



BUSINESS PAPER

Ordinary Council Meeting

16 April 2024

ETHICAL DECISION MAKING & CONFLICT OF INTEREST

A Guiding Checklist for Councillors, Officers & Community Committees

ETHICAL DECISION MAKING

- Is the decision or conduct legal?
- Is it consistent with Government policy, Council’s objectives and Code of Conduct?
- What will the outcome be for you, your colleagues, the Council, anyone else?
- Does it raise a conflict of Interest?
- Could your possible conflict of interest lead to private gain or loss at public expense?
- Can the decision be justified in terms of public interest?
- Would it withstand public scrutiny?

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

A Conflict of Interest is a clash between private interests and public duty. There are two types of conflict: Pecuniary – regulated by the Local Government Act and Department of Local Government and, Non-pecuniary – regulated by Codes of Conduct, ICAC, Ombudsman, Department of Local Government (advice only).

THE TEST FOR CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- Is it likely I could be influenced by personal interest in carrying out my public duty?
- Would a fair and reasonable person believe I could be so influenced?
- Conflict of interest is closely tied to the layperson’s definition of “corruption” – using public office for private gain.
- Important to consider public perceptions of whether you have a conflict of interest.

IDENTIFYING PROBLEMS

- 1 Do I have private interest affected by a matter in which I am officially involved?
- 2 Is my official role one of influence or perceived influence over the matter?
- 3 Do my private interests conflict with my official role?

Whilst seeking advice is generally useful, the ultimate decision rests with the person concerned.

AGENCY ADVICE

Officers of the following agencies are available during office hours to discuss the obligations placed on Councillors, officers and community committee members by various pieces of legislation, regulation and codes.

Contact	Phone	Email
Narrandera Shire Council	02 6959 5510	council@narrandera.nsw.gov.au
Department of Local Government	02 4428 4100	olg@olg.nsw.gov.au
ICAC Toll free	02 8281 5999 1800 463 909	icac@icac.nsw.gov.au
NSW Ombudsman Toll Free	02 8286 1000 1800 451 524	nswombo@ombo.nsw.gov.au

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN THEMES

Section 14 Our Community

- 1.1 To live in an inclusive, healthy and tolerant community with a positive attitude toward others.
- 1.2 Work together to advocate for quality health, education, youth and social services.
- 1.3 To feel connected and safe.

Section 15 Our Environment

- 2.1 To value, care for and protect our natural environment.
- 2.2 Enhance our public spaces to enrich our community.
- 2.3 Maximise greater re-use of resources to increase sustainability within our community

Section 16 Our Economy

- 3.1 Create strong conditions for investment and job creation through quality infrastructure and proactive business support.
- 3.2 Encourage new housing supply to meet the needs of the community.

Section 17 Our Infrastructure

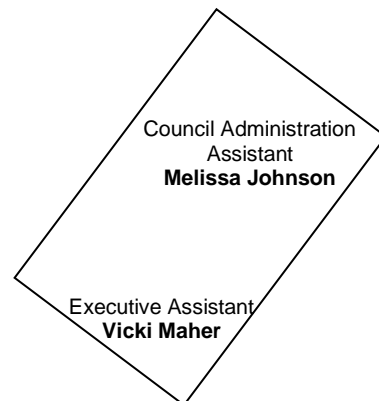
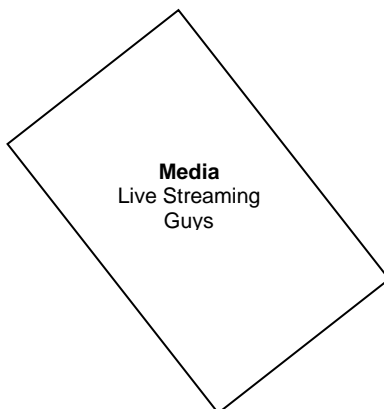
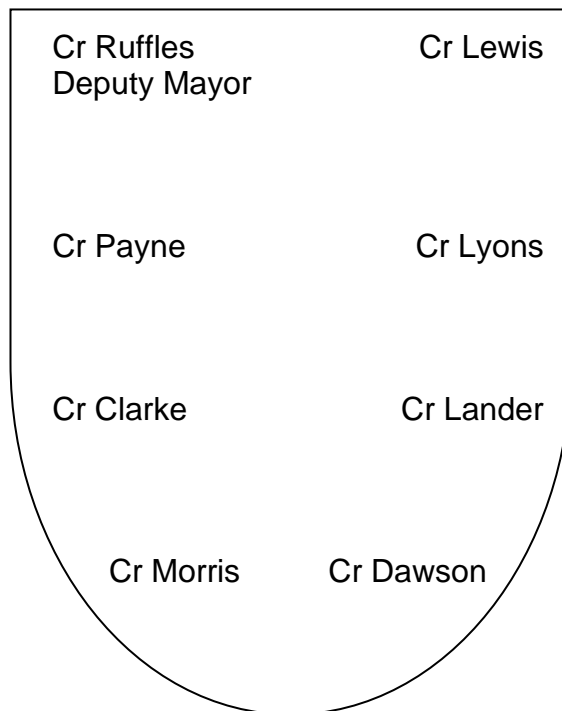
- 4.1 To have an improved and appropriately maintained road network.
- 4.2 Actively investigate opportunities to enhance our potable water quality.
- 4.3 To improve, maintain and value-add to our essential public and recreational infrastructure.

Section 18 Our Leadership

- 5.1 Have a Council that provides leadership through actions and effective communication.
- 5.2 Promote a community spirit that encourages volunteerism and values effective partnerships.

SEATING

General Manager George Cowan	MAYOR Cr Kschenka	Deputy General Manager Infrastructure Shane Wilson	Deputy General Manager Corporate & Community Martin Hiscox
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Shire Council will be held in the Council Chambers on:
Tuesday 16 April 2024 at 2pm**

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- 1 **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**
- 2 **HOUSE KEEPING**
- 3 **DISCLOSURE OF POLITICAL DONATIONS**
- 4 **REQUEST TO ATTEND BY AUDIO-VISUAL LINK**
- 5 **PRESENT**
- 6 **APOLOGIES**
- Nil
- 7 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
- 8 **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Ordinary Council Meeting - 19 March 2024



MINUTES

Ordinary Council Meeting

19 March 2024

Unconfirmed

**MINUTES OF NARRANDERA SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON TUESDAY, 19 MARCH 2024 AT 2PM**

The Mayor declared the meeting opened at **2pm** and welcomed the Councillors, Staff, Media and those following on the live stream.

