuul-Macquarie River in the Dubbo LGA, which includes and education campaign.
6.3.1	The quality of the Macquarie, Talbragar and Bell River corridors is enhanced	6.2.1.1	Support and encourage community groups and programs to undertake environmental restoration works	Infrastructure	The River Repair Bus undertakes environmental restoration works in 20 DRC river reserves along the Wambuul-Macquarie River plus private properties.
6.4.4	Endangered ecological communities, threatened species, habitats and environment	6.3.4.2	Collaborate with Environmental Groups to identify and monitor noxious and environmental weeds	Infrastructure	The River Repair Bus identifies and controls noxious and environmental weeds in 20 DRC river reserves plus private properties. We also partner with Dubbo Rivercare on numerous projects.



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Please find a report on our outcomes for January-April 2022 attached.

We look forward to your support.

Sincerely,

Bron Powell
OzFish Unlimited.

OzFish River Repair Bus work on Dubbo Regional Council Reserves

January 2022 – April 2022 inclusive

Project funded by Dubbo Regional Council



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Report prepared by: Bron Powell, Project Manager, Central Murray-Darling Basin,
[REDACTED] and Ethan Chant, River Repair Bus Coordinator [REDACTED]

Date: 12/5/2022

Cover photo: Ethan Chant, River Repair Bus Coordinator with a young helper cleaning up rubbish at Devils Hole Reserve, January 2022.

OzFish Unlimited

OzFish Unlimited is a fast-growing not-for-profit organization dedicated to protecting and restoring fish habitat and supporting recreational fishers in these actions. Our aim is for all waterways in Australia to have a group of recreational fisher stewards taking action to improve local fish habitats. OzFish Unlimited works through the establishment of local chapters of fishers who volunteer their time to carry out on-ground river restoration works, citizen science projects and community education and engagement. Strategic delivery of restoration projects is key for OzFish Unlimited - we are supporting our chapters and recreational angling communities to ensure priority rehabilitation sites are targeted.

Project Location

Wambuul-Macquarie River in the Dubbo LGA.

Acknowledgements

OzFish Unlimited acknowledge that the work of this project is undertaken on Wiradjuri land, and that the Wiradjuri people were the first river and land managers of this area. Under Wiradjuri management, fish stocks thrived. We recognise their continuing cultural ties to the Wambuul-Macquarie River and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

We would like to thank Dubbo Regional Council for funding the work of this project.

We also acknowledge the members of Inland Waterways Rejuvenation Association (IWRA) as the founders of the River Repair Bus, purchased with funds raised by the Burrendong Classic.

Many thanks also to the volunteers and partner organisations that help with the work of the River Repair Bus.

Introduction

OzFish Unlimited are assisting Dubbo Regional Council (DRC) with maintenance of 20 public reserves along the Wambuul-Macquarie River in Dubbo and Wellington, as per the OzFish-DRC MOU established in November 2021. Work is undertaken 1-2 days per week for this contract. The contract is for \$45 000 pro rata over 12 months, and finishes on June 30, 2022. DRC have provided funding in previous years as well. OzFish Unlimited provide reports every month to DRC of the work undertaken on DRC reserves.

This report shows the work undertaken from January 2022 (when the River Repair Bus work started up again, after a 6-month period of staff change over and applying for funding) to April 30, 2022.

Key works undertaken by the River Repair Bus are:

- Rubbish removal
- Weed control



- Native tree plantings
- Mowing / weed control around trees planted in the past

Works occur on the following DRC reserves as part of the OzFish-DRC MOU:

Dubbo Reserves:

Biddybungie, Bril Bral, Butlers Falls, Caroline’s Reserve, Devil’s Elbow, Dickygundy, Golf Links, North Burrabadine Reserve, Pilchers, Police Paddock, Redbank, Regand Park Reserve, Riverbank Park, Sandy Beach, Sir Roden Cutler Riverbank, Terramugamine and Wiradjuri Park.

Wellington Reserves:

Bell and Macquarie River Junction, John Oxley Park, Ponto Falls.

How the work is done

The River Repair Bus is equipped with an experienced team leader (Ethan Chant), knowledgeable in river restoration, with the essential training and tickets and all the equipment required to undertake river restoration activities on the Wambuul-Macquarie River and associated waterways. The River Repair Bus equipment includes a 12-seater bus, trailer for equipment and rubbish collection, ride on mower and trailer, storage shed, spray equipment, equipment for tree plantings and weed control, and PPE for participants.

The River Repair Bus takes volunteers and involves them in hands-on river restoration techniques. The River Repair Bus provides a unique model for local community participants to get involved, learn new skills, gain hands-on experience, and become employment ready while making a positive difference to their local environment.

Results

Over the 4-month period, the following works have been achieved (see Table 1):

Table 1. Statistical outcomes of the River Repair Bus with Dubbo Regional Council river reserves funding, Jan-April inclusive, 2022.

Rubbish removed	Native vegetation maintained	Riparian zone weed control	Trees planted	Reportings to DRC of illegal activity / action required	Number of volunteer hours	Community groups and schools engaged
835 kgs	320 trees	2 km	0 (works are planned)	1 abandoned car 3 illegal rubbish dumpings 1 illegal camping with continual littering	64	9

The River Repair Bus has also planted 1865 trees through other funding (the federal government’s Healthy Rivers Program) with 301 volunteers hours. The funding from Dubbo Regional Council doesn’t cover all the work of the bus and we rely on other funding as well.



Indigenous involvement:

- Skillset Senior College Dubbo (high number of Aboriginal students) – tree planting and kayaking down the river
- Clontarf Academy – from Dubbo College Senior campus and Delroy campus – involved in Clean Up Australia Day this year

We are currently in discussions with the following Indigenous organisations:

- Dubbo Aboriginal Lands Council
- Leaderlife – discussions continuing; have invited them to do some paid contract work for us but they've been busy so far this year with lime harvest etc

We have attended a Dubbo Aboriginal Community Working Party meeting (10/5/22) to notify and discuss the work that we do.

Community groups and schools involved (in addition to the above):

- Dubbo Rivercare
- Transition Dubbo
- Wambangalang Environmental Education Centre
- Buninyong Public School
- Taronga Western Plains Zoo volunteers
- Home-school groups
- Dubbo Field Naturalists and Conservation Society
- Dubbo Environment Group
- Western Paddlers NSW

We are currently lining up projects with the following community organisations:

- Probation and Parole
- Headspace Dubbo
- Royal Flying Doctor Service Alcohol & Other Drugs Community Engagement program

See the monthly reports in the appendices for more detailed information.



Appendix A. OzFish Unlimited Monthly Report for January 2022

This report details activities undertaken on DRC owned and or managed reserves for the month of January 2022.

Report compiled by: Ethan Chant, River Repair Bus Coordinator

OUTCOMES AND ACTIVITIES

Rubbish removal

Reserve	Date	Time	amount	Weight
John Oxley Reserve, Bells/Macquarie Junction, Ponto Falls, Sandy Beach and Regand Park	Week Ending 14/01/22	19 hrs	1 trailer load with 6 x 60L wheat bags filled with general waste, plastic chip bags, paper, kfc boxes, plastic bottles, cans, glass bottles, clothing. Items not able to be bagged include: 2 tyres, 1 pushbike, 3 star stakes, other metal items	100kgs
Regand Park Continued/South Dubbo Fishway	Week Ending 21/01/2022	2 hrs	1 x 60L wheat bag ¾ filled, general waste, plastic chip bags, paper, kfc boxes, plastic bottles, cans, glass bottles	Estimated 3kg
North Burrabadine Reserve, Redbank Reserve, Police Paddock and Riverbank Park Reserve	Week Ending 28/01/2022	17hrs	Police paddock illegal dumping notified to Rangers and then cleaned up and disposed of, 3 x 60l wheat bags full in total. Attended all reserves listed again after the illegal dumping site and collected - General household waste, plastic bottles, clothing, camp/office chairs, aluminium cans and other plastics totalling 6 x 60l wheat bags full.	Illegal dumping estimated 8kg General waste collection from all reserves totalled 60kg
Total		38hrs		171kg





Photos – clockwise from top left: disposing of rubbish at Whylandra Waste Depot; illegally dumped rubbish photos – cleaned up site and the rubbish before clean-up; general litter at a river reserve.





Photo: discarded fishing line

Tree planting: N/A

Weed control:

Reserve	Date	Time	Activity	Area
Golf Links	Week Ending	1hr	Manually pulling weeds out from around the base of the trees	Around base of trees
Biddybungie	Week Ending 28/1/22	2hrs	Manually pulling out Johnson grass	Between vehicle track and river
Total		3hrs		



Bush regeneration maintenance – mow whip prune replace

Reserve	Date	Time	Activity	Area
Golf Links	Week Ending	16hrs	Plantings and trees maintained by mowing extremely overgrown grass and weeds.	5.2 ha
Total		16hrs		5.2 ha

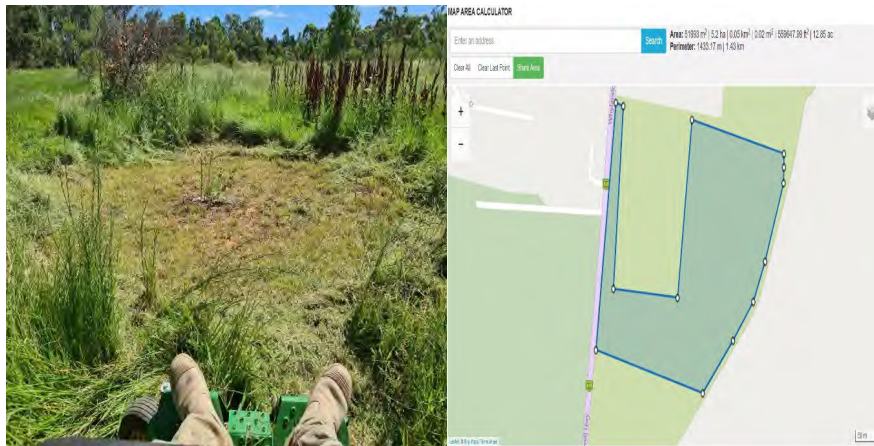


Photo and graphic: mowing Golf Links Creek reserve and the area mowed.



Appendix B. OzFish Unlimited Monthly Report for February 2022

This report details activities undertaken on DRC owned and or managed reserves for the month of February 2022.

Report compiled by: Ethan Chant, River Repair Bus Coordinator

PART A: Fortnight 31/01/2022 to 11/02/2022

Works (when and where):

Rubbish collection: Week Ending 04/02/2022

Attended Devils Hole Reserve, Police Paddock Reserve and Sir Roden Cutler Reserve and removed litter filling 10 x 60l wheat bags full which I disposed of at the Whylandra Waste Depot totalling 60kg. The waste was comprised of bottles (glass and plastic), clothing, other plastics, 1 x fridge and general house hold waste. I had 1 Volunteer with me who provided 3 hours of time.

Week Ending 11/02/2022

Attended Butlers Falls Reserve and Pilchers Reserve where I have collected 2 x 60l wheat bags full of illegally dumped litter. The litter was mainly comprised of general household waste. This rubbish was disposed of at the Whylandra Waste Depot along with the rubbish from the week ending 04/02/2022 which totalled 60kg including this weeks litter.

Weed control:

Volunteers manually removed a patch of castor oil plant that had arisen since the floods at Biddybungie Reserve (12m x 10m patch) and a small patch (several plants) at Sandy Beach.

Habitat structures: NA

Native vegetation planted: NA

Native vegetation maintained:

Week Ending 04/02/2022

Attended Devils Hole Reserve and carried out tree maintenance, mowed the reserve to DRC standard around the base of the planted trees to help reduce competition from noxious weeds giving the trees the best chance at maturing. I maintained 25 trees which took 4.5hours to complete due to the reserve being severely overgrown.

Attended Caroline Reserve and mowed a strip on either side of the bollards, mowed a strip from the parking area down to the river for walking access and also mowed around the table and BBQ area as per Dubbo Regional Council's MOU agreement. These works took a total of 4 hours to complete as the reserve was overgrown.





Top row of photos: Devils Hole Reserve – before and after maintenance works

Bottom row of photos: Caroline Reserve – before and after maintenance works

Week Ending 11/02/2022

Attended Dickigundi Reserve, Wiradjuri Reserve and Bidybungie Reserve and carried out tree maintenance, mowed the reserve to DRC standard around the base of the planted trees to help reduce competition from noxious weeds giving the trees the best chance at maturing. I maintained a total of 150 trees which took two full days to complete due to the reserves being severely overgrown.





Other outcomes:

07/02/2022 – Was interviewed by Dubbo Local Photo News again for a media release on the River Repair Bus and OzFish.

08/02/2022 – Was interviewed by 2DU local radio station which was streamed live.

Have started posting again on the 'Inland Waterways Ozfish River Repair Bus' Facebook page to help build awareness and engagement.



PART B: Fortnight 14/02/2022 to 25/02/2022

Works (when and where):

Rubbish collection: Week Ending 18/02/2022

Attended Bril Bral Reserve, Butlers Falls Reserve and Pilchers Reserve again and collected litter. The litter at Butlers Falls and Pilchers was minimal compared to the week prior but still a considerable amount due to myself cleaning it only last week, the majority of the litter was from Bril Bral Reserve. The litter was mainly comprised of general waste with one camp chair. This rubbish was disposed of at the Whylandra Waste Depot which totalled 180kg which is a lot considering the majority of the litter is plastic bottles, chip packets and fast food packaging.

Week Ending 25/02/2022

Attended Sandy Beach Reserve, Riverbank Park Reserve, North Burrabadine Reserve and Police Paddock and collected the last lot of litter that I will be focussing on at the moment and now focus more on mowing/weed control. The majority of the litter was collected at Police Paddock Reserve and North Burrabadine Reserve, the litter was mainly comprised of general waste with one site having some concrete dumped in the middle of the dirt road. This rubbish was disposed of at the Whylandra Waste Depot which totalled 120kg.

Weed control:

Volunteers manually removed 51 sq m of castor oil at Devils Hole Reserve. To be continued with chemicals or manually.

Habitat structures: NA

Native vegetation planted:

Native vegetation maintained:

Week Ending 18/02/2022

Attended Butlers Falls Reserve and Terramungamine Reserve and completed mowing as per DRC MOU. Both sites severely overgrown. As part of Dubbo Regional Councils MOU this mowing was targeted to keep the vegetation down.

Butlers Falls Reserve:





Terrungamine Reserve:





Other outcomes:

Biddybungie Reserve: Removal of fallen large river red gum branch from the main vehicle track (which it was blocking) onto the temporary track that reserve users had created around it, to prevent further damage to native vegetation.





Top left photo: the branch blocking the main vehicle track

Bottom right photo: the branch moved to now block the track reserve users had created around it.



Appendix C. OzFish Unlimited Monthly Report for March 2022

This report details activities funded by DRC (under the DRC Reserves MOU) undertaken on DRC owned and or managed reserves for the month of March 2022.

Report compiled by: Ethan Chant, River Repair Bus Coordinator and Bron Powell, Project Manager Central Murray Darling Basin.

PART A: Fortnight 28/02/2022 to 11/03/2022

Rubbish collection:

OzFish and Dubbo Rivercare organised a Clean Up Australia Day held at Devils Hole Reserve. 60 people attended the event, cleaning up 7 reserves and collecting 420 kg of rubbish. 99 disposable masks were collected. OzFish had 5 volunteers attend plus two staff, totalling 150kg of rubbish and 20 hours contribution to the event. Plus we invited and liaised with Clontarf Academy to come along, and 14 people from Clontarf attended. The day was ended around a BBQ to have a chat and debrief about the day.

Reserves and areas cleaned up on the day by this event were: Devils Hole, Police Paddock, Nita McGrath, Wiradjuri Park, Lions Park, Butlers Falls, Pilchers Reserve, and the carpark area at the end of Tamworth St.





Photo: Some of the participants at the Devils Hole event clean-up.

Three OzFish members in Wellington also participated in the Wellington Clean Up Australia Day event at Oxley Reserve, cleaning up the reserve as well as taking to the water in their tinnies.

In the afternoon of Clean Up Australia Day, 2 OzFish volunteers also cleaned up along the river in a canoe from John Oxley Park, Wellington, to the reserve at the end of Blacks Lane, Wellington, collecting a whole inflatable dinghy, a chemical drum and a full 60L bag of rubbish – another 18 kg in total. Whilst not exactly on DRC reserves, it is expected that some of this rubbish would wash up on DRC reserves.



Photos: Clean up paddle downstream of Wellington - pulling plastic out of a snag, and the rubbish collected by the end of the paddle, including the inflatable dinghy.

Weed control:

Week Ending 04/03/2022



Started weed control on DRC Reserve Devils Hole, controlled a patch of Johnson Grass with whipper snipping while waiting for some dry weather to then go back and spray.



Photos: Johnson grass at Devils Hole Reserve, before and after treatment.

Habitat structures: NA

Native vegetation planted: NA

Native vegetation maintained:

Week Ending 04/03/2022

Mowed and maintained weeds at Golf Links Reserve this time completed in half the time maintaining around 150 Trees as per DRC MOU as I (Ethan) was able to attend before the reserve was out of control. Photos on next page.





PART B: Fortnight 14/03/2022 to 25/03/2022 + week 26/3/2022-31/3/2022

Works (when and where):

Rubbish collection: Week Ending 18/03/2022

Attended Dubbo Regional Council Reserves Bril Bral, Sandy Beach, Pilchers and Devils Hole where I (Ethan) have cleaned up rubbish. I was very happy to see the rubbish load out at Bril Bral greatly reducing along with Sandy Beach and Pilchers but we were very disappointed that not even two weeks after Clean Up Australia Day that Devils Hole was again extremely littered.

Bril Bral Reserve Dubbo – Very minimal rubbish on site, greater presence and regular communication with campers while on site appears to be working. Photos on next page.





Devils Hole Dubbo – Rubbish hard to see due to lighting but filled a 60L wheat bag just from this location.



Week Ending 25/03/2022

Attended DRC Reserves Butlers Falls and Caroline Reserve again and collected rubbish from site which now has both sites completely finished until next rotation. Both sites have now been mowed along with rubbish removed. We have disposed of collected rubbish from last week along with this week which totalled 40kg. The rubbish this time didn't contain any bulky waste at all, the majority is plastic chip packets, fast food packaging.

Caroline Reserve – Rubbish completely cleaned up and removed off site. Photo on next page.





Butlers Falls – Rubbish thrown into long grass which then becomes exposed when mowed and maintained.



In a joint OzFish-Western Paddlers NSW (kayak/canoe club based in Dubbo) event on 24/3/22, 1 OzFish staff person and 8 volunteers cleaned up Regand Park (including the fishing spots down by the river), the fishing spot at Tamworth St footbridge (more than 20 cigarette butts were collected here, plus other litter), Sandy Beach and the stretch of river from South Dubbo Fishway-Weir to Sandy Beach (in canoes), collecting 8kg of rubbish.



Two volunteers also cleaned up at John Oxley Park, Wellington, and The Falls (beyond the MOU) on 23/3/22, collecting 1kg of litter.

Week Ending 31/03/2022

An OzFish volunteer cleaned up Butlers Falls Reserve on 28/3/22 and 31/3/22. Interesting to note is that Ethan had cleaned the reserve on Friday 25/3, so the litter collected on Monday 28/3 showed what had been littered there over the weekend, and showed a high number of used wet wipes presumably by campers cleaning themselves/toileting. Campers have been observed there regularly on weekends and during then week.

As part of OzFish's Inland Fishers Tackling Litter project, funded by the NSW Environmental Protection Agency, project officer Karen Hagan also conducted Local Litter Checks at several reserves, and picked up litter after the survey. Litter was collected at Sandy Beach, Ollie Robbins Boat Ramp, Devils Hole, and Terramungamine, totalling another full 60L bag of rubbish.

Weed control: NA

Habitat structures: NA

Native vegetation planted: NA

Native vegetation maintained:

Week Ending 25/03/2022

Attended DRC Reserve Butlers Falls and Caroline Reserve and mowed and whipper snipped the sites as per DRC MOU. This is done for several reasons, some being to keep the vegetation down to discourage littering while also helping to prevent invasive weeds while also helping to make the reserves more useable.

Butlers Falls – Very overgrown (photos on next two pages)







Caroline Reserve – Still overgrown but not as bad as Butlers Falls



General mowing:

Week Ending 01/04/2022

Terramungamine Reserve: completed mowing and whipper snipping/rubbish collection as per our DRC MOU. It was a big job to complete with many parts of the reserve being very overgrown however I (Ethan) am happy to say that very minimal rubbish collection was needed!









Other outcomes:

1 x abandoned vehicle reported to DRC – it is located on the Police Paddock Reserve which has the potential to cause pollution if not removed.



Media: Facebook posts and fortnightly updates to stakeholders mention DRC as the funder of River Repair Bus work on DRC river reserves.



Appendix D. OzFish Unlimited Monthly Report for April 2022

This report details activities funded by DRC (under the DRC Reserves MOU) undertaken on DRC owned and or managed reserves for the month of April 2022.

Report compiled by: Ethan Chant, River Repair Bus Coordinator

Works (when and where):

Rubbish collection:

In the week ending 24/04/2022 we attended quite a few Dubbo Regional Council Reserves ranging from Wellington to Dubbo along our Wambuul-Macquarie River. All in all with the increased visual presence of the River Repair Bus along Dubbo Regional Council Reserves and with increased conversations and communication regarding rubbish/litter we are starting to see a positive improvement with a reduction of waste along our reserves. Rubbish for this week totalled 68kg.

In the Wellington area we have attended the Bell/Macquarie Junction Reserve, John Oxley Reserve and Ponto Falls Reserve. I was very happy to see a dramatic decline in the amount of rubbish/litter that is usually present along these reserves with roughly 3 x 60L bags being filled totalling around 20kg.

Bell/Macquarie Junction Reserve – Minimal to no litter/rubbish at all.



John Oxley Reserve – Litter present but minimal compared to past clean-ups.



Ponto Falls Reserve – Minimal Litter with 1 x dumped rubbish site possibly from a hole on the underside of one skip bin. Also discarded ensuite tent.



In Dubbo we have attended Bidybungie Reserve, Sandy Beach Reserve, Bril Bral Reserve, Devils Hole Reserve and Pilchers Reserve. Once again the rubbish/litter along these reserves have dramatically reduced with roughly 5 x 60L bags being filled totalling 48kg of rubbish/litter being collected. Unfortunately, one particular fishing spot along the Bidybungie Reserve was left in a horrendous state being extremely littered with left over food packaging, used covid tests, fishing tackle and packaging among various other waste.



Biddybungie Reserve – Minimal litter/rubbish except for 1 x fishing spot.



Sandy Beach Reserve – Little to no litter/rubbish.



Bril Bral Reserve – Little to no rubbish/litter, this reserve has shown a great improvement in regards to the decreased amount of waste.





Devils Hole Reserve – Litter/rubbish present at the usual amount; glass bottles, food packaging, plastic waste and clothing.



Pilchers Reserve - Someone who visits regularly must love Pringles... There were discarded packs (of various ages) near the waterfront. Photos on next page.





Additional reserves - On the south side of the river between Tamworth St footbridge and Golf Links Creek footbridge (an additional reserve not covered by this MOU), OzFish collected 11 kg of litter on 29/4/22 as part of our litter project funded by the NSW EPA.

Weed control:

We continued to keep on top of patches of castor oil plant emerging in Bidybungie Reserve, plus tobacco bush also emerging since the floods. These weeds were controlled manually.

The photo below shows some castor oil plants pulled out in Bidybungie Reserve.



Habitat structures: NA

Native vegetation planted: NA

Native vegetation maintained: NA

Media:

Bron Powell, OzFish project manager based in Dubbo spoke on HiTide fishing show on 3/4/2022 which reaches most of NSW and QLD and is broadcast locally on 2DU. Bron mentioned DRC as the funder of the River Repair Bus and discussed our work on river reserves.

Facebook posts and fortnightly updates to stakeholders acknowledge DRC as the funder of River Repair Bus work on DRC river reserves.



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From: [REDACTED]

Mail received time: Sun, 29 May 2022 12:37:34


Sent: Sun, 29 May 2022 22:37:14

To: [2040 Community Strategic Plan](#)

Subject: Revised budget for 1500kg

Importance: Normal

Sensitivity: None

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Hi

I support the budget with the change to reduce the landing fees for aircraft under 1500kg at Dubbo during weekends. This should increase visitor numbers and pilot training in our LGA.

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From: [REDACTED]

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To: [2040 Community Strategic Plan](#)

Subject: Landing fee for Wellington

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Hi

I personally think the landing fee should be scrapped altogether, as Wellington is the only NSW non-RPT aerodrome 'west of the mountains' that has landing fees for light aircraft. (Parkes free under 2000Kg, Cobar free under 800Kg, all 20 others have no fees at all.)

There is no fuel, LAME (aircraft engineer) or tie down points at Wellington compared to Dubbo.

There is no security at Wellington compared to Dubbo.

Dubbo has a fire service available, Wellington has none.

There are no taxis or hire cars available at Wellington.

The runways are not as long, wide or in as good a condition as at Dubbo.

Wellington aerodrome is not available for aircraft for more than 10 days each year due to Drag racing or driver training. Dubbo is never closed.

Wellington has no NOTAMs, unlike Dubbo.

Wellington is an uncertified aerodrome so there are no certification costs, unlike at Dubbo aerodrome.

In summary, Wellington is a low cost aerodrome compared to Dubbo so the landing fees should be less.

Thanks

Peter Gauci

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From: [REDACTED]

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Sent: 22 May 2022 09:08:31

To: [Dubbo Regional Council](#)

Subject: SUBMISSION - 2022 DELIVERY PROGRAM, OPERATIONAL PLAN, AND ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS
CD22/1666

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First name:	Peter
Surname:	Wardman
Residential address:	[REDACTED]
Contact number:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Select which document you are submitting feedback for:	Draft Delivery Program and Operational Plan
Written submission:	<p>Re: increase walking/ rising paths in my area</p> <p>I would like to suggest that a walking/riding/exercise path be created in East Dubbo.</p> <p>Utilising existing green space along Douglas Mawson Drive, around to Mount Baton Drive linking the dog park and Wheelers Lane.</p> <p>A crushed granite path linking this area could create a better wellbeing outcome. It would also keep residents safer, getting them off roads with heavy traffic flow.</p> <p>Please consider my suggestion for our upcoming budget.</p> <p>Thankyou for taking the time to read this.</p> <p>Kindest regards</p> <p>Peter Wardman</p>
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From: [REDACTED]
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To: [Dubbo Regional Council](#)
Subject: Draft Budget Airport Landing Fees.
Importance: Normal
Sensitivity: None

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From: Phillip Sherwood <[REDACTED]>
Date: Mon, 30 May 2022, 05:51
Subject: Draft Budget Airport Landing Fees.
To: <council@dubbo.gov.com.au>

I wish to support the Council's decision to lower aircraft landing fees for planes under 1500 kilos.
This will go a long way towards encouraging more people to our area and will encourage more training of new pilots who will be very needed in the future.

Kind Regards

Phil Sherwood Dubbo Ratepayer.

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From: [REDACTED]

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Surname:	Stevens
Residential address:	[REDACTED]
Contact number:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Select which document you are submitting feedback for:	Draft Delivery Program and Operational Plan
Written submission:	I would like to oppose the price increase for the season pass for the Dubbo Aquatic Centre. This is appalling and will have a negative affect on families that use the facility. This will seriously affect the families that have children that train or use the pool for training several times a week. We have in the past purchased a family season pass as we have 2 children that train 3-5 times a week and this was a more stressful economical way for us to afford the season pass. But with the massive increase. This will no longer her affordable. This will also have a negative affect on the local kids and antisocial behaviour by forcing kids back onto the streets
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First name:	Rachael
Surname:	Long
Residential address:	[REDACTED]
Contact number:	
Email:	[REDACTED]
Select which document you are submitting feedback for:	Draft Delivery Program and Operational Plan
Written submission:	Please do not raise the prices for the pool entry. We will not be purchasing the annual pass if the price is raised to what is proposed. Entry to the local pools has been at an all time low, if you raise the price, no one will use the facility. Please reconsider, Thank you
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First name:	Rebecca
Surname:	BLACKSTOCK
Residential address:	[REDACTED]
Contact number:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Select which document you are submitting feedback for:	Draft Delivery Program and Operational Plan
Written submission:	<p>Dear Council,</p> <p>I am writing to object the almost doubling of fees for our regions Aquatic Leisure Centre.</p> <p>I can cope with a small increase, however I am finding this proposal for next season increase absolutely crazy.</p> <p>It is unjustified and going to deter even more families from participating in a regular healthy activity.</p> <p>I found the service that go with the pool pretty poor this year.</p> <p>The canteen regularly closed early before a club night for swimming.</p>
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First name:	Rebecca
Surname:	Groen
Residential address:	[REDACTED]
Contact number:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Select which document you are submitting feedback for:	Draft Delivery Program and Operational Plan
Written submission:	I wish to express my extreme concern and disappointment of the proposed exuberant increase in the DALC swimming season prices. These proposed season prices will be made out of reach for many of the very people who need to access the facility for health, competition, and recreational purposes. Has council not noticed the price pinch for all of its residence in regards to the cost of living?? now you want to make something else more expensive and unaffordable. Council run pool's rarely make much money, they are a facility that is essential and provided to the community. the facility provided in the terms of the Dubbo pool is already sub standard compared to other council pools in the western region, its embarrassing having competitive swim meets there. The amenities are out dated, dirty and and poor working order, the heating was not working for some % of the season also. upping the prices will not fix this, it will drive people away, kids boredom, crime and less members in the 3 fantastic swim clubs.
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From: [REDACTED]

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Sent: 30 May 2022 12:54:24

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First name:	Rebecca
Surname:	O'Donnell
Residential address:	[REDACTED]
Contact number:	
Email:	[REDACTED]
Select which document you are submitting feedback for:	Option 2 Statement of Revenue Policy - 2.3% (including Draft Fees and Charges)
Written submission:	<p>The pool pricing is going up way to much</p> <p>The Wellington pool already struggles to get people in and now the price is going up even more people that where using it won't be there</p> <p>If council came to the local schools swimming carnivals there is only a handful of swimmers which can swim the majority of child in our town since the pool closed to be rebuilt and now is very poor as families are unable to access lessons or afford the pricing</p>
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27 May 2022

The CEO
Dubbo Regional Council
PO Box 81
DUBBO NSW 2830

By Email: council@dubbo.nsw.gov.au

RE: 2022 DELIVERY PROGRAM AND OPERATIONAL PLAN- THEME 1, HOUSING

Our members welcome the opportunity to make a submission to the above. It is a follow up on other proposals made to Council at the Housing Forum on 11 June 2021, the meeting with Council and Councillors on 24 February 2022 and other communication with Council.

We refer to the Community strategic plan as follows:

1.1 HOUSING MEETS THE CURRENT AND FUTURE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY- is a statement which has remained in the operational plan for some years, and lack of action to this obligation over the term of the last Council has resulted in a failure of the objective. Now requiring urgent action from Council, as the under supply of housing in Dubbo is having an **economic, employment and social impact**.

1.1.1 Variety of housing types and densities.... This objective is supported.

1.1.2 Housing is affordable..... this objective is supported, however affordable housing is a term over used and not generally understood. There are many parts to affordable housing, and Dubbo since the late 1980's has maintained a competitive affordable house price, due to a constant supply of residential land and a competitive offer from an adequate number of builders in our city.

1.1.3 This is supported

1.1.4 Public and social housing are integrated into residential areas..... This is supported in 1.1.4. However, there is a **SERIOUS MARKET FAILURE** to provide basic flat type accommodation of 1 and 2 bedrooms to accommodate the large demographic not either requiring or able to afford the rent for a dwelling. Our proposal is for **DUBBO REGIONAL COUNCIL** to intervene in the supply chain, as the market has not been prepared to undertake development of medium density rental

Real Estate Institute NSW - [REDACTED]
Committee Coordinator: Bob Berry - [REDACTED]
Deputy Chairperson: Tim O'Brien - [REDACTED]
Secretary/Treasurer: Shayna Chapman - [REDACTED]

accommodation. Further as a means of achieving this objective to advocate to state and federal governments for loan or grant funds.

1.2 AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF LAND IS LOCATED, CLOSE TO COMMUNITY SERVICES. This objective is supported.

1.2.1 Council review rezoning of key areas to allow for variety of types and densities.

1.2.1.6 A MOST URGENT STRATEGY (to rezone and increase density in Keswick Estate) WHICH COUNCIL SHOULD ADOPT WITHIN 3 MONTHS. Council undertook a similar program in Birch Avenue, Dulhunty Estate in early 1980's, to counter a housing supply problem.

1.2.2 This objective is supported

1.2.3 This objective is supported

1.2.4 This objective is supported

1.3 SHORT TERM AND EMERGENCY ACCOMMODATION IS AVAILABLE.

1.3.1 This objective is supported, and we see it as an urgent task to have a plan in place by **end of 2022.**

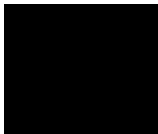
1.3.2 This objective is supported. There is a role for Council to obtain Government or borrowed funds to facilitate.

Our proposals have stated over the past year that by continuing to do in Dubbo, what has been practice in the supply of land and housing over the past 50 years, will no longer cater for the housing needs of the community, and Council must facilitate the change that enables the community to be housed in an adequate way. Anything less will not allow Dubbo to cope with current and future growth.

We look forward to the opportunity of further discussion with Council regarding this submission and the important issue of housing supply.

Yours faithfully

Real Estate Institute NSW (Orana Division)



Shayna Chapman – Secretary
On behalf of Divisional Committee

From: [REDACTED]
Mail received time: Tue, 17 May 2022 08:31:46
Sent: Tue, 17 May 2022 18:29:25
To: Community Strategic Plan
Subject: Dubbo pool price increase
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Archived: Tuesday, 31 May 2022 10:01:00 AM

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I'm a mother of twin three year old boys I work a full time job and do it on my own but the price increase makes the idea of being able to take the boys to the pool beyond mine or a normal families reach .. I'm thinking the zoo would be cheaper ... I believe u need to leave the price alone or maybe a percentage increase not double the price ... think of the people who have lives here their whole lives and support the pool
Thanks

Sent from my iPhone



Mr Murray Wood
Chief Executive Officer
Dubbo Regional Council
PO Box 81
Dubbo NSW 2830

27 May 2022

Dear Mr Wood

Re: 2022 Delivery Program and Operational Plan
Aquatic Leisure Centres

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on the draft plan specifically the upcoming draft changes to the aquatic leisure centres' 2022-2023 season.

As a regular early morning swimmer, I am very appreciative of the wonderful facility that we have in the Wellington Aquatic Centre. I also appreciate the need the council has to meet its financial commitments, which necessitates increasing the fees for the upcoming season.

There have always been keen swimmers in Wellington, from the early morning lap swimmers, to the strong swimming club that has produced international stars such as Ben Austin and Ian O'Brien. Since the opening of the Aquatic Centre in November 2020, however, it is not just the keen swimmers who are using the pool; there has been a change in the dynamic of the groups that use the variety of facilities available. I believe the reason for this is not just the excellent new facilities but also the heavily reduced/ subsidised memberships.

The disabled access to the 50 metre pool and heating of both the 50 metre and exercise pool have enabled access to a variety of people who have not previously used the pool facility. People are now using the aquatic centre for therapy purposes and aqua-exercise (both formal and informal groups).

The proposed increase for Wellington Aquatic Centre for a concession from \$60.00 to \$202.00 will adversely affect the access for these groups; groups that have only known the low entry fees of \$80 (20/21) and \$60 (21/22).

While the pool charges have been obviously very low for the past two seasons, there are various issues with the Wellington Aquatic Centre that need to be addressed –

1. The heating of the exercise pool was not working for at least the last two months of the season, leading to a marked decrease in patronage.

2. The drainage around the pool has been a serious problem since the pool construction; there is often red tape restricting access to various areas.
3. The cement is slippery and was poorly laid in construction; this was not adequately fixed at the time.
4. There is not enough shade or seating for groups to gather.
5. Staffing levels of the pools needs to be reviewed. At times there appears to be more staff than necessary for the number of swimmers. I know it can be unpredictable but early morning swimmers are a keen group and I question the need to have the ratio of staff at the pool during this period.

I note also that the proposed 2022/23 season for the Dubbo aquatic centre is 2 September 2022 – 23 April 2023 and Wellington 2 September 2022 – 26 March 2023; one month shorter. This is inequitable – both aquatic centres need to be open for the same period. I would also suggest that Council considers enabling access to season holders only to both Wellington and Dubbo Aquatic Centre. This wider access would be an added incentive, for families particularly, to take out the season membership.

I acknowledge that the entry fees need to increase, however, I would like to recommend that the increase be limited to \$120.00 for a season concession and pro rata for the other memberships, and then a gradual increase over the next few seasons, to bring it to the proposed annual fee the council is suggesting. This would be an acknowledgement of the need to increase fees but would also encourage people to take out the season memberships, leading to more of the community using the pool.

I look forward to your reply.

Kind regards

Rosalee Whiteley

From: [REDACTED]
Mail received time: Mon, 30 May 2022 02:59:48
Sent: Mon, 30 May 2022 12:59:37
To: Community Strategic Plan
Subject: Pool price rises
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To whom it may concern,

I am against the price rise for Wellington pool, we are a small community who already need to travel for larger sports, shops, schools etc..We are are low socioeconomic area and this would have a negative effect on our families. The pool isn't utilised to the best of its ability now and a price hike is only going to add to that.

To reduce costs of the pool you need to reduce the number of life guards and staff who work on any given day...I visit our pool frequently during summer and every day life guards are sitting in a group (4 people at a time) talking with backs to pools etc..life guards should never be sitting down and have time to just chat! This is what has increased your costs!

Wellington pool is the most unfriendly a atmosphere, this is why people don't attend, this is why you have not made a profit..

Putting up the price isn't going to fix these problems...staffing is going to fix your pool and until you do that you will loss thousands every year!

Sara Stevens

From my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
Mail received time: Sun, 15 May 2022 11:45:52
Sent: Sun, 15 May 2022 21:45:32
To: Community Strategic Plan
Subject: Pool membership fees
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Since you have considered raising the pool membership fees nearly a good \$200 plus.

Have a few questions,

How do you expect families or even singles to be able to afford it? Yes I get there is daily fees as well, but they also add up at the end of it as well.

How are we meant to be able to afford to take our children (even adults) to be able to learn to swim. Isn't it meant to be important for people to know the basics, at least for swimming to help reduce the numbers of drowning deaths. So on top of the membership fees, there are than swimming lessons costs on top.

Why is the hike so high for Wellington and Guerie? As what is actually at the pool worth that much or a raise? Are you going to be spending money on upgrading the facilities?
Fair enough if the pools were open 52 weeks of the year especially if the pools are meant to be heated.

As a parent myself I'd rather send my children to the local pool, with their friends or family outings knowing that they are safe, instead of playing in local rivers and in danger. In which a lot of kids will be turning to because parents can't afford to the pool fees.

Archived: Tuesday, 31 May 2022 10:01:35 AM

From: [REDACTED]

Mail received time: Sun, 15 May 2022 03:37:00

Sent: 15 May 2022 13:36:49

To: [Dubbo Regional Council](#)

Subject: SUBMISSION - 2022 DELIVERY PROGRAM, OPERATIONAL PLAN, AND ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS
CD22/1666

Importance: Normal

Sensitivity: None

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The following information has been submitted from the Dubbo Regional Council:

First name:	Teena
Surname:	Campbell
Residential address:	[REDACTED]
Contact number:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Select which document you are submitting feedback for:	Draft Delivery Program and Operational Plan
Written submission:	<p>I think DRC need to re consider the planned costs and charges for Wellington pool</p> <p>People will not pay these exorbitant prices and this will result in reduced attendance</p> <p>Perhaps you need to cut costs by not having so many lifeguards on- i went there with a patient and we were the only 2 people at the pool and 5 lifeguards</p> <p>Really <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>DRC need to foster community to use pool and encourage physical activity not turn people away with price hikes</p> <p>Let the community brainstorm ideas and work with community perhaps</p>
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From: [REDACTED]

Mail received time: Wed, 18 May 2022 07:34:51

Sent: 18 May 2022 17:34:39

To: [Dubbo Regional Council](#)

Subject: SUBMISSION - 2022 DELIVERY PROGRAM, OPERATIONAL PLAN, AND ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS CD22/1666

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Sensitivity: None

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First name:	Teresa
Surname:	Johnson
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Contact number:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Select which document you are submitting feedback for:	Option 1 Statement of Revenue Policy - 0.7% (including Draft Fees and Charges)
Written submission:	<p>I am writing re the increase in prices for the Wellington Aquatic Centre</p> <p>I am aware that the fees need to increase .However the huge increase seems to be rather large .</p> <p>The Wellington facility is under utilised and I feel that charging high entry prices will only further this problem.</p> <p>Also Non for Profit groups being charged to use the pool could see an end to these groups and a flow on of less people paying entry fees .I am aware that these groups can apply to the council for a return of their fees once they have been paid .</p> <p>This seems to be a waste of resources on the council's behalf</p> <p>The Wellington Leisure Centre is a wonderful resource for the town which needs to be promoted to residents and through travellers alike.</p> <p>It needs to have reasonable entry fees Not based on surrounding areas but based on encouraging use of the pool</p>
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Archived: Tuesday, 31 May 2022 10:01:42 AM
From: [REDACTED]
Mail received time: Tue, 3 May 2022 06:26:51
Sent: Tue, 3 May 2022 16:26:07
To: [2040 Community Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Rate Rise
Importance: Normal
Sensitivity: None

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Hi,

I did hear this morning on the radio regarding a rate rise above what is capped and have now had a look on your site to try and understand what extra you are trying to charge rate payers.

We are currently in a time when cost of living is rising whilst wages etc are not hence putting extra pressure on ratepayers and taxpayers to live. you will note that the Reserve bank today raised the interest rates which will also be passed on to consumers. I imagine some people will find this difficult to handle and will find themselves in trouble financially. Now you guys are asking to increase our Council Rates above the pegged amount putting extra pressure on households. I think this is irresponsible, unfair and very poorly timed. You base this on a recommendation from IPART. I know IPART are only an advisory body and do not set rates. It is up to the Council itself to decide and seek approval for the rise. I have had my property for 20yrs and over that time my rates have over doubled (risen by over 100%). The CEO of Council stated this morning on radio that some peoples rates would rise by quite a bit whilst others will not as much as it depends on the unimproved value of your land. In reality all rates will rise.

Over the past few years council has had a policy of only increasing the rate by the pegged amount, now that seems to have been thrown out. Unhappy.

Council will say they need to money to fix roads due to the conditions. I think the council want this and will use any excuse to raise rates. A better option would be to look at the efficiency of council itself. It is not uncommon to see council workers out working on Saturdays and Sundays which would mean double time for staff wages. This is one area that could be improved. and I am sure if council looked inwards savings could be found. I also not the number of new houses in Dubbo and that should have increased the income quite substantially. I also note that rentals are hard to get.

Overall I am not happy with what you propose. I have also had a look at the document concerning the rates and the figures are extremely difficult to understand. Hopefully you could provide an easy to understand document in this respect.

I put this submission in with the hope that you will not adopt the above the pegging rate although I do not like my chances.

Regards
Tony

Archived: Wednesday, 1 June 2022 11:50:19 AM

From: [REDACTED]

Mail received time: Tue, 17 May 2022 09:27:15

Sent: 17 May 2022 19:26:58

To: [Dubbo Regional Council](#)

Subject: SUBMISSION - 2022 DELIVERY PROGRAM, OPERATIONAL PLAN, AND ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS
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Importance: Normal

Sensitivity: None

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First name:	Troy
Surname:	Stanford
Residential address:	[REDACTED]
Contact number:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Select which document you are submitting feedback for:	Option 1 Statement of Revenue Policy - 0.7% (including Draft Fees and Charges)
Written submission:	I have resided here for 10 years. Spoke to many people on council about the stormwater issues of wongarbron. I have previously been promised rectification work and dedicated money in the budget for this issue. Once again i am let down. 10 years of water going through my yard, nearly in my house and in my shed. Constant large potholes and left over gravel from the patching truck building up on my driveway and front yard. It is discusting that council refuse to fix this. \$500000 in the next financial year allocated and then \$0 every year after that. You should be ashamed, im sure if this was a councilers or mayors house it would get the attention it deserves. I have been patient for 10 years and i am fed up with this council. Refer to all my snap send UNSOLVED submissions for evidence. Latest report number 2322932.
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From: Troy Stanford [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 17 May 2022 8:14 PM
To: Chris Godfrey [REDACTED]
Cc: 2040 Community Strategic Plan <2040.CSP@dubbo.nsw.gov.au>; Clr Mathew Dickerson <mayor@dubbo.nsw.gov.au>; Clr Richard Ivey <ClrRichard.Ivey@dubbo.nsw.gov.au>; Clr Jess Gough <ClrJess.Gough@dubbo.nsw.gov.au>; Clr Pam Wells <ClrPam.Wells@dubbo.nsw.gov.au>; Clr Josh Black <ClrJosh.Black@dubbo.nsw.gov.au>; Clr Lewis Burns <ClrLewis.Burns@dubbo.nsw.gov.au>; Clr Shibli Chowdhury <ClrShibli.Chowdhury@dubbo.nsw.gov.au>; Clr Vicki Etheridge <ClrVicki.Etheridge@dubbo.nsw.gov.au>; Clr Damien Mahon <ClrDamien.Mahon@dubbo.nsw.gov.au>; Clr Matt Wright <ClrMatt.Wright@dubbo.nsw.gov.au>
Subject: CM: Re: [REDACTED] Wongarbron Flooding

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Hi Chris,

Following my last email, i still have not received your response you said you had drafted.

Wondering if you can shed some light on the current budget set for wongarbron storm water. Is it true that \$500000 has been allocated for the next financial year and then \$0 every year after that?

Project Name	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4
01.09135 - Drainage Extensions				
6835 - Bourke Street - Myall St to River St	1,386,510	0	0	0
6840 - Fitzroy St Laterals-Myall St to Edwin St	0	0	0	210,000
6841 - Laughton St Extension	130,000	0	0	0
6842 - Cobra St Channel Replacement	0	0	556,520	0
6851 - Macquarie St (Margaret to Fitzroy)	0	1,036,500	0	0
01.09135 - Drainage Extensions Total	1,516,510	1,036,500	556,520	210,000
01.09145 - Wongarbron Drainage Scheme				
4628 - Wongarbron Drainage Scheme	500,000	0	0	0
01.09145 - Wongarbron Drainage Scheme Total	500,000	0	0	0
Stormwater - Acquisition of Assets Total	2,016,510	1,036,500	556,520	210,000
Stormwater - Asset Renewals - Asset Maintenance				
01.09127 - Asset Renewals/Maintenance				
6807 - Gipps St - Wingarra St to Bultje St	100,000	0	0	0
6819 - Devils Hole Outfall Reconstruction	792,873	0	0	0
6840 - Pipe Relining	422,580	150,000	358,020	365,180
7000 - West Dubbo Main Drain Reconstruction	150,000	0	3,975,000	0
7001 - Ford St Outfall Reconstruction	0	175,000	0	0
7002 - Marsh St Outfall Relocation	0	0	0	0

Am i being fed lies still? It clearly states that there is no intention of fixing this issue. 10 years of reporting and still no fairness in it for me.

I am happy to send some more recent photos from last week but this email is limited to 38mb and wont let me attach.

Troy Stanford

From: Troy Stanford [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, April 30, 2022 12:00 pm
To: Chris Godfrey [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED] Wongarbon Flooding
Hi Chris,

I am writing to give you more photos of my house. Only after 25mm of rain this morning and this is the result. It is still rising. I hope you are making progress fast as we cannot keep living like this. I am going to go public and seek legal advice soon if something is not done. I am not interested in the councils reasons anymore. 9 years and nothing to show for it.

Please help.













Troy Stanford

WELLINGTON AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB INC.

Affiliated with
N.S.W.A.S.A.
Western Area Swimming Asc Inc



President Carmen Gain
Phone [REDACTED]
Secretary Beth Angell
Phone [REDACTED]

Dear Mayor,

My name is Beth Angell and I am the secretary of the Wellington Amateur Swimming Club (WASC). I am writing this letter on behalf of the WASC and have been dealing with your organisation for the since our club was established.

This letter is in reference to the proposed price increase as proposed in the 2022/2023 draft budget for the Wellington Leisure Aquatic Centre for the upcoming season. I write this letter with a sense of disappointment in reference to the price hike for the 2022/2023. Our club was not expecting such a hike in the prices and as such we feel this is going to adversely affect our club.

