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29 May 2025

MINUTES

Ordinary Council Meeting

| Date: | Wednesday 28 May 2025 |
|-------|-----------------------|
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Time: 3:00pm

Venue: Nhill Council Chamber,

- 92 Nelson Street, Nhill
- Council: Cr Ron Ismay – Mayor Cr Chan Uoy – Deputy Mayor Cr Roger Aitken Cr Rosie Barker Cr James Barry Cr Tony Clark

Officers: Monica Revell – Chief Executive Officer Petra Croot – Director Corporate & Community Services Ram Upadhyaya – Director Infrastructure Services

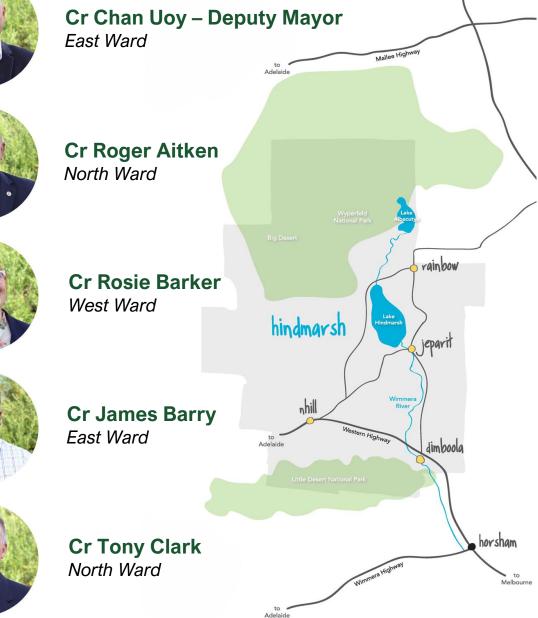
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Cr Ron Ismay - Mayor West Ward





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Councillor Statement of Values

Our commitment is to come prepared to every meeting, fostering a respectful and inclusive environment where accountability and approachability are at the core of our actions. We value and encourage innovation, collaboration, and open communication, always keeping in mind the well-being and needs of our community. Together, we stand united as one, working towards shared goals with mutual respect and consideration.

Vision

Working together to be a connected, inclusive and prosperous community.

We will achieve our vision through four key themes woven into our Council Plan and Vision:

- Our Community
- Built and Natural Environment
- Competitive and Innovative Economy
- Good Governance and Financial Sustainability

Values

Council addresses key values through:

- Transparent and accountable actions and decisions
- Inclusion and collaboration with residents
- Showing respect and integrity to all
- Being proactive and responsible by encouraging innovation

Mission

- Increase accessible services to enable the community to be healthy, active and engaged.
- Provide infrastructure essential to support the community; and to protect and enhance our natural environment.
- Foster a sustainable and diversified local economy where economic growth is encouraged and supported.
- Promote user friendly services to ensure transparency, good governance and financial sustainability.
- Advance gender equality, equity and inclusion for all.

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Purpose of Council Meetings

Council conducts its formal decision-making process through Ordinary Meetings of Council and Special Meetings of Council.

Ordinary meetings are held regularly to conduct the ongoing business of the Council and Special meetings are held from time to time for specific purposes.

Council adopts a schedule for its Ordinary Council Meetings annually. This schedule can be found on Council's website www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/Council-meetings.

From time to time the Mayor and Councillors may call a Special Meeting of Council to deal with urgent items. These meetings are generally held at the Council Chambers at the specified time and date advertised in the public notices in local newspapers and on Council's website.

Meetings, or parts of meetings, are only closed to the public when topics of a confidential nature are discussed, such as an individual's personal or financial circumstances, contractual or legal matters. Grounds for closing the meeting are defined in more detail within Section 3(1) and Section 66 of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act).

Before each Ordinary or Special Council Meeting an Agenda is prepared by the Chief Executive Officer detailing the items that are to be presented to the meeting for Council's consideration and decision.

Copies of agendas are available at Council offices and on Council's website. The decisions of Council become resolutions of Council and are recorded in the official Council Minutes. Except for matters classified as confidential, all Agenda reports, Minutes and recordings of meetings are available on Council's website.

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In Attendance:

Councillors:

Cr Ron Ismay (Mayor), Cr Chan Uoy (Deputy Mayor), Cr Roger Aitken, Cr Rosie Barker, and Cr James Barry.

Officers:

Ms Monica Revell (Chief Executive Officer), Ms Petra Croot (Director Corporate and Community Services), Mr Ram Upadhyaya (Director Infrastructure Services) and Ms Mary-Ann Speakman (Customer Service and Councillor Support Officer).

1 INTRODUCTION

Cr Ron Ismay, Mayor, opened the meeting at 3:00 pm by reading out the following statement:

Welcome to the 28 May Council meeting. I would like to commence by acknowledging the challenging times facing our community, particularly the impact that the recently legislated Emergency Services and Volunteer Fund levy will have on our community with a significant burden placed on our farming community. It is worth noting that the ESVF will have an impact on all including our small businesses who also face an increase, and Council's own budget as we are required to pay ESVF on Council owned and managed properties.

The ESVF levy will mean \$3.59 million will be collected by Hindmarsh Shire and passed onto the State Government, an additional \$1.73m that will no longer be spent in our community at our small businesses.

Council has been proactively advocating for reconsideration of this levy since February, where it was raised during our 5 February Council meeting and the impact of the draft legislation detailed by Council CEO, Monica Revell.

Since February Council has published media releases, I've addressed in my Mayoral Matters (including March and this week's), we've worked closely with Rural Council's Victoria to provide the impact data, and the Municipal Association of Victoria has also been lobbying for reconsideration. At the Winiam community meeting in March this year Monica spoke to the attendees on the impact, and following this the West Wimmera Action Group was formed with the resolve to fight the implementation of the ESVF.

Council has continued to provide information to the WWAG when requested.

At the recent MAV State Council meeting all 79 Council's moved a motion to object to collecting this new levy and I have also written to Premier Jacinta Allan in relation to the ESVF, inviting her to visit our region where I will personally take her on a tour to see firsthand the impact this decision is having on the mental health of our community.

It should be noted that Council has a legal obligation to collect the ESVF, and any move not to collect would be illegal. The legislation has also been passed in such a way that if our community objects to paying the ESVF component on their rates notice the State Government will still receive their money. It will be Council services that will be impacted from not receiving rates revenue.

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Councils are being used as a tax collector for the Government, and the Allan Government should collect their own taxes.

I would like to commend the thousands of regional people, including Hindmarsh residents, who took part in the protest on the steps of Parliament House in Spring Street last week. The levy is an absolute disgrace, and it is disappointing that those in opposition did not use their voice to fight the cause for our rural communities by pushing the cross benchers to vote against this legislation.'

1.1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Cr Ron Ismay, Mayor read out the Acknowledgment of Country.

1.2 LIVE STREAMING STATEMENT

Cr Ron Ismay read the Live Streaming Statement.

1.3 STATEMENT OF VALUES

Cr Roger Aitken read the Councillor Statement of Values.

2 APOLOGIES

Cr Tony Clark

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3 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

A Councillor or Officer with a conflict of interest in an item on the Agenda must indicate that they have a conflict of interest by clearly stating:

- the item for which they have a conflict of interest;
- whether their conflict is *general* or *material*; and
- the circumstances that give rise to the conflict of interest.

Declaration of material or general conflict of interest must also be advised by Councillors and Officers at the commencement of discussion of the specific item.

No interests declared.

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES AND BUSINESS ARISING

4.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday 7 May 2025 at the Nhill Council Chamber, 92 Nelson Street, Nhill, as circulated to Councillors be taken as read and confirmed.

MOVED: Cr C Uoy/Cr J Barry

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday 7 May 2025 at the Nhill Council Chamber, 92 Nelson Street, Nhill, as circulated to Councillors be taken as read and confirmed.

CARRIED

Attachments:

- 1. 2025 05 07 Council Meeting Minutes MEDIA [4.1.1]
- 2. CONFIDENTIAL 2025 05 07 Council Meeting Minutes [4.1.2]

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4.2 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

| Council Meeting | Recommendation Action | Action Taken | Complete / In Progress / Delayed |
|-------------------------|--|--|--|
| 7 May 2025 Item 10.1 | Council officers to prepare a media release for the third quarter update. | | In Progress |
| 7 May 2025 Item 10.2 | the draft 2025/2026 budget, | cers to prepare Published on Have Your C 25/2026 budget, Say for public uue and Rating consultation. raft Long Term | |
| 7 May 2025 Item 10.4 | May 2025 That Council adopts the Policy and Hindmarsh Shire Council Reference Advisory Committee Policy, Hindmarsh Shire Council Pride Committee Terms of Reference and Hindmarsh Shire Councillors Shire Council Advisory Terms of Reference with slight changes. | | Complete |
| 7 May 2025 Item 10.5 | I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I | Councillor Gifts and Hospitality Policy published on Council's website, made available to Councillors and community notified. | Complete |
| 7 May 2025 Item 10.6 | That Council provides funding to Midnight Toast to create a documentary on "The Old Man and the Silo" for promotional use on the Llew Schilling Silo project. | Leigh Schilling of | Complete |

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5 PUBLIC QUESTION AND SUBMISSION TIME

Community members wishing to ask questions at council meetings may do so, in writing, at least 24 hours prior to the council meeting. Both the question and answer will be read out at the meeting. Questions may be submitted by mail, email <u>info@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au</u> or delivered in person to a council customer centre but are limited to two questions and 100 words including any pre-amble. Offensive, trivial and repetitive questions, questions which have been recently answered, or questions that may contain defamatory comments, may be excluded at the discretion of the Mayor.

The question must be accompanied by a name and the locality where the questioner resides or works, which will be read out at the meeting. By submitting a question, the questioner gives consent to this information being read out in public. Anonymous questions will not be answered.

Leonie Miller – Nhill:

As a follow-up to the email I have sent to all Councillors, I would like to request that Hindmarsh Shire Councillors take action against the Emergency Services Volunteer Fund levy.

Another Victorian Shire Council has already corresponded with the Allen Government to express their opposition to the introduction of the levy.

I appreciate that Hindmarsh Shire has already advocated against this levy, which is greatly valued.

I ask that you continue your support of our community by passing a similar 'urgent' or 'special' motion and/or any other actions that are within your remit at this Council Meeting.

Officer Response:

Council continues to advocate for the State Government to reconsider the Emergency Services and Volunteer Fund. A letter was sent from the Mayor to the Premier this week with a heartfelt plea to please reconsider the Emergency Services and Volunteer Fund and enforcing collection by Councils.

The letter from the Mayor also encouraged the Premier to visit the region where the Mayor would happily take her on a tour to see firsthand the impact of the drought and ESVF legislation on the mental health of our community.

The legislation has passed in such a way that it is illegal for Council's to not collect the levy and similar to the Fire Service Levy a % of every dollar paid to Council, will be remitted to State Government, so even if ratepayers object to paying the ESVF component on their rates

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notice the State Government will still receive their money. It will be Council services that will be impacted from not receiving rates revenue.

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6 ACTIVITY REPORTS

COUNCILLOR ACTIVITIES: 29 April 2025 – 19 May 2025

6.1 CR RON ISMAY, MAYOR

| Date | Meeting/Event | Locati | ion | Comments |
|------------|--|-------------------|---------|----------|
| 07-05-2025 | Council Briefing | Nhill Chambers | Council | |
| 07-05-2025 | Council Meeting | Nhill Chambers | Council | |
| 13-05-2025 | Nhill Town Committee Meeting | | | |
| 14-05-2025 | Deliberative Panel Session | Dimboola | | |
| 15-05-2025 | MAV State Council Dinner | Melbourne | | |
| 16-05-2025 | MAV State Council | Melbourne | | |
| 18-05-2025 | GWM Renewable Energy Facility Official Opening | Nhill | | |
| 19-05-2025 | Volunteer Breakfast | Nhill | | |

6.2 CR CHAN UOY, DEPUTY MAYOR

| Date | Meeting/Event | Location | Comments | | | |
|------------|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| 02-05-2025 | Grampians Wimmera Mallee Tourism Discussion Panel | Grampians Grape Escape – Halls Gap | Represented the wimmera. | | | |
| 04-05-2025 | Little Desert Bushfire Volunteer Thank You | Winiam Hall | | | | |
| 07-05-2025 | Council Briefing and Meeting | Nhill Council Chambers | | | | |
| 08-05-2025 | AGM Local Learning and Employment Network | Federation University Horsham | | | | |
| 09-05-2025 | Wimmera Southern Mallee LLEN Lead and Elevate Workshop | Horsham Church of Christ | Inspiring Year 11 students in two workshops. | | | |
| 12-05-2025 | BLAZEAID Community Dinner | Nhill Showgrounds | | | | |
| 14-05-2025 | Council Plan Deliberative Panel Session | Dimboola Civic Hub | | | | |

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6.3 CR ROGER AITKEN

| Date | Meeting/Event | Location | Comments |
|------------|--|---------------------------|----------|
| 05-05-2025 | Youth Council Meeting | Jeparit Museum | |
| 08-05-2025 | Briefing and Council Meeting | Nhill | |
| 12-05-2025 | Men's Shed Community Barbecue Open Day | Rainbow | |
| 19-05-2025 | Rainbow Town Committee | Rainbow | |
| 27-05-2025 | Briefing and Council Meeting | Nhill Council Chambers | |

6.4 CR ROSIE BARKER

| Date | Meeting/Event | Location | Comments |
|------------|---|----------------------------------|---|
| 07-05-2025 | Council Briefing | Nhill Council Chambers | |
| 07-05-2025 | Council Meeting | Nhill Council Chambers | |
| 08-05-2025 | Wimmera Southern Mallee LLEN | Federation University Horsham | AGM and guest speaker Luke Kennedy. Voted onto Management Committee to represent our Shire. |
| 08-05-2025 | ALGWA | Online | Susan Pelosi from Victoria Police presentation. |
| 12-05-2025 | BlazeAid Thank You Dinner | Nhill A&P Showgrounds | Magnificent turn out by Nhill and Hindmarsh Community to thank the volunteers of BlazeAid. |
| 13-05-2025 | Nhill Town Committee | Nhill Senior Citizens | No Quorum. Discussion Only. |
| 14-05-2025 | Councillor Mentoring | Online | Informative and professional. |
| 14-05-2025 | Council Plan Deliberative Panel Session | Dimboola Community Library | Well attended and inspiring community discussion. |
| 17-05-2025 | ABC Wimmera Radio | Via Phone | Advertising our Volunteer Breakfasts on radio with Rebecca. |
| 18-05-2025 | Nhill Lions Market | Jaypex Park | Representing HSC West Ward at the market and meeting with community for in-depth discussion. |

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| 19-05-2025 | Nhill Volunteers Appreciation Breakfast | Goldsworthy Park | Great turn out in freezing weather to celebrate all the work that our volunteers do in our community. |
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6.5 CR JAMES BARRY

| Date | Meeting/Event | Location | Comments |
|------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------|
| 07-05-2025 | Council Briefing | Nhill Council Chambers | |
| 14-05-2025 | Deliberative Panel Session | Dimboola | |
| 21-05-2025 | Volunteer Breakfast | Dimboola | |
| 21-05-2025 | 2025-2026 Budget Drop-In Session | Dimboola | |

6.6 CR TONY CLARK

| Date | Meeting/Event | Locat | ion | Comments | |
|------------|------------------|-------------------|---------|----------|--|
| 07-05-2025 | Council Briefing | Nhill Chambers | Council | | |
| 07-05-2025 | Council Meeting | Nhill Chambers | Council | | |



7 CORRESPONDENCE

Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Introduction:

The following correspondence is attached for noting by Council.

Inwards:

- 2025/05/05 Matthew Lundgren to Council re By Five Early Years Initiative Phase Two – Attachment Number: 7.1.1
- 2025/05/09 City of Greater Bendigo to Council re Support for MAV State Council Motion – Attachment Number: 7.1.2

Outwards:

• No outwards correspondence.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes the attached correspondence.

MOVED: Cr R Barker/Cr R Aitken

That Council notes the attached correspondence.

CARRIED

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8 ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLOR RECORDS

Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer **Attachments:**

1. 2025 05 07 Assembly of Councillors Record [8.1.1]

Introduction:

As required under Section 33(9) of Hindmarsh Shire Council's Governance Rules, the attached Assembly of Councillors Records are presented as attachments to the Council Agenda for the information of Councillors.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes the Assembly of Councillor Records as presented.

MOVED: Cr J Barry/Cr R Barker

That Council notes the Assembly of Councillor Records as presented.

CARRIED

9 PLANNING PERMITS

No planning permits.

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10 REPORTS REQUIRING A DECISION

10.1 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER APPOINTMENTS

Responsible Officer:Director Corporate and Community Services**Attachments:**

1. CONFIDENTIAL - Hindmarsh Advisory Committee Applications [10.1.1]

Executive Summary:

This report recommends appointment of members to Hindmarsh Shire Council Town Advisory Committees for Jeparit, Nhill and Rainbow as well as the Hindmarsh Pride Committee, for the term of 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2027.

Each Town Advisory Committee must have a minimum of four (4) members. This report recommends appointment of 10 members to the Jeparit Town Committee, six (6) members to the Rainbow Town Committee, four (4) members to the Hindmarsh Pride Committee and three (3) members to the Nhill Town Committee, noting that nominations will remain open for Nhill to ensure that minimum membership requirements are met.

Discussion:

Council called for nominations for the three Town Advisory Committees and the Hindmarsh Pride Committee from 24 March to 11 April 2025.

Advertising for membership was undertaken via advertisement in local newspapers, media release, posters and Facebook posts. At the conclusion of this period, as membership limits were not met across several Committees, it was decided to extend the nomination process through to 21 April 2025.

At the close of nominations on 21 April 2025, 16 nominations had been received for the Township Advisory Committees with 10 for Jeparit, two (2) for Nhill and four (4) for Rainbow. Hindmarsh Pride committee received three (3) nominations.

With two (2) of the four (4) committees not meeting minimum membership requirements it was decided to continue to accept applications and delay the appointment of members until the second Council meeting in May with the intention of attracting further applications, and after discussions with the existing committees.

| Jeparit Town Committee | Nhill Town Committee | Rainbow Town Committee | Hindmarsh Pride Committee |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| AnnMarie Werner | Natalie Farmers | Allira Roberts | Rhys Webb |
| Teresa Smith | Alison Dahlenburg | Norelle Eckermann | Wiremu Larkins |
| Mel Wagener | Lisa Olds | Graham Nuske | Craige Proctor |
| Cheryl Quinn | | Colleen Petschel | Natalia Aguirre |

The nominations received at the time of writing are as follows:

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| Jeparit Town Committee | Nhill Town Committee | Rainbow Town Committee | Hindmarsh Pride Committee |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| | Committee | | Committee |
| Jason Hutson | | Gregory Roberts | |
| Rebecca Schultz | | Robert Koning | |
| Sharon Reilly | | | |
| Lauren Badua | | | |
| Wendy Werner | | | |
| Colin Moore | | | |

The Terms of Reference for Town Advisory Committees and Hindmarsh Pride Committee set the minimum membership as four (4) (plus one appointed Councillor) and the maximum membership as 11. None of the advisory group nominations above exceed this membership limit, with three (3) of the committees meeting the minimum thresholds.

Nhill Town Committee remains below the minimum threshold required to form an Advisory Committee of Council. By appointing the listed three (3) nominated persons to the Committee they would have the ability to continue to meet post 1 July 2025 in an informal capacity until such time as membership requirements can be met. Council will continue to work with these members and the wider community over the next month to promote membership.

Link to Council Plan:

Theme One: Our Community

A community well informed and engaged

Theme Four: Good Governance and Financial Sustainability

Strong governance practices

Financial Implications:

There are no financial implications in appointing members to the Town Advisory or Hindmarsh Pride Committees.

| Strategic Risk Description | Risk Management Discussion |
|----------------------------|---|
| Community Needs | The appointment of Advisory Committees through a formal |
| Governance | process ensures that the obligations within the Local |
| | Government Act 2020 are met and that Council can continue |
| | to build effective and efficient relationships with community |
| | representatives. Having robust Advisory Committees |
| | ensures that the reach and perception of Council services |
| | within the community can be strengthened and that projects, |
| | plans and strategies are effectively informed by identified |
| | community priorities. |

Risk Management Implications:

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Relevant Legislation:

Local Government Act 2020

Community Engagement:

It is not appropriate for community to be engaged in the appointing of members to a Council Advisory committee.

Gender Equality Implications:

Gender Impact Assessment Attached.

Confidential Declaration:

Not applicable.

Conflict of Interest:

Under Section 130(2) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, officers providing advice to Council must disclose any conflict of interest, including the type of interest.

Officer Responsible – Petra Croot, Director Corporate and Community Services In providing this advice as the Officer Responsible, I have no disclosable interests in this report.

Author – Janelle Reichelt, Manager People & Performance In providing this advice as the Author, I have no disclosable interests in this report.

Communications Strategy:

Council officers will advise the nominees who are appointed to the Advisory committees of their appointment and liaise with them to ensure all volunteer induction processes are completed prior to commencement from 1 July 2025.

Next Steps:

- Contact appointees and advise of their successful nomination to the relevant Advisory Committee.
- Set the July 2025 meeting where the Chairperson and Secretary will be elected and invite the outgoing Chairpersons to attend to give the newly formed Committee a handover report.
- Continue to seek Expressions of Interest for Nhill Town Committee membership to reach minimum requirements to retain the committee.
- Ensure volunteer induction processes are completed prior to commencement.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council appoint the following members to 1. Jeparit Town Committee:

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| AnnMa | arie Werner | | |
|---------------|--------------------|--|--|
| Teresa | a Smith | | |
| Mel Wa | agener | | |
| Cheryl | l Quinn | | |
| Jason | Hutson | | |
| Rebec | ca Schultz | | |
| Sharoi | n Reilly | | |
| Laurer | n Badua | | |
| Wendy | y Werner | | |
| Colin I | Moore | | |
| 2. Nhill Towr | n Committee: | | |
| Natalie | e Farmers | | |
| Alison | Dahlenburg | | |
| Lisa O | lds | | |
| 3. Rainbow T | own Committee: | | |
| Allira I | Roberts | | |
| Norelle | e Eckermann | | |
| Grahai | m Nuske | | |
| Collee | n Petschel | | |
| Grego | ry Roberts | | |
| Robert | t Koning | | |
| 4. Hindmarsh | h Pride Committee: | | |
| Rhys V | Vebb | | |
| Wirem | u Larkins | | |
| Craige | Proctor | | |
| Natalia | a Aguirre | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |

MOVED: Cr R Aitken/Cr C Uoy

That Council appoint the following members to:

- Jeparit Town Committee: AnnMarie Werner Teresa Smith Mel Wagener Cheryl Quinn Jason Hutson Rebecca Schultz Sharon Reilly Lauren Badua Wendy Werner Colin Moore
 Nhill Town Committee: Natalie Farmers
 - Alison Dahlenburg

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Lisa Olds

 Rainbow Town Committee: Allira Roberts Norelle Eckermann Graham Nuske Colleen Petschel Gregory Roberts Robert Koning
 Hindmarsh Pride Committee: Rhys Webb

Wiremu Larkins Craige Proctor Natalia Aguirre

CARRIED

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10.2 MELBOURNE CUP DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY 2025

Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Attachments:

- 1. 2025 04 29 Nhill A and P Society to Council re Public Holiday Request for Nhill Show Day 2025 [**10.2.1**]
- 2025 05 06 Rainbow A and P Society to Council re Public Holiday Request for Rainbow Show Day 2025 [10.2.2]

Executive Summary:

Council has received requests from Nhill A & P Society and Rainbow A & P Society to change the 2025 Melbourne Cup Public Holiday to their respective show days, being Tuesday 14 October 2025 for Rainbow and Thursday 16 October 2025 for Nhill. This report discusses the procedure for the declaration of substitute public holidays for Melbourne Cup 2025 and recommends writing to the Minister for small business expressing preference to substitute the Melbourne Cup Public Holiday in Nhill and Rainbow.

Discussion:

In 2011, the Victorian Government amended the *Public Holidays Act 1993* to give regional Councils the ability to request alternative local public holiday arrangements in lieu of Melbourne Cup Day. Council needs to request the change at least 90 days prior to Melbourne Cup Day.

The Public Holidays Act 1993 Section 8A(1) states:

Council may request substitute holiday for Melbourne Cup Day

- (1) A non-metropolitan Council may request in writing that the Minister make a declaration under Section 8(1) -
 - (a) That the day appointed under Section 6 being the first Tuesday in November (Melbourne Cup Day) is not in a specified year such a public holiday in the whole or any part of the municipal district of that Council; and
 - (b) That another day or 2 half-days (one half-day of which may be Melbourne Cup Day) be appointed as a public holiday or 2 public half-holidays in that year.
- (2) A request under subsection (1) must -
 - (a) Be made at least 90 days before the Melbourne Cup Day to which the request relates; and
 - (b) Specify the day or 2 half-days of the substituted public holiday; and
 - (c) Specify the reasons for making the request
- (3) In making a declaration on a request under subsection (1), the Minister must not appoint a Saturday or a Sunday as a public holiday or a public half-holiday.
- (4) A public holiday or 2 public half-holidays appointed under Section 8(1) on a request under subsection (1) in respect of part of a municipal district of a Council applies or apply only in that part of the municipal district.

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Since 2012, Hindmarsh Shire Council has successfully applied to the Minister for Small Business for substitute public holidays to Melbourne Cup Day for the Rainbow and Nhill agricultural shows, as these are held each year on weekdays. Dimboola and Jeparit districts continued to take Melbourne Cup Day as a public holiday, as their respective agricultural shows fall on a weekend.

The show societies have indicated they are planning to hold agricultural shows in 2025 on the following dates:

- Rainbow Tuesday 14 October 2025
- Nhill Thursday 16 October 2025
- **Dimboola** Saturday 18 October 2025
- Jeparit Sunday 19 October 2025

The Nhill Show public holiday incorporates the localities of Broughtan, Yanac, Netherby, Lorquon, Nhill, Glenlee, Kiata, Gerang Gerung and Little Desert.

The Rainbow Show public holiday incorporates the localities of Rainbow, Albacutya and Kenmare.

Link to Council Plan:

Theme Three: Competitive and Innovative Economy

Develop and promote local tourism opportunities that attract visitation

Financial Implications:

Not applicable.

Risk Management Implications:

| Strategic Risk Description | Risk Management Discussion |
|----------------------------|---|
| Community Needs | Agricultural and Pastoral Society shows provide an opportunity for intergenerational connection, community connection, creativity and support of local businesses and volunteer groups. Having the date as a Public Holiday for Rainbow and Nhill means that students, businesses and workers can support the event. |

Relevant Legislation:

Public Holidays Act 1993 Section 8A(1)

Community Engagement:

By providing a public holiday for the Rainbow and Nhill Show this allows community members to attend and participate in the local show. The request is made by the A & P Societies on behalf of their member and communities.

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Gender Equality Implications:

In accordance with the *Gender Equality Act 2020*, a Gender Impact Assessment is not required as this decision does not have a direct and significant impact on the community.

Confidential Declaration:

Not applicable.

Conflict of Interest:

Under Section 130(2) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, officers providing advice to Council must disclose any conflict of interest, including the type of interest.

Officer Responsible – Monica Revell, Chief Executive Officer In providing this advice as the Officer Responsible, I have no disclosable interests in this report.

Author – Petra Croot, Director Corporate and Community Services In providing this advice as the Author, I have no disclosable interests in this report.

Communications Strategy:

Following the approval of the Gazettal, Rainbow and Nhill A & P Societies will be contacted, and advertisements will be placed in each of the local papers advising the community of the public holiday substitution.

Next Steps:

Council Officers to prepare letters to the Minister for Small Business requesting the substitute public holiday.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council writes to the Minister for Small Business expressing a preference for the following:

- 1. a substitute public holiday in lieu of Melbourne Cup Day for Rainbow Show (Tuesday 14 October 2025) for the localities of Rainbow, Albacutya and Kenmare within Hindmarsh Shire;
- 2. a substitute public holiday in lieu of Melbourne Cup Day for Nhill Show (Thursday 16 October 2025) for the localities of Broughton, Yanac, Netherby, Lorquon, Nhill, Glenlee, Kiata, Gerang Gerung and Little Desert within Hindmarsh Shire; and
- 3. Melbourne Cup Day for the remainder of Hindmarsh Shire.

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MOVED: Cr C Uoy/Cr J Barry

That Council writes to the Minister for Small Business expressing a preference for the following:

- 1. a substitute public holiday in lieu of Melbourne Cup Day for Rainbow Show (Tuesday 14 October 2025) for the localities of Rainbow, Albacutya and Kenmare within Hindmarsh Shire;
- 2. a substitute public holiday in lieu of Melbourne Cup Day for Nhill Show (Thursday 16 October 2025) for the localities of Broughton, Yanac, Netherby, Lorquon, Nhill, Glenlee, Kiata, Gerang Gerung and Little Desert within Hindmarsh Shire; and
- 3. Melbourne Cup Day for the remainder of Hindmarsh Shire.

CARRIED

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10.3 PROPERTY VALUATIONS - 2025/2026 BUDGET

 Responsible Officer:
 Director Corporate and Community Services

 Attachments:
 Nil

Executive Summary:

This report provides Council with information regarding an amendment to the draft 2025/2026 Annual Budget due to revised valuations provided by the Valuer General and a proposed extension of the consultation period to account for this amendment.

Hindmarsh Shire Council charges rates annually based on the Capital Improved Value (CIV) of properties in Hindmarsh Shire, in accordance with the adopted Annual Budget and Revenue and Rating Plan. The CIV is the assessed market value of the property including both land (SV) and all improvements (such as buildings).

Valuation of land for rating purposes is carried out by the Victorian Valuer General, with the new values to take effect from 1 January each year and to be applied to rates calculated as at 1 July in the financial year following the valuation.

In May 2025, the Victorian Valuer General updated the valuation of land for Hindmarsh Shire Council to take effect from 1 January 2025. The total value for all properties within the Shire differed between the preliminary valuations that have been published in the the draft Budget, and the final valuations detailed in this report. This change does not impact the overall value of rates collected by Council across all property classes.

The figures, and resultant changes in total rates charged by property type, are included in this report for Council noting.

Discussion:

Valuation of land for rating purposes is carried out by the Victorian Valuer General, with the new values to take effect from 1 January each year and to be applied to rates calculated as at 1 July in the financial year following the valuation.

Council received the preliminary valuations in March 2025 and new, updated property valuations from the Victorian Valuer General on 9 May 2025. These property valuations, which are the Capital Improved Valuations for properties within the Shire, are used by Council to calculate the differential rate in the dollar to be applied to rates for the 2025/2026 financial year. The March preliminary valuations were included in Hindmarsh Shire Council's Draft Budget 2025/2026.

A change in valuations will not affect the total value of rates raised in the 2025/2026 financial year but will affect the rate in the dollar that Council charges for each property class.

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The total value of the properties based on the preliminary valuations was \$4.443m, with the change to the total CIV across the Shire being an increase of \$13.232m. The table below shows the changes to the differentials for 2025/2026.

| Type/Class of Land | Preliminary Valuations as at 01/01/2025 | 2025/2026 Rate In \$ | 2025/2026 Total Rates \$ | New Valuations as at 01/01/2025 | New 2025/2026 Rate in \$ | New Total Rates \$ | Change in Rates by Differential |
|---------------------------|---|-------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| General/ Residential | 608,704,500 | 0.0020011 | 1,218,068 | 608,704,500 | 0.0019954 | 1,214,586 | (\$3,482) |
| Farm | 3,734,840,50 | 0.0018010 | 6,726,351 | 3,747,808,500 | 0.0017958 | 6,730,415 | \$4,064 |
| Commercial/ Industrial | 74,653,500 | 0.0018010 | 134,449 | 74,682,500 | 0.0017958 | 134,117 | (\$332) |
| Recreational | 3,038,000 | 0.0010005 | 3,040 | 3,038,000 | 0.0009977 | 3,031 | (\$9) |
| Urban Vacant | 12,524,000 | 0.0040022 | 50,123 | 12,499,000 | 0.0039907 | 49,880 | (\$243) |

The change in the valuations and subsequent unit rate will be updated in Hindmarsh Shire Council's draft budget prior to the budget being presented to the Council for adoption on 18 June 2025. While this change is minor, it is the Officer recommendation to update the document that has been made available for public comment and extend the consultation period for one week, to now close at 11:59pm on Tuesday 10 June 2025.

Link to Council Plan:

Theme Four: Good Governance and Financial Sustainability

Long-term financial sustainability

Financial Implications:

There are no financial implications relating to this decision.

Risk Management Implications:

| Strategic Risk Description | Risk Management Discussion |
|----------------------------|---|
| Financial Sustainability | Council is required to enact this change as it is the legislated mechanism by which Council's calculates annual rates. Failure to do so would be acting outside of our obligations and risk the implementation of the 2025/2026 budget. |

Relevant Legislation:

Local Government Act 2020

Community Engagement:

The draft Annual Budget 2025/2026 is currently available for community feedback via Council's consultation processes. The amendment will be published within the draft document and the engagement period extended.

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Gender Equality Implications:

In accordance with the *Gender Equality Act 2020*, a Gender Impact Assessment is not required as this decision does not have a direct and significant impact on the community.

Confidential Declaration:

Not applicable.

Conflict of Interest:

Under Section 130(2) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, officers providing advice to Council must disclose any conflict of interest, including the type of interest.

Officer Responsible – Petra Croot, Director Corporate and Community Services In providing this advice as the Officer Responsible, I have no disclosable interests in this report.

Author – Heather Boyd, Manager Finance In providing this advice as the Author, I have no disclosable interests in this report.

Communications Strategy:

Council will amend the Have Your Say Hindmarsh page relating to the budget consultation detailing the amendment and publish in newsletters and social media an update regarding the amendment.

Next Steps:

Council officers will amend the Draft Budget in line with Council's decision and implement the Communications Strategy.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

- 1. notes the changes in the valuations provided by the Victorian Valuer General for properties in Hindmarsh Shire and the effect this will have on the rates charged against each of Councils type or class of land;
- 2. updates the draft Hindmarsh Shire Council Annual Budget 2025/2026 (incorporating the Long-Term Financial Plan and Revenue and Rating Plan) to reflect the changes in valuations; and
- 3. extend the draft Hindmarsh Shire Council Annual Budget 2025/2026 (incorporating the Long-Term Financial Plan and Revenue and Rating Plan) community engagement period to 11:59pm on Tuesday 10 June 2025.

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MOVED: Cr R Barker/Cr R Aitken

That Council:

- 1. notes the changes in the valuations provided by the Victorian Valuer General for properties in Hindmarsh Shire and the effect this will have on the rates charged against each of Councils type or class of land;
- 2. updates the draft Hindmarsh Shire Council Annual Budget 2025/2026 (incorporating the Long-Term Financial Plan and Revenue and Rating Plan) to reflect the changes in valuations; and
- 3. extend the draft Hindmarsh Shire Council Annual Budget 2025/2026 (incorporating the Long-Term Financial Plan and Revenue and Rating Plan) community engagement period to 11:59pm on Tuesday 10 June 2025.

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10.4 ROAD MANAGEMENT PLAN REVIEW 2025

Responsible Officer:Director Infrastructure ServicesAttachments:Director Infrastructure Services

1. Draft Road Management Plan 2025-2029 V 1 [10.4.1]

Executive Summary:

This report seeks Council endorsement for public consultation on the Road Management Plan 2025 – 2029 (RMP) as per the requirement of *Road Management Act 2004* (Act) for a minimum period of 28 days.

The purpose of the Road Management Plan is to establish a management system for Council to inspect, maintain, and repair its public roads based on policy and operational objectives having regard to available resources. The review is in-line with directions set in *The Road Management (General) Regulation 2016* which specifies that the review must commence within four (4) years of last review and completed within five (5) years of last review date.

The plan was reviewed using the template and guidance supplied by MAV insurance with the intention of simplifying the document as well as ensuring consistency across the region. The service levels in this plan are similar or better than the previous plan.

This plan will be available for public submission for minimum period of 28 days. The public submissions will be incorporated in the plan (where practicable) and considered at the next available Council meeting.

Discussion:

The purpose of the review, consistent with the role, functions and responsibilities of the Council as a road authority under the Act, is to ensure that the standards in relation to, and the priorities to be given to, the inspection, maintenance and repair of the roads and the classes of road to which the Council's RMP applies are safe, efficient and appropriate for use by the community served by the Council.

The current Hindmarsh Shire Council RMP has been under constant review over a period spanning several years. The results of this process are now ready for endorsement so that they can be released for community consultation prior to adoption. A draft document is attached to this report.

The current draft Road Management Plan has been developed using MAV Insurance Road Management Plan template that intends to:

• Ensure that all important content is included and wording of key contents are in line with the current best practice and legal advice.

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- Enable councils to adopt a clear and measurable set of standards such that compliance can be clearly monitored and, when necessary, demonstrated through records of respective activities, and
- Ensure councils remain able to determine their own standards respective of resources within a range that has been determined to be reasonable through benchmarking analysis and comprehensive legal advice.

Once the Road Management Plan has been endorsed by Council, a process of public consultation can commence. This will include making the document available for Public Viewing.

A notice of the Draft Road Management Plan will be advertised in the local newspaper, plus additional notice in the Victorian Government Gazette as soon as practicable after the endorsement by the council.

Public submissions received will then be reviewed and the RMP be updated as required and formally adopted and formally gazetted.

Subsequently if no objections or comments are received the Council will be requested to formally adopt the Road Management Plan 2025-2029 at the next available council meeting allowing notice of adoption of the Road Management Plan to then be formally gazetted in the Victorian Government Gazette and advertised in local newspapers.

Link to Council Plan:

Theme Two: Built and Natural Environment

Well-maintained physical assets and infrastructure to meet community and organisational needs

Financial Implications:

The Road Management Plan has no direct impact on Council's budget. However, the changes made on service levels may impact Council's future budgets.

This document sets out the service standards for the Hindmarsh Shire Council Road network and changes made to the Plan will affect Council's financial commitment to the maintenance, renewal and upgrade of road infrastructure into the future.

| Strategic Risk Description | Risk Management Discussion |
|----------------------------|--|
| Asset Management | The review of the Road Management Plan address risk across the municipal road network by placing roads of similar risk into urban and rural road classes which are then allocated corresponding levels of service and defect inspection regimes. |

Risk Management Implications:

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Relevant Legislation:

Local Government Act 2020 Road Management Act 2004

Community Engagement:

Following the endorsement of the draft plan by the council, community engagement process will commence in line with Council's Community Engagement Policy and requirements of *Road Management Act 2004.*

Gender Equality Implications:

In accordance with the *Gender Equality Act 2020*, a Gender Impact Assessment is not required as this decision does not have a direct and significant impact on the community.

Confidential Declaration:

Not applicable.

Conflict of Interest:

Under Section 130(2) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, officers providing advice to Council must disclose any conflict of interest, including the type of interest.

Officer Responsible – Ram Upadhyaya, Director Infrastructure Services In providing this advice as the Officer Responsible, I have no disclosable interests in this report.

Author – Ram Upadhyaya, Director Infrastructure Services In providing this advice as the Author, I have no disclosable interests in this report.

Communications Strategy:

Section 54 of the *Road Management Act 2004* requires that upon amending a road management plan the road authority must give notice in the Government Gazette and in a local newspaper concerning the purpose and amendments to the road management plan, where a copy can be obtained or inspected, and advising that any person who is aggrieved by the proposed road management plan may make a submission on the proposed RMP. The road authority must allow at least 28 days after the notice as a public submission period.

Next Steps:

A notice of the Draft Road Management Plan will be advertised in the local paper (Weekly Advertiser, Nhill Free Press, Dimboola Banner, and Rainbow Jeparit Argus, plus additional notice in the Victorian Government Gazette as soon as practicable after the endorsement this plan by the Council for community consultation. The feedback will be sought via council's Have Your Say page. The feedback received will be incorporated, where practicable, into the plan and presented to the next available council meeting for adoption.

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RECOMMENDATION:

That Council

- 1. endorses for public consultation the draft Road Management Plan (as required by Section 54(5) of the Road Management Act 2004); and
- 2. undertake public consultation for a minimum period of 28 days.