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

I would like to acknowledge the Wiradjuri people who are the Traditional Custodians of the Land. I would also like to pay respect to their people both past and present and extend that respect to other Aboriginal Australians who are present.

2 HOUSE KEEPING

Advice provided of Council's Work, Health and Safety (WHS) Evacuation Plan and location of the Amenities.

3 DISCLOSURE OF POLITICAL DONATIONS

Advice provided to those present of the legislative requirement for Disclosure of Political Donations:

The Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, Section 147 requires a person submitting planning applications or submissions regarding a planning application, to disclose any reportable political donation and/or gifts to any local Councillor or employee of Council. Reportable political donations include those of or above \$1,000. The Disclosure Statement forms are available on Council's website or from the Customer Service Centre and must be lodged in accordance with the Act.

There were no Disclosures of Political Donations received by the Chairperson.

4 REQUEST TO ATTEND BY AUDIO-VISUAL LINK

No requests to join via audio-visual link in March.

5 PRESENT

Mayor Cr Neville Kschenka, Deputy Mayor Cr Sue Ruffles, Cr Narelle Payne, Cr Jenny Clarke OAM, Cr Kevin Morris, Cr Peter Dawson, Cr Cameron Lander, Cr Braden Lyons, Cr Tracey Lewis

In Attendance

George Cowan (GM), Shane Wilson (DGMI), Martin Hiscox (DGMCC), Vicki Maher (EA),
Melissa Johnson (CAA)

6 APOLOGIES

Nil

7 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

8 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**RESOLUTION 24/029**

Moved: Cr Narelle Payne

Seconded: Cr Peter Dawson

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 20 February 2024 be confirmed.

CARRIED

9 MAYORAL REPORT

Nil

10 COUNCILLOR REPORTS**10.1 CR CLARKE - ATTENDANCE AT RDA ORANA INLAND GROWTH SUMMIT -
21-22 FEBRUARY 2024****RESOLUTION 24/030**

Moved: Cr Jenny Clarke OAM

Seconded: Cr Narelle Payne

That Council:

1. Receives and notes information provided in the report 'RDA Orana Inland Growth Summit Growth - 21 and 22 February 2024'.

CARRIED

10.2 CR DAWSON - ATTENDANCE AT NEWELL HIGHWAY TASKFORCE COMMITTEE MEETING - 30 NOVEMBER 2023

RESOLUTION 24/031

Moved: Cr Peter Dawson

Seconded: Cr Jenny Clarke OAM

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the report on the Newell Highway Taskforce Committee meeting.

CARRIED

11 NOTICES OF RESCISSION

Nil

12 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

13 QUESTION WITH NOTICE

Nil

14 OUR LEADERSHIP

14.1 MAYOR REPORT - FEBRUARY / MARCH 2024

RESOLUTION 24/032

Moved: Mayor Cr Neville Kschenka

Seconded: Cr Narelle Payne

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the Mayoral Report for February and March 2024.

.CARRIED

15 OUR COMMUNITY

15.1 BETTERING BARELLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE - COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE NOMINEE

RESOLUTION 24/033

Moved: Cr Jenny Clarke OAM

Seconded: Cr Kevin Morris

That Council:

1. Endorses and appoints Jane Snaith as a Community Representative to Council's Bettering Barellan Advisory Committee.

CARRIED

16 OUR ENVIRONMENT

Nil

17 OUR ECONOMY

Nil

18 OUR INFRASTRUCTURE

18.1 TENDER T-23-24-7 DESIGN AND CONSTRUCT BARELLAN TODDLER POOL

RESOLUTION 24/034

Moved: Cr Peter Dawson

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Cr Sue Ruffles

That Council:

1. Accepts the tender offer by ELM Aquatics for the lump sum amount of \$707,956.00 (excl GST), in accordance with Section 55 of the Local Government Act 1993 as detailed within the report.
2. Increases the project budget by \$297,956 to be funded from the Infrastructure Replacement Renewal Reserve as detailed in Table 4 of the report.

CARRIED

19 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION

Nil

20 PROCUREMENT

Nil

21 POLICY**21.1 POLICY REVIEW - POL058 GIFTS BENEFITS AND HOSPITALITY POLICY AND POL013 SECTION 355 COMMITTEES POLICY****RESOLUTION 24/035**

Moved: Cr Narelle Payne

Seconded: Cr Jenny Clarke OAM

That Council:

1. Reviews and endorses the following revised policies for the purpose of public exhibition seeking community comment for a period of 28 days
 - a. POL013 Section 355 Committees Policy
 - b. POL058 Gifts Benefits and Hospitality Policy
2. Deems policies POL013 and POL058 as adopted should no submissions be received from the community at the conclusion of the exhibition period.

CARRIED

21.2 PERFORMANCE ORDERS - OLG CIRCULAR 24-03**RESOLUTION 24/036**

Moved: Cr Tracey Lewis

Seconded: Cr Cameron Lander

That Council:

1. Notes the Circular 24-03.

CARRIED

21.3 POLICY REVIEW - POL112 LAND ACQUISITION AND SUBDIVISION POLICY**RESOLUTION 24/037**

Moved: Cr Narelle Payne

Seconded: Cr Cameron Lander

That Council:

1. Endorses the revision as presented to policy POL112 Land Acquisition and Subdivision for public exhibition.
2. Deems POL112 Land Acquisition and Subdivision Policy as adopted should no submissions be received from the community at the conclusion of the exhibition

period.

CARRIED

22 COMMITTEE REPORTS

22.1 ABORIGINAL ELDERS LIAISON - MINUTES - 26 FEBRUARY 2024

RESOLUTION 24/038

Moved: Cr Braden Lyons

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Cr Sue Ruffles

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the Minutes of the Aboriginal Elders Liaison held on Monday 26 February 2024.

CARRIED

22.2 AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE - MINUTES - 6 MARCH 2024

RESOLUTION 24/039

Moved: Cr Jenny Clarke OAM

Seconded: Cr Tracey Lewis

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the Minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee held on Wednesday 6 March 2024.