Our club provides children from 4 years to 16 and over, both male and female a safe place to be physically active and connect with their peers at our weekly Pointscore nights. We feel that with the proposed price increase, our club will suffer as our members will not be able to afford both our club membership and entry into the Council's facility. This will have a drastic effect on our swimmers, who may be forced to give up their swimming opportunities and miss out on furthering their development to perform at both State and National level carnivals.

We believe that you should consider taking appropriate action and provide justification for the proposed price increase. This is a request that you please kindly look into the matter so that WASC is able to continue to provide our members and their families the continued opportunities we currently provide.

Thank you. I look forward to your response.

Beth Angell

WELLINGTON AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB INC.

President Carmen Gain
Phone [REDACTED]
Secretary Beth Angell
Phone [REDACTED]

Dear Mayor,

My name is Carmen Gain and I am the current President of Wellington Amateur Swimming Club (WASC). I am writing this letter on behalf of the WASC community and our valued members.

This letter is in reference to the proposed price increase for The Wellington Leisure Aquatic Centre for the upcoming season. I write this letter with a sense of disappointment in reference to the price hike for the 2022/2023. These prices are going to dramatically decrease the numbers who will now join our club as they will not be able to afford to come.

Our club provides children from 4 years to 16 and over, both male and female a safe place to be physically active and connect with their peers at our weekly Pointscore nights. We strongly believe that with the proposed price increase, our club will suffer as our members will not be able to afford both our club membership and entry into the Council's facility. This will have a drastic effect on our swimmers, who may be forced to give up their swimming opportunities and miss out on furthering their development to perform at both State and National level carnivals. Not only will our numbers decline but young swimmers will find other locations to swim which are not actively supervised which could lead to a disaster!

We believe that you should consider taking appropriate action and provide justification for the proposed price increase. This is a request that you please kindly look into the matter so that WASC is able to continue to provide our members and their families the continued opportunities we currently provide.

Regards

Carmen Gain

WELLINGTON AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB INC.

President Carmen Gain
Phone [REDACTED]
Secretary Beth Angell
Phone [REDACTED]

Dear Mayor,

My name is Erin Carney and I am a member of the Wellington Amateur Swimming Club (WASC). I am writing this letter on behalf of the WASC community and our valued members.

This letter is in reference to the proposed price increase as proposed in the 2022/2023 draft budget for the Wellington Leisure Aquatic Centre for the upcoming season. I write this letter with a sense of disappointment in reference to the price hike for the 2022/2023. Our club was not expecting such a hike in the prices and as such we feel this is going to adversely affect our club.

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Thank you. I look forward to your response.

Erin Carney

Wellington
COMMUNITY
Progress and Action
Group

All correspondence to:
The Secretary

08/05/2021

To Whom it May Concern,

Request for 24 Hour Police Station in Wellington NSW



The 'Wellington Community Progress and Action Group' (WPAG) are working together to highlight and address the priorities and interests of local residents, businesses, voluntary and community groups to make our community a better place to work in, live in or visit.

We are currently supporting the Wellington community in campaigning for a 24 hour police station and we are writing this Letter of support for a 24 police station in Wellington NSW.

Wellington is a strong and close-knit rural community that has been declining and adversely impacted by a rise in crime and a decrease in its safety and reputation in recent years.

We feel that the current crime rates in Wellington are significant for a small rural community and that crime is increasing. The lack of a 24 hour police station is resulting in inadequate policing and increasing criminal activities. With 2 x new Correctional Centres in Wellington and excessive drug issues there is a greater need for police presence and the need for a 24 hour police station and Wellington currently does not have this essential service.

We wish to fight for a safer community and feel that there is strong public demand and need for this in our town and community. A 24 hour police station in Wellington would be a great community asset and will promote and ensure safety and potentially decrease criminal behaviour and this is an essential service which should be provided to the community. It is important for our residents and community to be safe, monitored and protected. We feel that increased crime is contributing to the overall decline of Wellington's reputation which has significant negative impacts.

Some examples of the significant crime Wellington is experiencing includes the following recent and significant operations:

***Strike Force Pinnacle:** investigation into a large scale state-wide drug supply network syndicate operating from Wellington. This operation involved multiple specialist resources including Orana Mid-Western Police District, Detectives, Dog Unit, Public Order, Riot Squad, PolAir, Australian Federal Police, Australian Border Force and NSW Crime Commission involving multiple arrests and is **one of the biggest operations ever seen in country NSW.**

***Strike Force Libani:** investigation involving the unsolved shooting murder of a 49 year old local man in Wellington in broad daylight. This operation involves homicide detectives, Orana Mid-Western Police District, State Crime Command, Homicide Squad and remains an unsolved and ongoing Wellington **murder case.**

***Strike Force Kerrison:** investigation involving the **shooting murder** of a 60 year old male in Wellington NSW. This operation involved Tactical Operations Unit, Homicide Squad Detectives, State Crimes Command, Homicide Squad and resulted in multiple local arrests.

***Strike Force Larelar:** established following the **fatal stabbing** of a 24 year old man in Wellington on 03/01/2021 involving Orana Mid-Western Police District, Crime Stoppers and Detectives. There were also separate unrelated stabbing incidents in Wellington recently in addition to this incident.

***05/01/2021 Major crime incident=** **Fatal hit and run of multiple pedestrians** in a residential street by a speeding and unlicensed driver- investigation involved specialists from the Crash Investigation Unit, Crime stoppers, and Orana Mid-western Police District. The driver had had previous unlicensed driver offences.

In addition to these recent and significant operations in Wellington there has been other ongoing crimes including break and enter, assaults, theft, abduction and rape, ram-raids, offences, graffiti, drug-related and DV issues, traffic offences, robbery, vandalism, illegal dumping, trespass, property damage, rural robbery and stock thefts.

The above crime rates are significant for a small rural community and crime is contributing to the decline of Wellington reputation with many negative impacts on the whole community.

Wellington's reputation for crime is a deterrent against business investment and future growth and development, affects property values and is a deterrent to people considering living in Wellington.

Overall, it is anticipated that a 24 hour police station in Wellington would have a positive, and highly influential impact on the Wellington community.

We strongly support the need for a 24 Hour police station in Wellington and want urgent action on this matter before there is more serious crime and more lives are lost,
Thankyou for your assistance and support and we look forward to hearing from you,
Yours sincerely,

Wellington Community Progress and Action Group Committee.



Registration Number -INC2000349

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All correspondence to:



01/04/2022

Dear Dubbo Regional Council,

Inadequate public amenities in Wellington CBD



PHOTO: QUEUES FOR THE PUBLIC AMENITIES IN WELLINGTON SINCE THEY WERE REDUCED IN NUMBER

The 'Wellington Community Progress and Action Group' (WPAG) are working together to highlight and address the priorities and interests of local residents, businesses, voluntary and community groups to make our community a better place to work in, live in and visit.

We are writing to you regarding an urgent matter about the inadequate public amenities that have been constructed in Wellington, to the detriment of the local community. We have received multiple requests and complaints and feedback from the community about the complete inadequacy this now provides for Wellingtons CBD.

For some reason, the brick toilet block and disabled access block within Cameron Park were both removed by DRC and has been replaced by a modern-style building (which does not fit in with the 'historic' heritage town and historic style park). The previous structure matched the old brick library building in the park.

For an unknown reason the number of cubicles and amenities was significantly reduced when the new structure was built. Previously there were x 4 cubicles and multiple sinks in the Ladies bathrooms, now there is only 1!! Unfortunately there is now **only 1 male and 1 female** bathroom with one shared sink with NO hand drying towel or blower or mirror or soap dispenser equipment. The amount of amenities has been significantly reduced. Unfortunately this significantly reduced number of toilets is now largely inadequate especially when Tourist coaches stop to use the amenities in the park, when the monthly Rotary Markets are on in the Park and when there are ceremonies and special events held in the park with large crowds such as Rotary Markets, Anzac Day, Australia Day, SpringFest, Vintage Fair parade, Jingle on the Bell Christmas Fair, Cob Loaf World Championships, Fong Lee Lane and other celebrations and community events.

The lack of a suitable number of amenities is causing delays and a huge inconvenience and is leading to economic implications as tourist coaches do not stop here anymore as there would be a large delay and queues for the amenities and people would complain. The amenities are also locked after hours which is not practical for travellers and tourist coaches. Local businesses in the street near the amenity block have reported significant loss of business as a result of this- tourist coaches no longer stop due to inadequate number of amenities and loss of coach parking.

Previously there were multiple toilets for each gender and coaches and tourist buses used to stop in the main street to use these amenities, there was never a delay or queues and the amenities were used frequently by tourist coaches and nearby shops received much passing trade ie coffee and food-to-go purchases



PHOTO: EXTENSIVE QUEUE FOR THE PUBLIC AMENITIES IN WELLINGTON

This issue needs to be addressed as an urgent priority as 1 public toilet for each sex in the town public amenities is NOT enough (even Geurie has twice this number) and this is also having a detrimental economic impact on the Wellington CBD.

With COVID19 precautions, soap dispensers and hand towels should also be supplied for infection control and safe hygiene and more than 1 sink is required as people do not need to queue to use the single sink.

The inadequate number of toilets is insufficient and inadequate and the waiting times and queues during important community events are extensive.

As regional and rural tourism becomes increasingly popular in Australia and as Wellingtons population increases now is not the time to decrease the number of public amenities which service travellers, tourists, residents and also the reflects on the reputation and impression of Wellington.

Cameron Park is in the centre of Wellingtons CBD and is regarded as one of the most beautiful and historic assets of Wellington, dating back to 1859 when the Wellington Improvement Society requested land to be set aside for a community reserve and recreation area. Cameron Park features an ornate and historic Fountain, war memorial, band rotunda, and award-winning sunken gardens which used to include fish pond and rose gardens. The amenities in the Park should be adequate especially when community events are held here. There are no other Public amenities nearby.

The previous amenities were a brick building with multiple toilets in both the male and the female. There was also a separate disabled toilet in the park. The toilets also featured sinks, soap and paper towel. We are not sure why the toilets were demolished or why the number of toilets was significantly decreased to only 1 toilet. It is also extremely disappointing that these toilets are small and metal, modern which does not suit the historic and heritage style of Cameron Park and Wellington CBD and only have 1 shared sink with no mirror, no soap dispenser and no paper towel or hand dryers or soap dispensers. These appear to be 'budget' amenities. The previous amenities were also roomy and spacious.



PHOTO: THE ORIGINAL CAMERON PARK AMENITIES BLOCK AND DISABLED TOILETS WHICH HAVE BEEN REMOVED AND REPLACED





ABOVE/BELOW: THE REPLACEMENT AMENITY BLOCK WHICH HAS SIGNIFICANTLY DECREASED NUMBER OF PUBLIC TOILETS AND SINKS



We are sure you would agree that 1 x male and 1 x female public toilet for the Wellington town CBD is completely inadequate (even Geurie park has twice this number for a much smaller population).

This issue and concern was also raised recently at the '2040 Community Strategic Plan meeting' in Wellington as well as in the 'Town Draft Plan submissions' as your records will show.

We look forward to hearing from you and receiving your feedback regarding this issue and prompt resolution

Kind Regards,

Wellington Community Progress and Action Group Committee.

Registration Number -INC2000349



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All correspondence to:



27/03/2022

Dear Dubbo Regional Council,

**Proposal for Native Australian Plant and wildflower
Botanical Garden for 'Bell Park', Wellington**

The 'Wellington Community Progress and Action Group' (WPAG) are working together to highlight and address the priorities and interests of local residents, businesses, voluntary and community groups to make our community a better place to work in, live in and visit.

We are writing to you to propose the development of 'Bell Park' Wellington into a native botanical garden, with native Australian plants and wildflowers.



'Bell Park' is situated in a beautiful area beside the Bell River and it also joins the Award-winning Cameron Park- however it is not currently maintained or used since the basketball Courts from here were removed and re-located. Currently it is an empty space overgrown with Khaki weed prickle with lawn clippings dumped in this area.

WPAG would like to propose that this Park is developed further into a Botanical Native Australian plant Garden with a riverside path and a picnic area. As this Park is connected to the important Bell River riparian zones it would be a wonderful place for a Native Botanical Australian Native plant and wildflower Garden for local flora to be displayed and grown. It also joins the award-winning and historic Cameron Park so we feel this development would further enhance this important and historic area and location.

Cameron Park is in the centre of Wellingtons CBD and is regarded as one of the most beautiful and historic assets of Wellington, dating back to 1859 when the 'Wellington Improvement Society' requested land to be set aside for a community reserve and recreation area. It features an ornate and historic Fountain, war memorial, band rotunda, and award-winning sunken gardens which used to include fish pond and rose gardens.



'Bell Park' is connected to Cameron Park with the same significant history and WPAG would like to propose that Bell Park is further developed into a native Australian botanical garden. 'Bell Park' already has several native eucalyptus and river-gums trees in it and along the riverbank as well as multiple and established native Hardenbergia plants which are already relevant to a native plant garden.



Because of the history of 'Bell Park' it is important that this prime riverside area is preserved and maintained and we think that due to the importance of its position beside the Bell River Riparian Zone that this important area should be nurtured and restored back to native plants and gardens. This Park could also be used to promote the nearby Burrendong Arboretum and Mount Arthur Nature Reserve. Plants from the Burrendong Arboretum and Mount Arthur Reserve could also be grown and displayed here as well as local and Australian Species. This will provide a peaceful and natural area as well as promote native Australian habitat for local insects, bees, fauna and wildlife.

There are many advantages to native plants and gardens.

Native flora/plants are more hardy to the climatic conditions and more drought-tolerant so would need less care, water/maintenance.

One of the main objectives of botanical gardens is the collection and conservation of plants, local or exotic, and the protection of endangered species as well as the protection of biodiversity and the transmission of natural heritage.

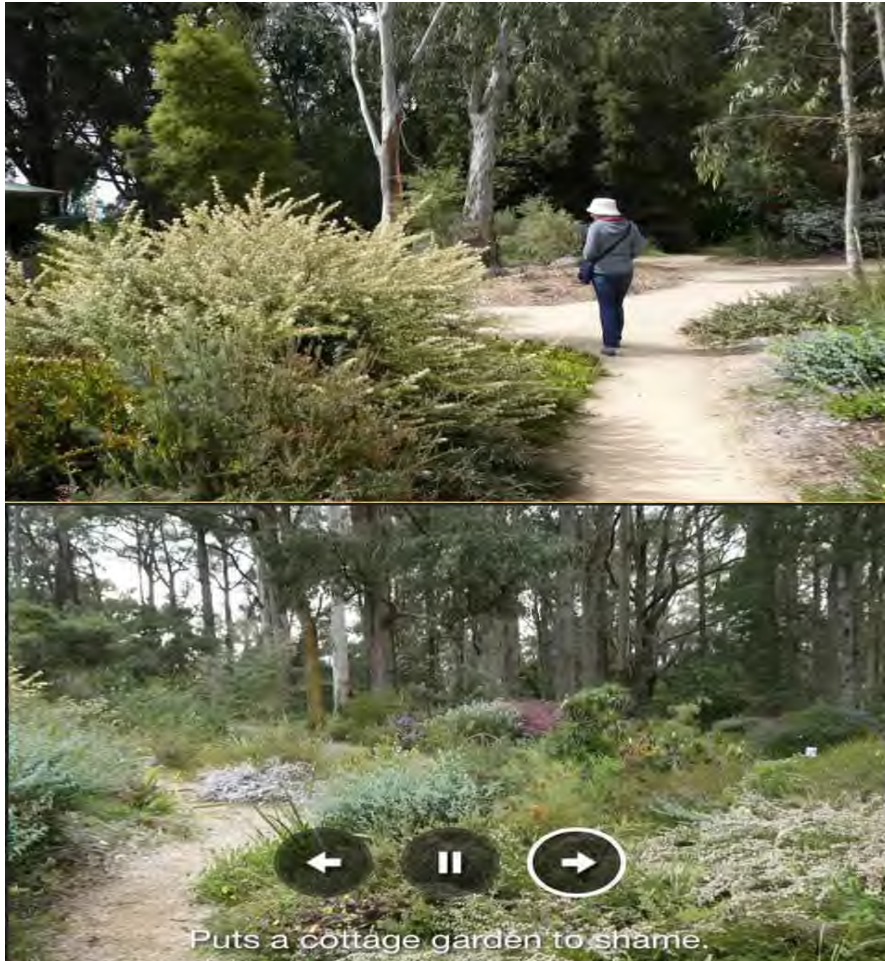
We think that this area could be a showcase for the local native Australian flora specific to the local area. Good biodiversity creates healthy ecosystems that clean the water, purify the air, maintain healthy soil, regulate the climate.

By landscaping this area with native plants this can save money, time and resources than non-native plants. This will save money and water, the plants will have better resistance to local weather, require less maintenance, restore natural riverside habitat, minimal fertilizer or pesticides would be needed.

Once established the plants will require minimal maintenance and will be hardy, more drought-tolerant and less water, no mowing will be required.

Native plants help the local environment by providing food and shelter, they also attract birds, butterflies and lizards. Native plants can provide a wildlife corridor helping to connect animal and plant populations.

'Bell Park' also borders the important Bell River riparian zone. Riparian zones alongside waterways are important unique and diverse areas. If non-native plants were placed here, there would be the risk that they could sucker or seed and spread into the important riparian zone and potentially damage this important river corridor and ecosystem (there are already multiple Khaki weed prickles in this park which are not being managed and could potentially seed into the Riparian riverside area). Native Australian plants are appropriate to the local eco-system and important for local insects, bees, flora and fauna and waterways.





WPAG would gladly apply for Grants for funding for this project and are happy to be further involved in the planning and development and preservation of this important and historic piece of important riverside park land and space into a native botanical garden which will further restore and develop this area which is currently empty and bare.



This proposal will further enhance the beautiful adjoining Cameron Park area. Riverside land in important and needs to be nurtured, rehabilitated and restored to further enhance and improve the environment and the river corridor.

We think that 'Bell Park' is a significant and important park to the history of Wellington and that it needs to be appropriately restored and maintained and establishment of a native Australian botanical garden in this area will further enhance and restore as well as create a beautiful feature which will further enhance the riverside and Bell River riparian zone where it is located.

This could also potentially benefit travellers and visitors to the area providing an area where they can walk around and also have a picnic table area to be used as a rest-stop.

We believe that the development of this area into a native Australian plant and wildflower garden could potentially deliver significant social, economic, cultural and environmental benefits to the local community. The project would bring a native garden to Wellington which is a unique feature that Wellington doesn't currently have.

This garden also aims to engage people from all backgrounds, irrespective of gender, socioeconomic status, ethnicity, disability or mental health status. As this park will be located very close to the CBD it has the potential to increase tourists and increase the

likelihood of travellers to stop in the town, potentially increasing local, café, shop and supermarket business. The botanical native park will be a community asset and will enhance our towns attraction and appeal.

Local native plants that provide traditional 'bush tucker' could also be a feature to promote the local Wiradjuri culture and history.

Local suppliers and businesses could also be utilised as much as possible in the development and construction of this project. All necessary supplies and equipment could be purchased or hired locally where possible benefiting local businesses and the local economy. Plants could be acquired locally from the Burrendong Arboretum supporting this important local organisation.

The native botanical park will be a community asset which will be enjoyed by the whole community and tourists.

We are sure you can appreciate how excited we are about this proposal and how important we feel it is for the whole community! The native plant park will be a great asset and service for Wellington which will benefit the entire whole community and visitors and travellers.





BOTANICAL NATIVE GARDEN EXAMPLES





Thankyou for your consideration of this proposal for 'Bell Park' and we look forward to hearing from you and receiving your feedback regarding our suggestions.

We are happy to meet and discuss this further,

Kind Regards,

Wellington Community Progress and Action Group Committee.

Registration Number -INC2000349



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All correspondence to:

06/03/2022

Dear Dubbo Regional Council,

Proposal/request for Fenced Dog Park/off-leash area in Wellington:
Proposal to use 'Market Square' for a fenced dog-park in Wellington.



The 'Wellington Community Progress and Action Group' (WPAG) are working together to highlight and address the priorities and interests of local residents, businesses, voluntary and community groups to make our community a better place to work in, live in and visit.

We are writing to you to request a 'Fenced off-leash dog-park' for Wellington, NSW, similar to Dubbos multiple fenced dog parks.

On the Dubbo Regional Council Dog-Park information document titled 'Dog Parks and Leash-free areas' it is evident that there are x 14 multiple 'Leash-free dog areas' in Dubbo including **3 x fenced dog parks** and only 2 'leash-free' areas in Wellington and **NO fenced dog-parks in Wellington.**

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Dogs can bring joy and companionship to many of our residents. It is important that our community services and policies ensure that these important pets remain healthy, well-socialised and safe, and that their needs are balanced with those of the wider community. Dogs require love and attention, as well as food, exercise, grooming and healthcare. All dogs require regular exercise.

Taking dogs outdoors to a dog-friendly space is important, especially in residential house-yards and units where dogs don't have much space to exercise.

Regular off-leash exercise in designated off-leash parks helps dogs relieve boredom and release pent-up energy. It may also reduce unwanted behaviour such as excessive barking.

Outdoors exercise also benefits owners with dog parks bringing people together.



Fenced Dog parks may also provide a safe place for older people or people with disabilities who may not be able to walk their dogs. Dog parks provide areas where dogs can exercise and run freely while their owners can socialize. In addition, spending time with their dogs at the dog park reinforces the dog-owner bond.

If the park isn't fenced-off, there's a chance dogs could run off and become lost or get hurt. The large outdoor fenced areas can be a great tool in keeping dogs happy and healthy. The open areas allow dogs to enjoy off-leash activity and socialization.

Dog parks are becoming increasingly popular across the nation **and there are many advantages to fenced dog-parks:**

***They encourage physical exercise** – Dog parks allow dogs to get out and be active. Exercise is crucial in a dogs health, and each dog has different needs depending on their breed and personality.

***They create mental stimulation** – New scenery and smells allow dogs to get a mental workout in addition to physical activity. Allowing them to explore dog parks can benefit them mentally, with a potential decline in disruptive behaviour. Dog parks also benefit the owners mental health.

***They encourage socialization** – Dogs are social animals, and they enjoy playing in groups with other dogs. Dog parks are a great place for dogs to meet other dogs. Dog parks are also a nice way for owners to meet fellow dog owners, and socialize with people who share similar interests.

***They can be very educational** – In addition to being a great way to socialize with other dog owners, dog parks open the opportunity to learn new things about dogs, whether it be from observing dogs playing, or chatting with other dog owners.



Wellington currently does not have any safe, fenced off-leash dog-parks so we think this is an important community requirement and priority.

The fenced off-leash dog-park will also be beneficial to travellers through Wellington who also need somewhere safe and secure to exercise their pets when they have a rest-stop.

We would like to propose that 'Market Square' in Wellington could potentially be suitable to become a safe fenced off-leash dog-park for Wellington. This area is already securely fenced, it could quite easily be up-graded to become a fenced dog-park- the existing fence needs some repair and gates installed. This area is also no longer utilised for anything and is a suitable large, empty space, close to the CBD.

This park also has plenty of space so there would be enough room for a **separate fenced dog-park for both large dog** area and a **separate small dog** fenced off leash park. This will ensure safety for smaller dogs, by keeping them separate from larger dogs. There is room for 2 different fenced areas- one for large dogs and one for small dogs within this space.

With the installation of some basic services we think that 'Market Square' would be an ideal location for a safe Fenced off-leash dog-park in Wellington. It is close to the CBD and this

space is currently not being used for anything. There are also public amenities next to the park and plenty of car-parking.

The preferable requirements would be the addition of:

- seating
- shade
- water (dog- bowl water availability)
- secure fence at an adequate height with gates that latch securely.
- bins
- Dog-litter bag dispensers so owners can clean up after their pets.
- picnic tables/area wit shelter/shade
- +/- dog obstacles or agility course.
- separate fenced areas for large and small dogs for safety



PHOTO: MARKET SQUARE, WELLINGTON

This dog-park should be free to all residents and visitors to use.

There is a strong indication of wide community support for this service in Wellington.

As previously mentioned, we think that installation of a safe Fenced off-leash dog-park at Wellington would be ideal and convenient and we propose that 'Market Square' would make a suitable location for a Fenced off-leash Dog-Park.

We believe that the provision of a fenced off-leash dog-park at 'Market Square' could potentially deliver significant social, economic, and environmental benefits to the local community. The dog-park project would bring a significant service to our town which is a service we currently don't provide. This service aims to engage people from all backgrounds, irrespective of gender, socioeconomic status, ethnicity, disability or mental health status. As

this service/park will be located very close to the CBD it has the potential to increase tourists and increase the likelihood of travellers to stop in the town, potentially increasing local, café, shop and supermarket business. The dog-park will be a community asset and will enhance our towns attraction and appeal. This service would also encourage tourists with dogs to stop in this area.

This service will also provide a safe area where dogs can safely be taken off the leash, rather than in an open environment where the dogs could roam and potentially hunt or harm or attack local wildlife and birds and reptiles.

Local suppliers and businesses could also be utilised as much as possible in the development and construction of this project. All necessary supplies and equipment could be purchased or hired locally where possible benefiting local businesses and the local economy.

The dog-park will be a community asset which will be enjoyed by the whole community and tourists.

We are sure you can appreciate how excited we are about this proposal and how important we feel it is for the whole community! The dog-park will be a great asset and service for Wellington which will benefit the entire whole community and visitors and travellers.

We think that 'Market Square' location would be ideal for location of a fenced dog-park and that it would widely benefit the local community as well as travellers and visitors to Wellington.



Overall, it is anticipated that the installation of a safe Fenced off-leash dog-park in Wellington NSW would have a positive impact on the Wellington community and provide a community facility and service that Wellington doesn't have.

Thankyou for your consideration in providing Wellington NSW with a safe fenced off-leash dog-park at 'Market Square'. An alternative location could also be 'Apex Park'.

We look forward to hearing from you further regarding this proposal and working together to bring this service to Wellington NSW as we are sure you will agree that Wellington needs this and that 'Market Square' would be a very convenient and potential suitable location.

If there is any further information you would like regarding this proposal or should you wish to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We look forward to hearing from you and receiving your feedback regarding our suggestions.

Kind Regards,

Emmalee Holmes



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PHOTOS: MARKET SQUARE, WELLINGTON



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EG: PICNIC TABLES WITH SHELTER/SHADE will enhance the dog-park and make it suitable for elderly/disabled and visitors passing through to safely exercise their pets and take a break

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All correspondence to:

10/06/2021

Dear NRMA/Transport for NSW/Dubbo Regional Council, MPs,

**Proposal/request for installation of Electronic
Vehicle fast-charging Stations in Wellington NSW**



The 'Wellington Community Progress and Action Group' (WPAG) are working together to highlight and address the priorities and interests of local residents, businesses, voluntary and community groups to make our community a better place to work in, live in and visit.

Wellington NSW is an important heritage town being the second oldest town west of the Blue Mountains with a long and rich history and identity and historic buildings and town centre. Wellington is a popular tourist destination with several unique local attractions. Wellington is also situated on a major highway and is a popular tourist destination with several unique local attractions including the Wellington Caves, Lake Burrendong, Mount Arthur Reserve, Japanese Gardens, Cameron Park, Macquarie River, Milky Daze café and boutique shops and many popular tourist events like the Rotary Vintage Fair and Swap

Meet, The Wellington Boot Horserace, Fong Lees Lane, Music In Between Festival, Wellington Arts and Sculpture Festival, Springfest, WomDomNom charity kayak event, monthly Rotary markets, Mount Arthur Challenge and soon-to-come Wellington Parkrun.

In recent years however, Wellington, like many small rural towns, has declined in local businesses, economy and reputation, due to multiple factors, including issues like Council amalgamation (loss of Wellington Shire Council), loss of a 24 hour Police station with increased drug and crime, effects of on-line shopping, and more recently effects of severe prolonged drought, COVID19 restrictions and severe rodent mouse plague.

Wellington is now seeking new projects and infrastructure developments to enhance our town, attract tourists, improve the economy, maintain and progress Wellington and its own unique identity, and put Wellington 'on the map',

We are informed that NRMA is planning to increase and deliver the Electric Vehicle fast-charging stations (EVCS) in additional regional locations to increase the EVCS network in regional NSW and wish to request that Wellington is chosen as a suitable location.

We predict that installing some Electric Vehicle charging stations (EVCS) within the Wellington CBD would greatly benefit and enhance the town and encourage visitors to stop which potentially could boost economic and commercial activity in a suffering small rural regional town and we feel that Wellington NSW would be an ideal location for EVCS.



*Wellington is at the crossroads of many regional NSW routes with several major roads and highways passing through Wellington. The significant Mitchell Highway passes through Wellington and the town is located on the major route inland from Sydney to Broken Hill and inland NSW as well as from south Victoria to north Queensland. It is also located as a

connection to other important regional centres close to Wellington including Mudgee, Parkes, Molong, Dubbo, Yeoval, Orange and Sydney.

*Wellington is at the heart of regional sustainable power infrastructure development, and renewable energy, with several major projects located at Wellington including Bodangora Wind Farm, Mudgee Road and Suntop Solar Farm Projects which all feed into the giant Wellington electricity substation. Wellington's local and regional identity could be more strongly aligned with this and Wellington's identity could be further enhanced as a 'clean, green' town with the additional installation of some Electric Car Charging stations.

*Wellington's main street economy needs an injection of customers and increased commercial activity and we think that installation of some EVCS within the CBD would have many benefits.

*Wellington will also soon be installing a significant world-class silo art mural which will attract many additional visitors to stop in the town to view the Silo mural artwork so installation of some EV charging stations will enable drivers of electric vehicles to charge their vehicles while viewing the silo murals and other world-class street art projects planned for Wellington.

*Wellington will also be launching a weekly Parkrun event in the near future which will also be a draw-card for visitors and the provision of EV charging stations will enhance this event and will ensure that visitors for this event will be able to charge their vehicles while they attend the weekly parkrun.

*The obvious benefit of landing an ever-growing number of motorists in the heart of Wellington for a half hour charge directly opposite a local café, hotel, visitor info centre, adjacent to other local food, mixed retail businesses, and the brand new town swimming pool, is a golden opportunity to re-boot commercial activity in Wellington.

*Wellington has several very suitable options for installation of EVCS within easy walking distance of the CBD. These include the substantial parking area at Wellington Train Station, and the Coles/Woolworths/Civic Centre parking area - both of which are a short walk to the shops, main street, amenities and within the CBD (however the latter is hidden and difficult to find access to for visitors so the **Wellington Train Station would be the most appropriate site** and this would not interfere or compete with busy locals parking areas).

The Wellington Train Station in Swift street would be a suitable location as this area has street lights and disability access, there is a large area to walk around, the Main street is approx 1.5 blocks walk (400m), there is good mobile phone coverage and there are multiple large sub-stations nearby for electricity supply, there is a large area suitable for these carparks and it does not interfere or limit/compete/remove with local residents parking areas. This area is also flood-safe, away from the flood-zones and does not take up beautiful river-side land (more suited for recreational use).

Nearby amenities include:

Toilets- located at nearby:

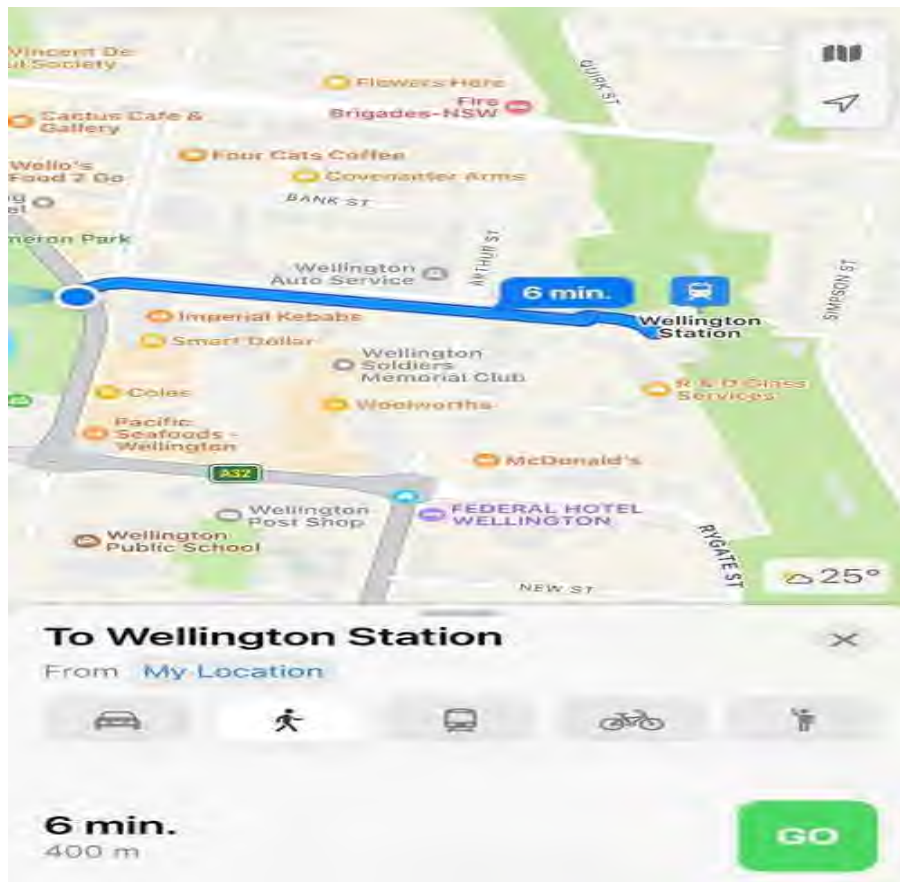
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Duke of Wellington Hotel
Wellington RSL
McDonalds
Woolworths
Cameron Park
Tourist Information Centre

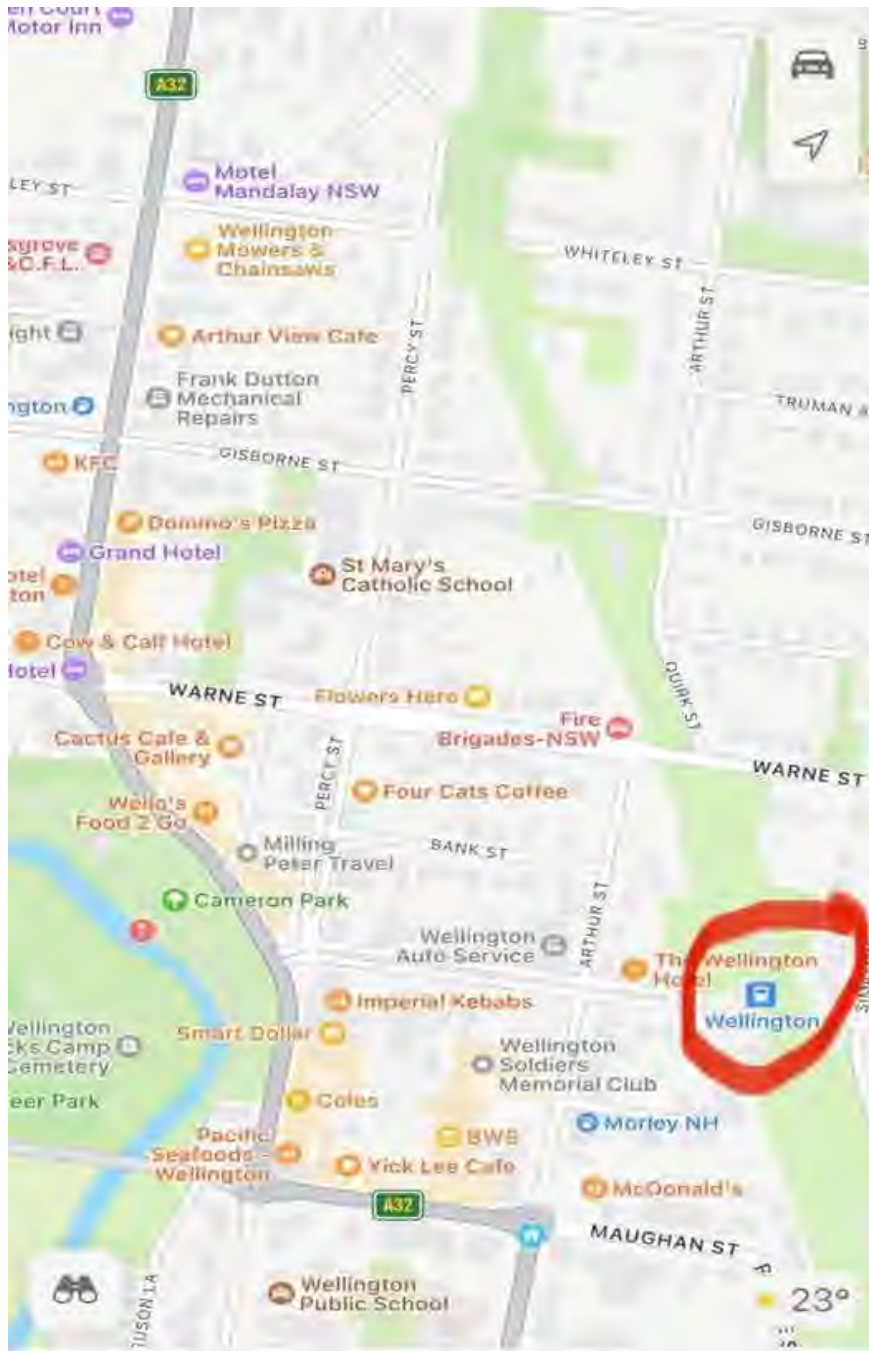
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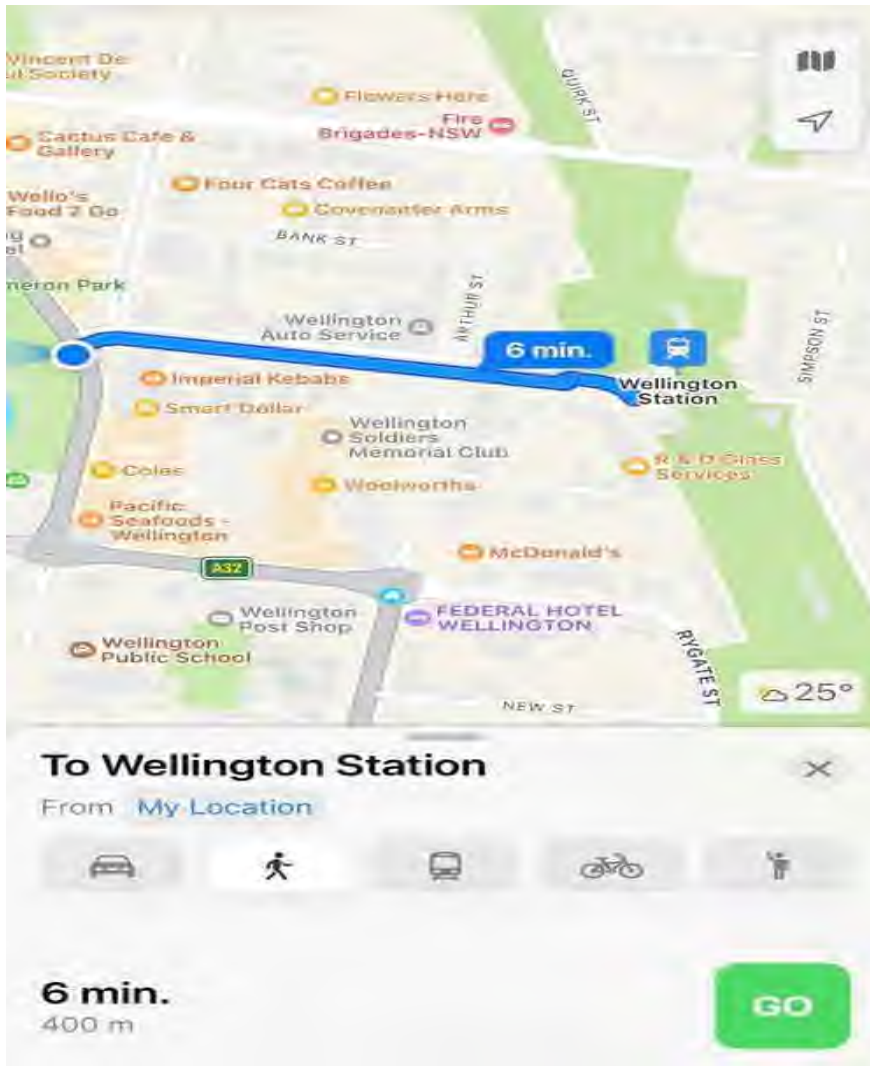
Food and Beverage

McDonalds
RSL
Duke of Wellington Hotel
Sangs Hot Bread Shop (Bakery)
4 Cats Cafe
Kebab Shop
Food to Go (Take-away)
Milky Daze (Hamburger shop)
Cow and Calf (pub)

(Please see attached google maps below to show the very close proximity the Train Station is to the entire CBD in Wellington and multiple amenities and facilities within 5 minutes walk in every direction. It is only approximately 400m walk to the Main Street).







These locations would provide a perfect opportunity to bring electric vehicle (EV) drivers to the heart of town to plug in to Charger Centre located there.

*The installation of EVCS in Wellington NSW will expand this service across regional NSW enabling drivers of electric vehicles to extend their travel across the state with more charging stations being delivered providing EV driver convenience.

*Installing additional EV charging stations in Wellington will help open regional NSW up to electric vehicle owners. It will extend the network and further support regional tourism economy, and promote local investment in Wellington which is an important regional centre

which is the crossroads of the Mitchell Highway, to well as to help meet demand as electric vehicles become more prominent and access to the regional NSW EVCS network broadens.

Social, Economic, environmental benefits to the Community:

We believe the installation of Electric Vehicle Charging Stations in Wellington NSW would potentially deliver significant social, economic, and environmental benefits to the local community. The EVCS would bring a significant service to our town.

The service/project aims to engage people from all backgrounds, irrespective of gender, socioeconomic status, ethnicity, disability or mental health status and is all-inclusive.

As this service would be installed in close proximity to the CBD it has the potential to increase tourists and increase the likelihood of travellers to stop in the town, potentially increasing local, café, shop and supermarket business. The service will become a community asset and will enhance our towns attraction and appeal, it would also encourage tourists to the area as electric cars increase in usage and popularity. This service could be utilised by the whole community as well as tourists and travellers passing through.

EVCS in Wellington would increase the regional electric car network, enhance Wellington as a tourist destination as well as provide a tourist drawcard and attraction for electric car drivers and travellers.

The investment of Electric Vehicle charging stations installed in Wellington NSW will also enhance the NSW Government's 'Electric and Hybrid Vehicle Plan' and this will assist the Government deliver on its commitment to provide the fast-charging infrastructure to make green and cleaner travel possible.

It will also help get regional businesses and the tourism industry moving again as well as enhance Wellingtons location and destination as a 'clean, green' rural town.

It will encourage people and travellers to stop off and explore Wellington as a regional town while they charge their EVs.

This will also expand the current regional fast-charging network and will help further support the regional tourism economy and local investment in regional centres.

It will mean that EV owners can travel confidently from Sydney to Broken Hill along the Great Western and Mitchell Highway- also link up with other regional destinations allowing EV motorists to enjoy all of the breathtaking and iconic destinations that Wellington, NSW and the Central West has to offer.

'Wellington Progress and Action Group' would like NRMA to consider Wellington NSW as a location for further installation of EVCS rather than focusing on only larger rural cities.

The need for increased network of electric vehicle fast chargers is growing. The building of this greener travel infrastructure is becoming a priority and will also support regional towns like Wellington NSW.

With electric vehicle ownership on the rise, this larger network will encourage road-trippers to stop and explore the town of Wellington while waiting for their vehicles to charge, will decrease range anxiety and provide more reassurance during regional travel, and by installing some EVCS in Wellington this will increase the capacity to meet demand as electric vehicles become more prominent on our regional roads.



As Australia moves towards a low carbon future, this service would further develop and consolidate Wellington's emerging identity as a progressive, clean, green regional economy identity.

We suggest that Wellington and other smaller regional and rural towns should be considered as a priority for installation of EVCS, rather than large rural centres.

There is a strong indication of wide community support for this service in Wellington. This service will be planned and developed in close consultation with NRMA, Dubbo Regional Council and Wellington Community Progress and Action Group.

As previously mentioned we think that installation of EVCS at Wellington Train Station (or the Cole/Woolworths carparks) would be ideal and convenient and close proximity to the CBD, within easy walking distance.

We are sure you can appreciate how excited we are about this service and how important we feel it is for the community!

It will be a great asset and service for Wellington which will benefit the entire whole community.

Overall, it is anticipated that the installation of EV fast-charging stations in Wellington NSW would have a positive, and highly influential impact on the Wellington community.

Thankyou for your consideration in utilising Wellington NSW as a potential location for installation of EV fast-charging stations.

We look forward to hearing from you further regarding this proposal and working together to bring EVCS to Wellington NSW as we are sure you will agree that Wellington would be a very convenient and potential location.

If there is any further information you would like regarding this proposal or should you wish to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We look forward to hearing from you and receiving your feedback regarding our suggestions.

Kind Regards,

Wellington Community Progress and Action Group Inc Committee.

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All correspondence to:



15/12/2020

Dear Dubbo Regional Council,

**Re: Proposed platypus and Bell River art mural Project in
Cameron Park, Wellington**



The 'Wellington Community Progress and Action Group' (WPAG) are working together to highlight and address the priorities and interests of local residents, businesses, voluntary and community groups to make our community a better place to work in, live in and visit.

We are writing to you regarding a proposed idea/project to install a public art wall mural in Cameron Park Wellington NSW and to seek permission and support for this project.

The proposed and preferred location for this mural would be on the bare wall on the back of the Wellington pool building in Cameron Park (if permission can be obtained (photo below) and if this wall is appropriate per the selected artist.

This mural would be a photo-realism style mural of the beautiful and important Bell River ecosystem and habitat and the threatened platypus which are often seen in this location in Wellington and it would raise awareness of the threatened status of this important Australian mammal and its equally important habitat. The new wall of the Wellington pool building which backs onto Cameron Park is very bare and plain and we feel that a 'photo-realism' style mural of the Platypus and Bell River would create an important and appealing and significant piece of street art for this area. It would serve the purpose of promoting awareness of the local platypus colonies in this area as well as make this bare wall more attractive and fit in with surrounding environment and provide a public art mural.

As Wellington has a historic and heritage style and the mural would be within a formal style park we feel it is important that the mural is 'photo-realism' style and fits in with the heritage style of Wellington (not too abstract or modern or bright colours- use natural environmental and 'heritage' type colours).





Wellington is an area of natural beauty and nature and we feel that this mural art project would promote and portray the natural beauty of Wellington and its slogan '*where the mountains and rivers meet*'.

In recent years however Wellington, like many small rural towns, has declined in local businesses, economy and reputation, due to multiple factors, including issues like Council amalgamation (loss of Wellington Shire Council), effects of severe drought, loss of a 24 hour Police station with increased drug and crime, effects of on-line shopping, and more recently COVID19 restrictions and Wellington is now seeking new projects to enhance our town, attract tourists, develop high quality public street art, improve the economy and maintain its towns own unique identity.

We think that a Wellington platypus and Bell River street art mural could greatly benefit and enhance the park and this pool building.

We feel that there are a number of very positive benefits that would accrue from this successful public art project and we are keen to ensure that this project is of the highest possible standard.



Social, Economic, Cultural, environmental benefits to the Community:

There have been many previous successful public art mural Projects in rural NSW such as the street murals on Gulargambone which have become a major tourist drawcard and attraction.

We believe this Wellington platypus art project could potentially deliver significant social, economic, cultural and environmental benefits to the local community. The Art Mural would bring a significant art project to our town. The project aims to engage people from all backgrounds, irrespective of gender, socioeconomic status, ethnicity, disability or mental health status. As this project will be featured very close to the CBD it has the potential to increase tourists and increase the likelihood of travellers to stop in the town, potentially increasing local, café, shop and supermarket business. The Mural will be a community asset and will enhance our towns attraction and appeal. This public art would also encourage tourists to the area. This mural will also promote Wellingtons natural beauty and raise awareness of the importance of the threatened platypus and its beautiful river habitat in Wellington.

Local suppliers and businesses will also be utilised as much as possible in the development of this project. All necessary supplies and equipment will be purchased or hired locally where possible benefiting local businesses and the local economy.

The Mural will be a community asset which will be enjoyed by the whole community and tourists. There is already strong indication of wide community support for this project and we have done some extensive research into other similar mural projects.