MOVED: Cr C Uoy/Cr R Barker

That Council:

- 1. endorses for public consultation the draft Road Management Plan (as required by Section 54(5) of the Road Management Act 2004); and
- 2. undertake public consultation for a minimum period of 28 days.

CARRIED

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11 COUNCIL COMMITTEES

11.1 ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Attachments:

- 1. Jeparit Town Committee Minutes 30 April 2025 [11.1.1]
- 2. CONFIDENTIAL 2025 05 12 Alina Rosenthal Nhill Town Committee Resignation [11.1.2]

Introduction:

One (1) Hindmarsh Shire Council Advisory Committee held a meeting on the following date:

• Jeparit Township Advisory Committees General Meeting on 30 April 2025

A copy of the minutes for the Jeparit Township Advisory Committee meeting held on 30 April 2025 is included as an attachment for the information of Council.

Committee Membership:

Alina Rosenthal wrote to Council on Monday 12 May 2025 advising their resignation from the Nhill Township Advisory Committee. This has been attached as a confidential attachment for the information of Council.

Next Steps:

Advisory Committee minutes will be published on Council's website.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes

- 1. the minutes of the Jeparit Township Advisory Committee meeting held on 30 April 2025; and
- 2. the resignation of Alina Rosenthal from the Nhill Township Advisory Committee and sends a letter thanking them for their service.

MOVED: Cr R Barker/Cr C Uoy

That Council notes:

- 1. the minutes of the Jeparit Township Advisory Committee meeting held on 30 April 2025; and
- 2. the resignation of Alina Rosenthal from the Nhill Township Advisory Committee and sends a letter thanking them for their service.

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11.2 COMMUNITY ASSET COMMITTEE

No Community Asset Committee business presented.

12 LATE REPORTS

No late reports.

13 NOTICES OF MOTION

No notices of motions.

14 OTHER BUSINESS

MOVED: Cr J Barry/Cr R Barker

That -

- 1. it be noted that Hindmarsh Shire Council objects to Council being used as a collection agency for the State Government recently legislated Emergency Services and Volunteer Levy (ESVF);
- 2. we stand in support of our community requesting the ESVF be reconsidered to be fairer and more equitable; and
- 3. acknowledge that the Mayor has written to the Premier of Victoria voicing Councils opposition to the levy and encouraging her to visit our region to see firsthand the impact the drought and ESVF legislation is having on the mental health of our community.

CARRIED

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15 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

No confidential reports.

16 LATE CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

No late confidential reports.

17 MEETING CLOSE

There being no further business, Cr Ron Ismay declared the meeting closed at 3:47pm.

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22nd May 2025

Ms Monica Revell CEO Hindmarsh Shire Council PO Box 250 NHILL 3418

Dear Monica,

The Rainbow Archive and Historical Society would like to thank the council for approving our 2024-25 Round 1 Community Action Grant application for \$1,000. As outlined in our application we purchased a Ricoh ScanSnap SV600 scanner. It has enabled us to digitise past editions of the Rainbow Argus/News as well as other historical documents and photos in our collection quickly, easily and, most importantly, without damaging the originals.

We greatly appreciate the support the Hindmarsh Shire Council has shown to us in our role of preserving and providing public access to the historical records of our community.

I apologise that I am only sending this thank-you letter now. I was overseas last year when we received the grant and it was an oversight on my part.

Yours sincerely,

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Ruth Gosling Project Manager/Secretary Rainbow Archive and Historical Society

Rainbow Progress Association Inc.

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CEO and Councillors

Hindmarsh Shire Council

Nelson Street, Nhill Vic 3418

27 May 2025

Dear Monica and Councillors,

Re: Urgent motion at upcoming council meeting on 29 May 2025.

It has come to our attention that Shire councils in Victoria are reacting against the Emergency Services and Volunteer Fund. We would be very interested to hear what action you have given to this matter.

I would like to bring your attention to a motion that was passed by the Swan Hill Rural City Council at their meeting last Tuesday night 20th May, 2025 to write a letter to the Allan Government regarding the Emergency Services Volunteer Fund.

We are suggesting the Hindmarsh Shire Council adopt a similar motion with similar actions through introducing an urgent motion at the upcoming council meeting to be held on Wednesday 28th May, 2025.

We suggest the following points be included in the letter to the Allan government.

- 1. Advising that this levy is abhorrent and will adversely affect our community
- 2. Requesting a repeal of the Emergency Services Volunteer Fund levy
- 3. Requesting a revert to the much more equitable Fire Services Levy.
- 4. Requesting the Allan Government to cease using Shire Councils as tax collectors.

Please table this letter at the Council meeting on Wednesday 28th May, 2025.

We would appreciate being kept informed of any action the Hindmarsh Shire takes on this issue.

Kind regards,

Jennifer Goldsworthy Secretary

Statement of Purpose: To address community concerns and collaborate with relevant organisations to foster positive change through action and ensure ongoing accountability surrounding the issues.



DS:rc Doc ID:DOC/25/24536

2 June 2025

Dear Mayor,

Re: SEEKING SUPPORT FOR UNITED OPPOSITION TO THE EMERGENCY SERVICES AND VOLUNTEERS FUND

I write to you on behalf of Loddon Shire Councillors seeking your support to join us in collective advocacy against the Emergency Services Volunteer Fund (ESVF).

At the Loddon Shire Council meeting of 27 May 2025, it was unanimously resolved:

That Council

- 1. Reiterates our objections from the 25th of March to the proposed introduction of the abhorrent Emergency Services Volunteer Fund Levy in its current form, due to the significant, unfair and inequitable impacts it will have on the Shire's farming, commercial and industrial sectors.
- 2. Call on the State Government to listen to our community and immediately repeal the implementation of the Emergency Services Volunteer Fund Levy (Bill).
- 3. As the Bill is awaiting Royal Assent, we call on Professor the Honourable Margaret Gardner AC Governor of Victoria to exercise her reserve powers and not sign this bill (ESVFL) into Law.
- 4. Authorise the Mayor to write to all Victorian Councils, Rural Councils Victoria and the Municipal Association of Victoria seeking them to unite and as a collective oppose the collection of the Emergency Services Volunteer Fund Levy.

You can view the Council meeting discussion at 1:38:22 <u>https://www.facebook.com/LoddonShire/videos/1231754701885178</u> or read our recent media release here <u>https://www.loddon.vic.gov.au/News-and-public-notices/Opposition-to-levy-takes-the-next-step</u>

In a media release on 30 May 2025, the Victorian Government announced a 12 month freeze on the ESVF rate for all primary production properties, keeping it at the 2024/25 level of 28.7 cents per \$1,000 CIV rather than increasing it to 71.8. This measure is part of an expanded statewide Drought Package aimed at easing financial pressure on farmers during worsening drought conditions.

While this short term relief is welcome, it does not address the long term financial burden this inequitable and unfair levy will impose on our communities.

Together, we can ensure the voices of our communities are heard and that farmers across Victoria receive the long-term fairness, support and respect they deserve.

We respectfully request that your Council considers a similar resolution and joins this important advocacy effort.

Yours sincerely

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Cr Dan Straub Mayor

Hindmarsh Shire Council

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Rainbow

15 Federal Street RAINBOW VIC 3424 Ph: (03) 5391 4451 Fax: (03) 5395 1436 To Hon. Jacinta Allan Premier of Victoria Office of the Premier

Via email:

Dear Premier

Re: Emergency Service and Volunteer Fund

On behalf of Hindmarsh Shire Council and residents I write with a heartfelt plea to please reconsider the Emergency Services and Volunteer Fund (ESVF) legislation and enforcing collection by Councils.

Hindmarsh Shire Council is located halfway between Melbourne and Adelaide, covering 7,500 sq kilometres, with a road network of over 3,200 kilometres, and a population of approximately 5,600 people. Our annual general rates and municipal charge income is \$8.89m (draft 2025/2026 Annual Budget). Over 100 valuable services are provided to our community with no private market to step in should we cease to provide key social services, and a higher than state average level of volunteers already doing so much to support the health of our community.

The new ESVF levy to be collected by Hindmarsh Shire Council is anticipated to remit \$3.59m to the State Government, an increase of approximately \$1.73m from the FSL. Money that will no longer be available to spend at our local small businesses or to support the operation of struggling farm enterprises and families trying to cope with the cost of living.

The ESVF implementation is inequitable, placing an unfair burden on farmers. We have just been through one of the worst bushfires in our history in January this year, with the Little Desert fires impacting both small business and the farming community that borders the Little Desert. CFA volunteers, most of them farmers, spent untold volumes of hours day and night not only in the Little Desert but also assisting in the Grampians fires over Christmas and new year. The rebate they may, but not necessarily receive, is an insult. Our farmers are facing drought conditions with very minimal rainfall this year and soil moisture rapidly declining. We feel that our community is at breaking point with the added cost pressures following the introduction of the ESVF.

26 May 2025



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15 Federal Street RAINBOW VIC 3424 Ph: (03) 5391 4451 Fax: (03) 5395 1436 Victorian farming communities were already facing a crisis of mental health and financial pressures are a significant contributing factor to poor mental

health. The existing and proposed services provided by the State Government to support mental health are invaluable, but it is not enough to respond to the symptoms whilst contributing to the cause.

It is extremely disappointing that State Government do not require the same level of consultation as Local Government, where consultation is required to be extensive and feedback from community genuinely considered prior to significant decisions being made. The rural community made their position clear on the steps of parliament last week, in countless community meetings, and on the front pages of local papers across the state.

Our community are telling us that they will not pay the ESVF component of their rates notice at a minimum, and potentially not pay levied Council rates and charges as a way of protesting this new levy. The impacts of Council not receiving the budgeted rates needs to be something that you need to be aware of, we simply cannot carry non-payment without affecting services to our community that the State Government has mandated that we provide.

Will the State Government provide assistance to rural councils who have not collected their budgeted rates due to the community stance to not pay, and do not have money in the bank to pay staff?

I ask that the State Government reconsider the ESVF legislation and the unfair burden it is placing on rural communities. I would encourage you to visit our region and I would happily take you on a tour to see firsthand the impact the drought and ESVF legislation is having on the mental health of our community.

If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me on or email info@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au.

Your sincerely,

Cr Ron Ismay Mayor

29 May 2025



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15 Federal Street RAINBOW VIC 3424 Ph: (03) 5391 4451 Fax: (03) 5395 1436 The Hon. Natalie Suleyman Minister for Small Business and Employment Minister for Youth Minister for Veterans Email:

Dear Minister

Re: Public Holiday arrangements in lieu of Melbourne Cup Day 2025

At its meeting held on Wednesday 28 May 2025, Hindmarsh Shire Council resolved to request the following alterations to public holiday arrangements within Hindmarsh Shire:

- 1. a substitute public holiday in lieu of Melbourne Cup Day for Rainbow Show (Tuesday 14 October 2025) for the localities of Rainbow, Albacutya and Kenmare within Hindmarsh Shire;
- a substitute public holiday in lieu of Melbourne Cup Day for Nhill Show (Thursday 16 October 2025) for the localities of Broughton, Yanac, Netherby, Lorquon, Nhill, Glenlee, Kiata, Gerang Gerung and Little Desert within Hindmarsh Shire; and
 Melbourne Cup Day for the remainder of Hindmarsh Shire.

Your approval to these dates is sought and subsequent advertising in the Government Gazette would be appreciated.

Please do not hesitate to contact me via email or by telephone on 03 5391 4444 should you have any queries.

Yours sincerely

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Monica Revell Chief Executive Officer



29 May 2025

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Dear Alina

Email:

Re: Resignation from Nhill Township Advisory Committee

At the meeting held on Wednesday 28 May 2025, Hindmarsh Shire Council acknowledged your resignation from the Nhill Township Advisory Committee.

On behalf of Council, I would like to thank you for your commitment to the Nhill Township Advisory Committee and your valuable contribution to this important committee and the community.

We wish you all the best for the future.

| If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me if you | | | | | | | | |
|--|-----|-----------|----|----|------|------|----|-------|
| have | any | questions | on | 03 | 5391 | 4444 | or | email |

Yours sincerely

Monica Revell Chief Executive Officer



ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS RECORD

Title of Meeting: Council Briefing Session

Date: Wednesday 28 May 2025 Time: 12:00pm – 3:00pm

Assembly Location: Council Chamber, 92 Nelson Street Nhill.

Present:

CRS Ron Ismay (Mayor) items 1 to 9, Chan Uoy (Deputy Mayor) items 1 to 9, Roger Aitken items 1 to 9, Rosie Barker items 1 to 9, and James Barry items 1 to 9.

Apologies:

Cr Tony Clark

In Attendance:

Ms. Monica Revell (Chief Executive Officer) items 1 to 9 (excluding item 5.1), Ms. Petra Croot (Director Corporate and Community Services) items 1 to 9, Mr. Ram Upadhyaya (Director Infrastructure Services) items 1 to 9, Mr. Mark Fletcher (Manager Economic Development and Tourism) item 5.4, and Ms. Mary-Ann Speakman (Customer Service and Councillor Support Officer) items 6 to 9.

Declaration by Councillors or Officers of any Material or General Interest in any item on the Agenda:

- Material; or
- General.

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Councillors:

Officers:

Monica Revell declared a material conflict of interest for item 5.1 as it relates to her



professional development. Monica Revell left the room at 1:03pm and returned at 1:08pm.

Matters Discussed:

| No. | Detail |
|-----|--|
| 1. | LUNCH |
| 2. | ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY |
| 3. | APOLOGIES |
| 4. | DECLARATION OF INTERESTS |
| 5. | ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION |
| 5.1 | CEO PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT |
| 5.2 | INTENTION TO LEASE – 94 NELSON STREET NHILL |
| 5.3 | 2025-2026 BUDGET |
| 5.4 | RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS – POSITION STATEMENT |
| 6. | COUNCILLOR QUESTION TIME |
| 7. | BREAK |
| 8. | PREPARE FOR MEETING |
| 9. | COUNCIL MEETING |

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Monica Revell Chief Executive Officer Dated: 28 May 2025

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ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS RECORD

Title of Meeting: Council Briefing Session

Date: Wednesday 4 June 2025 **Time:** 12:00pm – 4:00pm

Assembly Location: Council Chamber, 92 Nelson Street Nhill.

Present:

CRS Ron Ismay (Mayor) items 1 to 5.5, Rosie Barker items 1 to 5.5, and James Barry items 1 to 5.5.

Apologies:

Cr Chan Uoy (Deputy Mayor), Cr Roger Aitken and Cr Tony Clark.

In Attendance:

Ms. Monica Revell (Chief Executive Officer) items 1 to 5.5, Ms. Petra Croot (Director Corporate and Community Services) items 1 to 5.5, Mr. Ram Upadhyaya (Director Infrastructure Services) items 1 to 5.5, Mr, Mick Henderson (Manager Assets and Facilities) items 2 to 5.1, and Mr. Phil King (Manager Economic and Community Development) item 5.5.

Declaration by Councillors or Officers of any Material or General Interest in any item on the Agenda:

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- General.

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Councillors: Nil

Officers: Nil

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Matters Discussed:

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| 1. | LUNCH |
| 2. | ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY |
| 3. | APOLOGIES |
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| 5.2 | 2025-2026 DRAFT BUDGET SUBMISSIONS |
| 5.3 | COUNCILLOR QUESTION TIME |
| 5.4 | RENEWABLE ENERGY ZONE DRAFT PLAN – VICGRID |
| 5.5 | DRAFT COUNCIL PLAN 2025-2029 |

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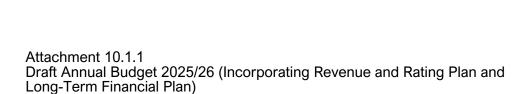
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Hindmarsh Shire Council ANNUAL BUDGET 2025/2026

(incorporating Long-Term Financial Plan & Revenue and Rating Plan)

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The model budget, including financial statements, has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 2020* and the *Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2020*. While every effort has been made to ensure that the information contained in this document has been accurate and complies with relevant Victorian legislation, each Council remains responsible to ensure that the budget they prepare is compliant with all statutory requirements.

Mayor and CEO's Introduction

We are pleased to present Hindmarsh Shire Council's draft Budget for 2025/2026. The Budget has been developed in line with the key objectives contained within the Council Plan 2021-2025 and is informed by the community priorities identified in engagement sessions throughout 2024/2025.

The draft budget is based on the key result areas of:

- Our Community
- Built and Natural Environment
- Competitive and Innovative Economy
- Governance and Financial Sustainability

The 2025/2026 budget has been developed to balance the retention of existing community service levels, maintenance and renewal of assets, and new initiatives to improve the amenity and make Hindmarsh a better place to live. One of the key focuses of this draft budget - shaped significantly by community consultation - is addressing the priorities identified by our residents. Alongside our essential operational commitments and long-term strategic goals, we have carefully considered a range of community requests to ensure funding is directed toward initiatives that will deliver the greatest benefit. The community has told us that roads and pedestrian infrastructure are the highest priority, so we're investing \$4,693m in road construction, resheets, reseals and final seals, kerb and channel and footpaths (maintenance and capital works). The 2025/2026 budget includes a total capital works expenditure of \$6.958m, with \$3.867m for renewal expenditure of existing assets.

Tourism and economic development are another significant community priority, and we're excited to be delivering several projects that improve tourism and recreation infrastructure for locals and visitors. The 2025/2026 budget includes:

- Installation of studio cabins at Nhill Caravan Park
- Improvements to Dimboola Swimming Pool
- Continue the construction at Davis Park including the grandstand.

The budget proposes a rate increase of 3% in line with the Essential Services Commission (ESC) calculation method, which applies the increase to the average rates payable per assessment. This ensures Council is compliant with the State Government's Fair Go Rates System (FGRS) which has capped rate increases by Victorian Council's to 3% in 2025/2026. Council has not applied for a rate cap varation for 2025/2026.

Property revaluations are now completed annually, and although Council's rate increase is 3%, individual rate increases are impacted by the changes in property values. This means if your property value increases by more than the average property valuation for that category, then your rate increase may be more than 3%. However, if your property value increases by less than the average property valuation for that category, then your rate increase may be more than 3%. However, if your property value increases by less than the average property valuation for that category, then your rate increase may be less than 3%. In some cases individual rates may be less than the previous year. Council recognises that many residents may be experiencing financial pressures and has balanced this with the need to continue delivering a wide range of services to our community.

Key Initiatives

The proposed key initiatives for the 2025/2026 financial year are outlined below. Further details are included in the relevant sections of the budget document.

Competitive and innovative economy

Install studio cabins at Nhill Caravan Park.

Infrastructure

• Reseals and Final Seals: Council will undertake reseal and final seal projects totalling \$464,787 based on condition audits in 2025/2026.

• Sealed Road Construction: Council will undertake sealed road construction projects totalling \$2,352,495 in 2025/2026. These include: Nhill Rainbow/Lush Rd, Nhill Rainbow/three Chaines Rd, Woorak-NiNi-Lorquon and Glenlee Lorquon Rd, Broughton Kaniva Rd, Nhill Rainbow/Kruger Rd and Nhill Rainbow/Solly Rd.

Kainbow/hite Chaines Rd, woorak-hite Lorquon and Geniee Lorquon Rd, Bougnon Kainba Rd, Ninii Kainbow/huger Rd and Ninii Kainbow/Soliy Rd. • Footpaths: Footpath projects totalling \$575,362 will be undertaken during 2025/2026 including Whitehead St, Nhill (including pedestrian crossing), Park St, Nhill and MacPherson St, Nhill.

• Unsealed Road Construction. Council will undertake 10 unsealed road construction projects totalling \$821,251 during 2025/2026. These include: Boyeo Tarraginnie Rd, Boyeo, Yanac South Rd, Yanac, Peakes Three Chain Rd, Woorak and Propodollah Extension Rd, Propodollah.

Recreation facilities

· Continue construction at Davis Park including the grandstand.

· Undertake improvements to Dimboola Swimming Pool.

The operational budget will also enable the delivery of key strategic plans throughout 2025/2026 - the Council Plan 2025-2029, Long Term Financial Plan 2025-2035 and the Workforce Plan 2025-2029. We thank all those who have provided input into the process so far, and we look forward to engaging with you further as we work towards finalising the budget.

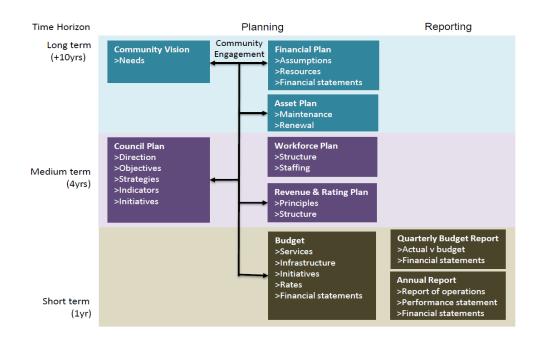
Cr Ron Ismay Mayor Monica Revell Chief Executive Officer

1. Link to the Integrated Strategic Planning and Reporting Framework

This section describes how the Budget links to the achievement of the Community Vision and Council Plan within an overall integrated strategic planning and reporting framework. This framework guides the Council in identifying community needs and aspirations over the long term (Community Vision and Financial Plan), medium term (Council Plan, Workforce Plan, and Revenue and Rating Plan) and short term (Budget) and then holding itself accountable (Annual Report).

1.1 Legislative planning and accountability framework

The Budget is a rolling four-year plan that outlines the financial and non-financial resources that Council requires to achieve the strategic objectives described in the Council Plan. The diagram below depicts the integrated strategic planning and reporting framework that applies to local government in Victoria. At each stage of the integrated strategic planning and reporting framework there are opportunities for community and stakeholder input. This is important to ensure transparency and accountability to both residents and ratepayers.



Source: Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions

The timing of each component of the integrated strategic planning and reporting framework is critical to the successful achievement of the planned outcomes.

1.1.2 Key planning considerations

Service level planning

Although councils have a legal obligation to provide some services— such as animal management, local roads, food safety and statutory planning—most council services are not legally mandated, including some services closely associated with councils, such as libraries, building permits and sporting facilities. Further, over time, the needs and expectations of communities can change. Therefore councils need to have robust processes for service planning and review to ensure all services continue to provide value for money and are in line with community expectations. In doing so, councils should engage with communities to determine how to prioritise resources and balance service provision against other responsibilities such as asset maintenance and capital works.

Community consultation needs to be in line with a councils adopted Community Engagement Policy and Public Transparency Policy.

1.2 Our purpose

Our Vision

Working together to be a connected, inclusive and prosperous community.

Our mission

- 1. Increase accessible services to enable the community to be healthy, active and engaged.
- 2. Provide infrastructure essential to support the community and to protect and enhance our natural environment.
- 3. Foster a sustainable and diversified local economy where economic growth is encouraged and supported.
- Promote user friendly services to ensure transparency, good governance and financial sustainability.
 Advance gender equality, equity and inclusion for all.

Our values

Hindmarsh Shire Council is committed to:

- Transparent and accountable actions and decisions,
- · inclusion and collaboration with residents,
- Showing respect and integrity to all,
- Being proactive and responsivle by encouraging innovation.

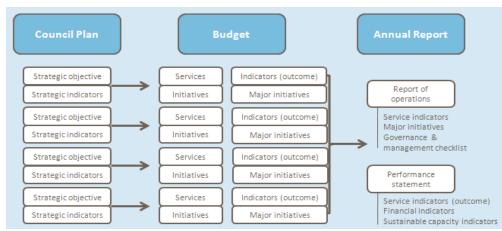
1.3 Strategic objectives

Council delivers services and initiatives under 47 service categories. Each contributes to the achievement of one of the four Key Result Areas (KRA) set out in the Council Plan for the years 2021-2025. The following table lists the four KRA as described in the Council Plan.

| Strategic Objective | Description |
|--------------------------|--|
| Our Community | A community well informed and engaged. |
| | Communities that feel safe and are resilient. |
| | Provide arts and cultural activities that strenthen social connection. |
| | A range of effective and accessible services to support the health and wellbeing of our community. |
| | Support healthy living and provide services and activities for people of all ages and abilities. |
| | A range of transport options. |
| | • A diverse community. |
| | Recognise, respect and support Traditional Owners. |
| | Digital connectivity to support learning and work. |
| Built and Natural | Well-maintained physical assets and infrastructure to meet community and organisational needs. |
| Environment | Environmentally sustainable practices. |
| | Attractive streetscapes. |
| Competitive and | Facilitating and supporting economic development. |
| Innovative Economy | Develop and promote local tourism opportunities that attract visitation. |
| Good Governance & | Stong governance practices |
| Financial Sustainability | Long-term financial sustainability. |
| 2 | Ensure responsible risk management principles. |
| | A skilled Council and workforce capable of meeting community needs. |
| | Gender equity, respect and leadership. |
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2. Services and service performance indicators

This section provides a description of the services and initiatives to be funded in the Budget for the 2025/26 year and how these will contribute to achieving the strategic objectives outlined in the Council Plan. It also describes several initiatives and service performance outcome indicators for key areas of Council's operations. Council is required by legislation to identify major initiatives, initiatives and service performance outcome indicators in the Budget and report against them in their Annual Report to support transparency and accountability. The relationship between these accountability requirements in the Council Plan, the Budget and the Annual Report is shown below.



Source: Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions

2.1 Strategic Objective 1: Our Community

The services, initiatives, major initiatives and service performance indicators for each business area are described over the following pages.

| Service area | Description of services provided | | 2023/24 | 2024/25 | 2025/26 |
|-----------------------|---|---------------------------|---------|----------|---------|
| | | | Actual | Forecast | Budget |
| | Councils Community Development Team works | Operating Expenditure | 344,774 | 610,743 | 310,992 |
| | with community groups, organisations and individuals to assist communities reach their aspirations and be healthy, active and | Operating Revenue | 278,925 | 118,480 | 130,524 |
| Community Development | | NET Expenses (Revenue) | 65,849 | 492,263 | 180,468 |
| | engaged. | Capital Expenditure | 166,713 | 176,213 | - |

Initiatives:

• Establish stronger links with the indigenous community through the Barengi Gadjin Land Council and Goolum Goolum Aboriginal Cooperative.

Continue to support the integration of migrants into the community.

· Support and celebrate volunteering and work collaboratively with volunteer groups.

Provide ongoing financial assistance and operational support for town committees to ensure they remain strong and focused conduits between community and Council
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and that their statutory obligations are met.

Commence work towards outcomes and projects identified and prioritised in the Community Precinct Plans.

| Service area | Description of services provided | | 2023/24 | 2024/25 | 2025/26 |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|---------|------------|---------|
| | | | Actual | Forecast | Budget |
| | | | 4,718 | 5,386 | 1,250 |
| Maternal and Child Health Centres | | NET Expenses (Revenue) | 4,718 | 5,386 | 1,250 |
| | Jeparit, Nhill and Rainbow. | Capital Expenditure | - | ,718 5,386 | |

Initiatives:

· Maintain the Dimboola and Nhill Maternal and Child Health Centres.

| Service | Indicator | Performance Measure | Computation |
|--|-----------|---|--|
| As Council does not have operation have not been included in this budg | | nal and Child Health Services, the pres | scribed indicators for performance and prescribed measures |

| Service area | Description of services provided | | 2023/24 | 2024/25 | 2025/26 |
|-----------------------|---|---------------------------|---------|-----------|---------|
| | | | Actual | Forecast | Budget |
| | Provision of Kindergarten services in Dimboola, | Operating Expenditure | 161,142 | 311,899 | 145,842 |
| Kindenneten Ormiteer | Council does not directly deliver Kindergarten | Operating Revenue | 67,816 | 425,868 | 97,568 |
| Kindergarten Services | | NET Expenses (Revenue) | 93,326 | (113,969) | 48,274 |
| | Gervices. | Capital Expenditure | - | 380,000 | - |

• Maintain all kindergartens in Dimboola, Jeparit, Nhill and Rainbow, and ensure buildings comply with Department of Education and Training regulations.

| Service area | Description of services provided | | 2023/24 | 2024/25 | 2025/26 |
|----------------|---|---------------------|---------|----------|---------|
| | | | Actual | Forecast | Budget |
| | | Operating | 142,423 | 305,115 | 164,576 |
| | Improve the wellbeing of and opportunities for youth within the Shire. | Operating Revenue | 134,959 | 82,750 | 93,000 |
| Youth Services | | NET Expenses | 7,464 | 222,365 | 71,576 |
| | | (Revenue) | | | |
| | | Capital Expenditure | - | - | - |

Initiatives:

• Facilitation of youth activities including school holiday activities as well as FreeZa and Engage! events.

Broaden the engagement of young people in the Shire and continue to facilitate the Hindmarsh Youth Council.

| Service area | Description of services provided | | 2023/24 Actual | 2024/25 Forecast | 2025/26 Budget |
|----------------------------|--|--------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Aged & Disability Services | | Operating Expenditure | 411,257 | 124,486 | 73,899 |
| | Council's Aged and Disability Services aim to | Operating Revenue | 131,431 | 131,431 3,500 | 2,000 |
| | support people to remain socially connected in the community through positive ageing activities. | | 279,825 | 120,986 | 71,899 |
| | | Capital Expenditure | 2,447 | 15,309 | - |

Initiatives:

* Council ceased delivery of in-home based care at 30 June 2023.

| Service area | Description of services provided | | 2023/24 | 2024/25 | 2025/26 |
|-----------------------|--|---------------------|---------|----------|---------|
| | | | Actual | Forecast | Budget |
| | | Operating | 177,756 | 179,000 | 191,024 |
| | Educate the community about public order and | Expenditure | | | |
| | safety and enforce Council's compliance with | Operating Revenue | 81,693 | 84,787 | 81,250 |
| Public Order & Safetv | the local laws when required. | | | | |
| Fublic Order & Salety | Operate the school crossing on the Western | | 96,062 | 94,213 | 109,774 |
| | Highway in Nhill and maintain school crossings | (Revenue) | | | |
| | throughout the Shire. | Capital Expenditure | - | - | - |

Initiatives:

Educate the community in responsible pet ownership.
 Educate the community in responsible pet ownership.
 Education and enforcement in animal control and local laws, with a particular focus on animal registration and littering.

Operation and maintenance of the animal pound.

Enforcement of breaches of animal control regulations.

Assist with the identification and implementation of initiatives that ensures residents' safety and wellbeing are met.
 Continue implementation of Domestic Animal Management Plan.

| Service | Indicator | Performance Measure | Computation |
|-------------------|-------------------|---|---|
| Animal Management | Health and safety | Animal management prosecutions. (Number of successful animal management prosecutions). | Number of successful animal management prosecutions |

| Service area | Description of services provided | | 2023/24 | 2024/25 | 2025/26 |
|------------------|---|---|---------|----------|---------|
| | | | Actual | Forecast | Budget |
| | | Operating | 313,736 | 214,025 | 224,127 |
| | To protoct and enhance the books of the | Operating Revenue | 120,395 | 38,250 | 32,000 |
| Health Promotion | community. | hance the health of the Operating Revenue 120,395 NET Expenses 193,341 | 175,775 | 192,127 | |
| | community. | (Revenue) | | | |
| | | Capital Expenditure | - | - | - |

• Education and enforcement of the legislative regulations pertaining to food preparation, storage and handling, accommodation houses, hairdressers and other licensed premises.

Issue permits for the installation of septic tanks.
Work with communities to educate on and improve environmental health issues.

Continue to implement Municipal Public Health and Community Wellbeing Plan.

| Service | Indicator | Performance Measure | Computation |
|-------------|-------------------|---|---|
| Food safety | Health and safety | Critical and major non- compliance notifications. (Percentage of critical and major non- compliance notifications that are followed up by Council). | [Number of critical non-compliance notifications and major non- compliance notifications about a food premises followed up / Number of critical non-compliance notifications and major non- compliance notifications about food premises] x100 |

| Service area | Description of services provided | | 2023/24 | 2024/25 | 2025/26 |
|--------------|---|---------------------------|---------|----------|---------|
| | | | Actual | Forecast | Budget |
| | | Operating Expenditure | 354,056 | 365,337 | 278,928 |
| Libraries | Provision of permanent library services in Dimboola and Nhill, and improving services to | Operating Revenue | 153,409 | 139,576 | 129,476 |
| Libraries | Jeparit and Rainbow. | NET Expenses (Revenue) | 200,647 | 225,761 | 149,452 |
| | | Capital Expenditure | 49,347 | 40,000 | 40,000 |

Initiatives:

· Support library based initiatives to encourage people to enhance their learning.

| Service | Indicator | Performance Measure | Computation |
|-----------|---------------|------------------------|---|
| Libraries | Participation | | nber of active library borrowers over last 3 financial years / icipal population over last 3 financial years] x100 |

| Service area | Description of services provided | | 2023/24 | 2024/25 | 2025/26 |
|-------------------|--|---|---------|----------|---------|
| | | | Actual | Forecast | Budget |
| | | Operating | 131,827 | 188,190 | 127,335 |
| | Promote and support activities relating to arts, | Expenditure | | | |
| Arts, Culture and | | | 27,089 | 14,500 | 6,000 |
| Community Events | culture and community events throughout the Shire. | Operating Expenditure lating to arts, Operating Revenue | 104,738 | 173,690 | 121,335 |
| | Sille. | (Revenue) | | | |
| | | Capital Expenditure | - | - | - |

Initiatives:

Promote and support activities during Volunteer Week, Children's Week, Youth Week, and Senior's Week.
 Promote activities to celebrate International Day of Disabled Persons and Harmony Day.

Support community groups to identify external grant opportunities.

Assist community groups and project working groups to manage and implement projects in accordance with funding agreements.

Encourage social connectedness through New Resident Meet and Greet Barbecues in Dimboola, Jeparit, Nhill and Rainbow.
 Promote and support regional community events.

| Service area | Description of services provided | | 2023/24 | 2024/25 | 2025/26 |
|---------------------|---|---------------------|---------|----------|---------|
| | | | Actual | Forecast | Budget |
| | | Operating | 19,339 | 88,000 | 100,698 |
| Recreation Programs | Providing a range of recreation programs that | Operating Revenue | - | - | - |
| ····· | encourage an active and healthy life. | NET Expenses | 19,339 | 88,000 | 100,698 |
| | | Capital Expenditure | - | - | - |

Support from staff to achieve long term infrastructure needs in relation to sports and recreation.

| Service area | Description of services provided | | 2023/24 | 2024/25 | 2025/26 |
|--------------|--|---------------------|---------|----------|---------|
| | | | Actual | Forecast | Budget |
| | | Operating | 19,597 | 41,672 | 8,289 |
| | Lead a joint effort that will give Hindmarsh | Expenditure | | | |
| Early Varia | children the best start in life, working | Operating Revenue | - | - | - |
| Early Years | collaboratively with community and early years | NET Expenses | 19,597 | 41,672 | 8,289 |
| | providers. | (Revenue) | | | |
| | | Capital Expenditure | - | - | - |

2.2 Strategic Objective 2: Built & Natural Environment

To achieve our KRA Built and Natural Environment, our mission is to provide infrastructure essential to support the community; and to protect and enhance our natural environment.

| Service area | Description of services provided | | 2023/24 Actual | 2024/25 Forecast | 2025/26 Budget |
|-----------------------|--|---------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| | | Operating Expenditure | 5,037,051 | 4,983,012 | 4,607,844 |
| | Provide safe, all-weather access to residences and allow for efficient transport of goods to and | | 2,280,797 | 1,838,843 | 3,864,542 |
| from ti • The | from the Shire. • The aim of the road network is to provide property access for local traffic. Council | NET Expenses (Revenue) | 2,756,254 | 3,144,169 | 743,302 |
| Local Roads & Bridges | endeavours to provide all-weather access to existing residential homes and dry weather access roads to non-residential properties. Council's road network comprises 573 kilometres of sealed roads, 845 kilometres of gravel roads (all-weather) and approximately 1470 kilometres of earth roads (dry-weather only, some contain gravel sections, though not maintained to an all-weather standard). The network also comprises six bridges and a significant number of large culverts. VicRoads is responsible for main roads including highways and marked routes. Similarly, state government agencies are responsible for roads and tracks within declared parks such as the Little Desert, Big Desert and along the Wimmera River. | Capital Expenditure | 1,841,029 | 3,398,597 | 4,155,717 |

Routine Maintenance:

The primary aim of the routine maintenance program is to keep the existing network in a serviceable condition.

Council's aim is to conduct inspections and provide maintenance according to the Road Management Plan (RMP) which includes:

· Inspection frequency by road classification;

· Risk assessment and response times;

Services levels and standards; and

Assessment with roads hierarchy.

Council will undertake programmed inspections in a timely manner to identify defects. These defects are programmed for repair in accordance with the RMP which take account of the road hierarchy and seriousness of the defect.

In addition, reactive inspections are carried out in response to customer action requests. These inspections are carried out within one week of the request and required repairs scheduled as per the RMP. All customer action requests are co-ordinated through Council's asset management system.

Other activities carried out include:

· Sealed roads - shoulder grading, pavement patching, crack sealing, edge repairs and line-marking.

- Unsealed roads grading of gravel roads on an annual or as needs basis where funds allow.
- Formed only roads grading on an as needs priority basis as funds allow (on average once in every 5 years).

• Replacement and maintenance of road signage and guideposts.

Capital Expenditure: (Refer to Capital Works Program for further details)

Council's capital expenditure on road assets is split into two basic categories. These are new/upgrade or renewal.

The majority of Council's capital expenditure is spent on renewal to ensure that the current service levels are maintained. In 2016, Council appointed an external road condition assessor to benchmark the performance of Council's road assets. The results of this assessment determined that the level of expenditure required to maintain the network to a serviceable level is \$2.5 million

Council aims to divide the renewal expenditure into the following asset classes:

• Sealed pavement and shoulders - Council's goal is to reconstruct \$800,000 per year. The average useful life of this asset class is 80 years.

• Bituminous seals - Council's goal is to reseal \$800,000 per year. The average useful life of this asset class is 20 years.

Sealed shoulders - Council's goal is to resheet \$220,000 per year. The average useful life of this asset class is 15 years.
 Unsealed roads - Council's goal is to resheet \$500,000 per year. The average useful life of this asset class is 25 years.

Bridges - The average useful life of this asset class is 100 years.

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Major Initiatives:

• Undertake Unsealed Road Construction on Boyeo Tarraginnie Rd, Boyeo, Yanac South Rd, Yanac, Peakes Three Chain Rd, Woorak and Propodollah Extension Rd, Propodollah;

• Undertake sealed road construction including major stabilised patching, Nhill Rainbow/Lush Rd, Nhill Rainbow/Three Chaines Rd, Woorak-Ni-Ni-Lorquon and Glenlee Lorquon Rd, Broughton Kaniva Rd, Nhill Rainbow/Kruger Rd and Nhill Rainbow/Solly Rd.

| Service | Indicator | Performance Measure | Computation |
|---------|--------------|------------------------|---|
| Roads | Satisfaction | | munity satisfaction rating out of 100 with how Council has rmed on the condition of sealed roads. |

Additional grants may become available, and natural disaster recovery works may be undertaken during the financial year, however the extent and timing is yet to be determined. Any additional works will be funded/reimbursed by the state/commonwealth and will not impact on the budgeted result of Council.

| Service area | Description of services provide | ed | 2023/24 | 2024/25 | 2025/26 |
|----------------------|--|----------------------------|---------|----------|---------|
| | | | Actual | Forecast | Budget |
| | | Operating Expenditure | 509,102 | 492,311 | 505,451 |
| Duala and Management | Drainage Management Well maintained, fit for purpose drain systems within townships. | drainage Operating Revenue | - | - | |
| Drainage Management | | NET Expenses (Revenue) | 509,102 | 492,311 | 505,451 |
| | | Capital Expenditure | 255,532 | 13,000 | 119,845 |

Initiatives:

· Maintenance of Council's drainage systems including open drains and culverts, an extensive underground drain network and kerb and channel.

Major Initiatives:

· Lloyd St, Dimboola.

| Service area | Description of services provided | | 2023/24 | 2024/25 | 2025/26 |
|----------------|---|---------------------|-----------|----------|---------|
| | | | Actual | Forecast | Budget |
| | | Operating | 222,107 | 250,753 | 313,668 |
| | | Expenditure | | | |
| Paths & Trails | Well maintained pedestrian access, including disabled access to critical and popular | operating revenue | 572,140 | - | - |
| Paths & Trails | disabled access to critical and popular destinations around our townships. | NET Expenses | (350,033) | 250,753 | 313,668 |
| | destinations around our townships. | (Revenue) | | | |
| | | Capital Expenditure | 779,900 | 274,305 | 595,207 |

Initiatives: (Refer to the Capital Works Program for further details).