CARRIED

22.3 GRONG GRONG COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE - MINUTES - 19 FEBRUARY 2024

RESOLUTION 24/040

Moved: Cr Peter Dawson

Seconded: Cr Tracey Lewis

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the Minutes of the Grong Grong Community Advisory Committee held on Monday 19 February 2024.

CARRIED

22.4 BETTERING BARELLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE - MINUTES - 21 FEBRUARY 2024**RESOLUTION 24/041**

Moved: Cr Kevin Morris

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Cr Sue Ruffles

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the Minutes of the Bettering Barellan Advisory Committee held on Wednesday 21 February 2024.

CARRIED

22.5 RAILWAY STATION FACILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE - MINUTES - 15 FEBRUARY 2024**RESOLUTION 24/042**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Cr Sue Ruffles

Seconded: Cr Tracey Lewis

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the Minutes of the Railway Station Facility Advisory Committee held on Thursday 15 February 2024.

CARRIED

22.6 ARTS AND CULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE - MINUTES - 22 FEBRUARY 2024**RESOLUTION 24/043**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Cr Sue Ruffles

Seconded: Cr Tracey Lewis

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the Minutes of the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee held on Thursday 22 February 2024.

CARRIED

22.7 PARKSIDE COTTAGE MUSEUM S355 COMMITTEE - MINUTES - 4 MARCH 2024**RESOLUTION 24/044**

Moved: Cr Tracey Lewis

Seconded: Cr Peter Dawson

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the Minutes of the Parkside Cottage Museum S355 Committee held on Monday 4 March 2024.

CARRIED**22.8 AUSTRALIA DAY PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE - MINUTES - 15 FEBRUARY 2024****RESOLUTION 24/045**

Moved: Cr Narelle Payne

Seconded: Cr Braden Lyons

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the Minutes of the Australia Day Planning Advisory Committee held on Thursday 15 February 2024.

CARRIED**22.9 NARRANDERA STADIUM ADVISORY COMMITTEE - MINUTES - 22 FEBRUARY 2024****RESOLUTION 24/046**

Moved: Cr Narelle Payne

Seconded: Cr Tracey Lewis

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the Minutes of the Narrandera Stadium Advisory Committee held on Thursday 22 February 2024.

CARRIED

22.10 LAKE TALBOT ENVIRONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE - MINUTES - 22 FEBRUARY 2024

RESOLUTION 24/047

Moved: Cr Cameron Lander
 Seconded: Cr Narelle Payne

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the Minutes of the Lake Talbot Environs Advisory Committee held on Thursday 22 February 2024.

CARRIED

23 STATUTORY AND COMPULSORY REPORTING – DEVELOPMENT SERVICES REPORTS

23.1 DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENT SERVICES ACTIVITIES - FEBRUARY 2024

RESOLUTION 24/048

Moved: Cr Narelle Payne
 Seconded: Cr Peter Dawson

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the Development Services Activities Report for February 2024.

CARRIED

24 STATUTORY AND COMPULSORY REPORTING – FINANCIAL / AUDIT REPORTS

24.1 STATEMENT OF BANK BALANCES - FEBRUARY 2024

RESOLUTION 24/049

Moved: Cr Narelle Payne
 Seconded: Deputy Mayor Cr Sue Ruffles

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the information contained in the Statement of Bank Balances report as of 29 February 2024.

CARRIED

24.2 STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS - FEBRUARY 2024**RESOLUTION 24/050**

Moved: Cr Narelle Payne

Seconded: Cr Jenny Clarke OAM

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the report indicating Council's Fund Management position.
2. Notes the Certificate of the Responsible Accounting Officer and adopts the report as at 29 February 2024.

CARRIED

24.3 INCOME STATEMENT - FEBRUARY 2024**RESOLUTION 24/051**

Moved: Cr Narelle Payne

Seconded: Cr Cameron Lander

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the information contained in the Income Statement report for the period ending 29 February 2024.

CARRIED

24.4 CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM - FEBRUARY 2024**RESOLUTION 24/052**

Moved: Cr Cameron Lander

Seconded: Cr Narelle Payne

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the information contained in the Capital Works report as at 29 February 2024.

CARRIED

24.5 STATEMENT OF RATES AND RECEIPTS - FEBRUARY 2024

RESOLUTION 24/053

Moved: Cr Tracey Lewis

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Cr Sue Ruffles

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the information contained in the Statement of Rates and Receipts report as at 28 February 2024.

CARRIED

The Meeting closed at 2.53pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 16 April 2024.

.....
GENERAL MANAGER

.....
CHAIRPERSON

9 MAYORAL REPORT

9.1 MAYORAL REPORT - MARCH 2024

Document ID: 718616

Author: Mayor

Theme: 5 - Our Leadership

Attachments: 1. **CMA Meeting Sydney - Attachment** [↓](#) 

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the Mayoral Report for March 2024.

BACKGROUND

Since submitting my last Mayor’s Report that was presented to the Ordinary Council meeting of 19 March 2024, I attended the following on behalf of our Council:

Meetings with General Manager: Attended regular Monday, and unscheduled, meetings with the General Manager (GM) George Cowan to discuss various matters. The Deputy Mayor, Cr Sue Ruffles, is also invited to attend the Monday prior to Ordinary Council meetings.

All Councillors have the opportunity to attend a monthly Teams meeting with the GM.

MARCH 2024

Wednesday 13: After accepting an invitation, my wife Carmel and I attended Rotary’s annual New Citizens Welcome Dinner held at Narrandera Golf Club. This event is a great initiative by the Rotary Club to enable members and guests to meet new residents and warmly welcome them to our shire. Thanks go to the hardworking Rotary members, not just for staging this event but also for the ongoing work they do in and for the community.

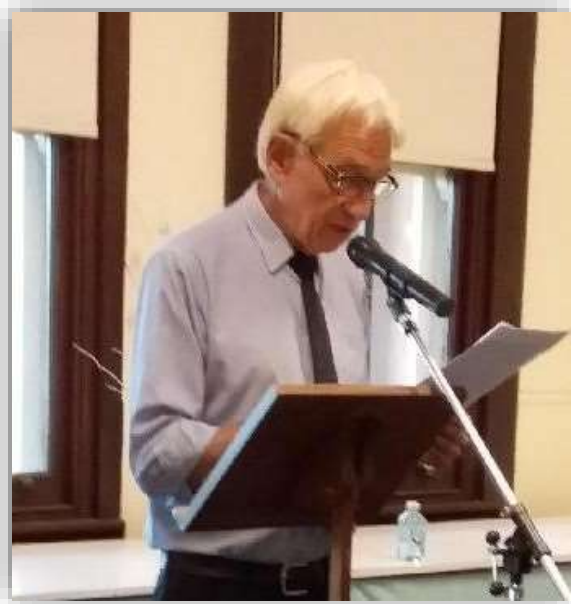
Monday 18: After accepting an invitation from Narrandera’s St Mel’s Catholic Parish, I attended a tribute to former parish priest Fr Patrick Hartigan. Following a special Mass at St Mel’s Church, Fr Stephen Onyekwere presented awards to community members for their long service and dedication to the parish. Recipients included Mary Wade and the late Roy Wade, Jim Knagge and the late Edna Knagge.