Costs/Approvals/Artist:

This mural will be planned and developed in close consultation with Dubbo Regional Council who owns the pool building and Cameron Park where the mural would be installed. DRC will oversee and assist in the coordination of the project to ensure work is conducted to their standards, rules and regulations with preferred local suppliers utilised when purchasing/hiring necessary supplies and equipment/paint/brushes/scissor lift/ladders/harnesses etc and DRC will oversee this project to ensure WHS standards, Risk management, policies and procedures are followed.

Funding will be organised by 'Wellington Community Progress and Action Group' and will be sourced from funding sources such as Grants, Government, Council, local organisations, fund raisers.

As this wall is a major prominent landmark within Wellington in the main street and the award-winning Cameron Park it is incredibly important that the mural will be the highest possible standard, eye-catching, appealing, high-quality, world-class and significant and relevant to Wellingtons natural beauty as well as significant and appealing to all Wellington residents. It is also highly important that the mural needs to 'blend in' appropriately with the surrounding environment and Wellingtons historic style and heritage colour scheme (not too 'modern' abstract or bright- keep it in 'natural' colours and photo-realism portrait style is preferred).

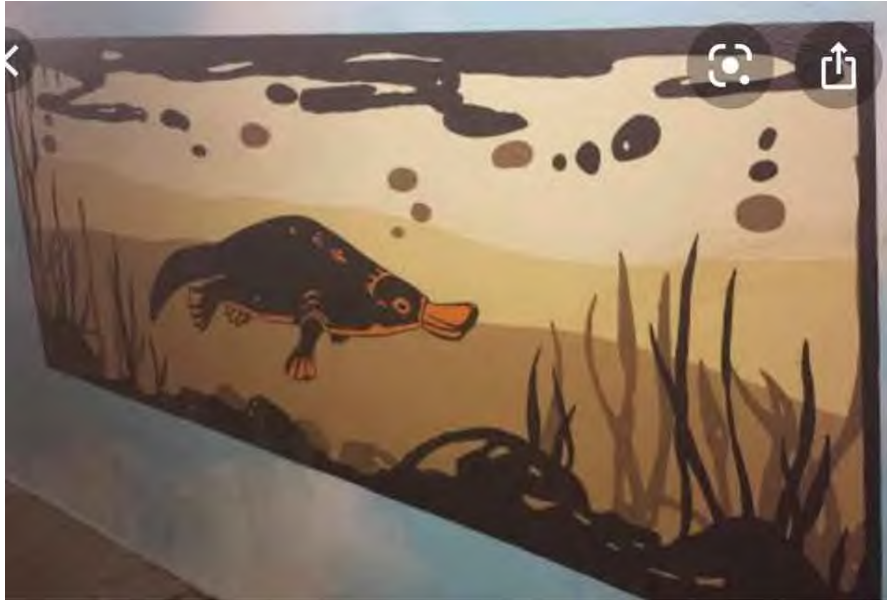
The recommended and chosen artist would also have to be high quality, professional, well known, and have a proven record of previous high standard and large scale works.

The preferred artist for this project (depending on availability) would be an accomplished wildlife artist who paints large scale murals. Artists proven at painting wildlife and ecosystems such as Jimmy Dvate, Elizabeth Cogley, William Ritchie, James Hough, or Natalie Parker would be chosen.



Design/topic:

The proposed chosen mural topic would be the Bell River habitat with eucalyptus trees and the platypus in photo-realism style. The mural would be designed by the artist who would base the mural on the Bell River area nearby where platypus colonies are known to be. A three dimensional or 'underwater' cross-section layered scene showing platypus under the water and then the river banks and native trees and sky above would be eye-catching and show the unique river ecosystem (pictures for example of 'underwater' image only)





Obviously the artwork and design is all subject to submission by the appropriate artist and the artists own design and choice and requires Dubbo Regional Council approval.



We are sure you can appreciate how excited we are about this project and how important we feel it is for the community!

It will be a great asset for Wellington which will benefit the whole community.

We have also done a lot of research into other mural art projects.

We are very keen to continue to further pursue this project by seeking quotes, suitable potential artists and designs and fund-raising for this project if DRC will provide permission to proceed further with this project.

Due to significant funding to be obtained we do not foresee this project will be able to be done until formal quotes are received, a suitable and available artist is chosen and accepts the work and fund raising is complete.

Obviously Dubbo Regional Council will remain to be closely involved and consulted in all aspects of this project.

Overall, it is anticipated that this platypus and Bell River habitat mural project in Wellington NSW would have a positive, and highly influential impact on the Wellington community.

Thankyou for your consideration in assisting us further with this project and providing further permission, support and advice to proceed.

We look forward to hearing from you.

If there is any further information you would like regarding this project or should you wish to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind Regards,
Emmalee Holmes



Wellington Community Progress and Action Group Inc Committee.



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Photographs are for examples of works by assorted artists only

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All correspondence to:

01/04/2022

Dear Dubbo Regional Council,

**Proposal/request for Wellington to apply for
'RV FRIENDLY TOWN' status**

The 'Wellington Community Progress and Action Group' (WPAG) are working together to highlight and address the priorities and interests of local residents, businesses, voluntary and community groups to make our community a better place to work in, live in and visit.



Wellington NSW is an important heritage town being the second oldest town west of the Blue Mountains with a long and rich history and identity and historic buildings and town centre. Wellington is also situated on a major highway and is a popular tourist destination

with several unique local attractions including the Wellington Caves, Lake Burrendong, Mount Arthur Reserve, Japanese Gardens, Cameron Park, Macquarie River, Milky Daze café and boutique shops and many popular tourist events like the Rotary Vintage Fair and Swap Meet, The Wellington Boot Horserace, Fong Lees Lane, Music In Between Festival, Wellington Arts and Sculpture Festival, Springfest, WomDomNom charity kayak event, monthly Rotary markets, Mount Arthur Challenge and soon-to-come Wellington Parkrun.

In recent years however, Wellington, like many small rural towns, has declined in local businesses, economy and reputation, due to multiple factors, including issues like Council amalgamation (loss of Wellington Shire Council), loss of a 24 hour Police station with increased drug and crime, effects of on-line shopping, and more recently effects of severe prolonged drought, severe rodent mouse plague and COVID19 restrictions.

Wellington is now seeking new projects and developments to enhance our town, attract tourists, improve the economy, maintain and progress Wellington and its own unique identity, and put Wellington 'on the map' and a potential stop-over location on the tourist trail.

We have received a suggestion/idea that Wellington be made an 'RV friendly town' status and we support this proposal and would like the assistance of Dubbo Regional Council to achieve this application and simple criteria. We feel that if Wellington was certified as an 'RV Friendly Town' or 'RV Friendly Destination' there would be many benefits and economic effects, with minimum expense/planning required.

There are currently **no** RV friendly towns in the Dubbo Regional Council LGA and we feel that Wellington would be the ideal place and location to become the first RVFT within the DRC LGA.



A certified 'Recreational Vehicle Friendly Town' (RVFT) is one that has met a set of guidelines to ensure it provides a certain level of amenities and services for RV travellers. This gives the town the right to display an RVFT sign and thus any traveller entering the town will know what to expect

The 'RV Friendly Town program' is a Campervan and Motorhome Club of Australia Limited (CMCA) initiative aimed at assisting recreational vehicle (RV) consumers as they journey

throughout this wonderful country. This includes motorhomes, campervans and caravanners. Inclusion in the RVFT program is a valuable tourism asset that helps motorhome, campervan and caravan travellers as they journey throughout Australia. It is important that visitors to our towns and villages are encouraged to stop and seek out local experiences. The recreational vehicle traveller market is a growing source of revenue for Wellington and programs such as this one provide a town or village with an additional promotional stream. If Wellington meets the essential criteria outlined under the RVFT program then a successful application will result in the consideration of membership signage in this location.

Criteria required to be a certified 'Recreational Vehicle Friendly Town'

An RV Friendly Town is one that has met a set of guidelines to ensure they provide a certain amount of amenities, and a certain level of services for these travellers. When RV tourists enter a town displaying the RV Friendly Town sign, they know they will be welcome, certain services will be provided for them that may not be available in other centres, and they will have access to a safe place to stay overnight, and possibly for a longer period.

CMCA will promote the RV Friendly Town by dedicating one page to the town on the Club website, publishing a one-off article on the town in the Club's monthly magazine, The Wanderer, and listing the town in each edition of the magazine.

CMCA will also offer the council 2 x 600mm x 690mm roadside 'RV Friendly' signs free of charge. These signs will display the abbreviated 'RV' symbol, followed by the words 'Friendly Town'.

How does a town qualify?

Before any town can be appointed to the program, there is a set of guidelines that must be met, which includes:

Essential Criteria

- *Provision of appropriate parking within the town centre, with access to a general shopping area for groceries and fresh produce.*
- *Provision of short term, low cost overnight parking (24/48 hours) for self-contained recreational vehicles, as close as possible to the CBD.*
- *Access to potable water.*
- *Access to a free dump point at an appropriate location.*

Desirable Criteria

- *Provision of long term parking for self-contained recreational vehicles.*
- *Access to medical facilities or an appropriate emergency service.*
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What are the benefits?

- *There are many economic benefits to the local businesses due to increased dwell time; the RV community spends an average of \$100 per day whilst travelling (Queensland Drive Tourism Strategy 2013 - 2015).*
- *There is an increased patronage of the tourist attractions in and around the town.*
- *Travellers will be able to park adjacent to the shopping precinct while they top up with supplies. They can do their banking in comfort, post their mail, and check out the restaurants and clubs for food and entertainment.*
- *They will find a dump point in the town.*
- *They may be able to have mechanical work done on their vehicle as well as fill up with fuel and gas.*
- *The VIC should have a map showing them all local attractions, the location of emergency services and their contact numbers, attractions that are RV suitable and where internet services are available.*
- *They will be able to park in a comfortable layover area, while they sit back and decide which tourist attractions they would like to see during their visit.*
- *There may be toilet and shower facilities at or near the layover area, which will encourage dwell times.*
- *At the end of their visit, the RV traveller will be leaving only because they need to – not because they want to.*

RV Friendly Town TM Procedures

- *Complete an RV Friendly Town assessment form.*
- *Forward the assessment form to CMCA National Headquarters or to your local CMCA State Representative.*
- *When approved, CMCA will prepare a Letter of Understanding and forward it to council for signature.*
- *Once signed, the Letter of Understanding is returned to CMCA for execution. A copy is then returned to council for their records.*
- *CMCA then despatches the relevant signage to the council works depot or nominated location.*
- *CMCA lists the town on the Club's website and on the GeoWiki database.*
- *CMCA posts an article with the relevant details of the town and surrounding region on its website and in the Club's monthly magazine, The Wanderer.*
- **For more information contact:** National Headquarters P: 02 4978 8788 F: 02 4978 8799
E: memberbenefits@cmca.net.au

Social and Economic benefits to the Community:

There's no doubt that becoming an 'RV Friendly Town' does have considerable benefits. According to the CMCA, there are about 620,000 RVs in Australia whose owners spend around \$770 a week in the towns they visit. Particularly in these slow economic times, many a country town needs to give those RV travellers a reason to stop, stay and spend.

The 'Recreational Vehicle Friendly Town' (RVFT) is designed to encourage local business owners to be proactive in meeting the needs of RV travellers and consequently improving their income. According to the CMCA, there are many economic benefits from the 'dwell time', which is the time travellers spend in a particular place. Any number of businesses like shops, service stations, restaurants, pubs and local tourist attractions can benefit from travellers who chose to stay around for a few days.

Research conducted four years ago by government agency Tourism Research Australia revealed 34 per cent of RV drivers stay in caravan parks, 16 per cent never stay in caravan parks, and 50 per cent use a mix of commercial and non-commercial accommodation. This latter percentage is higher now, pointing to RV drivers wanting choice. And with 430,000 registered RVs in Australia, and another 120,000 new RVs being purchased each year, councils and towns are under increasing pressure to offer this choice if they're to capitalise on this lucrative, burgeoning market.

RV visitors act differently to general tourists who do general 'touristy things'. In addition, RV visitors also visit the supermarket, hairdresser, hardware shop, newsagent, laundromat, mechanics, Tyre Service, Post Office, Cafes, food outlets etc. There's a big cross section of spending that benefits the entire community.

Research shows that 77 per cent of RV members are more likely to visit and stopover in a RV Friendly Town than a destination without that status.

As RV Tourism becomes increasingly popular in Australia, we think that Wellington would be a suitable and potential location to become a certified RV Friendly town and we would like the support and assistance of Dubbo Regional Council to achieve this status, as a priority seeing as there are no certified RVFT in this LGA, we would like to see Wellington become the first.

Wellington already fulfils most of the criteria required:

*There is a dump point at Wellington Showground and also at the Wellington Caves Holiday Complex.

*Wellington has wide streets with unlimited availability of parking with plenty of unlimited and free parking available- **there is no limited or pay parking in Wellington which makes it appealing to travellers and tourists as well as residents. Lets keep it this way! There is never any difficulty finding parking close to the Wellington CBD.**

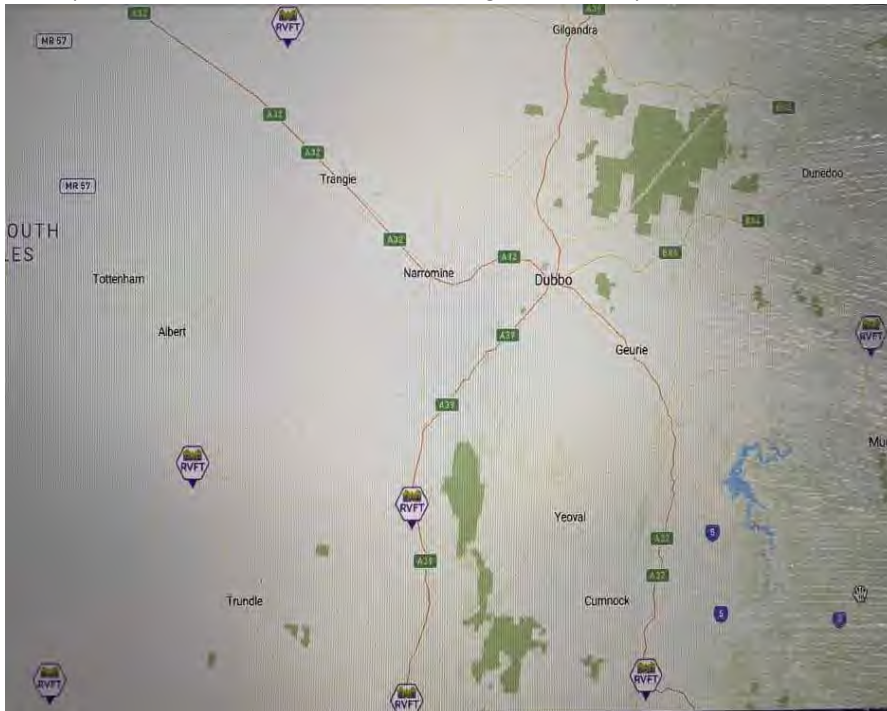
*There are also 2 popular and scenic Caravan Parks in Wellington (Wellington Riverside Caravan Park and Wellington Valley Caravan Park) as well as RV camping options at Wellington Caves Holiday Complex, and Wellington Showground.

*Wellington Showground provides cheap overnight stay options with showers/amenities.

*There is plenty of room for RV parking close to the CBD. This includes the large carpark area close to Wellington Train Station, Percy Street, Warne Street and Arthur Street as well as in the main street.

*A further designated unlimited time parking area for RV vehicles could easily be created at Wellington Train Station on the large vacant area on the left hand side of the Station, which is easy walking distance to the supermarkets and CBD and is a large empty space.

*We believe that it would be relatively simple and easy to arrange for Wellington to become a RV friendly town. There is not any RV Friendly towns in the area so we believe this will have a positive and beneficial effect on the Wellington community.



There are currently no RVFT in the Dubbo Regional Council area or in close proximity to Wellington. The nearest include Peak Hill, Parkes, Manildra, Molong, and Gulgong so we think that Wellington is an ideal location and suitable place to become the first RV Friendly Town within the Dubbo Regional Council LGA.

*Alternatively, Wellington could also be certified as a 'RV friendly destination'.

Overall, it is anticipated that Wellington NSW becoming a certified 'RV friendly town' would have a positive, and highly beneficial impact on the Wellington community.

Thankyou for your consideration of this proposal and we look forward to your support with achieving this proposal.

We are happy to meet with the appropriate DRC staff to discuss this proposal further.

In addition, WPAG would be happy to fund additional 'RV Friendly Town' signs so they are displayed on **all** entry and exit roads to Wellington (Orange, Dubbo, Mudgee, Parkes)

We look forward to hearing from you and receiving your feedback regarding our suggestions.

Kind Regards,

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Where the mountains and rivers meet*





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How does a town qualify?

Before any town can be appointed to the program, there is a set of guidelines that must be met, which includes:

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- Provision of appropriate parking within the town centre, with access to a general shopping area for groceries and fresh produce.
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**Wellington Showground Road Re-beautification and
Tree Replacement Project Proposal**

01/2021



Dear Dubbo Regional Council,
The Wellington Community Progress and Action Group (WPAG) are working together to highlight and address the priorities and interests of local residents, businesses, voluntary and community groups to make our community a better place to work in, live in or visit. This is a historic photo of Showground Road Wellington (above) which used to be lined with beautiful avenues of trees **on both sides of the road** and **was one of the most scenic and beautiful roads in Wellington** leading out to Wellington Showground and Racecourse and

Mount Arthur Reserve. The trees included rows of mature native Kurrajong trees which were estimated to be approximately 70 years old (photo below of trees that DRC have removed) as well as mature and historic weeping willow trees.



BEFORE: with trees (above)



NOW: Trees all have been removed and not replaced (above)

As you are aware in recent years- since Council amalgamation Dubbo Regional Council has removed the rows of established and historic, aged, mature trees on BOTH sides of the road from Wellington leading out to Wellington Showground and also the trees opposite the showground along this road.

None of the trees removed have been replced which has left an exposed, barren, treeless and shadeless road which is plain and dull- nothing like its previous beauty with avenues of trees on both sides of the road.

Historically the Kurrajong trees along this road were also trimmed back in drought conditions by Wellington Council to provide stock feed for farmers so these trees also had additional sentimental and historic value and provided extra benefit to the local community.



Wellington Residents were very upset and disappointed at the removal of all these trees which have not been replaced and also with the lack of community consultation regarding this matter. Despite this the trees were still removed. The Kurrajong trees which were traditionally trimmed and given to local farmers to feed their stock were taken to Dubbo Zoo and not offered to the Wellington farmers like they have for many years- this was also extremely disappointing to the Wellington Community and did not support the local farmers in drought conditions.

When the Wellington Community expressed their dismay that the trees were going to be removed they were advised the following by Dubbo Regional Council:

“When planning the track Council considered a number of options (including weaving in and out, crossing the road to the other side and then back again etc) to try and keep the rows of trees however unfortunately the only option we had was to remove the current trees to be able to fit the path safely along the side of the road. The path will be developed close to the fence line and then rows of trees will be planted between the path and the road”.

It has now been more than a year since all the trees were removed on the right side of this road and several years since all the trees were removed on the left side of this road and the trees still have not been replaced ‘between the path and the road’ as we were advised they would be.

Wellington Progress and Action Group would like to support the Wellington community and residents in getting the trees which were removed by DRC replaced.

The WPAG and Wellington community would like to request for these trees to be re-planted and re-placed **as a priority**. It takes many years for plants and trees to grow in size and to become well-established and the current season is favourable for planting trees and shrubs. As the trees which were removed were estimated to be over 70 years old then it will take this long for replacement trees to grow to that size and age again.

The recreation track which is popular with residents is also shadeless, exposed and hot and we feel that rows of native trees and shrubs beside the track will enhance it, provide much needed shade and shelter from the sun as well as provide a safety barrier from traffic. WPAG would like to ensure that these trees are replaced promptly as DRC advised that they would be and **to request that only Australian Native species of trees, plants and shrubs are used.**

There are many native species of smaller statue trees which can be replaced quite suitably under power lines without interfering as they don’t grow to a tall height and the trees which were removed were growing there long before the power lines. There is an adequate grassed area between the recreation track and the roadway measuring 350cms width to re-plant the trees.

The restoration of native vegetation, in combination with the protection and rehabilitation of remnant vegetation, can reverse the negative effects of clearing and habitat fragmentation. Trees are very important to the environment- they provide shade, beauty, cool, habitat for birds and wildlife, and look attractive and provide shelter and oxygen. Trees give excellent benefits and give off oxygen that we need to breathe, reduce the amount of storm water runoff, which reduces erosion and pollution in our waterways and may reduce the effects of flooding. Many species of wildlife depend on trees for habitat. Trees provide shade, beauty, food, protection, and homes for many birds and mammals.

In particular as this road leads out to Mount Arthur nature Reserve and the Catombel Ranges, which is one of Wellingtons assets and tourist attractions, we feel that it would be most appropriate for the trees replaced along this road leading to Mount Arthur to be **Australian Native trees, shrubs and bushes.**



BEFORE: Showground Road showing the mature trees which have ALL been removed by DRC and not replaced (above)



NOW: Mature trees have all been removed and none replaced leaving a barren and exposed shadeless road. The Wellington community wish for trees to be replaced as a priority.

This will lead out to the Nature Reserve and will also provide habitat for local birds and wildlife and provide an important wildlife corridor/nature strip from the Bell River to the Mount Arthur Reserve linking them via a nature strip/wildlife corridor.

There are many benefits to planting Australian native species- they are more suitable to the climate and tolerate drought and frost conditions as well as provide important habitat for bees, birds, insects and native wildlife. Native plants provide shelter and food for wildlife and support pollinators. Native species attract a variety of birds, butterflies and other wildlife by promoting diverse habitats and food sources. Native plants promote biodiversity and stewardship of our natural heritage and they help the environment. Native plants provide food and shelter and many attract birds, butterflies and lizards. Native plants provide a wildlife corridor helping to connect animal and plant populations. By planting Australian native trees and plants can have a huge impact on the amount of native wildlife attracted to that area and studies have shown that suburbs with more native street trees have significant more bird species compared to other areas. Eastern spinebills, eastern yellow robins and superb Fairy Wrens are most likely to frequent areas composed of at least 50% Australian native plants.

Planting Australian native plants tends to be cheaper than planting other non-native varieties and selecting local varieties adapted specifically to those conditions can help reduce water needs and these plants and trees will be more hardy and frost and drought tolerant. One other benefit to planting Australian natives is that they are generally easy grow and require minimal maintenance

In addition to the above mentioned benefits of Native Australian species there are also many benefits of trees which include social, communal, environmental, and economic benefits:

Social Benefits: Human response to trees goes well beyond simply observing their beauty. We feel serene, peaceful, restful, and tranquil in a grove of trees. We are "at home" there. The calming effect of nearby trees and urban greening can significantly reduce workplace stress levels and fatigue, calm traffic, and even decrease the recovery time needed after surgery. Trees can also reduce crime. Apartment buildings with high levels of greenspace have lower crime rates than nearby apartments without trees. The stature, strength, and endurance of trees give them a cathedral-like quality. Because of their potential for long life, trees are frequently planted as living memorials. We often become personally attached to trees that we, or those we love, have planted. The strong tie between people and trees is often evident when community residents speak out against the removal of trees to widen streets or rally to save a particularly large or historic tree. There was lots of community outcry when the mature and historic trees along this stretch of road were to be removed however DRC did not listen or consider these objections.

Communal Benefits: The benefits provided by trees can reach well out into the surrounding community. With proper selection and maintenance, trees can enhance the environment and city trees often serve several architectural and engineering functions. They provide privacy, emphasize views, or screen out objectionable views. They reduce glare and reflection. They direct pedestrian traffic. Trees also provide background to and soften, complement, or enhance architecture. Trees bring natural elements and wildlife habitats into urban surroundings, all of which increase the quality of life for residents of the community.

Environmental Benefits: Trees alter the environment in which we live by moderating climate, improving air quality, reducing stormwater runoff, and harboring wildlife. Local









ABOVE: Examples of Native trees and shrubs suitable

climates are moderated from extreme sun, wind, and rain. Radiant energy from the sun is absorbed or deflected by leaves on deciduous trees in the summer and is only filtered by branches of deciduous trees in winter. The larger the tree, the greater the cooling effect. By using trees in towns and developed areas, we can moderate the heat-island effect caused by roads, bitumen, pavement and buildings in commercial areas. Wind speed and direction is affected by trees. The more compact the foliage on the tree or group of trees, the more effective the windbreak. Rainfall, sleet, and hail are absorbed or slowed by trees, providing some protection for people, pets, and buildings. Trees intercept water, store some of it, and reduce stormwater runoff. Air quality is improved through the use of trees, shrubs, and turf. Leaves filter the air we breathe by removing dust and other particulates. Rain then washes the pollutants to the ground. Leaves absorb the green-house gas carbon dioxide during photosynthesis and store carbon as growth. Leaves also absorb other air pollutants – such as ozone, carbon monoxide, and sulfur dioxide – and release oxygen. By planting trees and shrubs, we return developed areas to a more natural environment that is attractive to birds and wildlife. Ecological cycles of plant growth, reproduction, and decomposition are again present, both above and below ground. Natural harmony is restored to the urban environment.

Economic Benefits: *Property values of landscaped areas are 5 to 20 percent higher than those of non-landscaped areas. Individual trees and shrubs have value, but the variability of species, size, condition, and function makes determining their economic value difficult. The economic benefits of trees are both direct and indirect. Direct economic benefits are usually associated with energy costs. Air-conditioning costs are lower in a tree-shaded area. Heating costs are reduced when an area has a windbreak. Trees increase in value as they grow. Trees, as part of a well maintained landscape, can add value to the area. The indirect economic benefits of trees within a community are even greater. Customers pay lower electricity bills when power companies build fewer new facilities to meet peak demands, use reduced amounts of fossil fuel in their furnaces, and use fewer measures to control air pollution. Communities can also save money if fewer facilities must be built to control stormwater in the region. To the individual, these savings may seem small, but to the community as a whole, reductions in these expenses are often substantial. Trees provide numerous aesthetic and economic benefits, in addition, the economic and environmental benefits produced by a young replacement tree are minimal when compared to those of a mature specimen.*

Wellington Community Progress and Action Group would like to request that the trees and plants which are replaced along both sides of Showground Road are native Australian trees and shrubs.

These will be more drought climate tolerant, more suitable for wildlife and birds and WPAG would like for Dubbo Regional Council to replace the trees as a priority to provide shade and shelter for the track, improve the bare, barren landscape and provide shade and habitat and provide a safety traffic barrier. **We would request that ‘mature’ native trees are planted rather than small seedlings which will take years to grow.**

We feel that the trees need to be re-planted as soon as possible while the season is favourable especially as the previous trees were 70+ years old and it will take many years for the trees to grow to mature and established status.

Gay Bennison from Burrendong Arboretum has suggested that a suitable tree for here would be '*Eucalyptus leucoxylon ssp. Megalocarpa*'. Suggestions for other suitable native species of trees to plant would include local flora and trees specific to the Wellington and Mount Arthur areas such as Wattles and Eucalyptus, Bottlebrush, Kurrajongs. In addition other suitable species would include: **Bottlebrush, Acacia, Wattle, paperbark, Weeping Myall, Lilly Pilly, Myrtle, Banksia, She-oak, Eucalyptus, Grevillea, Melaleuca, Mallee, Hakea, Callistemon, red flowering gums, Australian crepe myrtle, dwarf apple gum, mauve mist callistemon.** There is room for several rows of trees and shrubs to be planted between the walking track and the road on both sides which will provide shade for the track and it will also provide an avenue of Australian native trees and plants leading out to Mount Arthur Reserve and create an important wildlife corridor and safety barrier from traffic. WPAG would request that local trees and shrubs are purchased from Wellington Burrendong Botanic Garden and Arboretum to support this local attraction which has one of the largest collections of Australian plants in cultivation and the staff are highly knowledgeable on the cultivation and promotion of our unique native flora.

WPAG would also request that local Wellington businesses are supported and utilised as a priority for this project where possible for all labour and supplies.

WPAG will be happy to apply for Grants for funding of this tree replacement project to assist DRC and will look at applying for Resilient Communities Small Grants Program from Central West Local Lands Services to assist with costs for this project.

We look forward to your response and to see avenues of mature size plants with native tree and shrub corridor being re-planted along both sides of Showground Road to restore and re-beautify this road to its former beauty and state.

Wellington is at the heart of sustainable power infrastructure developments with windfarms and solar farms and Wellingtons emerging identity is as a progressive, clean, green regional town and replacing these avenues of trees with Native trees and wildlife corridors will enhance Wellingtons street appeal and environmental status.

Overall, it is anticipated that restoring Showground Road to its previous beauty with avenues of native trees on both sides of the road leading from the Bell River to Mount Arthur Reserve would have a positive, and highly influential impact on the Wellington community, help restore this roadway to its previous beauty and provide much-needed 'street appeal' leading to these popular tourist venues.

There are many major events held at Wellington Showground such as the Wellington Boot Races, Wellington Vintage Fair and Swap Meet, Wellington Show, Mount Arthur Challenge and by replacing the trees along the roadsides leading out to the Showground this will enhance and improve this route and entrance-way providing more 'street appeal' for the many visitors to Wellington who travel this road to these events. It will also provide shade, traffic barrier and wildlife corridor for the Recreation Track which currently lacks shade and shelter and enhance this beautiful and popular Recreation Track.

Thankyou for supporting this project and we look forward to hearing from you,
Kind Regards,

Wellington Community Progress and Action Group Committee.





WPAG would like to see Showground Road restored to its former beauty and glory (top

photo above) with the beautiful trees replaced on both sides of the road to replace the historic and mature trees which have all been removed.

WPAG request for Native Australian species only to be used to link from the Bell River to Mount Arthur Reserve to provide a native habitat and wildlife corridor.

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Proposal for Construction of a Cycleway/Shared Recreation Track facility linking from Wellington Caves Complex (via Old Sydney Road, NOT the Highway) via Wellington NSW to Mount Arthur Reserve 'Scenic Drive'



The 'Wellington Community Progress and Action Group' (WPAG) are working together to highlight and address the priorities and interests of local residents, businesses, voluntary and community groups to make our community a better place to work in, live in and visit.

Wellington NSW is a heritage town being the second oldest town west of the Blue Mountains with a long and rich history and is a popular tourist destination with several unique local attractions including the Wellington Caves, Lake Burrendong, Mount Arthur Reserve and many popular tourist events like the Vintage Fair and Swap Meet, The Wellington Boot Horserace and the Mount Arthur Challenge.

In recent years however, Wellington, like many small rural towns, has declined in local businesses, economy and reputation, due to multiple factors, including issues like Council amalgamation (loss of Wellington Shire Council), loss of a 24 hour Police station with

increased drug and crime, effects of on-line shopping, and more recently effects of severe prolonged drought, severe rodent mouse plague and COVID19 restrictions.

Wellington is now seeking new projects and infrastructure developments to enhance our town, attract tourists, improve the economy, maintain and progress Wellington and its own unique identity, and put Wellington 'on the map' and tourist trail.

We are writing to you again on this matter as there is a new Council and this project was proposed previously to the previous Council, but seems to have been forgotten about and we feel that this project would be very beneficial and worthwhile to the Wellington community as well as visitors.

As previously submitted to Dubbo Regional Councils a few years ago, we have an interest in a plan for construction of a Cycleway/Shared Recreation Track Facility linking from Wellington Caves to Wellington (via Old Sydney Road NOT along main highway) and from Wellington to Mount Arthur Reserve 'Scenic Drive' (the latter Track is partially constructed- but needs extending 700m to become complete to end at Scenic Drive) (and the Cyclepath currently ends at Wellington Cemetary and needs to be extended to Wellington Caves). While predominantly a Cycleway, this track will also be a Shared Recreation Track suitable for walking, running, cycling, dog walking, scooters, strollers/prams and wheelchairs, (shared Track) safely and away from traffic, as well as to provide a link between 2 of Wellingtons most popular and natural Tourist attractions. It will also showcase Wellingtons natural beauty and rivers and mountains and caves.



This proposed Shared Cycleway/Recreation Track would be similar to Dubbos 'Tracker Riley' circuit which loops from Dubbo to 'Taronga Western Plains Zoo' and 'Dundullimall Homestead' creating a circuit and direct path to these attractions. Similarly the proposed Wellington Track would link Wellington Caves and Wellington CBD and Mount Arthur Reserve.

The previous response from Dubbo Regional Council stated “Your Submission was considered by Council at its meeting held 26 June 2017 wherein it was resolved, in part, as follows: “That the proposal for the construction of a new cycle track from the Wellington Caves complex (via Wellington) to Mount Arthur Reserve (Wellington) be considered in a future review of the Wellington Bike Plan, noting that these priorities of this Plan will inform Councils future Cycleway Construction Program”.

As Wellington is progressing further with such developments as the recent amalgamation with Dubbo Regional Council, major upgrades to Wellington Caves Complex, recent extensions of the Wellington Correctional Centre, Bodangra Windfarm and multiple extensive Solar Farm construction, all bringing new population, visitors and employees to Wellington, we believe that now is the right time to create upgrades to our communities existing facilities and infrastructure. As the usage and promotion of the Wellington Caves and Mount Arthur Reserve increases, now is the right time to make necessary additions to the existing facilities to increase visitation, appeal, standards and facilities as well as showcase Wellington’s natural beauty, attractions, location and scenery.

In addition to this the popular ‘Central West Bike Trail’ is now bringing many road cyclists directly to Wellington for overnight stays and we think that this proposed Track will further enhance the ‘Central West Bike Trail’ experience, enabling cyclists to also cycle safely out to visit Wellington Caves, increasing visitation to this tourist attraction and centre.



In addition, the NSW Government is currently committed to working with Councils to make walking and cycling, more convenient, safer and enjoyable transport options. In recent years, the **NSW Government** committed to contribute **\$39 million** to fund more than 300 walking and cycling projects across NSW. The NSW Government funding into cycling will assist to roll out a further 110 kilometers of on-road and off-road cycle routes.

We believe that now is the time for our local Regional Council to take advantage of this Government commitment for future Cycleway funding and we would like to work together to obtain funding grants and construct and create a local Cycleway/Shared Recreation Track Facility for our town.

Wellington has also previously hosted 2 very successful annual and increasingly popular Cycling Events- the **'Mount Arthur Challenge'** Cycle Event and the **'Springfest Cycle Classic'**. Due to lack of any designated Cycleway these events are currently held on roads which are dangerous and not ideal. The construction of a designated local Cycleway Path would enhance these events and especially address some road safety issues as well as provide a suitable and safe facility for training purposes and recreational cycling.

Proposed Project Description:

Development of a 2.5m wide paved, concrete (in required areas) or granite Cycleway/shared Recreation Track from Wellington Caves Complex along **Old Sydney Road** to Wellington and then from Wellington to the foot of Mount Arthur Reserve 'Scenic Drive' (similar to Tracker Riley cycleway/path in Dubbo).

The installation of bicycle racks at Wellington Caves, Wellington CBD (multiple sites), the start of Mount Arthur Scenic Drive as well as along the Cycle track at designated rest stops (and picnic tables). This Cycleway (approximately 10 kms length) would be similar to the existing 13km Tracker Riley Circuit in Dubbo and would loop from Wellington Caves to Mount Arthur Reserve, linking a safe trail through Wellington to 2 of its main tourist attractions. This facility would be a great asset to the local community as well as visitors from out-of-town and would enhance tourist and visitor appeal as well as showcase 2 of Wellington's beautiful natural assets and attractions. Currently Old Sydney Road is a dirt road track which is unsuitable for road cycling bikes due to large potholes, rocks, gravel and uneven surface unsuitable for road cycling as well as large farm machinery traffic. It is also unsuitable for children and their bikes, being less skilled, they require a flat even surface with no obstacles which could cause them to fall off or be injured.



Social, Cultural, Economic or Environmental benefits

This Cycleway/Shared Recreation Track will become a recreational facility and community asset that will assist and promote an active lifestyle within the community of Wellington and surrounds. The Cycleway can be used to encourage and support health, exercise, fitness and outdoor participation within the local community. It will allow tourists and visitors to the Wellington Caves the opportunity to cycle or walk the 8 kms into Wellington bringing business into the CBD and also for them to cycle to Mount Arthur Reserve which is another of Wellington's natural assets and tourist attractions. This track will also vice versa benefit the community allowing residents from Wellington the opportunity to cycle, scooter, walk, run, push a pram/stroller or wheelchair or walk a dog safely from Wellington out to the Wellington Caves for lunch or coffee which would increase visitation and business to the Caves complex and Kiosk. The construction of this facility will also benefit other members of the local community such as the many sporting clubs, Schools, Community Organisations, Health Service, general public and recreational users, and travelling visitors to the area (many of whom are overnight stayers).

It will allow the community to access a free facility providing a suitable track for people to run, walk, cycle, scooter, push a pram, promoting a healthy lifestyle and improving social cohesion in the community. The project also aims to engage people from all backgrounds and of all fitness levels, abilities and ages, irrespective of gender, socio-economic status, ethnicity, disability, or mental health status.



Potential benefits of this project will include the impact of improved community liveability, increased productivity and increased economic activity.

Implementation of the cycling project will also help achieve transport and land use planning objectives including reduced traffic congestion costs, road, parking and fuel cost savings, reduced accident/crash risks and costs, air pollution vehicle emission reductions, noise reduction benefits, and improved public health. In particular reduced health care costs: The

negative health effects of physical activity are paralleled by staggering economic consequences. Reduced mortality due to regular physical exercise from cycling and walking also brings significant economic savings. The average saving from reduced mortality is one of the most robustly quantifiable health outcomes in studies.

Investment projects such as adding new community cycling/walking facilities to increase levels of walking and bicycling may affect a wide range of parameters relating to economics, the mobility, environment and health. It is well acknowledged that cycling is one of the most energy efficient and healthy transport modes followed closely by walking. There are many quantifiable benefits of community Cycling projects with direct benefit to the cyclists themselves and indirect benefits to the community. Direct benefits include health benefits of the improved fitness, enhanced mobility, increase in physical activity, improved public health, improved liveability, reduced health care, reduced mortality, fuel savings and decreased crashes. Indirect benefits to the community include decreased traffic congestion, reduced pollution, improved community liveability, and increased economic activity. In relation to safety, it has also been concluded that, the rate of vehicle–bicycle crashes on cycle tracks is lower than published rates for bicyclists on roads.

Taking into account the economic benefits and the health benefits of the improved fitness the use of non-motorized transport provides, the Cost-Benefit analysis is substantial. **The results show that the BENEFITS of investments in cycle networks are estimated to be at least 4–5 times the costs.**

Hence, there is a wide variety of benefits to development of infrastructures for cyclists. These benefits listed focus primarily on cycling, but its findings may also be easily applied to other active modes, such as walking, skateboarding, scootering, and manual wheelchairs, and pushing prams/strollers which are also non-motorised transport options which could utilise the proposed facility.

The level of investment that will be required in order to implement this project is also relatively modest in comparison to other transportation facilities.

In addition, successful implementation of the Wellington Caves via Wellington to Mount Arthur Reserve Cycle/Recreation path route through Wellington will also be an enhancing amenity to the tourist-based Wellingtons economy.

Wellington is a beautiful rural farming community in a picturesque rural setting with abundant natural features of rivers, caves and mountains.

Wellington Caves Complex is a world-renowned and unique tourist attraction and we think that development of a Cycleway/Shared Recreation Track linking this asset to Wellington and Mount Arthur will boost visitors to these attractions as well as enhance their appeal. The Wellington Caves are located 8km south of Wellington NSW. Wellington Caves has many attractions such as the Cathedral Cave, Gaden Cave, Phosphate Mine, Osawano Japanese Gardens, Caves Kiosk, bird aviaries and Golf course. Wellington Caves complex also offers Accommodation, camping, kiosk, barbeque facilities but **there is currently no other transport option to reach the Caves other than private vehicular transport.** Wellington Caves has recently had a major upgrade and as usage of this unique asset increases, we believe that now it is the right time to make further upgrades to increase visitation and appeal and recreational options.

Currently there only exists a very short length of Cycle/walking track leading towards Wellington Caves which unfortunately ends on the edge of town (near the Wellington Cemetery). Currently to continue to cycle to the Wellington Caves from the edge of town where the current Cycle Path ends could be difficult and dangerous with the option to cycle

along the edge of the main Highway which is highly dangerous and unsuitable due to highway traffic and lack of shoulder lanes. The other option is to follow an unpaved dirt road called 'Old Sydney Road' which runs parallel to the Mitchell Highway and joins up with Caves Road which leads directly to the Wellington Caves complex. Unfortunately, in its current state this trail is unsuitable for road cyclists due to the rough gravel, large rocks, many pot holes and uneven surfaces and also lack of option to move off the road away from traffic, however this road would provide an ideal option for construction of a beautiful Cycleway alongside it leading to the Wellington Caves.

The **photos below** are of **Old Sydney Road** in its **current state** which is unsuitable for cyclists, runners, strollers, scooters etc due to large rocks, uneven surfaces and potholes, mud and large puddles.



This Proposed Track potentially will bring more business to the Caves Kiosk with people being able to ride out there safely from Wellington for breakfast, lunch or coffee. This will also work in reverse with the option for tourists staying or visiting the Wellington Caves Complex to cycle or walk or jog safely into Wellington Township. Construction of this facility will potentially become a great tourist attraction for visitors staying at the Wellington Caves Complex to cycle safely away from highway traffic into Wellington township and for school groups. This Cycleway could lead from Wellington Caves along Caves Road, then onto Old Sydney Road onto Mitchell Highway and Curtis Street- to avoid the Highway through Wellington, it could detour left into Zouch Street, Right into Percy Street, Left onto Maxwell Street and Right into Ferguson Lane which exits at Wellington Skate Park near the CBD. It can then cross the Bell River Bridge and follow all the way 2kms along Bushrangers Creek

Road to meet up with Mount Arthur Scenic Drive and access which is also very popular for walkers and cyclists.

Mount Arthur Reserve is another one of Wellington's popular tourist attractions as well as a popular recreational reserve for locals. Mount Arthur Reserve is located approximately 2kms from Wellington CBD. **Currently there is no other transport option to reach the Reserve other than private vehicular transport.**



Building a Cycleway/Shared Recreation walking Track linking Wellington Caves and Mount Arthur to the Wellington CBD also has the potential to increase café and supermarket business creating increased economic activity as visitors, tourists and locals will likely socialize together before or after a ride/walk at a local coffee shop or at the Caves Kiosk hence creating economic and social benefits. In addition, visitors and tourists regularly plan their holidays around suitable family-friendly and cheap or free options and locations thereby increasing tourism for the area as families staying at the Wellington Caves accommodation options will be provided with the opportunity to cycle, run or walk for free into Wellington and also linking to Mount Arthur Reserve which could become a very popular future tourist attraction. There is also the potential for increased economic activity once the Track is constructed both at the Wellington Caves Kiosk and Visitor numbers as well as in the Wellington CBD as Cyclists often frequent local coffee stops/food outlets.

The Recreation Track/Cycleway will be a community asset which will allow the community and tourists to appreciate the beauty of Wellington's abundant, natural features of rivers and mountains as well as Wellington Caves and our beautiful and natural Mount Arthur Reserve as well as supporting health, exercise, fitness and outdoor participation.

The construction process of the Cycleway/Shared Recreation Track will also bring business and employment for local suppliers, labour and businesses required in the construction of the track and fences, bollards, bike-racks and picnic tables/areas which will provide economic benefit to this small rural community. Local suppliers and businesses should be utilized for the construction of this facility which will provide business and employment and economic benefit to the local community.

Visitation to Mount Arthur Reserve will also likely increase as well as local visitation to the Wellington Caves.



*The Proposed Cycleway/path will also travel past the Wellington Skate Park and Wellington Primary School which will likely encourage and engage local youths to utilize the Track promoting fitness and outdoor participation as well. This will support the NSW Premier's Priority of reducing overweight and obesity rates of children by 5% over 10 years.

*The Proposed Cycleway/Shared recreation Track Facility will also be beneficial when events are held at Wellington Showground such as the annual Wellington Show, Wellington Vintage Fair and Swap Meet, Wellington Boot Races, Mount Arthur Challenge. The Proposed Track will link the 2kms between Wellington to Mount Arthur Scenic Drive which directly passes Wellington Showground. Having a Cycleway/Shared Recreation Track leading from Wellington directly past Wellington Showground will also encourage people to Cycle or walk to these events which will ease traffic and parking at such events creating an enhanced and safer environment. Potentially this could also bring increased business and economic benefit to these events with increased visitors.

This project will also fit in with Dubbo Regional Councils long term 'Strategic Cycle path Network Development' Plan and Cycleway and Paved Footpath Construction. This project/facility also fulfils the Function Objectives for 'Paved Paths and Cycleways', 'Cycleway Construction' and 'Sporting Facilities' outlined in Dubbo Regional Councils Draft Budget 2017/2018:

**To minimise Councils liability with regard to pedestrian hazards be efficiently and effectively preserving and maintaining the footpath and Cycleway asset.*

**To promote and facilitate pedestrian and cyclist transport as alternatives to vehicular modes of transport.*

**To integrate and facilitate the transport, recreation and safety needs of pedestrians and cyclists.*

**To provide for the transport, recreation and safety needs of pedestrians and cyclists.*

**To provide high quality recreation space and facilities to meet the widest practical range of active recreational needs and expectations of both residents and visitors to the Local Government Area.*

This proposed Recreation Track will also fit in with the '2040 Community Strategic Plan':
'Infrastructure: "A network of cycleways and pedestrian facilities is provided and maintained":

and 'Environmental Sustainability: "Alternative modes of transport are encouraged":
"Our community has access to a diverse range of recreational opportunities";
"recreation and open space facilities are available".

Considering all these economic and health results, we can easily conclude that the new development of infrastructures for cyclists and walkers leads to appealing results for investments in cycling facilities and seems is beneficial to society indeed.

Project will address an identified community priority

Physical inactivity is one of the leading causes of morbidity and mortality worldwide. Insufficient regular physical activity increases the risk of type 2 diabetes, cardiovascular disease and some cancers. **Western NSW Local Health District (WNSWLHD) has one of the highest rates of type 2 diabetes, overweight and obesity, cardiovascular disease and mental health issues. These issues are more prevalent in those living in rural areas, are indigenous and are from low socioeconomic backgrounds.**

It has been shown that participation in regular physical activity (such as active travel through cycling and walking) reduces the risk of coronary heart disease, stroke and hypertension, type II diabetes, obesity, some types of cancer and depression. A significant and growing body of evidence links insufficient physical activity to many medical problems and modest increases in physical activity have the potential to produce substantial health benefits and reduced health care costs. The negative health effects of physical inactivity are paralleled by staggering economic consequences.

Providing the Wellington community with a Cycleway/Shared Recreation Track facility network provides them the opportunity to participate in free, regular, safe, supportive and inclusive physical activity. Such initiatives are imperative to encouraging healthy and active lifestyles and reducing the burden of chronic disease within the Wellington region. The construction of a Cycleway facility from Wellington Caves complex to Wellington and to Mount Arthur Reserve will provide a recreation hub for the general public, tourist and community to walk, jog, run or cycle in the great outdoors in a safe environment away from vehicles.

In addition this will support the NSW Premier's Priority of reducing overweight and obesity rates of children by 5% over 10 years, we think this project will help local schools to reach this target by providing a facility which they can safely utilise for sport and recreation and fun-runs and also by engaging youth to utilise and participate.

The construction of a Cycleway/Shared Recreation Track will also be beneficial and safe for one of Wellingtons highly popular and successful annual sporting events: **The Mt Arthur Challenge** which raises funds for Wellingtons beautiful Mount Arthur Reserve. The Proposed Cycleway from Wellington linking approximately 2 kms to link up with Mount Arthur Scenic

Drive will also offer much improved safety issues for this event which begins and ends at Wellington Showground. Currently between Wellington Showground and Mount Arthur Reserve competitors (in both the cycling and running/walking events) must run/cycle on the roadway! This is a very big safety risk as well as being an inconvenience to local traffic. The construction of a safe separate Cycleway/Shared Recreation Track beside the road will ensure that all competitors are safely off the road and safe from traffic. **The following photos attached show competitors in the Mount Arthur Challenge on the roadway and the huge safety risk and traffic inconvenience caused by lack of a separate suitable footpath or Cycleway.**



Above: Participants competing in Mount Arthur Challenge on the roadway due to lack of separate footpath/Cycleway. This is a high risk due to danger of vehicle traffic.