Council will inspect and maintain the existing network of 40 kilometres of footpaths in accordance with Council's Road Management Plan.

Maintenance will include grinding to remove tripping edges and removal of hazards.

Maior Initiatives:

Whitehead St, Nhill (including pedestrian crossing).

• Park St, Nhill.

• MacPherson St, Nhill.

| Service area | Description of services provided | | 2023/24 | 2024/25 | 2025/26 |
|-----------------|---|---------------------------|---------|----------|---------|
| | | | Actual | Forecast | Budget |
| | Conduct maintenance, inspections and Tree Management replanting works on Council road reserves, parks and gardens, and recreation reserves. | Operating Expenditure | 274,004 | 414,823 | 378,148 |
| Tree Management | | Operating Revenue | - | - | - |
| Tree Management | | NET Expenses (Revenue) | 274,004 | 414,823 | 378,148 |
| | | Capital Expenditure | - | - | - |

Initiatives:

• Undertake reactive and programmed inspections in accordance with Council's Road Management Plan in relation to nature strip trees that impede footpaths. • Trim, remove and replace urban trees as necessary. Maintenance of trees is prioritised to ensure a safe passage for pedestrian, access for vehicle traffic and to protect

infrastructure.

Undertake proactive inspections of trees located in high trafficked areas such as parks and recreation reserves for safety purposes.

Trim and remove rural trees as necessary for road safety purposes.
 Liaise with Powercor and its agencies in relation to trimming and removal of trees under power lines.

| Service area | Description of services provided | | 2023/24 | 2024/25 | 2025/26 |
|---------------------|--|--------------------------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| | | | Actual | Forecast | Budget |
| | | Operating Expenditure | 785,341 | 1,092,823 | 1,024,419 |
| | Maintain and redevelop public open spaces in | • | 37.000 | 7.000 | 50.000 |
| Town Beautification | Dimboola, Jeparit, Nhill and Rainbow. | NET Expenses | 748,341 | 1,085,823 | 974,419 |
| | | (Revenue) | | | |
| | | Capital Expenditure | 121,245 | 160,266 | 98,230 |

Mechanical street sweeping of commercial and urban areas eight times per year.

· Cleaning and maintenance of 18 public toilets located within the four towns.

• Maintenance of grassed parks and open spaces to enhance the amenity of each town.

Delivery of reactive and programmed inspections in relation to Council-controlled playgrounds.
 Maintenance of playground equipment and soft fall at the 15 playgrounds within the four towns.

| Service area | Description of services provided | | 2023/24 | 2024/25 | 2025/26 |
|-------------------|--|---------------------------|---------|----------|---------|
| | | | Actual | Forecast | Budget |
| | | Operating Expenditure | 327,417 | 369,305 | 832,039 |
| | | Operating Revenue | 5,772 | 1,400 | 1,200 |
| Council Buildings | Maintenance, renewal and upgrade of Counci | il- | | | |
| Council Buildings | owned and controlled community buildings. | NET Expenses (Revenue) | 321,645 | 367,905 | 830,839 |
| | | Capital Expenditure | 205,316 | 25,550 | 250,000 |

Initiatives:

Maintenance of all Council owned and controlled buildings.

Inspections and safety audits of buildings.
Implementation and monitoring of hire agreements for buildings.

Continue to promote the Nhill Memorial Community Centre.

| Service area | Description of services provided | | 2023/24 | 2024/25 | 2025/26 |
|-----------------------|--|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| | | | Actual | Forecast | Budget |
| M | Maintenance, renewal and upgrade of Council owned and controlled recreational land, buildings and facilities. Council also supports groups that undertake these activities on behalf of Council. | Operating Expenditure | 1,096,344 | 1,437,128 | 953,778 |
| Decreation Facilities | | Operating Revenue | 188,747 | 95,392 | - |
| Recreation Facilities | | | 907,597 | 1,341,736 | 953,778 |
| | | Capital Expenditure | 810,718 | 2,712,215 | 365,500 |

Initiatives:

· Maintenance of Council-owned and controlled recreational buildings and facilities.

Major Initiatives:

• Improvements to Dimboola Swimming Pool.

Continue the construction of Davis Park facilities.

| Service | Indicator | Performance Measure | Computation |
|---------------------|-------------|--|---|
| Acquatic Facilities | Utilisation | Utilisation of aquatic facilities (Number of visits to aquatic facilities per head of municipal population). | Number of visits to aquatic facilities / Municipal population |

| Service area | Description of services provided | | 2023/24 | 2024/25 | 2025/26 |
|------------------|---|---------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | | | Actual | Forecast | Budget |
| | | Operating | 1,742,709 | 1,825,119 | 1,812,136 |
| | Management of Council's transfer stations and collection and disposal of domestic waste and recyclables across the Shire. | Expenditure | | | |
| | | Operating Revenue | 1,670,462 | 1,472,790 | 1,486,468 |
| Waste Management | | NET Expenses | 72,248 | 352,329 | 325,668 |
| | | (Revenue) | | | |
| | | Capital Expenditure | 46,744 | - | - |

Weekly kerbside collection of garbage bins.

• Fortnightly kerbside collection of recycle bins.

Manage the operations of transfer stations.

Regular removal of litter from commercial and urban areas.

One free green waste month per year.
 Eight - Twelve weekly kerbside collection of glass bins for residents.

| Service | Indicator | Performance Measure | Computation |
|------------------|-----------------|--|--|
| Waste Collection | Waste diversion | Kerbside collection waste diverted from landfill (Percentage of garbage, recyclables and green organics collected from kerbside bins that is diverted from landfill) | [Weight of recyclables and green organics collected from kerbside bins / Weight of garbage, recyclables and green organics collected from kerbside bins] x 100 |

| Service area | Description of services provided | | 2023/24 | 2024/25 | 2025/26 |
|-------------------|---|---------------------|---------|----------|----------|
| | | | Actual | Forecast | Budget |
| | | Operating | 377,395 | 392,875 | 341,298 |
| | Management of Council-owned and controlled quarries and gravel pits for extraction of gravel for road making. | Expenditure | | | |
| 0 | | Operating Revenue | 314,352 | 400,000 | 400,000 |
| Quarry Operations | | NET Expenses | 63,043 | (7,125) | (58,702) |
| | | (Revenue) | | | |
| | | Capital Expenditure | - | - | - |

Initiatives:

Coordinate the timely extraction and crushing of suitable quarry materials to ensure sufficient quantities are available for Council's maintenance and capital projects.
 Ensure quarries are operated and rehabilitated in line with work authority guidelines and statutory obligations.

· Researching and exploring new gravel supplies.

| Service area | Description of services provided | | 2023/24 | 2024/25 | 2025/26 |
|---------------------|---|---------------------------|---------|----------|---------|
| | | | Actual | Forecast | Budget |
| | Management of Council-controlled waterways including weir pools and lakes. | Operating Expenditure | 56,081 | 87,815 | 31,178 |
| Weterwey Menegement | | Operating Revenue | - | 34,687 | - |
| Waterway Management | | NET Expenses (Revenue) | 56,081 | 53,128 | 31,178 |
| | | Capital Expenditure | - | - | - |

Initiatives:

Maintenance of navigational aids on Council-controlled waterways including Dimboola and Jeparit weir pools and Lake Hindmarsh.

Implement management arrangements for the Dimboola and Jeparit weirs.
 Provide water allocation to assist maintenance of water levels of Nhill Lake.

| Service area | Description of services provided | | 2023/24 | 2024/25 | 2025/26 |
|---------------|---|---------------------------|---------|----------|---------|
| | | | Actual | Forecast | Budget |
| | | Operating Expenditure | 189,128 | 255,415 | 238,614 |
| Environmental | Manage, protect and enhance Council's natural | | 120,869 | 146,530 | 146,530 |
| Management | assets in conjunction with Government departments and environmental groups. | NET Expenses (Revenue) | 68,259 | 108,885 | 92,084 |
| | | Capital Expenditure | - | - | - |

Continue to work with local Landcare groups.
 Implement Council's Roadside Management Strategy.
 Work with Landcare Groups on pest plants and pest animals.
 Explore innovative waste management options for green waste.

| Service area | Description of services provided | | 2023/24 | 2024/25 | 2025/26 |
|-----------------|--|---------------------------|---------|----------|---------|
| | | | Actual | Forecast | Budget |
| | | Operating Expenditure | 96,071 | 131,988 | 127,397 |
| Fire Prevention | Identification of potential fire hazards and prevention of loss of life and property caused | | 18,972 | 15,000 | 23,000 |
| Fire Prevention | by fire. | NET Expenses (Revenue) | 77,099 | 116,988 | 104,397 |
| | | Capital Expenditure | - | - | - |

Initiatives:

Conduct annual inspections of properties that may pose a fire risk.
Issue notices to property owners to remove potential fire risks.
Slashing or spraying of roadsides to reduce fire hazards.

• Review the Municipal Fire Management Plan.

2.3 Strategic Objective 3: Competitive and Innovative Economy

To achieve our KRA Competitive and Innovative Economy, our mission is to foster a sustainable and diversified local economy where economic growth is encouraged and supported.

| Service area | Description of services provided | | 2023/24 | 2024/25 | 2025/26 |
|----------------------|--|---------------------|---------|----------|---------|
| | | | Actual | Forecast | Budget |
| | | Operating | 161,410 | 194,123 | 133,173 |
| | Facilitate an environment that is conducive to a sustainable and growing local business sector and provides opportunities for residents to | Expenditure | | | |
| Economic Development | | Operating Revenue | - | 6,000 | 3,000 |
| Economic Development | | NET Expenses | 161,410 | 188,123 | 130,173 |
| | access employment. | (Revenue) | | | |
| | | Capital Expenditure | 23,057 | 106,943 | 50,000 |

Initiatives:

- · Support and promote work experience, apprenticeships and cadetships.
- Represent Council at local, regional and state shows and expos in order to market the Shire's liveability, tourism assets and opportunities.

· Support local business associations and local businesses.

- Membership of Rural Councils Victoria and the Wimmera Southern Mallee Development Association.
- · Support and promote caravan and camping accommodation within the Shire.
- Provide support and advocate on behalf of newly migrated residents.

| Service area | Description of services provided | 2023/24 | 2024/25 | 2025/26 |
|-----------------------|--|------------------------|-----------|---------|
| | | Actual | Forecast | Budget |
| | Opera | ating 263,854 | 382,606 | 287,497 |
| | To develop a thriving Wimmera Mallee Tourism Exper | nditure | | |
| Tourism | industry predominantly based on, but not Opera | ating Revenue 121,128 | 29,030 | - |
| Tourism | limited to, the Shire's heritage and NET I | Expenses 142,726 | 353,576 | 287,497 |
| environmental assets. | environmental assets. (Reve | enue) | | |
| | Capita | al Expenditure 232,964 | 1,823,967 | 10,000 |

Initiatives:

• Work collaboratively with Grampians Wimmera Mallee Tourism and Hindmarsh Visitor Information Centre Volunteers.

· Assist community based groups and project working groups to manage projects promoting tourism growth.

• Work with Yurunga Homestead and Wimmera Mallee Pioneer Museum Committees of Management to assist them to promote and market their respective assets in order for them to realise their tourism potential. • Implement the recommendations in the Wimmera Mallee Pioneer Museum master plan.

• Support innovative community-driven events and festivals that stimulate growth in the region.

Continue to replace old town entry and tourism signs with newly designed signs.

| Service area | Description of services provided | | 2023/24 | 2024/25 | 2025/26 |
|---|--|---------------------------|-----------|----------|---------|
| | | | Actual | Forecast | Budget |
| | | Operating Expenditure | 619,459 | 441,607 | 362,50 |
| Provide quotations for private undertaken by Council's works depar residents, contractors and other authori | Provision of private civil works services. Provide quotations for private works undertaken by Council's works department to residents, contractors and other authorities. Potential private works include grading of | Operating Revenue | 1,149,947 | 379,800 | 441,00 |
| construction of driveway cross-overs, a supply of labour, plant and materials. | construction of driveway cross-overs, and supply of labour, plant and materials. • Private works also include repair to Council's | NET Expenses (Revenue) | (530,488) | 61,807 | (78,493 |
| | | Capital Expenditure | - | - | |

| Service area | Description of services provided | | 2023/24 | 2024/25 | 2025/26 |
|-------------------|---|---------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | | | Actual | Forecast | Budget |
| | | Operating | 867,150 | 1,229,438 | 1,158,433 |
| | | Expenditure | | | |
| Caravan Parks and | Maintenance, renewal and upgrade of Council | Operating Revenue | 1,282,647 | 1,041,864 | 1,699,954 |
| Camping Grounds | Caravan Parks and Camping Grounds. | NET Expenses | (415,497) | 187,574 | (541,521) |
| | | (Revenue) | | | |
| | | Capital Expenditure | 1,103,473 | 210,000 | 457,092 |

· Support caravan parks and camping grounds accommodation managers within the Shire.

Maintenance and enhancement of buildings and grounds at Council caravan parks and camping grounds.

Continue the implementation of the Riverside Holiday Park, Dimboola master plan.

Major Initiatives:

• Installation of studio cabins at Nhill Holiday Park.

| Service area | Description of services provided | | 2023/24 | 2024/25 | 2025/26 |
|--------------------|--|---------------------|---------|----------|---------|
| | | | Actual | Forecast | Budget |
| | Land Use Planning Land Use Planning | Operating | 280,873 | 315,075 | 292,479 |
| | | Expenditure | | | |
| Land Llas Disuring | | Operating Revenue | 112,669 | 84,650 | 52,500 |
| Land Use Planning | | NET Expenses | 168,205 | 230,425 | 239,979 |
| | controls. | (Revenue) | | | |
| | | Capital Expenditure | - | - | - |

Initiatives:

Provide customers with advice on planning scheme requirements.
Prepare and assess planning scheme amendments and consider planning permit applications.

• Represent Council at Panel Hearings and at Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal.

Undertake planning scheme compliance checks when necessary.

Process subdivisions and planning certificates.
 Implement actions from the Wimmera Southern Mallee Regional Growth Plan.

| Service | Indicator | Performance Measure | Computation |
|--------------------|-----------------|---|--|
| Statutory Planning | Decision making | Council planning decisions upheld at VCAT (Percentage of planning application decisions subject to review by VCAT and that were not set aside) | [Number of VCAT decisions that did not set aside Council's decision in relation to a planning application / Number of VCAT decisions in relation to planning applications] x 100 |

325,506

| Service area | Description of services provided | | 2023/24 | 2024/25 | 2025/26 |
|------------------|---|---------------------------|---------|----------|---------|
| | | | Actual | Forecast | Budget |
| | | Operating Expenditure | 267,018 | 241,208 | 222,296 |
| Duilding Oracias | To provide statutory and private building | ding Operating Revenue | 35,354 | 34,000 | 32,500 |
| Building Control | services to the community | NET Expenses (Revenue) | 231,664 | 207,208 | 189,796 |
| | | Capital Expenditure | - | - | - |

Initiatives:

To carry out Council's statutory private building requirements.

Issuing of building permits and certificates.

Receipt and recording of building permits undertaken by private building surveyors.
 Undertake building enforcement and compliance checks.

Undertake building enforcement and compliance checks
 Provision of reports to the Building Control Commission.

Service area Description of services provided 2023/24 2024/25 Actual Forecast 87,917 Operating 131,766 Expenditure Operating Revenue 303,116 58,200 Aerodrome Manage and maintain the Nhill Aerodrome NET Expenses (215,200) 73,566 (Revenue)

Capital Expenditure

Initiatives:

Scheduled inspections and maintenance at the Nhill Aerodrome.

• Provide support to the Nhill Aerodrome Masterplan Advisory Committee to update and implement the Nhill Aerodrome Master Plan.

2025/26

Budget

240,000

86.894

7,500

79,394

2.4 Strategic Objective 4: Good Governance and Financial Sustainability

To achieve our KRA Good Governance and Financial Sustainability, our mission is to promote user friendly services to ensure transparency, good governance and financial sustainability, and to advance gender equality, equity and inclusion for all.

| Service area | Description of services provided | | 2023/24 | 2024/25 | 2025/26 |
|--------------------|---|---------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | | | Actual | Forecast | Budget |
| | | Operating | 1,091,852 | 1,270,774 | 1,626,921 |
| | To ensure that Council provides effective | Expenditure | | | |
| Civic Governance & | leadership and that its decisions are | Operating Revenue | - | - | - |
| Leadership | transparent, inclusive and based on sound | NET Expenses | 1,091,852 | 1,270,774 | 1,626,921 |
| | recommendations and advice. | (Revenue) | | | |
| | | Capital Expenditure | - | - | - |

Initiatives:

Management support for the Mayor and Council.
Regular media releases and newsletters to inform the community of current issues.

· Lobbying of politicians and government departments.

Advocacy on behalf of the community on key local government issues.

Memberships include Municipal Association of Victoria, Rural Council Victoria, and Wimmera Southern Mallee Development Association.
 Community Satisfaction Survey.

| Service | Indicator | Performance Measure | Computation |
|------------|--------------|--|--|
| Governance | Satisfaction | Satisfaction with Council decisions (Community satisfaction rating out of 100 with how Council has performed in making decisions in the interests of the community) | Community satisfaction rating out of 100 with how Council has performed in making decisions in the interests of the community |

| Service area | Description of services provided | | 2023/24 Actual | 2024/25 Forecast | 2025/26 Budget |
|-------------------------|---|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Customer Service Centre | ratepayers and the general public on a broad range of services provided by Council and | Operating Revenue | 548,065 | 613,411 - | 427,126 |
| | | NET Expenses | 548,065 | 613,411 | 427,126 |
| | other government agencies. | Capital Expenditure | - | 103,948 | 5,000 |

Initiatives:

· Seek improvement in the community satisfaction survey conducted annually.

Provision of licensing and registration services on behalf of VicRoads.

| Service area | Description of services provided | | 2023/24 | 2024/25 | 2025/26 |
|-------------------|--|---------------------|---------|----------|---------|
| | | | Actual | Forecast | Budget |
| | | Operating | 231 | 152,684 | 17,779 |
| | Efficient and effective running of Elections by the Victorian Electoral Commission on behalf of Council. | Expenditure | | | |
| Council Elections | | Operating Revenue | 1,988 | - | |
| Council Elections | | NET Expenses | (1,758) | 152,684 | 17,779 |
| | | (Revenue) | | | |
| | | Capital Expenditure | - | - | - |

| Service area | Description of services provided | | 2023/24 | 2024/25 | 2025/26 |
|----------------------|---|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | | | Actual | Forecast | Budget |
| | To ensure the efficient and effective allocation of resources through sound financial planning | Operating Expenditure | 400,589 | 615,390 | 456,896 |
| Financial Management | | Operating Revenue | 2,361,774 | 6,470,464 | 6,144,574 |
| Financial Management | and management that secures the long term financial viability of the municipality. | | (1,961,185) | (5,855,074) | (5,687,678) |
| | | Capital Expenditure | - | - | - |

• Preparation of Council's annual budget, including the capital works budget, and refinement of Council's 10 year financial plan to aide in Council's long term financial sustainability.

Preparation of Council's Annual Financial Report.

Preparation of management reports to Council and Senior Managers.

· Support of the internal and external audit functions. · Continued lobbying of governments for additional funding and resources.

Service area Description of services provided 2023/24 2024/25 2025/26 Budget Actual Forecast Operating 209,986 218,551 260,839 Expenditure Management of Council's rating system, Operating Revenue 8,507,084 8,717,198 8,975,795 including valuation of properties and the levying NET Expenses **Rating and Valuations** (8.297.098) (8.498.647) (8.714.956) of rates and charges. (Revenue) Capital Expenditure

Initiatives:

· Review and implementation of Council's Rating Plan.

· Maintenance of property and valuation records, including supplementary valuations.

· Administering Pensioner rate concessions on behalf of the State Government.

· Issue of quarterly Rates and Valuations notices. · Collection of rates and legal action where necessary.

Issue of Land Information Certificates.

| Service area | Description of services provided | | 2023/24 | 2024/25 | 2025/26 |
|--|--|---------------------------|---------|----------|---------|
| | | | Actual | Forecast | Budget |
| Effective and efficient recording, storage | Operating Expenditure | 45,755 | 115,658 | 59,562 | |
| Records Management | retrieval and disposal of records in line with the standards of the Public Records Office of | Operating Revenue | - | - | - |
| Records management | | NET Expenses (Revenue) | 45,755 | 115,658 | 59,562 |
| | | Capital Expenditure | - | - | - |

Initiatives:

• Further enhance the MagiQ records module.

• Provide training and development for staff to implement further efficiencies and features in the records management system.

| Service area | Description of services provided | | 2023/24 | 2024/25 | 2025/26 |
|--|---|-------------------------|---------|----------|---------|
| | | | Actual | Forecast | Budget |
| | | Operating | 449,843 | 509,131 | 567,161 |
| Using Information Technology as a tool | Expenditure | | | | |
| | Using Information Technology as a too | ol to Operating Revenue | - | - | - |
| Information Technology | connect with the community and pro efficient and effective services. | vide NET Expenses | 449,843 | 509,131 | 567,161 |
| encient and enective service | encient and enective services. | (Revenue) | | | |
| | | Capital Expenditure | 99,672 | 105,000 | 85,000 |

| Service area | Description of services provided | | 2023/24 | 2024/25 | 2025/26 |
|------------------|--|---------------------|---------|----------|---------|
| | | | Actual | Forecast | Budget |
| | | | 644,203 | 793,426 | 866,434 |
| | | Expenditure | | | |
| Dist. Management | Monitor and manage Council's risks in relation | Operating Revenue | 75,902 | 70,000 | 40,000 |
| Risk Management | to operations, employment and infrastructure. | NET Expenses | 568,300 | 723,426 | 826,434 |
| | | (Revenue) | | | |
| | | Capital Expenditure | - | - | - |

Monitor and review the Risk Register.

Regular review of the risks and control measures by Senior Management.

Ensuring that Council's assets and interests are insured adequately against risk.

Management of WorkCover Authority insurance and work place injury claims.

Advise staff and contractors in relation to Workplace Health and Safety.
 Ensure that Council is aware of, and complies with, all of its statutory obligations.

• Integrate risk management into all Council projects, conducting risk assessments at the strategic, planning and implementation stages.

| Service area | Description of services provided | | 2023/24 | 2024/25 | 2025/26 |
|---|--|--------------------------|---------|----------|---------|
| | | | Actual | Forecast | Budget |
| | | Operating Expenditure | 214,830 | 212,843 | 335,241 |
| Project and Contract | Project and Contract Preparation of contract specifications, administration of tender processes and | Operating Revenue | - | - | - |
| Management management of Council's contracted services. | NET Expenses (Revenue) | 214,830 | 212,843 | 335,241 | |
| | | Capital Expenditure | - | - | - |

Initiatives:

Tender preparation and specification development.

Supervision and management of contracted Council services.

• Ensure that Council's tendering processes (including letting of tenders and appointment of contractors) comply with Council purchasing policies and statutory obligations. • Ensure value for money and best products are achieved.

| Service area | Description of services provided | d | 2023/24 | 2024/25 | 2025/26 |
|--------------------|---|---------------------------|---------|----------|---------|
| | | | Actual | Forecast | Budget |
| | | Operating Expenditure | 311,917 | 380,491 | 380,846 |
| Payroll and Human | Payroll and Human employees and the provision of | Council Operating Revenue | - | - | - |
| Resources Services | Resources services to management. | NET Expenses (Revenue) | 311,917 | 380,491 | 380,846 |
| | | Capital Expenditure | - | - | - |

Initiatives:

Review payroll processes for employees.

· Ensure compliance with legislation and Council's Enterprise Agreement.

| Service area | Description of services provided | | 2023/24 | 2024/25 | 2025/26 |
|---------------------------|---|---------------------------|---------|----------|---------|
| | | | Actual | Forecast | Budget |
| | | Operating Expenditure | 61,317 | 177,099 | 60,697 |
| Emergency Management of e | Provide support to the community in the areas of emergency preparedness, emergency response and emergency recovery. | Operating Revenue | - | 37,300 | - |
| | | NET Expenses (Revenue) | 61,317 | 139,799 | 60,697 |
| | | Capital Expenditure | - | - | - |

Initiatives:

• Training for staff undertaking emergency management roles.

Actively participate in the Wimmera Emergency Management Cluster with Horsham Rural City Council, Yarriambiack Shire Council, and West Wimmera Shire Council.

| Service area | Description of services provided | | 2023/24 | 2024/25 | 2025/26 |
|------------------------|---|---------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | | | Actual | Forecast | Budget |
| | | Operating | 1,179,518 | 1,477,264 | 1,293,900 |
| | | Expenditure | | | |
| Devision & Westerheime | Operation of Council's depots and workshops | Operating Revenue | - | - | - |
| Depots & Workshops | including the provision of heavy plant and equipment. | NET Expenses | 1,179,518 | 1,477,264 | 1,293,900 |
| | equipment. | (Revenue) | | | |
| | | Capital Expenditure | 976,615 | 1,474,568 | 670,000 |

· Securely house plant, equipment and materials.

· Provide a base for the outdoor staff.

Provide a location to carry out maintenance and repairs of Council's plant and equipment.

• Purchase and maintain plant and equipment to enable the delivery of works.

| Service area | Description of services provided | | 2023/24 Actual | 2024/25 Forecast | 2025/26 Budget |
|------------------|--|--------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| | | Operating Expenditure | 331,595 | 440,871 | 342,233 |
| | Provision of skills, resources and systems to ensure the most efficient and effective management of Council's assets. • Ensure that Council targets the correct level of asset expenditure to achieve and maintain the desired levels of service into the foreseeable | Operating Revenue | 3,957 | 2,500 | 3,000 |
| Asset Management | future. Ensure that Council's asset renewal expenditure targets the most critical assets. Provide regular condition and defect audits of Council's assets to ensure safety and levels of | (Revenue) | 327,638 | 438,371 | 339,233 |
| | service are maintained. • Provide Council's asset valuations. | Capital Expenditure | _ | - | - |

Initiatives:

· Continued review of Council's roads hierarchy and Road Management Plan.

• Management and maintenance of Council's electronic asset management system. The system is used as a repository for infrastructure asset data, and used to manage

asset related inspections and corrective actions, and customer action requests.

• Further develop Council's electronic asset management system to store and manage all of Council's asset related data.

Protect and monitor Council's assets in relation to private works including:

o Inspections

o Road Opening Permits

o Act as a planning referral body

An asset inspection program which includes:
 o Up to three (3) road inspections per year (including a night time inspection);

o Monthly inspections of kindergartens, playgrounds, exercise equipment and skate parks across the four (4) towns;

o Swimming pool inspections four (4) times per year;

o Six (6) bridge and numerous car park inspections twice per year;

o 542 Fire Plug inspections annually;

o Tree inspections twice per year in high use public areas; and

o Reactive inspections as a result of Customer Action Requests.

| Service area | Description of services provided | | 2023/24 | 2024/25 | 2025/26 |
|---------------------------|--|---------------------|---------|----------|---------|
| | | | Actual | Forecast | Budget |
| | | Operating | 225,067 | 337,597 | 286,458 |
| | | Expenditure | | | |
| F 1 | Ensure that Council's vehicle fleet is managed, | Operating Revenue | 76,098 | 70,000 | 70,000 |
| Fleet Management | maintained and replaced in the most efficient and efficient way possible. | NET Expenses | 148,968 | 267,597 | 216,458 |
| and encient way possible. | and encient way possible. | (Revenue) | | | |
| | | Capital Expenditure | 199,120 | 386,000 | 131,000 |

Timely maintenance of fleet vehicles.
 Purchase and replacement of fleet vehicles in accordance with Council policy.

| Service area | Description of services provided | | 2023/24 | 2024/25 | 2025/26 |
|--------------|--|-------------------------------------|---------|----------|---------|
| | | | Actual | Forecast | Budget |
| | | | 76,932 | 91,286 | 93,161 |
| • | Accounts Receival of payments from debtors in an efficient and timely manner. | Expenditure an Operating Revenue | - | - | - |
| Accounts | | NET Expenses (Revenue) | 76,932 | 91,286 | 93,161 |
| | | Capital Expenditure | - | - | - |

Initiatives:

Monthly invoicing of accounts.
Ensure Council's Outstanding Debtor are followed up in a timely manner.
Regular reports to management on outstanding debtors.Maintenance of secure payment systems and processes.
Payment of invoices in accordance with Council's payment terms (within 30 days).
All payments to be made via EFT or Direct Credit.

2.5 Reconciliation with budgeted operating result

| | Net Cost | Expenditure | Revenue |
|--|-------------|-------------|------------|
| Our Community | 1,055,142 | 1,626,960 | 571,818 |
| Built & Natural Environment | 17,137,710 | 11,165,970 | 3,912,507 |
| Competitive & Innovative Economy | 306,825 | 2,543,279 | 2,236,454 |
| Good Governance & Financial Sustainability | (8,158,115) | 7,075,254 | 6,956,339 |
| Total | 8,734,345 | 22,411,463 | 13,677,118 |
| Deficit before funding sources | 8,734,345 | | |
| Funding sources added in: | | | |
| Rates and charges revenue | 8,277,030 | | |
| Waste charge revenue | 2,059,233 | | |
| Total funding sources | 10,336,263 | | |
| Operating (surplus)/deficit for the year | (1,601,918) | | |

3. Financial Statements

This section presents information in regard to the Financial Statements and Statement of Human Resources. The budget information for the year 2025/26 has been supplemented with projections to 2028/29

This section includes the following financial statements prepared in accordance with the Local Government Act 2020 and the Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2020.

Comprehensive Income Statement Balance Sheet Statement of Changes in Equity Statement of Cash Flows Statement of Capital Works Statement of Human Resources

Comprehensive Income Statement For the four years ending 30 June 2029

| | | Forecast Actual | Budget | | Projections | |
|--|--------|--------------------|---------|---------|-------------|---------|
| | | 2024/25 | 2025/26 | 2026/27 | 2027/28 | 2028/29 |
| · · · · · · | NOTES | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 |
| Income / Revenue | | | | | | |
| Rates and charges | 4.1.1 | 10,043 | 10,336 | 10,646 | 10,966 | 11,295 |
| Statutory fees and fines | 4.1.2 | 195 | 171 | 176 | 181 | 187 |
| User fees | 4.1.3 | 1,773 | 2,151 | 2,215 | 2,282 | 2,350 |
| Grants - operating | 4.1.4 | 6,053 | 6,035 | 6,216 | 6,402 | 6,595 |
| Grants - capital | 4.1.4 | 2,219 | 4,202 | 1,902 | 1,902 | 1,902 |
| Contributions - monetary | 4.1.5 | 102 | - | - | - | - |
| Net gain (or loss) on disposal of property, infrastructure, plant and equipment | | 374 | 125 | 129 | 133 | 137 |
| Share of net profits (or loss) of associates and joint ventures | | 25 | | - | - | - |
| Other income | 4.1.6 | 753 | 611 | 629 | 648 | 668 |
| Total income / revenue | - | 21,536 | 23,631 | 21,914 | 22,514 | 23,133 |
| Expenses | | | | | | |
| Employee costs | 4.1.7 | 9,708 | 9,630 | 9,918 | 10,216 | 10,522 |
| Materials and services | 4.1.8 | 7,211 | 5,059 | 5,211 | 5,367 | 5,528 |
| Depreciation | 4.1.9 | 5,118 | 5,078 | 5,230 | 5,387 | 5,548 |
| Other expenses | 4.1.10 | 2,087 | 2,263 | 2,331 | 2,401 | 2,473 |
| Total expenses | - | 24,125 | 22,029 | 22,690 | 23,371 | 24,072 |
| Surplus/(deficit) for the year | - | (2,588) | 1,602 | (776) | (856) | (939) |
| Total comprehensive result | - | (2,588) | 1,602 | (776) | (856) | (939) |

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Balance Sheet

For the four years ending 30 June 2029

| | | Forecast Budget Actual | | | | |
|---|-------|---------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | | 2024/25 | 2025/26 | 2026/27 | 2027/28 | 2028/29 |
| | NOTES | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 |
| Assets | | | | | | |
| Current assets | | | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | | 2,281 | 1,944 | 1,895 | 2,171 | 2,209 |
| Trade and other receivables | | 1,395 | 1,070 | 1,115 | 1,148 | 1,250 |
| Other financial assets | | 118 | 88 | 88 | 88 | 88 |
| Inventories | | 912 | 914 | 870 | 920 | 970 |
| Total current assets | 4.2.1 | 4,706 | 4,016 | 3,968 | 4,327 | 4,517 |
| Non-current assets | | | | | | |
| Investments in associates, joint arrangement and subsidiaries | | 010 | 040 | 040 | 040 | 040 |
| | | 219 | 219 | 219 | 219 | 219 |
| Property, infrastructure, plant & equipment | - | 209,061 | 210,942 | 210,484 | 209,427 | 208,468 |
| Total non-current assets | 4.2.1 | 209,281 | 211,161 | 210,703 | 209,646 | 208,687 |
| Total assets | | 213,987 | 215,178 | 214,671 | 213,974 | 213,203 |
| Liabilities | | | | | | |
| Current liabilities | | | | | | |
| Trade and other payables | | 1,297 | 1,047 | 1,101 | 1,203 | 1,290 |
| Trust funds and deposits | | 147 | 127 | 127 | 127 | 127 |
| Provisions | | 1,926 | 1,975 | 2,034 | 2,071 | 2,133 |
| Total current liabilities | 4.2.2 | 3,370 | 3,149 | 3,262 | 3,401 | 3,550 |
| Non-current liabilities | | | | | | |
| Provisions | | 529 | 549 | 569 | 589 | 609 |
| Total non-current liabilities | 4.2.2 | 529 | 549 | 569 | 589 | 609 |
| Total liabilities | - | 3,899 | 3,698 | 3,831 | 3,990 | 4,159 |
| Net assets | | 210,088 | 211,480 | 210,840 | 209,984 | 209,044 |
| Equity | | | | | | |
| Accumulated surplus | | 80,476 | 82,079 | 81,303 | 80,447 | 79,508 |
| Reserves | | 129,612 | 129,612 | 129,612 | 129,612 | 129,612 |
| Total equity | | 210,088 | 211,690 | 210,914 | 210,058 | 209,119 |
| | : | 210,000 | 211,030 | 210,314 | 210,030 | 203,113 |

Statement of Changes in Equity For the four years ending 30 June 2029

| | | Total | Accumulated Surplus | Revaluation Reserve |
|--|-------|---------|------------------------|------------------------|
| | NOTES | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 |
| 2025 Forecast Actual | | | | |
| Balance at beginning of the financial year | | 212,677 | 83,064 | 129,612 |
| Surplus/(deficit) for the year | | (2,589) | (2,589) | - |
| Balance at end of the financial year | = | 210,088 | 80,476 | 129,612 |
| 2026 Budget | | | | |
| Balance at beginning of the financial year | | 210,088 | 80,476 | 129,612 |
| Surplus/(deficit) for the year | | 1,602 | 1,602 | - |
| Balance at end of the financial year | 4.3.2 | 211,691 | 82,078 | 129,612 |
| 2027 | | | | |
| Balance at beginning of the financial year | | 211,691 | 82,078 | 129,612 |
| Surplus/(deficit) for the year | | (776) | (776) | |
| Balance at end of the financial year | = | 210,915 | 81,302 | 129,612 |
| 2028 | | | | |
| Balance at beginning of the financial year | | 210,915 | 81,302 | 129,612 |
| Surplus/(deficit) for the year | | (856) | (856) | |
| Balance at end of the financial year | = | 210,059 | 80,446 | 129,612 |
| 2029 | | | | |
| Balance at beginning of the financial year | | 210,059 | 80,446 | 129,612 |
| Surplus/(deficit) for the year | | (939) | (939) | |
| Balance at end of the financial year | | 209,120 | 79,507 | 129,612 |

Attachment 10.1.1 Draft Annual Budget 2025/26 (Incorporating Revenue and Rating Plan and Long-Term Financial Plan)

Statement of Cash Flows

For the four years ending 30 June 2029

| | | Forecast Actual | Budget | | Projections | |
|--|-------|--------------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|
| | | 2024/25 | 2025/26 | 2026/27 | 2027/28 | 2028/29 |
| | Notes | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 |
| | | Inflows | Inflows | Inflows | Inflows | Inflows |
| | | (Outflows) | (Outflows) | (Outflows) | (Outflows) | (Outflows) |
| Cash flows from operating activities | | | | | | |
| Rates and charges | | 10,023 | 10,316 | 10,626 | 10,945 | 11,273 |
| Statutory fees and fines | | 9 | 17 | 18 | 18 | 19 |
| User fees | | 2,377 | 2,670 | 2,750 | 2,832 | 2,917 |
| Grants - operating | | 5,943 | 6,085 | 6,267 | 6,455 | 6,649 |
| Grants - capital | | 1,879 | 4,202 | 1,902 | 1,902 | 1,902 |
| Contributions - monetary | | 102 | - | - | - | - |
| Interest received | | 530 | 430 | 400 | 350 | 300 |
| Other receipts | | 272 | 181 | 186 | 192 | 198 |
| Employee costs | | (9,662) | (9,584) | (9,871) | (10,167) | (10,472) |
| Materials and services | | (9,406) | (7,591) | (7,819) | (8,054) | (8,295) |
| Trust funds and deposits repaid | | - | (20) | - | - | - |
| Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities | 4.4.1 | 2,066 | 6,706 | 4,459 | 4,474 | 4,490 |
| Cash flows from investing activities | | | | | | |
| Payments for property, infrastructure, plant and equipment | | (11,748) | (7,033) | (4,772) | (4,330) | (4,589) |
| Proceeds from sale of property, infrastructure, plant and equi | pment | 350 | 125 | 129 | 133 | 137 |
| Net cash provided by/ (used in) investing activities | 4.4.2 | (11,398) | (6,908) | (4,643) | (4,197) | (4,452) |
| Net increase/(decrease) in cash & cash equivalents | | (9,332) | (202) | (184) | 276 | 38 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial y | ear | | · · · | () | | |
| | | 11,613 | 2,281 | 2,079 | 1,895 | 2,171 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial yea | ar | 2,281 | 2,079 | 1,895 | 2,171 | 2,209 |

Statement of Capital Works For the four years ending 30 June 2029

| | | Forecast Budget Actual | | Projections | | |
|--|-------|---------------------------|---------|-------------|---------|---------|
| | | 2024/25 | 2025/26 | 2026/27 | 2027/28 | 2028/29 |
| | NOTES | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 |
| Property | | | | | | |
| Buildings | _ | 2,615 | 663 | 250 | 250 | 250 |
| Total buildings | _ | 2,615 | 663 | 250 | 250 | 250 |
| Total property | - | 2,615 | 663 | 250 | 250 | 250 |
| Plant and equipment | | | | | | |
| Plant, machinery and equipment | | 1,401 | 701 | 1,500 | 1,000 | 1,200 |
| Fixtures, fittings and furniture | | 335 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| Computers and telecommunications | | 105 | 85 | 75 | 75 | 75 |
| Library books | _ | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 |
| Total plant and equipment | - | 1,881 | 831 | 1,620 | 1,120 | 1,320 |
| Infrastructure | | | | | | |
| Roads ***** | | 3,399 | 4,156 | 1,731 | 1,766 | 1,801 |
| Bridges | | 50 | 100 | 324 | 330 | 337 |
| Footpaths and cycleways | | 274 | 595 | 524 | 535 | 545 |
| Drainage | | 13 | 20 | 324 | 330 | 337 |
| Other infrastructure | _ | 3,414 | 668 | - | - | - |
| Total infrastructure | | 7,150 | 5,539 | 2,903 | 2,960 | 3,019 |
| Total capital works expenditure | 4.5.1 | 11,646 | 7,033 | 4,773 | 4,330 | 4,589 |
| Represented by: | | | | | | |
| New asset expenditure | | 2,668 | 700 | - | - | - |
| Asset renewal expenditure | | 8,162 | 3,867 | 4,773 | 4,330 | 4,589 |
| Asset upgrade expenditure | _ | 816 | 2,465 | - | - | - |
| Total capital works expenditure | 4.5.1 | 11,646 | 7,033 | 4,773 | 4,330 | 4,589 |
| Funding sources represented by: | | | | | | |
| Grants | | 7,304 | 4,513 | 1,902 | 1,902 | 1,902 |
| Council cash | | 4,341 | 2,519 | 2,871 | 2,428 | 2,687 |
| Total capital works expenditure | 4.5.1 | 11,646 | 7,033 | 4,773 | 4,330 | 4,589 |
| ***** Subject to successful grant applications | = | | | | | |

Statement of Human Resources

For the four years ending 30 June 2029

| | Forecast Actual | Budget | Projections | | |
|----------------------------|--------------------|---------|-------------|---------|---------|
| | 2024/25 | 2025/26 | 2026/27 | 2027/28 | 2028/29 |
| | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 |
| Staff expenditure | | | | | |
| Employee costs - operating | 9,708 | 9,630 | 9,919 | 10,216 | 10,523 |
| Employee costs - capital | 1,279 | 1,177 | 1,212 | 1,249 | 1,286 |
| Total staff expenditure | 10,988 | 10,807 | 11,131 | 11,465 | 11,809 |
| | FTE | FTE | FTE | FTE | FTE |
| Staff numbers | | | | | |
| Employees | 98.8 | 100.5 | 100.5 | 100.5 | 100.5 |
| Total staff numbers | 98.8 | 100.5 | 100.5 | 100.5 | 100.5 |

A summary of human resources expenditure categorised according to the organisational structure of Council is included below:

| | | Comprises | | | |
|------------------------------------|---------|-----------|-----------|--------|--|
| Department | Budget | Perma | nent | | |
| | 2025/26 | Full Time | Part time | Casual | |
| | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | |
| Civic Governance | 773 | 773 | - | - | |
| Corporate and Community Services | 3,621 | 2,297 | 817 | 507 | |
| Infrastructure | 5,045 | 4,458 | 495 | 92 | |
| Total permanent staff expenditure | 9,439 | 7,528 | 1,312 | 600 | |
| Other employee related expenditure | - | | | | |
| Capitalised labour costs | 1,177 | | | | |
| Total expenditure | 10,616 | | | | |

A summary of the number of full time equivalent (FTE) Council staff in relation to the above expenditure is included below:

| | Comprises | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|--------|--|--|
| Department | Budget Perma | | nent | | | |
| | 2025/26 | Full Time | Part time | Casual | | |
| Civic Governance | 3 | 3 | - | - | | |
| Corporate and Community Services | 34 | 19 | 9 | 7 | | |
| Infrastructure | 63 | 57 | 5 | 1 | | |
| Total staff | 101 | 79 | 14 | 8 | | |

Summary of Planned Human Resources Expenditure For the four years ending 30 June 2029

| | 2025/26 | 2026/27 | 2027/28 | 2028/29 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Ohda Osusanan sa | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 |
| Civic Governance | | | | |
| Permanent - Full time | 773 | 796 | 820 | 844 |
| Women | 523 | 539 | 555 | 571 |
| Men | 250 | 257 | 265 | 273 |
| Total Civic Governance | 773 | 796 | 820 | 844 |
| Corporate & Community Services | | | | |
| Permanent - Full time | 2,297 | 2,366 | 2,437 | 2,510 |
| Women | 1,340 | 1,380 | 1,422 | 1,464 |
| Men | 957 | 986 | 1,015 | 1,046 |
| Permanent - Part time | 817 | 841 | 866 | 892 |
| Women | 793 | 817 | 842 | 867 |
| Men | 23 | 24 | 25 | 25 |
| Total Corporate & Community Services | 3,114 | 3,207 | 3,303 | 3,402 |
| Infrastructure | | | | |
| Permanent - Full time | 4,458 | 4,592 | 4,729 | 4,871 |
| Women | 483 | 497 | 512 | 527 |
| Men | 3,975 | 4,095 | 4,217 | 4,344 |
| Permanent - Part time | 481 | 495 | 510 | 525 |
| Women | 378 | 389 | 401 | 413 |
| Men | 103 | 106 | 109 | 112 |
| Total Infrastructure | 4,939 | 5,087 | 5,240 | 5,397 |
| Casuals, temporary and other expenditure | 600 | 618 | 636 | 655 |
| Capitalised labour costs | 1,177 | 1,212 | 1,249 | 1,286 |
| Total staff expenditure | 10,602 | 10,920 | 11,247 | 11,585 |

| | 2025/26 | 2026/27 | 2027/28 | 2028/29 |
|--------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Obde Oscarana - | FTE | FTE | FTE | FTE |
| Civic Governance | | | | |
| Permanent - Full time | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 |
| Women | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 |
| Men | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| Total Civic Governance | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 |
| Corporate & Community Services | | | | |
| Permanent - Full time | 19.0 | 19.0 | 19.0 | 19.0 |
| Women | 11.0 | 11.0 | 11.0 | 11.0 |
| Men | 8.0 | 8.0 | 8.0 | 8.0 |
| Permanent - Part time | 8.6 | 8.6 | 8.6 | 8.6 |
| Women | 8.3 | 8.3 | 8.3 | 8.3 |
| Men | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| Total Corporate & Community Services | 27.6 | 27.6 | 27.6 | 27.6 |
| Infrastructure | | | | |
| Permanent - Full time | 43.0 | 43.0 | 43.0 | 43.0 |
| Women | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 |
| Men | 39.0 | 39.0 | 39.0 | 39.0 |
| Permanent - Part time | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 |
| Women | 3.8 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 3.8 |
| Men | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.2 |
| Total Infrastructure | 48.0 | 48.0 | 48.0 | 48.0 |
| Casuals and temporary | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 |
| Capitalised labour | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 |
| Total staff numbers | 100.50 | 100.50 | 100.50 | 100.50 |

4. Notes to the financial statements

This section presents detailed information on material components of the financial statements. Council needs to assess which components are material, considering the dollar amounts and nature of these components.