Attendees then moved to the former convent building where Terry Lawrence chaired the tribute event proceedings. I had the privilege of delivering an address about Fr Hartigan’s life, which included both his life as a priest and his



Awardees Mary Wade and Jim Knagge

love of poetry. The latter led to him becoming one of Australia's best-known writers under the pseudonym John O'Brien. Much of his work was created in Narrandera and a museum has been established in the Parish House so generations to come can learn about this great man.



Mayor delivering tribute speech



*St Mel's Parish Administrator,
Fr Stephen Onyekwere*

Tuesday 19: I chaired the monthly Councillors Briefing Session and Ordinary Council meeting. Unconfirmed minutes of the Council meeting are submitted for Council's endorsement.

Wednesday 20: Together with the GM, I joined our regular segment on the local Community Radio, 91.1 Spirit FM, where GM and I advise the listeners on outcomes of agenda items from the Council meeting, as well as providing any updates on current projects. This informative segment is standardly held at 8:30am on Wednesday following the monthly Council meeting.



*The Hon Jennifer Aitchison, Steph Cooke MP, with
DGMI Shane Wilson and the Mayor*

Thursday 21: The Deputy General Manager Infrastructure (DGMI) Shane Wilson and I had the opportunity to meet with the Hon. Jenny Aitchison, Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, for further discussion on three locations of concern on Irrigation Way: Irrigation Way/Cadell Street intersection, Main Canal Bridge and Karawatha Drive intersection. Local member for Cootamundra, Steph Cooke MP, joined us in this meeting.

Friday 22: Accompanied by DGMI Shane Wilson, I attended the Country Mayors Association General meeting held at Parliament House, Sydney. Further information is attached to this report.

Monday 25: Together with fellow committee members, I attended the Narrandera-Leeton Airport Management Committee meeting. Minutes of the meeting are further presented to Council.

Wednesday 27: I joined the General Manager for the sale of land by auction, which was held in the Council Chambers.

Sunday 31: Following a very successful Rod Run event over the weekend, I was asked to speak at the awards ceremony held at Narrandera Sportsground.



One participant commented that the Cruisin' no Boozin' under lights in East Street is known both nationally and internationally, with just under 500 participants registered this year. 575 cars registered for Sunday's very successful show and shine.

Gillenbah RFS and Narrandera CanAssist were recipients of generous donations from the Rod Run committee.

Organisers were extremely happy with the assistance they received from volunteers, Narrandera Shire Council and the many event sponsors. It was wonderful to see retailers and food outlets involved and benefiting from extended opening hours across the weekend.

Congratulations to all those involved! This year's success augurs well for the future of Narrandera townships' premier event.

I extend my gratitude and thanks to those Councillors who have attended various meetings throughout the past month, either on my behalf, or as elected committee members.

Until next time, Mayor Kschenk

RECOMMENDATION

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1. Receives and notes the Mayoral Report for March 2024.

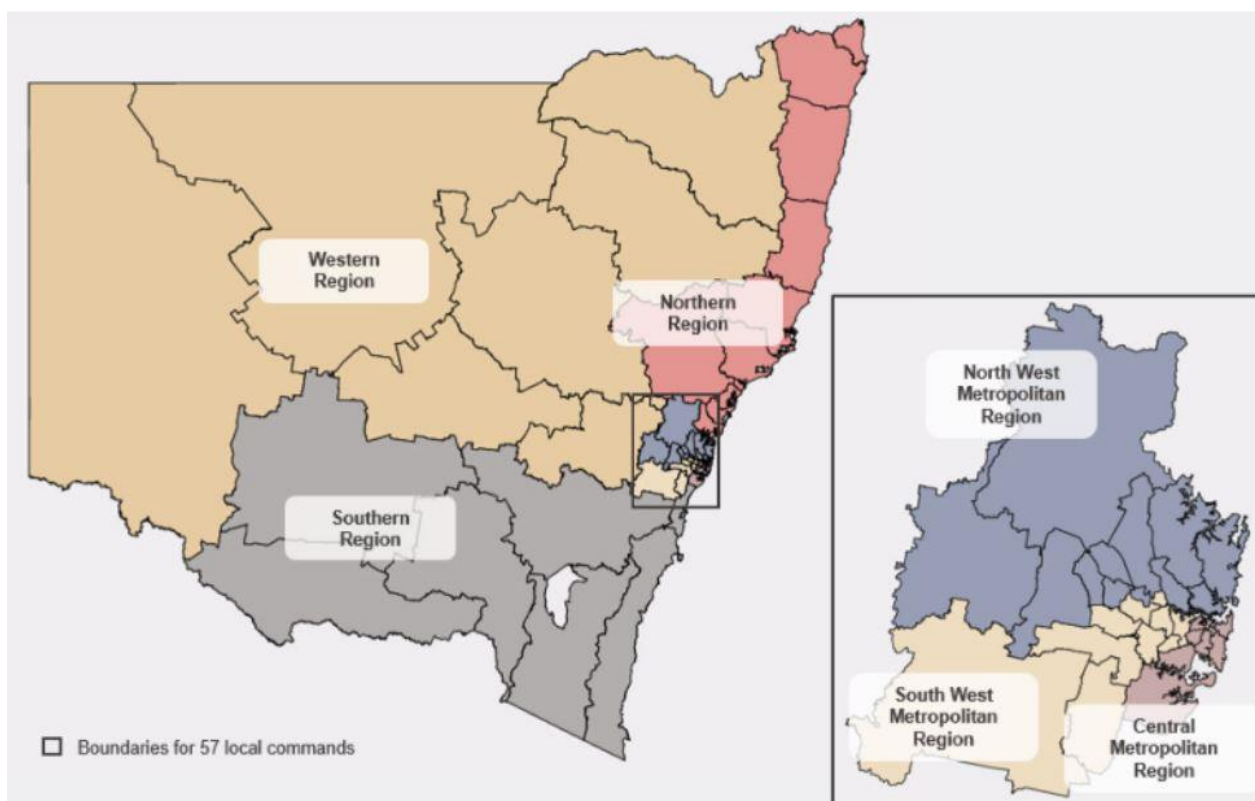
Policing Regions

There are 17,659 sworn police officers operating across 57 police area commands and police districts (local commands) and six police regions in New South Wales.