Above: A photo of what the proposed Recreation Path would look like

Funding/Costs/Approvals:

This is an extensive project with potential large costs which will require significant funding. There are currently several Government Grant opportunities which Dubbo Regional Council may be able to apply for which this project fits the criteria for:

1) “The **‘Stronger Country Communities Fund’** is investing in **infrastructure projects** in **regional NSW** communities to improve the lives of residents and enhance the attractiveness of these areas as vibrant places to live and work. **The NSW Government has committed \$200 million over the next few years to support local infrastructure projects** that will improve amenity and help sustain the social bonds at the heart of strong regional communities. It will support projects that involve: ***building new community facilities** (such as parks, playgrounds, **walking and cycle pathways**).

The Stronger Country Communities Fund is available to all 92 NSW regional local government areas. *The LGA must be the applicant and is responsible for submitting the application.

2) The **‘Regional Sports Infrastructure Fund:**

The NSW Government has **\$100 million** has been made available through the Regional Sports Infrastructure Fund for **new** and existing **sporting facilities**.

*****This fund targets investments over \$1 million*****

Priority for funding will be given to proposals which:

- provide an **economic benefit** such as **increased tourism** or the **creation of jobs** (in its construction and maintenance)
- meet a **demonstrable need** in the community
- can be used by **more than one sporting code**

- increase **participation opportunities** in sport
 - provide infrastructure that **enables economic growth and boosts productivity.**
 - provide an economic benefit such as increased tourism and the creation of jobs
- This Project/Facility will meet most of these criteria and would hence be a strong submission.** The Regional Sports Infrastructure Fund is administered by the Office of Sport with Infrastructure NSW.

3) NSW Roads and Maritime: Walking and Cycling Programs.

The NSW Government has committed **over \$40million under the Walking and Cycling Programs to deliver over 370 walking and cycling projects** across the state of NSW. The NSW Government is working with councils to improve the walking network by providing enhanced walking facilities and implementing behaviour change and education programs. The NSW Government is committed to working with councils to make walking and cycling, more convenient, safer and enjoyable transport options. By targeting investment to improve walking and cycling in the areas where most short trips occur, the NSW Government supports more accessible, liveable and productive towns, cities and centres, by encouraging walking and cycling to be the mode of choice for short local trips, and reducing congestion on our roads.

For the 2016-17 financial year, the **NSW Government was committed to contribute \$39 million** to fund more than **300 walking and cycling projects across NSW.**

The walking projects will be funded from the Walking Communities programs through 100 per cent and partnership funding arrangements. The programs will improve walking through the delivery of improved pedestrian crossing facilities and enhanced connections.

For cycling, projects will be funded under the Priority Cycleways, Cycling Towns and Connecting Centre programs. The NSW Government funding into cycling will assist to roll out a further 110 kilometres of on-road and off-road cycle routes including Western Region Projects.

**Applications are via the "NSW Government Walking and Cycling Programs Project Proposal Form". This form can be completed by councils, Local Members and NSW Government Agencies that wish to submit a new proposal for continuing funding for RMS approved projects.*

We are unsure if DRC applied for any of this funding.

Thankyou again for your further consideration of this project. We think this Cycleway/Shared Recreation Track will be a popular community asset and will become a similar asset in comparison to the beautiful and popular 13km Tracker Riley Cycleway from Dubbo to Dubbo Zoo and Dundullimall Homestead and the Macquarie River. As you aware Wellington is currently lacking in such a facility and we hope that you support and see the potential of this Proposal. Wellington would benefit greatly from improvement and further development of such an asset. This facility will be an asset to the whole community with Wellington now being strongly linked to Dubbo as part of the Dubbo Regional Council. This asset would also benefit the whole community- cyclists, runners, walkers, dog-walkers, skate-boarders, scooters, wheelchairs, walkers pushing prams and strollers, it will also be

suitable for young children on a bike, or trike and the elderly with a walking stick or wheely walker or walking frame as the Track will provide an appropriate and safe flat surface safe and away from traffic.

Overall, it is anticipated that the installation of a shared Recreation Track/Cyclepath from Wellington Caves (along Old Sydney Road) to Wellington CBD and linking out to link to Mount Arthur 'Scenic Drive' would have a highly positive impact on the Wellington community and visitors, would benefit the whole community and would provide a community facility and service that Wellington doesn't have.

This facility would also enhance the frequent visitors to Wellington on the extremely popular and well-used 'Central West Bike Trail' and this would provide them the further opportunity to stay an extra night and cycle safely out to the Wellington Caves and Mount Arthur Reserve, further promoting these local tourist attractions and potentially increasing visitation.

Thankyou for your consideration in providing Wellington NSW with this project. We look forward to hearing from you further regarding this submission/proposal and working together to bring this service to Wellington NSW as we are sure you will agree that Wellington needs this and that it would be a highly successful and well-utilised asset for the Wellington community.

If there is any further information you would like regarding this proposal or should you wish to meet to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Our volunteer Committee is very passionate and we have extensive local knowledge relevant to the Wellington area.

We look forward to hearing from you and receiving your feedback regarding our suggestions.

***This proposal was already submitted to Dubbo Regional Council some years ago but seems to have been forgotten about, hence we are re-submitting this proposal to the new Dubbo Regional Council with the hope that this project can further develop.**

****Please find attached to this document the multiple 'Letters of Support' for this project which were also provided by the Wellington Community****

We look forward to your response soon and we hope that Wellington can become a more accommodating destination for cyclists/outdoor exercise as it already is.

Should you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact us,

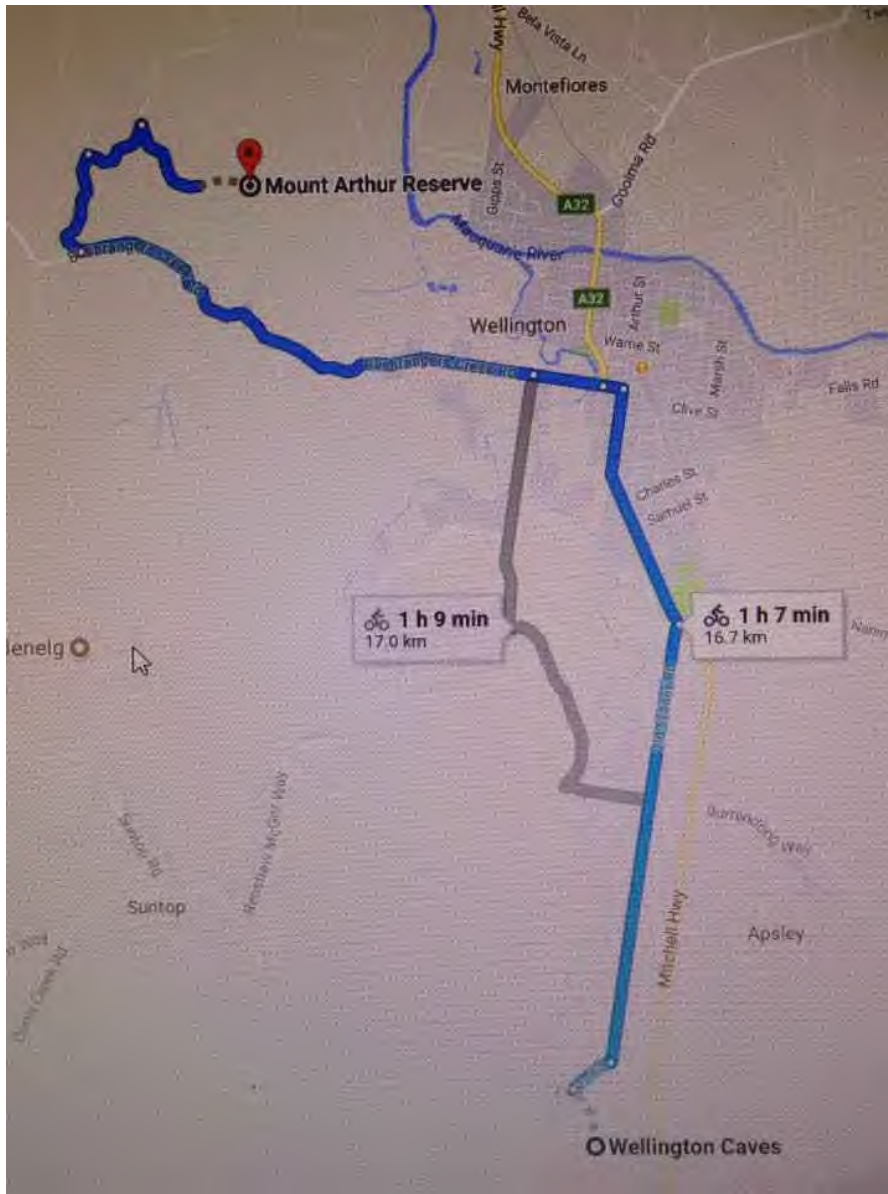
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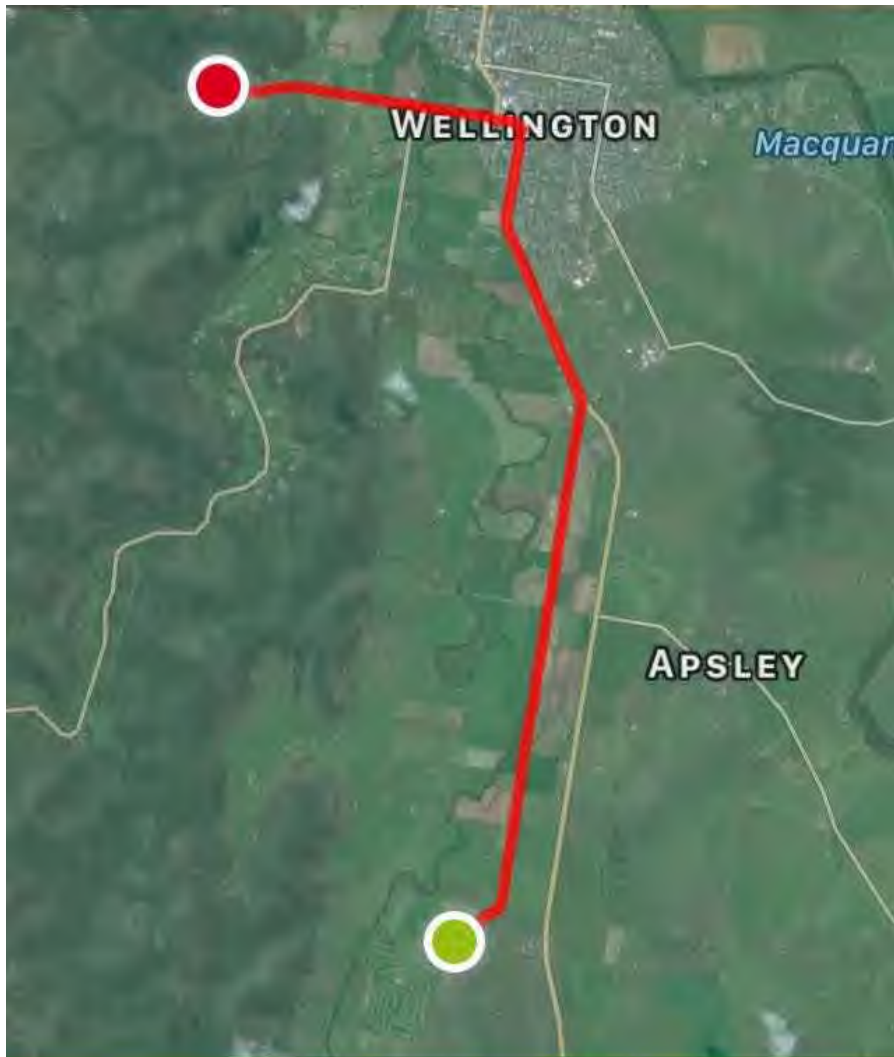
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Registration Number -INC2000349



*Wellington:
Where the mountains and rivers meet*







26 May, 2017

Wellington Health Service
[REDACTED]

Dear Sir/Madam,

Recreation Track in Wellington, NSW

Wellington Health Service and Community Health hereby fully support the development of a Recreation Track in Wellington that can provide a safe environment for all community members to exercise on a regular basis. Wellington, like many other rural towns, has a community where the prevalence of chronic diseases, such as cardiovascular disease, type 2 diabetes and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease is very common.

Wellington Health Service provides both supportive and preventative services to the local community through chronic disease management, education and encouragement of healthy lifestyle changes through a number of activities. However, regular walking as an activity has remained a particular difficult activity to embrace as many community members feel that there is no suitable area where they can safely walk or exercise without negotiating traffic.

The presence of a suitable Recreation Track within natural settings and away from traffic will enable people to enjoy outdoor physical activity regularly with resulting improvements in the prevention and management of chronic disease for others, as well as provide an environment for better social interaction for all community members.

Kind regards
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6 October 2017

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To Whom It May Concern

Re: Wellington Cycleway/Shared Recreation Track Facility.

This submission is made on behalf of the Wellington SpringFest Cycle Classic committee and also a committed group of local cyclists. We strongly support the concept of a cycleway linking the Wellington Caves Complex (via Old Sydney Road) through Wellington and on to Mount Arthur Reserve Scenic Drive.

As people keen on riding, we have long been aware of the natural advantages the Wellington locale provides for cycling – there are a variety of courses around Wellington which cater for a range of distances and fitness levels and all include excellent scenery and relatively safe riding conditions. This is well recognised within the broader cycling community with riders regularly coming from outside the area to train and participate in our annual bike events - Mt Arthur Challenge ride and the SpringFest ride.

However what Wellington desperately needs is a shorter, more leisurely and "recreationally orientated" cycle facility. It would be a boon for the local community – both existing and potential riders. It would encourage less skilled and committed riders to hop on a bike, experience the fantastic and varied scenery and enjoy the health benefits cycling provides. The track would be a catalyst for group and family participation with all the associated benefits that flow to the community. Children particularly would benefit.

Wellington and its surrounding area has so many natural attributes which are not exploited as well as they should be, but this can and will change. As well as promoting the health and community benefits referred to earlier, the proposed cycleway would be a crucial and very effective way of selling the message that Wellington is a vibrant community with loads of natural attributes here to be enjoyed.

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I would be happy to provide more information or elaborate on any of the issues raised in this submission.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Wellington Public School



Education &
Communities



Principal | [REDACTED]

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Dear Dubbo Regional Council,

Wellington Public school gives our full backing to the construction of a Recreation Track in Wellington.

Wellington Public School supports the NSW Premier's Priority of reducing overweight and obesity rates of children by 5% over 10years. The use of the recreation track by our students could allow WPS to reach this target.

Our canteen has adopted a healthier food approach and in conjunction with the recreation track this could only enhance our children's ability to lead healthier lifestyles.

A recreation track that our students could utilise during and after school would be very beneficial for many of our students.

Thank you



Wellington
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All correspondence to:

**Wellington Showground Road Re-beautification and Tree
Replacement Project Proposal (Letter 2) 20/11/2021**



Dear Dubbo Regional Council,

We are writing to you again in addition to our previous letter (01/2021) regarding the offset Tree Replacement along Wellington Showground Road.

The mature trees, estimated to be approximately over 70 years old were removed by DRC in 10/2019 without any community consultation, on both sides of the road.

We were advised in 2019 by DRC that *"rows of trees will be re-planted between the path and the road"* and we were also advised by your letter dated 26/02/2021 *"A total of 48 native tree*

species will be planted along Showground/Busrangers Creek Road, to create an aesthetically pleasing tree lined avenue that will, additionally, provide future shade for the newly installed path system.....

The planting will be programmed with anticipation of commencement in either Autumn, Or Spring of 2021, with suitable public consultation to occur”

It is now Spring 2021 and the trees have not been replaced and there does not appear to be any further development with replacing the trees.

The Wellington Community have been waiting for over 2 years now for these important trees to be replaced. Can you please advise ASAP when this will occur?

These trees will enhance the popular Recreation Track that is currently in full hot sun with no shade which is not favourable to use in summer because of this. We also wish for the tree replacement for the many other reasons as out-lined in our previous letter regarding this issue.

The current season is extremely favourable for planting trees and we do not want this important issue to be delayed any further or to occur in the middle of summer which would not be appropriate time for planting. We would like to request on the behalf of the Wellington Community that this matter is attended as soon as possible and the trees are replaced and planted as an urgent matter.

Thankyou for supporting this project and we look forward to your response on this matter,
Regards,

Wellington Community Progress and Action Group Committee.



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All correspondence to:

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06 September 2020

Dear Dubbo Regional Council,

**PROPOSAL TO EXTEND WELLINGTON RECREATION TRACK TO MOUNT
ARTHUR RESERVE 'SCENIC DRIVE'**

The Wellington Community Progress and Action Group (WPAG) are working together to highlight and address the priorities and interests of local residents, businesses, voluntary and community groups to make our community a better place to work in, live in or visit.

We are writing to you regarding the Wellington Recreation Track to Mount Arthur Reserve. This is a very exciting development for Wellington by providing a safe and shared pathway to link Mount Arthur Reserve to Wellington township for people to safely walk, run and cycle between- off the road and safely separate to vehicles.



Mount Arthur Reserve is a popular area for people from the Wellington and surrounding communities to walk or cycle out to the Reserves trails from Wellington CBD. Mount Arthur Reserve is in close proximity to Wellington township and is popular for hiking, trail-running, cycling and picnics.

While this Recreation Track has been a very exciting and much needed track for Wellington, it is extremely disappointing that the Recreation Track has finished approximately 0.7kms before the Mount Arthur Reserve 'Scenic Drive' and we are writing to ask for it to be considered to extend the Recreation track all the way to the entrance of 'Scenic Drive' to connect The Mount Arthur Reserve to Wellington CBD.

This was the initial plan for the Recreation Track to extend to link and connect with Mount Arthur Reserve. It is disappointing that the Track seems to be 'incomplete' and did not reach to its destination and the track is currently is a "track to nowhere" ending suddenly at no destination location. It seems unfinished and odd that the Track does not currently lead to anywhere and does not meet the Mount Arthur Reserve which was intended to be its destination and plan.

'Scenic Drive' is the main access point to the Mount Arthur Reserve and it leads up to the main car park and access points for the most popular trails especially the scenic and popular Apex Trail as well as the Reserve Picnic Areas- so linking the Recreation Track to this access point for the Reserve would safely connect Mount Arthur with Wellington township and provide a safe pathway there.

Currently the existing Recreation track is a "track to nowhere" as it ends before Mount Arthur Reserve and the Wellington community strongly feel that extending it a further +700m to link up to Scenic Drive would make this a safe and popular option for locals to walk, run, or cycle out to Mount Arthur and we feel that linking the Track to Scenic Drive would be the shortest and most appropriate and popular option and route.

'Brennans Way' is a public vehicle road that leads to Wellington sewerage works and private properties and would not be suitable, whereas the Mount Arthur Scenic Drive, just 700m from the end of the track, leads directly to the Reserves main carpark, picnic areas, information signs and maps and multiple trail heads and the most popular Apex Trail and scenic lookouts. The Wellington community wish for the Track to extend further directly to 'Scenic Drive' (NOT Brennans Way- which is a much longer and indirect route and does not lead directly to any trails except the Yarraman horse trail).

Presently people using the Recreation Track to access Mount Arthur have to continue the extra 700m's to the beginning of Scenic Drive to access the Reserve via the road and this section is unsafe due to the Track ending and them having to continue on the road which is a safety risk due to traffic.

If you could please consider extending the Recreation Track a further 700m between 'Brennans Way' to the beginning of 'Scenic Drive' this will create a safe and direct route to the main Reserve carpark, information signs, picnic areas and popular trails and link Mount Arthur Reserve Scenic Drive to the Wellington township. Extending the track an extra 700m will benefit both Wellington park users and Mount Arthur visitors as well as ensure there is a safe route directly to Mount Arthur from Wellington CBD. Mount Arthur Reserve is one of Wellingtons most popular natural attractions so extending the Recreation Track to connect directly with it would be beneficial for visitors and locals as well as the health of the community by providing an exercise track for health and fitness and wellbeing. This would be similar to how Dubbos 13km 'Tracker Riley' walking track links directly with its local attractions such as Taronga Western Plains Zoo and Dundullimall Homestead.

We feel that people currently continuing on to Mount Arthur Reserve past the end of this Recreation track are placed at risk as they have to continue walking or cycling on the road which is unsafe and traffic is a risk. The Recreation Track has been a very popular Track since it was completed but feedback has reported safety issues when walking between the end of the Recreation Track to the start of 'Scenic Drive' at Mount Arthur Reserve due to no pedestrian track in this short section.

WPAG would also be prepared to apply for suitable Grants to assist in funding for extension of the Recreation Track. We realise that a basic pedestrian footbridge may also eventually be required to cross the culvert/gully in this section (for when wet weather and creek is running water- however a track through the gully would currently suffice) and that the track may have to have a narrower section to go up and over a small rough bush hill section just before Scenic Drive.

Thankyou for your consideration in this matter and we look forward to your response.

We are sure that you will agree that the Recreation Track currently seems to be incomplete and has NOT achieved the proposed Recreation Track that was intended for the Track to connect directly to Mount Arthur Reserve 'Scenic Drive' to link the Reserve directly to Wellington via a walking track.

Yours Sincerely,

Wellington Community Progress and Action Group Inc Committee.



Registration Number -INC2000349



12/11/2020

All correspondence to:

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Dear Dubbo Regional Council,

Re: Wellington Town Plan

Thankyou for the opportunity to comment, share and contribute for future ideas and projects for Draft Wellington Town Plan.

Wellington Community Progress and Action Group (WPAG) are a very passionate and dedicated group of local residents. Our aim is to highlight and address the priorities and interests of all the local residents, businesses, voluntary and community groups and to provide the means for all the interested parties to come together to think about, influence and then plan for the future of Wellington to make it a better place to work in, live in or visit.

Located at the base of Mount Arthur Reserve where the Bell and Macquarie rivers meet, Wellington is a charming country town offering breath-taking beauty and a long and rich history. Wellington is the second oldest town this side of the Blue Mountains and it has lots of historic and impressive heritage buildings.

We feel that any future developments should remain consistent with Wellingtons historic CBD and not be too 'modernised' to retain this historic style and remain consistent with Wellingtons heritage. Keeping consistent with a 'heritage colour scheme' and retaining historic design and style is important and should be a priority with any future plans.

While it is important for Wellington to develop and grow it should be important to maintain its 'historic rural country farming town' feel as well as remain consistent with its heritage-style CBD and historic appeal. **Maintaining Wellingtons historic wide main street as it is should be a priority. It provides good traffic flow, ease of parking and is original.**

Historic and heritage style lamp posts, post office boxes, bollards, signs, heritage fences, historic and heritage-style buildings and seating in heritage colour scheme should remain consistent with Wellingtons style and historic CBD. **It is important that any changes or developments retain and reflect the heritage-style of this historic town as the second oldest town this side of the Blue Mountains.**

1) Re-beautification of the award-winning Cameron Park Garden beds in the CBD:

Cameron Park is in the centre of Wellingtons CBD and is regarded as one of the most beautiful and historic assets of Wellington, dating back to 1859 when the Wellington Improvement Society requested land to be set aside for a community reserve and recreation area. It features an ornate and historic Fountain, war memorial, band rotunda, and award-winning sunken gardens which used to include fish pond and rose gardens. Unfortunately, in recent years the maintenance and presentation of Cameron Park has declined and it does not seem to be a priority- with empty garden beds, and large areas of plain and bare earth instead of grass with much less appeal.

WPAG would like to propose that the Cameron Park gardens are replanted, restored and maintained back to their original Award-winning state as this park is a central and important draw-card to visitors passing through as well as a beautiful, significant and important feature in the CBD.

***Please note that it is important that this needs to be done in consideration and consistent with its history and keeping to the original theme and style as historic and 'European-style' formal gardens.** WPAG would like to suggest the following improvement for Cameron Park Gardens:

1) *Replanting the formal rose garden beds in the sunken gardens and along the fence along the main street* to their original state should be a priority (currently empty- see photos). Roses are hardy and tolerant to many climatic conditions, do not require a lot of water and have thrived previously in this park and the rose gardens and rose beds were an important traditional feature of the garden that should be restored and maintained.

2) *Restore and repair the historic ornate fountain feature to its original state.* This fountain was erected in 1909 and is supported by 4 winged dragons and a cherub on top. Currently the cherub is missing off the top and the fountain is not functioning as it is intended to. As this feature is an important and historic feature we feel it should be restored and maintained as a priority so it continues to be a beautiful, ornate and historic feature within the beautiful formal park (see photos)

3) *Inadequate amenities:* For some reason the historic toilet block within Cameron Park was removed and has been replaced by a modern-style building (which does not fit in with the 'historic' heritage town or style park). Unfortunately there is now **only 1 male and 1 female** bathroom with one shared sink with no hand drying towel or equipment. Previously there were multiple toilets for each gender and coaches and tourist buses used to stop in the main street to use these amenities. Unfortunately the number of toilets is now largely inadequate especially when Tourist coaches stop to use the amenities in the park, when the Rotary Markets are on in the Park and when there are ceremonies and special events held in the park with large crowds such as Rotary Markets, Anzac Day, Australia Day, SpringFest, Vintage Fair parade, and other celebrations. The lack of a suitable number of amenities is causing delays and a huge inconvenience and we feel this may lead to economic implications as tourist coaches may not stop here anymore as there would be a large delay and queues for the amenities and people would complain. This issue needs to be addressed as an urgent priority as 1 toilet for each sex in the town public amenities is NOT enough (even Geurie has twice this number).

4) *Replant some more trees within the park to replace some of the older historic trees when they die (same variety of tree to maintain the original style and park).* Some more trees re-planted at the library-end of the Park will also provide shade, beauty, cool, oxygen, and appeal as this area is exposed and hot and bare.

5) *Maintain and restore the historic concrete fence along the street side of the Park as this is an important feature.*



THEN:CAMERON PARK GARDENS AND HOW THEY USED TO BE (ABOVE AND BELOW)



BEFORE: SUNKEN GARDENS WITH ROSE GARDEN BEDS (below)



NOW: SUNKEN GARDENS ROSE GARDEN BEDS (BELOW= EMPTY BARE GARDEN BEDS)





6) Replant and replace the grass and lawns and some gardens at the end of the park near the Commonwealth Bank where the childrens playground used to be. Currently this area is exposed, bare, plain and unsightly and disappointing that an Award-winning Park is so drab and plain and looks awful and unfinished.



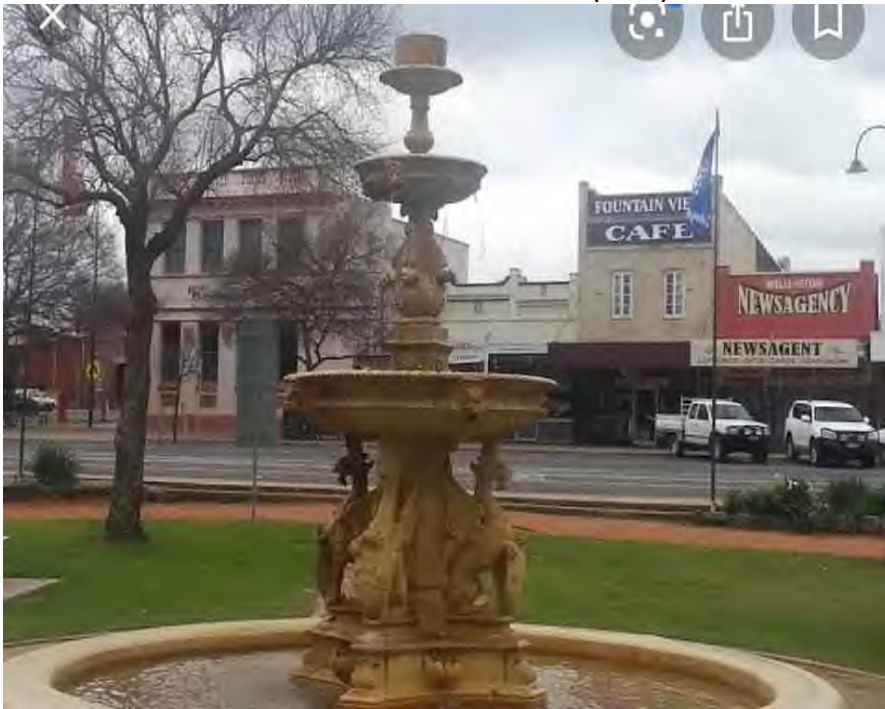
The Cameron Park fountain originally with cherub feature on top: (below)



WITH CHERUB FEATURE (BELOW):



FOUNTAIN NOW: MISSING CHERUB FEATURE OFF THE TOP: (below)



2) Restoration, Repair or Replacement of the Wellington Pedestrian Suspension Bridge Between Cameron and Pioneer Parks over the Bell River.

WPAG and the local community would like to see the Wellington pedestrian suspension Bridge between Cameron and Pioneer Park restored, repaired and re-opened (or otherwise replaced with a similar version Suspension Bridge) as a priority in our community- and in the same location.

The Pedestrian Suspension Bridge is a historically and sentimentally significant structure having originally been funded, constructed and installed by Wellington Rotary Club in 1983 with the support of Wellington Council. This beautiful and much-loved bridge, originally installed by Wellington Rotary has created a popular, aesthetically appealing, environmentally friendly and iconic pedestrian thoroughfare between 2 of Wellingtons beautiful parks and also provided a popular platypus viewing platform over the beautiful Bell River, which is well known for its platypus sightings in this area.

The pedestrian Suspension bridge is important and valued to Wellington residents providing important connectivity throughout the CBD and it has been loved, utilised and valued by the local Wellington community and visitors alike and the objective should be to ensure this iconic landmark is preserved for future generations, as similar to the original structure as possible and in the same place.

The Wellington Community wish to maintain this structure as its traditional suspension bridge similar to its current design and materials which fits in with Wellingtons historic buildings and history, rather than a modern-style truss fixed cement bridge which will not fit in with Wellingtons historic style or suit the historic park, is not the style of the current bridge, and would lack character and appeal and which would likely also have much more environmental impact- especially since this is an important platypus habitat area so environmental impact should be minimised.

We feel that it is important to retain this iconic feature of Wellington to be retained as a 'suspension' bridge with the same style and materials as the original design.



An example of some replacement bridge styles that retain the original 'suspension' style:
(below)



The bridge should be functional, environmentally appropriate (blend in) and should not detract from the natural beauty of the surrounding environment.

A truss bridge or modern bridge would be unsuitable and Wellington community wishes to retain the traditional and appealing 'Suspension' or 'Cable' bridge.

It is very clear that the local Wellington community is proud of this bridge and that **any new bridge should pay respect to the original design and style of the bridge and reflect the beauty of the original and does not detract from the beauty of the surrounding environment.**

Replacing this bridge with a truss-style modern fixed bridge removes a lot of the unique character that is Wellington. The suspension bridge is part of the identity of the town and the bridge sets it apart from anywhere else so it is important to retain this Suspension-style bridge which was a unique icon to Wellington.

Preferences for the bridge are:

- *Suspension bridge (cable swing bridge- not Truss or fixed)
- *Same position as existing bridge
- *Retain original style and design as original bridge
- *NO trusses or support structures within the River
- *Blends in with the natural environment- green or brown natural colours like it currently is- (not white, red or bright or unnatural colours).
- *Flood proof (due to being on a flood plain)- needs to be high enough in floods- to not cause log jams, interfere with river flow currents or become a 'strainer' (Not like Tamworth Street foot bridge in Dubbo which is too low, has impacted on the river and caused major erosion and changed the river).
- *Style consistent with heritage town and historic park (suspension-style- not modern)
- *Consideration should be given to minimal disruption to the Bell River Riparian Rehabilitation area along the riverbanks.
- *NO interference with the river flow or river itself- minimal impact to the river bank Riparian zones.
- *Platypus viewing area.
- *Environmental impact minimised due to threatened platypus habitat area and important Riparian Rehabilitation areas.

We also feel that it is important to support local businesses in Wellington when constructing this structure and hope that Dubbo Regional Council will utilise local Wellington businesses and contractors wherever possible for this project as well as purchase local materials as much as possible in Wellington.

2) Restoration and upgrade of empty shop fronts and derelict buildings in the CBD and install displays and art in the empty shop-front windows from local Groups/Clubs:

The number of old and unmaintained and empty shop fronts in Wellingtons CBD is an 'eye-sore' in the main street and we feel this has significant impact on the reputation of the town. Freshly painting these shop-fronts and buildings in heritage colours would revive and provide appeal. The colours should be consistent with Wellingtons 'heritage colour scheme' and owners should have the responsibility of ensuring they remain presentable, maintained and appealing (perhaps issue fines for non-compliance).

A suggestion is also to install permanent displays in the empty shop fronts (with owners permission) from local Organisations and Clubs. This will provide advertising, promote local activities and groups and also provide a visual display of interest about the town. If local Clubs and Organisations were all each allowed to install a display in an empty shop-front window then this would be appealing and interesting for visitors and the local community ie Wellington Show Society, Wellington Arts, Wellington Pony Club, Mount Arthur Trust, SES, Wellington Vintage Fair, Rural Fire Service, Wellington Scouts, Rotary, Lions Club, Soccer Club, Wellington Boot, Business Chamber, Sporting Groups, CWA, Tractor Club, Vintage Fair, etc. This would fill all the shop-fronts and they would look more presentable and appealing as well as promote Wellingtons Community Groups and activities at the same time as fill empty shops fronts and provide and interesting display for visitors and locals. The local Clubs and Organisations would also be able to display memorabilia, flags, photos, items as well which is significant to their Organisation/Club. This would serve the purpose of providing a display in the empty shop-fronts as well as providing a place for promoting and displaying local activities and Groups.

3) Proposal for empty site in CBD (opposite Council Tourism Centre, Cow and Calf Hotel and Café 2820 (Old Caltex service station site beside Kimbells Kitchen).

This empty piece of land (old Caltex site) is right in the middle of Wellingtons CBD and is currently a vacant and ugly block. Potentially this site could be used as a beautiful feature within the CBD. If DRC took over this site then it could be easily turned into a beautiful little park area similar to the garden area on the opposite corner to it (outside the Council Tourist Centre). With some lawn and some picnic tables and trees this could become a beautiful little area for people to stop and visit or picnic. It would also be a great area to promote some of Wellingtons history. A bronze monument of John Oxley the Explorer on his horse would be a great memorial and feature and draw-card attraction.

- 1) grass/lawn area and 1 or 2 picnic tables
- 2) A historic display and under-cover open-sided display storage for the Wellington Steam Engines (like at Nyngan Big Bogan area- see photos attached)
- 3) Wall mural of Wellington Main Street in the old days with horse and wagons, carts etc
- 4) a bronze statue of the Explorer John Oxley on his horse (a monumental tribute)

This would encourage visitors to stop as well as provide information about Wellingtons history.

- 5) This could also provide an information site for visitors such as a Walking Tour of interest-old buildings, historic attractions.

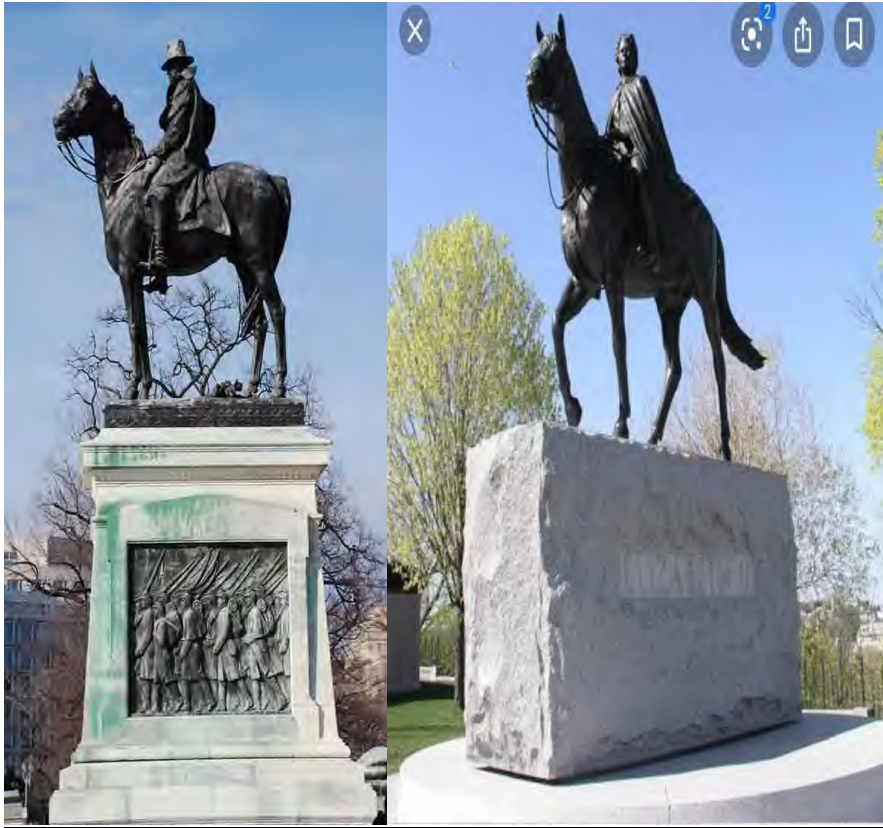
Below is some photos of Nyngan area at the 'Big Bogan' statue site which features historic wagons in an open display. Something similar on this site could be done to display the 2 Wellington Steam Engines in a traditional heritage-style open roofed display house/barn:











6) A bronze monument/sculpture of John Oxley the Explorer (photos for examples) on his horse in this position would also be an eye-catching feature and monument that could be placed in this park which is central to the CBD. John Oxley first came upon Wellington he described to it to be a 'beautifully picturesque valley'. Some information for visitors and travellers about the towns history would provide historical and interesting information for tourists. The sculpture/monument, wall mural and vintage display would encourage people to stop in the CBD which would provide economic benefit as well as a mapped 'self-directed' walking tour of the historic buildings.

An addition to a grassed area, picnic table, historic display barn to display the Wellington Steam engines, **a historic type wall mural on the side of the building in this area would be eye-catching and could display an image of what Wellington was like in the traditional old days showing the main street with horse and wagons** (see photos below painted in a mural on the wall to depict Wellington in its previous days). It is important that Wellingtons history as the 'second oldest town this side of the Blue Mountains' is retained, promoted and provided which it currently isn't.

***Signage at the Wellington Gateways stating this should also be placed: "The second oldest town on this side of the Blue Mountains"** (the signage should be heritage-style, not modern)



6) Extension of Cycleways and Recreation Tracks and Trails: Wellington is a place of beauty with 2 rivers the Bell and Macquarie Rivers. Wellington has limited Recreational walking tracks and Cycleways- by developing and increasing more of these will promote health and wellbeing, exercise and also promote optional travel rather than driving (walking, running, cycling) so will be more environmentally friendly. There are a lot of cyclists and mountain-bikers that travel around so this will economic potential if they stop to use these Recreational Tracks.





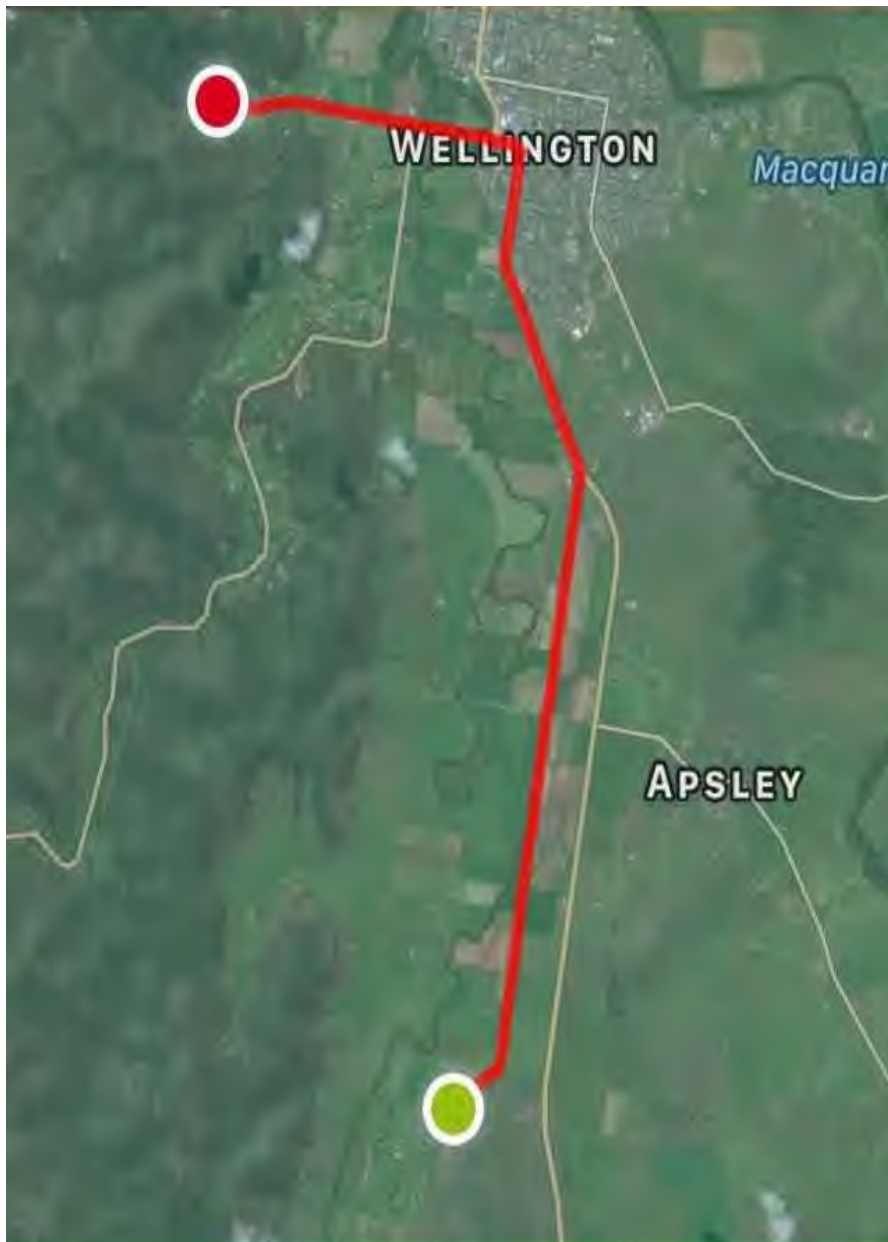


***WPAG would suggest to extend the Cycleway from Wellington Cemetery to the Wellington Caves and Wellington Golf Course along the Old Sydney Road** (similar to the Tracker Riley Recreation Track to Dubbo Zoo and Dundullimall Homestead). Wellington Caves is a popular tourist attraction with accommodation options and a café. A Recreation Track/Cycleway connecting Wellington CBD with Wellington Caves will provide a link between the 2 locations so local and visitors in the CBD can cycle or walk or run out to the Wellington Caves for coffee/lunch. Alternatively visitors staying at the Wellington Caves will be able to walk/run/cycle into the Wellington CBD and also out to Mount Arthur Reserve. This will increase health, fitness, wellbeing in the community as well as have economic benefit to local cafes and shops as well as to the Wellington Caves Tourist Complex. Currently the Cycleway finishes at Wellington Cemetery and extending this pathway along Old Sydney Road would be ideal as there is minimal traffic and it is the shortest and most direct route to the Wellington Caves as well as historic and scenic along the Bell River. Wellington community feel that completing this project should be a priority as the Track is currently incomplete as it ends at the Cemetery and is a 'track to nowhere' and did not reach the destination of the Wellington Caves. This project would support economic benefit, health and fitness and wellbeing to community as well as attract more Cyclists and fitness enthusiasts/trail runners to the area.

***WPAG also feel that it should be a priority to complete the Recreation Track out to link up with Mount Arthur Reserve Scenic Drive** as currently this track appears to be incomplete and is a "track to nowhere". It was supposed to be a track to connect with Mount Arthur Reserve but ends 700m prior to Mount Arthur. This will benefit the Mount Arthur Trust and boost visitors to the Mount Arthur Reserve as well as increase safety as the last 700m there is no track so people have to walk on the road which is unsafe.

***Some Bicycle racks, rest stops areas, drinking stations/water bubblers and solar lights along this track would also be beneficial to cyclists/walkers etc.**

*Proposed Cycleway/Shared Recreation Track from Wellington CBD to both Wellington Caves (via Old Sydney Road) and to Mount Arthur Reserve Scenic Drive (below) (similar to the Tracker Riley Recreation Track in Dubbo)



7) More prominent signage and advertising of Wellingtons attractions and areas of interest:

Wellington has several local tourist attractions but these are not well sign-posted for easy directions or location. Development of a local Wellington 'Tourist-Trail' and prominent signage promoting these areas would be beneficial for them and for visitors and potentially increase visitation to them. **Signage should be 'heritage' style and colour scheme rather than modern to remain consistent with Wellingtons heritage CBD and historic style.**

This includes prominent signs for:

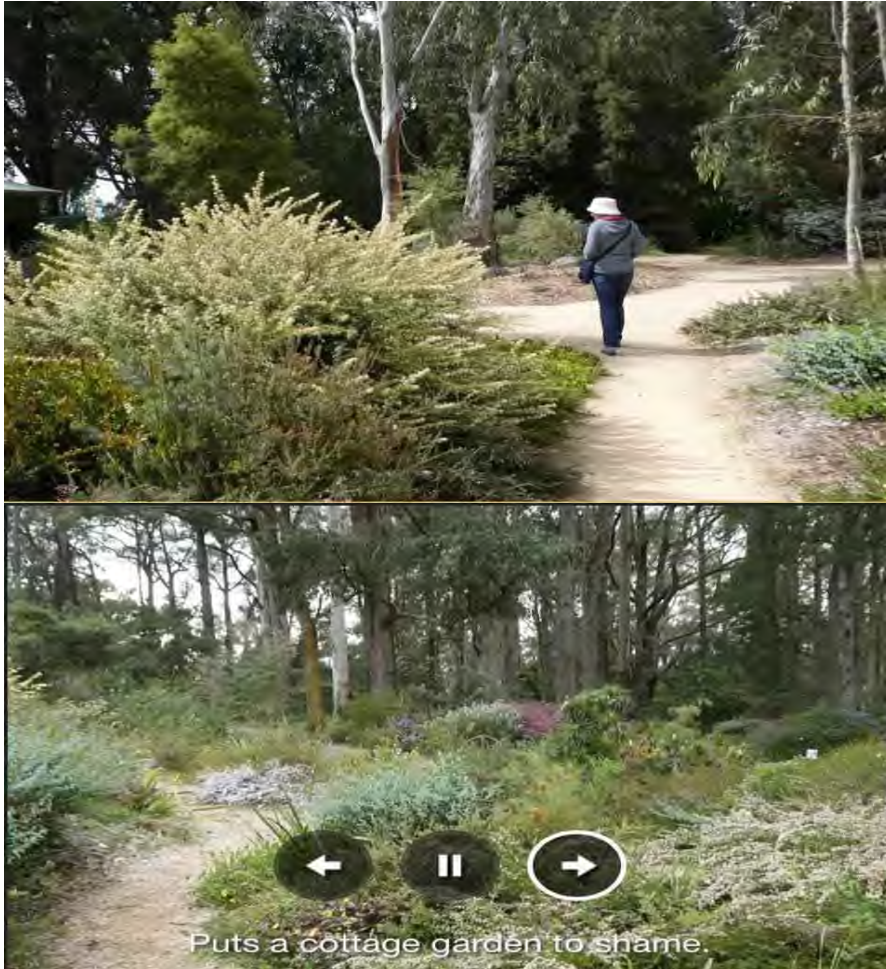
- *Burrendong Arboretum.
- *Cameron Park
- *Mount Arthur Reserve
- *Wellington Caves
- *Wellington Japanese Gardens.
- *Wellington Museum
- *Macquarie River
- *Lake Burrendong
- *Piano Museum
- *Fern Gully





8) 'Bell Park' Development into a Botanical Native Australian Plant and wildflower

Garden: This park is situated in a beautiful area beside the Bell River and it also joins the Award-winning Cameron Park- however it is not currently maintained or used. WPAG would propose that this Park is developed into a Botanical Native Australian Garden with riverside walking tracks and a picnic area. This Park could also promote the nearby Burrendong Arboretum and Mount Arthur Nature Reserve. Plants from the Burrendong Arboretum and Mount Arthur Reserve could also be grown and displayed here as well as local and Australian Species. This will provide a peaceful and natural area as well as promote native Australian habitat for local insects, bees, fauna and wildlife. As this Park is connected to the Bell River riparian zones it would be a wonderful place for a Native Botanical Australian Native plant and wildflower Garden for local flora to be displayed and grown. Sculptures of local wildlife could also be displayed here (similar to the sandstone Gecko sculpture at the Dubbo Japanese Gardens). Native flora/plants are more hardy to the climatic conditions and more drought-tolerant so would need less care, water/maintenance.