4.1 Comprehensive Income Statement

4.1.1 Rates and charges

Rates and charges are required by the Act and the Regulations to be disclosed in Council's budget.

As per the Local Government Act 2020, Council is required to have a Revenue and Rating Plan which is a four year plan for how Council will generate income to deliver the Council Plan, program and services and capital works commitments over a four-year period.

In developing the Budget, rates and charges were identified as an important source of revenue. Planning for future rate increases has therefore been an important component of the financial planning process. The Fair Go Rates System (FGRS) sets out the maximum amount councils may increase rates in a year. For 2025/2026 the FGRS cap has been set at 3.00%. The cap applies to both general rates and municipal charges and is calculated on the basis of council's average rates and charges.

The level of required rates and charges has been considered in this context, with reference to Council's other sources of income and the planned expenditure on services and works to be undertaken for the community.

To achieve these objectives while maintaining service levels and a strong capital expenditure program, the average general rate and the municipal charge will increase by 3.00% in line with the rate cap.

This will raise total rates and charges for 2025/2026 to \$10,336,263.

4.1.1(a) The reconciliation of the total rates and charges to the Comprehensive Income Statement is as follows:

| | 2024/25 | 2025/26 | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|---------|--------|-------|
| | Forecast Actual | Budget | Change | % |
| | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | |
| General rates* | 7,890 | 8,132 | 242 | 3.07% |
| Municipal charge* | 749 | 766 | 17 | 2.21% |
| Kerbside collection and recycling | 1,258 | 1,293 | 35 | 2.80% |
| Revenue in lieu of rates | 145 | 145 | - | 0.00% |
| Total rates and charges | 10,043 | 10,336 | 294 | 2.92% |

*These items are subject to the rate cap established under the FGRS

4.1.1(b) The rate in the dollar to be levied as general rates under section 158 of the Act for each type or class of land compared with the previous financial year

| Type or class of land | 2024/25 cents/\$CIV* | 2025/26 cents/\$CIV* | Change |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------|
| General rate for rateable residential properties | 0.00193870 | 0.0019954 | 2.92% |
| General rate for rateable farm land | 0.00174490 | 0.0017958 | 2.92% |
| General rate for rateable industrial & commercial properties | 0.00174490 | 0.0017958 | 2.92% |
| General rate for recreational & cultural land | 0.00096940 | 0.0009977 | 2.92% |
| General rate for urban vacant land | 0.00387750 | 0.0039907 | 2.92% |

4.1.1(c) The estimated total amount to be raised by general rates in relation to each type or class of land, and the estimated total amount to be raised by general rates, compared with the previous financial year

| Type or class of land | 2024/25 | 2025/26 | Change | |
|--|---------|---------|--------|--------|
| Type or class of land | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | % |
| Residential | 1,069 | 1,215 | 146 | 13.65% |
| Farm | 6,658 | 6,730 | 73 | 1.09% |
| Commercial & Industrial | 128 | 134 | 6 | 4.64% |
| Recreational & cultural | 3 | 3 | 0 | 10.23% |
| Urban vacant land | 41 | 50 | 9 | 22.26% |
| Total amount to be raised by general rates | 7,898 | 8,132 | 234 | 2.96% |

4.1.1(d) The number of assessments in relation to each type or class of land, and the total number of assessments, compared with the previous financial year

| Type or class of land | 2024/25 | 2025/26 | Change | |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|--------|--------|
| | Number | Number | Number | % |
| Residential | 2,569 | 2,573 | 4.00 | 0.16% |
| Farm | 2,114 | 2,114 | - | 0.00% |
| Commercial & Industrial | 325 | 324 | (1.00) | -0.31% |
| Recreational & cultural | 15 | 15 | - | 0.00% |
| Urban vacant land | 172 | 171 | (1.00) | -0.58% |
| Total number of assessments | 5,195 | 5,197 | 2 | 0.04% |

4.1.1(e) The basis of valuation to be used is the Capital Improved Value (CIV).

4.1.1(f) The estimated total value of each type or class of land, and the estimated total value of land, compared with the previous financial year

| Type or class of land | 2024/25 | 2025/26 | Change | |
|-------------------------|-----------|-------------|----------|--------|
| Type of class of land | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | % |
| Residential | 551,258 | 608,705 | 57,447 | 10.42% |
| Farm | 3,815,489 | 3,747,809 | (67,680) | -1.77% |
| Commercial & Industrial | 73,451 | 74,683 | 1,232 | 1.68% |
| Recreational & cultural | 2,845 | 3,038 | 193 | 6.78% |
| Urban vacant land | 10,522 | 12,499 | 1,978 | 18.79% |
| Total value of land | 4,453,563 | 4,446,733 - | 6,831 | -0.15% |

4.1.1(g) The municipal charge under Section 159 of the Act compared with the previous financial year

| Туре | of Charge | Per Rateable Property 2024/25 \$ | Per Rateable Property 2025/26 \$ | Cha | ange % |
|-----------|-----------|---|---|-----|-----------|
| Municipal | | 200 | 205 | 5 | 2.50% |

4.1.1(h) The estimated total amount to be raised by municipal charges compared with the previous financial year

| Type of Charge | 2024/25 | 2025/26 | Change | |
|----------------|---------|---------|--------|-------|
| Type of Gharge | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$ | % |
| Municipal | 747 | 766 | 18 | 2.47% |

4.1.1(i) The rate or unit amount to be levied for each type of service rate or charge under Section 162 of the Act compared with the previous financial year and detailed disclosure of the actual service/s rendered for the amount levied

| Type of Charge | Per Rateable Property | Per Rateable Property | Change | |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------|-------|
| Type of Charge | 2024/25 | 2025/26 | | |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | % |
| Kerbside waste/recycling collection charge | 465 | 478 | 13 | 2.80% |

4.1.1(j) The estimated total amount to be raised by each type of service rate or charge, and the estimated total amount to be raised by service rates and charges, compared with the previous financial year

| Type of Charge | 2024/25 | 2025/26 | Change | е |
|--|---------|---------|--------|-------|
| Type of Charge | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$ | % |
| Kerbside waste/recycling collection charge | 1,258 | 1,293 | 35 | 2.80% |
| Total | 1,258 | 1,293 | 35 | 2.80% |

4.1.1(k) The estimated total amount to be raised by all rates and charges compared with the previous financial year

| | 2024/25 | 2025/26 | Change | |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|--------|-------|
| | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | % |
| General Rates | 7,890 | 8,132 | 242 | 3.07% |
| Municipal Cahrge | 749 | 766 | 17 | 2.21% |
| Kerbside collection & recycling | 1,258 | 1,293 | 35 | 2.80% |
| Windfarm in lieu of rates | 145 | 145 | - | 0.00% |
| Total Rates and charges | 10,043 | 10,336 | 294 | 2.92% |

4.1.1(I) Fair Go Rates System Compliance

Hindmarsh Shire Council is required to comply with the State Government's Fair Go Rates System (FGRS). The table below details the budget assumptions consistent with the requirements of the Fair Go Rates System.

| | 2024/25 | 2025/26 |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| Total Rates | \$ 8,639 | \$ 8,132 |
| Number of rateable properties | 5,221 | 5,197 |
| Base Average Rate | 1.654663857 | 1.564754666 |
| Maximum Rate Increase (set by the State Government) | 2.75% | 3.00% |
| Capped Average Rate | \$ 1,672 | \$ 1,706 |
| Maximum General Rates and Municipal Charges Revenue | \$ 8,656 | \$ 8,904 |
| Budgeted General Rates and Municipal Charges Revenue | \$ 8,639 | \$ 8,898 |
| Budgeted Supplementary Rates | \$ - | \$ - |
| Budgeted Total Rates and Municipal Charges Revenue | \$ 8,639 | \$ 8,898 |

4.1.1(m) Any significant changes that may affect the estimated amounts to be raised by rates and charges

There are no known significant changes which may affect the estimated amounts to be raised by rates and charges. However, the total amount to be raised by rates and charges may be affected by:

- The variation of returned levels of value (e.g. valuation appeals)
- Changes of use of land such that rateable land becomes non-rateable land and vice versa
- Changes of use of land such that residential land becomes business land and vice versa.

4.1.1(n) Differential rates

The rate and amount of rates payable in relation to land in each category of differential are:

- A general rate of 0.19954% (0.0019954 cents in the dollar of CIV) for all residential properties
- A general rate of 0.17958% (0.0017958 cents in the dollar of CIV) for all farming properties
- A general rate of 0.17958% (0.0017958 cents in the dollar of CIV) for all business, commercial & industrial properties
- A general rate of 0.09977% (0.0009977 cents in the dollar of CIV) for all recreation & cultural land
- A general rate of 0.39907% (0.0039907 cents in the dollar of CIV) for all urban vacant land.

Each differential rate will be determined by multiplying the Capital Improved Value (CIV) of each rateable land (cateforised by the characteristics described below) by the relevan percentages indicated above.

Council considers that each differential rate will contribute to the equitable and efficient carrying out of council functions. Details of the objectives of each differential rate, the types of classes of land, which are subject to each differential rate and the uses of each differential rate, are set out below.

The farm rate was proposed to encourage farming and to provide moderate rate relief to famers whose property values have remained high despite dramatic falls in farm incomes over a sustained period of time

The business rate was introduced as a small measure to encourage economic development in the shire.

The recreational and cultural land rate has been in existence for some years and Council has maintained it at 50% of the residential rate. It is applied to land that is used primarily for recreational and cultural purposes by not-for-profit organisations.

The urban vacant land rate for the four towns is designed to encourage the development of vavant land.

4.1.2 Statutory fees and fines

| | Forecast Actual 2024/25 | Budget 2025/26 | Change | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|--------|---------|
| | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | % |
| Infringements and costs | 22 | 30 | 8 | 36.36% |
| Town planning fees | 74 | 54 | (20) | -27.03% |
| Swimming pools registration | 4 | 3 | (1) | -25.00% |
| Animal registrations | 60 | 60 | (0) | -0.33% |
| Building fees | 35 | 24 | (11) | -31.72% |
| Total statutory fees and fines | 195 | 171 | (24) | -12.46% |

Statutory fees and fines consist of fees and fines levied in accordance with legislation and include animal registrations, building and town planning fees. Increases in statutory fees are made in accordance with legislative requirements.

4.1.3 User fees

| | Forecast Actual | Budget | Change | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|---------|--------|---------|
| | 2024/25 | 2025/26 | | |
| | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | % |
| Garbage/recycling | 188 | 175 | (13) | -6.67% |
| Caravan park/camp ground | 1,018 | 1,412 | 394 | 38.72% |
| Private works | 393 | 444 | 51 | 13.03% |
| Health & environmental health fees | 38 | 36 | (2) | -5.26% |
| Local laws fees | 10 | 7 | (3) | -30.77% |
| Other commercial fees | 127 | 77 | (50) | -39.36% |
| Total user fees | 1,773 | 2,151 | 378 | 21.32% |

User fees relate mainly to the recovery of service delivery costs through the charging of fees to users of Council's services. Thse incude fees for movie screenings, caravan park and camping gounds, transfer stations and private works.

4.1.4 Grants

Grants are required by the Act and the Regulations to be disclosed in Council's budget.

| | Forecast Actual | Budget | Change | |
|---|-----------------|---------|--------|------|
| | 2024/25 | 2025/26 | | |
| | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | % |
| Grants were received in respect of the following: | | | | |
| Summary of grants | | | | |
| Commonwealth funded grants | 7,259 | 7,307 | 48 | 19 |
| State funded grants | 964 | 747 | (217) | -239 |
| Total grants received | 8,223 | 8,054 | (169) | -29 |
| (a) Operating Grants | | | | |
| Recurrent - Commonwealth Government | | | | |
| Financial Assistance Grants | 5,412 | 5,412 | - | 04 |
| nfrastructure | 16 | 18 | 2 | 139 |
| Recurrent - State Government | | | | |
| Free from violence | 90 | 90 | - | 04 |
| Facilitated playgroup | 65 | 67 | 2 | 49 |
| Kindergarten central enrolment | 30 | 30 | - | 0 |
| Engage! | 25 | 57 | 32 | 128 |
| FreeZa | 18 | 36 | 18 | 103 |
| Library | 124 | 124 | 0 | 0' |
| School crossing | 8 | 8 | (0) | -4' |
| Roadside weeds and Pests | 85 | 85 | - | 0' |
| andcare facilitator | 62 | 62 | - | 0' |
| Fotal recurrent grants | 5,934 | 5,989 | 55 | 1' |
| Non-recurrent - Commonwealth Government | | | | |
| Non-recurrent - State Government | | | | |
| 16 Days of activism | 2 | 2 | - | 0 |
| Multicultural storytime | 26 | 39 | 13 | 50 |
| VicHealth | 40 | - | (40) | -100 |
| Seniors festival active living | 2 | - | (2) | -100 |
| Premiers reading challenge | 6 | 6 | - | 0 |
| Education - sustainability | 9 | - | (9) | -100 |
| Jeparit Weir design | 35 | - | (35) | -100 |
| Total non-recurrent grants | 118 | 46 | (72) | -61 |
| Total operating grants | 6,053 | 6,035 | (18) | 00 |
| | | | | |
| (b) Capital Grants Recurrent - Commonwealth Government | | | | |
| Roads to recovery | 1,829 | 1,902 | 73 | 49 |
| Total recurrent grants | 1,829 | 1,902 | 73 | 4¢ |
| Non-recurrent - Commonwealth Government | 1,020 | 1,002 | 10 | |
| Nhill Aerodrome Runway | 50 | | (50) | -100 |
| Non-recurrent - State Government | 00 | | (00) | 100 |
| Nhill Early Learning Facility upgrade | 165 | | (165) | -100 |
| Dimboola Early Learning Facility upgrade | 165 | | (165) | -100 |
| FAC community road safety | 10 | 63 | 53 | 527 |
| Safer Local Roads and Streets program ***** | - | 1,900 | 1,900 | 100 |
| Finy Towns, Rainbow Caravan Park Entry ***** | | 50 | 50 | 100 |
| Tiny Towns, Rainbow Caravan Fark Entry | | 50 | 50 | 100 |
| | - | | | |
| Nhill Holiday Park Cabin Upgrades | - | 238 | 238 | 100 |
| Total non-recurrent grants | 390 | 2,300 | 1,910 | 490 |
| Total capital grants | 2,219 | 4,202 | 1,984 | 899 |
| Total Grants | 8,271 | 10,237 | 1,966 | 249 |

***** Subject to successful grant application

4.1.5 Contributions

| | Forecast Actual | Budget | Change | | | |
|---------------------|-----------------|---------|--------|----------|--|--|
| | 2024/25 | 2025/26 | | g. | | |
| | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | % | | |
| Monetary | 102 | - | (102) | -100.00% | | |
| Total contributions | 102 | - | (102) | -100.00% | | |

4.1.6 Other income

| | Forecast Actual | Budget | Change | | |
|--------------------|-----------------|---------|--------|---------|--|
| | 2024/25 | 2025/26 | | | |
| | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | % | |
| Interest | 530 | 430 | (100) | -18.87% | |
| Sales | 18 | 18 | (0) | -0.55% | |
| Recoupments | 153 | 88 | (65) | -42.52% | |
| Other | 52 | 75 | 23 | 45.09% | |
| Total other income | 753 | 611 | (142) | -18.85% | |

Other income includes the sale of scrap metal and garbage bin parts as well as internal recoupments.

4.1.7 Employee costs

| | Forecast Actual | Budget | Change | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|---------|--------|---------|--|
| | 2024/25 | 2025/26 | | | |
| | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | % | |
| Wages and salaries | 8,057 | 7,564 | (493) | -6.12% | |
| WorkCover | 275 | 495 | 220 | 80.00% | |
| Superannuation | 960 | 1,048 | 88 | 9.18% | |
| Training/travel/accommodation | 257 | 222 | (35) | -13.75% | |
| Other | 160 | 140 | (20) | -12.23% | |
| Total employee costs | 9,708 | 9,469 | (240) | -2.47% | |

Employee Costs include all labour related expenditue such as wages, salaries and direct overheads. Direct overheads includes allowances, leave entitilements, employer superannuation, WorkCover premiums, fringe benefits tax and protective clothing.

4.1.8 Materials and services

| | Forecast Actual 2024/25 | Budget 2025/26 | Change | |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------|---------|---------|
| | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | % |
| Aerodrome, saleyard and commercial operations | 207 | 159 | (48) | -23.11% |
| Building maintenance | 666 | 392 | (275) | -41.25% |
| Community development, tourism, economic development, childrens' and youth services | 707 | 191 | (516) | -73.00% |
| Community care | 34 | 10 | (24) | -70.20% |
| Environment management | 192 | 191 | (1) | -0.42% |
| Emergency management | 63 | 13 | (50) | -79.40% |
| Roads, footpaths & drainage management | 2,236 | 1,782 | (454) | -20.29% |
| Information technology | 545 | 477 | (68) | -12.52% |
| Libraries | 46 | 26 | (21) | -44.72% |
| Office administration | 548 | 387 | (161) | -29.35% |
| Plant and fleet operations | (220) | (314) | (94) | 42.85% |
| Parks, reserves, camp grounds and caravan parks | 621 | 411 | (210) | -33.86% |
| Quarry operations | (74) | (171) | (97) | 130.51% |
| Swimming pool maintenance | 158 | 115 | (43) | -27.42% |
| Statutory servics | 386 | 314 | (73) | -18.85% |
| Waste | 1,095 | 1,078 | (18) | -1.60% |
| Total materials and services | 7,211 | 5,059 | (2,152) | -29.84% |

Materials and services include the purchase of consumables as well as payments to contractors for the provision of services.

4.1.9 Depreciation

| | Forecast Actual 2024/25 | Budget 2025/26 | Chan | ige |
|--------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|--------|--------|
| | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | % |
| Property | 463 | 469 | 6 | 1.22% |
| Plant & equipment | 1,438 | 1,423 | - 15 | -1.04% |
| Infrastructure | 3,217 | 3,186 | - 31 | -0.96% |
| Total depreciation | 5,118 | 5,078 | - 40 | -0.79% |

Depreciation is an accounting measure which attempts to allocate the value of an asset over its useful life. This relates to Council's property, plant and equipment as well as infrastructure assets such as roads, drains, bridges and footpaths.

4.1.10 Other expenses

| | Forecast Actual | Budget | Change | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|--------|--------|---------|--|
| | #REF! | #REF! | | | |
| | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | % | |
| Councillor allowances | 237 | 243 | 6 | 2.35% | |
| Advertising | 86 | 78 - | 8 | -9.48% | |
| Insurance | 445 | 500 | 55 | 12.36% | |
| Audit fees | 80 | 85 | 5 | 6.25% | |
| Utilities & telecommunications | 423 | 499 | 76 | 17.89% | |
| Postage & printing | 19 | 24 | 5 | 26.70% | |
| Council contributions | 161 | 146 - | 15 | -9.35% | |
| Bank charges | 34 | 31 - | 3 | -8.96% | |
| Fire service levy | 30 | 60 | 30 | 100.00% | |
| Memberships & subscriptions | 186 | 185 - | 1 | -0.67% | |
| Legal fees | 73 | 60 - | 13 | -17.81% | |
| Other expenses | 314 | 353 | 40 | 12.61% | |
| Total other expenses | 2,087 | 2,263 | 175 | 8.41% | |

Other expenses includes the fire service levy which is payable to the State Government, Councillor allowances as well as administration charges.

4.2 Balance Sheet

4.2.1 Assets

Current assets (\$0.602m decrease) and non-current assets (\$1.692m increase)

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash and investments such as cash held in the bank and in petty cash, as well as the value of investments in deposits of highly liquid investmts with short term maturities of three months or less.

Property, infrastructure, plant and equipment is the largest component of Council's worth and represents the value of all the land, buildings, roads, vehicles and equipment etc. which has been built up by Council over many years. The increase in this balance is due to the net result of the capital works program, depreciation, the written down value of assets and revaluation of assets by an external valuer.

4.2.2 Liabilities

Current liabilities (\$0.221m decrease) and non-current liabilities (\$0.0201 decrease).

Trade and other payables are those to whom Council owes money as at 30 June. Provisions include employee costs (current) which are accrued, including long services leave, annual leave and rostered days off owing to employees, as well as the future rehabilitation of quarries and landfills.

4.2.3 Borrowings

Council does not hold any borrowings but does hold a \$2 million overdraft facility to cover a short term cash deficit which may arise from a timing variance. Council does not propose any new long term borrowings into the near future.

4.3 Statement of changes in Equity

4.3.1 Equity

Total equity always equals net assets and is made up of the following components:

Asset revaluation reserve which represents the difference between the fair value of the asset and the historic cost.

• Accumulated surplus which is the value of all net assets less reserves that have accumulated over time. The increase in accumulated surplus of \$1.292m results directly from the operating profit for the year.

4.4 Statement of Cash Flows

4.4.1 Net cash flows provided by/used in operating activities

Operating activities refers to the cash generated in the normal service delivery functions of Council. Cash remaining after paying for the provision of services to the community may be available for investment in capital works.

4.4.2 Net cash flows provided by/used in investing activities

Investing activities refers to cash generated or used in the enhancement or creation of infrastructure and other assets. These activities also include the acquisition or sale of other assets such as vehicles, property and equipment.

4.5 Capital works program

This section presents a listing of the capital works projects that will be undertaken for the 2025/26 year, classified by expenditure type and funding source. Works are also disclosed as current budget or carried forward from prior year.

4.5.1 Summary

| | Forecast Actual 2024/25 | Budget 2025/26 | Change | % |
|---------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|---------|---------|
| | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | |
| Property | 2,615 | 663 | (1,953) | -74.66% |
| Plant and equipment | 1,881 | 831 | (1,050) | -55.81% |
| Infrastructure | 7,150 | 5,539 | (1,611) | -22.53% |
| Total | 11,646 | 7,033 | (4,613) | -39.61% |

| | Project Cost | A | Asset expenditure types | | | Summary of Funding Sources | |
|----------------------|--------------|--------|-------------------------|---------|--------|----------------------------|--|
| | | New | Renewal | Upgrade | Grants | Council cash | |
| | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | |
| | | | | | | | |
| Property | 663 | - | 296 | 367 | 274 | 389 | |
| Plant and equipment | 831 | - | 831 | - | - | 831 | |
| Infrastructure ***** | 5,539 | 700 | 2,741 | 2,098 | 4,240 | 1,299 | |
| Total | 7,033 | 700 | 3,867 | 2,465 | 4,513 | 2,519 | |

***** Some projects are subject to successful grant applications

4.5.2 Current Budget

| Capital Works Area | Project Cost | Project Cost Asset expenditure types | | | Summary of Funding Sources | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|--|
| | \$'000 | New \$'000 | Renewal \$'000 | Upgrade \$'000 | Grants \$'000 | Council cash \$'000 | |
| PROPERTY | | | | | | · | |
| Buildings | | | | | | | |
| Essential building renewal | 250 | - | 250 | - | - | 250 | |
| Davis Park Renewal | 46 | - | 46 | - | - | 46 | |
| Nhill caravan park cabin upgrades | 367 | - | - | 367 | 274 | 9: | |
| TOTAL PROPERTY | 663 | - | 296 | 367 | 274 | 38 | |
| PLANT AND EQUIPMENT | | | | | | | |
| Plant, Machinery and Equipment | | | | | | | |
| Minor plant | 40 | - | 40 | - | - | 40 | |
| Grader | 510 | - | 510 | - | - | 510 | |
| Fuel trailer | 20 | - | 20 | - | - | 20 | |
| Mechanics ute | 64 | - | 64 | - | - | 64 | |
| Local laws ute | 67 | - | 67 | - | - | 6 | |
| Fixtures, Fittings and Furniture | | | | | | | |
| Office furniture | 5 | - | 5 | - | - | : | |
| Computers and Telecommunications | | | | | | | |
| Workstations & ipads | 40 | - | 40 | - | - | 40 | |
| IT upgrade inc Firewall & WiFi | 45 | | 45 | | | 4 | |
| Library books | | | | | | | |
| Books | 40 | - | 40 | - | - | 40 | |
| TOTAL PLANT AND EQUIPMENT | 831 | | 831 | - | | 83 | |

| | Project Cost | | Asset expenditure types | | Summary of Funding Sources | | |
|---|--------------|--------|-------------------------|---------|----------------------------|--------------|--|
| Capital Works Area | rioject obst | New | Renewal | Upgrade | Grants | Council cash | |
| | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | |
| NFRASTRUCTURE | | | | | | | |
| Roads | | | | | | | |
| Unsealed Constructions | | | | | | | |
| Five Chain, Dimboola | 47 | | - 47 | - | 47 | | |
| Gravel road spotting program | 70 | | - 70 | - | - | | |
| Boyeo Tarranginnie, Boyeo | 128 | | - 128 | - | 128 | | |
| Yanac South Rd, Yanac | 109 | | - 109 | - | 109 | | |
| Peakes Three Chain, Woorak | 127 | | - 127 | - | 127 | | |
| Propodollah Extension, Propodollah | 105 | | - 105 | - | 105 | | |
| Decommission Albacutya Silo Y intersection | 30 | | - 30 | - | 30 | | |
| Tarranyurk East Rd, Tarranyurk | 74 | | - 74 | - | 74 | | |
| Propodollah-Netherby, Propodollah | 40 | | - 40 | - | 40 | | |
| Katyil Wail Rd, Dimboola | 92 | | - 92 | - | 92 | | |
| Shoulder Resheets | | | | | | | |
| Old Minyip Rd, Dimboola | 95 | | - 95 | - | 95 | | |
| Diapur, Yanac | 71 | | - 71 | - | 71 | | |
| Antwerp Woorak Rd, Antwerp | 64 | | 64 | | 64 | | |
| Sealed Constructons | | | | | | | |
| Netherby Lorquon & Lorquon Rd | 182 | | - 182 | - | - | · | |
| Dimboola Minyip, Dimboola | 106 | | - 106 | - | - | | |
| Federal St, Rainbow | 100 | | - 100 | - | 95 | | |
| Major stabilised patching | 375 | | - 375 | - | 375 | | |
| Nhill Rainbow/Lush Rd ***** | 194 | | | 194 | 194 | | |
| Nhill Rainbow/Three Chains Rd ***** | 197 | | | 197 | 197 | | |
| Noorak-Ni-Ni-Lorquon - Glenlee Lorquon Rd ***** | 297 | | | 297 | 297 | | |
| Broughton Kaniva Rd ***** | 250 | | | 250 | 250 | | |
| Nhill Rainbow/Kruger Rd ***** | 370 | | | 370 | 370 | | |
| Nhill Rainbow/Solly Rd ***** | 241 | | | 241 | 241 | | |
| Designs & vegetation assessments | 40 | 40 |) - | - | - | | |
| Indoor salaries | 137 | | - 137 | - | - | | |

| | Project Cost | | Asset expenditure types | | Summary of Fun | ding Sources |
|--|--------------|--------|-------------------------|---------|----------------|------------------|
| Capital Works Area | | New | Renewal | Upgrade | Grants | nts Council cash |
| | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 |
| Reseals | | | | | | |
| angford St, Nhill | 17 | - | 17 | - | - | |
| eahy St, Nhill | 28 | - | 28 | - | 28 | |
| Aerodrome Rd, Nhill | 5 | - | 5 | - | - | |
| A Bones Rd, Nhill | 37 | - | 37 | - | 37 | |
|)imboola Minyip Rd, Dimboola | 39 | - | 39 | - | 39 | |
| Ihill Kinder | 18 | - | 18 | - | 18 | |
| ligh St, Dimboola | 38 | - | 38 | - | 38 | |
| loyd St, Dimboola | 15 | - | 15 | - | - | |
| orquon East Rd | 62 | - | 62 | - | - | |
| Final Seals | | | | | | |
| Vinifred St, Rainbow | 15 | - | - | 15 | - | |
| letherby Baker Rd | 32 | - | 32 | - | 32 | |
| Did Minyip Rd, Dimboola | 29 | - | - | 29 | 29 | |
|)imboola Minyip Rd | 40 | - | - | 40 | 40 | |
| Voorak-Ni-Ni-Lorquon - Glenlee Lorquon Rd | 40 | - | - | 40 | 40 | |
| orquon Netherby Rd | 49 | - | - | 49 | 49 | |
| ridges | | | | | | |
| /inor culvert renewal program | 100 | - | 100 | - | - | 1 |
| ootpaths & Cycleways | | | | | | |
| Vhitehead, Nhill (including pedestrian crossing) ***** | 250 | 250 | - | - | 250 | |
| Park St, Nhill ***** | 100 | 100 | | | 100 | |
| AcPherson St, Nhill, pedestrian crossing | 125 | 125 | | | 63 | |
| solated pathway section replacement program | 100 | - | 100 | - | - | 1 |
| ndoor salaries | 20 | - | 20 | - | - | |
| rainage | | | | | | |
| ndoor salaries | 20 | - | 20 | - | - | |
| Kerb & Channel | | | | | | |
| loyd St, Dimboola | 100 | - | 100 | - | 100 | |
| &C section replacement | 50 | | 50 | | | |

| | Drainet Coat | Asset expenditure types | | | Summary of Funding Sources | |
|--|--------------|-------------------------|---------|---------|----------------------------|--------------|
| Capital Works Area | Project Cost | New | Renewal | Upgrade | Grants | Council cash |
| | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 |
| Other Infrastructure | | | | | | |
| Sporting grounds masterplan | 45 | 45 | - | - | - | 45 |
| Dimboola Swimming Pool | 275 | - | - | 275 | 275 | |
| Tourism signage | 10 | - | 10 | - | - | 10 |
| Rainbow Caravan Park entry ***** | 90 | 90 | - | - | 50 | 40 |
| Dimboola arch replacement ***** | 98 | - | 98 | - | 50 | 48 |
| Depots & Workshop | 100 | - | - | 100 | - | 100 |
| Council contribution for grant funded projects | 50 | 50 | - | - | - | 50 |
| TOTAL INFRASTRUCTURE | 5,539 | 700 | 2,741 | 2,098 | 4,240 | 1,299 |
| | | | | | | |
| TOTAL NEW CAPITAL WORKS | 7,033 | 700 | 3,867 | 2,465 | 4,513 | 2,519 |

***** Subject to successful funding applications

Summary of Planned Capital Works Expenditure For the years ending 30 June 2027, 2028 & 2029

| | | Asset Expenditu | re Types | | | Funding S | ources | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 2026/27 | Total \$'000 | New \$'000 | Renewal \$'000 | Upgrade \$'000 | Total \$'000 | Grants \$'000 | Contributions \$'000 | Council Cash \$'000 |
| Property | | | | | | | | |
| Buildings | 250 | 0 | 250 | 0 | 250 | 0 | 0 | 250 |
| Total Buildings | 250 | 0 | 250 | 0 | 250 | 0 | 0 | 250 |
| Total Property | 250 | 0 | 250 | 0 | 250 | 0 | 0 | 250 |
| Plant and Equipment | | | | | | | | |
| Plant, machinery and equipment | 1,500 | 0 | 1,500 | 0 | 1,500 | 0 | 0 | 1,500 |
| Fixtures, fittings and furniture | 5 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| Computers and telecommunications | 75 | 0 | 75 | 0 | 75 | 0 | 0 | 75 |
| Library books | 40 | 0 | 40 | 0 | 40 | 0 | 0 | 40 |
| Total Plant and Equipment | 1,620 | 0 | 1,620 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,620 |
| Infrastructure | | | | | | | | |
| Roads | 1,569 | 0 | 1,569 | 0 | 1,569 | 1,029 | 0 | 541 |
| Bridges | 324 | 0 | 324 | 0 | 324 | 212 | 0 | 111 |
| Footpaths and cycleways | 524 | 0 | 524 | 0 | 524 | 344 | 0 | 181 |
| Drainage | 324 | 0 | 324 | 0 | 324 | 212 | 0 | 111 |
| Kerb & channel | 162 | 0 | 162 | 0 | 162 | 106 | 0 | 56 |
| Total Infrastructure | 2,902 | 0 | 2,902 | 0 | 2,902 | 1,902 | 0 | 1,000 |
| Total Capital Works Expenditure | 4,772 | 0 | 4,772 | 0 | 4,772 | 1,902 | 0 | 2,870 |

| | | Asset Expenditu | re Types | | | Funding S | ources | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 2027/28 | Total \$'000 | New \$'000 | Renewal \$'000 | Upgrade \$'000 | Total \$'000 | Grants \$'000 | Contributions \$'000 | Council Cash \$'000 |
| Property | | | | 1 | | | | |
| Buildings | 250 | 0 | 250 | 0 | 250 | 0 | 0 | 250 |
| Total Buildings | 250 | 0 | 250 | 0 | 250 | 0 | 0 | 250 |
| Total Property | 250 | 0 | 250 | 0 | 250 | 0 | 0 | 250 |
| Plant and Equipment | | | | | | | | |
| Plant, machinery and equipment | 1,000 | 0 | 1,000 | 0 | 1,000 | 0 | 0 | 1,000 |
| Fixtures, fittings and furniture | 5 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| Computers and telecommunications | 75 | 0 | 75 | 0 | 75 | 0 | 0 | 75 |
| Library books | 40 | 0 | 40 | 0 | 40 | 0 | 0 | 40 |
| Total Plant and Equipment | 1,120 | 0 | 1,120 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,120 |
| Infrastructure | | | | | | | | |
| Roads | 1,601 | 0 | 1,601 | 0 | 1,601 | 1,029 | 0 | 572 |
| Bridges | 330 | 0 | 330 | 0 | 330 | 212 | 0 | 118 |
| Footpaths and cycleways | 535 | 0 | 535 | 0 | 535 | 344 | 0 | 191 |
| Drainage | 330 | 0 | 330 | 0 | 330 | 212 | 0 | 118 |
| Kerb & channel | 165 | 0 | 165 | 0 | 165 | 106 | 0 | 59 |
| Total Infrastructure | 2,960 | 0 | 2,960 | 0 | 2,960 | 1,902 | 0 | 1,058 |
| Total Capital Works Expenditure | 4,330 | 0 | 4,330 | 0 | 4,330 | 1,902 | 0 | 2,428 |

| | | Asset Expenditu | re Types | | | Funding S | ources | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 2028/29 | Total \$'000 | New \$'000 | Renewal \$'000 | Upgrade \$'000 | Total \$'000 | Grants \$'000 | Contributions \$'000 | Council Cash \$'000 |
| Property | | | | I | | | | |
| Buildings | 250 | 0 | 250 | 0 | 250 | 0 | 0 | 250 |
| Total Buildings | 250 | 0 | 250 | 0 | 250 | 0 | 0 | 250 |
| Total Property | 250 | 0 | 250 | 0 | 250 | 0 | 0 | 250 |
| Plant and Equipment | | | | | | | | |
| Plant, machinery and equipment | 1,200 | 0 | 1,200 | 0 | 1,200 | 0 | 0 | 1,200 |
| Fixtures, fittings and furniture | 5 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| Computers and telecommunications | 75 | 0 | 75 | 0 | 75 | 0 | 0 | 75 |
| Library books | 40 | 0 | 40 | 0 | 40 | 0 | 0 | 40 |
| Total Plant and Equipment | 1,320 | 0 | 1,320 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,320 |
| Infrastructure | | | | | | | | |
| Roads | 1,633 | 0 | 1,633 | 0 | 1,633 | 1,029 | 0 | 604 |
| Bridges | 337 | 0 | 337 | 0 | 337 | 212 | 0 | 125 |
| Footpaths and cycleways | 545 | 0 | 545 | 0 | 545 | 344 | 0 | 202 |
| Drainage | 337 | 0 | 337 | 0 | 337 | 212 | 0 | 125 |
| Kerb & channel | 168 | 0 | 168 | 0 | 168 | 106 | 0 | 62 |
| Total Infrastructure | 3,019 | 0 | 3,019 | 0 | 3,019 | 1,902 | 0 | 1,117 |
| Total Capital Works Expenditure | 4,589 | 0 | 4,589 | 0 | 4,589 | 1,902 | 0 | 2,687 |



5. Revenue and Rating Plan

The Local Government Act 2020 requires Council to prepare a Revenue and Rating Plan to cover a minimum period of four years following each Council election. The Revenue and Rating Plan establishes the revenue raising framework within which the Council proposes to work.