As the image below shows there are three Metropolitan regions with the rest of NSW broken into three Regional, Rural and Remote regions.

The Metropolitan regions service 10,434 square kilometres or 1% of NSW land mass of NSW and the Regional and Rural regions service 789,940 Square kilometres or 99% of the land mass of NSW.

Source of information

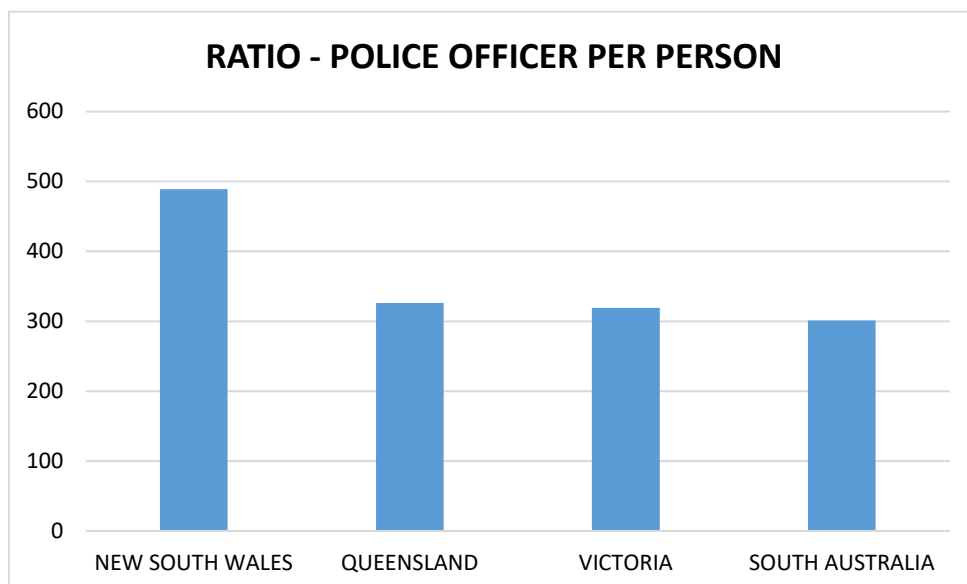


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COMPARISON
POLICING RESOURCES DISTRIBUTION BETWEEN
METROPOLITAN – REGIONAL & RURAL REGIONS 2022-23 YEAR

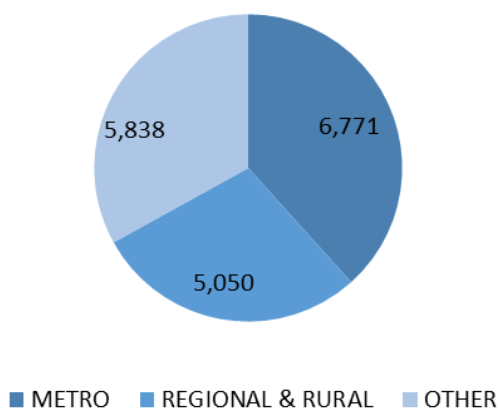
STATE	POLICE COUNT	POPULATION	RATIO - POLICE OFFICER PER PERSON	OPERATIONAL EXPENSES	\$ SPENT PER PERSON
NEW SOUTH WALES	17,062	8,339,300	489	5,176,279,000	621
QUEENSLAND	16,723	5,459,400	326	3,125,485,000	572
VICTORIA	21,326	6,812,500	319	4,162,768,000	611
SOUTH AUSTRALIA	6,142	1,851,700	301	1,065,660,000	576



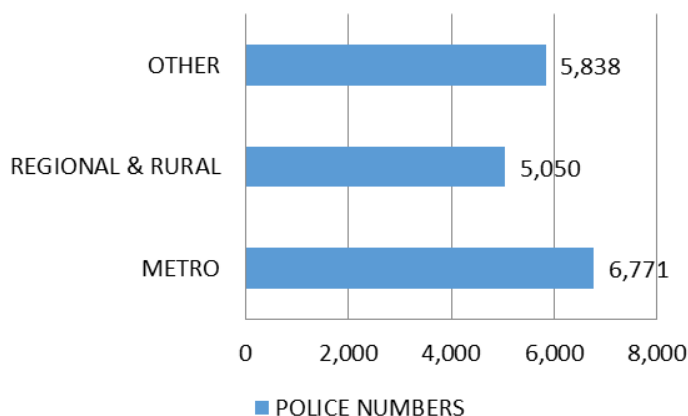
New South Wales Police Officer Counts			
YEAR	POLICE COUNT	POPULATION	RATIO-POLICE OFFICER PER PERSON
2015	16,693	7.62 million	1-456
2016	16,627	7.70 million	1-463
2017	16,649	7.81 million	1-469
2018	16,788	7.89 million	1-469
2019	17,111	7.992 million	1-467
2020	17,348	8.072 million	1-465
2021	17,727	8.163 million	1-460
2022	17,659	8.24 million	1-466
2023	17,062	8.33 million	1-489