9) Tree-planting, tree replacement and entrance way re-beautification.

*WPAG feel that the entrance ways into Wellington especially either side of the Mitchell Highway should have more 'street appeal' and re-beautification.

*Planting avenues of native trees would provide beauty, shade, appeal, habitat and beauty and a more appealing entranceway to the town for visitors.

*Replacing trees which have been removed previously along Showground Road and Swift Street should also be a priority (rather than removing them)

Trees have many benefits and provide shade, beauty, food, protection, a cool canopy, habitat and they give excellent benefits and give off oxygen that we need to breathe, reduce the amount of storm water runoff, which reduces erosion and pollution in our waterways and may reduce the effects of flooding.



GLOUCESTER AVENUE.







The last remaining row of Kurraong Trees in the centre of Swift Street were also recently removed by DRC and should also be replaced and the row of 70 year old Kurraong Trees along Showground road on both sides were also removed by DRC and have not been replaced.

Wellington Community would like these traditional and historic trees to be re-planted and replaced as a matter of priority as it takes many many years for them to re-grow and become established and mature. The trees should be replaced the same as the ones which were removed (native Kurraong trees, not introduced species).

Traditionally Wellington had avenues of Kurrajong trees lining the streets of Swift Street and Showground road which have been removed by Council and not replaced. These trees were often trimmed and lopped during drought times so farmers could feed their stock.

WPAG would propose that trees planted are native Australian species. Appropriate trees would be Lemon-scented Gum trees, Wattles, Kurrajongs, paperbarks, bottlebrush, Grevilleas, Eucalypts and especially the traditional Kurrajong trees.

10) Macquarie and Bell River recreation areas: The Macquarie and Bell Rivers are Wellingtons greatest assets. Wellingtons motto is “where the Mountains and Rivers Meet” so further maintenance and preservation of these areas would be beneficial. Walking trails, Rubbish collection, tree-planting, preservation of the important Riparian river zones, land-care, river-care, Seats and picnic tables at the river reserves, boat ramps, kayaking. Wellington is an important and well known Platypus area so preserving and care-taking these areas is an important priority. Planting native flora and plants and trees is important for the health of the rivers. ****There is major riverbank erosion occurring downstream of**

the Bell River weir which is threatening the Low Level Bridge- this needs urgent rectification as a priority**

Wellington is also the launch point of the annual charity kayak event 'WomDomNom'. This event attracts kayakers from all over NSW. Unfortunately at the boat ramp in Montefiores there is lack of shade, tables, and amenities for this crowd. Some public toilets at this location would be appropriate and important as well as trees for shade and picnic tables.



10) Electric Car charging facility installed at the Wellington Train Station.

Wellington Train Station has plenty of room for this and is in close proximity to the CBD so visitors can easily walk to shops, cafes etc. An alternative option would be in the RSL carpark or at the old derelict blue service station site next to the Primary School/ Skate Park or in the Library Carpark. All these locations are within close walking distance to the CBD with potential for economic boost and encourage travellers passing through to stop. This promotes greener travel, environmental friendly travel and support of regional town.

11) Art Gallery. Wellington has a vibrant art community with many well-known and talented artists. A permanent Art Gallery to display art works for sale and/or exhibition and for Wellington Arts to base themselves would be an important art centre which is currently lacking in Wellington. **An appropriate site/place for an Art Gallery would be the empty Tourist Centre building within Cameron Park.**

12) Aboriginal Wiradjuri Cultural Centre: The Aboriginal history of Wellington is also important and historic and should be promoted and available. An aboriginal Cultural Centre would be a great feature and tourist attraction for Wellington. It should be placed on aboriginal approved land and appropriately among the gum trees and natural Australian bushland and flora. It could display artefacts, art-works, story of Nanima, photographs and culturally significant displays. This should also be a priority for Wellington.









13) 24 hour Police Station to keep the community safe. As a large rural town with 2 x Correctional Centres and major crime it is important that the citizens of Wellington feel safe and protected in our Community which they currently do not. Wellington has recently had 2 x murders, a drug syndicate uncovered as well as lots of other crime due to no Police being in town after hours. This should be an urgent priority for Wellington and it would important be for DRC to continue to campaign and lobby for this essential service for the community as a priority.

Additionally a fully staffed hospital with a Doctor available 24/7 should be another priority for the Community.



14) More overtaking lanes on the Mitchell Highway between Wellington and Geurie and Dubbo. This highway is busy with lots of traffic including commuters between Wellington and Dubbo, at peak hours it is slow and congested and dangerous. There have been many fatal accidents on this stretch of road. For safety and traffic flow some more over-taking lanes would be safe or installation of dual carriageway between the 3 towns.

15) Market Square- revival and upgrade.

Market Square is currently a bare and vacant area in town which is unsightly and unmaintained. This area needs to be developed into something more visually appealing and functional. Suggestions could be:

Dog-Park, Recreational Park, restore the Netball Courts, Garden or Community Garden, plant trees, gardens and provide picnic areas and dog-walking paths, Native plant garden. This could also be an appropriate site for an Aboriginal Wiraduri Cultural Centre with potential to develop a large area of natural bushland, native trees and grasses and native Australian plants with the potential to build a custom-designed authentic-style aboriginal gallery and cultural information centre.

Thankyou for your opportunity to comment and provide feedback on the future Wellington Town Plan.

WPAG are passionate about many of the projects mentioned here and would be interested in applying for Grants and Funding for these projects as well as support to be involved with advice and feedback from the Community.

We feel that Wellington has a lot to offer and has much potential to develop further.

We strongly request that any future projects and plans for the town retain a historic and heritage-style to remain consistent with Wellingtons historic CBD and buildings and this needs to be taken into consideration in future developments. Wellington is the second oldest town west of the Blue Mountains so it is important to retain this history and heritage-style CBD.

We look forward to working with Dubbo Regional Council further and helping Wellington to continue to prosper, progress and improve. We are excited about these ideas and hope to see them develop further with your support and assistance.

We look forward to receiving your feedback regarding our suggestions,

Yours Sincerely,

Wellington Community Progress and Action Group Inc Committee.



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20/10/2020

Dear Dubbo Regional Council,

**PROPOSAL FOR RESTORATION, UPGRADE OR REPLACEMENT OF
WELLINGTON PEDESTRIAN SUSPENSION BRIDGE BETWEEN
CAMERON AND PIONEER PARKS**



The Wellington Community Progress and Action Group (WPAG) are working together to highlight and address the priorities and interests of local Wellington residents, businesses, voluntary and community groups to make our community a better place to work in, live in or visit.

We are writing to DRC regarding the pedestrian suspension bridge between Cameron and Pioneer Parks. WPAG and the local community would like to see the Wellington pedestrian

suspension Bridge between Cameron and Pioneer Park restored, repaired and re-opened (or otherwise replaced with a similar version Suspension Bridge only) as a priority in our community- and in the same location.

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Much to the dismay of Wellington residents and Wellington Rotarians this structure was closed by Dubbo Regional Council and has remained in disrepair for several years since 2016. Wellington community were advised by DRC this was a 'short term' temporary closure however the bridge has not been re-opened or maintained in the last 4 years and the Wellington community have not been provided with the structural engineers report or reports of the full structural integrity assessment of the bridge. Wellington was advised: *"This closure will allow Council to engage a fully qualified structural engineer to carry out a full structural integrity assessment of the bridge. This assessment will outline to Council any structural damage caused by the flood and identify any actions required to ensure the safety of the public and users of the bridge"* however no further action, maintenance or repairs have since been conducted or actioned and there is ongoing community concern that the bridge is deteriorating into a state of disrepair. The closure of this important bridge has had adverse social, wellbeing and economic impact on Wellington as it provided an important connectivity within the CBD and popular recreation and sporting locations.

WPAG would like to request to please be provided with a copy of the above 'structural integrity report by the structural engineer'. Could you please email or post a copy of this document to us for review as our group and the local community would like to be involved in the ongoing resurrection plans for this community significant structure and Wellington residents have not been advised of the outcome. It would be preferable to repair and maintain the original-style bridge if this is an option. The Wellington Community are very proud of these parks and this bridge and **it is highly important that any new bridge should pay respect to the original bridge design and materials.** There is another road traffic bridge adjacent to the same park with a walking track that enables strollers, bikes, wheely-walkers, wheelchairs to cross the river so there is provision for this alternative access- it could also be an option to retain the same bridge but remove the stairs and replace with ramps to enable more access options or add additional ramp access-however this is not a necessity.

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have much more environmental impact- especially since this is an important platypus habitat area so environmental impact should be minimised.

The Wellington Rotary and local community are very disappointed that this structure has been closed and in disrepair for many years without being informed of a valid reason.

We strongly request that it should be repaired and re-opened as a priority for the Wellington Community as it is an important and iconic structure beneficial to our CBD and local businesses as well as a significant tourist attraction and feature and structure within the beautiful historic and award-winning Cameron Park.

This bridge provides an important pedestrian connection between the Wellington CBD and the popular Cameron Park, Pioneer Park sport and playing Fields, Recreation Track as well as Wellington Showground, Racecourse and Mount Arthur Reserve. Locals feel that this important and essential business link to the CBD has had significant detrimental economic impact affected by having this structure closed- especially when there are sporting events with crowds being held in Pioneer Park and at the Showground. This bridge provided an important and essential pedestrian footbridge linkage across the river to the CBD and needs to be re-opened as a matter of urgency for its important economic and social benefits. WPAG and the Wellington community strongly support the repair and restoration of this existing suspension bridge which has sentimental meaning to Wellington Rotary and the Wellington Community.

We strongly request that in repairing and up-grading this structure that it is important to Wellington to “retain the original traditional style and appearance” and use “like for like” materials where possible to ensure that any repairs or replacement should pay respect to the original bridge design and materials as well as suit Wellingtons historic heritage CBD and Cameron Park style (not ‘modern’ style).

The Wellington Community wish to retain the bridge as a traditional ‘Suspension’ bridge as it is currently is. Wellington is a historic town with many heritage buildings and we think that this style bridge will fit in with Wellingtons historic CBD and Cameron Park, rather than a modern style ‘boring’ fixed bridge (as pictured in the proposal) as well as have much less environmental impact. The Wellington Community are very proud of these parks and this bridge and it is highly important that any new bridge should pay respect to the original bridges design and materials.

The bridge will need to integrate with the surrounding natural environment, with a natural neutral colour scheme, clean and simple design and clear span across the river to minimise environmental disturbance to the waterway, aquatic habitat and threatened Platypus colony which are known to occupy this area of the river and the delicate Bell River Riparian Rehabilitation areas (like the current bridge does).

During construction/or repair it will be important to minimise noise and technologies as well as closely monitor the noise, vibrations and river water and air quality during construction/repair as well as prevent any debry pollution to affect the water quality to ensure to keep environmental impacts to a minimum.

If the option to repair the existing bridge (which would be the less expensive option) is not valid then we would propose replacing it with another **similar suspension** pedestrian bridge. If this bridge is re-built we think it is important to retain the same shape as the original structure and ensure it remains a ‘suspension’ pedestrian bridge as this will retain its iconic shape, beauty, charm, character and appeal and a suspension bridge will also have the least environmental and river impact.

We do not feel that a modern-style 'fixed' or 'truss' cement bridge would preserve or maintain this bridges original charm and strongly oppose this option and strongly request for it to remain as an iconic suspension bridge as the original bridge.

We strongly oppose a modern-style trussed cement or modern concrete fixed bridge and strongly feel that replacing this bridge with another suspension-style bridge would be the most appropriate for multiple reasons:

1) Traditional suspension style suits the historic heritage-style town: It will keep the traditional and iconic style suspension bridge that was the original bridge installed by Wellington Rotary. This is a historically and sentimentally significant structure and we think it is important to retain the original appearance and style as much as possible as this bridge has been an important icon and structure for the town. This style bridge fits in with Wellingtons heritage and historic CBD and history whereas a 'modern' look/style truss bridge would not.

Cameron Park has a long history since 1859 when it was planned by Wellington Improvement Society so it is highly important to retain a bridge that fits the style of the rest of the historic town and historic formal park (historic, not modern style).

2) Aesthetic appeal: A suspension bridge is unique and has much more aesthetic appeal than a plain 'boring' cement fixed trussed bridge. As this bridge has been an important iconic structure in Wellington we think it is important to maintain this traditional style for this bridge. The 'suspension-style' bridge enhances the Cameron Park and Bell River areas and has character and charm which would be lost with a 'modern-style' plain cement fixed bridge.

3) Environmental impact: A suspension bridge has much less Environmental impact than a fixed/trussed bridge. As the Bell River area where the bridge is located is an important habitat for the endangered threatened platypus then a Suspension Bridge would have the least impact on the Bell River as well as the important Riparian Zones and the riverbanks. A fixed or truss bridge that would require additional pilons or bollards and support structures in the riverbed would create a disturbance to the platypus habitat as well as interfere with the river flow (this is obvious with the Tamworth Street foot bridge in Dubbo which has severely impacted on the river flow and caused major erosion and changes to the flow of the river) --we DO NOT want this to happen in Wellington so we DO NOT support a fixed bridge with trusses or supports within the river. Additional support structures are also required for a fixed bridge, whereas the suspension bridge only requires x 2 main support structures.

The Dubbo Tamworth Street pedestrian bridge across the Macquarie River is not built high enough in floods, also causes log jams and a bottleneck to the river and has created major impact and changes to the Macquarie River and riverbank erosion. We DO NOT want this to occur in Wellington- as the Bell River is extremely fast flowing river when it is in flood and it would not be appropriate to place pilons, trusses or support structures within the riverbed. As this area is an important Bell River Riparian Rehabilitation area then environmental impact to the river bank area should also be kept to a minimum.

4) Flood Zone: We DO NOT wish for an environmental disaster to occur like the Dubbo Tamworth Street foot-bridge (cement, trussed footbridge) in Dubbo which is too low and

causes major log-jams in floods, and severely impacts on the flow of the river and has caused significant and catastrophic river bank erosion around the bridge and interfered significantly and detrimentally to the River flow. The Bell River is extremely fast-flowing and also floods quickly so the bridge needs to be high enough to not be an issue in floods. It is also highly important that it DOES NOT have an environmental impact on the river or riparian zones as this is a well-known threatened Platypus area so this is highly important to keep environmental impact to a complete minimum. The Bell River is extremely fast-flowing and can flood beyond its banks so this will need to be considered when the bridge is repaired or replaced.

WPAG supports that by repairing or replacing this structure and maintaining its unique and appealing "Suspension" style that it will be a popular drawcard for Wellington residents as well as Visitors who stop in the park precedent to use the facilities and visit the Tourist Information Centre and it will maintain its 'iconic' status to Wellington.

By repairing or replacing and re-opening this bridge we feel that this will provide economic business to the CBD of Wellington especially when sporting events are taking place in Pioneer Park or other events are Wellington Showground- residents and visitors will be provided with a quick and safe and attractive route between the CBD and Pioneer Parks, this will enhance local business and access to the CBD shops and businesses which will provide economic benefits.

This bridge will also create a direct link between Wellington Showground, Mount Arthur Reserve, and the CBD, also to the playing fields and sporting events. This bridge will also provide access to the Recreation walking trail which will promote health and fitness and wellness within the Community.

We believe re-opening and repairing this bridge could potentially deliver social, economic, cultural and environmental benefits to the local community. The bridge project aims to engage and provide for people from all backgrounds, irrespective of gender, socioeconomic status, ethnicity, or mental health status. As this project will be featured very close to the CBD it has the potential to increase tourists and increase the likelihood of travellers to stop in the town, potentially increasing local, café and supermarket business. The Bridge will be an important infrastructure community asset and will enhance our towns attraction and appeal. This bridge may also encourage tourists to the area and enhance access to the beautiful Bell River area.

WPAG have done some research into similar bridges- information and photographs provided below:

While WPAG and the Wellington Community strongly favour repairing and restoring the original bridge- if it is required to be replaced (waiting on provision of the Engineers report for confirmation) we would like to propose a similar style bridge to the current one like the Campaspe suspension footbridges near Echuca which is a suspension bridge- or the similar Wodonga suspension bridge. This suspension bridge is simple, sturdy, integrates with the surrounding natural environment with its clean, simple, strong and sturdy design, clear span across the river, and colour scheme similar to Wellingtons current suspension bridge

1) Campaspe River Footbridges, Echuca



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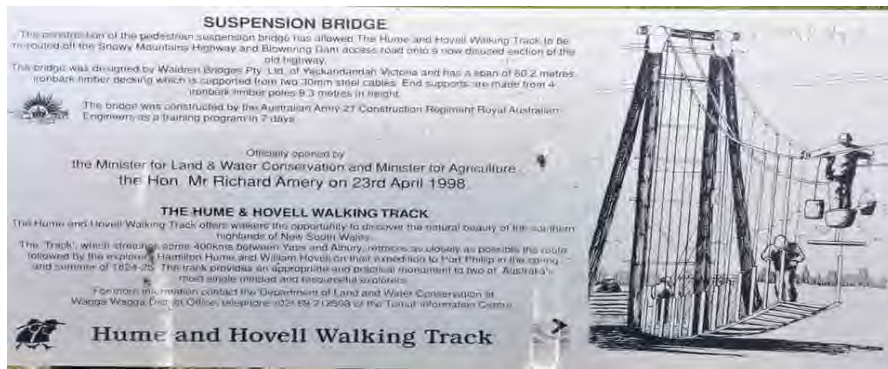




Campaspe River Footbridges, Echuca

2) West Blowering Suspension Bridge: Tumut River /Hume and Hovell Walking Track suspension bridge walkway below Blowering Dam near the Trout Farm. This bridge spans the very wide Tumut River with no environmental impact in the river itself and no effect of erosion or interference with river water flow. This bridge was designed by Waldren Bridges Pty Ltd of Yackandandah Victoria and has a span of 60.2 metres. The bridge was constructed by the Australian Army 21 Construction Regiment Royal Australian Engineers as a training program in 7 days. A bridge like this would maintain the 'original style and appearance' of the existing bridge and also have minimal impact on the river itself, important Riparian zones, and water flow/erosion. It also uses similar materials to the existing Wellington Suspension Bridge and also the natural colours blend in appropriately with the environment as we wish for the Wellington bridge to do.





3) Lorne Swing Bridge

The iconic Lorne Swing Bridge was the completion of a restoration project to reinstate this historically significant structure. The Lorne Swing Bridge has undergone a major rebuild following a detailed structural survey of the bridge leading to its temporary closure early in 2013. The aim of the project was to *'retain the original appearance of the Lorne Swing Bridge and use 'like for like' materials where possible'* (like we would like to do with the Wellington bridge). However to comply with modern engineering and safety requirements, some steel components had to be used, but in the same shape as the original structure. The bridge is loved, used and valued by the local Lorne community and visitors alike and the objective of the works were to ensure this iconic landmark is preserved for future generations as the Wellington Community feel that our suspension bridge should be:





Lorne Swing Bridge





Lorne Swing Bridge



4) Tuena Swing Bridge:



Tuena Swing Bridge was originally built in the 1890's and due to damage by floods it was made much higher and longer in 2013. A similar simple bridge in natural colours (not white-brown or green to blend in with the environment would be another suitable replacement for the Wellington bridge).



5) Balranald Pedestrian Swing Bridge across Murrumbidgee River





Balranald Pedestrian Swing Bridge across Murrumbidgee River



6) Apsley River Suspension Bridge, Walcha:



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Glen Willow Suspension Bridge, Mudgee: This bridge is part of the Cudegong River Walking Track to the Glen Willow Sporting Complex. This bridge was constructed in 2014 by Mid Western Regional Council. The Construction Company was J&R Industries. This bridge does not interfere directly with the water flow or the river as it has no support structures within the river, however it was expensive and had initial costly structural issues.





Glen Willow Suspension Bridge, Mudgee





Glen Willow Suspension Bridge, Mudgee



8) Bowtells Swing Bridge (Cox's River, 6 Foot Track, Blue Mountains) The Coxes river is crossed either via ford or by using a suspension bridge, called Bowtells Swing Bridge, built by 3 Troop, the 'Tunnel Rats' of the 1st Field Squadron of the Royal Australian Engineers in 1991. Another example of a pedestrian suspension bridge which has no impact on the river it crosses.





9) Queanbeyan Suspension Bridge:



Moodie 'CableBridge' company:

A suggested reputable company for installation of a similar suspension-style bridge (similar to the original) in Wellington would be 'Moodie outdoor products' who produce 'CableBridge' which are 'Australia's only bridge building company dedicated solely to the design, manufacture and installation of pedestrian suspension bridges'. These bridges have been installed successfully and quickly in multiple locations around Australia:

"With over 20 years experience we have the engineering and construction resources to develop and complete your project from conception to completion"

"What is the cheapest way to cross a large creek/river? The answer is with [Cable Bridges](#). [Moodie Outdoor Products](#) has installed a number of Cable Bridges over the years. [These pedestrian bridges](#) are the cheapest way to "clear span" a distance of [20m and above](#). The cheapest way to do 20m and above clear span bridges!

"The suspension bridge or commonly known as "swing bridges", are a time-honoured way of crossing waterways and service communities throughout the world. We have taken what is a very old concept of footbridge design and developed it using modern long lasting materials that comply with today's demands. [Our bridges are factory prefabricated and erected in usually 7-14 days](#).

'Bridge design is fraught with conflicting demands such as budget, regulatory authority requirements, maintenance aspects, aesthetics, site conditions and choices of materials used. We are well placed to help guide you through all the issues

confronting your pro-posed bridge project and help you towards a successful outcome'.

Moodie Outdoor Products has recently completed the installation of a 63m clear span Cable Suspension Bridge for Dorset Council in Tasmania.

The bridge forms part of the BlueDerby mountain bike trails...the largest network of mountain bike trails currently in Australia. The bridge is just under 2m wide allowing for bike riders and pedestrians to easily pass each other by on the bridge.

All fabrication works for the bridge are completed in the factory and shipped to site. Fully engineered bridge abutments are installed before the bridge components are shipped to site. From there it is a matter of erecting the main portals and installing the main support cable from one side to the other. Once that is complete the bridge is constructed from one side to the other.

All steel work is galvanised and the bridge deck is installed using FRP mesh product.

As you can see from the pictures the bridges are functional and does not detract from the natural beauty of the surrounding environment!

We would be pleased to discuss any project that you or your group are currently planning".

"Moodie Outdoor Products is a distributor, manufacturer and importer of high quality street/site furniture and sports courts, shades, bridges, restrooms, play equipment and protective products. Based in Sydney, we have sales offices located all around Australia. Whatever your needs are, Moodie Outdoor Products innovative solutions can find the right product for you.

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With sales offices located around Australia, Moodie Outdoor Products innovative solutions are able to provide you with local service and backup for your projects. We see the need to work with our clients as a major part of our business. We are much more than a reseller of products. We can offer design guidelines as well as construction hints. Whatever your needs are, a Moodie's sales office can help you with just a local phone call.

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The following are examples of suspension bridges constructed by Moodie Outdoor products:

((Moodie outdoor products: Cable Bridge Pedestrian Bridge)





CableBridge (Moodie)





Moodie: Cable Bridges



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Rockhampton cable bridge (by Moodie) bridge.





Cable Bridge (Moodie)



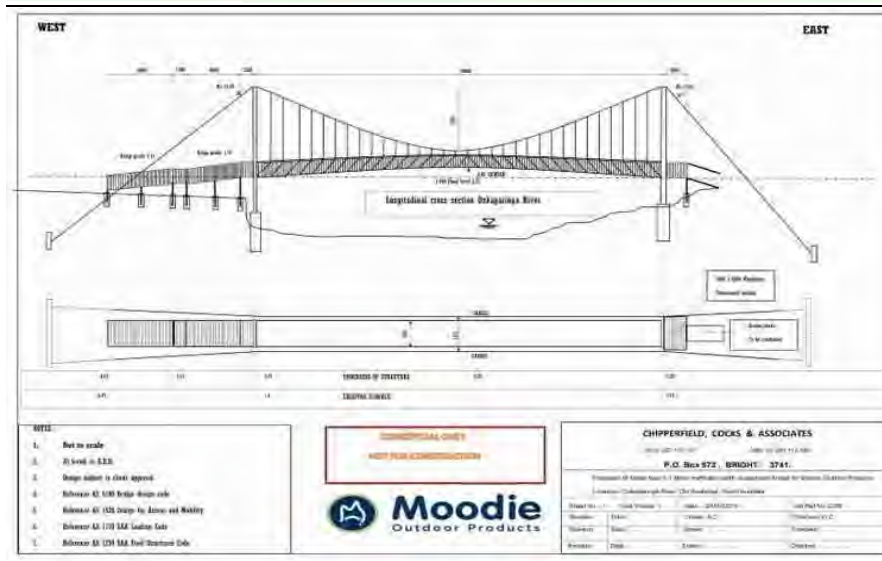
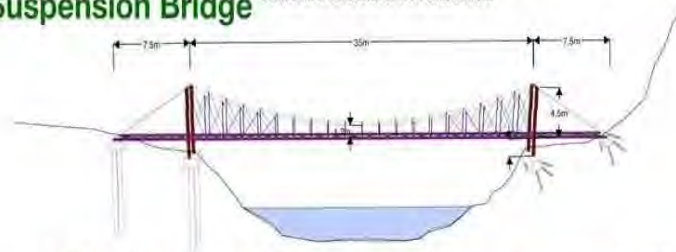


The 'Old Noarlunga Swing Bridge' which was successfully replaced by 'Moodie' after a successful Community campaign to retain a similar 'suspension' style bridge rather than replace it than a 'fixed' modern bridge.



The Newly Proposed Swing Bridge Replacement from DEWNR: A Suspension Bridge

CONCEPTUAL SUSPENSION BRIDGE
GENERAL ARRANGEMENT





**The Old Noarlunga Swing Bridge (before replacement) which was successfully replaced by 'Moodie' after a successful Community campaign to retain a similar 'suspension' style bridge rather than replace it than a 'fixed' modern bridge
(This bridge is very similar to current the Wellington suspension bridge)**

The 'Old' (original) Noarlunga Swing Bridge (below):



The 'New' replacement Old Noarlunga Swing Bridge (by Moodie) (below):



The Old Noarlunga Swing Bridge which was successfully replaced by 'Moodie' after a successful Community campaign to retain a similar 'suspension' style bridge rather than replace it than a 'fixed' modern bridge
(This bridge is very similar to current the Wellington suspension bridge)

The Wellington suspension bridge is valued by the local community and it is very clear that the Wellington community is proud of this bridge. We strongly feel that the Wellington residents should have input into the decision and agree on the repaired or new bridge and that any new bridge should pay respect to the original design and style of the bridge- replacing this bridge with a truss-style modern bridge would remove a lot of the unique character that is Wellington as well as have much less heritage-style and historic appeal. It is important that a replacement bridge needs to fit in with historic towns and parks history and style and should incorporate more heritage elements into the design, keeping the original bridges character and charm and special appeal. The bridge is part of Wellingtons character and charm so it is important to maintain this.

With Wellington being the 'second oldest town west of the Blue Mountains'- maintaining Wellingtons historic look is important and it is important to not ruin its heritage look by inappropriate modern structures. Cameron Park is a Historic Park dating back to the 1800's so any new structure needs to maintain this original style, appeal and beauty and historic look (not modern). Any paint colour scheme should also be 'heritage-colour' scheme to suit Wellington.

WPAG feel that by replacing the existing bridge with a similar suspension bridge this will 'retain the original appearance and style' of the Rotary bridge and also minimise interference with the Bell River water flow and river and Riparian Zones which is incredibly important, especially as this is a well-known platypus area.

The current bridge is a unique icon to Wellington that sets it apart from anywhere else and we wish to retain this uniqueness- any replacement structure needs to reflect the style and beauty of the original bridge and fit in with the towns history. This will also benefit Wellington CBD as the bridge will be a popular drawcard for locals and visitors (whereas they would be less likely to stop to look at a plain, 'boring' modern truss cement bridge with no uniqueness or character).

The style of bridge featured in Dubbo Regional Councils 'Wellington Pedestrian Bridge Concept' plan is not similar to the original suspension bridge design and shows no character or 'special appeal' depicting a 'boring plain' modern truss bridge with no special character or charm and the community do not feel that it pays respect to the features and design of



the existing bridge. The proposed replacement bridge 'concept' image is a fixed, truss bridge which is modern, boring, and lacks character and charm that the existing 'suspension' bridge has. WPAG and the broader Wellington community have expressed their concern at the 'modern-style' fixed bridge portrayed in Dubbo Regional Councils 'Wellington Pedestrian Bridge Concept' and do not wish for this style bridge to replace the previous style. We do not feel that this style suits Wellingtons historic heritage or style.



WPAG also wish to ensure that a disaster like the Dubbo Tamworth Street footbridge across the Macquarie River in Dubbo is prevented. This bridge is an environmental disaster, has significantly affected the flow of the river and caused significant erosion to the river and affected the river flow. It has large concrete footings on each riverbank in the important Riparian zones that jut out into the river causing unnatural river narrowing and interfering with the river flow. It also has large cement support structures within the river bed which interfere with the river natural flow. This bridge is also much too low in floods and causes significant log jams and has caused catastrophic erosion issues and interfered with the natural river flow.

WPAG and the Wellington Community DO NOT wish for anything like this in Wellington. The Bell River is fast-flowing, prone to flooding and the bridge needs to be high enough and also minimise environmental impact to the threatened Platypus that live in the area of the bridge.

The Wellington community do not want a modern and characterless truss bridge like the Tamworth Street footbridge in Dubbo.

A bridge like this would be unsuitable for the Bell River in Wellington for multiple reasons- especially environmental impact and the threatened platypus colony in the vicinity. This

bridge is also 'boring' in appearance, lacks visual appeal and special character that the Suspension style bridge has and does not suit the Wellington historic town centre.



The unsuitable Dubbo Tamworth Street truss footbridge (causes major log jams in floods and impacts on river flow, causing major erosion and change to river flow and lacks character and visual appeal and heritage-historic-style of Wellington.



WPAG and the Wellington Community strongly feel that the Suspension Bridge should be repaired or replaced by a similar Suspension Bridge. As this bridge has been there for 37 years with no structural issues there is no reason why it cannot be replaced by a similar structure (example pictured below as the Old Noarlunga Swing Bridge was)



WPAG would willingly support the repair or similar replacement of this Suspension Bridge by applying for Funding and Infrastructure Grants as available to support this project. We are committed to being a 'voice' for the local Community and to represent and fight for the public interests of the citizens of Wellington.

WPAG look forward to working together with DRC to enable this to occur in such a way that will allow Wellington Residents to have their input, support Rotary's original bridge and maintain its uniqueness and iconic structure that it was in the past.

We are sure that you will agree that this important iconic structure urgently needs to be repaired or replaced (retaining the original structure, as much as possible with a 'suspension' bridge replacement).

We also feel that it is important to support local businesses in Wellington when constructing this structure and hope that Dubbo Regional Council will utilise local Wellington businesses and contractors wherever possible for this project as well as purchase local materials as much as possible in Wellington.

The bridge should be functional, environmentally appropriate (blend in) and should not detract from the natural beauty of the surrounding environment. It should also be 'natural' earthy colours or 'heritage' colour scheme to blend in with the environment and Wellington's historic heritage style.

A truss bridge or modern bridge would be unsuitable and Wellington community wishes to retain the traditional and appealing 'Suspension' or 'Cable' bridge.

It is very clear that the local Wellington community is proud of this bridge and that any new bridge should pay respect to the original design and style of the bridge and reflect the beauty of the original and does not detract from the beauty of the surrounding environment.

Replacing this bridge with a truss-style modern fixed bridge removes a lot of the unique character that is Wellington. The suspension bridge is part of the identity of the town and the bridge sets it apart from anywhere else so it is important to retain this Suspension-style bridge.

Preferences for the bridge are:

***Suspension bridge**

***Same position as existing bridge**

***Retain original style and design as original bridge**

***NO trusses or support structures within the River**

***Blends in with the natural environment- green or brown natural colours or heritage colour scheme like it currently is- (not white, red or bright or unnatural colours).**

***Flood proof (due to being on a flood plain)- needs to be high enough in floods- to not cause log jams, interfere with river flow currents or become a 'strainer'.**

***Style consistent with heritage town and historic park (not modern)**

***Consideration should be given to the Bell River Riparian Rehabilitation area**

***NO interference with the river flow or river itself- minimal impact to the river bank Riparian zones.**

***Platypus viewing area.**

***Environmental impact minimised due to threatened platypus habitat area and important Riparian Rehabilitation areas.**

WPAG are willing to work together to ensure that the Wellington suspension bridge is either repaired or re-built in a similar style.

This piece of Infrastructure is important for connectivity to the Wellington CBD as well as Recreation, social, economic health and wellbeing benefits so it should be addressed and re-opened as an priority.

The Wellington Community are very proud of this bridge and any new bridge should pay respect to the original design and the long history of Cameron Park and Wellington.

Thankyou for consideration of this submission and we are happy to organise meetings and apply for Infrastructure Grants to assist DRC with this important project.

We are also willing to liaise further with 'Moodie' Cable bridges' for quotes etc as they have successfully replaced and built many high standard 'suspension' foot-bridges around Australia and we feel that they would also be appropriate for this project as they have a positive reputation and can replace a bridge within a very short period.

They also successfully replaced the 'Old Noarlunga Swing Bridge' with a similar-style suspension bridge after a successful Community campaign (similar to Wellingtons bridge).

Overall it is anticipated that re-opening the Suspension Bridge will have a positive and highly beneficial impact on the Wellington Community.

We look forward to discussing this exciting project further and we look forward to hearing from you.

Regards,

Yours Sincerely,

Wellington Community Progress and Action Group Inc Committee.



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All correspondence to:



15/12/2020

Dear Dubbo Regional Council,

Proposed Wiradjuri street art mural project, Wellington



The 'Wellington Community Progress and Action Group' (WPAG) are working together to highlight and address the priorities and interests of local residents, businesses, voluntary and community groups to make our community a better place to work in, live in and visit.

We are writing to you regarding a proposed idea/project to install a public art Wiradjuri wall mural in Wellington NSW and to seek permission and support for this project.

The proposed and preferred location for this mural would be on the brick wall on the back of the Wellington Civic Centre if permission can be obtained (photo below) and if this brick wall is appropriate per artist (similar to the carpark mural in DRTCC carpark in Dubbo).



Wellington is the second oldest town this side of the Blue Mountains with a long and rich history including the traditional indigenous Wiradjuri owners of the land. In recent years however Wellington, like many small rural towns, has declined in local businesses, economy and reputation, due to multiple factors, including issues like Council amalgamation (loss of Wellington Shire Council), effects of severe drought, loss of a 24 hour Police station with increased drug and crime, effects of on-line shopping, and more recently COVID19 restrictions and Wellington is now seeking new projects to enhance our town, attract tourists, develop high quality public street art, improve the economy and maintain its towns own unique identity.

We think that a Wellington Wiradjuri street art mural could greatly benefit and enhance the town and significant civic centre building where it would be viewed by many people every day as this building/wall overlooks a major and very busy car park in Wellington in the centre of the CBD.

We feel that there are a number of very positive benefits that would accrue from this successful public art project and we are keen to ensure that this project is of the highest

possible standard. We think that a Wiradjuri mural will promote and display the important indigenous history and culture of the local Wiradjuri in Wellington.

Social, Economic, Cultural, environmental benefits to the Community:

There have been many previous successful public art mural Projects in rural NSW such as the street murals on Gulargambone which have become a major tourist drawcard and attraction.

We believe this Wellington Wiradjuri art project could potentially deliver significant social, economic, cultural and environmental benefits to the local community. The Art Mural would bring a significant art project to our town. The project aims to engage people from all backgrounds, irrespective of gender, socioeconomic status, ethnicity, disability or mental health status. As this project will be featured very close to the CBD it has the potential to increase tourists and increase the likelihood of travellers to stop in the town, potentially increasing local, café, shop and supermarket business. The Mural will be a community asset and will enhance our towns attraction and appeal. This public art would also encourage tourists to the area. This mural will also represent the proud local Wiradjuri people in Wellington and this will raise awareness of their indigenous history and culture in Wellington.

Local suppliers and businesses will also be utilised as much as possible in the development of this project. All necessary supplies and equipment will be purchased or hired locally where possible benefiting local businesses and the local economy.

The Mural will be a community asset which will be enjoyed by the whole community and tourists. There is already strong indication of wide community support for this project and we have done some extensive research into other similar mural projects.



Costs/Approvals/Artist:

This mural will be planned and developed in close consultation with Dubbo Regional Council who owns the Civic Centre building where the mural would be installed. DRC will oversee and assist in the coordination of the project to ensure work is conducted to their standards, rules and regulations with preferred local suppliers utilised when purchasing/hiring necessary supplies and equipment/paint/brushes/scissor lift/ladders/harnesses etc and DRC will oversee this project to ensure WHS standards, Risk management, policies and procedures are followed.

The project will also be developed in close liaison with other relevant Community or groups such as the Arts and Cultural Advisory Council, Wellington aboriginal lands council etc and the local Wiradjuri leaders and elders.

Funding will be organised by 'Wellington Community Progress and Action Group' and will be sourced from funding sources such as Grants, Government, Council, local organisations, fund raisers.

As this wall is a major prominent landmark within Wellington it is incredibly important that the mural will be the highest possible standard, eye-catching, appealing, high-quality, world-class and significant and relevant to Wellingtons history as well as significant and appealing to all Wellington residents. It also needs to 'blend in' appropriately with the surrounding environment and Wellingtons historic style and heritage colour scheme (not too 'modern' abstract or bright- keep it in 'natural' colours and photo-realism portrait style is preferred or traditional aboriginal art style).

The recommended and chosen artist would also have to be high quality, professional, well known, and have a proven record of previous high standard and large scale works.

The preferred artist for this project (depending on availability) would be Adnate who paints large scale murals and works closely with indigenous Australians. He endeavours to capture their stories and emotions. Adnate also uses spray paint for his portraits which would be highly suitable for this brick surface and is a proven large scale indigenous mural artist.



Design/topic:

1) The proposed chosen mural topic would be a Wiradjuri aboriginal portrait by Adnate. The mural would be designed by the artist who would liaise closely with local Wiradjuri advisors. A traditional indigenous Wiradjuri child the face of the future like many of Adnates indigenous portraits would be appealing and eye-catching with photo-realism style.



2) Another option would be a mural of art from John Oxley the explorer diary of the local indigenous people he first came to the Wellington valley. There was a display of John Oxleys diaries at the Wellington bicentenary which showed artwork of the local Wiradjuri gathered beneath the river gums near the Macquarie River for an important ceremony. This scene was peaceful, beautiful and portrayed the traditional Wiradjuri lifestyle.



3) A third option would be some traditional style aboriginal artwork in high quality work however there is already similar wall mural on the wall of the Western Stores building nearby so such similar art is not preferable.



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Obviously the artwork and design is all subject to submission by the appropriate artist and the artists own design and choice and requires Dubbo Regional Council and local Wiradjuri approval.

We are sure you can appreciate how excited we are about this project and how important we feel it is for the community!

It will be a great asset for Wellington which will benefit the whole community.

We have also done a lot of research into other indigenous mural art projects especially works by Adnate.

We are very keen to continue to further pursue this project by seeking quotes, suitable potential artists and designs and fund-raising for this project if DRC will provide permission to proceed further with this project. This will include liaising closely with Wellington Wiradjuri elders and advisors for permission and support.

Due to significant funding to be obtained we do not foresee this project will be able to be done until formal quotes are received, a suitable and available artist is chosen and accepts the work and fund raising is complete.

Obviously Dubbo Regional Council will remain to be closely involved and consulted in all aspects of this project.

Overall, it is anticipated that this Wiradjuri mural project in Wellington NSW would have a positive, and highly influential impact on the Wellington community.

We think that this project would be similar to the indigenous portrait mural in the carpark of Dubbo Regional Theatre and think that this could be a 'sister' project/mural in Wellington.

Thankyou for your consideration in assisting us further with this project and providing further permission, support and advice to proceed.

We look forward to hearing from you.

If there is any further information you would like regarding this project or should you wish to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind Regards,

Emmalee Holmes



Wellington Community Progress and Action Group Inc Committee.



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This project would be similar to the Wiradjuri mural in Dubbo Regional Theatre carpark (above)





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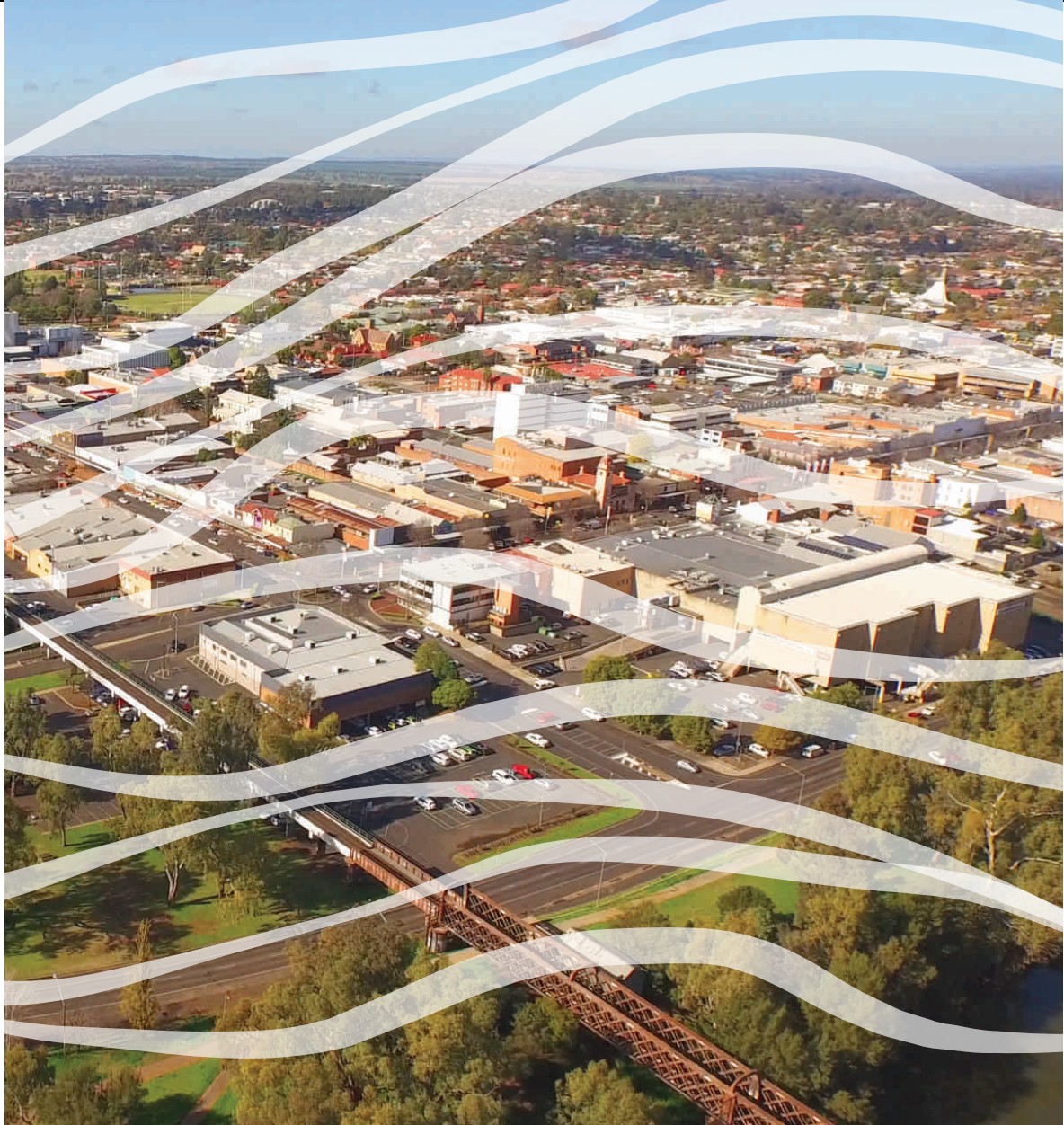
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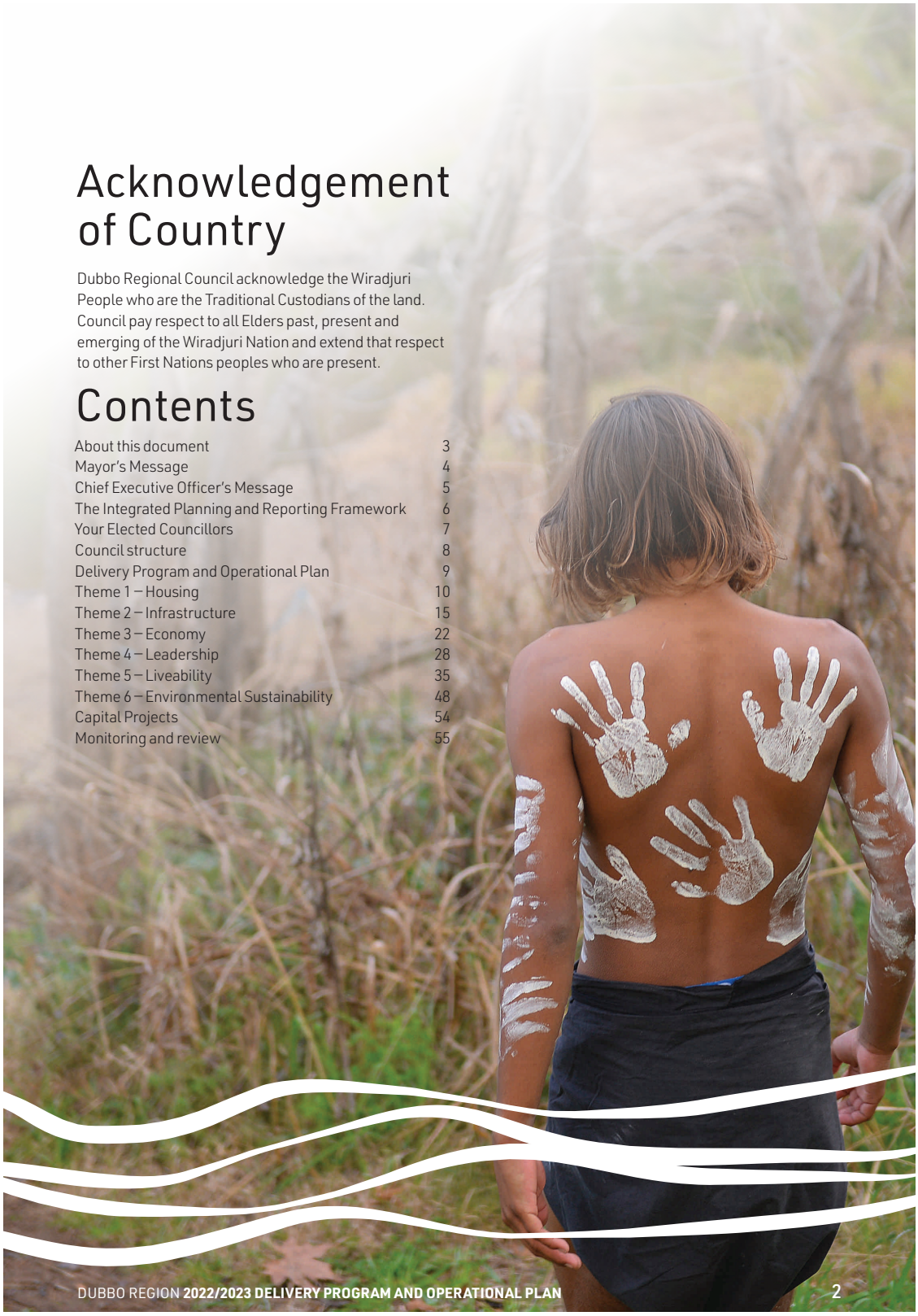


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Dubbo Regional Council acknowledge the Wiradjuri People who are the Traditional Custodians of the land. Council pay respect to all Elders past, present and emerging of the Wiradjuri Nation and extend that respect to other First Nations peoples who are present.