The purpose of the Revenue and Rating Plan is to determine the most appropriate and affordable revenue and rating approach for the Hindmarsh Shire Council which, in conjunction with other income sources, will adequately finance the objectives in the Council Plan.

This plan is an important part of Council's integrated planning framework, all of which is created to help Council achieve its vision of "a caring, active community enhanced by its liveability, environment and economy."

Strategies outlined in this plan align with the objectives contained in the Council Plan and will feed into our budgeting and long-term financial planning documents, as well as other strategic planning documents under our Council's strategic planning framework.



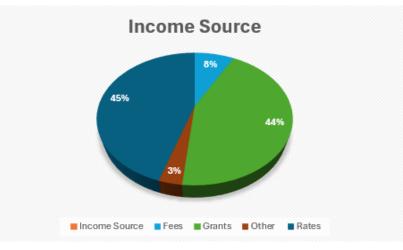
This plan will explain how Council calculates the revenue needed to fund its activities and how the funding burden will be apportioned between ratepayers and other users of Council facilities and services.

In particular, this plan will set out decisions that Council has made in relation to rating options available to it under the *Local Government Act 2020* to ensure the fair and equitable distribution of rates across property owners. It will also set out principles that are used in decision making for other revenue sources such as fees and charges.

It is also important to note that this plan does not set revenue targets for Council, it outlines the strategic framework and decisions that inform how Council will go about calculating and collecting its revenue.

1. REVENUE SOURCES

Council provides a number of services and facilities to our local community, and in doing so, must collect revenue to cover the cost of providing these services and facilities.



Council's revenue sources include:

- · Rates and charges including kerbside collection and recycling
- · Grants from other levels of Government
- User fees and charges including Statutory Fees and Fines
- · Other revenue including contributions, interest from investments and sale of assets

Rates are the most significant revenue source for Council and make up roughly 45-50% of its annual income.

The introduction of rate capping under the Victorian Government's Fair Go Rates System (FGRS) has brought a renewed focus to Council's long-term financial sustainability. The FGRS continues to restrict Council's ability to raise revenue above the rate cap unless an application is made to the Essential Services Commission for a variation. Maintaining service delivery levels and investing in community assets remain key priorities for Council. This strategy will address Council's reliance on rate income and provide options to actively reduce that reliance.

Council revenue can also be adversely affected by changes to funding from other levels of government. Some grants are tied to the delivery of Council services, whilst many are tied directly to the delivery of new community assets, such as roads or recreational facilities. It is important for Council to be clear about what grants it intends to apply for and the obligations that grants create in the delivery of services such as infrastructure.

2. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Revenue and Rating Plan outlines Council's decision-making process on how revenues are calculated and collected. The following public consultation process has been and will be followed to ensure due consideration and feedback is received from relevant stakeholders.

The Revenue and Rating Plan community engagement process is:

Draft Revenue and Rating Plan prepared by officers;

Draft Revenue and Rating Plan placed on public exhibition following adoption at the 7 May 2025 Council meeting calling for public submissions;

- Community engagement through local news outlets, social media and community drop-in sessions;
- Receiving of public submissions from Thursday 8 May 2025 to Wednesday 10 June 2025: and
- Draft Revenue and Rating Plan presented to the June Council meeting for adoption.

3. LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK

Raising of revenue including the levying of rates and charges by Hindmarsh Shire Council is legislated by the *Local Government Act* 2020, and the *Valuation of Land Act* 1960. The rates and charges provision is contained within the *Local Government Act* 1989 pending the outcome of the Local Government Rating System Review.

4. ASSESSMENT OF CURRENT RATING LEVELS

Comparing the relativity of rating levels between Council's can be a difficult exercise due to debate over the most appropriate methods to use and the inability to take into account the intricacies of rating structures in different Council's. Each local government sets rates based on an assessment of the desires, wants and needs of its community and as each community is different, direct comparisons can be difficult. For example, cash holdings of municipalities vary and Council's have significantly different infrastructure needs and geographic sizes. Each municipality also has significantly different levels of capital works, funding structures for capital works and varying levels of debt.

On a rates per assessment basis, Hindmarsh Shire was well within the average for the group of small rural Council's in the 2023/24 financial year.

| Council | 20/21 | 21/22 | 22/23 | 23/24 |
|-------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Hindmarsh Shire | \$1,540.83 | \$1,560.76 | \$1,574.44 | \$1,650.11 |
| Similar council average | \$1,722.85 | \$1,737.42 | \$1,755.69 | \$1,733.69 |
| All council average | \$1,798.88 | \$1,832.33 | \$1,846.88 | \$1,883.14 |

*source Know Your Council, 2023/24 Annual Reporting data

The graph below, showing that Council is at the lower end of its peer group in terms of rates as a percentage of overall revenue, is an indication of the focus Council places on raising revenue from sources other than rate payers, such as grant revenue.



*source Know Your Council, 2023/24 Annual Reporting data

5. RATE CAPPING

The Fair Go Rates System (FGRS) sets out the maximum amount Council's may increase rates in each financial year. For 2025/26 the rate cap is set at 3.0% (2024/25 – 2.75%). The cap applies to both general rates and municipal charges and is calculated based on the average rates payable per assessment.

6. RATES AND CHARGES

Rates are property taxes that allow Councils to raise revenue to fund essential public services which cater to their municipal population. Importantly it is a taxation system that includes flexibility for Councils to utilise different tools in its rating structure to accommodate issues of equity and to ensure fairness in rating for all ratepayers.

Council has established a rating structure comprising of two elements. These are:

- General Rates Based on property values using the Capital Improved Valuation methodology, which are indicative of capacity to pay and form the central basis of rating under the *Local Government Act 2020*;
- Municipal Charge A 'fixed rate' portion per property to cover some of the administrative costs of Council.

Striking a proper balance between these elements will help to improve equity in the distribution of the rate burden across residents.

Hindmarsh Shire Council uses the capital improved value (CIV) system of valuation. This means the sum that the land might be expected to realise at the time of valuation if offered for sale on any reasonable terms and conditions which a genuine seller might in ordinary circumstances be expected to require.

The formula for calculating General Rates, excluding any additional charges, arrears or additional supplementary rates is:
 Valuation (Capital Improved Value) x Rate in the Dollar (Differential Rate Type).

The rate in the dollar for each rating differential category is included in Council's annual budget.

Property Valuations

The Valuation of Land Act 1960 is the principle legislation in determining property valuations. Under the Valuation of Land Act 1960, the Victorian Valuer-General conducts property valuations on an annual basis.

Council needs to be mindful of the impacts of revaluations on various property types in implementing differential rates to ensure that rises and falls in Council rates remain affordable and that rating 'shocks' are mitigated to some degree.

Supplementary Valuations

Supplementary valuations are carried out for a variety of reasons including renovations, new constructions, extensions, installation of swimming pools, rezoning, subdivisions, amalgamations, occupancy changes and corrections. The Victorian Valuer-General is tasked with undertaking supplementary valuations and advises Council annually on the basis of valuation and Australian Valuation Property Classification Code (AVPCC) changes.

Supplementary valuations bring the value of the affected property into line with the general valuation of other properties within the municipality. Objections to supplementary valuations can be lodged in accordance with Part 3 of the *Valuation of Land Act 1960*. Any objection must be lodged with Council within two months of the issuance of the supplementary rate notice.

Objections to property values

Part 3 of the Valuation of Land Act 1960 provides that a property owner may lodge an objection against the valuation of a property or the Australian Valuation Property Classification Code (AVPCC) within two months of the issue of the original or amended supplementary Rates and Valuation Charges Notice (Rates Notice), or within four months if the notice was not originally issued to the occupier of the land.

Objections to a valuation shown on Council's valuation and rates notice can be lodged electronically with the Victorian State Government's objection portal. Council's website provides further information on Rating Valuation Objections.

Rates differentials

Council makes a further distinction when applying general rates by applying rating differentials based on the purpose for which the property is used. That is, whether the property is used for residential, farming or Commercial/Industrial. This distinction is based on the concept that different property categories should pay a fair and equitable contribution, taking into account the benefits those properties derive from the local community.

Hindmarsh Shire Council's rating structured comprises five differential rates. These rates are structure in accordance with the requirements of Section 158 of the *Local Government Act 1989* and the Ministerial guidelines for Differential Rating 2013.

The differential rates are currently set as follows:

- General 100%
- Farm 90% (a discount of 10% for farms)
- Commercial/Industrial 90% (a discount of 10% for businesses)
- Recreational 50% (a discount of 50% for recreational and cultural properties)
- Urban Vacant 200% (a penalty of 100% for urban vacant land in Nhill, Dimboola, Jeparit and Rainbow).

Note: The term 'discount' in relation to farms and businesses means the difference between the rate in the dollar applied to farms and businesses, and the rate in the dollar applied to residential properties. Similarly, the term 'penalty' means the difference between the rate in the dollar applied to urban vacant land and the rate in the dollar applied to residential properties. The rate in the dollar is the figure that is multiplied by a properties capital improved valuation to calculate the rates.

The highest differential rate must be no more than four times the lowest differential rate.

Differential definitions

The definition of each differential rate is set out below:

General

General rates applies to land which is not Farm / Commercial / Industrial / Recreational / or Urban Vacant.

The objective of the general rate is to ensure that all rateable land makes an equitable financial contribution to the cost of carrying out the functions of Hindmarsh Shire. The money raised by general rates will be applied to the items of expenditure described in the Hindmarsh Shire Council budget.

The characteristics of the planning scheme zoning are applicable to the determination of vacant land which will be subject to the rate of residential land. The vacant land affected by this rate is that which is zoned residential under the Hindmarsh Shire Council Planning Scheme. The classification of the land will be determined by the occupation of that land for its best use and have reference to the planning scheme zoning. The use of land is any permitted under the Hindmarsh Shire Council Planning scheme.

The types and classes of rateable land within this rate are those having the relevant characteristics described below:

a. Used primarily for residential purposes; or

b. Any land that is not defined as Farm Land / Commercial / Industrial / Recreational / or Urban Vacant.

This rate is applicable to land within the municipal district. The types of buildings on the land within this rate are all buildings already constructed on the land or which will be constructed prior to the expiry of the 2024/25 financial year.

Farm

Farm land applies to land which is not Residential / Commercial / Industrial / Recreational / or Urban Vacant and which is 'farm land' within the meaning of section 2(1) of the Valuation of Land Act 1960.

The objective of the farm rate is to encourage farming and to provide moderate rate relief to farmers whose property values have remained high and to ensure that all rateable land makes an equitable financial contribution to carrying out the functions of Hindmarsh Shire. The money raised by farm rates will be applied to items of expenditure described in the Hindmarsh Shire Council budget.

The characteristics of the planning zoning are applicable to the determination of farm land which will be subject to the rate of farm land. The classification of the land will be determined by the occupation of that land for its best use and have reference to the planning scheme zoning.

The types and classes of rateable land within this rate are those having the relevant characteristics described below:

- a. Used primarily for primary production purposes; or
- b. Any land that is not defined as General Land or Commercial / Industrial Land.

This rate is applicable to land within the municipal district. The types of buildings on this land are buildings already constructed on the land or which will be constructed prior to the expiry of the 2024/25 financial year.

Commercial / Industrial

Commercial / Industrial land applies to land which is not Residential / Farm / Recreational / or Urban Vacant. Commercial / Industrial land is any land which is:

- used primarily for carrying out the manufacture or production of, or trade in goods or services (including tourist facilities) and in the case of a business providing accommodation for tourists, is prescribed accommodation under the Public Health and Wellbeing Act (Vic) 2008; or
- unoccupied building erected which is zoned Commercial or Industrial under the Hindmarsh Shire Council Planning Scheme: or
- c. Unoccupied land which is zoned Commercial or Industrial under the Hindmarsh Shire Council Planning Scheme.

The objective of the commercial / industrial rate is to encourage economic development and to ensure that all rateable land makes an equitable financial contribution to carrying out the functions of Hindmarsh Shire. The money raised by commercial / industrial rates will be applied to items of expenditure described in the Hindmarsh Shire Council budget.

The characteristics of the planning scheme zoning are applicable to the determination of vacant land which will be subject to the rate applicable to Commercial / Industrial Land. The classification of land will be determined by the occupation of that land for its best use and have reference to the planning scheme zoning.

The types and classes of rateable land within this rate are those having the relevant characteristics described below:

- a. Used primarily for commercial purposes; or
- b. Any land that is not defined as General Land or Farm Land or Recreational Land.

This rate is applicable to land within the municipal district. The types of buildings on this land are buildings already constructed on the land or which will be constructed prior to the expiry of the 2024/25 financial year.

Recreational

Recreational and cultural land applies to land as defined under the Cultural and Recreational Lands Act 1963.

The objective of the recreational rate is to recognise the contribution that these community organisations and volunteers make to the Hindmarsh Shire in the provision of sporting, cultural and recreational activities. The money raised by recreational rates will be applied to items of expenditure described in the Hindmarsh Shire Council budget.

The characteristics of the planning scheme zoning are applicable to the determination of Recreational and Cultural land.

The types and classes of rateable land is less than 1500m2 within this rate are those having the relevant characteristics described below:

- a. Occupied by a body which exists for cultural or recreational purposes and applies its profits in promoting the
- furthering of this purpose; or
- b. Owned by the body, by the Crown or by Council;
- c. Not agricultural show grounds.

This rate is applicable to land within the municipal district. The types of buildings on this land are buildings already constructed on the land or which will be constructed prior to the expiry of the 2024/25 financial year.

Urban Vacant

Urban Vacant land applies to any land which is not Residential / Farm / Commercial / Industrial / or Recreational; and which no dwelling has been erected in the four towns.

The objective of the urban vacant rate is to encourage development of vacant land and to ensure that all rateable land makes an equitable financial contribution to carrying out the functions of Hindmarsh Shire. The money raised by urban vacant rates will be applied to items of expenditure described in the Hindmarsh Shire Council budget.

The characteristics of the planning scheme zoning are applicable to the determination of vacant land which will be subject to the rate applicable to residential land.

They types and classes of rateable land within this rate are those having the relevant characteristics described below:

Residential land within the four towns (Dimboola, Jeparit, Nhill and Rainbow) on which no dwelling has been
erected.

This rate is applicable to land within the municipal district.

Municipal charge

Council levies a municipal charge.

The Municipal charge is a fixed charge per property or assessment regardless of the valuation of the property. It operates in combination with the general rates based on Capital Improved Value.

Council has proposed the municipal charge will remain steady for 2025/26 at \$205. The municipal charge is designed to recoup some of the administrative costs of Council, and to ensure that lower valued properties pay a fair amount of rates. Council believes that the \$205 municipal charge achieves these objectives.

The budgeted municipal charge for 2025/26 is \$765,675 which is approximately 10% of the total revenue from rates and charges.

7. SERVICE RATES AND CHARGES

Council may declare a service rate or charge under section 162 of the Local Government Act 1989 for the provision of the following services:

- Provision of water supply
- Collection and disposal of refuse
- Provision of sewage services
- Any other prescribed service.

Kerbside waste and recycling collection

Council levies a kerbside waste and recycling collection charge.

The purpose of this charge is to meet the costs of waste disposal and recycling activities throughout the Hindmarsh Shire area, including development and rehabilitation of landfill sites and the operating of transfer stations.

The kerbside waste and recycling collection charge is proposed to increase to \$478 in 2025/26 (\$465 in 2024/25). The increase in the charge reflects the increase in the State Government Landfill levy and transportation costs.

8. SPECIAL RATES AND CHARGES

Council may declare a special rate or charge under section 163 of the Local Government Act 1989.

Council does not have any current special rates and charges schemes in place.

9. PAYMENT OF RATES AND CHARGES

In accordance with section 167(1) of the *Local Government Act 1989* ratepayers have the option of paying rates and charges by way of four instalments. Payments are due on the prescribed dates bellows:

- 1st Instalment: 30 September
- 2nd Instalment: 30 November
- 3rd Instalment: 28 February
- 4th Instalment: 31 May

Council offers a range of payment options including:

- In person at Council Customer Service Centres (cheques, money orders, EFTPOS, credit/debit cards and cash);
- BPay;
- Australia Post (over the counter, over the phone via credit card and on the internet);
- By mail (cheques and money orders only);
- Direct Debit (weekly, fortnightly, monthly, by instalment or annually);
- Centrepay.

10. PENALTY INTEREST

Interest is charged on all overdue rates in accordance with Section 172 of the Local Government Act 1989. The interest rate applied is fixed under section 2 of the Penalty Interest Rates Act 1983, which is determined by the Minister and published by notice in the Government Gazette.

11. PENSIONER REBATES

Holders of Centrelink or Veteran Affairs Pension Concession card or a Veteran Affairs Gold card which stipulates TPI or War Widow may claim a rebate on their sole or principal place of residence. Upon initial application, ongoing eligibility is maintained, unless rejected by Centrelink or the Department of Veteran Affairs during the annual verification procedure. Upon confirmation of an eligible pensioner concession status, the pensioner rebate is deducted from the rate account before payment is required by the ratepayer. Eligible pensioners are also entitled to receive a concession on the Emergency Services and Volunteer Fund.

12. FINANCIAL HARDSHIP

Council is committed to assisting ratepayers who are experiencing financial difficulty. Council has approved a financial hardship policy which provides guidance for the collection of rates and charges where the ratepayer is experiencing financial hardship.

Ratepayers experiencing financial hardship should contact Council's Rates Department to confidentially discuss their situation.

13. DEBT RECOVERY

Council makes every effort to contact ratepayers at their correct address but it is the ratepayers' responsibility to properly advise Council of changes to their contact details. The *Local Government Act 1989* section 230 and 231 requires both the vendor and buyer of property, or their agents (eg solicitors and or conveyancers), to notify Council by way of notice of disposition or acquisition of an interest in land.

In the event that an account becomes overdue, Council will issue an overdue reminder notice which will include accrued penalty interest. In the event that the account remains unpaid, Council may take legal action without further notice to recover the overdue amount. All fees and court costs incurred will be recoverable from the ratepayer.

If an amount payable by way of rates in respect to land has been in arrears for three years or more, Council may take action to sell the property in accordance with section 181 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

14. EMERGENCY SERVICES AND VOLUNTEERS FUND

From 1 July 2025, the State Government proposes to replace the Fire Services Property Fund (FSPL) with the Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund (ESVF).

In 2013 the Victorian State Government passed legislation requiring the Fire Services Property Levy to be collected from ratepayers. The Fire Services Property Levy helped fund the services provided by Fire Rescue Victoria (FRV) and Country Fire Authority (CFA), and all levies collected by Council are passed through to the State Government. The ESVF will support a broader range of emergency services and will include VicSES, Triple Zero Victoria, the State Control Centre, Forest Fire Management Victoria and Emergency Recovery Victoria as well as the Country Fire Authoristy (CFA) and Fire Rescue Victoria (FRV). The ESVF levy is set by State Government and will have a fixed and variable component. Council will continue to be the collection agency, passing the funds on to the State Government.

The Essential Services and Volunteers Fund is based on two components, a fixed charge, and a variable charge which is linked to the Capital Improved Value (CIV) of the property. The levy is not included in the rate cap and increases in the levy are at the discretion of the State Government.

15. OTHER REVENUE ITEMS

Fees and Charges

Fees and charges consist of statutory fees and fines and user fees and charges. Statutory fees mainly relate to fees and fines levied in accordance with legislation and include animal registration fees, building and planning fees, and fines including local laws and animal fines. User fees relate to the recovery of service delivery costs through the charging of fees to users of Council's services including caravan park fees, waste depot fees, and hall hire.

The provision of infrastructure and services form a key part of Council's role in supporting the local community. In providing these, Council must consider a range of 'Best Value' principles including service cost and quality standards, value-for-money, and community expectations and values. Council must also balance the affordability and accessibility of infrastructure and services with its financial capacity and in the interests of long-term financial sustainability.

Council must also comply with the government's Competitive Neutrality Policy for significant business activities they provide and adjust their service prices to neutralise any competitive advantages when competing with the private sector.

In providing services to the community, Council must determine the extent of cost recovery for particular services consistent with the level of both individual and collective benefit that the services provide in line with the communities expectations.

Council will develop a table of fees and charges as part of its annual budget each year. Proposed pricing changes will be included in this table and will be communicated to stakeholders before the budget is adopted, giving them a chance to review and provide valuable feedback before the fees are locked in.

Grants

Grant revenue (recurrent and non-recurrent) represents income usually received from other levels of government. Some grants are singular and attached to the delivery of specific projects, whilst others can be of a recurrent nature and may or may not be linked to the delivery of projects.

Council will pro-actively advocate to other levels of government for grant funding support to deliver important infrastructure and service outcomes for the community. Council may use its own funds to leverage higher grant funding and maximise external funding opportunities.

Contributions

Contributions represent funds received by Council, usually from non-government sources. Contributions may include funds from user groups towards facility upgrades or community projects.

Other Revenue

Council receives revenue from interest on investments and interest on rates arrears. The amount of revenue earned from these sources fluctuates from year to year depending on the level of cash and investments and outstanding rates and charges balances.

6a. Targeted performance indicators

The following tables highlight Council's current and projected performance across a selection of targeted service and financial performance indicators. These indicators provide a useful analysis of Council's intentions and performance and should be interpreted in the context of the organisation's objectives.

The targeted performance indicators below are the prescribed performance indicators contained in Schedule 4 of the Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2020. Results against these indicators and targets will be reported in Council's Performance Statement included in the Annual Report.

Targeted performance indicators - Service

| Indicator | Measure | Notes | Actual | Forecast | Target | Tar | get Projection | et Projections | |
|--|--|-------|---------|----------|---------|---------|----------------|----------------|-------|
| Indicator | Wiedsule | | 2023/24 | 2024/25 | 2025/26 | 2026/27 | 2027/28 | 2028/29 | +/o/- |
| Governance | | | | | | | | | |
| Consultation and engagement (Council decisions made and implemented with community input) | Satisfaction with community consultation and engagement Community satisfaction rating out of 100 with the consultation and engagement efforts of Council | 1 | 52 | 55 | 59 | 60 | 60 | 60 | + |
| Roads | | | | | | | | | |
| Condition (sealed local roads are maintained at the adopted condition standard) | Sealed local roads below the intervention level Number of kms of sealed local roads below the renewal intervention level set by Council / Kms of sealed local roads | 2 | 98.29% | 99.80% | 99.80% | 99.80% | 99.80% | 99.80% | o |
| Statutory planning | | | | | | | | | |
| Service standard (planning application processing and decisions are in accordance with legislative requirements) | Planning applications decided within the relevant required time Number of planning application decisions made within the relevant required time / Number of planning application decisions made | 3 | 53% | 90% | 90% | 90% | 90% | 90% | ÷ |
| Waste management | | | | | | | | | |
| Waste diversion ** (amount of waste diverted from landfill is maximised) | Kerbside collection waste diverted from landfill Weight of recyclables and green organics collected from kerbside bins / Weight of garbage, recyclables and green organics collected from kerbside bins | 4 | 22% | 20% | 20% | 20% | 20% | 20% | ÷ |

** Waste diversion has decreased due to the implementation of the container deposit scheme.

Targeted performance indicators - Financial

| Indicator | Measure | Notes | Actual | Forecast | Target | Tar | get Projection | s | Trend |
|---|--|-------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|-------|
| multator | Wedsure | No | 2023/24 | 2024/25 | 2025/26 | 2026/27 | 2027/28 | 2028/29 | +/o/- |
| Liquidity Working Capital (sufficient working capital is available to pay bills as and when they fall due) | Current assets compared to current liabilities Current assets / current liabilities | 5 | 368% | 139.6% | 129.8% | 114% | 116% | 113% | + |
| Obligations Asset renewal (assets are renewed as planned) | Asset renewal compared to depreciation Asset renewal and upgrade expense / Asset depreciation | 6 | 93.27% | 159.00% | 74.20% | 91% | 80% | 83% | 0 |
| Stability Rates concentration (revenue is generated from a range of sources) | Rates compared to adjusted underlying revenue Rate revenue / adjusted underlying revenue | 7 | 55.96% | 47.49% | 49.66% | 49.79% | 49.92% | 50.05% | + |
| Efficiency Expenditure level (resources are used efficiently in the delivery of services) | Expenses per property assessment Total expenses / no. of property assessments | 8 | \$ 4,083.17 | \$ 4,730.39 | \$ 4,262.74 | \$ 4,390.78 | \$ 4,522.35 | \$ 4,658.04 | + |

6b. Financial performance indicators

The following table highlights Council's current and projected performance across a range of key financial performance indicators. These indicators provide a useful analysis of Council's financial position and performance and should be interpreted in the context of the organisation's objectives.

The financial performance indicators below are the prescribed financial performance indicators contained in Part 3 of Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2020. Results against these indicators will be reported in Council's Performance Statement included in the Annual Report.

| | _{ഗ്ല} Actual | | Forecast | Budget | Projections | | | Trend |
|--|---|--|--|---|---|---|--|--|
| Measure | Note | 2023/24 | 2024/25 | 2025/26 | 2026/27 | 2027/28 | 2028/29 | +/o/- |
| Adjusted underlying surplus (or deficit) Adjusted underlying surplus (deficit) / Adjusted underlying revenue | 9 | -18.3% | -12.0% | -4.2% | -4.1% | -4.4% | -4.6% | + |
| | | | | | | | | |
| Unrestricted cash compared to current liabilities Unrestricted cash / current liabilities | 10 | 261% | 62% | 62% | 50% | 53% | 48% | o |
| | | | | | | | | |
| Loans and borrowings compared to rates Interest bearing loans and borrowings / rate revenue | 11 | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | + |
| Loans and borrowings repayments compared to rates Interest and principal repayments on interest bearing loans and borrowings / rate revenue | | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | + |
| Non-current liabilities compared to own-source revenue Non-current liabilities / own source revenue | | 3.8% | 4.0% | 4.1% | 4.2% | 4.2% | 4.2% | + |
| | | | | | | | | |
| Rates compared to property values Rate revenue / CIV of rateable properties in the municipal district | 12 | 0.25% | 0.23% | 0.23% | 0.24% | 0.25% | 0.25% | o |
| | | | | | | | | |
| Average rate per property assessment General rates and municipal charges / no. of property assessments | 13 | \$ 1,650.11 | \$ 1,933.21 | \$ 1,988.84 | \$ 2,048.49 | \$ 2,110.06 | \$ 2,173.37 | + |
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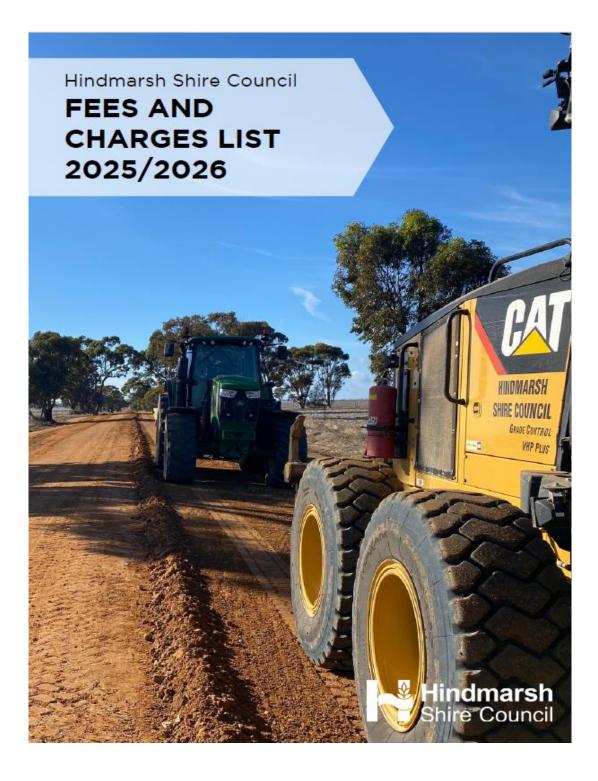
+ Forecasts improvement in Council's financial performance/financial position indicator

o Forecasts that Council's financial performance/financial position indicator will be steady

- Forecasts deterioration in Council's financial performance/financial position indicator

Notes to indicators

- 6a
- 1. Satisfaction with community consultation and engagement
- Satisfaction with community consultation continues to remain steady.
- 2. Sealed local roads below the intervention level
- Sealed roads below the intervention level will decline unless capital grants are obtained to maintain the current level.
- 3. Planning applications decided within the relevant required time
- Council utilises contract planning services for the provision of Statutory Planning. Planning decisions are made within the required timeframe.
- 4. Kerbside collection waste diverted from landfill
- Kerbside collection of recyclables, including glass collection, continued in 2024/2025 and will continue in future years.
- 5. Working Capital
- Working capital is expected to decline as own source revenue is used to fund the asset renewal gap unless grant income becomes available.
- 6. Asset renewal
- Asset renewal will decline unless grant income becomes available.
- 7. Rates concentration
- Rates will continue to be a major source of Councils revenue.
- 8. Expenditure level
- The increase in expenditure due to inflation will see the expenditure level per rateable property increase.
- 6b
- 9. Adjusted underlying result
- The adjusted underlying result will decrease as Council uses own source funds to maintain the renewal gap on roads.
- 10. Unrestricted Cash
- the adjusted unrestricted cash will decrease as councl uses own source funds to maintain the renewal gap on roads.
- 11. Debt compared to rates
- Council continues to remain debt free.
- 12. Rates effort
- Property values are increasing at a higher rate than rate capping.
- 13. Revenue level
- General rates and municipal charges will increase in line with rates capping.



7. Schedule of Fees and Charges This appendix presents the fees and charges of a statutory/non-statutory nature which will be charged in respect to various goods and services during the financial year 2025/26.

Pees and charges are based on information available at the time of publishing and may vary during the financial year subject to any changes in Council's policy or legislation.

| | | | | Fee | Fee | |
|---|-------------|---------------------|---|------------|--------------------------|---------------|
| Description of Fees and Charges | GST Status | 2024/25 Fee Inc GST | 2025/26 Fee Inc GST | Increase / | Increase / (Decrease) | Basis of Fee |
| | | \$ | \$ | \$ | % | |
| ANIMAL BUSINESS | | | • | | | |
| Domestic Animal Business - Licence Fee | Taxable | \$ 330.00 | \$ 340.00 | \$ 10.00 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Domestic Animal Business Registration of Premises | Taxable | New | \$ 340.00 | | | |
| Foster Carer Registration (application and permit) | Taxable | New | \$ 118.00 | | | |
| ANIMAL CAGES | | | | | | |
| Hire of Cat Trap - Bond | Taxable | \$ 54.00 | \$ 56.00 | \$ 2.00 | 4% | Non-statutory |
| Hire of Cat Trap - Bond (Pensioner) | Taxable | \$ 52.00 | \$ 54.00 | \$ 2.00 | 4% | Non-statutory |
| ANIMAL FINES (Domestic Animals Act 1994) | | | | | | |
| Note: Fees are indexed annually by the Department of Justice | | | | | | |
| Failure to apply to register or renew the registration of a dog or cat over the age of 3 months | Non-taxable | \$ 370.00 | \$ 370.00 | | | Statutory |
| Identification marker not worn outside of premises | Non-taxable | \$ 92.00 | \$ 92.00 | | | Statutory |
| Unregistered dog or cat wearing Council identification marker | Non-taxable | \$ 92.00 | \$ 92.00 | | | Statutory |
| Person removing, altering or defacing identification marker | Non-taxable | \$ 92.00 | \$ 92.00 | | | Statutory |
| Dog or cat on private property after notice served | Non-taxable | \$ 92.00 | \$ 92.00 | | | Statutory |
| Dog at large or not securely confined - during the day | Non-taxable | \$ 277.00 | \$ 277.00 | | | Statutory |
| Dog at large or not securely confined - during the night | Non-taxable | \$ 370.00 | \$ 370.00 | | | Statutory |
| Cat at large or not securely confined in restrictive district | Non-taxable | \$ 92.00 | \$ 92.00 | | | Statutory |
| Dog or cat in prohibited place | Non-taxable | \$ 185.00 | \$ 185.00 | | | Statutory |
| Greyhound not muzzled or not controlled by chain, cord or leash | Non-taxable | \$ 277.00 | \$ 277.00 | | | Statutory |
| Not complying with notice to abate nuisance | Non-taxable | \$ 277.00 | \$ 277.00 | | | Statutory |
| ANIMAL IMPOUND FEES | | | | | | |
| Impound Fees - Dog | | | | | | |
| Pound release fee | Taxable | \$ 119.00 | \$ 123.00 | \$ 4.00 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Daily pound keeping fee (Monday to Friday) | Taxable | \$ 55.00 | \$ 57.00 | \$ 2.00 | 4% | Non-statutory |
| Daily pound keeping fee (Saturday and Sunday) | Taxable | \$ 76.00 | \$ 78.00 | \$ 2.00 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Pound release fee - Repeat offenders | Taxable | \$ 239.00 | \$ 246.00 | \$ 7.00 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Microchipping Fees (including vet fees, staff travel and staff time) | Taxable | | | | | |
| Impound Fees - Cat | | | | | | |
| Pound release fee | Taxable | \$ 119.00 | \$ 123.00 | \$ 4.00 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Daily pound keeping fee (Monday to Friday) | Taxable | \$ 55.00 | \$ 57.00 | \$ 2.00 | 4% | Non-statutory |
| Daily pound keeping fee (Saturday and Sunday) | Taxable | \$ 76.00 | \$ 78.00 | \$ 2.00 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Pound release fee - Repeat offenders | Taxable | \$ 239.00 | \$ 246.00 | \$ 7.00 | 3% | Non-statutory |

| Description of Fees and Charges | GST Status | 20 | 24/25 Fee Inc GST \$ | 20 | 25/26 Fee Inc GST \$ | Fee crease / crease) \$ | Fee Increase / (Decrease) % | Basis of Fee |
|--|--------------------|----------|-------------------------|----------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Livestock Impounding, Agistment and Release Fees | | | | | | | | |
| Medium animal agistment fee (per day) Large animal agistment fee (per day) | Taxable Taxable | \$ \$ | 50.00 75.00 | \$ \$ | 52.00 77.00 | 2.00 2.00 | 4% 3% | Non-statutory Non-statutory |
| Livestock release fee | Taxable | \$ | 130.00 | \$ | 134.00 | 4.00 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Livestock impound fee (daily rate per animal) chicken/rabbit - small livestock | Taxable | | New | \$ | 32.00 | | | Non-statutory |
| Livestock impound fee (daily rate per animal) sheep/goat/alpaca - meduim livestock | Taxable | | New | \$ | 62.00 | | | Non-statutory |
| Livestock impound fee (daily rate per animal) horses/cattle - large livestock | Taxable | | New | \$ | 64.00 | | | Non-statutory |
| Livestock impound fee (additional animal) example - base fee (\$64.00) + \$20.00 for each additional animal | Taxable | | New | \$ | 20.00 | | | Non-statutory |
| Sustenance fees | Taxable | | At cost | | At cost | | | Non-statutory |
| Veterinary Fees | Taxable | | At cost | | At cost | | | Non-statutory |
| Identification Tags | Taxable | | At cost | | At cost | | | Non-statutory |
| Transport Contractor Fees | Taxable | | At cost | | At cost | | | Non-statutory |
| ANIMAL REGISTRATIONS Note: Prices are for one cat or dog and include the government levy Dog | | | | | | | | |
| Standard Registration (Not desexed or microchipped) | Non-taxable | \$ | 160.00 | \$ | 164.00 | \$ 4.00 | 2% | Non-statutory |
| Desexed and microchipped | Non-taxable | \$ | 49.00 | \$ | 50.00 | \$ 1.00 | 2% | Non-statutory |
| Desexed registration | Non-taxable | \$ | 55.00 | \$ | 56.00 | \$ 1.00 | 2% | Non-statutory |
| Working Dogs | Non-taxable | \$ | 55.00 | \$ | 56.00 | \$ 1.00 | 2% | Non-statutory |
| Animals over 10 years old | Non-taxable | \$ | 55.00 | \$ | 56.00 | \$ 1.00 | 2% | Non-statutory |
| Animals registered with VCA or FCC | Non-taxable | \$ | 55.00 | \$ | 56.00 | \$ 1.00 | 2% | Non-statutory |
| Breeding animal on registered premises | Non-taxable | \$ | 55.00 | \$ | 56.00 | \$ 1.00 | 2% | Non-statutory |
| Animal microchipped | Non-taxable | \$ | 141.00 | \$ | 145.00 | \$ 4.00 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Dangerous/Restricted breed | Non-taxable | \$ | 764.00 | \$ | 783.00 | \$ 19.00 | 2% | Non-statutory |
| Cat | | | | | | | | |
| Standard Registration (Not desexed or microchipped) | Non-taxable | | | \$ | 164.00 | | | |
| Desexed and microchipped | Non-taxable | \$ | 40.00 | \$ | 41.00 | \$ 1.00 | 2% | Non-statutory |
| Desexed registration | Non-taxable | \$ | 43.00 | \$ | 44.00 | \$ 1.00 | 2% | Non-statutory |
| Animals over 10 years old | Non-taxable | \$ | 43.00 | \$ | 44.00 | \$ 1.00 | 2% | Non-statutory |
| Animals registered with VCA or FCC | Non-taxable | \$ | 43.00 | \$ | 44.00 | \$ 1.00 | 2% | Non-statutory |
| Breeding animal on registered premises | Non-taxable | \$ | 43.00 | \$ | 44.00 | 1.00 | 2% | Non-statutory |
| Animal microchipped (not desexed) Other | Non-taxable | \$ | 114.00 | \$ | 117.00 | \$ 3.00 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Late payment penalty fee (after 10 April) | Non-taxable | \$ | 22.00 | \$ | 23.00 | \$ 1.00 | 5% | Non-statutory |
| Pensioner reduction rate | Non-taxable | | 50% of relevant fee | | 50% of relevant fee | | | |
| Animal tag replacement | Taxable | \$ | 11.00 | \$ | 11.00 | - | 0% | Non-statutory |
| View Animal Register | Taxable | \$ | 22.00 | \$ | 23.00 | \$ 1.00 | 5% | Non-statutory |