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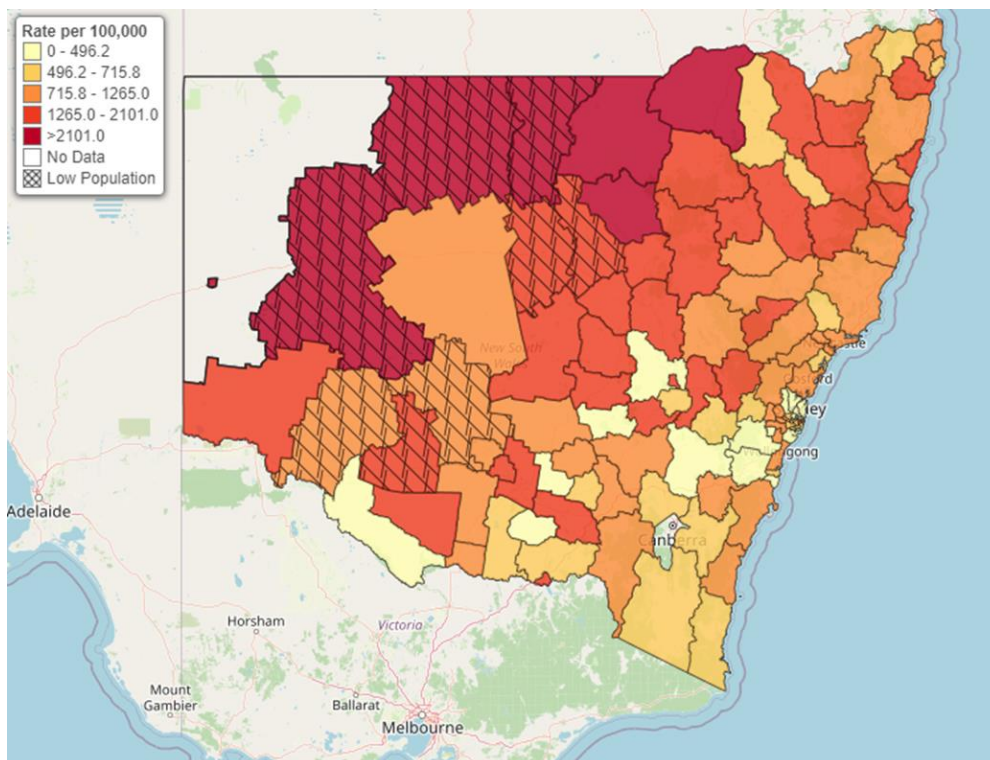


	DISTRIBUTION%
NEW SOUTH WALES	100%
METRO	38%
REGIONAL & RURAL	29%
OTHER	33%

Region population estimates have been derived by taking each region's share of the NSW population. The figures above do not include specialist police and administrative) who are centrally managed but deployed throughout the regions in specialist and corporate roles to provide investigative support, radio communications, call centres, forensic services, complaints and employee management, air and sea policing, specialist surveillance, canine and mounted support, media and public relations, counter terrorism and major crime investigation, police prosecutions, technology support, occupational health and safety, injury management, education and training, human resource support and asset management. The figures above represent actual police strength as at 30 June 2023. These figures will vary from month to month and year to year. Actual strength across the NSW Police Force has decreased from 17,659 in 2021-22 to 17,062 in 2022-23.

**WHERE ARE THE CRIME RATES
AND CRIME COUNTS
THE HIGHEST**





About:

The Bureau is a statistical and research agency within the Department of Communities and Justice. It was established in 1969.

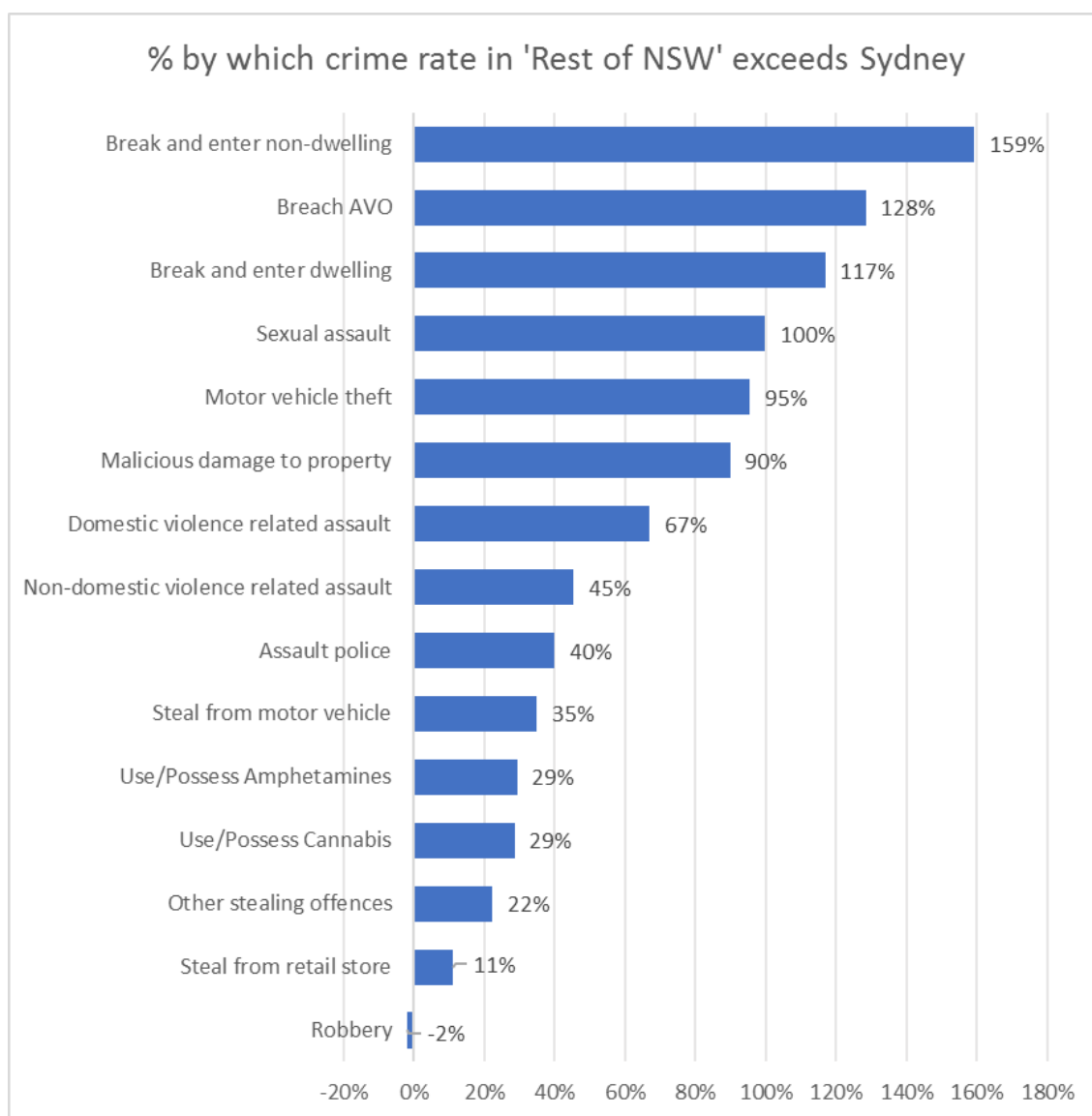
Their aims are to:

- identify factors that affect the distribution and frequency of crime;
- identify factors that affect the effectiveness, efficiency or equity of the NSW criminal justice system;
- Ensure that information on these factors and on crime and justice trends is available and accessible to our clients.