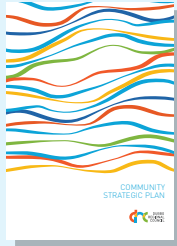
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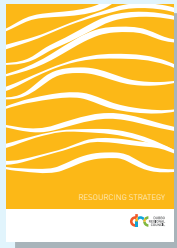
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This document incorporates the 2022-2025 Delivery Program and 2022-23 Operational Plan, which details Council's role in the delivery of services and projects to realise the long-term strategic goals of the community. It should be read in conjunction with the Towards 2040 Community Strategic Plan and Resourcing Strategy.



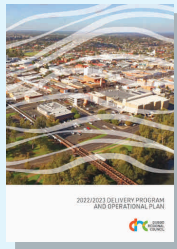
Community Strategic Plan

The Community Strategic Plan identifies the main priorities and aspirations for the future of the Local Government Area. It is the highest level strategy that guides and influences the direction of Council, the community and other levels of Government over the coming years. It provides a blueprint for achieving the community's vision for the future, while being flexible and fit-for-purpose over the term of its life.



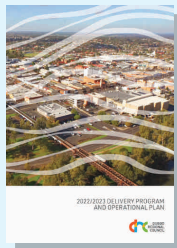
Resourcing Strategy

The Resourcing Strategy identifies, in general terms, how Council will allocate resources to deliver the objectives of the Community Strategic Plan it is responsible for. It incorporates the Long Term Financial Management Plan, Workforce Management Strategy and Asset Management Strategy.



Delivery Program

The Delivery Program identifies the principal activities Council will undertake over the four year Councillor term to implement the strategies and objectives established by the Community Strategic Plan. It addresses the full range of Council's operations, and is the key "go to" document for Councillors as it is a statement of commitment to the community.



Operational Plan

The Operational Plan is updated annually and identifies the activities and projects Council will undertake during the financial year to address the principal activities in the Delivery Program. The Operational Plan includes an annual budget and revenue policy showing how Council will finance the activities and projects.

Mayor's Message

I am pleased to present the draft 2022/2023 Delivery Program and Operational Plan. As your newly elected mayor, the new Councillors and I are striving to provide a plan that responds to today's environment whilst being proactive and meeting upcoming challenges. Our new direction will focus on transparency, community collaboration and getting the job done.



Following the election, we took to the streets and asked you to share your ideas, aspirations and visions for the future. This Plan will guide us over the next financial year and help ensure we achieve your ambitions and provide maximum benefits for you.

The region is full of great experiences and opportunities. It includes many unique locations including the cities of Dubbo and Wellington, the villages of Brocklehurst, Geurie, Wongarbron, Stuart Town, Eumungerie, Mumbil, Ballimore, Elong Elong and the surrounding rural areas. It provides opportunities for a great lifestyle, prosperity for local residents, and excellent visitor experiences. We want to increase these experiences and opportunities to make the region an even better place to live, work and play.

We understand the hardships our community has endured over the past few years. We are focused on providing support and essential services to those affected. With the newly elected Councillors championing this Operational Plan, we believe the region and our community can continue to thrive. This Plan is our promise to you and shows how we will achieve your ideal future.

Chief Executive Officer's Message

I am pleased to present the 2022/23 Delivery Program and Operational Plan, which outlines the actions we are committed to delivering for our community in the year ahead.



We are focused on providing essential services to our community, supporting our people and businesses to survive and thrive, collaborating with other tiers of government, creating employment opportunities, and improving our financial position.

The actions in this Plan are aligned to the objectives and goals of our Community Strategic Plan and reflect our integrated approach to planning. This Plan provides the blueprint to achieving the community's broader goals, and ensuring our services and resources are well aligned and meet community expectations. This Plan provides staff with a road map for the year ahead and we are confident we have provided a balanced, financially sound and robust Plan.

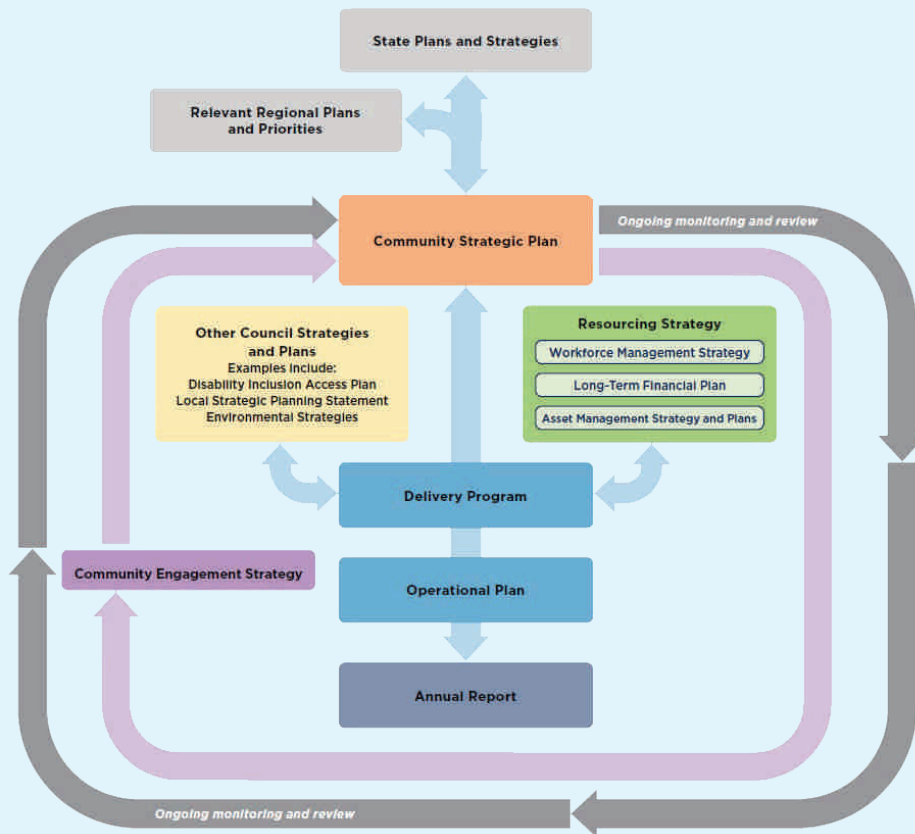
As we look to the year ahead, we are guided by your vision for the Dubbo region – our quality of life, the opportunities available for us to grow as a community, our unique and natural landscape, and our lifestyle and wellbeing.

Council prides itself on its commitment to serving the community and providing the best services we can. We will continue to progress the goals of the Delivery Program and Operational Plan to ensure the region remains a great place to live, work and enjoy.

The Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework

The Delivery Program and Operational Plan are part of Council's Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework. The Framework is a suite of plans that identify a vision for the future, and strategic actions to achieve them. It requires Council to undertake 'whole of council' planning for the short, medium and long term future. It allows Council to draw various plans together, understand how they interact and get the maximum leverage from their efforts by planning holistically for the future.

Council's Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework is provided below:



Council is the key driver of the Towards 2040 Community Strategic Plan, but its implementation is the shared responsibility of all community stakeholders. Council has an important role to play in advocating for and partnering with other stakeholders including government agencies, non-government organisations, community groups and individuals.

Your Elected Councillors



Mayor
Mathew Dickerson



Deputy Mayor
Richard Ivey



Councillor
Joshua Black



Councillor
Lewis Burns



Councillor
Shibli Chowdhury



Councillor
Vicki Etheridge



Councillor
Jessica Gough



Councillor
Damien Mahon



Councillor
Pamella Wells



Councillor
Matthew Wright

Council structure

Council delivers services to the community through five divisions.



Delivery Program and Operational Plan

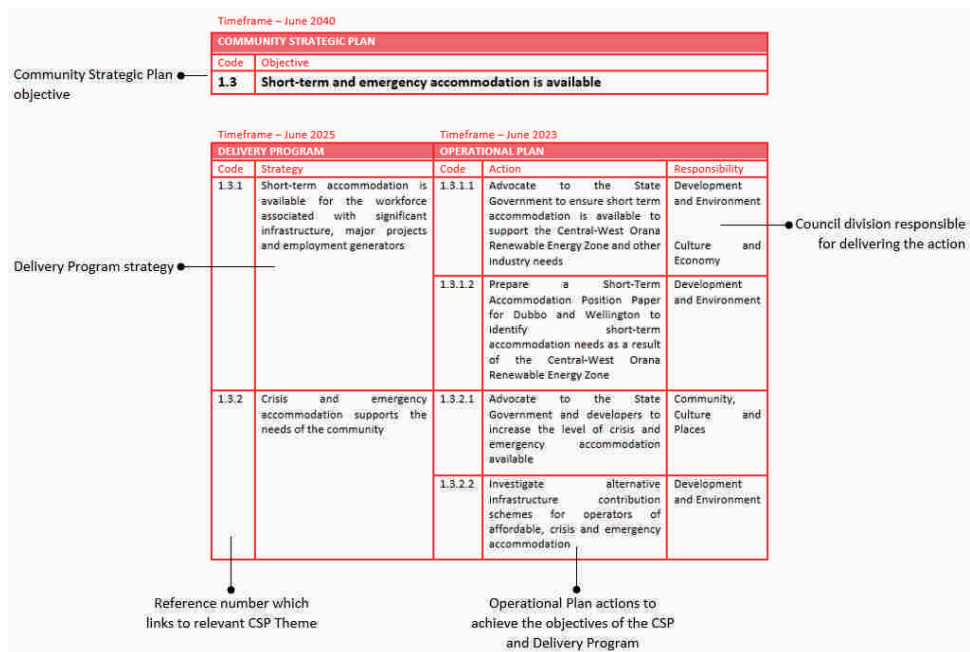
How to read this section

This Plan is linked to the Towards 2040 Community Strategic Plan as actions are grouped by themes and strategies. When preparing the Community Strategic Plan, our community identified the following common themes:

1. Housing
2. Infrastructure
3. Economy
4. Leadership
5. Liveability
6. Environmental Sustainability

The actions under each theme and strategy are concise statements of how Council will achieve the overall objectives of the community in one particular area of Council's operations.

A guide to interpreting this Plan is provided below:



Theme 1 – Housing

Housing choice, affordability and availability holds great importance across our community. Council holds a number of roles across the housing spectrum, including setting appropriate policy positions through planning instruments, assessing applications in a timely manner, building relationships with stakeholders, and negotiating with government in respect of the need and demand for short-term, public housing and crisis accommodation.

Our Community Expects:

- Red tape to be cut to manage costs for the housing industry
- A variety of housing styles, types and densities
- Planning controls to provide for the development of a variety of housing styles, types and densities
- Rental accommodation to be available at a range of price points
- Residential land to be available in Dubbo and Wellington
- Affordable housing to be available in the region
- Better planning and more opportunities for growth in our villages and rural areas
- Urban renewal to occur in the Dubbo CBD and Wellington Town Centre
- Council to work proactively with the residential development industry to realise the economic potential of the region.

Our Partners:

- Department of Planning and Environment
- Department of Communities and Justice
- Development industry
- Real Estate industry
- Finance industry
- First home buyers
- Residential land owners
- Not-for-profit and affordable social housing providers

Alignment to quadruple bottom line:



SOCIAL

ECONOMIC

ENVIRONMENT

Timeframe – June 2040

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN	
Code	Objective
1.1	Housing meets the current and future needs of our community

Timeframe – June 2025

Timeframe – June 2023

DELIVERY PROGRAM		OPERATIONAL PLAN		
Code	Strategy	Code	Action	Responsibility
1.1.1	A variety of housing types and densities are located close to appropriate services and facilities	1.1.1.1	Assess applications for residential housing in a timely manner	Development and Environment
		1.1.1.2	Prepare information that improves design outcomes for diverse and infill housing	Development and Environment
1.1.2	Housing is affordable and secure	1.1.2.1	Undertake regular engagement with stakeholders to monitor issues impacting housing affordability and choice	Development and Environment
		1.1.2.2	Incorporate safer-by-design principles into Council planning decisions	Development and Environment
		1.1.2.3	Investigate mechanisms to incentivise the development and release of new residential zoned land to assist the timely release of new housing supply	Development and Environment
1.1.3	Urban renewal occurs in the Dubbo Central Business District and Wellington Town Centre	1.1.3.1	Review planning controls to ensure residential development is promoted in the Dubbo CBD and the Wellington Town Centre	Development and Environment
1.1.4	Public and social housing are integrated into residential areas	1.1.4.1	Advocate to the State Government and developers to increase the level of public and social housing	Community, Culture and Places
1.1.5	Development opportunities are communicated to the community	1.1.5.1	Undertake regular engagement and education programs with stakeholders to communicate development trends, permissibility of residential development, and processes	Development and Environment

Timeframe – June 2040

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN	
Code	Objective
1.2	An adequate supply of land is located close to community services and facilities

Timeframe – June 2025

Timeframe – June 2023

DELIVERY PROGRAM		OPERATIONAL PLAN		
Code	Strategy	Code	Action	Responsibility
1.2.1	Land is suitably zoned, sized and located to facilitate a variety of housing types and densities	1.2.1.1	Prepare a structure plan for land in the North-West Residential Urban Release Area	Development and Environment
		1.2.1.2	Prepare a structure plan for land in the South-West Residential Urban Release Area	Development and Environment
		1.2.1.3	Prepare a R5 Large Lot Residential Strategy	Development and Environment
		1.2.1.4	Consider planning proposals in a timely manner	Development and Environment
		1.2.1.5	Review and make submissions on proposed changes to the Environmental Protection & Assessment Act, associated regulations and planning policies as opportunities arise	Development and Environment
		1.2.1.6	Investigate rezoning and minimum lot size changes to land in Keswick Estate to encourage a variety of housing types and densities	Organisational Performance
		1.2.1.7	Maintain and monitor a residential land supply pipeline	Development and Environment
1.2.2	Adequate land is available in the villages for development	1.2.2.1	Prepare an Issues Paper to guide the future strategic direction of the villages	Development and Environment
		1.2.2.2	Prepare a Rural Land Strategy for land in the former Wellington Local Government Area	Development and Environment
		1.2.2.3	Review the supply of open space in the villages	Community, Culture and Places

Timeframe – June 2025		Timeframe – June 2023		
DELIVERY PROGRAM		OPERATIONAL PLAN		
Code	Strategy	Code	Action	Responsibility
1.2.3	Development is supported by a strategic and affordable infrastructure framework	1.2.3.1	Develop and maintain a Developer Contributions Register and a Planning Agreements Register	Development and Environment
		1.2.3.2	Assess requests to enter into Planning Agreements and Works-In-Kind Agreements in a timely manner	Development and Environment
		1.2.3.3	Prepare a new Developer Servicing Plan for Water and Sewer infrastructure	Development and Environment
		1.2.3.4	Prepare a new Roads, Traffic Facilities and Car Parking developer contributions plan for Dubbo	Development and Environment
1.2.4	Rural and productive agricultural land is managed sustainably	1.1.1.1	Advocate to the State Government to ensure development in the Central-West Orana Renewable Energy Zone is compatible with the agricultural and primary land uses	Development and Environment
		1.1.1.2	Implement the State Government Planning Reforms - Agritourism into Council's planning controls and strategies	Development and Environment
		1.1.1.3	Investigate funding and smart technology opportunities to expand the Urban Salinity Monitoring Network	Development and Environment

Timeframe – June 2040

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN	
Code	Objective
1.3	Short-term and emergency accommodation is available

Timeframe – June 2025

Timeframe – June 2023

DELIVERY PROGRAM		OPERATIONAL PLAN		
Code	Strategy	Code	Action	Responsibility
1.3.1	Short-term accommodation is available for the workforce associated with significant infrastructure, major projects and employment generators	1.3.1.1	Advocate to the State Government to ensure short term accommodation is available to support the Central-West Orana Renewable Energy Zone and other industry needs	Development and Environment
		1.3.1.2	Prepare a Short-Term Accommodation Position Paper for Dubbo and Wellington to identify short-term accommodation needs as a result of the Central-West Orana Renewable Energy Zone, major projects and other industries	Development and Environment
1.3.2	Crisis and emergency accommodation supports the needs of the community	1.3.2.1	Advocate to the State Government and developers to increase the level of crisis and emergency accommodation available	Community, Culture and Places
		1.3.2.2	Investigate alternative infrastructure contribution schemes for operators of affordable, crisis and emergency accommodation	Development and Environment

Theme 2 – Infrastructure

The provision and maintenance of infrastructure is a key consideration for Council and the community. Council holds a number of roles in relation to local roads, advocacy for state roads, water, sewer, stormwater, pedestrian and bicycles and generally how we move around the region. The provision of appropriate infrastructure provides economic development opportunities and ensures our community can continue to benefit.

Our Community Expects:

- Urban and rural infrastructure to be well-maintained and fit-for-purpose
- Internet speed to be world standard
- Better mobile and telecommunications coverage in our villages
- Council assets to be managed in a sustainable and cost-effective manner
- The Dubbo Regional Airport to provide access to a variety of destinations
- The Wellington Aerodrome and Recreation Park to remain a vital asset for the Wellington community
- Expanded public transport services
- Additional bridges across the Macquarie River
- Overtaking lanes on the Mitchell Highway between Dubbo and Wellington

Our Partners:

- Transport for NSW
- Australia Rail Track Corporation
- Department of Planning and Environment
- Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications
- Transport industry
- Cycling, running and walking groups
- Telecommunications providers
- Energy providers
- Public and community transport providers

Alignment to quadruple bottom line:



ECONOMIC



ENVIRONMENT

Timeframe – June 2040

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN	
Code	Objective
2.1	The road transportation network is safe, convenient and efficient

Timeframe – June 2025

Timeframe – June 2023

DELIVERY PROGRAM		OPERATIONAL PLAN		
Code	Strategy	Code	Action	Responsibility
2.1.1	Traffic management facilities enhance the safety and efficiency of the road transport network	2.1.1.1	Establish an ongoing program to identify the need for additional traffic management facilities	Infrastructure
		2.1.1.2	Implement the road safety strategy in conjunction with Transport for NSW	Infrastructure
		2.1.1.3	Prepare and implement an annual road safety action plan	Infrastructure
		2.1.1.4	Maintain existing traffic management facilities in a safe and effective operational condition	Infrastructure
2.1.2	The road network meets the needs of the community in terms of traffic capacity, functionality and economic and social connectivity	2.1.2.1	Implement a rural road sealing program	Infrastructure
		2.1.2.2	Update and maintain Council's Roads Asset Management Plan to inform future road programs	Infrastructure
		2.1.2.3	Undertake regular inspections to identify road defects and prioritise, schedule, and complete maintenance activities	Infrastructure
		2.1.2.4	Investigate opportunities to monitor the condition of the road network through smart technology	Infrastructure
		2.1.2.5	Undertake road infrastructure planning for the Dubbo Urban Release Areas	Infrastructure
		2.1.2.6	Undertake road infrastructure planning for the Central West Orana Renewable Energy Zone	Infrastructure
		2.1.2.7	Conduct a service review of rural road maintenance and use recommendations to help inform business improvement and decision making	Infrastructure

Timeframe – June 2025		Timeframe – June 2023		
DELIVERY PROGRAM		OPERATIONAL PLAN		
Code	Strategy	Code	Action	Responsibility
2.1.3	Additional flood-free road access over the Macquarie River at Dubbo is provided	2.1.3.1	Prepare a detailed business case, including strategic plans, for an additional southern crossing of the Macquarie River in Dubbo	Infrastructure
2.1.4	Adequate and convenient car parking is available in commercial centres	2.1.4.1	Undertake regular parking patrols to ensure adequate parking is available in commercial centres	Development and Environment
		2.1.4.2	Install and trial parking sensors in and around the Brisbane, Talbragar and Macquarie street shopping precinct	Development and Environment
2.1.5	Council works collaboratively with the government and stakeholders on transport-related issues	2.1.5.1	Facilitate Council’s Local Traffic Management Committee to monitor traffic related matters	Infrastructure
		2.1.5.2	Pursue opportunities for additional funding of road projects through the State and Federal Government	Infrastructure
		2.1.5.3	Collaborate with State and Federal governments in relation to transportation issues and limitations in the Central West Orana Renewable Energy Zone	Infrastructure
		2.1.5.4	Advocate to the State and Federal Government for funding for a business case for the western bypass and distributor road that incorporates a heavy freight route	Infrastructure
		2.1.5.5	Advocate to the State Government for additional overtaking lanes on the Mitchell Highway between Dubbo and Wellington	Infrastructure
		2.1.5.6	Collaborate with State and Federal Governments in relation to issues and truck configuration limitations on the Newell, Mitchell and Golden Highways	Infrastructure

Timeframe – June 2040

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN	
Code	Objective
2.2	Infrastructure meets the current and future needs of our community

Timeframe – June 2025

Timeframe – June 2023

DELIVERY PROGRAM		OPERATIONAL PLAN		
Code	Strategy	Code	Action	Responsibility
2.2.1	Water and sewer infrastructure and services meet the needs of the community	2.2.1.1	Supply water to customers in accordance with Council's adopted service levels	Infrastructure
		2.2.1.2	Supply sewerage services to customers in accordance with Council's adopted service levels	Infrastructure
		2.2.1.3	Complete the Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan	Infrastructure
		2.2.1.4	Investigate the provision of water and sewerage infrastructure to unserved villages, and communicate the results to village landowners	Infrastructure
2.2.2	Solid waste management services meet the needs of the community	2.2.2.1	Supply solid waste services to customers in accordance with Council's adopted service levels	Development and Environment
		2.2.2.2	Prepare and adopt a solid waste strategy for the Local Government Area	Development and Environment
		2.2.2.3	Undertake a weekly organic waste service for Dubbo, Wellington, Wongarboon and Geurie	Development and Environment
		2.2.2.4	Undertake regular consultation and information programs on waste collection and facilities in the villages	Development and Environment
2.2.3	Urban drainage systems meet the needs of the community	2.2.3.1	Undertake regular inspections and maintenance of Council's urban drainage systems in accordance with Council's adopted service levels	Infrastructure
		2.2.3.2	Investigate the provision of stormwater infrastructure to unserved villages, and communicate the results to village landowners	Infrastructure

Timeframe – June 2025		Timeframe – June 2023		
DELIVERY PROGRAM		OPERATIONAL PLAN		
Code	Strategy	Code	Action	Responsibility
2.2.4	Enhanced telecommunications coverage is available in the region	2.2.4.1	Advocate to the State and Federal Government and providers for the continued and expeditious roll-out of internet, telecommunications and data services	Strategy, Partnerships and Engagement
2.2.5	Council maintains infrastructure and delivers services at the adopted service level as agreed with the community	2.2.5.1	Adopt and implement an Asset Management Strategy	Organisational Performance
		2.2.5.2	Prepare and implement detailed Asset Management Plans for each of Council's asset classes	Organisational Performance
		2.2.5.3	Undertake a review of Council's building assets to determine the present and future needs and opportunities for these assets	Organisational Performance
2.2.6	Council utilises a modern and efficient plant fleet that meets operational needs	2.2.6.1	Review the make-up of the fleet to ensure operational requirements are being met in a cost-effective manner	Infrastructure
		2.2.6.2	Provide an annual plant report to the CEO	Infrastructure
		2.2.6.3	Monitor motor vehicle incidents involving Council vehicles and implement appropriate action as required	Infrastructure
		2.2.6.4	Provide cost-effective store services	Infrastructure
		2.2.6.5	Prepare and adopt an electric vehicle strategy for Council vehicles	Infrastructure Development and Environment

Timeframe – June 2040

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN	
Code	Objective
2.3	The transportation systems support connections within and outside the region

Timeframe – June 2025

Timeframe – June 2023

DELIVERY PROGRAM		OPERATIONAL PLAN		
Code	Strategy	Code	Action	Responsibility
2.3.1	Appropriate and well-connected rail infrastructure is available	2.3.1.1	Work with rail authorities to ensure the safety and functionality of existing level crossings	Infrastructure
		2.3.1.2	Advocate to the State Government to improve access and timing for passenger train services to reach major destinations	Infrastructure Community, Culture and Places
		2.3.1.3	Advocate to the State Government to ensure Dubbo is considered as part of the Fast Rail business case	Infrastructure
2.3.2	A network of cycleways and pedestrian facilities is provided and maintained	2.3.2.1	Review and implement the Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan for Dubbo	Infrastructure
2.3.3	Public transport services are available in our villages	2.3.3.1	Collaborate with Transport for NSW as part of the 16 Cities Program to improve public transport services within the region	Infrastructure
2.3.4	Our community has convenient air access to a variety of destinations	2.3.4.1	Establish and maintain partnerships to promote air travel and support route viability and affordability	Organisational Performance
		2.3.4.2	Seek grant funding to develop a masterplan for the Wellington Aerodrome and Recreation Park	Organisational Performance
		2.3.4.3	Maintain leases, licenses, fees and charges at the Dubbo Regional Airport and Wellington Aerodrome and Recreation Park in line with facility maintenance and long term development opportunities	Organisational Performance

Timeframe – June 2025		Timeframe – June 2023		
DELIVERY PROGRAM		OPERATIONAL PLAN		
Code	Strategy	Code	Action	Responsibility
2.3.5	Roadside environments and entrance statements are development and maintained	2.3.5.1	Develop village maintenance and mowing service levels, including enabling volunteers, and communicate the results to village landowners	Infrastructure
		2.3.5.2	Advocate to Transport for NSW to establish an ongoing program of environmental rubbish compliance at roadside stops not controlled by Council	Development and Environment
		2.3.5.3	Establish an ongoing program of environmental rubbish compliance at roadside stops controlled by Council	Development and Environment

Theme 3 – Economy

The form and function of the local economy, including the importance of our visitor economy, key industry sectors, and attracting further economic development, is a key consideration for Council. Council has a role in providing leadership in the region to both promote the significant economic development opportunities available and to partner with existing business, industry and providers to ensure our workforce has the appropriate range of skills and experience to meet industry demands.

Our Community Expects:

- Local employment opportunities for people of all ages and abilities
- A vibrant and diverse local economy that supports local businesses and opportunities for development, and attracts appropriately-skilled and qualified professionals
- The region to be promoted as a transport and logistics hub
- The region to be promoted as a 'Gateway to Western NSW'
- Revitalised Central Business Districts and Town Centres, with beautification treatments and opportunities for placemaking
- Our villages to be marketed to increase their visitation and economic activity
- The Dubbo Regional Airport to provide access to a variety of destinations
- The Wellington Aerodrome and Recreation Park to remain a vital asset for the Wellington community
- The region to be promoted as a Mining Services Centre and Critical Minerals Hub to create advanced manufacturing jobs
- A variety of agritourism, cultural tourism and visitor economy opportunities
- The benefits of the Brisbane to Melbourne Inland rail to be leveraged for business and industry

Our Partners:

- Destination NSW
- Regional Development Australia
- Chamber of Commerce and business providers
- Tourism and visitor providers
- Education and training institutions
- Department Planning and Environment
- Department of Premier and Cabinet

Alignment to quadruple bottom line:



ECONOMIC

Timeframe – June 2040

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN	
Code	Objective
3.1	Visitor economy growth is supported

Timeframe – June 2025

Timeframe – June 2023

DELIVERY PROGRAM		OPERATIONAL PLAN		
Code	Strategy	Code	Action	Responsibility
3.1.1	Diverse and unique tourism opportunities are explored, developed and supported	3.1.1.1	Implement Local Government actions in the Country and Outback Destination Management Plan	Strategy, Partnerships and Engagement
		3.1.1.2	Promote the region on destination marketing platforms and collaborative programs	Strategy, Partnerships and Engagement
		3.1.1.3	Operate Visitor Information Centres and provide information to tourists about the region's attractions, maps and other items relevant to tourism	Strategy, Partnerships and Engagement
		3.1.1.4	Prepare and implement Strategic Plans and Internal Business Strategies for the Old Dubbo Gaol	Community, Culture and Places
		3.1.1.5	Prepare and implement Strategic Plans and Internal Business Strategies for the Wellington Caves	Community, Culture and Places
		3.1.1.6	Deliver the Destination Dubbo International Ready Project (Heritage Plaza, Wiradjuri Tourism Centre and Macquarie River Precinct) in accordance with approved budgets and timelines.	Community, Culture and Places

Timeframe – June 2025		Timeframe – June 2023		
DELIVERY PROGRAM		OPERATIONAL PLAN		
Code	Strategy	Code	Action	Responsibility
3.1.2	Events that foster cultural, recreational and community interaction opportunities are supported	3.1.2.1	Provide funding opportunities for events through Council’s Event Assistance Program	Community, Culture and Places
		3.1.2.2	Implement the Event Attraction and Support Strategy	Community, Culture and Places
		3.1.2.3	Develop and implement strategic plans for the Dubbo and Wellington showgrounds	Community, Culture and Places
		3.1.2.4	Investigate opportunities to increase cultural and community events at Victoria Park and Cameron Park	Community, Culture and Places
		3.1.2.5	Prepare guidelines to support community members to access public spaces for outdoor cultural activities	Community, Culture and Places
3.1.3	Visitor accommodation is available	3.1.3.1	Develop and monitor tourism accommodation visitation reports	Strategy, Partnerships and Engagement
		3.1.3.2	Maintain and operate the Wellington Caves Holiday Complex	Community, Culture and Places

Timeframe – June 2040

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN	
Code	Objective
3.2	Employment opportunities are available in all sectors of our economy

Timeframe – June 2025

Timeframe – June 2023

DELIVERY PROGRAM		OPERATIONAL PLAN		
Code	Strategy	Code	Action	Responsibility
3.2.1	Employment and investment opportunities for all sectors of the community are fostered	3.2.1.1	Develop and maintain strong partnerships with diverse advisory groups, industry representatives and government agencies to encourage economic growth	Strategy, Partnerships and Engagement
		3.2.1.2	Provide support to stakeholders seeking government funding	Strategy, Partnerships and Engagement
		3.2.1.3	Implement purchasing and procurement policies that foster and support the local economy	Organisational Performance
3.2.2	Traineeships and employment pathways are available for all sectors of the community	3.2.2.1	Advocate and support the employment of youth, Aboriginal, long-term unemployed and people with a disability in major projects	Strategy, Partnerships and Engagement
		3.2.2.2	Collaborate with local schools, universities and businesses to identify employment pathways and traineeship opportunities	Strategy, Partnerships and Engagement
3.2.3	The growth, development and diversification of the agricultural industry is supported	3.2.3.1	Collaborate with the State Government to improve on-farm connectivity and encourage farmers to adopt agricultural technology	Development and Environment Strategy, Partnerships and Engagement
		3.2.3.2	Maintain the Dubbo Regional Livestock Markets to appropriately support the agricultural sector	Organisational Performance

Timeframe – June 2025		Timeframe – June 2023		
DELIVERY PROGRAM		OPERATIONAL PLAN		
Code	Strategy	Code	Action	Responsibility
3.2.4	The Dubbo Central Business District and Wellington Town Centre are supported by commercial activation programs and activities	3.2.4.1	Encourage and support businesses within the Dubbo Central Business District and Wellington Town Centre to invest in infrastructure improvements to their properties	Strategy, Partnerships and Engagement
		3.2.4.2	Collaborate with shop owners, community groups and individuals to establish “pop-up” and cultural activities in vacant shops and laneways	Strategy, Partnerships and Engagement
		3.2.4.3	Develop a Night Time Activation Strategy to promote a diverse, safe, and vibrant nightlife	Strategy, Partnerships and Engagement
		3.2.4.4	Implement and monitor the Economic Development Delivery Program	Strategy, Partnerships and Engagement
		3.2.4.5	Improve food safety outcomes and conduct regular food inspections of retail food businesses	Development and Environment
3.2.5	Neighbourhood shopping centres provide attractive and convenient services and facilities	3.2.5.1	Identify funding opportunities to develop and implement neighbourhood shopping centre enhancement plans for the existing neighbourhood shopping centres in Myall Street, Tamworth Street, Boundary Road, Victoria Street and Bourke Street	Infrastructure

Timeframe – June 2040

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN	
Code	Objective
3.3	A strategic framework is in place to maximise the realisation of economic development opportunities for the region

Timeframe – June 2025

Timeframe – June 2023

DELIVERY PROGRAM		OPERATIONAL PLAN		
Code	Strategy	Code	Action	Responsibility
3.3.1	Land is suitably zoned, sized and located to facilitate a variety of development and employment generating activities	3.3.1.1	Implement the State Government Employment Zones Reform into Council's planning controls and strategies	Development and Environment
		3.3.1.2	Undertake regular engagement and education programs with businesses in regards to land zoning, appropriateness of proposed sites and approval pathways	Development and Environment
3.3.2	The Dubbo Central Business District and Wellington Town Centre are supported by long-term plans	3.3.2.1	Prepare and adopt a Development Strategy for the Dubbo Central Business District	Development and Environment
		3.3.2.2	Implement and monitor the Wellington Town Centre Plan	Development and Environment
		3.3.2.3	Implement the Dubbo and Wellington CBD investment plan	Strategy, Partnerships and Engagement
3.3.3	Major investment is proactively attracted and supported in line with regional opportunities	3.3.3.1	Create an investment attraction strategy that targets large scale opportunities related to new technology, renewable energy and public infrastructure	Strategy, Partnerships and Engagement
		3.3.3.2	Collaborate with supply chain business to help support a diverse and growing regional economy	Strategy, Partnerships and Engagement

Theme 4 – Leadership

Council aims to ensure the delivery of the actions and initiatives is achieved by a variety of connected stakeholders, including all levels of government, our community and other interconnected service providers. The long term sustainable use of resources, asset management, financial sustainability and the importance of a united Council ensures our community can continue to benefit.

Our Community Expects:

- Council to be open, transparent and accountable
- To be a key component in Council's decision making processes
- Council to provide a focus on customer service and close the feedback loop
- Our elected officials to work together for the betterment of the region
- Council to sustainably manage finances to ensure there is no impact to land rates
- Council to employ a skilled and experienced workforce to deliver the actions and initiatives included in this Plan
- Council to seek all relevant grant funding opportunities to ensure there are no impacts to land rates
- Positive media coverage of our region

Our Partners:

- Department of Premier and Cabinet
- Office of Local Government
- All members of the community

Alignment to quadruple bottom line:



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Timeframe – June 2040

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN	
Code	Objective
4.1	Council provides transparent, fair and accountable leadership and governance

Timeframe – June 2025

Timeframe – June 2023

DELIVERY PROGRAM		OPERATIONAL PLAN		
Code	Strategy	Code	Action	Responsibility
4.1.1	Council encourages and facilitates two-way communication with and between stakeholders and the community	4.1.1.1	Prepare and implement a Community Engagement Strategy that identifies engagement requirements when developing plans, policies and programs	Strategy, Partnerships and Engagement
		4.1.1.2	Provide opportunities for the community to interact and communicate with Councillors	Strategy, Partnerships and Engagement
		4.1.1.3	Establish community committees and facilitate active community participation and engagement	Strategy, Partnerships and Engagement
		4.1.1.4	Investigate additional communication channels for the community to communicate with Council	Strategy, Partnerships and Engagement
		4.1.1.5	Conduct a range of civic events and ceremonies, including Australia Day, Remembrance Day, Anzac Day, and Community Leaders Breakfast	Organisational Performance

Timeframe – June 2025		Timeframe – June 2023		
DELIVERY PROGRAM		OPERATIONAL PLAN		
Code	Strategy	Code	Action	Responsibility
4.1.2	Council's decision making processes are open, transparent and accountable	4.1.2.1	Provide an annual report to the community	Strategy, Partnerships and Engagement
		4.1.2.2	Ensure Council meeting business papers, agendas and minutes are publicly available in accordance with legislation	Organisational Performance
		4.1.2.3	Ensure adopted strategies and key documents are available on Council's website following their adoption, and are easily accessible	Organisational Performance Strategy, Partnerships and Engagement
		4.1.2.4	Prepare clear guidelines and processes for outgoing sponsorships, grants and community benefit fund applications	Strategy, Partnerships and Engagement
		4.1.2.5	Promote Council's activities and decisions through a range of media platforms	Strategy, Partnerships and Engagement
4.1.3	Council provides quality customer service	4.1.3.1	Implement and monitor the Customer Experience Strategy	Strategy, Partnerships and Engagement
		4.1.3.2	Ensure staff respond to customer requests and correspondence in accordance with Council's Customer Experience Charter	Strategy, Partnerships and Engagement
		4.1.3.3	Expand and promote services available through the DRC&Me Portal	Strategy, Partnerships and Engagement
		4.1.3.4	Ensure business continuity plans are in place for the provision of Council services, and relevant training is provided to key personnel in Council	Organisational Performance

Timeframe – June 2025		Timeframe – June 2023		
DELIVERY PROGRAM		OPERATIONAL PLAN		
Code	Strategy	Code	Action	Responsibility
4.1.4	Statutory requirements are met and services are provided in a cost-effective and timely manner	4.1.4.1	Maintain the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework	Strategy, Partnerships and Engagement
		4.1.4.2	Ensure governance reports to external agencies comply with statutory requirements	Organisational Performance
		4.1.4.3	Review and maintain appropriate governance frameworks to enhance accountability	Organisational Performance
		4.1.4.4	Implement an annual strategic internal audit program	Organisational Performance
		4.1.4.5	Develop an audit program that ensures workplace health and safety management systems are implemented and meet the requirements of the Work Health and Safety Act	Organisational Performance
		4.1.4.6	Facilitate Council's Audit and Risk Management Committee to monitor risk management, control, governance and external accountability responsibilities	Organisational Performance

Timeframe – June 2040

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN	
Code	Objective
4.2	The resources of Council are sustainably managed

Timeframe – June 2025

Timeframe – June 2023

DELIVERY PROGRAM		OPERATIONAL PLAN		
Code	Strategy	Code	Action	Responsibility
4.2.1	The system of raising revenue is equitable and revenue from grants and other income sources is maximised	4.2.1.1	Review the Revenue Policy	Organisational Performance
		4.2.1.2	Review the rating structure	Organisational Performance
		4.2.1.3	Complete annual financial statements, other statutory reports and returns as required	Organisational Performance
		4.2.1.4	Review the budget on a quarterly basis	Organisational Performance
		4.2.1.5	Monitor the level of State and Federal government grants payable to Council, including Financial Assistance Grants and lodge submissions accordingly	Organisational Performance
		4.2.1.6	Invest Council funds in accordance with legislative requirements and Council's Investment Strategy and Policy	Organisational Performance
		4.2.1.7	Update Council's Long Term Financial Plan	Organisational Performance
		4.2.1.8	Pursue opportunities for strategic alliances and resource sharing with neighbouring councils	Strategy, Partnerships and Engagement
4.2.2	Technological capabilities meet the requirements of Council and the community	4.2.2.1	Prepare and implement a Smart Transformation Strategy to support the use of new technology for the community and within Council	Strategy, Partnerships and Engagement Development and Environment
		4.2.2.2	Maintain corporate information in accordance with the State Records Act	Strategy, Partnerships and Engagement
		4.2.2.3	Maintain a comprehensive and accurate Geographical Information System	Strategy, Partnerships and Engagement
		4.2.2.4	Maintain an accurate Land Information System database	Development and Environment

Timeframe – June 2025		Timeframe – June 2023		
DELIVERY PROGRAM		OPERATIONAL PLAN		
Code	Strategy	Code	Action	Responsibility
4.2.3	A highly skilled, diverse and motivated workforce is maintained	4.2.3.1	Adopt and implement a Workforce Management Strategy	Organisational Performance
		4.2.3.2	Implement the corporate training program	Organisational Performance
		4.2.3.3	Explore solutions to facilitate employee engagement and feedback	Organisational Performance
		4.2.3.4	Continue to build a culture of performance, and develop a program to recognize the performance of staff	Organisational Performance
		4.2.3.5	Implement Council’s Equal Employment Opportunity Management Plan and Aboriginal Employment Strategy	Organisational Performance
		4.2.3.6	Create a professional development program for all Councillors	Organisational Performance

Timeframe – June 2025		Timeframe – June 2023		
DELIVERY PROGRAM		OPERATIONAL PLAN		
Code	Strategy	Code	Action	Responsibility
4.2.4	The business activities of Council provide financial returns to the community	4.2.4.1	Develop and implement strategic plans for the Dubbo Regional Livestock Markets	Organisational Performance
		4.2.4.2	Prepare and implement a development and marketing strategy for Keswick Estate	Organisational Performance
		4.2.4.3	Provide cost-effective supply, contract administration and procurement services	Organisational Performance
		4.2.4.4	Undertake a review of the Wellington Aerodrome and Recreation Park to support its long term planning and multiuse	Organisational Performance
4.2.5	Services reviews are conducted to improve Council's performance	4.2.5.1	Conduct service reviews and use the recommendations to help inform business improvement and decision making	Chief Executive Officer

Theme 5 – Liveability

The quality of life and the liveability of our community is underpinned by a number of key elements, including access to health care, education, safety, community facilities, recreation and open space areas, and a greater understanding of our First Nations and European heritage.

Our community wants opportunities that support wellbeing and a sense of belonging.

Our Community Expects:

- Provision of First Nations communities cultural heritage opportunities
- Effective medical services and facilities to available, including a residential drug and alcohol rehabilitation centre, more specialist medical and allied health practitioners, and greater resources for mental health facilities and services
- 24 hour policing to be provided across the region
- Access to a full range of educational opportunities
- Access to a full range of recreational and sporting opportunities
- Promotion of the heritage assets of Wellington and our villages
- A variety of high quality cultural services and facilities to be available
- Increased opportunities for public art

Our Partners:

- Department of Premier and Cabinet
- Department of Education
- Department of Communities and Justice
- Department of Planning and Environment
- Western NSW Local Health district
- Orana-Mid Western Police
- Aboriginal Land Councils, First Nations organisations and the First Nations community
- Education and training institutions
- Not-for-profit and non-government organisations
- Sporting groups and associations

Alignment to quadruple bottom line:



SOCIAL



ENVIRONMENT

Timeframe – June 2040

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN	
Code	Objective
5.1	The health and safety of the community is improved

Timeframe – June 2025

Timeframe – June 2023

DELIVERY PROGRAM		OPERATIONAL PLAN		
Code	Strategy	Code	Action	Responsibility
5.1.1	Effective medical services and facilities are available	5.1.1.1	Advocate to the State Government and private sector to attract general and specialist medical practitioners, and expand medical and allied health services in Dubbo and Wellington	Community, Culture and Places
		5.1.1.2	Advocate to the State Government to review mental health needs and facilities in the region	Community, Culture and Places
		5.1.1.3	Advocate to the State Government to provide and maintain regional service levels at the Dubbo Base Hospital	Community, Culture and Places
		5.1.1.4	Advocate for, facilitate and support the expansion of Macquarie Homestay	Community, Culture and Places
		5.1.1.5	Work with stakeholders in the Dubbo Health, Education and Wellbeing Precinct to support the growth of services and facilities	Development and Environment
5.1.2	The needs of older people and people with a disability are monitored to ensure appropriate services and facilities are available	5.1.2.1	Develop and implement strategic plans when making decisions that may impact older people and people with a disability	Community, Culture and Places
		5.1.2.2	Participate in regular interagency groups to assess the needs of older people and people with a disability	Community, Culture and Places
		5.1.2.3	Maintain and implement the Disability Inclusion Action Plan	Community, Culture and Places
		5.1.2.4	Participate in Seniors Week and International Day of People with a Disability	Community, Culture and Places

Timeframe – June 2025		Timeframe – June 2023		
DELIVERY PROGRAM		OPERATIONAL PLAN		
Code	Strategy	Code	Action	Responsibility
5.1.3	There is an appropriate level of policing in our region	5.1.3.1	Participate in relevant crime-prevention networks and help the community understand the enablers of crime	Community, Culture and Places
		5.1.3.2	Advocate to the State Government to provide 24-hour police services in Wellington	Community, Culture and Places
		5.1.3.3	Collaborate with the NSW Government to monitor the operations of licensed premises	Community, Culture and Places
		5.1.3.4	Advocate to the State Government for the establishment of a Youth Koori Court in Dubbo	Community, Culture and Places
		5.1.3.5	Advocate to the State Government for the establishment and facilitation of a drug and alcohol rehabilitation centre	Community, Culture and Places

Timeframe – June 2040

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN	
Code	Objective
5.2	Our First Nations communities and cultures are celebrated and enhanced

Timeframe – June 2025

Timeframe – June 2023

DELIVERY PROGRAM		OPERATIONAL PLAN		
Code	Strategy	Code	Action	Responsibility
5.2.1	The health, education and socio economic status of our First Nations communities is improved	5.2.1.1	Advocate to the State Government to deliver improved health facilities for our First Nations community	Community, Culture and Places
		5.2.1.2	Provide and maintain an Aboriginal liaison service and advisory groups to support and assist our First Nations community	Community, Culture and Places
		5.2.1.3	Maintain positive working relationships with representative bodies such as the Aboriginal Working Party, Wellington Leaders Groups, traditional owners and Aboriginal Land Councils	Community, Culture and Places
		5.2.1.4	Improve First Nations employment outcomes within Council's workforce	Community, Culture and Places
		5.2.1.5	Investigate Supply Nation membership for inclusion in Council's procurement policies to include the First Nations business sector	Community, Culture and Places

Timeframe – June 2025		Timeframe – June 2023		
DELIVERY PROGRAM		OPERATIONAL PLAN		
Code	Strategy	Code	Action	Responsibility
5.2.2	The culture of our First Nations communities is recognised and celebrated	5.2.2.1	Celebrate and participate in National Reconciliation Week and NAIDOC Week to encourage understanding and cultural sharing	Community, Culture and Places
		5.2.2.2	Support and celebrate First Nations culture through dedicated programming and development programs at Council’s cultural facilities	Community, Culture and Places
		5.2.2.3	Implement Council’s Reconciliation Plan to address national Closing the Gap initiatives	Community, Culture and Places
		5.2.2.4	Investigate options to create a Closing the Gap Strategy for the region	Community, Culture and Places
		5.2.2.5	Demonstrate respect to First Nations communities by observing cultural protocols	Community, Culture and Places
5.2.3	Items, areas and places of First Nations cultural heritage significance are protected and conserved	5.2.3.1	Collaborate with the First Nations communities to identify and protect items of cultural significance	Community, Culture and Places

Timeframe – June 2040

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN	
Code	Objective
5.3	The lifestyle and social needs of the community are supported

Timeframe – June 2025

Timeframe – June 2023

DELIVERY PROGRAM		OPERATIONAL PLAN		
Code	Strategy	Code	Action	Responsibility
5.3.1	The social services requirements of our community are identified and met	5.3.1.1	Participate in interagency groups in regard to social service issues	Community, Culture and Places
		5.3.1.2	Provide support for the operations of the Dubbo and Wellington Neighbourhood centres and associated service providers	Community, Culture and Places
		5.3.1.3	Provide funding opportunities for community services through Council’s Community Services Fund and Financial Assistance Program Fund	Community, Culture and Places
		5.3.1.4	Investigate opportunities for Council to effectively engage with the not-for-profit sector and volunteers to support positive community outcomes	Strategy, Partnerships and Engagement
5.3.2	A variety of youth activities and entertainment is available	5.3.2.1	Operate and resource the Youth Council	Community, Culture and Places
		5.3.2.2	Celebrate and participate in National Youth Week	Community, Culture and Places
5.3.3	People have access to a range of burial and interment options	5.3.3.1	Provide and maintain cemetery services in Dubbo, Wellington, village and rural locations	Community, Culture and Places
		5.3.3.2	Prepare and implement master plans for cemetery facilities in Dubbo and Wellington	Community, Culture and Places

Timeframe – June 2025		Timeframe – June 2023		
DELIVERY PROGRAM		OPERATIONAL PLAN		
Code	Strategy	Code	Action	Responsibility
5.3.4	Our community values domestic, companion and other animals	5.3.4.1	Provide animal shelter and impounding services in Dubbo and Wellington	Development and Environment
		5.3.4.2	Conduct an annual audit of the Dubbo Animal Shelter and Wellington Pound	Development and Environment
		5.3.4.3	Implement an education program to educate residents on the requirements of keeping companion animals	Development and Environment
		5.3.4.4	Deliver Ranger Services to assist with lost, stray, noisy or nuisance animals	Development and Environment

Timeframe – June 2040

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN	
Code	Objective
5.4	The community has access to a full range of educational opportunities

Timeframe – June 2025

Timeframe – June 2023

DELIVERY PROGRAM		OPERATIONAL PLAN		
Code	Strategy	Code	Action	Responsibility
5.4.1	Access to a variety of high quality education facilities, opportunities and choice is available	5.4.1.1	Advocate to the State Government to ensure high quality primary and secondary education is available	Community, Culture and Places
		5.4.1.2	Advocate to the State Government and private education providers for an expansion of tertiary course offerings in the region	Community, Culture and Places
		5.4.1.3	Collaborate with the State Government to identify suitable sites and funding opportunities to develop the Macquarie Conservatorium of Music in Dubbo	Community, Culture and Places
5.4.2	Childcare, preschool and after-hours care meets the needs of the community	5.4.2.1	Provide and maintain Family Day Care services in Dubbo and Wellington	Community, Culture and Places
		5.4.2.2	Advocate to the State Government and private education providers to provide and expand childcare, preschool and after-hours services in the villages	Community, Culture and Places

Timeframe – June 2025		Timeframe – June 2023		
DELIVERY PROGRAM		OPERATIONAL PLAN		
Code	Strategy	Code	Action	Responsibility
5.4.3	Access to a high standard of library services and facilities is available	5.4.3.1	Undertake a strategic review and options analysis of library services in the region	Community, Culture and Places
		5.4.3.2	Advocate to the State Government for funding to obtain full benefits for library facilities and services	Community, Culture and Places
		5.4.3.3	Prepare an annual report on the Macquarie Regional Library	Community, Culture and Places
		5.4.3.4	Review the regional library service delivery model to ensure that the most appropriate level of service is delivered	Community, Culture and Places
		5.4.3.5	Review the Macquarie Regional Library Service Agreement	Community, Culture and Places

Timeframe – June 2040

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN	
Code	Objective
5.5	The community has access to a diverse range of recreational opportunities

Timeframe – June 2025

Timeframe – June 2023

DELIVERY PROGRAM		OPERATIONAL PLAN		
Code	Strategy	Code	Action	Responsibility
5.5.1	Passive and active open space is located to maximise access and use by the community	5.5.1.1	Implement and monitor the Recreation Strategy 2030	Community, Culture and Places
		5.5.1.2	Prepare a Master Plan for the Macquarie River open space areas in Dubbo, incorporating a review of the Regand Park Master Plan	Community, Culture and Places
		5.5.1.3	Engage with the community in the planning and development of public open space areas	Community, Culture and Places
		5.5.1.4	Manage and maintain recreation and open space areas in accordance with the Asset Management Plan	Community, Culture and Places Infrastructure
		5.5.1.5	Develop Public Open Space Guidelines to identify standards for future developments	Community, Culture and Places
5.5.2	Unique recreation and open space facilities are available	5.5.2.1	Identify external funding opportunities to install shade for the multi-purpose courts at Rygate Park	Community, Culture and Places
		5.5.2.2	Prepare a detailed business case, including strategic and funding plans, for an indoor facility at the Dubbo Aquatic Leisure Centre	Community, Culture and Places
		5.5.2.3	Manage Aquatic Leisure Centres in accordance with Industry Standards, Royal Lifesaving Australia, NSW Water Safety and NSW Health	Community, Culture and Places
		5.5.2.4	Undertake an options analysis and associated business case for public aquatic leisure options in Geurie	Community, Culture and Places

Timeframe – June 2025		Timeframe – June 2023		
DELIVERY PROGRAM		OPERATIONAL PLAN		
Code	Strategy	Code	Action	Responsibility
5.5.3	Our sporting facilities cater for a wide range of events and opportunities	5.5.3.1	Collaborate with user groups of sports grounds to ensure their operational requirements are met	Community, Culture and Places
		5.5.3.2	Support the operations and activities of the Dubbo Regional Sports Council	Community, Culture and Places
		5.5.3.3	Support and work with sporting organisations to secure major events for the region	Community, Culture and Places

Timeframe – June 2040

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN	
Code	Objective
5.6	The diversity of our heritage, cultural services and facilities are maintained and promoted

Timeframe – June 2025

Timeframe – June 2023

DELIVERY PROGRAM		OPERATIONAL PLAN		
Code	Strategy	Code	Action	Responsibility
5.6.1	Our community participates in and celebrates the high quality of cultural services and facilities available	5.6.1.1	Prepare an annual report on the SPARC Cultural Plan	Community, Culture and Places
		5.6.1.2	Develop a seasonal program that attracts a range of shows and community events to the Dubbo Regional Theatre and Convention Centre	Community, Culture and Places
		5.6.1.3	Prepare and implement Strategic Plans and Internal Business Strategies for the Dubbo Regional Theatre and Convention Centre	Community, Culture and Places
		5.6.1.4	Develop a seasonal program that attracts a range of cultural and arts events to the Western Plains Cultural Centre	Community, Culture and Places
		5.6.1.5	Prepare and implement Strategic Plans and Internal Business Strategies for the Western Plains Cultural Centre	Community, Culture and Places
		5.6.1.6	Prepare and implement a Public Art Strategy for culture and space activation within the region	Community, Culture and Places
		5.6.1.7	Engage with the community to create opportunities to contribute to the content and programs at the Dubbo Regional Theatre and Convention Centre and the Western Plains Cultural Centre	Community, Culture and Places
		5.6.1.8	Undertake a strategic review of cultural and museum services in Wellington	Community, Culture and Places

Timeframe – June 2025		Timeframe – June 2023		
DELIVERY PROGRAM		OPERATIONAL PLAN		
Code	Strategy	Code	Action	Responsibility
5.6.2	Culturally and Linguistically Diverse peoples’ culture and heritage is celebrated	5.6.2.1	Engage with the local culturally and linguistically diverse community to support effective partnerships, and identify needs and opportunities	Community, Culture and Places
		5.6.2.2	Identify external funding opportunities to create a multicultural park, incorporating a mother language monument	Community, Culture and Places
		5.6.2.3	Celebrate and participate in Harmony Week to encourage understanding and cultural sharing	Community, Culture and Places
		5.6.2.4	Maintain Sister Cities relationships and support opportunities for cultural exchange	Community, Culture and Places
5.6.3	Items of heritage significance are protected, conserved and adapted for re-use where appropriate	5.6.3.1	Participate in the Local Heritage Assistance Fund	Development and Environment
		5.6.3.2	Provide a heritage advisory service to protect and enhance heritage assets, and to identify items of heritage significance	Development and Environment

Theme 6 – Environmental Sustainability

Our unique natural environment must be preserved while recognising the need for sustainably managing growth and development. Council and our community can become more sustainable by promoting renewable energy, reducing waste and protecting our natural resources. We face national and global challenges that need co-ordinated solutions and education across all levels of society to achieve more sustainable ways of living.