| Description of Fees and Charges | GST Status | 2024/25 Fee Inc GST \$ | 2025/26 Fee Inc GST \$ | Fee Increase / (Decrease) \$ | Fee Increase / (Decrease) % | Basis of Fee |
|--|------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| BUILDING DEPARTMENT | | | | | | |
| Note: Prices do not include the statutory government levy applicable to all building works over \$10,000 | | | | | | |
| New Dwelling / Dwelling - Extension/Alteration | | | | | | |
| Up to \$5,000 | Taxable | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | 0% | Non-statutory |
| \$5,001 to \$10,000 | Taxable | \$ 844.00 | \$ 869.00 | \$ 25.00 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| \$10,001 to \$20,000 | Taxable | \$ 1,105.00 | \$ 1,138.00 | \$ 33.00 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| \$20,001 to \$50,000 | Taxable | \$ 1,586.00 | \$ 1,634.00 | \$ 48.00 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| \$50,001 to \$100,000 | Taxable | \$ 2,113.00 | \$ 2,176.00 | \$ 63.00 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| \$100,001 to \$150,000 | Taxable | \$ 2,447.00 | | | 3% | Non-statutory |
| \$150,001 to \$200,000 | Taxable | \$ 2,878.00 | | | 3% | Non-statutory |
| \$200,001 to \$250,000 | Taxable | \$ 3,229.00 | | | 3% | Non-statutory |
| \$250,001 to \$300,000 | Taxable | \$ 3,626.00 | \$ 3,735.00 | \$ 109.00 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| \$300,001 to \$350,000 | Taxable | \$ 4,113.00 | \$ 4,236.00 | \$ 123.00 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| \$350,000 and above | Taxable | \$ 4,351.00 | | \$ 131.00 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Notes: | | • .,•• | , | | | , |
| Includes partial compliance | | | | | | |
| Protection works additional \$800 Performance solutions additional \$1,000 (up to 2, more than 2 to be negotiated) Includes four (4) mandatory inspections - additional inspections \$190 each | | | | | | |
| New Dwellings, Re-erection/Re-siting | | | | | | |
| Value of works \$1 to \$200,000 | Taxable | \$ 3,229.00 | \$ 3,326.00 | \$ 97.00 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Value of works \$200,001 to \$250,000 | Taxable | \$ 3,728.00 | \$ 3,840.00 | \$ 112.00 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Value of works \$250,001 to \$350,000 | Taxable | \$ 4,033.00 | \$ 4,154.00 | \$ 121.00 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Value of works \$350,001 and above Notes: | Taxable | \$ 4,118.00 | \$ 4,242.00 | \$ 124.00 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Protection works additional \$800 Performance solutions additional \$1,000 (up to 2, more than 2 to be negotiated) Includes four (4) mandatory inspections - additional inspections \$190 each | | | | | | |
| Miscellaneous - Building Permits | | | | | | |
| Garage/Carport/Shed/Patio/Verandah/Pergola | Taxable | \$ 980.00 | \$ 1,009.00 | \$ 29.00 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Swimming Pool (Fence Alterations Only) | Taxable | \$ 410.00 | | | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Swimming Pool Fence (New Fence Only) | Taxable | \$ 725.00 | | | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Swimming Pool and all Fences | Taxable | \$ 929.00 | | | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Restumping (works must be performed by a Registered Builder) | Taxable | \$ 997.00 | • • • • • | | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Demolish / Remove Building - Domestic (shed / house) | Taxable | \$ 895.00 | \$ 922.00 | \$ 27.00 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Demolish / Remove Building - Commercial Note: Includes three (3) mandatory inspections - additional inspections \$190 each | Taxable | \$ 940.00 | | | 3% | Non-statutory |

| Description of Fees and Charges | GST Status | 2024/25 Fee Inc GST | 2025/26 Fee Inc GST | Fee Increase / (Decrease) | Fee Increase / (Decrease) | Basis of Fee |
|--|------------|---|---|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|
| | | \$ | \$ | \$ | % | |
| Commercial Works | | | | | | |
| Up to \$10,000 | Taxable | \$ 1,059.00 | \$ 1,091.00 | \$ 32.00 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| \$10,001 to \$50,000 | Taxable | \$ 1,530.00 | \$ 1,576.00 | \$ 46.00 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| \$50,001 to \$100,000 | Taxable | \$ 2,266.00 | \$ 2,334.00 | \$ 68.00 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| \$100,001 to \$150,000 | Taxable | \$ 2,804.00 | \$ 2,888.00 | \$ 84.00 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| \$150,001 to \$200,000 | Taxable | \$ 3,172.00 | \$ 3,267.00 | \$ 95.00 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| \$200,001 to \$250,000 | Taxable | \$ 3,739.00 | \$ 3,851.00 | \$ 112.00 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| \$250,001 to \$300,000 | Taxable | \$ 4,328.00 | \$ 4,458.00 | \$ 130.00 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| \$300,001 to \$500,000 | Taxable | \$ 4,929.00 | \$ 5,077.00 | \$ 148.00 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Value of Works above \$500,000 (or negotiated with Council) | Taxable | (Value of works ÷ 50) | (Value of works ÷ 50) | | | |
| Notes: | | | | | | |
| Includes partial compliance | | | | | | |
| Protection works additional \$820 Performance solutions additional \$1,025 (up to 2, more than 2 to be negotiated) Includes four (4) mandatory inspections - additional inspections \$195 each | | | | | | |
| Community Group (Not for Profit) Building works - Building Permits | | | | | | |
| (Discount on Permit fees only - State Government Levy still applies) | | Fee may be negotiated | Fee may be negotiated | | | Non-statutory |
| Levies / Bonds | | | | | | |
| Building Administration Fund Levy (State levy) | | Value of work x 0.00128 | Value of work x 0.00128 | | | Non-statutory |
| Bond/Guarantee for Re-erection of buildings | | (The lesser the cost of the building work or \$5,000) | (The lesser the cost of the building work or \$5,000) | | | |
| Council Infrastructure (Asset) Protection Deposit Inspections | | \$ 793.00 | | \$ 24.00 | 3% | |
| Additional Mandatory Inspections - per hour | | \$ 215.00 | \$ 221.00 | \$ 6.00 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Inspections of Swimming Pool and Spa Barriers (compliance inspections) | | | | | | |
| First Inspection | | \$ 340.00 | \$ 350.00 | \$ 10.00 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Re-inspection | | \$ 210.00 | \$ 216.00 | \$ 6.00 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Note: Includes compliance certificate - FORM 23 or FORM 24 (non- compliance) | | | | | | |
| Excludes prescribed lodgement fees | | | | | | |

| Description of Fees and Charges | GST Status | 2024/25 Fee Inc GST \$ | 2025/26 Fee Inc GST \$ | Increase / Incre (Decrease) (Decr | Basis of Fee |
|---|------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| Swimming Pools and Spa's (Lodgement fees) | | | | | |
| Swimming Pool / Spa registration fee | | As per adopted regulatory fee | As per adopted regulatory fee | | Statutory |
| Swimming Pool / Spa records search determination fee | | As per adopted regulatory fee | As per adopted regulatory fee | | Statutory |
| Lodging a certificate of pool and spa barrier non- compliance | | As per adopted regulatory fee | As per adopted regulatory fee | | Statutory |
| Lodging a certificate of pool and spa barrier compliance | | As per adopted regulatory fee | As per adopted regulatory fee | | Statutory |
| Pool/Spa Failure to Register - Construction before 1 November 2020 | | As per adopted regulatory fee | As per adopted regulatory fee | | Statutory |
| Pool/Spa Failure to Register - Construction on or after 1 November 2020 | | As per adopted regulatory fee | As per adopted regulatory fee | | Statutory |
| Relocatable Pool/Spa Failure to Register | | As per adopted regulatory fee | As per adopted regulatory fee | | Statutory |
| Pool/Spa Failure to register after notice given | | As per adopted regulatory fee | As per adopted regulatory fee | | Statutory |
| Pool/Spa Failure to pay at lodgement of Cert of Compliance | | As per adopted regulatory fee | As per adopted regulatory fee | | Statutory |
| Pool/Spa Failure to lodge Cert of Compliance after alteration | | As per adopted regulatory fee | As per adopted regulatory fee | | Statutory |
| Pool/Spa Failure to lodge Cert of Compliance | | As per adopted regulatory fee | As per adopted regulatory fee | | Statutory |
| Pool/Spa Failure to pay lodgment fee | | As per adopted regulatory fee | As per adopted regulatory fee | | Statutory |
| Report and Consent | | | | | |
| Application for report and consent - Siting | | As per adopted regulatory fee | As per adopted regulatory fee | | Statutory |
| Application for report and consent - Projections | | As per adopted regulatory fee | As per adopted regulatory fee | | Statutory |
| Application for report and consent - Protection of public | | As per adopted regulatory fee | As per adopted regulatory fee | | Statutory |
| Application for report and consent - Building above or below certain public facilities | | As per adopted regulatory fee | As per adopted regulatory fee | | Statutory |
| Application for report and consent - Septic systems | | As per adopted regulatory fee | As per adopted regulatory fee | | Statutory |
| Application for report and consent - To build over an easement vested in Council | | As per adopted regulatory fee | As per adopted regulatory fee | | Statutory |
| Application for report of Council - Location of point of stormwater discharge (LPOD) | | As per adopted regulatory fee | As per adopted regulatory fee | | Statutory |
| Application for report and consent - Flood prone | | As per adopted regulatory fee | As per adopted regulatory fee | | Statutory |
| Application for report and consent - Demolition of building | | As per adopted regulatory fee | As per adopted regulatory fee | | Statutory |

| Description of Fees and Charges | GST Status | 2024/25 Fee Inc GST | 2025/26 Fee Inc GST | Fee Increase / | Fee Increase / | Basis of Fee |
|--|------------|---|---|-------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Description of Fees and Charges | GOT Status | \$ | \$ | (Decrease) \$ | (Decrease) % | Dasis UI Fee |
| | | | | | | |
| Request for Information | | | | | | |
| Property Information Requests | | As per adopted regulatory fee | As per adopted regulatory fee | | | Statutory |
| (Regulation 326(1), 326(2) and 326(3) | | | | | | |
| Request for Professional Advice/Consultation - per hour | Taxable | \$ 180.00 | \$ 185.00 | \$ 5.00 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| File Retrieval / Search | | | | | | |
| File Retrival - Minor Document (eg building / Occupancy Permit / Plans) each | | \$ 51.00 | \$ 53.00 | \$ 2.00 | 4% | Non-statutory |
| File Retrieval/Search (eg Permit History) Each | | \$ 136.00 | \$ 140.00 | \$ 4.00 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Amended Building Permit | | | | | | |
| Amended Building Permit - minor alterations | Taxable | \$ 193.00 | \$ 199.00 | \$ 6.00 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Amended Building Permit - major alterations | Taxable | \$ 317.00 | | | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Time Extension - Building Permit - first request | Taxable | \$ 329.00 | \$ 339.00 | \$ 10.00 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Time Extension - Building Permit - second request | Taxable | \$ 374.00 | \$ 385.00 | \$ 11.00 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Time Extension - Building Permit - third request | Taxable | \$ 419.00 | \$ 432.00 | \$ 13.00 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Inspection fee for permits issued by private building surveyors | Taxable | \$303 + \$1.90 per km outside of Nhill | \$303 + \$1.90 per km outside of Nhill | | | Non-statutory |
| Refunds | | | | | | |
| Withdrawn Application – Permit Lodged Not Yet Assessed | Taxable | \$ 408.00 | \$ 420.00 | \$ 12.00 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Withdrawn Application – Permit Assessed Not Yet Issued | Taxable | 40% of fees (Minimum \$492.00) | 40% of fees (Minimum \$492.00) | | | Non-statutory |
| Permit Cancellation – After Permit Issued (Refund only for inspections not carried out, based on inspection fee at time of cancellation) | Taxable | Permit fees retained | Permit fees retained | | | Non-statutory |
| Permit Cancellation - After Permit Expited | Taxable | No refund | No refund | | | Non-statutory |
| Lodgement Fee | | | | | | |
| Lodgement fee for Private Building Surveyors | | As per adopted regulatory fee | As per adopted regulatory fee | | | |
| (Submission of Section 80, 30 and 73) (lodged via hard copy/email/facsimile) | | | · • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • | | | |
| Lodgement fee for Private Building Surveyors | | As per adopted regulatory fee | As per adopted regulatory fee | | | |
| (Submission of Section 80, 30 and 73) (lodged wholly online via Greenlight only) | | | | | | |
| For community events see "Events" section | | | | | | |

| Description of Fees and Charges | GST Status | 2024/25 Fee Inc GST | 2025/26 Fee Inc GST | Fee Increase / (Decrease) | Fee Increase / (Decrease) | Basis of Fee |
|--|------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|
| | | \$ | \$ | \$ | % | |
| CAMPING FEES | | | | | | |
| Note: Some items may not be available at all times | | | | | | |
| Peak Times | | | | | | |
| Four Mile Beach - Powered Site Daily | Taxable | \$ 15.00 | \$ 17.00 | \$ 2.00 | 13% | Non-statutory |
| Four Mile Beach - Powered Site Weekly | Taxable | \$ 97.00 | \$ 105.00 | \$ 8.00 | 8% | Non-statutory |
| Four Mile Beach - Unpowered Site Daily | Taxable | \$ 10.00 | \$ 12.00 | \$ 2.00 | 20% | Non-statutory |
| Four Mile Beach - Unpowered Site Weekly | Taxable | \$ 65.00 | \$ 75.00 | \$ 10.00 | 15% | Non-statutory |
| Caravan Park Fees - Jeparit and Rainbow | | | | | | |
| Daily Rates | | | | | | |
| Linen fee - to be charged when customers want linen changed during lengthy stay in cabins | Taxable | \$ 52.00 | \$ 55.00 | \$ 3.00 | 6% | Non-statutory |
| Powered site (2 persons) | Taxable | \$ 27.50 | \$ 28.50 | \$ 1.00 | 4% | Non-statutory |
| Unpowered site | Taxable | \$ 22.50 | | | 11% | Non-statutory |
| Extra person > 16 years old | Taxable | \$ 10.00 | | | 25% | Non-statutory |
| Extra person 6 - 15 years old | Taxable | \$ 5.00 | | | 0% | Non-statutory |
| Jeparit - Studio Cabin | Taxable | \$ 110.00 | | | 9% | Non-statutory |
| Jeparit - 2 bedroom cabin luxury | Taxable | \$ 160.00 | | | 6% | Non-statutory |
| Rainbow - 2 bedroom cabin luxury | Taxable | \$ 160.00 | | | 6% | Non-statutory |
| Weekly Rates (less than 40 days) | | | | | | |
| Powered site (2 persons) | Taxable | \$ 160.00 | \$ 180.00 | \$ 20.00 | 13% | Non-statutory |
| Unpowered site | Taxable | \$ 95.00 | | | 5% | Non-statutory |
| Extra person > 16 years old | Taxable | \$ 47.00 | | | 4% | Non-statutory |
| Extra person 6 - 15 years old | Taxable | \$ 32.00 | | | 9% | Non-statutory |
| Jeparit - Cabin | Taxable | \$ 640.00 | | | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Jeparit - Studio Cabin - Trades/Contractors | Taxable | \$ 530.00 | | | 4% | Non-statutory |
| Jeparit - 2 bedroom cabin luxury | Taxable | \$ 770.00 | \$ 800.00 | | 4% | Non-statutory |
| Rainbow - 2 bedroom cabin luxury | Taxable | \$ 770.00 | | | 4% | Non-statutory |
| Caravan Park Fees - Dimboola | | | | | | |
| Daily Rates | | | | | | |
| Peak Times | | | | | | |
| Linen fee - to be charged when customers want linen changed during lengthy stay in cabins | Taxable | \$ 52.00 | \$ 55.00 | \$ 3.00 | 6% | Non-statutory |
| Powered site (2 persons) | Taxable | \$ 42.00 | \$ 46.00 | \$ 4.00 | 10% | Non-statutory |
| Unpowered site | Taxable | \$ 27.50 | \$ 29.00 | \$ 1.50 | 5% | Non-statutory |
| Extra person > 16 years old | Taxable | \$ 10.00 | \$ 12.00 | \$ 2.00 | 20% | Non-statutory |
| Extra person 6 - 15 years old | Taxable | \$ 10.00 | \$ 12.00 | \$ 2.00 | 20% | Non-statutory |
| Ensuite site | Taxable | \$ 65.00 | \$ 67.00 | \$ 2.00 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Cabin (Number 53 & 54) - 2 adults | Taxable | \$ 115.00 | \$ 120.00 | \$ 5.00 | 4% | Non-statutory |
| Cabin (2 bedroom) - 2 adults, 2 children | Taxable | \$ 180.00 | \$ 190.00 | \$ 10.00 | 6% | Non-statutory |
| Cabin (2 bedroom) - luxury | Taxable | \$ 190.00 | \$ 210.00 | \$ 20.00 | 11% | Non-statutory |
| Cabin (Studio) - No's 10 & 11 | Taxable | \$ 130.00 | \$ 145.00 | \$ 15.00 | 12% | Non-statutory |
| Cabin (3 Bedroom) - No 9 | Taxable | \$ 210.00 | \$ 240.00 | \$ 30.00 | 14% | Non-statutory |
| Off Peak Times | | | | | | |
| Linen fee - to be charged when customers want linen changed during lengthy stay in cabins | Taxable | \$ 52.00 | \$ 55.00 | \$ 3.00 | 6% | Non-statutory |
| Powered site (2 persons) | Taxable | \$ 39.00 | \$ 42.00 | \$ 3.00 | 8% | Non-statutory |
| Unpowered site | Taxable | \$ 22.50 | | | 11% | Non-statutory |
| Extra person > 16 years old | Taxable | \$ 10.00 | | | 20% | Non-statutory |
| Extra person 6 - 15 years old | Taxable | \$ 10.00 | | | 20% | Non-statutory |
| Ensuite site | Taxable | \$ 58.00 | | | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Cabin (Number 53 & 54) - 2 adults | Taxable | \$ 110.00 | | | 5% | Non-statutory |
| Cabin (2 bedroom) - 2 adults, 2 children | Taxable | \$ 160.00 | | | 9% | Non-statutory |
| Cabin (2 bedroom) - luxury | Taxable | \$ 165.00 | | | 9% | Non-statutory |
| | | | | | | |
| Cabin (Studio) - No's 10 & 11 | Taxable | \$ 125.00 | \$ 135.00 | \$ 10.00 | 8% | Non-statutory |

| | | 2024/25 Fee Inc GST | 2025/26 Fee Inc GST | Fee Increase / | Fee Increase / | |
|--|--------------------|------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| Description of Fees and Charges | GST Status | \$ | \$ | | (Decrease) % | Basis of Fee |
| Weekly Rates (less than 40 days) | | | | | | |
| Peak Times | | | | | | |
| Powered site (2 persons) | Taxable | \$ 253.00 | \$ 260.00 | \$ 7.00 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Unpowered site | Taxable | \$ 155.00 | \$ 165.00 | \$ 10.00 | 6% | Non-statutory |
| Extra person > 16 years old | Taxable | \$ 60.00 | \$ 70.00 | \$ 10.00 | 17% | Non-statutory |
| Extra person 6 - 15 years old | Taxable | \$ 45.00 | \$ 50.00 | \$ 5.00 | 11% | Non-statutory |
| Ensuite site | Taxable | \$ 310.00 | \$ 320.00 | \$ 10.00 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Cabin (Number 53 & 54) - 2 adults | Taxable | \$ 690.00 | | | 4% | Non-statutory |
| Cabin (Number 53 & 54) - Trades/Contractor | Taxable | \$ 575.00 | | | 4% | Non-statutory |
| Cabin (2 bedroom) - 2 adults, 2 children | Taxable | \$ 1,075.00 | | | 2% | Non-statutory |
| Cabin (2 bedroom) - luxury | Taxable | \$ 1,120.00 | | | 1% | Non-statutory |
| Cabin (Studio) - No's 10 & 11 | Taxable | \$ 755.00 | | | 6% | Non-statutory |
| Cabin (3 Bedroom) - No 9 | Taxable | \$ 1,240.00 | \$ 1,265.00 | \$ 25.00 | 2% | Non-statutory |
| Off Peak Times | | | | | | |
| Powered site (2 persons) | Taxable | \$ 224.00 | | | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Unpowered site | Taxable | \$ 128.00 | \$ 135.00 | \$ 7.00 | 5% | Non-statutory |
| Extra person > 16 years old | Taxable | \$ 65.00 | \$ 70.00 | \$ 5.00 | 8% | Non-statutory |
| Extra person 6 - 15 years old | Taxable | \$ 48.00 | \$ 52.00 | \$ 4.00 | 8% | Non-statutory |
| Ensuite site | Taxable | \$ 289.00 | \$ 296.00 | \$ 7.00 | 2% | Non-statutory |
| Cabin (Number 53 & 54) - 2 adults | Taxable | \$ 643.00 | \$ 660.00 | \$ 17.00 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Cabin (Number 53 & 54) - Trades/Contractor | Taxable | \$ 536.00 | \$ 550.00 | \$ 14.00 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Cabin (2 bedroom) - 2 adults, 2 children | Taxable | \$ 875.00 | | | 2% | Non-statutory |
| Cabin (2 bedroom) - luxury | Taxable | \$ 900.00 | | | 2% | Non-statutory |
| Cabin (Studio) - No's 10 & 11 | Taxable | \$ 700.00 | | | 4% | Non-statutory |
| Cabin (3 Bedroom) - No 9 | Taxable | \$ 1,100.00 | \$ 1,195.00 | \$ 95.00 | 9% | Non-statutory |
| *Peak Times: November to March, Public Holidays, Special Events Dimboola weekends. | | | | | | |
| Other items | | | | | | |
| Fire drum hire (per visit) | Taxable | \$ 10.00 | \$ 15.00 | \$ 5.00 | 50% | Non-statutory |
| Fire wood - 20kg bag | Taxable | \$ 10.00 | \$ 15.00 | \$ 5.00 | 50% | Non-statutory |
| Bike hire - 30 minutes | Taxable | \$ 5.00 | \$ 5.00 | \$- | 0% | Non-statutory |
| Caravan Park Fees - Nhill | | | | | | |
| Powered site (2 persons) | Taxable | \$ 42.00 | \$ 45.00 | \$ 3.00 | 7% | Non-statutory |
| Unpowered site | Taxable | \$ 27.50 | \$ 30.00 | \$ 2.50 | 9% | Non-statutory |
| Extra person > 6 years old | Taxable | \$ 10.00 | \$ 12.00 | \$ 2.00 | 20% | Non-statutory |
| Ensuite site | Taxable | \$ 65.00 | \$ 67.00 | \$ 2.00 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Studio Cabins - 2 adults | Taxable | New | \$ 135.00 | | | Non-statutory |
| Cabin (Number 5) | Taxable | \$ 105.00 | \$ 115.00 | \$ 10.00 | 10% | Non-statutory |
| Cabin (Number 7 & 8) | Taxable | \$ 115.00 | \$ 125.00 | \$ 10.00 | 9% | Non-statutory |
| Cabin (Number 3 & 6) | Taxable | \$ 125.00 | \$ 135.00 | \$ 10.00 | 8% | Non-statutory |
| Cabin (Number 9 & 10) | Taxable | \$ 180.00 | \$ 195.00 | \$ 15.00 | 8% | Non-statutory |
| Linen fee - to be charged when customers want linen changed during lengthy stay in cabins | Taxable | \$ 10.00 | \$ 10.00 | \$- | 0% | Non-statutory |
| Waakky Ratao (loop than 40 days) | | | | | | |
| Weekly Rates (less than 40 days) | Taxabla | ¢ 253.00 | ¢ 260.00 | \$ 7.00 | 3% | Non-statutor : |
| Powered site (2 persons) | Taxable Taxable | \$ 253.00 \$ 155.00 | | | 3% 6% | Non-statutory |
| Unpowered site Extra person > 6 years old | Taxable | \$ 155.00 \$ 60.00 | | | 6% 8% | Non-statutory Non-statutory |
| Extra person > 6 years old Ensuite site | Taxable | \$ 60.00 \$ 310.00 | | | 8% 5% | Non-statutory |
| Studio Cabins - 2 adults | Taxable | \$ 310.00 New | | | 5 /0 | Non-statutory |
| Cabin (Number 5) | Taxable | \$ 630.00 | | | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Cabin (Number 5) Cabin (Number 7 & 8) | Taxable | \$ 700.00 | | | 3% 4% | Non-statutory |
| Cabin (Number 7 & 8) Cabin (Number 3 & 6) | Taxable | \$ 700.00 | | | 4% 3% | Non-statutory |
| Cabin (Number 9 & 10) | Taxable | \$ 1,075.00 | | | 2% | Non-statutory |
| Linen fee - to be charged when customers want linen | | | | | | |
| changed during lengthy stay in cabins | Taxable | \$ 52.00 | \$ 55.00 | \$ 3.00 | 6% | Non-statutory |
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| Description of Fees and Charges | GST Status | 2024/25 Fee Inc GST | 2025/26 Fee Inc GST | Increase / (Decrease) | Increase / (Decrease) | Basis of Fee |
| | | \$ | \$ | \$ | % | |
| COMMUNITY BUS Community Group Hire Fees - per kilometre | Taxable | \$ 0.45 | \$ 0.50 | \$ 0.05 | 11% | Non-statutory |
| *Note: Fuel at cost of hirer; bus must be returned with full | Taxable | φ 0.45 | φ 0.50 | φ 0.05 | 1170 | Non-statutory |
| tank of fuel. | | | | | | |
| Other Hirer Fees - per kilometre | Taxable | \$ 1.00 | \$ 1.25 | \$ 0.25 | 25% | Non-statutory |
| *Note: Fuel at cost of hirer; bus must be returned with full tank of fuel. | | | | | | |
| DISABLED PARKING LABELS | | | | | | |
| Disabled parking labels | Taxable | \$ 9.70 | \$ 10.00 | \$ 0.30 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| ELECTIONS | | | | | | |
| Candidate deposits | Non-taxable | \$ 250.00 | \$ 250.00 | \$- | 0% | Statutory |
| Failure to vote fines (Local Government Act 2020) | Non-taxable | \$ 91.00 | \$ 91.00 | \$- | 0% | Statutory |
| EQUIPMENT HIRE | | | | | | |
| Equipment hire bonds and fees do not apply to Committees of Council | | | | | | |
| Bond | | | | | | |
| Large Equipment | Non-taxable | \$ 200.00 | \$ 200.00 | \$- | 0% | Non-statutory |
| Small Equipment | Non-taxable | \$ 100.00 | \$ 100.00 | | 0% | Non-statutory |
| | | | | \$- | % | |
| Hire Charges | Taxable | ¢ 20.00 | \$ 25.00 | \$- \$5.00 | % 25% | Non statuton/ |
| Small Equipment - Community Group (per day) Small Equipment - Private Hire (per day) | Taxable | \$ 20.00 \$ 40.00 | | | 13% | Non-statutory Non-statutory |
| Large Equipment - Community Group (per day) | Taxable | \$ 40.00 | | | 13% | Non-statutory |
| Large Equipment - Private Hire (per day) | Taxable | \$ 80.00 | | | 6% | Non-statutory |
| EVENTS | | | | | | |
| Hire of Variable Message Sign (per week) (including set | Taxable | \$ 218.00 | \$ 225.00 | \$ 7.00 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| up of message) Completion of Traffic Management Plan (per hour) | Taxable | \$ 65.00 | \$ 67.00 | \$ 2.00 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Execution of Road Closure for events including all | Taxable | \$ 192.00 | \$ 198.00 | \$ 6.00 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| signage (per hour) Newspaper advertising of Road Closures | Taxable | At Cost | At Cost | | 0% | Non-statutory |
| Place of Public Entertainment (POPE) Occupany Permit | Taxable | \$ 453.00 | | | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Temporary Siting Approval or Temporary Structure | | | | | | |
| Inspection Entertainment / Event Consideration, Notification and | Taxable | \$ 295.00 | | | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Approval - No Permit Required | Taxable | \$ 23.00 | | | с | Non-statutory |
| Events Permit Liquor Permit | Taxable Taxable | New | \$ 76.00 \$ 49.00 | • | 0% 0% | Non-statutory Non-statutory |
| | Tuxubic | | φ 40.00 | Ŷ | 070 | Non statutory |
| FIRE PREVENTION NOTICES | | \$205.00 plus removal | \$210.00 plus removal | • - • • | 201 | |
| Fire Hazard Removal | Taxable | costs | costs | \$ 5.00 | 2% | Non-statutory |
| Failure to comply with Fire Prevention Notice (Country Fire Authority Act 1958) | Non-taxable | As per adopted regulatory fee | As per adopted regulatory fee | | 0% | Statutory |
| FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUESTS | | | | | | |
| Freedom of Information - Application fee | Non-taxable | As per adopted | \$ 33.60 | \$- | 0% | Statutory |
| Freedom of Information - Search fee (per hour) | Non-taxable | regulatory fee \$ 23.85 | \$ 23.85 | \$ - | 0% | Statutory |
| Freedom of Information - Supervision charge (per 15 | Non-taxable | \$ 6.00 | \$ 6.00 | | 0% | Statutory |
| minutes) Freedom of Information - Photocopy charge (black and white) | Non-taxable | \$ 0.20 | \$ 0.20 | \$- | 0% | Statutory |
| GARBAGE BIN SALES | | | | | | |
| 120 litre bin | Taxable | \$ 81.00 | \$ 83.00 | \$ 2.00 | 2% | Non-statutory |
| 240 litre bin | Taxable | \$ 102.00 | \$ 105.00 | \$ 3.00 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Replacement bin lid - 120 litre | Taxable | \$ 28.00 | | | 4% | Non-statutory |
| Replacement bin lid - 240 litre | Taxable | \$ 28.00 | \$ 29.00 | \$ 1.00 | 4% | Non-statutory |

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| HALL HIRE | | | | | | |
| Bonds | | | | | | |
| Meetings - Community Group | Non-taxable | \$ 50.00 | \$ 52.00 | \$ 2.00 | 4% | Non-statutory |
| Meetings - Private/Commercial | Non-taxable | \$ 100.00 | \$ 103.00 | | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Functions - Community Group | Non-taxable | \$ 250.00 | \$ 258.00 | | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Functions - Private/Commercial | Non-taxable | \$ 250.00 | \$ 258.00 | | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Functions with Alcohol | Non-taxable | \$ 400.00 | \$ 412.00 | \$ 12.00 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Jeparit Hall | | | | | | |
| Hall Hire - Functions and Meetings (Over 3 hours) | Taxable | \$ 250.00 | \$ 150.00 | \$ (100.00) | -40% | Non-statutory |
| Hall Hire - Functions and Meetings (Up to 3 hours) | Taxable | \$ 75.00 | \$ 75.00 | \$- | 0% | Non-statutory |
| Hall Hire - Functions and Meetings (after 1am per hour) | Taxable | \$ 57.00 | \$ 59.00 | \$ 2.00 | 4% | Non-statutory |
| Kitchen Use | Taxable | \$ 23.00 | \$ 24.00 | \$ 1.00 | 4% | Non-statutory |
| Cool Room | Taxable | \$ 23.00 | \$ 24.00 | | 4% | Non-statutory |
| Small meeting room (hourly) | Taxable | \$ 5.00 | \$ 5.00 | | 0% | Non-statutory |
| Community Groups | Tuxuble | 50% of applicable fee | 50% of applicable fee | Ŷ | 0,0 | Non statutory |
| | | | | | | |
| Nhill Memorial Community Centre | New translate | ¢ 400.00 | ¢ | ¢ 10.00 | 00/ | No totato to |
| Functions with Alcohol | Non-taxable | \$ 400.00 | \$ 410.00 | | 2% | Non-statutory |
| Hall Hire - Functions and Meetings (Over 3 hours) | Taxable | \$ 250.00 | \$ 255.00 | | 2% | Non-statutory |
| Hall Hire - Functions and Meetings (Up to 3 hours) | Taxable | \$ 100.00 | \$ 105.00 | | 5% | Non-statutory |
| Hall Hire - Functions and Meetings (after 1am per hour) | Taxable | \$ 57.00 | \$ 60.00 | | 5% | Non-statutory |
| Hall Hire - Set up / Pack up (daily) | Taxable | \$ 57.00 | \$ 60.00 | | 5% | Non-statutory |
| Kitchen / Bar / Cool room Hire | Taxable | \$ 52.00 | \$ 55.00 | | 6% | Non-statutory |
| Baby Grand Piano | Taxable | \$ 57.00 | \$ 60.00 | | 5% | Non-statutory |
| Table Cloths (round or oblong) - each | Taxable | \$ 15.00 | \$ 15.00 | | 0% | Non-statutory |
| Cleaning | Taxable | \$ 160.00 | \$ 170.00 | \$ 10.00 | 6% | Non-statutory |
| Community Groups | | 50% of applicable fee | 50% of applicable fee | | | Non-statutory |
| Old Shire Hall (Dimboola Civic Hub & Meeting Room) | | | | | | |
| Meeting Room - Community Group Hire - per hour* | Taxable | \$- | \$- | \$- | | Non-statutory |
| Meeting Room - Private Function Hire - per hour* | Taxable | \$ 5.00 | \$ 5.00 | \$- | 0% | Non-statutory |
| Hall Hire - Functions and Meetings (Over 3 hours) | Taxable | \$ 250.00 | \$ 258.00 | \$ 8.00 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Hall Hire - Functions and Meetings (Up to 3 hours) | Taxable | \$ 100.00 | \$ 105.00 | \$ 5.00 | 5% | Non-statutory |
| Hall Hire - Functions and Meetings (after 1am per hour) | Taxable | \$ 57.00 | \$ 59.00 | \$ 2.00 | 4% | Non-statutory |
| Exhibitions & Displays - (per day) | Taxable | \$ 20.00 | \$ 21.00 | \$ 1.00 | 5% | Non-statutory |
| Community Groups | Taxable | 50% of applicable fee | 50% of applicable fee | | | Non-statutory |
| Senior Citizens Centre - Nhill | | | | | | |
| 0 to 1 hour | Taxable | New | \$ 10.00 | | | |
| 1 to 3 hours | Taxable | New | \$ 30.00 | | | Non-statutory |
| More than 3 hours | Taxable | New | \$ 70.00 | | | Non-statutory |
| Functions ater 1am - per hour | Taxable | New | \$ 57.00 | | | Non-statutory |
| Community Group | Taxable | | 50% of applicable fee | | | Non-statutory |
| Movie Tickets | | | | | | |
| Adult | Taxable | \$ 13.00 | \$ 15.00 | \$ 2.00 | % | Non-statutory |
| Concession | Taxable | \$ 8.00 | \$ 10.00 | | 25% | Non-statutory |
| Family (2 Adults & 3 Children/Concession) | Taxable | \$ 32.00 | \$ 35.00 | | 23% 9% | Non-statutory |
| Bulk Buy - Adult (6) | Taxable | \$ 65.00 | \$ 70.00 | | 8% | Non-statutory |
| Bulk Buy - Child/Concession (6) | Taxable | \$ 30.00 | \$ 35.00 | | 17% | Non-statutory |
| Bulk Buy - Family (6) | Taxable | \$ 150.00 | \$ 165.00 | | 10% | Non-statutory |
| Classic Movies | | Gold Coin Donation | Gold Coin Donation | , | | Non-statutory |
| Special Maria Frant Tisket- | | | | | | |
| Special Movie Event Tickets Adult | Taxable | \$ 10.00 | \$ 12.00 | \$ 2.00 | 20% | Non-statutory |
| Concession | Taxable | \$ 5.00 | | | 40% | Non-statutory |
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| HEALTH REGISTRATIONS | | | . | | | |
| Initial Registration of Premises | Non-taxable | Relevant renewal fee + 50% | Relevant renewal fee + 50% | | | Non-statutory |
| Transfer of registration fee (PH&W only) | Non-taxable | 50% of relevant renewal fee | 50% of relevant renewal fee | | | Non-statutory |
| Transfer of Registration - Accommodation Transfer of food premises | Non-taxable Non-taxable | 50% of annual fee N/A | 50% of annual fee N/A | | | Non-statutory Non-statutory |
| Additional inspection due to continued non-compliance | Non-taxable | \$ 155.00 | \$ 160.00 | \$ 5.00 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Additional sampling due to continued non-compliance | Non-taxable | At cost + 50% | At cost + 50% | | | Non-statutory |
| Inspection by request | Non-taxable | \$ 155.00 | \$ 160.00 | \$ 5.00 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Food Act - Fixed Premises | | | | | | |
| Food premises class 1 (hospital / aged care / child care) | Non-taxable | \$ 464.00 | \$ 478.00 | \$ 14.00 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Food premises class 2 standard | Non-taxable | \$ 361.00 | \$ 372.00 | \$ 11.00 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Food premises class 2 standard Community Groups | Non-taxable | | \$ 100.00 | \$ 100.00 | | Non-statutory |
| Food premises class 3 | Non-taxable | \$ 180.00 | \$ 185.00 | \$ 5.00 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Food premises class 3 Community Groups | Non-taxable | | \$ 75.00 | \$ 75.00 | | Non-statutory |
| Food premises class 4 | Non-taxable | \$- | \$- | \$- | | Non-statutory |
| Food Premises Class 5 Home business provide class 2 or 3 to community run not for profit | Non-taxable | | \$ 30.00 | \$ 30.00 | | Non-statutory |
| Food Act Streattrader | | | | | | |
| Class 2 - Mobile yearly fee business | Non-taxable | \$ 361.00 | \$ 372.00 | \$ 11.00 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Class 2 - Community Group | Non-taxable | \$ 52.00 | \$ 54.00 | \$ 2.00 | 4% | Non-statutory |
| Class 3 - Mobile yearly fee business | Non-taxable | \$ 180.00 | \$ 185.00 | \$ 5.00 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Class 3 with class 2 fixed premises registration | Non-taxable | \$ 52.00 | \$ 54.00 | \$ 2.00 | 4% | Non-statutory |
| Class 3 - Community Group | Non-taxable | \$ 52.00 | \$ 54.00 | \$ 2.00 | 4% | Non-statutory |
| Public Health and Wellbeing | | | | | | |
| Prescribed accommodation - Hotels, motels, B&B able to sleep 5 or more people etc <10 beds | Non-taxable | \$ 206.00 | \$ 212.00 | \$ 6.00 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Prescribed accommodation - Hotels, motels, B&B able to sleep 5 or more people etc 10-20 beds | Non-taxable | \$ 258.00 | \$ 266.00 | \$ 8.00 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Prescribed accommodation - Hotels, motels, B&B able to sleep 5 or more people etc >20 beds | Non-taxable | \$ 309.00 | \$ 318.00 | \$ 9.00 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Beauty (including Hairdressing) – waxing, nails and ear piercing etc annual renewal | Non-taxable | \$ 155.00 | \$ 160.00 | \$ 5.00 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Hairdressers/make up – one off registrations (inspect 3 years) hairdressing & make up only – no other activity | Non-taxable | \$ 155.00 | \$ 160.00 | \$ 5.00 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Transfer of Registration - Hairdressers | Non-taxable | \$ 93.00 | \$ 96.00 | \$ 3.00 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Skin Pen - tattooing, ear piercing etc | Non-taxable | \$ 206.00 | \$ 212.00 | \$ 6.00 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| *Premises should be registered to the highest risk activity | | | | | | |
| Aquatic Facilities | | | | | | |
| Pools public / private accommodation / spas | Non-taxable | \$ 206.00 | \$ 212.00 | \$ 6.00 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Caravan Parks - Total number of sites (other than camp sites) | | • | • | • •••• | | |
| Not exceeding 25 | Non-taxable | \$ 270.30 | \$ 270.30 | | | Statutory |
| Exceeding 25 but not 50 | Non-taxable | \$ 540.60 | \$ 540.60 | | | Statutory |
| Exceeding 50 but not 100 | Non-taxable | \$ 1,081.20 | \$ 1,081.20 | | | Statutory |
| Exceeding 100 but not 150 | Non-taxable | \$ 1,637.70 | \$ 1,637.70 | | | Statutory |
| Transfer of Registration - Caravan Park | Non-taxable | \$ 93.00 | | \$ 3.00 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Late payment penalty for all registrations | Non-taxable | 50% of annual fee | 50% of annual fee | | | Non-statutory |
| Environmental Protection Act | | | | | | |
| Application to install a septic system | Non-taxable | \$ 361.00 | \$ 372.00 | | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Application to amend/alter an existing system | Non-taxable | \$ 155.00 | \$ 160.00 | | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Application to extend a septic application | Non-taxable | \$ 180.00 | | | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Additional inspection due to non-compliance | Non-taxable | \$ 113.00 | \$ 116.00 | \$ 3.00 | 3% | Non-statutory |