Their four main areas of activity are:

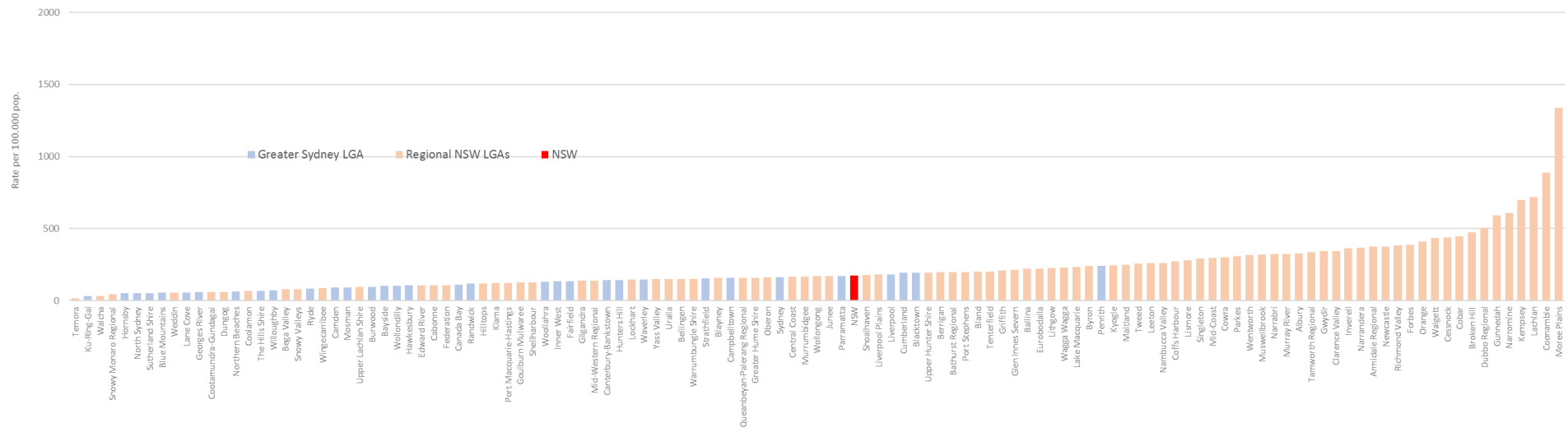
- developing and maintaining statistical databases on crime and criminal justice in NSW;
- conducting research on crime and criminal justice issues and problems;
- monitoring trends in crime and criminal justice;
- providing information and advice on crime and criminal justice in NSW.

This chart compares the rate of recorded crime in Rural and Regional NSW with the rate of recorded crime in Greater Sydney. Crime rates are calculated by considering the number of criminal incidents recorded by Police relative to the residential population. The chart shows that the average rate of recorded crime across Rural and Regional NSW is considerably higher than in Sydney for most offences considered. For instance, in 2022/23 the rate of break and enter-dwelling was 115% higher in Rural and Regional NSW compared with Greater Sydney. In 2022/23 the rate of motor vehicle theft in Rural and Regional NSW was double the rate in Greater Sydney. Violent crimes were also much more prevalent in Rural and Regional NSW; in 2022/23 the recorded rate of sexual assault in Rural and Regional NSW exceeded Sydney levels by 88% and domestic violence related assault in Rural and Regional NSW exceeded Sydney levels by 68%.

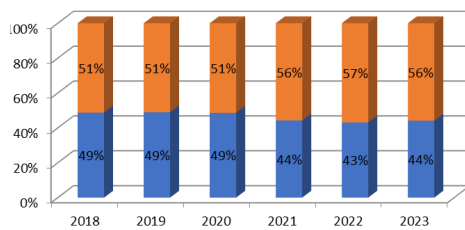


MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT

LGA rate per 100,000 pop. for incidents of Motor Vehicle Theft by whether in Regional NSW or Greater Sydney: 2023

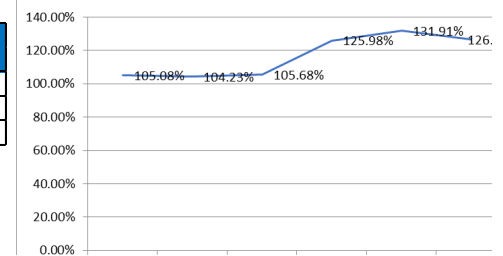


Motor Vehicle Theft - Incident counts as %



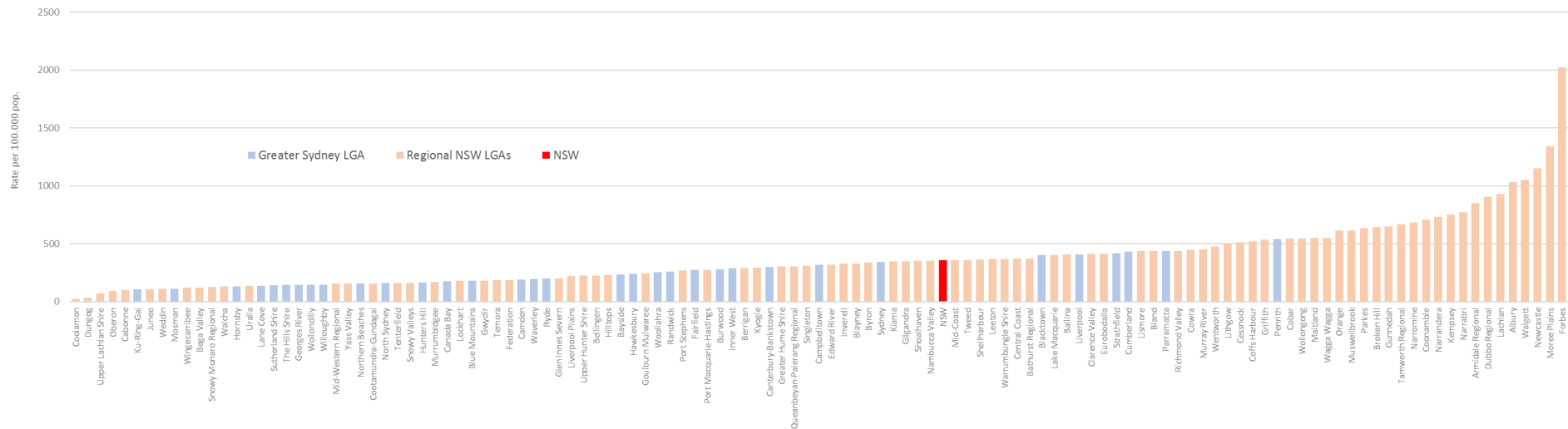
Motor Vehicle Theft - Incident Count						
Location	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
City	6,383	6,575	5,702	4,642	5,303	6,302
Rural and Regional	6,707	6,853	6,026	5,848	6,995	7,977
Total	13,090	13,428	11,728	10,490	12,298	14,279