Our Community Expects:

- The use of renewable energy to be encouraged, supported and increased
- Electric vehicles to become more prevalent, with charging stations located in key areas
- Growth and development to be sustainable, with minimal impacts on the environment
- The impacts of climate change to be recognised and planned for
- The impacts on important biodiversity, ecological communities, environmental assets and endangered habitats to be minimised
- To be resilient against natural events and disasters, including fires, flooding and drought
- Master-planning our river environments to guide their use, restoration and conservation

Our Partners:

- Department of Planning and Environment
- Department of Primary Industries
- National Parks and Wildlife Service
- Environment Protection Authority
- State Emergency Services and local emergency management groups
- Development industry
- Local environment groups

Alignment to quadruple bottom line:



ENVIRONMENT

Timeframe – June 2040

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN	
Code	Objective
6.1	We achieve net zero emissions

Timeframe – June 2025

Timeframe – June 2023

DELIVERY PROGRAM		OPERATIONAL PLAN		
Code	Strategy	Code	Action	Responsibility
6.1.1	Investment in renewable energy opportunities is encouraged and supported	6.1.1.1	Support and encourage the community to use renewable energy and implement energy-efficient measures	Development and Environment
		6.1.1.2	Develop and implement appropriate policies to ensure new development and street lighting upgrades adopt LED technology	Development and Environment
		6.1.1.3	Review the Energy Strategy and Implementation Plan	Development and Environment
		6.1.1.4	Maintain membership in the Cities Power Partnership	Development and Environment
		6.1.1.5	Collaborate with the State Government to ensure development in the Central-West Orana Renewable Energy Zone takes a strategic approach to community development	Development and Environment

Timeframe – June 2025		Timeframe – June 2023		
DELIVERY PROGRAM		OPERATIONAL PLAN		
Code	Strategy	Code	Action	Responsibility
6.1.2	Council buildings and facilities are energy efficient, carbon neutral and utilise renewable energy sources	6.1.2.1	Investigate opportunities for energy efficiency and renewable energy use for Council buildings and facilities, and implement where appropriate	Organisational Performance
		6.1.2.2	Monitor and report the energy performance of Council buildings and facilities via Council's energy management tool	Organisational Performance
		6.1.2.3	Develop and implement a policy which provides energy efficient guidance, information and benchmarks in the design and construction of major capital works and building projects	Development and Environment
		6.1.2.4	Prepare a Net Zero Strategy for Council and Council operations	Development and Environment
		6.1.2.5	Implement practices to optimize fleet performance and reduce fuel use and greenhouse gas emissions	Infrastructure
6.1.3	Alternative modes of transport are available	6.1.3.1	Investigate the provision of electric vehicle charging stations, along with opportunities to fund installation of these facilities	Development and Environment
		6.1.3.2	Collaborate with the State Government as part of the NSW Electric Vehicle Strategy	Development and Environment
6.1.4	Existing and new development is sustainable, has sufficient greenspace and efficiently uses resources	6.1.4.1	Investigate mechanisms and smart technologies to reduce the urban heat effect	Development and Environment
		6.1.4.2	Implement the Street Tree Master Plan and Street Tree Maintenance Guidelines to improve the quality of street appeal in the region	Community, Culture and Places
		6.1.4.3	Prepare and adopt a Tree Preservation Order to manage important trees within the region	Community, Culture and Places

Timeframe – June 2040

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN	
Code	Objective
6.2	We recognize, plan for and respond to the impacts of climate change

Timeframe – June 2025

Timeframe – June 2023

DELIVERY PROGRAM		OPERATIONAL PLAN		
Code	Strategy	Code	Action	Responsibility
6.2.1	The impacts of climate change are identified and addressed through collaboration with our community and government	6.2.1.1	Support and encourage community groups and programs to undertake environmental restoration works	Infrastructure
		6.2.1.2	Undertake Climate Change Risk Planning for Council and Council's assets	Organisational Performance
		6.2.1.3	Investigate funding opportunities to increase community education programs and awareness of climate change	Development and Environment
6.2.2	Water supply is provided efficiently and sustainably to our community	6.2.2.1	Promote and encourage water savings initiatives to the community	Infrastructure
		6.2.2.2	Investigate activities and funding strategies to ensure long-term water security	Infrastructure
6.2.3	Waste manage processes reduce our environmental footprint and impact on the environment	6.2.3.1	Investigate smart technology to improve waste management practices	Development and Environment
		6.2.3.2	Undertake a litter, waste and food avoidance and minimization education program	Development and Environment
		6.2.3.3	Work with NetWaste on waste projects and opportunities for greater diversion from landfill	Development and Environment

Timeframe – June 2040

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN	
Code	Objective
6.3	Land use management sustains and improves the built and natural environment

Timeframe – June 2025

Timeframe – June 2023

DELIVERY PROGRAM		OPERATIONAL PLAN		
Code	Strategy	Code	Action	Responsibility
6.3.1	The quality of the Macquarie, Talbragar and Bell River corridors are managed and enhanced	6.3.1.1	Support and encourage community groups and programs to undertake environmental restoration works	Infrastructure
6.3.2	Stormwater discharge into receiving waters is limited	6.3.2.1	Maintain existing gross pollutant traps and retarding basins	Infrastructure
		6.3.2.2	Undertake a stormwater education program	Infrastructure
		6.3.2.3	Incorporate stormwater treatment devices into new development areas	Infrastructure
		6.3.2.4	Undertake regular street sweeping programs	Infrastructure
6.3.3	Endangered ecological communities, threatened species, habitats and environmental assets are protected	6.3.3.1	Advocate to the State Government for funding to map all endangered environmental assets	Development and Environment
		6.3.3.2	Advocate to the State Government for funding to restore degraded environments	Community, Culture and Places
		6.3.3.3	Collaborate with Environmental Groups to identify and monitor noxious and environmental weeds	Infrastructure
		6.3.3.4	Design major infrastructure projects so that they avoid endangered ecological communities, threatened species, habitats and environmental assets	Infrastructure

Timeframe – June 2040

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN	
Code	Objective
6.4	We plan for and mitigate the impacts of natural events and disasters

Timeframe – June 2025

Timeframe – June 2023

DELIVERY PROGRAM		OPERATIONAL PLAN		
Code	Strategy	Code	Action	Responsibility
6.4.1	People and property are protected from fire-related incidents	6.4.1.1	Review bushfire prone mapping for the region	Development and Environment
6.4.2	Development does not place the community at risk from flood impacts	6.4.2.1	Regularly maintain drainage networks in Dubbo, Wellington and the Villages	Infrastructure
		6.4.2.2	Complete planning activities for stormwater drainage and flooding works in Wongarbron, and investigate funding opportunities and mechanisms	Infrastructure
		6.4.2.3	Develop an appropriate flood planning policy for Eumungerie following adoption of the Floodplain Risk Management Plan	Development and Environment
		6.4.2.4	Prepare and adopt a Floodplain Risk Management Plan for Geurie	Infrastructure
		6.4.2.5	Facilitate Council's Floodplain Risk Management Committee to monitor flood risks and mitigation opportunities	Infrastructure
6.4.3	Local emergency management organisations and State Emergency Services are capable of responding to emergencies	6.4.3.1	Implement and review disaster plans and Local Emergency Management Plans	Organisational Performance
		6.4.3.2	Coordinate Council's response and assist relevant agencies during emergencies and disasters	Organisational Performance

Capital Projects

Some of the major infrastructure projects for the 2022/2023 financial year are:

- Completion of replacing three existing timber bridges (Burrendong Bridge Number, Benelong Bridge and Molong Street Bridge)
- Completion of Boothenba Road and DRLM Intersection Upgrade
- Rural Road Upgrading - Burrendong Way - Safer Roads Program
- Rural Road Upgrading - Ballimore Rd (Windora-Wongajong Rd)
- Paving and Reconstruction of Paved Footpaths
- Urban Road Upgrading - Wheelers Lane (Rail line to Myall St and Birch to Rail X)
- Stormwater drainage extension - Bourke Street - Myall St to River St
- Devils Hole Outfall Reconstruction
- Wongarbon Drainage Scheme
- Commencement of Hennessy Rd Detention Basin Construction
- Finalisation of Troy Gully Sewerage Pump Station electrical switch board upgrade
- Geurie Treatment Plant Upgrade
- Destination Dubbo International Ready
- Wiradjuri Tourism Centre
- Old Dubbo Gaol Plaza
- Dubbo CBD Macquarie River Bank shared pathway
- Lions Park West amenities replacement
- Victoria Park no. 2 and no. 3 irrigation replacement
- John McGrath sports lighting
- Nita McGrath Netball Courts
- New Animal Shelter
- Parking Sensors
- Dubbo Regional Airport Northern Apron Expansion
- Dubbo Regional Theatre Stage Lighting



Monitoring and review

As Council implements the Delivery Program and Operational Plan, we need to keep track of our progress. Monitoring and evaluation of the Plan ensures that strategies and actions are being provided to our community in a timely and financially sustainable manner.

Council measures and evaluates progress in the following ways:

THEME	MEASURE	RESPONSIBLE DIRECTORATE
Theme 1: Housing	Constant number of development approvals and approvals for specific housing types, relative to population growth	Development and Environment
	Constant number of Planning Proposal requests to amend planning controls	Development and Environment
	Residential Land Monitor and the maintenance of a land development pipeline	Development and Environment
	Decreasing housing stress	Development and Environment
Theme 2: Infrastructure	Length of rural and urban roads constructed, rebuilt or re-sheeted	Infrastructure
	Length of cycleways and pathways constructed or rebuilt	Infrastructure
	Decreasing number of water and sewerage call outs	Infrastructure
	Decreasing number of reported vehicle and pedestrian crashes	Infrastructure
Theme 3: Economy	Increasing number of business and industry participants in programs and activities	Strategy, Partnerships and Engagement
	Increasing number of placemaking activities facilitated	Strategy, Partnerships and Engagement
	Increasing number of visitors to Council-owned tourist facilities	Community, Culture and Places
	Increasing total tourist expenditure and average length of visitor stay	Strategy, Partnerships and Engagement
	Increasing number of commercial and industrial development approvals	Development and Environment
	Decreasing unemployment rate	Strategy, Partnerships and Engagement
Theme 4: Leadership	Increasing community satisfaction with customer service provided	Organisational Performance
	Positive operating performance ratio	Organisational Performance

THEME	MEASURE	RESPONSIBLE DIRECTORATE
Theme 5: Liveability	Community satisfaction with parks and recreational facilities	Community, Culture and Places
	Increasing annual attendance and participation in cultural events at Council facilities	Community, Culture and Places
	Decreasing overall crime rates	Community, Culture and Places
	Number of children in child care facilities relative to demographic trends	Community, Culture and Places
Theme 6: Environmental Sustainability	Increasing number of renewable energy infrastructure installed across Council facilities	Development and Environment
	Decreasing amount of waste going to landfill	Development and Environment
	Increasing number of street trees planted each year	Community, Culture and Places

Council monitors progress in the following ways:

DOCUMENT	DESCRIPTION	FREQUENCY
Budget Review Statement	A revised estimate of income and expenditure with reference to the Statement of Council's Revenue Policy	Prior to 1 December, 1 March and 1 June
Progress Report	Report on the progress of achieving the Delivery Program principal activities	Present to Council at least every six months
Annual Report	Report on the achievements in implementing the Delivery Program principal activities and their effectiveness in achieving CSP objectives	Adopt by 30 November every year
State of our Region Report	Report on Council's achievements in implementing the CSP over the previous four years	Present at second meeting of a newly elected Council and include in Annual Report in year of an election



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2022/2023 OPERATIONAL PLAN

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY: Macquarie Regional Library

BUSINESS: Community, Culture and Places - Macquarie Regional Library

Responsible Officer: Manager - Macquarie Regional Library
Kathryn McAlister

Business Objectives: *Provide quality services to the Macquarie Regional Library communities*

Activity	Actions	Performance Targets/ Service Levels
1. Management Services	1.1.1 Review the regional service delivery model to ensure that the most appropriate level of service is delivered	MRL Service delivery model is considered appropriate, and agreed levels of service are provided
	1.1.2 Review the MRL Service Agreement	
	1.1.4 Produce an MRL Annual Report including the audited statement of accounts	Annual performance can be assessed
	1.2.1 Submit draft budget to MRL member councils	The annual General Rate variation % sets Council contributions as a minimum
	1.2.2 Undertake quarterly budget reviews	
	1.2.3 Seek grant and subsidy opportunities to obtain full benefits for the Library Service	Maximise grant and subsidy opportunities
	1.2.4 Review MRL Revenue Policy [Fees and Charges]	Income from value added library services increases by 2.5% p/a
	1.3.2 Develop MRL Annual Operational Plan	MRL has appropriate planning documents to support delivery and access to quality services for the Member Council communities
	1.3.3 Complete annual SLNSW Public Libraries Statistical Return	
	1.3.4 Complete the biennial report against the SLNSW Living Learning Libraries: Standards & Guidelines for the MRL Service	
	1.3.5 Review MRL policies for consistency with policy, legislative, and best-practice	

2. People Management	2.1.1 Develop annual staff training program	The staff have access to training and staff development programs
	2.1.2 Conduct an all staff development and training day	
	2.1.3 Review the MRL organisational structure	The staffing levels are appropriate to meet organisational needs and SLNSW guidelines
3. Services & Programs	3.1.2 Review member database annually	Membership numbers maintained according to SLNSW guidelines
	3.1.3 Collate visitation and attendance at programs and events at each branch and service point	Visitation numbers are maintained in accordance with SLNSW standards & guidelines
	3.1.4 Review provision of services, programs, and collections, particularly for target and diversity groups	Community needs are met in accordance with Strategic Plan, policies and industry guidelines
	3.1.7 Review MRL website and branding	
	3.1.8 Produce comprehensive quarterly statistical reports on library activities at branches and service points	Member Councils can assess the MRL's performance
	3.1.9 Compile a quarterly overview report on programs, services, and special events	
4. Collections	4.1.1 Undertake analysis and report on annual statistics, collection profiles and usage	MRL's performance meets community needs
	4.1.2 Review Library Management System and database integrity biennially	Database records conform to recognised bibliographic and industry standards
	4.1.4 Review the MRL Collection Management Policy biennially	MRL Collection Development Policy and processes are considered appropriate to provide relevant collections to meet customer needs
5. Marketing	5.1.1 Review and develop an annual Marketing Plan	Marketing & promotional plans are developed to promote library services & resources to councils and communities
6. Information Technology	6.1.2 Report annually on current and future information technology needs	Staff and customers have access to appropriate information technology resources and information services
	6.1.4 Review business continuity, technology plans and strategies	
7. Library Accommodation	7.1.1 Undertake annual inspection of buildings to ensure compliance with Work Health Safety (WHS) requirements	100% of buildings and conditions are appropriate to policy and SLNSW standards and guidelines

	7.1.2 Review equipment requirements for branches and service points	
8. Sustainability	8.1.1 The Library supports sustainability	The Library undertakes appropriate sustainability initiatives

**DUBBO REGIONAL COUNCIL
BUDGET SUMMARY**

	2022/2023	2023/2024	2024/2025	2025/2026
Community Culture and Places				
Strategic Community Culture and Places	(713,236)	(740,282)	(768,410)	(797,664)
Aquatic Leisure Centres	(1,524,241)	(1,516,866)	(1,501,543)	(1,417,317)
Cemeteries	(286,445)	(118,494)	(121,828)	(125,466)
Community Services	(1,091,337)	(1,123,904)	(1,144,384)	(1,158,647)
Family Day Care	75,679	78,666	81,773	33,672
Library Services	(2,306,256)	(2,385,254)	(2,600,728)	(2,582,190)
Old Dubbo Gaol	(79,725)	(152,359)	(35,060)	(34,157)
Open Space	(7,381,749)	(4,646,893)	(4,618,130)	(4,706,189)
Rainbow Cottage	(381,781)	(410,421)	(445,773)	(459,097)
Recreation and Sporting	(2,830,437)	(2,800,034)	(2,949,326)	(2,810,031)
Regional Events	(628,661)	(676,327)	(687,740)	(708,929)
Regional Experiences	(1,543,630)	(1,468,042)	(1,481,703)	(1,529,731)
Regional Theatre and Convention Centre	(2,176,728)	(1,973,849)	(2,028,366)	(1,906,468)
Showgrounds	13,962	(422,488)	(184,200)	(185,242)
Wellington Caves Complex	(435,484)	(516,030)	(356,286)	(245,650)
Western Plains Cultural Centre	(1,230,924)	(1,339,509)	(1,303,973)	(786,953)
Wiradjuri Tourism Centre	(250,000)	(400,000)	(400,000)	(400,000)
TOTAL	(22,770,993)	(20,612,086)	(20,545,677)	(19,820,059)
Development and Environment				
Strategic Development and Environment	(400,653)	(416,489)	(432,959)	(450,087)
Building and Development Services	701,602	692,551	682,031	669,959
Compliance	(1,192,838)	(1,371,538)	(1,531,162)	(1,587,050)
Environment and Health	(602,997)	(628,303)	(654,631)	(683,162)
Growth Planning	(821,352)	(834,297)	(848,560)	(884,194)
Resource Recovery and Efficiency	(198,312)	(204,361)	(245,633)	(216,543)
Waste Management - Domestic	-	-	-	-
Waste Management - Other	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	(2,514,550)	(2,762,437)	(3,030,914)	(3,151,077)
Infrastructure				
Strategic Infrastructure	(195,877)	(201,811)	(207,984)	(214,403)
BILT	(342,298)	(95,445)	(98,727)	(102,147)
Depot Services	(364,175)	(374,685)	(388,728)	(403,875)
Fleet Services	323,503	329,973	336,573	343,304
Greenspace Operations	(2,205,714)	(2,260,624)	(2,316,633)	(2,376,272)
Infrastructure Strategy and Design	(22,649)	(59,687)	(99,000)	(140,684)
Roads Network	(11,081,959)	(13,488,974)	(16,406,637)	(17,900,240)
Roads State Network	-	-	-	-
Sewerage Services	-	-	-	-
Stormwater	(997,301)	(4,672,197)	(573,845)	(200,158)
Street Lighting	(1,130,595)	(616,000)	(666,960)	(721,487)
Traffic Management	(763,976)	(754,928)	(744,584)	(732,818)
Water For The Future	-	-	-	-
Water Supply	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	(16,781,041)	(22,194,378)	(21,166,525)	(22,448,780)
Organisational Performance				
Strategic Organisational Performance	(338,868)	(356,146)	(373,137)	(391,973)
Building Assets	(2,393,529)	(2,445,250)	(2,497,976)	(2,206,907)
Corporate Overheads	6,971,160	7,110,583	7,252,796	7,397,851
Dubbo Regional Airport	(550,000)	600,000	600,000	600,000
Dubbo Regional Livestock Markets	461,250	472,782	484,602	496,714

**DUBBO REGIONAL COUNCIL
BUDGET SUMMARY**

	2022/2023	2023/2024	2024/2025	2025/2026
Employment Overheads	-	-	-	-
Financial Operations	(3,187,155)	(3,319,525)	(3,434,849)	(3,561,859)
Fire and Emergency Services	(1,472,646)	(1,614,639)	(1,659,238)	(1,705,231)
Governance and Internal Control	(4,215,495)	(4,353,725)	(4,820,320)	(4,661,182)
People Culture and Safety	-	-	-	-
Procurement	(305,723)	(316,785)	(328,288)	(340,052)
Property and Land Development	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000
Rates and General Revenue	54,104,705	56,861,116	56,683,099	57,115,079
TOTAL	51,573,699	55,138,411	54,406,689	55,242,440
Strategy Partnerships and Engagement				
Strategic Strategy Partnerships and Engagement	(511,802)	(509,898)	(548,718)	(548,287)
Corporate Image and Communications	(863,429)	(892,968)	(923,653)	(955,527)
Customer Experience	(1,453,692)	(1,514,536)	(1,567,613)	(1,632,927)
Economic Development and Marketing	(1,762,020)	(1,715,026)	(1,870,090)	(1,826,623)
Information Services	(4,916,172)	(4,937,082)	(4,753,499)	(4,859,160)
TOTAL	(9,507,115)	(9,569,510)	(9,663,573)	(9,822,524)
TOTAL ALL FUNCTIONS	-	-	-	-

Budget Summary - 2022-2023

FUNCTION	Operating		(Surplus) Deficit from Operations	Capital Revenues		Capital Expenditure		Funds Transferred to From Restricted Assets	Net Funds Available to (Required from) Rates and General Revenue
	Revenues	Expenses		Expenses not Involving Flows of Funds (Depr etc)	Loan Borrowings Assets Sold	Loan Repayment Principal	Assets Purchased		
Community Culture and Places									
Strategic Community Culture and Places	-	(713,236)	(713,236)	-	-	-	-	-	(713,236)
Aquatic Leisure Centres	924,672	(2,825,176)	(1,900,504)	530,496	-	(48,020)	(31,611)	(74,602)	(1,524,241)
Cemeteries	449,033	(742,219)	(293,186)	56,741	-	-	(50,000)	-	(286,445)
Community Services	309,484	(2,196,782)	(1,887,298)	869,056	-	-	(114,595)	41,500	(1,091,337)
Family Day Care	1,713,979	(1,649,087)	64,892	1,892	-	-	-	8,895	75,679
Library Services	229,883	(2,738,578)	(2,508,695)	272,439	-	-	(70,000)	-	(2,306,256)
Old Dubbo Gaol	747,447	(940,714)	(193,267)	138,542	-	-	(325,000)	300,000	(79,725)
Open Space	173,250	(6,472,546)	(6,299,296)	1,788,547	-	-	(2,760,000)	(111,000)	(7,381,749)
Rainbow Cottage	1,254,120	(1,709,257)	(455,137)	73,356	-	-	-	-	(138,781)
Recreation and Sporting	1,128,861	(4,565,918)	(3,437,057)	1,862,114	-	(206,770)	(1,048,724)	-	(2,830,437)
Regional Events	50,000	(678,661)	(628,661)	-	-	-	-	-	(628,661)
Regional Experiences	126,445	(1,670,075)	(1,543,630)	-	-	-	-	-	(1,543,630)
Regional Theatre and Convention Centre	2,356,019	(3,742,796)	(1,386,777)	1,063,700	-	(678,651)	(1,181,000)	6,000	(2,176,728)
Showgrounds	339,414	(1,317,985)	(978,571)	807,533	-	-	(190,000)	375,000	13,962
Wellington Caves Complex	1,066,083	(1,544,865)	(478,782)	153,298	-	-	(245,000)	135,000	(435,484)
Western Plains Cultural Centre	150,167	(1,484,790)	(1,334,623)	552,038	-	(391,339)	(77,000)	20,000	(1,230,924)
Wiradjuri Tourism Centre	-	(250,000)	(250,000)	-	-	-	-	-	(250,000)
TOTAL	11,018,857	(35,242,685)	(24,223,828)	8,169,752	-	(1,324,780)	(6,092,930)	700,793	(22,770,993)
Development and Environment									
Strategic Development and Environment	-	(400,653)	(400,653)	-	-	-	-	-	(400,653)
Building and Development Services	2,173,700	(1,474,335)	699,365	2,237	-	-	(36,901)	36,901	701,602
Compliance	444,983	(1,596,244)	(1,151,261)	53,423	-	-	(1,673,000)	1,578,000	(1,192,838)
Environment and Health	122,185	(881,456)	(759,271)	2,463	-	-	-	153,791	(602,997)
Growth Planning	95,000	(1,059,257)	(964,257)	10	-	-	-	-	(821,352)
Resource Recovery and Efficiency	-	(198,312)	(198,312)	-	-	-	-	-	(198,312)
Waste Management - Domestic	8,937,729	(8,245,708)	692,021	277,943	150,000	-	(1,290,000)	170,036	-
Waste Management - Other	4,258,574	(2,520,969)	1,737,605	541,078	-	(27,371)	(193,282)	(2,058,030)	-
TOTAL	16,032,171	(16,376,934)	(344,763)	877,174	150,000	(27,371)	(3,193,183)	23,593	(2,514,550)
Infrastructure									
Strategic Infrastructure	-	(195,877)	(195,877)	-	-	-	-	-	(195,877)
BLT	4,000,505	(92,298)	3,908,207	-	-	-	(4,738,045)	487,540	(342,298)
Depot Services	15,612	(364,175)	(348,563)	344,519	-	-	(344,519)	(15,612)	(364,175)
Fleet Services	343,503	41,984	385,487	2,665,124	1,528,782	-	(4,977,847)	721,957	323,503
Greenspace Operations	107,908	(2,318,180)	(2,210,272)	4,558	-	-	-	-	(2,205,714)
Infrastructure Strategy and Design	528,484	(574,455)	(45,971)	23,322	-	-	-	-	(22,649)
Roads Network	16,699,842	(23,803,218)	(7,103,376)	15,565,989	-	(59,044)	(25,510,909)	6,025,381	(11,081,959)
Roads State Network	770,534	(770,534)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sewerage Services	20,059,239	(14,125,348)	5,933,891	4,583,760	40,000	(2,323,962)	(6,904,514)	(1,369,175)	-
Stormwater	1,766,139	(3,182,525)	(1,416,386)	2,096,185	-	(258,897)	(4,541,963)	3,123,760	(997,301)
Street Lighting	176,325	(791,000)	(614,675)	-	-	-	-	(515,920)	(1,130,595)
Traffic Management	1,172,604	(1,026,215)	146,389	28,660	-	(288,789)	-	(650,236)	(763,976)
Water For The Future	4,130,600	-	4,130,600	-	-	-	(4,130,600)	-	-
Water Supply	23,712,260	(20,425,951)	3,286,309	5,312,956	48,000	(1,335,491)	(8,434,282)	1,122,508	-
TOTAL	73,523,555	(67,627,792)	5,895,763	30,625,073	1,616,782	(4,266,183)	(59,582,679)	8,930,203	(16,781,041)
Organisational Performance									
Strategic Organisational Performance	-	(338,868)	(338,868)	-	-	-	-	-	(338,868)
Building Assets	351,000	(3,259,939)	(2,908,939)	880,695	-	(365,285)	-	-	(2,393,529)
Corporate Overheads	-	6,971,160	6,971,160	-	-	-	-	-	6,971,160
Dubbo Regional Airport	4,322,875	(4,700,816)	(377,941)	1,497,217	-	-	(805,000)	(864,276)	(550,000)
Dubbo Regional Livestock Markets	3,711,801	(3,960,887)	(249,086)	1,284,899	-	-	(3,571,150)	2,996,587	461,250
Employment Overheads	-	178,958	178,958	-	-	-	-	(178,958)	-
Financial Operations	252,350	(3,439,505)	(3,187,155)	-	-	-	-	-	(3,187,155)
Fire and Emergency Services	907,974	(2,711,467)	(1,803,493)	675,337	-	-	(443,883)	99,393	(1,472,646)
Governance and Internal Control	1,000	(3,935,513)	(3,934,513)	18	-	-	-	(281,000)	(4,215,495)
People Culture and Safety	100,000	(104,345)	(4,345)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Procurement	1,500	(307,223)	(305,723)	-	-	-	-	-	(305,723)
Property and Land Development	5,607,081	(1,457,424)	4,149,657	-	-	-	(1,208,000)	(441,657)	2,500,000
Rates and General Revenue	51,965,321	(11,000)	51,954,321	-	(345,714)	-	-	2,496,098	54,104,705
TOTAL	67,220,902	(17,076,869)	50,144,033	4,342,511	(345,714)	(365,285)	(6,028,033)	3,826,187	51,573,699
Strategy Partnerships and Engagement									
Strategic Strategy Partnerships and Engagement	-	(511,802)	(511,802)	-	-	-	-	-	(511,802)
Corporate Image and Communications	-	(863,429)	(863,429)	-	-	-	-	-	(863,429)
Customer Experience	14,280	(1,467,972)	(1,453,692)	-	-	-	-	-	(1,453,692)
Economic Development and Marketing	280,726	(2,151,065)	(1,870,339)	108,319	-	-	-	-	(1,762,020)
Information Services	15,567	(5,188,631)	(5,173,064)	676,892	-	-	(420,000)	-	(4,916,172)
TOTAL	310,573	(10,182,899)	(9,872,326)	785,211	-	-	(420,000)	-	(9,507,115)
TOTAL ALL FUNCTIONS	168,106,058	(146,507,179)	21,598,879	44,799,721	1,421,068	(5,983,619)	(75,316,825)	13,480,776	-

Budget Summary - 2023-2024

FUNCTION	Operating		(Surplus) Deficit from Operations	Capital Revenues		Capital Expenditure		Funds Transferred to From Restricted Assets	Net Funds Available to (Required from) Rates and General Revenue
	Revenues	Expenses		Expenses not Involving Flows of Funds (Depr etc)	Loan Borrowings Assets Sold	Loan Repayment Principal	Assets Purchased		
Community Culture and Places									
Strategic Community Culture and Places	-	(740,282)	(740,282)	-	-	-	-	-	(740,282)
Aquatic Leisure Centres	941,091	(2,850,660)	(1,909,569)	530,496	-	(50,984)	(60,000)	(26,809)	(1,516,866)
Cemeteries	460,259	(647,994)	(187,735)	56,741	-	-	-	12,500	(118,494)
Community Services	314,846	(2,277,982)	(1,963,136)	869,056	-	-	(66,324)	36,500	(1,123,904)
Family Day Care	1,726,830	(1,670,382)	56,448	1,892	-	-	-	20,326	78,666
Library Services	210,086	(2,837,779)	(2,627,693)	272,439	-	-	(30,000)	-	(2,385,254)
Old Dubbo Gaol	766,584	(937,485)	(170,901)	138,542	-	-	(120,000)	-	(152,359)
Open Space	174,669	(6,459,109)	(6,284,440)	1,788,547	-	-	(40,000)	(111,000)	(4,946,893)
Rainbow Cottage	1,285,473	(1,759,250)	(473,777)	73,356	-	-	(10,000)	-	(410,421)
Recreation and Sporting	297,344	(4,579,960)	(4,282,616)	1,862,114	-	(219,532)	(160,000)	-	(2,800,034)
Regional Events	80,000	(756,327)	(676,327)	-	-	-	-	-	(676,327)
Regional Experiences	127,120	(1,595,162)	(1,468,042)	-	-	-	-	-	(1,468,042)
Regional Theatre and Convention Centre	1,552,808	(3,751,578)	(2,198,770)	1,063,700	-	(732,779)	(106,000)	-	(1,973,849)
Showgrounds	347,273	(1,327,294)	(980,021)	807,533	-	-	(250,000)	-	(422,488)
Wellington Caves Complex	1,093,559	(1,535,887)	(442,328)	153,298	-	-	(330,000)	103,000	(516,030)
Western Plains Cultural Centre	153,271	(1,491,247)	(1,337,976)	552,038	-	(415,571)	(138,000)	-	(1,339,509)
Wiradjuri Tourism Centre	150,000	(550,000)	(400,000)	-	-	-	-	-	(400,000)
TOTAL	9,681,213	(35,768,378)	(26,087,165)	8,169,752	-	(1,418,866)	(1,310,324)	34,517	(20,612,086)
Development and Environment									
Strategic Development and Environment	-	(416,489)	(416,489)	-	-	-	-	-	(416,489)
Building and Development Services	2,227,067	(1,536,753)	690,314	2,237	-	-	-	-	692,551
Compliance	419,401	(1,650,734)	(1,231,333)	53,423	-	-	(3,135,000)	2,941,372	(1,371,538)
Environment and Health	125,104	(755,890)	(630,786)	2,463	-	-	-	-	(628,303)
Growth Planning	95,000	(909,307)	(814,307)	10	-	-	-	(20,000)	(834,297)
Resource Recovery and Efficiency	-	(204,361)	(204,361)	-	-	-	-	-	(204,361)
Waste Management - Domestic	9,516,944	(8,676,637)	840,307	277,943	-	-	-	(1,118,250)	-
Waste Management - Other	4,411,658	(2,554,412)	1,857,246	541,078	2,000	(29,013)	(175,140)	(2,196,171)	-
TOTAL	16,795,174	(16,704,583)	90,591	877,174	2,000	(29,013)	(3,310,140)	(393,049)	(2,762,437)
Infrastructure									
Strategic Infrastructure	-	(201,811)	(201,811)	-	-	-	-	-	(201,811)
BILL	-	(95,445)	(95,445)	-	-	-	-	-	(95,445)
Depot Services	16,080	(374,685)	(358,605)	344,519	-	-	(344,519)	(16,080)	(374,685)
Fleet Services	349,973	69,762	419,735	2,665,124	1,960,924	-	(6,536,431)	1,820,621	329,973
Greenspace Operations	106,910	(2,372,092)	(2,265,182)	4,558	-	-	-	-	(2,260,624)
Infrastructure Strategy and Design	541,696	(624,705)	(83,009)	23,322	-	-	-	-	(59,687)
Roads Network	9,106,541	(23,865,977)	(14,759,436)	15,565,989	-	(63,761)	(14,180,255)	(51,511)	(13,488,974)
Roads State Network	780,254	(780,254)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sewerage Services	20,868,196	(14,187,711)	6,680,485	4,583,760	57,393	(2,431,596)	(5,404,780)	(3,485,262)	-
Stormwater	1,815,365	(3,182,346)	(1,366,981)	2,096,185	-	(175,494)	(5,263,020)	37,113	(4,672,197)
Street Lighting	203,000	(819,000)	(616,000)	-	-	-	-	-	(616,000)
Traffic Management	1,203,039	(1,020,439)	182,600	28,660	-	(311,860)	-	(654,328)	(754,928)
Water For The Future	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Water Supply	24,609,461	(20,673,459)	3,936,002	5,312,956	194,670	(1,411,705)	(8,432,479)	400,556	-
TOTAL	59,600,515	(68,128,162)	(8,527,647)	30,625,073	2,212,987	(4,394,416)	(40,161,484)	(1,948,891)	(22,194,378)
Organisational Performance									
Strategic Organisational Performance	-	(356,146)	(356,146)	-	-	-	-	-	(356,146)
Building Assets	352,020	(3,290,123)	(2,938,103)	880,695	-	(387,842)	-	-	(2,445,250)
Corporate Overheads	-	7,110,583	7,110,583	-	-	-	-	-	7,110,583
Dubbo Regional Airport	5,594,654	(4,904,584)	690,070	1,497,217	-	-	(626,000)	(961,287)	600,000
Dubbo Regional Livestock Markets	4,155,265	(4,024,267)	130,998	1,284,899	-	-	(368,684)	(574,431)	472,782
Employment Overheads	-	14,985	14,985	-	-	-	-	(14,985)	-
Financial Operations	254,699	(3,574,224)	(3,319,525)	-	-	-	-	-	(3,319,525)
Fire and Emergency Services	464,858	(2,754,834)	(2,289,976)	675,337	-	-	-	-	(1,614,639)
Governance and Internal Control	1,000	(4,072,723)	(4,071,723)	18	-	-	-	(282,020)	(4,353,725)
People Culture and Safety	100,000	(104,345)	(4,345)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Procurement	1,500	(318,285)	(316,785)	-	-	-	-	-	(316,785)
Property and Land Development	9,279,907	(1,485,052)	7,794,855	-	-	-	(11,871,080)	6,576,225	2,500,000
Rates and General Revenue	54,458,065	(11,200)	54,446,865	-	(185,494)	-	-	2,599,745	56,861,116
TOTAL	74,661,968	(17,770,215)	56,891,753	4,342,511	(185,494)	(387,842)	(12,865,764)	7,343,247	55,138,411
Strategy Partnerships and Engagement									
Strategic Strategy Partnerships and Engagement	-	(509,898)	(509,898)	-	-	-	-	-	(509,898)
Corporate Image and Communications	-	(892,968)	(892,968)	-	-	-	-	-	(892,968)
Customer Experience	14,637	(1,529,173)	(1,514,536)	-	-	-	-	-	(1,514,536)
Economic Development and Marketing	463,651	(2,286,996)	(1,823,345)	108,319	-	-	-	-	(1,715,026)
Information Services	47,922	(5,231,896)	(5,183,974)	676,892	-	-	(430,000)	-	(4,937,082)
TOTAL	526,210	(10,450,931)	(9,924,721)	785,211	-	-	(430,000)	-	(9,569,510)
TOTAL ALL FUNCTIONS	161,265,080	(148,822,269)	12,442,811	44,799,721	2,029,493	(6,230,137)	(58,077,712)	5,035,824	-

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FUNCTION	Operating		(Surplus) Deficit from Operations	Capital Revenues		Capital Expenditure		Funds Transferred to From Restricted Assets	Net Funds Available to (Required from) Rates and General Revenue
	Revenues	Expenses		Expenses not Involving Flows of Funds (Depr etc)	Loan Borrowings Assets Sold	Loan Repayment Principal	Assets Purchased		
Community Culture and Places									
Strategic Community Culture and Places	-	(768,410)	(768,410)	-	-	-	-	-	(768,410)
Aquatic Leisure Centres	967,885	(2,915,607)	(1,947,722)	530,496	-	(54,117)	(30,200)	-	(1,501,543)
Cemeteries	471,766	(662,835)	(191,069)	56,741	-	-	-	12,500	(121,828)
Community Services	320,676	(2,308,535)	(1,987,859)	869,056	-	-	(66,940)	41,359	(1,144,384)
Family Day Care	1,740,001	(1,690,054)	49,947	1,892	-	-	-	29,934	81,773
Library Services	210,295	(2,944,862)	(2,734,567)	272,439	-	-	(138,600)	-	(2,600,728)
Old Dubbo Gaol	786,413	(960,015)	(173,602)	138,542	-	-	-	-	(35,060)
Open Space	175,854	(6,423,725)	(6,247,871)	1,788,547	-	-	(47,806)	(111,000)	(4,618,130)
Rainbow Cottage	1,317,610	(1,810,739)	(493,129)	73,356	-	-	(26,000)	-	(445,773)
Recreation and Sporting	304,728	(4,615,148)	(4,310,420)	1,862,114	-	(233,020)	(268,000)	-	(2,949,326)
Regional Events	50,000	(737,740)	(687,740)	-	-	-	-	-	(687,740)
Regional Experiences	138,349	(1,620,052)	(1,481,703)	-	-	-	-	-	(1,481,703)
Regional Theatre and Convention Centre	1,601,617	(3,756,394)	(2,154,777)	1,063,700	-	(783,289)	(154,000)	-	(2,028,366)
Showgrounds	355,384	(1,347,117)	(991,733)	807,533	-	-	-	-	(184,200)
Wellington Caves Complex	1,121,787	(1,519,371)	(397,584)	153,298	-	-	(112,000)	-	(356,286)
Western Plains Cultural Centre	153,914	(1,471,354)	(1,317,440)	552,038	-	(435,571)	(103,000)	-	(1,303,973)
Wiradjuri Tourism Centre	170,000	(570,000)	(400,000)	-	-	-	-	-	(400,000)
TOTAL	9,886,279	(36,121,958)	(26,235,679)	8,169,752	-	(1,505,997)	(946,546)	(27,207)	(20,545,677)
Development and Environment									
Strategic Development and Environment	-	(432,959)	(432,959)	-	-	-	-	-	(432,959)
Building and Development Services	2,281,754	(1,601,960)	679,794	2,237	-	-	-	-	682,031
Compliance	357,596	(1,704,821)	(1,347,225)	53,423	-	-	(60,000)	(177,360)	(1,531,162)
Environment and Health	128,128	(785,242)	(657,114)	2,463	-	-	-	-	(654,631)
Growth Planning	95,000	(943,570)	(848,570)	10	-	-	-	-	(848,560)
Resource Recovery and Efficiency	-	(245,633)	(245,633)	-	-	-	-	-	(245,633)
Waste Management - Domestic	10,130,258	(9,032,555)	1,097,703	277,943	20,592	-	(40,981)	(1,355,257)	-
Waste Management - Other	4,570,597	(2,443,940)	2,126,657	541,078	319,393	(30,763)	(1,355,943)	(1,600,422)	-
TOTAL	17,563,333	(17,190,680)	372,653	877,174	339,985	(30,763)	(1,456,924)	(3,133,039)	(3,030,914)
Infrastructure									
Strategic Infrastructure	-	(207,984)	(207,984)	-	-	-	-	-	(207,984)
BLT	-	(98,727)	(98,727)	-	-	-	-	-	(98,727)
Depot Services	16,563	(388,728)	(372,165)	344,519	-	-	(344,519)	(16,563)	(388,728)
Fleet Services	356,573	87,406	443,979	2,665,124	1,963,748	-	(5,716,858)	980,580	336,573
Greenspace Operations	108,442	(2,429,633)	(2,321,191)	4,558	-	-	-	-	(2,316,633)
Infrastructure Strategy and Design	555,238	(677,560)	(122,322)	23,322	-	-	-	-	(99,000)
Roads Network	6,052,184	(23,932,577)	(17,880,393)	15,565,989	-	(68,855)	(13,970,579)	(52,799)	(16,406,637)
Roads State Network	790,216	(790,216)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sewerage Services	21,785,895	(14,291,024)	7,494,871	4,583,760	122,181	(1,410,193)	(5,902,401)	(4,888,219)	-
Stormwater	5,841,516	(3,182,229)	2,659,287	2,096,185	-	(189,405)	(4,889,540)	(250,372)	(573,845)
Street Lighting	203,000	(869,960)	(666,960)	-	-	-	-	-	(666,960)
Traffic Management	1,233,115	(1,013,432)	219,683	28,660	-	(336,773)	-	(656,154)	(744,584)
Water For The Future	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Water Supply	25,652,509	(20,790,801)	4,861,708	5,312,956	84,129	(1,493,968)	(10,422,672)	1,657,847	-
TOTAL	62,595,251	(68,585,465)	(5,990,214)	30,625,073	2,170,058	(3,499,194)	(41,246,569)	(3,225,679)	(21,166,525)
Organisational Performance									
Strategic Organisational Performance	-	(373,137)	(373,137)	-	-	-	-	-	(373,137)
Building Assets	353,060	(3,319,960)	(2,966,900)	880,695	-	(411,771)	-	-	(2,497,976)
Corporate Overheads	-	7,252,796	7,252,796	-	-	-	-	-	7,252,796
Dubbo Regional Airport	5,733,380	(4,980,870)	752,510	1,497,217	-	-	(29,000)	(1,620,727)	600,000
Dubbo Regional Livestock Markets	4,618,609	(4,101,289)	517,320	1,284,899	-	-	(407,684)	(909,933)	484,602
Employment Overheads	-	(229,683)	(229,683)	-	-	-	-	229,683	-
Financial Operations	257,107	(3,691,956)	(3,434,849)	-	-	-	-	-	(3,434,849)
Fire and Emergency Services	465,644	(2,800,219)	(2,334,575)	675,337	-	-	-	-	(1,659,238)
Governance and Internal Control	1,000	(5,014,278)	(5,013,278)	18	-	-	-	192,940	(4,820,320)
People Culture and Safety	100,000	(104,345)	(4,345)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Procurement	1,500	(329,788)	(328,288)	-	-	-	-	-	(328,288)
Property and Land Development	15,075,409	(1,511,633)	13,563,776	-	-	-	(3,268,000)	(7,795,776)	2,500,000
Rates and General Revenue	55,409,828	(11,400)	55,398,428	-	(205,287)	-	-	1,489,958	56,683,099
TOTAL	82,015,537	(19,215,762)	62,799,775	4,342,511	(205,287)	(411,771)	(3,704,684)	(8,413,855)	54,406,689
Strategy Partnerships and Engagement									
Strategic Strategy Partnerships and Engagement	-	(548,718)	(548,718)	-	-	-	-	-	(548,718)
Corporate Image and Communications	-	(923,653)	(923,653)	-	-	-	-	-	(923,653)
Customer Experience	15,003	(1,582,616)	(1,567,613)	-	-	-	-	-	(1,567,613)
Economic Development and Marketing	296,649	(2,275,058)	(1,978,409)	108,319	-	-	-	-	(1,870,090)
Information Services	48,880	(5,349,271)	(5,300,391)	676,892	-	-	(130,000)	-	(4,753,499)
TOTAL	360,532	(10,679,316)	(10,318,784)	785,211	-	-	(130,000)	-	(9,663,573)
TOTAL ALL FUNCTIONS	172,420,932	(151,793,181)	20,627,751	44,799,721	2,304,756	(5,447,725)	(47,484,723)	(14,799,780)	-