| | | | | Fee | Fee | |
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| Description of Fees and Charges | GST Status | 2024/25 Fee Inc GST | 2025/26 Fee Inc GST | Increase / (Decrease) | Increase / (Decrease) | Basis of Fee |
| | | \$ | \$ | \$ | % | |
| INSURANCE Stall holder - one off event | Taxable | \$ 40.00 | \$ 41.00 | \$ 1.00 | 2% | Non-statutory |
| Stall holder - regular event (per event) | Taxable | \$ 40.00 | | | 2 % 5% | |
| Hirer of Public Hall | Taxable | | | | 5% 6% | Non-statutory |
| | | | | | | Non-statutory |
| Performers / Buskers / Artists | Taxable | \$ 40.00 | \$ 41.00 | \$ 1.00 | 2% | Non-statutory |
| Tutors - Non sporting (music teachers, craft teachers etc.) - Annual coverage | Taxable | \$ 213.00 | \$ 219.00 | \$ 6.00 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| LIBRARIES | | | | | | |
| Lost or damaged items | Taxable | Cost of replacement plus processing fee | Cost of replacement plus processing fee | | | Non-statutory |
| Processing Fee | Taxable | \$ 5.00 | | \$- | 0% | Non-statutory |
| LITTERING FINES (Environment Protection Act 2017) | | | | | | |
| Littering fines - deposit small item of litter | Non-taxable | \$ 370.00 | \$ 370.00 | \$ - | 0% | Statutory |
| | Non-taxable | | | | 0% | - |
| Littering fines - deposit litter | Non-taxable | \$ 370.00 \$ 740.00 | | | 0% | Statutory |
| Littering fines - deposit burning litter Unsecured load fines | Non-taxable | \$ 740.00 \$ 740.00 | | | 0% | Statutory |
| Unsecured load lines | NON-LAXADIE | ۵ | ۵ | ф - | 0% | Statutory |
| LOCAL LAWS PERMIT FEES | | | | | | |
| Document processing fee (Admin fee) | Non-taxable | \$ 21.00 | \$ 22.00 | \$ 1.00 | % | Non-statutory |
| Light a Fire in the Open Air in Residential Areas | Non-taxable | \$ 42.00 | \$ 43.00 | \$ 1.00 | 2% | Non-statutory |
| Waste containers | Non-taxable | \$ 65.00 | \$ 67.00 | \$ 2.00 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Recreational Vehicles | Non-taxable | \$ 33.00 | \$ 34.00 | \$ 1.00 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Street Traders and Collectors Permits | Non-taxable | \$ 49.00 | \$ 50.00 | \$ 1.00 | 2% | Non-statutory |
| Signs on pavement, street furniture and/or merchandise - 3 years (pro rata in accordance with renewal cycle) | Non-taxable | \$ 228.00 | \$ 150.00 | \$ (78.00) | -34% | Non-statutory |
| Streets and Roads - Temporary Vehicle Crossing | Non-taxable | \$- | \$- | \$- | 0% | Non-statutory |
| Streets and Roads - Heavy or Long Vehicles | Non-taxable | \$ 98.00 | \$ 101.00 | \$ 3.00 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Streets and Roads - Removal of Firewood | Non-taxable | \$ 33.00 | \$ 34.00 | \$ 1.00 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Streets and Roads - Cut and Burn on Road Reserves | Non-taxable | \$ 42.00 | \$ 43.00 | \$ 1.00 | 2% | Non-statutory |
| For community events see Events section | | | | | | |
| Keeping of Animals | | | | | | |
| Dogs - permit to exceed prescribed number of animals (where no planning permit required) - 3 years | Non-taxable | \$ 228.20 | \$ 235.00 | \$ 6.80 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Cats - permit to exceed prescribed number of animals (where no planning permit required) - 3 years | Non-taxable | \$ 228.20 | \$ 235.00 | \$ 6.80 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Horses and Cattle - 3 years | Non-taxable | \$ 228.20 | \$ 235.00 | \$ 6.80 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Domestic Birds and Poultry - 3 years | Non-taxable | \$ 228.20 | | | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Pigeons - 3 years | Non-taxable | \$ 228.20 | | | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Rodents and Reptiles - 3 years | Non-taxable | \$ 228.20 | • | | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Other Animals - 3 years | Non-taxable | \$ 228.20 | | | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Different Types of Animals - 3 years | Non-taxable | \$ 228.20 | | | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Protection of Council Assets | | | | | | |
| *Note: These fees are set by VicRoads on 01 July each year. | | | | | | |
| Road Opening Permit - L1 | Taxable | \$ 694.50 | \$ 715.00 | \$ 20.50 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Road Opening Permit - L2 | Taxable | \$ 378.00 | | | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Road Opening Permit - L3 | Taxable | \$ 149.70 | | | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Road Opening Permit - L4 | Taxable | \$ 96.90 | | | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Building Regulations 2018 (Reg 133(2)) (Section 36(4)) | | | | | | |
| Legal point of Discharge | Non-taxable | As per adopted regulatory fee | As per adopted regulatory fee | | | Statutory |
| Asset Surveillance | Non-taxable | As per adopted regulatory fee | As per adopted regulatory fee | | | Statutory |
| Other | | \$355.00 plus touris | \$355 00 plug tour | | | |
| Abandoned motor vehicle | Non-taxable | \$355.00 plus towing expenses at cost | \$355.00 plus towing expenses at cost | | | Non-statutory |

| | | 2024/25 Fee Inc GST | 2025/26 Fee Inc GST | Fee Increase / | Fee Increase / | |
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| | | \$ | \$ | \$ | % | |
| | | | | | | |
| MUSEUM FEES Wimmera Mallee Pioneer Museum | | | | | | |
| Adult | Taxable | \$ 12.00 | \$ 12.00 | s - | 0% | Non-statutory |
| Pensioner | Taxable | \$ 8.00 | \$ 8.00 | | 0% | • |
| Adult over 90 | Taxable | \$ - | \$ 0.00 | | 070 | Non-statutory Non-statutory |
| Children under 5 | Taxable | \$- \$- | \$- \$- | \$- | | Non-statutory |
| Children over 5 but under 12 | Taxable | \$ 5.00 | \$ 5.00 | | 0% | Non-statutory |
| Family | Taxable | \$ 25.00 | \$ 26.00 | | 4% | Non-statutory |
| Groups of 10 or more | Taxable | \$ 8.00 | \$ 8.00 | | 0% | Non-statutory |
| School groups (per student - teachers no charge) | Taxable | \$ 5.00 | • | | 0% | Non-statutory |
| Yurunga Homestead | | | | | | |
| Adult | Taxable | \$ 7.50 | \$ 8.00 | \$ 0.50 | 7% | Non-statutory |
| Secondary School Student | | \$ 5.00 | \$ 5.00 | \$- | % | Non-statutory |
| Children under 12 | Taxable | Free | Free | | | |
| Groups | | | | | | |
| Lunch | Taxable | \$ 17.50 | \$ 18.00 | \$ 0.50 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Lunch plus tour | Taxable | \$ 25.00 | \$ 26.00 | \$ 1.00 | 4% | Non-statutory |
| Morning or afternoon tea | Taxable | \$ 15.00 | \$ 15.00 | \$- | 0% | Non-statutory |
| Morning/Afternoon plus tour | | \$ 22.50 | \$ 23.00 | \$ 0.50 | 2% | Non-statutory |
| PARKING FINES (Road Safety Road Rules 2017) | | | | | | |
| Heavy vehicles parked in a built up area longer than 1 | Non-taxable | \$ 111.00 | \$ 111.00 | | | Statutory |
| hour Parked in a disabled area | Non-taxable | \$ 185.00 | \$ 185.00 | | | Statutory |
| Stopped in a no-stopping area | Non-taxable | \$ 185.00 | \$ 185.00 \$ 185.00 | | | Statutory |
| Stopped in a children's crossing | Non-taxable | \$ 185.00 | \$ 185.00 | | | Statutory |
| Stopped in a loading zone | Non-taxable | \$ 185.00 | \$ 185.00 | | | Statutory |
| PHOTOCOPIES & SCANNING | | | | | | |
| A4 - Black and White | Taxable | \$ 0.20 | \$ 0.20 | \$- | 0% | Non-statutory |
| A4 - Colour | Taxable | \$ 0.50 | \$ 0.50 | \$- | 0% | Non-statutory |
| A3 - Black and White | Taxable | \$ 0.50 | \$ 0.50 | \$- | 0% | Non-statutory |
| A3 - Colour | Taxable | \$ 0.80 | \$ 0.80 | \$- | 0% | Non-statutory |
| Engineering plans | Taxable | \$ 7.90 | \$ 7.90 | \$- | 0% | Non-statutory |
| A2 - Black and White | Taxable | \$ 17.60 | \$ 18.00 | \$ 0.40 | 2% | Non-statutory |
| A2 - Colour | Taxable | \$ 23.60 | \$ 24.00 | \$ 0.40 | 2% | Non-statutory |
| A1 - Black and White | Taxable | \$ 29.80 | | | 1% | Non-statutory |
| A1 - Colour | Taxable | \$ 34.00 | \$ 34.00 | \$- | 0% | Non-statutory |
| A0 - Black and White | Taxable | \$ 33.40 | \$ 33.00 | \$ (0.40) | -1% | Non-statutory |
| A0 - Colour | Taxable | \$ 40.30 | \$ 40.00 | | -1% | Non-statutory |
| B Size Surcharge | Taxable | \$ 3.60 | \$ 4.00 | | 11% | Non-statutory |
| Scanning up to 10 pages | Taxable | \$- | \$- | \$- | 0% | Non-statutory |
| Scanning 10 - 50 pages | Taxable | \$ - | | \$ - | 0% | Non-statutory |
| Scanning over 50 pages | Taxable | \$- | | \$ - | 0% | Non-statutory |
| Laminating A4 Laminating A3 | Taxable Taxable | \$ 1.20 \$ 1.50 | \$ 1.00 \$ 2.00 | | -17% 33% | Non-statutory Non-statutory |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| PLANNING | Non-taxable | \$ 21.70 | ¢ | | | Statutory |
| PLANNING Planning Certificate Fee - Non electronic Planning Certificate Fee electronic | Non-taxable New | \$ 21.70 | \$ 21.70 | | | Statutory Statutory |

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| Description of Fees and Charges | GST Status | 2024/25 Fee Inc G | ST | 2025/26 Fee Inc GST | Increase / Increase / | Basis of Fee |
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| Applications for Permits (Regulation 9) | | | | | | |
| Class 1 - Use Only | Non-taxable | \$ 1,45 | 3.37 | \$ 1,453.37 | | Statutory |
| Class 2 - To develop land or to use and develop land for a single dwelling per lot or to undertake development ancillary to the use of the land for a single dwelling per lot if the estimated cost of development included in the application is: | | | | | | |
| <\$10,000 | Non-taxable | \$ 22 | 0.46 | \$ 220.46 | | Statutory |
| >\$10,001 - \$100,000 | Non-taxable | | | \$ 694.03 | | Statutory |
| >\$100,001 - \$500,000 | Non-taxable | | | \$ 1,420.71 | | Statutory |
| >\$500,001 - \$1,000,000 | Non-taxable | | | \$ 1,535.02 | | Statutory |
| >\$1,000,001 - \$2,000,000 | Non-taxable | | | \$ 1,649.33 | | Statutory |
| | | | | | | |
| VicSmart VicSmart application if the estimated cost of development is: | | | | | | |
| Class 7: VicSmart application if the estimated cost of development is \$10,000 or less | Non-taxable | \$ 22 | 0.46 | \$ 220.46 | | Statutory |
| Class 8: VicSmart application if the estimated cost of development is more than \$10,000 | Non-taxable | \$ 47 | 3.57 | \$ 473.57 | | Statutory |
| Class 9: VicSmart application to subdivide or consolidate land | Non-taxable | \$ 22 | 0.46 | \$ 220.46 | | Statutory |
| Class 10: VicSmart application (other than a class 7, 8 or 9 permit) | Non-taxable | \$ 22 | 0.46 | \$ 220.46 | | Statutory |
| | | | | | | |
| Permits - Other if the cost of development is: | | \$4.00 | | • • • • • • • • • • | | O |
| Class 11: \$100,000 or less | Non-taxable | \$1,26 | 5.58 | \$ 1,265.58 | | Statutory |
| Class 12: More than \$100,000 but not more than \$1,000,000 | Non-taxable | \$1,70 | 6.49 | \$ 1,706.49 | | Statutory |
| Class 13: More than \$1,000,000 but not more than \$5,000,000 | Non-taxable | \$3,76 | 4.07 | \$ 3,764.07 | | Statutory |
| Class 14: More than \$5,000,000 but not more than \$15,000,000 | Non-taxable | \$9,59 | 3.88 | \$ 9,593.88 | | Statutory |
| Class 15: More than \$15,000,000 but not more than \$50,000,000 | Non-taxable | \$28,29 | 1.73 | \$ 28,291.73 | | Statutory |
| Class 16: More than \$50,000,000 | Non-taxable | \$63,58 | 9.02 | \$ 63,589.02 | | Statutory |
| Permits - Subdivision | | | | | | |
| Class 17: To subdivide an existing building (other than a class 9 permit) | | \$1,45 | 3.37 | \$ 1,453.37 | | Statutory |
| Class 18: To subdivide land into 2 lots (other than a class 9 or class 17 permit) | | \$1,45 | 3.37 | \$ 1,453.37 | | Statutory |
| Class 19: To effect a realignment of a common boundary between lots or consolidate 2 or more lots (other than a class 9 permit) | | 1415.10 per 100 cre |) lots ated | 1415.10 per 100 lots created | | Statutory |
| Class 20: Subdivide land (other than a class 9, class 17, class 18, or class 19 permit) | | 1415.10 per 100 cre |) lots ated | 1415.10 per 100 lots created | | Statutory |
| Class 21: | | | | | | |
| To: | | | | | | |
| a) create, vary or remove a restriction within the | | | | | | |
| meaning of the Subdivision Act 1988; or b) create or remove a right of way; or | | \$1,45 | 3.37 | \$ 1,453.37 | | Statutory |
| c) create, vary or remove an easement other than a right of way: or | | | | | | |
| d) vary or remove a condition in the nature of an easement (other than a right of way) in a Crown grant. | | | | | | |
| Class 22: A permit not otherwise provided for in the regulation | Non-taxable | \$1,45 | 3.37 | \$ 1,453.37 | | Statutory |
| Amendments to Permits | | | | | | |
| Class 1: Amendment to a permit to change the use of | Non-taxable | \$ 1,45 | 3.37 | \$ 1,453.37 | | Statutory |
| land allowed by the permit or allow a new use of land. | | ÷ 1,40 | | + 1,400.07 | | classicity |
| Class 2: Amendment to a permit to change the statement of what the permit allows or to change any or all of the conditions which apply to the permit | Non-taxable | \$ 1,45 | 3.37 | \$ 1,453.37 | | Statutory |
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| Description of Fees and Charges | GST Status | 2024/25 Fee Inc GST \$ | 2025/26 Fee Inc GST \$ | Fee Fee Increase / Increase / (Decrease) (Decrease) \$ % | Basis of Fee |
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| | | Ŷ | Ŷ | ý /o | |
| Amending - Single dwelling use or development if the cost of the additional development is: | | | | | |
| Class 3: \$10,000 or less | Non-taxable | \$220.46 | \$ 220.46 | | Statutory |
| Class 4: More than \$10,000 but not more than \$100,000 | Non-taxable | \$694.03 | \$ 694.03 | | Statutory |
| Class 5: More than \$100,000 but not more than \$500,000 | Non-taxable | \$1,420.71 | \$ 1,420.71 | | Statutory |
| Class 6: More than \$500,000 | Non-taxable | \$1,535.02 | \$ 1,535.02 | | Statutory |
| Amending - VicSmart | | | | | |
| Class 7: Amendment to a class 7 permit - if the cost of any additional development is \$10,000 or less | Non-taxable | \$220.46 | \$ 220.46 | | Statutory |
| Class 8: Amendment to a class 8 permit - if the cost of any additional development is more than \$10,000 | Non-taxable | \$473.57 | \$ 473.57 | | Statutory |
| Class 9: Amendment to a class 9 permit - subdivide or consolidate land | Non-taxable | \$220.46 | \$ 220.46 | | Statutory |
| Class 10: Amendment to a class 10 permit (a VicSmart application other than a class 7, 8 or 9 permit) | Non-taxable | \$220.46 | \$ 220.46 | | Statutory |
| Amending - Other development if the cost of the additional development is: | | | | | |
| Class 11: \$100,000 or less | Non-taxable | \$1,265.58 | \$ 1,265.58 | | Statutory |
| Class 12: More than \$100,000 but not more than \$1,000,000 | Non-taxable | \$1,706.49 | \$ 1,706.49 | | Statutory |
| Class 13: More than \$1,000,000 | Non-taxable | \$3,764.07 | \$ 3,764.07 | | Statutory |
| Amending - Subdivision | | | | | |
| Class 14: Amendment to a permit - to subdivide an existing building (other than a class 9 permit) | Non-taxable | \$1,453.37 | \$ 1,453.37 | | Statutory |
| Class 15: Amendment to a permit - to subdivide land into two lots (other than a class 9 or 17 permit) | Non-taxable | \$1,453.37 | \$ 1,453.37 | | Statutory |
| Class 16: Amendment to a permit - to effect a realignment of a common boundary between lots or to consolidate two or more lots (other than a class 9 permit) | Non-taxable | \$1,453.37 | \$ 1,453.37 | | Statutory |
| Class 17: Amendment to a permit - to subdivide land (other than a class 9, 17, 18 or 19 permit) | Non-taxable | \$1,415.10 per 100 lots created | \$1,415.10 per 100 lots created | | Statutory |
| Class 18: Amendment to a permit to: s) create, vary or remove a restriction within the meaning of the Subdivision Act 1988; or b) create or remove a right of way; or c) create, vary or remove an easement other than a right of way; or d) vary or remove a condition in the naturer of an | Non-taxable | \$1,453.37 | \$ 1,453.37 | | Statutory |
| easement (other than right of way) in a Crown grant. Class 19: Amendment to a permit not otherwise provided | Non-taxable | \$1,453.37 | \$ 1,453.37 | | Statutory |
| Other Fees | | | | | Statutory Statutory |
| Regulation 7: For requesting the Minister to prepare an amendment to a planning scheme exempted from the requirements referred to in section 20(4) of the Act. | Non-taxable | \$4,409.10 | \$ 4,409.10 | | Statutory |
| Regulation 8: For requesting the Minister to prepare an amendment to a planning scheme exempted from certain requirements prescribed under section 20A of the Act. | Non-taxable | \$1,061.45 | \$ 1,061.45 | | Statutory |

| | | 2024/25 Fee Inc GST | 2025/26 Fee Inc GST | Fee Fee Increase / Increase / | |
|---|-------------|---|---|----------------------------------|---------------|
| Description of Fees and Charges | GST Status | \$ | \$ | (Decrease) (Decrease) \$ % | Basis of Fee |
| Regulation 10: For combined permit applications: Sum of the highest of the fees which would have applied if separate applications were made and 50% of each of the other fees which would have applied if separate applications were made. | Non-taxable | NA | NA | ۲۵ ۱۵ | Statutory |
| Regulation 12: Amend an application for a permit or an application to amend a permit.b) Under section 57A(3)(a) of the Act the fee to amend an application to amend a permit after notice is given is 40% of the application fee for that class of permit set out in the Table at regulation 11 and any additional fee under c) below | | | | | |
| a) Under section 57A(3)(a) of the Act the fee to amend an application for a permit after notice is given is 40% of the application fee for that class of permit set out in the Table at regulation 9 | Non-taxable | NA | NA | | Statutory |
| c) If an application to amend an application for a permit or amend an application to amend a permit has the effect of changing the class of that permit to a new class, having a higher application fee set out in the Table to regulation 9, the applicant must pay an additional fee | | | | | |
| Regulation 13: For a combined application to amend permit: The sum of the highest of the fees which would have applied if separate applications were made and 50% of each of the other fees which would have applied if separate applications were made | Non-taxable | NA | NA | | Statutory |
| Regulation 14: For a combined permit and planning scheme amendment Under section $96A(4)(a)$ of the Act: The sum of the fee(s) for the amendment to the planning scheme (regulation 6) and whichever of the following applies: | | | | | |
| -50% of the fee which would have applied if the permit application had been made separately; or | Non-taxable | NA | NA | | Statutory |
| if the permit application is for more than one class of permit (regulation 9), the highest of the fees which would have applied if the permit applications had been made separately. | | | | | |
| Regulation 15: For a Certificate of Compliance | Non-taxable | \$359.26 | \$ 359.26 | | Statutory |
| Regulation 16: For an agreement to a proposal to amend or end an agreement under section 173 of the Act | Non-taxable | \$726.69 | \$ 726.69 | | Statutory |
| Regulation 17: For a planning certificate | Non-taxable | a) \$23.90 for an application not made electronically | a) \$23.90 for an application not made electronically | | Statutory |
| Regulation 13: Where a planning scheme specifies that a matter must be done to the satisfaction of a responsible authority, Minister, public authority, or municipal council | Non-taxable | \$359.26 | , i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i | | Statutory |
| Planning Additional Fees - Advertising (conducted on applicants behalf) | | | | | |
| Newspaper advertisement - At cost | Taxable | At cost | At cost | \$ - 0% | Non-statutory |
| Placing of notice onsite | Taxable | \$ 119.50 | | | Non-statutory |
| Notice of planning permit by mail (if more than 10 letters, | Taxable | \$ 7.50 | \$ 8.00 | \$ 0.50 7% | Non-statutory |
| per letter) | Ianabie | ¢ 1.50 | φ 8.00 | φ 0.00 776 | - statutory |

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| Discusion Additional Face | | \$ | \$ | \$ | % | |
| Planning - Additional Fees | Taxable | \$ 217.50 | \$ 224.00 | \$ 6.50 | 3% | Non statuton |
| Secondary Consent Application Extension of Time to planning permit | Taxable | \$ 217.50 \$ 271.90 | \$ 224.00 \$ 280.00 | | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Section 173 Agreements | Taxable | \$ 219.70 | \$ 226.00 \$ 226.00 | | 3% | Non-statutory Non-statutory |
| • | Taxable | | \$ 220.00 \$ 168.00 | | 3% | |
| Written Advice on Planning Controls Copy of Permit and Endorsed Plans (per planning | Taxable | | φ 106.00 | φ 4.00 | 576 | Non-statutory |
| permit) | Taxable | \$ 152.20 | \$ 157.00 | \$ 4.80 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Request for Council consent where no planning permit required (i.e. liquor license) | Taxable | \$ 149.10 | \$ 154.00 | \$ 4.90 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Planning - Withdrawal of Application | | | | | | |
| After lodgement (no work undertaken) | Taxable | 75% of app fee refundable | 75% of app fee refundable | | | Non-statutory |
| After request for further information but prior to commencement of advertising | Taxable | 50% of the application fee refunded | 50% of the application fee refunded | | | Non-statutory |
| After advertising | Taxable | Refund discretionary | Refund discretionary | | | Non-statutory |
| Secondary Consent | Taxable | Refund discretionary | Refund discretionary | | | Non-statutory |
| Extension of Time | Taxable | No refund | No refund | | | Non-statutory |
| PUBLIC SPACES | | | | | | |
| Minor use of facilities –Parks, Soundshells, Rotundas etc. | Taxable | \$ 35.50 | \$ 37.00 | \$ 1.50 | 4% | Non-statutory |
| Major use of facilities –Parks, Soundshells, Rotundas etc. | Taxable | \$ 178.70 | \$ 184.00 | \$ 5.30 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| High Risk Activity Bond* | Non-taxable | \$ 400.00 | \$ 400.00 | \$- | 0% | Non-statutory |
| *High risk activity includes activities involving alcohol, crowds >200, events involving machinery, livestock and/or motor vehicles. | | | | | | |
| RATES | | | | | | |
| Rates - debt recovery fees | Non-taxable | Cost recovery | Cost recovery | | | Non-statutory |
| Land information certificate | Non-taxable | As per adopted regulatory fee | As per adopted regulatory fee | | | Statutory |
| RECYCLING TRAILER | | | | | | |
| Recycling Trailer Hire (per event) | Taxable | \$ 21.50 | \$ 25.00 | \$ 3.50 | 16% | Non-statutory |
| Recycling Trailer Hire - Bond (per event) | Non-taxable | \$ 323.10 | \$ 300.00 | | | Non-statutory |
| SALEYARD FEES | | | | | | |
| Pigs (per pig / day) | Taxable | \$ 0.70 | \$ 1.00 | \$ 0.30 | 43% | Non-statutory |
| Sheep (per sheep / day) | Taxable | \$ 0.70 | \$ 1.00 | \$ 0.30 | 43% | Non-statutory |
| Yard fee per sale (per agent) | Taxable | \$ 1,453.70 | \$ 1,497.00 | \$ 43.30 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| SEPTIC TANK FEES | | | | | | |
| Application to install a septic system | Non-taxable | \$ 360.50 | \$ 371.00 | \$ 10.50 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Application to amend/alter an existing system | Non-taxable | \$ 154.50 | \$ 159.00 | \$ 4.50 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Application to extend a septic application | Non-taxable | \$ 180.30 | \$ 186.00 | \$ 5.70 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Additional inspection due to non-compliance | Non-taxable | \$ 113.30 | \$ 117.00 | \$ 3.70 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| SWIMMING POOLS - Council owned | | | | | | |
| General admission | | Free | Free | | | Non-statutory |
| Lap Swimming or swimming outside of public opening house (single occasion) - per person - Minimum 5 people per session | Taxable | \$ 5.00 | \$ 5.00 | \$- | 0% | Non-statutory |
| School Swimming activities per liveguard per hour | Taxable | \$ 52.50 | \$ 54.00 | \$ 1.50 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| paid lessons/groups (single occasion) | Taxable | \$ 25.00 | \$ 26.00 | | 4% | Non-statutory |
| | | | | | | |

| Description of Fees and Charges | GST Status | 2024/25 Fee Inc 0 | GST | 2025/26 Fee Inc | GST | Incr | ⁻ ee ease / :rease) | Fee Increase / (Decrease) | Basis of Fee |
|--|------------|-------------------|--------|-----------------|----------|------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|
| | | \$ | | \$ | | | \$ | % | |
| WASTE DEPOT FEES | | | | | | | | | |
| Unsorted recyclables, general waste and hard plastic | • | | | | | | | | |
| Car boot | Taxable | \$ | 14.00 | \$ | 15.00 | \$ | 1.00 | 7% | Non-statutory |
| 6 x 4 trailer / ute – Level | Taxable | | 35.00 | \$ | 36.00 | \$ | 1.00 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| 6 x 4 trailer / ute – Heaped | Taxable | | 65.00 | \$ | 67.00 | \$ | 2.00 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Tandem trailer / Light truck – Level | Taxable | | 92.00 | \$ | 95.00 | | 3.00 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Tandem trailer / Light truck – Heaped | Taxable | | 75.00 | \$ | 180.00 | | 5.00 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Builders waste clean sorted – Per cubic metre | Taxable | | 80.00 | \$ | 82.00 | | 2.00 | 2% | Non-statutory |
| Builders waste dirty non-sorted – Per cubic metre | Taxable | • | 90.00 | \$ | 196.00 | | 6.00 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Concrete Non-sorted – Per tonne | Taxable | | 35.00 | \$ | 139.00 | | 4.00 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Concrete Clean, sorted – Per tonne | Taxable | | 40.00 | \$ | 42.00 | \$ | 2.00 | 5% | Non-statutory |
| Heavy truck loads | Taxable | Not acc | | | cepted | ¢ | 0.00 | 40/ | |
| Mattresses (All sizes) | Taxable | | 50.00 | \$ | 52.00 | | 2.00 | 4% | Non-statutory |
| Asbestos (per kilogram) | Taxable | \$ | 3.00 | \$ | 3.50 | | 0.50 | 17% | Non-statutory |
| Clean Fill Dirt (per ton) | Taxable | \$ | 10.00 | \$ | 10.00 | \$ | - | 0% | Non-statutory |
| Sorted recyclables | | | | | | | | | |
| Newspapers, Cardboard, Bottles, Cans etc. | Taxable | \$ | - | \$ | - | | | | Non-statutory |
| Tyres | | | | | | | | | |
| Car and Motorcycle | Taxable | \$ | 12.00 | \$ | 13.00 | \$ | 1.00 | 8% | Non-statutory |
| Light Commercial | Taxable | | 30.00 | \$ | 31.00 | | 1.00 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Truck –Standard | Taxable | | 90.00 | \$ | 93.00 | \$ | 3.00 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Tractor - under 2 metres high | Taxable | \$1 | 50.00 | \$ | 155.00 | \$ | 5.00 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Tractor - over 2 metres high | Taxable | \$ 3 | 00.00 | \$ | 309.00 | \$ | 9.00 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Car bodies | | | | | | | | | |
| Car bodies / scrap steel | Taxable | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | - | | Non-statutory |
| Green Waste & Timber | | | | | | | | | |
| Car boot | Taxable | \$ | 8.00 | \$ | 8.50 | \$ | 0.50 | 6% | Non-statutory |
| 6 x 4 trailer / ute – Level | Taxable | \$ | 15.00 | \$ | 16.00 | \$ | 1.00 | 7% | Non-statutory |
| 6 x 4 trailer / ute – Heaped | Taxable | \$ | 20.00 | \$ | 21.00 | \$ | 1.00 | 5% | Non-statutory |
| Tandem trailer / Light truck – Level | Taxable | \$ | 25.00 | \$ | 26.00 | \$ | 1.00 | 4% | Non-statutory |
| Tandem trailer / Light truck – Heaped | Taxable | \$ | 33.00 | \$ | 34.00 | \$ | 1.00 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Heavy truck | Taxable | \$ | 63.00 | \$ | 65.00 | \$ | 2.00 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| E-waste | | | | | | | | | |
| Flourescents | Taxable | \$ | 3.00 | \$ | 3.00 | \$ | - | 0% | Non-statutory |
| High bay lights | Taxable | \$ | 11.00 | \$ | 11.00 | \$ | - | 0% | Non-statutory |
| E-Waste – non-compliant | Taxable | \$ 2.00 | per kg | \$ 2.00 |) per kg | | | | Non-statutory |
| Furniture | | | | | | | | | |
| Small Item – e.g. Chair (per unit) | Taxable | \$ | 12.00 | \$ | 12.00 | \$ | - | 0% | Non-statutory |
| Medium Item – e.g. bed, dressing table etc. (per unit) | Taxable | \$ | 40.00 | \$ | 41.00 | \$ | 1.00 | 2% | Non-statutory |
| Large Item – e.g. Couch, wardrobe etc. (per unit) | Taxable | \$1 | 10.00 | \$ | 113.00 | \$ | 3.00 | 3% | Non-statutory |
| Oil | | | | | | | | | |
| Oil (per litre) | Taxable | \$ | 0.50 | \$ | 1.00 | \$ | 0.50 | 100% | Non-statutory |
| Oil Drum disposal (per drum) | Taxable | \$ | 6.00 | | 6.00 | | - | 0% | Non-statutory |
| WOOD PERMITS | | | | | | | | | |
| Council controlled land – Full rate | Taxable | \$ | 32.70 | \$ | 34.00 | \$ | 1.30 | 4% | Non-statutory |
| Council controlled land – Pensioner rate | Taxable | | 21.70 | | 22.00 | ¢ | 0.30 | 1% | Non-statutory |



8. Long Term Financial Plan

Economic Assumptions

| Assumption | Notes | A | ctual | Fo | orecast | E | udget | | | Pro | ojections | | | Trend |
|---------------------------------------|-------|----|----------|----|----------|----|----------|----|----------|-----|-----------|----|----------|-------|
| | ². | 20 | 023/24 | 20 | 024/25 | 2 | 025/26 | 2 | 026/27 | 2 | 027/28 | 2 | 028/29 | +/o/- |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rate Cap Increase | 1 | | 3.5% | | 2.8% | | 3.0% | | 3.0% | | 3.0% | | 3.0% | |
| Population Growth | 2 | | -1.0% | | 1.0% | | 1.0% | | 1.0% | | 1.0% | | 1.0% | |
| Investment Interest Rate | 3 | | 4.0% | | 4.0% | | 4.0% | | 4.0% | | 4.0% | | 4.0% | |
| Borrowing Interest Rate | 4 | | 4.5% | | 4.5% | | 4.5% | | 4.5% | | 4.5% | | 4.5% | |
| CPI | 5 | | 5.1% | | 3.8% | | 2.8% | | 3.0% | | 3.0% | | 3.0% | |
| User Fees | 6 | | 3.5% | | 2.8% | | 3.0% | | 3.0% | | 3.0% | | 3.0% | |
| Grants - Recurrent | 7 | - | 2077.0% | | 2.8% | | 3.0% | | 3.0% | | 3.0% | | 3.0% | |
| Grants - Non-Recurrent | | | -0.7% | | -96.0% | | -200.0% | | 0.0% | | 0.0% | | 0.0% | |
| Contributions | | | 1.0% | | -89.0% | | 0.0% | | 0.0% | | 0.0% | | 0.0% | |
| Proceeds from sale of assets | | \$ | 150.00 | \$ | 160.00 | \$ | 125.00 | \$ | 150.00 | \$ | 150.00 | \$ | 150.00 | |
| Finance Costs | | \$ | - | \$ | ; - | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | - | |
| Other Revenue | | | 1.1% | | -7.0% | | -18.9% | | 3.0% | | 3.0% | | 3.0% | |
| Employee Costs | 8 | | -0.2% | | 4.9% | | -2.5% | | 3.0% | | 3.0% | | 3.0% | |
| Contactors, consultants and materials | | | 1.3% | | -25.0% | | 3.0% | | 3.0% | | 3.0% | | 3.0% | |
| Depreciation | | \$ | 4,874.00 | \$ | 5,107.00 | \$ | 5,078.00 | \$ | 5,100.00 | \$ | 5,200.00 | \$ | 5,300.00 | |
| Other expenses | | | 17% | | -12% | | 8% | | 3% | | 3% | | 3% | |

Notes to Assumptions

1. Rate Cap

Council increases Rates each year in line with the rate cap set by the Minister as outlined in the Revenue and Rating Plan.

2. Population Growth

Population growth in Hindmarsh remains unchanged.

3. Investment Interest Rate

Interest rates are based on available cash.

4. CPI

Based on the rates published in December for the year for Melbourne.

5. User Fees

Council increases User Fees each year, gernerally in line with the rate cap set by the Minister but in some instances where services are outsourched user fees reflect direct service provision costs.

6. Grants - Recurrent

Council conservatively estimates Grant-recurrent increases generally in line with the rate cap set by the Minister.

Grants - recurrent includes the Financial Assistance Grant. This grant payment for the 23/24 financial year was received in the 22/23 financial year while the 24/25 grant was received in 24/25 financial year.

7. Employee Costs

Council increases employee costs in line with the current published Enterprise Agreement with allowance for movement within the bands.

3. Financial Statements

This section presents information in regard to the Budget for the 4 years from 2025/26 to 2028/29 and Financial Plan Statements for the 10 years from 2025/26 to 2034/35.

This section includes the following financial statements prepared in accordance with the Local Government Act 2020 and the Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2020.