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FUNCTION	Operating		(Surplus) Deficit from Operations	Capital Revenues		Capital Expenditure		Funds Transferred to From Restricted Assets	Net Funds Available to (Required from) Rates and General Revenue
	Revenues	Expenses		Expenses not Involving Flows of Funds (Depr etc)	Loan Borrowings Assets Sold	Loan Repayment Principal	Assets Purchased		
Community Culture and Places									
Strategic Community Culture and Places	-	(797,664)	(797,664)	-	-	-	-	-	(797,664)
Aquatic Leisure Centres	992,085	(2,939,898)	(1,947,813)	530,496	-	-	-	-	(1,417,317)
Cemeteries	483,560	(678,267)	(194,707)	56,741	-	-	-	12,500	(125,466)
Community Services	324,918	(2,352,621)	(2,027,703)	869,056	-	-	-	-	(1,158,647)
Family Day Care	1,739,781	(1,708,001)	31,780	1,892	-	-	-	-	33,672
Library Services	210,509	(3,034,538)	(2,824,029)	272,439	-	-	(30,600)	-	(2,582,190)
Old Dubbo Gaol	805,607	(978,306)	(172,699)	138,542	-	-	-	-	(34,157)
Open Space	171,962	(6,423,698)	(6,251,736)	1,788,547	-	-	(243,000)	-	(4,706,189)
Rainbow Cottage	1,331,449	(1,863,902)	(532,453)	73,356	-	-	-	-	(459,097)
Recreation and Sporting	303,359	(4,615,504)	(4,312,145)	1,862,114	-	-	(360,000)	-	(2,810,031)
Regional Events	50,000	(758,929)	(708,929)	-	-	-	-	-	(708,929)
Regional Experiences	139,087	(1,668,818)	(1,529,731)	-	-	-	-	-	(1,529,731)
Regional Theatre and Convention Centre	1,643,105	(3,755,793)	(2,112,688)	1,063,700	-	(857,480)	-	-	(1,906,468)
Showgrounds	364,251	(1,357,026)	(992,775)	807,533	-	-	-	-	(185,242)
Wellington Caves Complex	1,154,274	(1,533,222)	(378,948)	153,298	-	-	(20,000)	-	(245,650)
Western Plains Cultural Centre	157,195	(1,466,186)	(1,308,991)	552,038	-	-	(30,000)	-	(786,953)
Wiradjuri Tourism Centre	190,000	(590,000)	(400,000)	-	-	-	-	-	(400,000)
TOTAL	10,061,142	(36,522,373)	(26,461,231)	8,169,752	-	(857,480)	(683,600)	12,500	(19,820,059)
Development and Environment									
Strategic Development and Environment	-	(450,087)	(450,087)	-	-	-	-	-	(450,087)
Building and Development Services	2,337,803	(1,670,081)	667,722	2,237	-	-	-	-	669,959
Compliance	379,111	(1,777,762)	(1,398,651)	53,423	-	-	(60,000)	(181,822)	(1,387,050)
Environment and Health	130,125	(85,770)	44,355	2,463	-	-	-	-	(83,307)
Growth Planning	95,000	(959,204)	(864,204)	10	-	-	-	(20,000)	(884,194)
Resource Recovery and Efficiency	-	(216,543)	(216,543)	-	-	-	-	-	(216,543)
Waste Management - Domestic	10,779,563	(9,446,616)	1,332,947	277,943	42,592	-	(89,414)	(1,564,068)	-
Waste Management - Other	4,741,937	(2,537,323)	2,204,614	541,078	-	(32,637)	(15,000)	(2,698,055)	-
TOTAL	18,463,539	(17,873,386)	590,153	877,174	42,592	(32,637)	(164,414)	(4,463,945)	(3,151,077)
Infrastructure									
Strategic Infrastructure	-	(214,403)	(214,403)	-	-	-	-	-	(214,403)
BILT	-	(102,147)	(102,147)	-	-	-	-	-	(102,147)
Depot Services	16,977	(403,875)	(386,898)	344,519	-	-	(344,519)	(16,977)	(403,875)
Fleet Services	363,304	103,393	466,697	2,665,124	2,548,704	-	(7,015,803)	1,678,582	343,304
Greenspace Operations	108,442	(2,489,272)	(2,380,830)	4,558	-	-	-	-	(2,376,272)
Infrastructure Strategy and Design	569,119	(733,125)	(164,006)	23,322	-	-	-	-	(140,684)
Roads Network	6,957,588	(23,966,660)	(17,009,072)	15,565,989	-	(74,355)	(16,862,146)	479,344	(17,900,240)
Roads State Network	800,427	(800,427)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sewerage Services	22,511,142	(14,955,272)	8,055,870	4,583,760	156,122	(343,133)	(4,625,315)	(7,827,304)	-
Stormwater	1,920,557	(3,180,081)	(1,259,524)	2,096,185	-	(203,554)	(575,180)	(258,085)	(200,158)
Street Lighting	203,000	(924,487)	(721,487)	-	-	-	-	-	(721,487)
Traffic Management	1,263,943	(1,005,070)	258,873	28,660	-	(363,678)	-	(656,673)	(732,818)
Water For The Future	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Water Supply	26,478,073	(20,953,476)	5,524,597	5,312,956	113,720	(1,106,897)	(9,069,348)	(775,028)	-
TOTAL	61,192,572	(69,124,902)	(7,932,330)	30,625,073	2,818,546	(2,091,617)	(38,492,311)	(7,376,141)	(22,448,780)
Organisational Performance									
Strategic Organisational Performance	-	(391,973)	(391,973)	-	-	-	-	-	(391,973)
Building Assets	354,387	(3,358,141)	(3,003,754)	880,695	-	(83,848)	-	-	(2,206,907)
Corporate Overheads	-	7,397,851	7,397,851	-	-	-	-	-	7,397,851
Dubbo Regional Airport	5,869,163	(5,038,932)	830,231	1,497,217	-	-	(115,000)	(1,612,448)	600,000
Dubbo Regional Livestock Markets	4,754,311	(4,236,482)	517,829	1,284,899	-	-	(150,265)	(1,155,749)	496,714
Employment Overheads	-	(329,767)	(329,767)	-	-	-	-	329,767	-
Financial Operations	259,575	(3,821,434)	(3,561,859)	-	-	-	-	-	(3,561,859)
Fire and Emergency Services	466,294	(2,846,862)	(2,380,568)	-	-	-	-	-	(1,705,231)
Governance and Internal Control	1,000	(4,379,140)	(4,378,140)	18	-	-	-	(283,060)	(4,661,182)
People Culture and Safety	100,000	(104,345)	(4,345)	4,345	-	-	-	-	-
Procurement	1,500	(341,552)	(340,052)	-	-	-	-	-	(340,052)
Property and Land Development	10,835,392	(1,539,208)	9,296,184	-	-	-	-	(6,796,184)	2,500,000
Rates and General Revenue	57,214,354	(11,600)	57,202,754	-	(127,256)	-	-	39,581	57,115,079
TOTAL	79,855,976	(19,001,585)	60,854,391	4,342,511	(127,256)	(83,848)	(265,265)	(9,478,093)	55,242,440
Strategy Partnerships and Engagement									
Strategic Strategy Partnerships and Engagement	-	(548,287)	(548,287)	-	-	-	-	-	(548,287)
Corporate Image and Communications	-	(955,527)	(955,527)	-	-	-	-	-	(955,527)
Customer Experience	15,378	(1,648,305)	(1,632,927)	-	-	-	-	-	(1,632,927)
Economic Development and Marketing	299,784	(2,234,726)	(1,934,942)	108,319	-	-	-	-	(1,826,623)
Information Services	49,857	(5,505,909)	(5,456,052)	676,892	-	-	(80,000)	-	(4,859,160)
TOTAL	365,019	(10,892,754)	(10,527,735)	785,211	-	-	(80,000)	-	(9,822,524)
TOTAL ALL FUNCTIONS	169,938,248	(153,415,000)	16,523,248	44,799,721	2,733,882	(3,065,582)	(39,685,590)	(21,305,679)	-

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	2022/2023	2023/2024	2024/2025	2025/2026
Capital				
Expenditure				
Aquatic Leisure Centre -Asset Renewals -Maintenance				
01.09470 - Asset Renewal - Other Structures				
7310 - DALC Laneropes - 50m Pool	-	-	18,200	-
7311 - DALC Laneropes Rollers - 50m Pool	7,000	-	-	-
7314 - DALC Pool Rollers - 50m Pool	-	-	12,000	-
7320 - DALC Fencing Renewal	24,611	-	-	-
7323 - DALC Pool Structures & Waterslides	-	60,000	-	-
01.09470 - Asset Renewal - Other Structures Total	31,611	60,000	30,200	-
Aquatic Leisure Centre -Asset Renewals -Maintenance Total	31,611	60,000	30,200	-
BILT - Expenditure on Grants				
01.09372 - Destination Dubbo				
1001 - Wiradjuri Tourism Centre - Building	3,243,618	-	-	-
1002 - Macquarie Foreshore - Event Precinct	1,494,427	-	-	-
01.09372 - Destination Dubbo Total	4,738,045	-	-	-
BILT - Expenditure on Grants Total	4,738,045	-	-	-
Building and Development Serv-Aquisition of Assets				
01.09318 - Building Control - Office Equipment				
7000 - e-Planning Portal Integration Software	36,901	-	-	-
01.09318 - Building Control - Office Equipment Total	36,901	-	-	-
Building and Development Serv-Aquisition of Assets Total	36,901	-	-	-
Cemeteries - Acquisition of Assets				
01.09403 - Cemetery - Land Improvements				
7182 - Landscaping/Furniture/Signage	40,000	-	-	-
7186 - Tubba-Gah Burial Ground Improvements	10,000	-	-	-
01.09403 - Cemetery - Land Improvements Total	50,000	-	-	-
Cemeteries - Acquisition of Assets Total	50,000	-	-	-
Community Services - Acquisition of Assets				
01.09418 - Recreation Services - Other Structures				
7210 - South Dubbo Scout Hall Fence	-	16,324	-	-
7211 - Girl Guides Hall - Painting	-	-	16,940	-
01.09418 - Recreation Services - Other Structures Total	-	16,324	16,940	-
Community Services - Acquisition of Assets Total	-	16,324	16,940	-
Community Services - Asset Renewals - Maintenance				
01.09415 - Community Services - Buildings (Renewals)				
7241 - Pre School Family Day Care Centre - Roof	49,595	-	-	-
7247 - Stuart Town Railway Hotel/Post Office	15,000	-	-	-
01.09415 - Community Services - Buildings (Renewals) Total	64,595	-	-	-
01.09507 - Community Services - Other Assets				
7302 - CCTV Purchase & Installation	50,000	50,000	50,000	-
01.09507 - Community Services - Other Assets Total	50,000	50,000	50,000	-
Community Services - Asset Renewals - Maintenance Total	114,595	50,000	50,000	-
Compliance - Acquisition of Assets				
01.09361 - Compliance - Furniture & Fittings				
7000 - Minor Furniture and Fittings	20,000	30,000	-	-
01.09361 - Compliance - Furniture & Fittings Total	20,000	30,000	-	-
01.09365 - Compliance - Other Structures				
7001 - Animal Shelter	1,500,000	3,000,000	-	-
7002 - Parking Sensors	153,000	75,000	-	-
01.09365 - Compliance - Other Structures Total	1,653,000	3,075,000	-	-
01.09370 - Compliance - Plant and Equipment				
7000 - Minor Plant and Equipment	-	30,000	60,000	60,000
01.09370 - Compliance - Plant and Equipment Total	-	30,000	60,000	60,000
Compliance - Acquisition of Assets Total	1,673,000	3,135,000	60,000	60,000
Cultural Centre - Acquisition of Assets				
01.09541 - WPCC - Furniture & Fittings				
7123 - Corporate Office Space	10,000	10,000	-	-

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01.09541 - WPCC - Furniture & Fittings Total	10,000	10,000	-	-
01.09542 - WPCC - Plant & Equipment				
7454 - Daikin Air Condition Unit - Staff Office	-	8,000	8,000	-
7461 - Digital Projectors - Gallery	-	40,000	-	-
01.09542 - WPCC - Plant & Equipment Total	-	48,000	8,000	-
01.09545 - Cultural Facilities - Buildings				
7410 - Minor Purchases	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
7415 - BMS System	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
01.09545 - Cultural Facilities - Buildings Total	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
Cultural Centre - Acquisition of Assets Total	40,000	88,000	38,000	30,000
Cultural Centre - Asset Renewals - Maintenance				
01.09533 - WPCC - Furniture & Fittings				
7312 - Humidifier	-	30,000	30,000	-
7326 - PAC Unit Replacement	-	-	35,000	-
7332 - Toilet Hand Fan Upgrades	8,000	-	-	-
01.09533 - WPCC - Furniture & Fittings Total	8,000	30,000	65,000	-
01.09544 - Ex Dubbo High School - Buildings				
7372 - Carpark Reseal	9,000	-	-	-
7381 - Replacement Gutter & Downpipe	-	20,000	-	-
01.09544 - Ex Dubbo High School - Buildings Total	9,000	20,000	-	-
Cultural Centre - Asset Renewals - Maintenance Total	17,000	50,000	65,000	-
Depot Services - Acquisition of Assets				
01.09697 - Depot - Buildings				
7969 - Hawthorn St Depot Improvements	309,519	344,519	344,519	344,519
7971 - Solar Panels - Amaroo Dr Depot	35,000	-	-	-
01.09697 - Depot - Buildings Total	344,519	344,519	344,519	344,519
Depot Services - Acquisition of Assets Total	344,519	344,519	344,519	344,519
Domestic Waste - Acquisition of Assets				
01.09103 - DWM - Plant & Equipment Purchases Total	1,290,000	-	40,981	89,414
Domestic Waste - Acquisition of Assets Total	1,290,000	-	40,981	89,414
Dubbo Regional Airport - Acquisition of Assets				
01.09201 - Airport Furniture & Fittings				
6935 - Flight Information Display System (FIDS)	-	-	10,000	-
6940 - Cafe Equipment	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
6943 - 2 Hot Water Services for Airlines	-	1,000	-	1,000
01.09201 - Airport Furniture & Fittings Total	5,000	6,000	15,000	6,000
01.09202 - Airport - Other Assets				
6941 - Advertising Blades	-	-	-	50,000
01.09202 - Airport - Other Assets Total	-	-	-	50,000
01.09206 - Airport - Buildings				
6951 - Replace Air-Conditioning Unit	36,000	261,000	-	-
6956 - Baggage Conveyor Motor	5,000	-	5,000	-
01.09206 - Airport - Buildings Total	41,000	261,000	5,000	-
Dubbo Regional Airport - Acquisition of Assets Total	46,000	267,000	20,000	56,000
Dubbo Regional Airport - Asset Renewals - Maint.				
01.09208 - Airport - Other Structures				
6951 - CCTV Enhancement	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000
6980 - Covered Walkway	-	250,000	-	-
01.09208 - Airport - Other Structures Total	9,000	259,000	9,000	9,000
01.09209 - Airport - Furniture & Fittings				
7000 - Carpet - Terminal Building	-	50,000	-	50,000
01.09209 - Airport - Furniture & Fittings Total	-	50,000	-	50,000
01.09212 - Airport - Infrastructure Pavements				
6951 - Design Plans Runway 05/23 Lengthening	-	50,000	-	-
6953 - Environmental Impact Study Runway extens	150,000	-	-	-
7002 - Northern Apron Expansion	600,000	-	-	-
01.09212 - Airport - Infrastructure Pavements Total	750,000	50,000	-	-

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Dubbo Regional Airport - Asset Renewals - Maint. Total	759,000	359,000	9,000	59,000
Fire Services - Acquisition of Assets				
01.09164 - Fire Control - Buildings				
6903 - NSW RFS Aviation Centre of Excellence	400,000	-	-	-
6907 - Wuuluman Station	43,883	-	-	-
01.09164 - Fire Control - Buildings Total	443,883	-	-	-
Fire Services - Acquisition of Assets Total	443,883	-	-	-
Fleet - Acquisition of Assets				
01.09615 - Assets Purchased - Sundry Plant (\$5000 to \$9999) Total	-	8,695	18,714	-
01.09619 - Assets Purchased - Minor Plant (\$50000 to \$149999) Total	863,274	1,022,519	209,557	1,120,761
01.09621 - Assets Purchased - Major Plant (>\$150 & 000) Total	1,645,178	4,157,217	3,222,679	3,505,474
01.09623 - Assets Purchased - Light Vehicles Total	2,214,583	1,057,913	2,029,470	2,148,838
01.09625 - Assets Purchased - Small Plant (\$10000 to \$49999) Total	254,812	290,087	236,438	240,730
Fleet - Acquisition of Assets Total	4,977,847	6,536,431	5,716,858	7,015,803
Footpaths & Cycleways - Acquisition of Assets				
01.09006 - Paved Footpaths - Construction				
6599 - Planned Footpath Construction Program	-	180,000	180,000	183,600
6600 - Macquarie St	29,301	-	-	-
01.09006 - Paved Footpaths - Construction Total	29,301	180,000	180,000	183,600
Footpaths & Cycleways - Acquisition of Assets Total	29,301	180,000	180,000	183,600
Footpaths & Cycleways - Asset Renewals				
01.09004 - Paved Footpaths - Reconstruction				
6685 - Planned Footpath Reconstruction Program	-	415,106	424,408	432,896
6687 - Gipps St (Wingewarra to Bultje)	325,000	-	-	-
6689 - Brisbane St (Tamworth to Mitchell)	444,864	-	-	-
01.09004 - Paved Footpaths - Reconstruction Total	769,864	415,106	424,408	432,896
Footpaths & Cycleways - Asset Renewals Total	769,864	415,106	424,408	432,896
Information Services - Acquisition of Assets				
01.09653 - Office Equipment				
7928 - Hardware Purchases - Server	70,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
7962 - Upgrade Network at Remote Sites	150,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
7971 - GPS Equipment	-	-	50,000	-
8352 - Hardware Purchases-Storage Area Network	200,000	-	-	-
8473 - Unified Communications System (Phone)	-	350,000	-	-
01.09653 - Office Equipment Total	420,000	430,000	130,000	80,000
Information Services - Acquisition of Assets Total	420,000	430,000	130,000	80,000
Library Services - Acquisition of Assets				
01.09444 - Furniture and Fittings				
7251 - Furniture & Fittings-Outdoor Living Room	40,000	-	-	-
01.09444 - Furniture and Fittings Total	40,000	-	-	-
Library Services - Acquisition of Assets Total	40,000	-	-	-
Library Services - Asset Renewal - Maintenance				
01.09442 - Library - Buildings Renewal				
7245 - Building Improvements	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,600
01.09442 - Library - Buildings Renewal Total	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,600
01.09447 - Library - Furniture and Fittings Renewal				
7000 - Air Conditioning Unit	-	-	108,600	-
01.09447 - Library - Furniture and Fittings Renewal Total	-	-	108,600	-
Library Services - Asset Renewal - Maintenance Total	30,000	30,000	138,600	30,600
Livestock Markets - Acquisition of Assets				
01.09167 - Livestock Markets - Other Structures				
6909 - Cattle Crush	-	50,000	-	-
6946 - Shade Structures (Cattle Yards)	-	-	250,000	-

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6951 - Cattle Yards Rubber Matting	51,150	52,684	52,684	54,265
01.09167 - Livestock Markets - Other Structures Total	51,150	102,684	302,684	54,265
01.09173 - Livestock Markets - Buildings				
6901 - Main Visitor Centre Upgrade	3,500,000	200,000	-	-
01.09173 - Livestock Markets - Buildings Total	3,500,000	200,000	-	-
Livestock Markets - Acquisition of Assets Total	3,551,150	302,684	302,684	54,265
Livestock Markets - Asset Renewals - Maintenance				
01.09177 - Livestock Markets - Other Structures				
6895 - Security Cameras	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
6908 - Sheep Loading Ramps	-	46,000	-	46,000
01.09177 - Livestock Markets - Other Structures Total	20,000	66,000	20,000	66,000
01.09179 - Livestock Markets - Other Assets				
6924 - Hard Hose Travelling Irrigator	-	-	55,000	-
6933 - Pipeline upgrade	-	-	30,000	30,000
01.09179 - Livestock Markets - Other Assets Total	-	-	85,000	30,000
Livestock Markets - Asset Renewals - Maintenance Total	20,000	66,000	105,000	96,000
Old Dubbo Gaol - Acquisition of Assets				
01.09456 - Infrastructure				
5802 - Paving & Underground Infrastructure	250,000	-	-	-
5804 - Gallery Wall Repointing	50,000	-	-	-
01.09456 - Infrastructure Total	300,000	-	-	-
01.09458 - Assets Purchased - Other Assets				
6504 - Storage & Shelving	25,000	-	-	-
6519 - Event Bar Fridge	-	70,000	-	-
6522 - Event - Portable Stage	-	50,000	-	-
01.09458 - Assets Purchased - Other Assets Total	25,000	120,000	-	-
Old Dubbo Gaol - Acquisition of Assets Total	325,000	120,000	-	-
Open Space - Acquisition of Assets				
01.09555 - Horticultural Services - Other Structures				
7496 - Teresa Maliphant Playground	-	-	-	60,000
7498 - Teresa Maliphant Playground Softfall	-	-	-	25,000
7522 - Teresa Maliphant Fencing	-	-	-	60,000
9465 - Dubbo CBD Macquarie River Bank Boardwalk	2,400,000	-	-	-
01.09555 - Horticultural Services - Other Structures Total	2,400,000	-	-	145,000
Open Space - Acquisition of Assets Total	2,400,000	-	-	145,000
Open Space - Asset Renewals - Maintenance				
01.09558 - Renewal of Assets-Asset Capital Program-West				
7501 - Terramungamine Reserve BBQs	10,000	-	-	-
01.09558 - Renewal of Assets-Asset Capital Program-West Total	10,000	-	-	-
01.09563 - Horticultural Service- Other Structures (Renewals)				
7547 - Lions Park West Playground	-	-	-	65,000
7548 - Lions Park West Playground Softfall	-	-	-	15,000
7553 - Victoria Park Picnic Settings	-	-	25,806	-
7556 - Wellington Japanese Gardens Irrigation	-	20,000	-	-
7559 - Sir Roden Cutler BBQ's	-	-	-	18,000
8597 - Devil's Hole Shelters	-	20,000	-	-
9033 - Riverbank Park Nth - Fitness Centre	-	-	22,000	-
01.09563 - Horticultural Service- Other Structures (Renewals) Total	-	40,000	47,806	98,000
01.09566 - Horticultural Services - Amenities (Renewals)				
7514 - Lions Park West - Amenities	350,000	-	-	-
01.09566 - Horticultural Services - Amenities (Renewals) Total	350,000	-	-	-
Open Space - Asset Renewals - Maintenance Total	360,000	40,000	47,806	98,000
Other Waste - Acquisition of Assets				
01.08113 - Other Assets				
6506 - Minor Other Assets	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
01.08113 - Other Assets Total	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000

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01.09114 - Other Waste - Plant & Equipment Total	-	10,140	1,340,943	-
01.09120 - Other Waste - Land Improvements				
6784 - Landfill Rehabilitation - Wellington Tip	178,282	150,000	-	-
01.09120 - Other Waste - Land Improvements Total	178,282	150,000	-	-
Other Waste - Acquisition of Assets Total	193,282	175,140	1,355,943	15,000
Property Development - Acquisition of Assets				
01.09233 - Assets Constructed - Landscaping				
7076 - Keswick Future Releases	-	-	100,000	-
01.09233 - Assets Constructed - Landscaping Total	-	-	100,000	-
01.09234 - Assets Const - Land Development - Stormwater				
7048 - Moffat Estate Stage 3	76,000	-	-	-
7076 - Keswick Stage 5 - Release 2	29,000	-	-	-
7080 - Keswick S5R3	-	1,079,600	-	-
7082 - Moffat S4 Stormwater	-	380,000	-	-
7083 - Keswick Stage 6	-	2,078,920	-	-
7084 - Keswick Stage 7	-	-	792,000	-
01.09234 - Assets Const - Land Development - Stormwater Total	105,000	3,538,520	792,000	-
01.09238 - Assets Const - Land Development - Water				
7048 - Moffat Estate Stage 3	76,000	-	-	-
7076 - Keswick Stage 5 - Release 2	29,000	-	-	-
7080 - Keswick S2R3	-	1,079,600	-	-
7082 - Moffat S4 Water	-	380,000	-	-
7083 - Keswick Stage 6	-	1,078,920	-	-
7084 - Keswick Stage 7	-	-	792,000	-
01.09238 - Assets Const - Land Development - Water Total	105,000	2,538,520	792,000	-
01.09240 - Assets Const - Land Development - Sewer				
7048 - Moffat Estate Stage 3	76,000	-	-	-
7078 - Keswick Stage 5 - Release 2	29,000	-	-	-
7080 - Keswick S5R3 Sewer	-	1,079,600	-	-
7082 - Moffat S4 Sewer	-	380,000	-	-
7083 - Keswick Stage 6	-	1,078,920	-	-
7084 - Keswick Stage 7	-	-	792,000	-
01.09240 - Assets Const - Land Development - Sewer Total	105,000	2,538,520	792,000	-
01.09242 - Assets Const - Land Development - Roads				
7052 - Moffatt Estate Stage 3	76,000	-	-	-
7089 - Keswick Stage 5 - Rel 2 - Works Services	29,000	-	-	-
7095 - Keswick S5R3	-	1,079,600	-	-
7096 - Moffatt S4	-	380,000	-	-
7097 - Keswick Stage 6	-	1,578,920	-	-
7098 - Keswick Stage 7	-	-	792,000	-
7099 - Cobra St Crossing	440,000	146,000	-	-
01.09242 - Assets Const - Land Development - Roads Total	545,000	3,184,520	792,000	-
01.09245 - Acquisition of Assets - Land				
7001 - RSL Land Swap	348,000	71,000	-	-
01.09245 - Acquisition of Assets - Land Total	348,000	71,000	-	-
Property Development - Acquisition of Assets Total	1,208,000	11,871,080	3,268,000	-
Rainbow Cottage - Asset Renewals - Maintenance				
01.09517 - Rainbow - Furniture & Fittings				
7305 - Bathroom	-	-	26,000	-
01.09517 - Rainbow - Furniture & Fittings Total	-	-	26,000	-
01.09518 - Rainbow - Other Structures				
7306 - Rainbow - Playground Landscaping	-	10,000	-	-
01.09518 - Rainbow - Other Structures Total	-	10,000	-	-
Rainbow Cottage - Asset Renewals - Maintenance Total	-	10,000	26,000	-
Regional Theatre Convntrn-Asset Renewals-Mainten				
01.09578 - DRTCC - Furniture & Fittings				
7304 - Air Conditioners	15,000	95,000	-	-
7306 - Heating Water Pressurisation Tank	6,000	-	-	-
7308 - DRTCC - Stage Lighting to LED Luminaires	900,000	-	-	-

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7315 - DRTCC Carpet Replacement	-	-	150,000	-
7316 - Upgrade POS system (DRTCC and WCC)	35,000	-	-	-
01.09578 - DRTCC - Furniture & Fittings Total	956,000	95,000	150,000	-
01.09582 - Wellington Civic Centre - Buildings				
7000 - Wellington Civic Centre	-	11,000	4,000	-
7002 - Fire System	225,000	-	-	-
01.09582 - Wellington Civic Centre - Buildings Total	225,000	11,000	4,000	-
Regional Theatre Convntn-Asset Renewals-Mainten Total	1,181,000	106,000	154,000	-
Rural Roads - Acquisition of Assets				
01.09076 - Roads To Recovery Program				
6680 - Planned Roads to Recovery Program	2,146,498	2,146,498	2,146,498	2,146,498
01.09076 - Roads To Recovery Program Total	2,146,498	2,146,498	2,146,498	2,146,498
01.09082 - Bridge Improvements Program				
6685 - Benolong Bridge Replacement	2,493,837	-	-	-
6686 - Burrendong Bridge No 1	1,031,000	1,000,000	-	-
6688 - Molong St Stuart Town	1,078,000	-	-	-
01.09082 - Bridge Improvements Program Total	4,602,837	1,000,000	-	-
Rural Roads - Acquisition of Assets Total	6,749,335	3,146,498	2,146,498	2,146,498
Rural Roads - Asset Renewals - Asset Maintenance				
01.09072 - Rural Road-Major Construction & Reconstruction				
6658 - Regional Roads Upgrading Program	800,000	800,000	800,000	800,000
6783 - Boothenba/Livestock Market Intersection	1,004,785	-	-	-
6785 - Burrendong Way - Safer Roads Program	5,204,200	-	-	-
6788 - FLR - Old Mendooran Rd Seal Extension	1,366,047	-	-	-
6804 - Benelong Rd Stage 3	-	560,000	-	-
6806 - Mogriguy Road (Seg 60-70)	-	-	1,170,000	-
6808 - Arthurville Road	-	-	800,000	-
6819 - FLR3 Ballimore Rd (Windora-Wongajong Rd)	1,182,167	-	-	-
6820 - Ballimore Rd (Wongajong to Westella Rd)	-	950,071	-	-
6823 - LRCI 3 - Eulalie Lane Stg 1	-	1,400,000	-	-
6825 - Eulalie Ln Stg 2 (Weonga Rd to Seal)	-	-	80,000	-
6830 - Obley Road (Seg 350)	-	450,000	-	-
6831 - Dick Street - Bodangora (Seg 020)	-	43,000	700,000	-
6832 - Eurimbla Road (Seg 10 and 20)	-	-	20,000	300,000
6833 - Eurimbla Road (Seg 020 and 030)	-	-	-	704,000
6834 - Rawsonville Road (Seg 110)	-	-	-	200,000
6835 - Nulla Road	120,000	-	-	-
6836 - Railway Lane Wongarboron (Seg 40)	-	-	-	640,000
6837 - Bela Vist Lane (Seg 010)	-	-	-	400,000
6840 - Bela Vista Lane (Seg 030)	-	-	-	200,000
6841 - Benolong Road (Seg 120)	-	-	-	610,000
6842 - Maryvale Road (Seg 40)	-	-	-	770,000
6843 - Campbells Lane (Seg 20 & 40 & 60)	-	-	120,000	1,000,000
01.09072 - Rural Road-Major Construction & Reconstruction Total	9,677,199	4,283,071	5,210,000	5,624,000
01.09073 - Rural Road- Construction & Reconstruction Backlog				
6713 - Rural Road Backlog Construction	1,000,000	-	-	-
01.09073 - Rural Road- Construction & Reconstruction Backlog Total	1,000,000	-	-	-
01.09077 - Rural Roads - Renewals				
6695 - Annual Reseal Program	898,044	979,689	1,030,482	1,051,092
6697 - Rural Unsealed - Resheeting (West)	292,762	280,972	327,549	334,100
6698 - Rural Unsealed - Resheeting (East Zone)	683,112	655,602	764,281	779,567
01.09077 - Rural Roads - Renewals Total	1,873,918	1,916,263	2,122,312	2,164,759
Rural Roads - Asset Renewals - Asset Maintenance Total	12,551,117	6,199,334	7,332,312	7,788,759
Sewerage Services - Acquisition of Assets				
03.08053 - Plant & Equipment Purchases Total	115,287	294,780	322,401	575,315
03.08055 - Other Structures				
5145 - Brewery Lane - Pump Gantry (C)	50,000	-	-	-
03.08055 - Other Structures Total	50,000	-	-	-
03.08071 - Augmentation				

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5002 - Augmentation Program	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000
5995 - Keswick Upgrade RM & Pipeline (C)	-	1,260,000	-	-
6007 - Cootha SPS - RM (C)	-	-	130,000	1,700,000
6027 - Keswick SPS - Upgrade (C)	-	-	700,000	-
6060 - Troy Gully Upgrade Switch Board	1,739,227	-	-	-
6065 - Well STP Reline Lagoon-Bypass Capacity	-	300,000	-	-
6105 - Wellington STP Aerator Upgrade	400,000	-	-	-
6204 - DSTP - Digestor	1,500,000	1,500,000	-	-
6207 - Blue Ridge to Southlakes gravity main	-	-	2,000,000	-
6211 - Arthur St SPS - Emergency Storage	50,000	-	-	-
6215 - West Dubbo-Duplicate(Joira to Cootha PS)	-	-	700,000	700,000
03.08071 - Augmentation Total	3,839,227	3,210,000	3,680,000	2,550,000
03.08073 - Asset Replacement/Refurbishment >\$10K				
6533 - Dubbo STP Switchboard	600,000	-	-	-
6617 - Mech/Elect Renewals	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000
03.08073 - Asset Replacement/Refurbishment >\$10K Total	800,000	200,000	200,000	200,000
Sewerage Services - Acquisition of Assets Total	4,804,514	3,704,780	4,202,401	3,325,315
Sewerage Services - Asset Renewals - Asset Mainten				
03.08077 - Main Rehabilitation				
5653 - Mains Rehabilitation	2,000,000	1,600,000	1,600,000	1,200,000
5662 - Manhole Rectification Program	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
03.08077 - Main Rehabilitation Total	2,100,000	1,700,000	1,700,000	1,300,000
Sewerage Services - Asset Renewals - Asset Mainten Total	2,100,000	1,700,000	1,700,000	1,300,000
Showgrounds - Acquisition of Assets				
01.09290 - Showground - Furniture & Fittings				
7123 - Function Equipment	40,000	-	-	-
01.09290 - Showground - Furniture & Fittings Total	40,000	-	-	-
01.09291 - Showground - Water Infrastructure				
7200 - Bore	50,000	-	-	-
01.09291 - Showground - Water Infrastructure Total	50,000	-	-	-
Showgrounds - Acquisition of Assets Total	90,000	-	-	-
Showgrounds - Asset Renewals - Maintenance				
01.09295 - Showground - Buildings				
7130 - Wellington Showground - Disabled Access	50,000	-	-	-
7132 - Dubbo Cattle Pavilion Upgrade	-	250,000	-	-
01.09295 - Showground - Buildings Total	50,000	250,000	-	-
Showgrounds - Asset Renewals - Maintenance Total	50,000	250,000	-	-
Sporting Facilities - Acquisition of Assets				
01.09596 - Sporting Facilities - Other Structures				
7826 - SCCF Project	100,000	-	-	-
01.09596 - Sporting Facilities - Other Structures Total	100,000	-	-	-
Sporting Facilities - Acquisition of Assets Total	100,000	-	-	-
Sporting Facilities - Asset Renewals - Maintenance				
01.09600 - Sporting Fac. -Other Structures (Renewals)				
7773 - Lights at Victoria Park No. 1	-	-	18,000	-
7896 - Apex Oval - Floodlighting	20,000	-	-	40,000
7906 - Bob Dowling - Irrigation	-	-	250,000	-
7907 - John McGrath - Irrigation	-	160,000	-	-
7908 - Victoria Park No. 2 Irrigation	90,000	-	-	-
7909 - Victoria Park No. 3 - Irrigation	100,000	-	-	-
7919 - Barden Park Track	-	-	-	230,000
7921 - Apex Oval - Tank pump & water connection	-	-	-	80,000
7923 - John McGrath Sports Lighting	438,724	-	-	-
7924 - Nita McGrath Netball Courts (SCCF)	300,000	-	-	-
01.09600 - Sporting Fac. -Other Structures (Renewals) Total	948,724	160,000	268,000	350,000
01.09601 - Sporting Facilities - Buildings - Amenities				
7679 - Pineer Park - External Wall Repair	-	-	-	10,000
01.09601 - Sporting Facilities - Buildings - Amenities Total	-	-	-	10,000
Sporting Facilities - Asset Renewals - Maintenance Total	948,724	160,000	268,000	360,000

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Stormwater - Acquisition of Assets				
01.09135 - Drainage Extensions				
6835 - Bourke Street - Myall St to River St	1,386,510	-	-	-
6840 - Fitzroy St Laterals-Myall St to Edwin St	-	-	-	210,000
6841 - Laughton St Extension	130,000	-	-	-
6842 - Cobra St Channel Replacement	-	-	556,520	-
6851 - Macquarie St (Margaret to Fitzroy)	-	1,036,500	-	-
01.09135 - Drainage Extensions Total	1,516,510	1,036,500	556,520	210,000
01.09145 - Wongarbon Drainage Scheme				
4628 - Wongarbon Drainage Scheme	500,000	-	-	-
01.09145 - Wongarbon Drainage Scheme Total	500,000	-	-	-
Stormwater - Acquisition of Assets Total	2,016,510	1,036,500	556,520	210,000
Stormwater - Asset Renewals - Asset Maintenance				
01.09127 - Asset Renewals/Maintenance				
6807 - Gipps St - Wingewarra St to Bultje St	100,000	-	-	-
6819 - Devils Hole Outfall Reconstruction	792,873	-	-	-
6840 - Pipe Relining	422,580	150,000	358,020	365,180
7000 - West Dubbo Main Drain Reconstruction	150,000	-	3,975,000	-
7001 - Ford St Outfall Reconstruction	-	175,000	-	-
7002 - Marsh St Outfall Relocation	60,000	-	-	-
7009 - Muller St Drain Reconstruction	-	521,520	-	-
01.09127 - Asset Renewals/Maintenance Total	1,525,453	846,520	4,333,020	365,180
01.09142 - Hennessy Road Detention Basin Section 7.11				
4620 - Hennessy Rd Detention Basin Construction	1,000,000	3,380,000	-	-
01.09142 - Hennessy Road Detention Basin Section 7.11 Total	1,000,000	3,380,000	-	-
Stormwater - Asset Renewals - Asset Maintenance Total	2,525,453	4,226,520	4,333,020	365,180
Urban Roads - Acquisition of Assets				
01.09043 - Preconstruction				
6617 - IS & Design - Preconstruction	206,000	207,442	208,894	210,356
01.09043 - Preconstruction Total	206,000	207,442	208,894	210,356
Urban Roads - Acquisition of Assets Total	206,000	207,442	208,894	210,356
Urban Roads - Asset Renewals - Asset Maintenance				
01.09041 - Urban Road Construction & Reconstruct				
6667 - Talbragar St - Macquarie to Brisbane	-	-	-	2,100,000
6708 - Church St (Brisbane to Cul-de-sac)	-	-	2,200,000	-
6709 - Wheelers Lane (Rail to Myall)	2,336,238	-	-	-
6710 - LRCI(2) Tamworth St(Fitzroy to Sterling)	-	1,796,000	-	-
6711 - Gisbourne St (Lee to Thornton St)	-	92,000	-	-
6717 - Gisbourne St (Percy to Arthur)	-	33,000	-	-
6718 - Samuel St Seg 010 (Curtis to Thornton St)	-	61,000	-	-
6719 - Jean St Seg 020 (Thornton to Pierce)	-	59,000	-	-
6720 - Minore Rd Seg 030 (St Andrew to Joira)	-	468,000	-	-
6721 - Minore Rd Seg 040 (Joira to Chapmaigne)	-	173,000	-	-
6722 - LRCI 3 Wheelers Ln (Birch to Rail X)	1,400,000	-	-	-
6723 - Gisbourne St (Arthur to Simpson)	-	-	-	116,000
6724 - Gisbourne St (Thornton to Pierce St)	-	-	-	37,000
6725 - Talbragar St (Darling to Brisbane)	-	-	-	2,100,000
6726 - Durum Circuit (Cobbity to Keswick Pkwy)	-	-	-	140,000
6727 - Trumans Ave (Arthur to Simpson)	-	-	-	59,000
6728 - Brewery Lane (Ford to Raymond)	-	-	-	45,000
01.09041 - Urban Road Construction & Reconstruct Total	3,736,238	2,682,000	2,200,000	4,597,000
01.09044 - Urban Roads - Renewals				
6730 - Annual Reseal Program	607,873	683,715	728,589	743,161
6731 - Heavy Patching Program	408,000	416,160	499,878	509,876
01.09044 - Urban Roads - Renewals Total	1,015,873	1,099,875	1,228,467	1,253,037
01.09055 - K&G Construct / Reconstruction				
6677 - Gipps St (Wingewarra to Bultje)	233,181	-	-	-
6691 - Planned Kerb & Gutter	-	250,000	250,000	250,000
6694 - Darling St (W) - Bultje to Wingewarra	50,000	-	-	-
6695 - Brisbane St (Tamworth to Mitchell)	170,000	-	-	-

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01.09055 - K&G Construct / Reconstruction Total	453,181	250,000	250,000	250,000
Urban Roads - Asset Renewals - Asset Maintenance Total	5,205,292	4,031,875	3,678,467	6,100,037
Water for the Future - Acquisition of Assets				
02.09701 - Acquisition of Assets				
3001 - Non-Potable Pipeline	275,000	-	-	-
3351 - Advanced Water Treatment Plant	1,575,000	-	-	-
4502 - Wellington Bore and Pipeline	1,575,000	-	-	-
4504 - Northern Borefields	200,000	-	-	-
4506 - Groundwater Contingency	505,600	-	-	-
02.09701 - Acquisition of Assets Total	4,130,600	-	-	-
Water for the Future - Acquisition of Assets Total	4,130,600	-	-	-
Water Supply - Acquisition of Assets				
02.08051 - Works Plant - Purchases Total	89,391	592,479	282,672	279,348
02.08069 - Augmentation Works				
2628 - Emergency Generator - Myall St PS	-	-	500,000	-
5648 - Airport Water Supply Upgrade	600,000	-	-	-
5763 - Emergency Generator JGWTP (C)	-	-	-	600,000
6210 - Lime Dosing Unit (C)	200,000	2,500,000	-	-
6212 - Pipeline Rifle Range-Chapmans to Minore	-	2,250,000	-	3,200,000
6228 - Boundary Rd Watermain East of Wheelers	-	-	800,000	-
6501 - Mumbil WTP - Install Water Softener	-	50,000	700,000	-
6520 - Wellington-A/C Pipe Replacement	150,000	150,000	-	-
6524 - Sedimentation Lagoon Wellington	500,000	-	-	-
6526 - Filter Upgrade JGWTP (C)	677,512	-	-	-
6527 - JGWTP Additional UV Treatment	727,379	-	-	-
6535 - Geurie Water Treatment Plant upgrade	2,500,000	-	-	-
6537 - Pipeline-R Main Capstan Dr- Buningyong	-	200,000	3,000,000	3,000,000
6538 - Design & Const of PFAS Treatment Units	-	-	3,000,000	-
6539 - Newtown Pump Station-Backup power gen	-	-	150,000	-
02.08069 - Augmentation Works Total	5,354,891	5,150,000	8,150,000	6,800,000
02.08071 - Asset Replacement / Refurbishment >\$10 & 000				
5572 - Minor Plant and Equipment	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
5717 - Bore Asset Renewal	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
5719 - Booster Pump Stations	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
5720 - Reservoir Asset Renewals	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
5766 - SCADA RTU Upgrades	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000
5809 - WTP Filter Valve Rehabilitation	600,000	-	-	-
6502 - WTP Online Instrument Replacement	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000
6565 - Sand Filter No 6-media- Wellington	400,000	-	-	-
6609 - Dubbo Mech/Elect	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
6612 - Bunninyong Reservoir 2 recoat int/ext	-	700,000	-	-
6619 - Wellington WTP Electrical Renewals	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
02.08071 - Asset Replacement / Refurbishment >\$10 & 000 Total	1,490,000	1,190,000	490,000	490,000
Water Supply - Acquisition of Assets Total	6,934,282	6,932,479	8,922,672	7,569,348
Water Supply - Asset Renewals - Asset Maintenance				
02.08073 - Mains Replacement				
6753 - Mains replacement	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000
02.08073 - Mains Replacement Total	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000
Water Supply - Asset Renewals - Asset Maintenance Total	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000
Wellington - Capital Expenses				
01.08221 - Asset Renewals				
7002 - Wellington Showground Upgrade	50,000	-	-	-
01.08221 - Asset Renewals Total	50,000	-	-	-
01.08251 - Asset Renewals - Other Infrastructure				
7000 - Museum	20,000	-	-	-
01.08251 - Asset Renewals - Other Infrastructure Total	20,000	-	-	-
Wellington - Capital Expenses Total	70,000	-	-	-
Wellington Caves Complex - Acquisition of Assets				
01.08150 - Caravan Park - Other Structures				
5002 - Carvan Park Fencing	-	150,000	-	-

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5003 - Lighting Upgrade	30,000	-	20,000	-
01.08150 - Caravan Park - Other Structures Total	30,000	150,000	20,000	-
01.08153 - Caravan Park - Furniture & Fittings				
5100 - Cabin Furniture & Fittings	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
5101 - Washing Machines	-	-	12,000	-
01.08153 - Caravan Park - Furniture & Fittings Total	20,000	20,000	32,000	20,000
01.08171 - Wellington Caves - Furniture & Fittings				
7054 - Conference Room Furniture	20,000	10,000	-	-
01.08171 - Wellington Caves - Furniture & Fittings Total	20,000	10,000	-	-
Wellington Caves Complex - Acquisition of Assets Total	70,000	180,000	52,000	20,000
Wellington Caves Complex - Asset Renewals - Maint.				
01.08200 - Land & Buildings				
7113 - Maintenance Shed - Compound	30,000	-	-	-
7114 - Maintenance Compound Fence	-	15,000	-	-
7116 - Mine Entrance	30,000	-	-	-
7120 - Bathroom Motels - Tile Replacement	-	25,000	25,000	-
7121 - Motel Rooms Hot Water Systems	20,000	20,000	-	-
7122 - Camp Amenities Hot Water System	-	-	25,000	-
7124 - Motel Room Door Replacements	15,000	15,000	-	-
7126 - Motel Rooms Swipe Card Access System	-	25,000	-	-
7127 - Pool Pump	10,000	-	-	-
01.08200 - Land & Buildings Total	105,000	100,000	50,000	-
01.08201 - Other Infrastructure				
7105 - Caravan Park - Power heads	15,000	-	-	-
01.08201 - Other Infrastructure Total	15,000	-	-	-
01.08202 - Plant and Equipment				
7002 - Caravan Park - Security Upgrade	45,000	-	-	-
7049 - Carbon Monoxide Monitors Fixed	10,000	10,000	10,000	-
01.08202 - Plant and Equipment Total	55,000	10,000	10,000	-
01.08203 - Infrastructure - Road & Bridge & Footpath				
7050 - Paving Motel Rooms	-	40,000	-	-
01.08203 - Infrastructure - Road & Bridge & Footpath Total	-	40,000	-	-
Wellington Caves Complex - Asset Renewals - Maint. Total	175,000	150,000	60,000	-
Expenditure Total	75,316,825	58,077,712	47,484,723	39,685,590
Capital Total	75,316,825	58,077,712	47,484,723	39,685,590
Total	75,316,825	58,077,712	47,484,723	39,685,590