Comprehensive Income Statement Balance Sheet Statement of Changes in Equity Statement of Cash Flows Statement of Capital Works Statement of Human Resources

3.1 Comprehensive Income Statement

| | Forecast / Actual | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | 2024/25 | 2025/26 | 2026/27 | 2027/28 | 2028/29 | 2029/30 | 2030/31 | 2031/32 | 2032/33 | 2033/34 | 2034/35 |
| | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 |
| Income / Revenue | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rates and charges | 10,043 | 10,336 | 10,646 | 10,966 | 11,295 | 11,634 | 11,983 | 12,342 | 12,712 | 13,094 | 13,486 |
| Statutory fees and fines | 195 | 171 | 176 | 181 | 187 | 192 | 198 | 204 | 210 | 217 | 223 |
| User fees | 1,773 | 2,151 | 2,215 | 2,282 | 2,350 | 2,421 | 2,493 | 2,568 | 2,645 | 2,724 | 2,806 |
| Grants - Operating | 6,053 | 6,035 | 6,216 | 6,402 | 6,595 | 6,792 | 6,996 | 7,206 | 7,422 | 7,645 | 7,874 |
| Grants - Capital | 2,219 | 4,202 | 1,902 | 1,902 | 1,902 | 1,902 | 1,902 | 1,902 | 1,902 | 1,902 | 1,902 |
| Contributions - monetary | 102 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Net gain/(loss) on disposal of property, infrastructure, plant and equipment | 374 | 125 | 129 | 133 | 137 | 141 | 145 | 149 | 154 | 158 | 163 |
| Share of net profits/(losses) of associates and joint ventures | 25 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Other income | 753 | 611 | 629 | 648 | 668 | 688 | 708 | 730 | 751 | 774 | 797 |
| Total income / revenue | 21,536 | 23,631 | 21,914 | 22,514 | 23,133 | 23,769 | 24,425 | 25,101 | 25,797 | 26,514 | 27,252 |
| Expenses | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Employee costs | 9,708 | 9,630 | 9,918 | 10,216 | 10,522 | 10,838 | 11,163 | 11.498 | 11,843 | 12,198 | 12,564 |
| Materials and services | 7,211 | 5,059 | 5,211 | 5,367 | 5,528 | 5.694 | 5,865 | 6.041 | 6,222 | 6,409 | 6,601 |
| Depreciation | 5,118 | 5,078 | 5,230 | 5,387 | 5,548 | 5,715 | 5,886 | 6,063 | 6,245 | 6,432 | 6,625 |
| Other expenses | 2,087 | 2,263 | 2,331 | 2,401 | 2,473 | 2,547 | 2,623 | 2,702 | 2,783 | 2,867 | 2,952 |
| Total expenses | 24,125 | 22,029 | 22,690 | 23,371 | 24,072 | 24,794 | 25,538 | 26,304 | 27,093 | 27,906 | 28,743 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Surplus/(deficit) for the year | (2,588) | 1,602 | (776) | (856) | (939) | (1,024) | (1,112) | (1,203) | (1,296) | (1,392) | (1,491) |
| Total comprehensive result | (2,588) | 1,602 | (776) | (856) | (939) | (1,024) | (1,112) | (1,203) | (1,296) | (1,392) | (1,491) |

3.2 Balance Sheet

| | Forecast / Actual | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | 2024/25 \$'000 | 2025/26 \$'000 | 2026/27 \$'000 | 2027/28 \$'000 | 2028/29 \$'000 | 2029/30 \$'000 | 2030/31 \$'000 | 2031/32 \$'000 | 2032/33 \$'000 | 2033/34 \$'000 | 2034/35 \$'000 |
| Assets | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Current assets | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 2,281 | 1,944 | 1,895 | 2,171 | 2,209 | 1,642 | 1,509 | 1,400 | 1,414 | 1,553 | 1,725 |
| Trade and other receivables | 1,395 | 1,070 | 1,115 | 1,148 | 1,250 | 1,294 | 1,337 | 1,394 | 1,443 | 1,501 | 1,563 |
| Other financial assets | 118 | 88 | 88 | 88 | 88 | 88 | 88 | 88 | 88 | 88 | 88 |
| Inventories | 912 | 914 | 870 | 920 | 970 | 1,019 | 1,080 | 1,134 | 1,200 | 1,272 | 1,336 |
| Total current assets | 4,706 | 4,016 | 3,968 | 4,327 | 4,517 | 4,042 | 4,014 | 4,016 | 4,146 | 4,415 | 4,711 |
| Non-current assets | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Investments in associates, joint arrangements and subsidiaries | 219 | 219 | 219 | 219 | 219 | 219 | 219 | 219 | 219 | 219 | 219 |
| Property, infrastructure, plant & equipment | 209,061 | 210,942 | 210,484 | 209,427 | 208,468 | 207,388 | 206,276 | 205,035 | 203,563 | 201,857 | 200,005 |
| Total non-current assets | 209,281 | 211.161 | 210,703 | 209,646 | 208,687 | 207,607 | 206,495 | 205,254 | 203,782 | 202,076 | 200,224 |
| Total assets | 213,987 | 215,178 | 214,671 | 213,974 | 213,203 | 211,649 | 210,509 | 209,270 | 207,928 | 206,491 | 204,935 |
| Liabilities | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Current liabilities | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Trade and other payables | 1,297 | 1,047 | 1,101 | 1,203 | 1,290 | 1,309 | 1,348 | 1,389 | 1,430 | 1,470 | 1,494 |
| Trust funds and deposits | 147 | 127 | 127 | 127 | 127 | 127 | 127 | 127 | 127 | 127 | 127 |
| Provisions | 1,926 | 1,975 | 2,034 | 2,071 | 2,133 | 2,197 | 2,243 | 2,295 | 2,344 | 2,391 | 2,438 |
| Total current liabilities | 3,370 | 3,149 | 3,262 | 3,401 | 3,550 | 3,633 | 3,718 | 3,811 | 3,902 | 3,988 | 4,059 |
| Non-current liabilities | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Provisions | 529 | 549 | 569 | 589 | 609 | 627 | 646 | 655 | 660 | 673 | 687 |
| Total non-current liabilities | 529 | 549 | 569 | 589 | 609 | 627 | 646 | 655 | 660 | 673 | 687 |
| Total liabilities | 3.899 | 3.698 | 3.831 | 3.990 | 4,159 | 4.260 | 4.364 | 4.467 | 4.562 | 4.662 | 4,746 |
| Net assets | 210,088 | 211,480 | 210,840 | 209,984 | 209,044 | 207,389 | 206,144 | 204,804 | 203,366 | 201,829 | 200,189 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Equity | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Accumulated surplus | 80,476 | 81,869 | 80,974 | 79,996 | 78,931 | 77,907 | 76,794 | 75,592 | 74,296 | 72,904 | 71,414 |
| Reserves | 129,612 | 129,612 | 129,612 | 129,612 | 129,612 | 129,612 | 129,612 | 129,612 | 129,612 | 129,612 | 129,612 |
| Total equity | 210,088 | 211,481 | 210,586 | 209,608 | 208,543 | 207,519 | 206,406 | 205,204 | 203,908 | 202,516 | 201,026 |

3.3 Statement of Changes in Equity

| | Total | Accumulated Surplus | Revaluation Reserve |
|--|---------|------------------------|------------------------|
| | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 |
| 2025 Forecast Actual | | | |
| Balance at beginning of the financial year | 212,676 | 83,064 | 129,612 |
| Surplus/(deficit) for the year | (2,588) | (2,588) | - |
| Balance at end of the financial year | 210,088 | 80,476 | 129,612 |
| 2026 Budget | | | |
| Balance at beginning of the financial year | 210,088 | 80,476 | 129,612 |
| Surplus/(deficit) for the year | 1,602 | 1,602 | |
| Balance at end of the financial year | 211,690 | 82,078 | 129,612 |
| 2027 | | | |
| Balance at beginning of the financial year | 210.087 | 82.078 | 129,612 |
| Surplus/(deficit) for the year | (776) | (776) | |
| Balance at end of the financial year | 210,914 | 81,302 | 129,612 |
| 2028 | | | |
| Balance at beginning of the financial year | 210,087 | 81,302 | 129,612 |
| Surplus/(deficit) for the year | (856) | (856) | - |
| Balance at end of the financial year | 210,058 | 80,446 | 129,612 |
| 2029 | | | |
| Balance at beginning of the financial year | 210,087 | 80,446 | 129,612 |
| Surplus/(deficit) for the year | (939) | (939) | - |
| Balance at end of the financial year | 209,119 | 79,507 | 129,612 |

| | Total \$'000 | Accumulated Surplus \$'000 | Revaluation Reserve \$'000 |
|--|-----------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 2030 | | | |
| Balance at beginning of the financial year | 210,087 | 79,507 | 129,612 |
| Surplus/(deficit) for the year | (1,024) | (1,024) | |
| Balance at end of the financial year | 208,095 | 78,483 | 129,612 |
| 2031 | | | |
| Balance at beginning of the financial year | 210,087 | 78,483 | 129,612 |
| Surplus/(deficit) for the year | (1,112) | (1,112) | - |
| Balance at end of the financial year | 206,983 | 77,371 | 129,612 |
| 2032 | | | |
| Balance at beginning of the financial year | 206,983 | 77,371 | 129,612 |
| Surplus/(deficit) for the year | (1,203) | (1,203) | - |
| Balance at end of the financial year | 205,780 | 76,168 | 129,612 |
| 2033 | | | |
| Balance at beginning of the financial year | 205,780 | 76,168 | 129,612 |
| Surplus/(deficit) for the year | (1,296) | (1,296) | - |
| Balance at end of the financial year | 204,484 | 74,872 | 129,612 |
| 2034 | | | |
| Balance at beginning of the financial year | 204,484 | 74,872 | 129,612 |
| Surplus/(deficit) for the year | (1,392) | (1,392) | - |
| Balance at end of the financial year | 203,093 | 73,481 | 129,612 |
| 2035 | | | |
| Balance at beginning of the financial year | 203,093 | 73,481 | 129,612 |
| Surplus/(deficit) for the year | (1,491) | (1,491) | - |
| Balance at end of the financial year | 201,602 | 71,990 | 129,612 |

3.4 Statement of Cash Flows

| | Forecast / Actual | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | 2024/25 \$'000 | 2025/26 \$'000 | 2026/27 \$'000 | 2027/28 \$'000 | 2028/29 \$'000 | 2029/30 \$'000 | 2030/31 \$'000 | 2031/32 \$'000 | 2032/33 \$'000 | 2033/34 \$'000 | 2034/35 \$'000 |
| | Inflows |
| | (Outflows) |
| Cash flows from operating activities | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rates and charges | 10,023 | 10,316 | 10,626 | 10,945 | 11,273 | 11,611 | 11,959 | 12,318 | 12,688 | 13,068 | 13,460 |
| Statutory fees and fines | 9 | 17 | 18 | 18 | 19 | 19 | 19 | 19 | 19 | 19 | 19 |
| User fees | 2,377 | 2,670 | 2,750 | 2,832 | 2,917 | 3,005 | 3,095 | 3,188 | 3,283 | 3,382 | 3,483 |
| Grants - operating | 5,943 | 6,085 | 6,267 | 6,455 | 6,649 | 6,849 | 7,054 | 7,266 | 7,484 | 7,708 | 7,939 |
| Grants - capital | 1,879 | 4,202 | 1,902 | 1,902 | 1,902 | 1,902 | 1,902 | 1,902 | 1,902 | 1,902 | 1,902 |
| Contributions - monetary | 102 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| Interest received | 530 | 430 | 400 | 350 | 300 | 300 | 300 | 300 | 300 | 300 | 300 |
| Other receipts | 272 | 181 | 186 | 192 | 198 | 204 | 210 | 216 | 223 | 229 | 236 |
| Employee costs | (9,662) | (9,584) | (9,871) | (10,167) | (10,472) | (10,786) | (11,110) | (11,443) | (11,787) | (12,140) | (12,504) |
| Materials and services | (9,406) | (7,591) | (7,819) | (8,054) | (8,295) | (8,544) | (8,800) | (9,064) | (9,336) | (9,616) | (9,905) |
| Other payments | | (20) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities | 2,066 | 6,706 | 4,459 | 4,474 | 4,490 | 4,559 | 4,629 | 4,701 | 4,775 | 4,852 | 4,931 |
| Cash flows from investing activities | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Payments for property, infrastructure, plant and equipment | (11,748) | (7,033) | (4,772) | (4,330) | (4,589) | (4,635) | (4,774) | (4,822) | (4,773) | (4,726) | (4,773) |
| Proceeds from sale of property, infrastructure, plant and equipment | 350 | 125 | 129 | 133 | 137 | 141 | 145 | 149 | 154 | 158 | 163 |
| Net cash provided by/ (used in) investing activities | (11,398) | (6,908) | (4,643) | (4,197) | (4,452) | (4,494) | (4,629) | (4,672) | (4,620) | (4,567) | (4,610) |
| Net increase/(decrease) in cash & cash equivalents | (9,332) | (202) | (184) | 276 | 38 | 64 | (0) | 29 | 156 | 285 | 321 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year | 11,613 | 2,281 | 2,079 | 1,895 | 2,171 | 2,209 | 2,273 | 2,273 | 2,301 | 2,457 | 2,742 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year | 2,281 | 2,079 | 1,895 | 2,171 | 2,209 | 2,273 | 2,273 | 2,301 | 2,457 | 2,742 | 3,063 |

3.5 Statement of Capital Works

| | Forecast / Actual | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | 2024/25 | 2025/26 | 2026/27 | 2027/28 | 2028/29 | 2029/30 | 2030/31 | 2031/32 | 2032/33 | 2033/34 | 2034/35 |
| | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 |
| Property | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Buildings | 2,615 | 663 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 |
| Total buildings | 2,615 | 663 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 |
| Total property | 2,615 | 663 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 |
| Plant and equipment | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Plant, machinery and equipment | 1,401 | 701 | 1,500 | 1,000 | 1,200 | 1,000 | 1,200 | 900 | 1,000 | 1,100 | 1,200 |
| Fixtures, fittings and furniture | 335 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| Computers and telecommunications | 105 | 85 | 75 | 75 | 75 | 75 | 75 | 75 | 75 | 75 | 75 |
| Library books | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 |
| Total plant and equipment | 1,881 | 831 | 1,620 | 1,120 | 1,320 | 1,120 | 1,320 | 1,020 | 1,120 | 1,220 | 1,320 |
| Infrastructure | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Roads | 3,399 | 4,156 | 1,731 | 1,766 | 1,801 | 1,947 | 1,911 | 2,119 | 2,030 | 1,942 | 1,910 |
| Bridges | 50 | 100 | 324 | 330 | 337 | 364 | 357 | 396 | 379 | 363 | 357 |
| Footpaths and cycleways | 274 | 595 | 524 | 535 | 545 | 590 | 579 | 642 | 615 | 588 | 578 |
| Drainage | 13 | 20 | 324 | 330 | 337 | 364 | 357 | 396 | 379 | 363 | 357 |
| Other infrastructure | 3,414 | 668 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total infrastructure | 7,150 | 5,539 | 2,903 | 2,960 | 3,019 | 3,265 | 3,204 | 3,552 | 3,403 | 3,256 | 3,203 |
| Total capital works expenditure | 11,646 | 7,033 | 4,773 | 4,330 | 4,589 | 4,635 | 4,774 | 4,822 | 4,773 | 4,726 | 4,773 |
| Represented by: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| New asset expenditure | 2,668 | 700 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Asset renewal expenditure | 8,162 | 3,867 | 4,773 | 4,330 | 4,589 | 4,635 | 4,774 | 4,822 | 4,773 | 4,726 | 4,773 |
| Asset expansion expenditure | 816 | 2,465 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total capital works expenditure | 11,646 | 7,033 | 4,773 | 4,330 | 4,589 | 4,635 | 4,774 | 4,822 | 4,773 | 4,726 | 4,773 |
| Funding sources represented by: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Grants | 7,304 | 4,513 | 1,902 | 1,902 | 1,902 | 1,902 | 1,902 | 1,902 | 1,902 | 1,902 | 1,902 |
| Council cash | 4,341 | 2,519 | 2,871 | 2,428 | 2,687 | 2,733 | 2,872 | 2,920 | 2,871 | 2,824 | 2,871 |
| Total capital works expenditure | 11.646 | 7.033 | 4.773 | 4,330 | 4.589 | 4.635 | 4.774 | 4.822 | 4.773 | 4.726 | 4,773 |

3.6 Statement of Human Resources

| Staff expenditure | 2024/25 \$'000 | 2025/26 \$'000 | 2026/27 \$'000 | 2027/28 \$'000 | 2028/29 \$'000 | 2029/30 \$'000 | 2030/31 \$'000 | 2031/32 \$'000 | 2032/33 \$'000 | 2033/34 \$'000 | 2034/35 \$'000 |
|----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Staff expenditure | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Employee costs - operating | 9,708 | 9,630 | 9,919 | 10,216 | 10,523 | | | | | | |
| Employee costs - capital | 1,279 | 1,279 | 1,279 | 1,279 | 1,279 | | | | | | |
| Total staff expenditure | 10,988 | 10,909 | 11,198 | 11,496 | 11,802 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Staff numbers | 2024/25 FTE | 2025/26 FTE | 2026/27 FTE | 2027/28 FTE | 2028/29 FTE | 2029/30 FTE | 2030/31 FTE | 2031/32 FTE | 2032/33 FTE | 2033/34 FTE | 2034/35 FTE |
| Staff numbers | | | | | | | | | | | |
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A summary of human resources expenditure categorised according to the organisational structure of Council is included below:

| | Budget | | Comprises | | | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------|--|--|--|
| | Permanent | | | | | | |
| Department | 2025/26 | Full Time | Part Time | Casual | | | |
| | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | | | |
| Civic Governance | 773 | 773 | - | - | | | |
| Corporate and Community Services | 3,621 | 2,297 | 817 | 507 | | | |
| Infrastructure | 5,045 | 4,458 | 495 | 92 | | | |
| Total permanent staff expenditure | 9,439 | 7,528 | 1,312 | 600 | | | |
| Other employee related expenditure | - | | | | | | |
| Capitalised labour costs | 1,177 | | | | | | |
| Total staff expenditure | 10,616 | 7,528 | 1,312 | 600 | | | |

A summary of the number of full time equivalent (FTE) Council staff in relation to the above expenditure is included below:

| | Budget | Comprises | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------|--|--|--|
| Department | Permanent | | | | | | |
| | 2025/26 | Full Time | Part Time | Casual | | | |
| Civic Governance | 3 | 3 | - | - | | | |
| Corporate and Community Services | 34 | 19 | 9 | 7 | | | |
| Infrastructure | 63 | 57 | 5 | 1 | | | |
| Total staff | 101 | 79 | 14 | 8 | | | |





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Proposed Changes to Glass Bin Collections Survey

SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT 03 May 2024 - 02 June 2025

PROJECT NAME: Proposed Changes to Purple Glass Bin Collections



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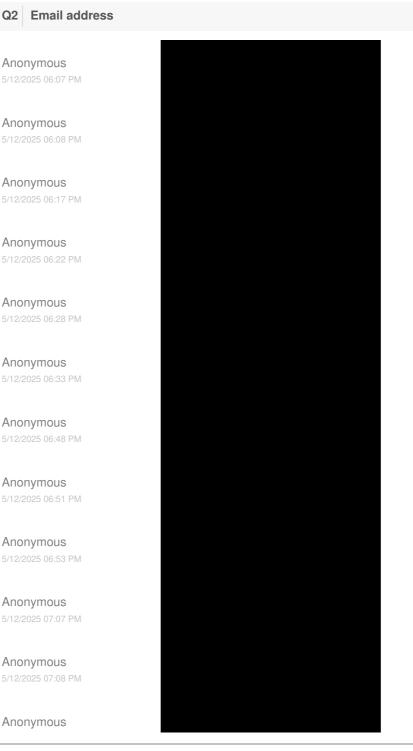
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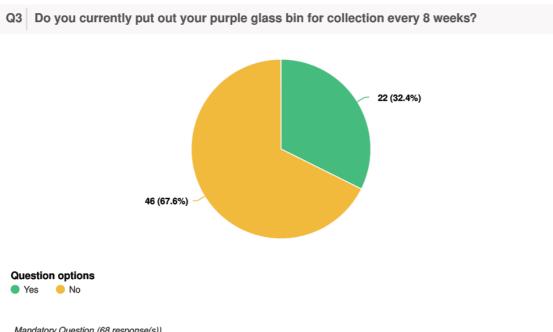
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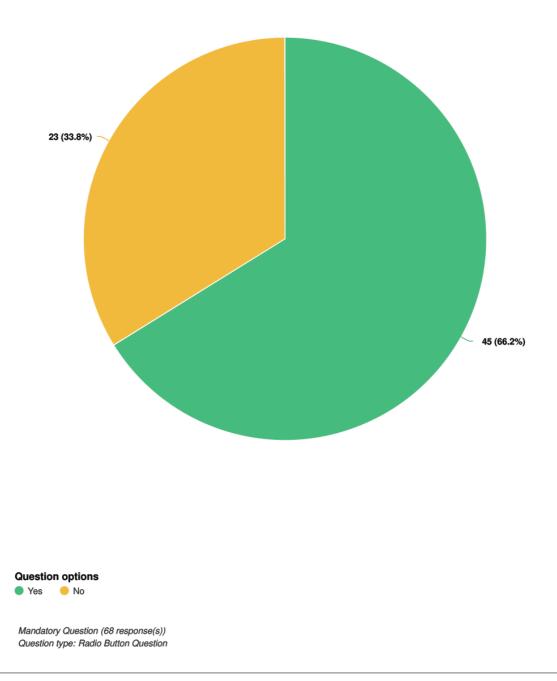
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Mandatory Question (68 response(s)) Question type: Radio Button Question

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Q4 Would your purple glass bin have enough capacity if collections were changed to every 12 weeks?



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| Q5 Do you have any every 12 weeks? | concerns if the glass collection service changes from every 8 weeks to |
|------------------------------------|--|
| Anonymous 5/12/2025 06:07 PM | I'm concerned I have to pay rates for a bin I don't even use. Why can't glass go in the yellow recycle bin like other councils? Can we opt to not even have the bin in our council to reduce rates |
| Anonymous 5/12/2025 06:17 PM | I do. A lot of people share bins. Maybe that's why it looks like it's not utilized. But mine is always full. |
| Anonymous 5/12/2025 06:28 PM | Leave the service. Why implement it and then reduce it? Country people are sick of losing services including waste services |
| Anonymous 5/12/2025 06:33 PM | No |
| Anonymous 5/12/2025 06:48 PM | No none. |
| Anonymous 5/12/2025 06:51 PM | Not at all. I've only had to put my bin out once and even then it wasn't full but it was heavy |
| Anonymous 5/12/2025 06:53 PM | No it can be picked up once a year for us. We only have a few bottles that we can drop at the general store bin in Jeparit. A green waste bin would be much better |
| Anonymous 5/12/2025 07:07 PM | Get rid of the purple bin, your data proves noone wants it. Listen to the rate payers(like that will happen), everyone wants a green bin. Simple. |
| Anonymous 5/12/2025 07:08 PM | No. I moved in November and I have not needed my glass been to be emptied. |
| Anonymous 5/12/2025 07:08 PM | Yes would run out of capacity |
| Anonymous | Since it takes me more than eight weeks to even half-fill the purple |

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| 5/12/2025 07:12 PM | bin, I would be quite happy for the collection to be every 12 weeks. I have only placed my purple bin out twice because I don't bother unless it is approximately half full; it would take way more than 12 weeks to fill it with glass items. | |
|--|---|--|
| Anonymous 5/12/2025 07:12 PM | No, should scrap it and use the yellow bin | |
| Anonymous 5/12/2025 07:25 PM | No, I would rather return the bin as it has never been and never will be used. | |
| Anonymous 5/12/2025 07:35 PM | I would prefer it remain every 8 weeks, if it went to 12 weeks I would end up putting some glass bottles in the yellow lidded bin. What would help is if collection was on the same day as the other bins as it is easier to remember and I could take it out Sunday night and request a neighbour bring it in with the rest of the bins if I wasn't there. I would be less likely to miss a collection date. If it helps council from a funds point of view to go to 12 weeks then that's ok - I don't feel super strongly about it but bringing the collection date in Dimmy to the Monday morning as with other bins would be helpful if possible. | |
| Anonymous 5/12/2025 08:23 PM | No as we have only ever had enough glass in our bin for collection once. Why not have green waste bins like other shires do and we as rate payers won't mind paying the extra on our rates | |
| Anonymous 5/12/2025 08:29 PM | Yes, for others. We'd be fine. Thankyou | |
| Anonymous 5/12/2025 08:36 PM | I don't think I have ever put it out to be honest. I probably have about 3 glass items in it. I usually put them in recycling. Or we do our 10c refunds. | |
| Anonymous 5/12/2025 08:43 PM | Our glass recyclables has decreased significantly due to the 10c recycling program. We possibly still wouldn't fill ours in 12 weeks but certainly makes more sense than 8. | |
| Anonymous 5/12/2025 09:07 PM | No could go longer for our household | |
| Anonymous 5/12/2025 09:17 PM | Need a bigger bin | |

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| Anonymous 5/12/2025 09:35 PM | I'd approve the change provided existing collection fees for the glass bin are reduced by 33% of the current rate to match the service reduction. Those whom use the purple bin regularly to capacity could possibly have an extra bin freely available so no one is left with a full bin for up to 4 weeks extra. |
|---------------------------------|--|
| Anonymous 5/12/2025 09:51 PM | Nope. It's a good idea. |
| Anonymous 5/13/2025 04:26 AM | No |
| Anonymous 5/13/2025 06:30 AM | Would rather have Green Bins instead. We use our Purple bin to store green waste and take it to the tip on a trailer every fortnight. |
| Anonymous 5/13/2025 06:58 AM | No |
| Anonymous 5/13/2025 07:08 AM | Not at all, we have only used this service twice since it came in. |
| Anonymous 5/13/2025 07:25 AM | Could well do without the collection all together. |
| Anonymous 5/13/2025 08:27 AM | No but please advertise a prominent reminder prior to collection day as i frequently do forget to put the bin out on the required day even though i have the reminder on the fridge and doubt if i am the only one to do so. Thankyou |
| Anonymous 5/13/2025 08:39 AM | no just remembering when it needs to go out |
| Anonymous 5/13/2025 09:05 AM | No, I would welcome it and the reduction in wasted fuel from the collection trucks and our collection fees. |
| Anonymous 5/13/2025 09:06 AM | Nope |
| Anonymous | Doesn't make sense. People aren't remembering to put them out |

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| 5/13/2025 09:34 AM | every 8 weeks. Every 12 weeks is worse. Green waste bins is what we've been wanting for years. Esp when you consider our fire danger situation. I use my red bin for green waste, which is not ideal but without a trailer or means of burning it, what an I meant to do? I know other women are asking for green waste bins too. Other councils provide them with rates. |
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| Anonymous 5/13/2025 09:56 AM | Change the purple bin to a green waste bin. Purple bin is a waste on money and resources |
| Anonymous 5/13/2025 10:51 AM | No problem |
| Anonymous 5/13/2025 03:28 PM | No we hardly put it out we probably wouldn't even use it at 12 weeks so it won't matter to us |
| Anonymous 5/13/2025 06:05 PM | No |
| Anonymous 5/13/2025 11:20 PM | The lesser the frequency the harder it is to remember to put out the purple bin. I think many people forget. I have forgotten before. If we were to accidentally forget at 12 weeks it would be 24 weeks before the bin was emptied again. The bin is very heavy when it's full. It's my understanding that the waste and recycling collection should be cost neutral for council. To lessen the service but not reduce the cost to the customer seems to be a money grab by council. If there are increasing costs then this needs to be budgeted for, taking into account the end product value. Public education is the answer to saving money we need to reduce rubbish going into landfill and encourage people to compost rather than asking for green waste. Not charge extra for people that do recycle. If Four times a year is hardly worth having it at all. May I suggest we put some purple bins publicly for filling for those people that need more than one purple bin like businesses etc. |
| Anonymous 5/14/2025 02:20 AM | No. A lot of people are putting 10c recyclables into the glass bins. This is disappointing as it costs the companies that participate 18.5c per item. Boring fact I acquired from CUB. In some countries in Europe non returned container deposit scheme items then incur a tax by that government. |
| Anonymous | While I rarely pit my bin out for glass collection because it takes a |

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| 5/14/2025 06:11 AM | long time to fill, I often forget to put it out even when it needs |
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| | emptying, as the collection is so infrequent. I'm wondering if there is a |
| | better way of keeping people informed of collection dates - especially |
| | if we move to a 12 week cycle. |
| Anonymous | No concerns. Happy with every 12 weeks |
| 5/14/2025 07:35 AM | |
| Anonymous | No. I would just like a green bin but I see in your comments on |
| 5/14/2025 01:28 PM | Facebook that this is being worked on so that is great, thank you |
| Anonymous | Would not worry me. I don't tend to have a lot of glass waste. |
| 5/15/2025 07:55 AM | |
| Anonymous | If it is changed to 12 weeks, then the likelihood of missing a collection |
| 5/15/2025 11:50 AM | increases the amount in the bins and making it harder to move |
| | around for the older folk Also, if it is decided to go along that route, then text messages should be sent to each household so that they |
| | don't forget the date. |
| Anonymous | None. |
| 5/15/2025 01:49 PM | |
| Anonymous | NO |
| 5/16/2025 03:14 PM | |
| Anonymous | Only that it's quite a long haul to drag the bin over a stony driveway |
| 5/16/2025 04:05 PM | (for an elderly person) - but 12 weeks should be fine. |
| Anonymous | i would like to see the bin collection times more flexible around |
| 5/16/2025 04:05 PM | festive holidays. eg I would like to see a bin collection after |
| | Christmas- New Year period then again after the finish of school |
| | holidaysor maybe just a bit more frequent over summer in general., |
| | and then again after the Easter holidayswith lots of visitors here over this period my bin fills up fast, and then my bin isn't so full over the |
| | winter months even spring isn't too badgood luck! |
| Anonymous | No concerns |
| 5/16/2025 05:14 PM | |
| Anonymous | Yes |

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5/16/2025 05:22 PM

| Anonymous 5/16/2025 07:25 PM | Good change probably worth a try see how it works for a 12 month trial |
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| Anonymous 5/18/2025 08:12 AM | I only put my purple bin out when full. Just because the truck comes around every 8 weeks doesn't mean my bin is full. They call it economising and working in with the truck driver who collects. Same with my recycled yellow bin, only when full. |
| Anonymous 5/18/2025 02:11 PM | Yes, the collection should occur at least every 4 weeks and include green bins. The shire needs to provide the service that we pay rates for. We also pay to take rubbish to the tip, the service is not there as with other shires. 4 bins are needed red, green, yellow and purple. It's 2025! |
| Anonymous 5/18/2025 05:14 PM | A functional proposal we think. |
| Anonymous 5/19/2025 11:28 AM | As always focus on solutions rather than contraints: Explain honestly why this is important; find a way to get the purple bin picked up on the same day as other bins; create an automated messaging reminder system that residents can subscribe to; renegotiate to contract with the service provider. Sure there complications but keep the focus on what we need rather than throwing in the towel at the first hurdle |
| Anonymous 5/19/2025 03:04 PM | None |
| Anonymous 5/23/2025 11:58 AM | I would prefer to have the glass bin collected every 12 weeks. |
| Anonymous 5/23/2025 11:59 AM | No, I don't put it out every 8 weeks as it is not full in that time :) |
| Anonymous 5/24/2025 07:39 AM | As a single householder, (non drinker) I have very few items of glass and usually walk down to the permanent bins in Miram with the ones I do have. As per your statistics, I agree with your proposal of a 12 weeks cycle of collection |

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| Anonymous 5/27/2025 09:36 AM | No |
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| Anonymous 5/27/2025 12:57 PM | I would use my recycling bin if my purple bin was full before collection. |
| Anonymous 5/27/2025 02:38 PM | Yes my biggest concern. Last collection I placed our purple bin out for collection and it was full. It was so heavy, I could hardly manage getting it out to the curb. I will not be waiting till the bin fills again. |
| Anonymous 5/28/2025 10:35 AM | My rates will remain the same for a reduction in service |
| Anonymous 5/30/2025 06:08 PM | I live alone am 86 years, and do not have a lot of glass, but the concern I have would be the weight of the bin for me to take out to be collected after the extra four weeks. |
| Anonymous 5/31/2025 03:03 PM | I would certainly prefer the bins to be collected every 8 weeks. |
| Anonymous 6/02/2025 01:01 PM | No. |
| Optional question (65 response Question type: Essay Question | |

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12th May, 2025

MINUTES OF THE JEPARIT TOWNSHIP ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE HINDMARSH SHIRE COUNCIL HELD ON 12^{TH} MAY, 2025 at the Memorial Hall, Roy Street, Jeparit at 7.35pm.

Present: Mr. P. King (HSC), Jason Hutson (Chair-Person), Cheryl Quinn (Sec), Teresa Smith (Vice-Chair), Craige Proctor (CM), Sharon Reilly (CM), Annemarie Werner (CM), Lauren Badua, Wendy Werner, Colin Moore, and Tony Simpson (Community Members).

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY AND OPENING PRAYER

We acknowledge that this meeting is being held on the lands of the Wotjobaluk, Jaadwa, Jadawadjali, Wergaia and Jupagalk Nations and we acknowledge them as Traditional Owners of Country.

We recognise the important ongoing role that Indigenous people have in our community and pay our respects to their Elders, past and present.

2. APOLOGIES

Mr. T. Clarke (HSC), Mel Wagener and Bec Schultz, (Committee Members)

3. DECLARATION BY COUNCILLORS OR OFFICERS OF ANY DIRECT OR INDIRECT INTEREST IN ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA.

- General conflict of interest; or
- Material conflict of interest

Declaration of general or material conflict of interest must also be advised by Committee Members at the commencement of discussion of the specific item. **NIL.**

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the JTAC Committee Meeting held on 14th April, 2025 at 7.30pm at the Memorial Hall, Roy Street, Jeparit, circulated to Committee Members be taken as read and confirmed (Attachment: 1)

Moved: Annemarie Werner **Seconded:** Craige Proctor

Carried

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NIL

6. CORRESPONDENCE

INWARD:

6.1 P. King (HSC) Inv 3769 Heath & Rene: - 15/04/25
6.2 P. King (HSC) Supermarket Doc -22/4/25
6.3 P. King (HSC) Auto Reply -22/4/25
6.4 P. King (HSC) Supermarket Receipts - 24/4/25
6.5 Grampians Industry News Letter - 30/4/25
6.6 B. O'Loughlin (HSC) Volunteer Breakfast 6/5/25
6.7 P. King (HSC) Minutes of JTAC Meeting 7/5/25 *OUTWARD:*6.8 P. King (HSC) Draft Minutes meeting - 20/4/25
6.9 P. King (HSC) Supermarket Dockets – 22/4/25
6.10 Grampians Industry News Letter - 30/4/25
6.11 P. King (HSC) Draft JTAC Minutes 1/5/25
6.12 JTAC Members Minutes & Agenda - 8/5/25
6.13 T. Clarke, P. King (HSC) S86 Minutes & Agenda Previous Minutes 8/5/25

That the Outward Correspondence be approved and the Inward Correspondence noted.

Moved: Annemarie Werner Seconded: Teresa Smith

Carried

7. EVENTS

| Event: | NYE | Location: | River Prescint | Date | 31/12/25 |
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| | | Relevant do | ocuments | | |
| | Responsibility | Due date | Status | | |
| Risk | (HSC) | 15/12/25 | | | |
| assessment | | | | | |
| Food permit | N/A | | Bring own food | | |
| Local Law permit | (HSC) | 15/12/25 | | | |

8.

GENERAL BUSINESS AS NOTIFIED TO THE CHAIR

8.1 Sharon Reilly (CM) reported on King's birthday long weekend Township GARAGE SALE/BIKE & WHEELS DISPLAY (being Saturday 9th June) Flyer has been circulated with a good response and registration by 24th May 2025. Local Hotel indicated that it will open all day. Car group (Paul Newcomb) left over funds to be donated to Cancer research. Discussion with Mr. P. King about HSC permit for road closure. **(see 8.4)**

8.2 Craige Proctor (CM) updated our committee with the following: Generous funding for the Historical Society, 1960's minute book found. Family members, assisting in the search of information of the Jeparit Methodist church. Sorting of photos and digitalizing of over 300 photos.

8.3 Teresa Smith (CM) attended (5/5/25) Youth Council meeting: Emphasis on Story telling and adding their own story as the youth of this meeting are the next generation of story tellers. Your children will tell your story. This group has a stronger connection with world of history with other historical societies. Offer of assistance with the creation of web sites.

8.4 Wendy Werner (Community member) discussed WMP Museum will hold machinery show of stationary items during normal opening hours on Sat 7th June and at 5.00pm show a movie

Wendy Werner (President of WMPM) and Sharon Reilly (CM) to discuss advertisement of these events occurring jointly.

8.5 The premier of a movie by Matthew Polack, Horsham about John Coppock and Albacutya Station (AKA Halbacutya Station) will screen as a community event at 6.00pm on 7th June 2025 at Albacutya Homestead.

8.6 Sharon Reilly (CM) **Moved:** That Teresa Smith (CM) investigate an alternative musical group for NYE function December 2025. Budget of \$2,500.00 with permission from JTAC to spend extra should the need arise. HSC will see if any funding avail through Regional Community Funds. **Seconded**: Annemarie Werner (CM) (See 7. Events) **Carried**

8.7 Jeparit Memorial Hall celebrates 100 years on 27th May 2025. Council and JTAC will coordinate a function and approach the Jeparit Hall Committee for assistance.

9. COUNCILLOR REPORT

N/A

10. OFFICER's REPORT

10.1 Jeparit town entry signs. Concept design approved by JTAC 14 April 2025 Next steps. Structural design to be carried out by a qualified structural engineer (waiting on quote). For the quote for the design and plans: • Site plans: \$1200 + GST • Design and drafting: \$2400 + GST • Site visit: \$800 + GST (If required) Total \$3,600.00 - \$4,400.00 + GST Review and endorse proposed locations of signs. Commence VicRoads approval process. Does JTAC have funds to pay for the structural design, construction and installation as a community initiative?

Discussion held as to Signage funding by HSC of \$10,000.00 not shown on Financial statement. (Some funding already paid out for metal works completed).

10.2 Menzies Square - Proposal to install QR Codes to enable visitors to hear / see on their devices e.g. smart phones, iPad etc.

10.3 Brown Tourism Signs - Concept prepared for initial discussion for installation at Jeparit / Rainbow turnoff on the Western Highway at Dimboola. WMPM initially wasn't permitted to be on signs due to it being more than 25km away and not being open every day. Awaiting feedback from Council re proposal, before progressing to VicRoads.

10.4 Grampians Wimmera Mallee Touring Map - Installation on the window at the Jeparit Supermarket. Will have QR Codes for • Silo Art Trail • The Grampians Way • New Events App See photo of example.

10.5 Wimmera River Discovery Trail Sign frames have been installed for WRDT signage, but Council is waiting on final sign off from ParksVic for management plans and other documents. ParksVic have requested no signage to be installed until the documentation is all approved and signed off

10.6 JTAC Nominations The report for JTAC endorsement will be going to the 28 May 2025 Council Meeting. Nominations include the following. • J. Hutson • C. Quinn • M. Wagener • T. Smith • A. Werner • S. Reilly • C. Moore • R. Schultz • L. Badua • W. Werner.

10.7 Menzies Spire -The thistle has been removed, and a quote has been received to repair it. The proposal is for the thistle to be made from perforated sheet metal which will be a lot stronger than fiberglass and will still allow light to be emitted from it. It will also be powder coated in a purple colour. Quote - \$2,512.50 ex GST

Menzies Institute to be contacted regarding funding.

10.8 Jeparit Hall Entrance / Exit Light Ongoing – Electrician is scheduled to be in Jeparit this week and will look at the works for a proposed push button switch to be installed in the foyer of the hall so there is a light available when exiting the hall.

10.9 Volunteer Week 2025 Volunteer Week breakfasts will be held in 2025 as per the following dates. Jeparit – Tuesday 20 May. 7.00am – 9.00am. Menzies Square. **10.10** Jeparit Hall 100 Year Anniversary As raised by Craige Proctor (CM) and discussed by JTAC, I have raised the idea of a celebration to commemorate the 100-year anniversary of the opening of the Jeparit Memorial Hall. Will advise more information when discussed at Council.

10.11 Jeparit Riverbank Precinct The bin frame has been removed.

10.12 Ongoing - Opportunities for funding to construct a shade structure over the playground will be monitored.

10.13 Rabbits Although not part of Council's responsibility are there any issues in relation to rabbit populations along the river? If it is a big issue for the community, Council could contact Parks Vic and perhaps co-ordinate rabbit control activities. Are there any particular areas that are worse than others?

10.14 Annual Budget Drop-in Sessions Budget drop-in session in Jeparit next Tuesday 20 May from 8.00am – 10.00am at the Jeparit Library. Follows on from the Volunteer Breakfast

10.15 Council Deliberative Panel. The Deliberative Panel is meeting on Wednesday in Dimboola. Confirmation of JTAC's representatives.

10.16 Jeparit Streetscape Works have commenced to replace the rotten and broken timber garden edging with composite material. Landscaping will be considered when work is completed.

10.17 Jeparit Hall Centenary Suggestion for a late afternoon function say 5.30pm – 7.00pm. BBQ dinner Tours of the Historical Society and old Council Chamber. Short speeches etc. To be further discussed during meeting. Youth Council meeting at WMPM Very positive comments received from the Youth Council about their recent meeting at the WMPM. Holding a FreeZa Disco in the Jeparit Hall on Friday 23 May.

10.18 Water connection to Garden Clubroom Apparently, an expensive process to connect water to the building. There is unfortunately no budget for it so JTAC or the Gardening Club would need to pay a substantial amount towards its connection

11. URGENT BUSINESS

N/A

12. FINANCE REPORT

12.1 Summary of Balances in Finance Report. *RECOMMENDATION:*

That the Finance Report as provided be approved.

Moved: Sharon Reilly Seconded: Annemarie Werner

Carried

12.2 Purchase Orders to be raised - \$2,000 or less Moved: Seconded:

| ITEM NO. | DESCRIPTION | DECISION |
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12.3 Purchase Orders to be raised – Greater than \$2,000

Moved: Sharon Reilly **Seconded:** Annemarie Werner

Carried

| ITEM NO. | DESCRIPTION | DECISION |
|-------------|-------------|-----------------|
| 8.1 | NYE Band | \$2,500.00 plus |
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13. DECISIONS TO BE MADE

The following decisions are recommendations to Council for endorsement:

| ITEM NO. | DESCRIPTION | DECISION |
|-------------|---|--|
| 4 | Minutes | Confirmation of the Minutes |
| 5 | Business Arising from Minutes | Nil |
| 6 | Correspondence | Approving the Outward Correspondence and Noting the Inward. |
| 7 | Events | NYE Function |
| 8 | General Business as Notified to the Chair | 8.1, 8.2, 8.3, 8.4, 8.5, 8.6 & 8.7. |
| 9 | Councillor's Report | N/A |
| 10 | Officer's Report | 10.1 10.2, 10.3,10.4, 10.5, 10.6, 10.7, 10.8, 10.09, 10.10 10.11, 10.12, 10.13, 10.14, 10.15, 10.16, 10.17 & 10.18. |
| 11 | Urgent Business | Nil |

| 14. MEETING CLOSED | | |
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| 12.3 | Purchase Orders to be Raised (above \$2,000) | NYE Event |
| 12.2 | Purchase Orders to be Raised (\$2,000 or less) | Nil |
| 12.1 | Finance Report | That the Finance Report was confirmed at meeting. |

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

Next JTAC Meeting scheduled for Monday 9th June 2025.

15. COUNCIL OFFICER AUTHORISATION

*to be completed by Council Officer

I, Phil King accept the following recommendations made by the JTA Committee at this meeting held on 12^{th} May, 2025

| ITEM NO. | DESCRIPTION | DECISION |
|-------------|---|---|
| 4 | Minutes | Confirmation of the Minutes |
| 5 | Business Arising from Minutes | Nil |
| 6 | Correspondence | Approving the Outward Correspondence and Noting the Inward. |
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| 8 | General Business as Notified to the Chair | 8.1, 8.2, 8.3, 8.4, 8.5, 8.6 & 8.7. |
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| | | 10.11, 10.12, 10.13, 10.14, 10.15, 10.16, 10.17 & 10.18. |
| 11 | Urgent Business | Nil |
| 12.1 | Finance Report | That the Finance Report was confirmed at meeting. |
| 12.2 | Purchase Orders to be Raised (\$2,000 or less) | Nil |
| 12.3 | Purchase Orders to be Raised (\$2,000 or more) | NYE Event –. |

I, Phil King advise that the following items:

| ITEM NO. | DESCRIPTION | DECISION |
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| 12.3 | 2025 NYE Concert at Jeparit Riverbank Precinct | That Council endorse the payment of a band - subject to an appropriate band being engaged to perform. |
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- Need to be referred to a Council Meeting / CEO for a decision
- Require more Information
- Do No align with the Hindmarsh Shire Council Plan

SIGNED:

Council Officer

Dated: 27 May 2025