Motor Vehicle Theft - Incident Count - Rural & Regional as a % of City

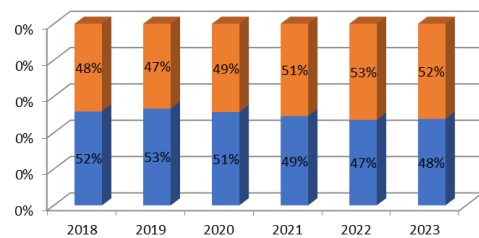


STEAL FROM MOTOR VEHICLE

LGA rate per 100,000 pop. for incidents of Steal from Motor Vehicle by whether in Regional NSW or Greater Sydney: 2023



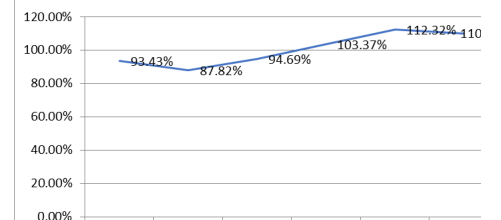
Steal from Motor Vehicle - Incident counts as %



Steal from Motor Vehicle - Incident Count						
Location	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
City	19,702	20,331	14,554	13,633	12,796	13,807
Rural and Regional	18,407	17,855	13,781	14,093	14,372	15,202
Total	38,109	38,186	28,335	27,726	27,168	29,009

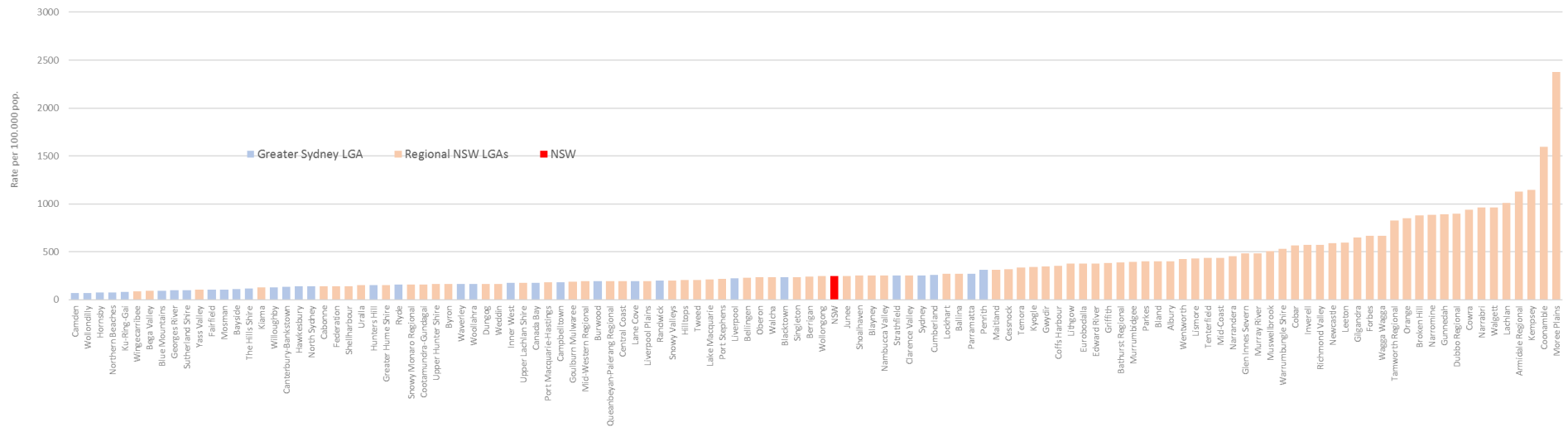
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Steal from Motor Vehicle - Incident Count - Rural & Regional as a % of City

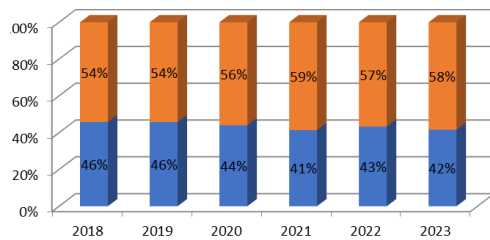


BREAK & ENTER DWELLING

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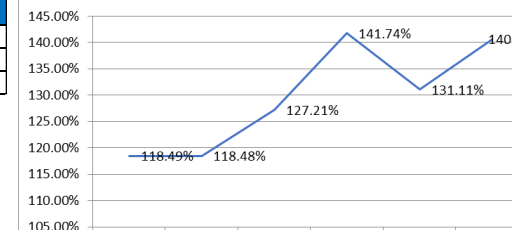


Break & Enter Dwelling - Incident counts as %

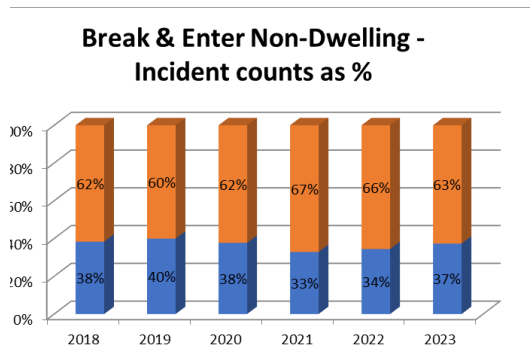
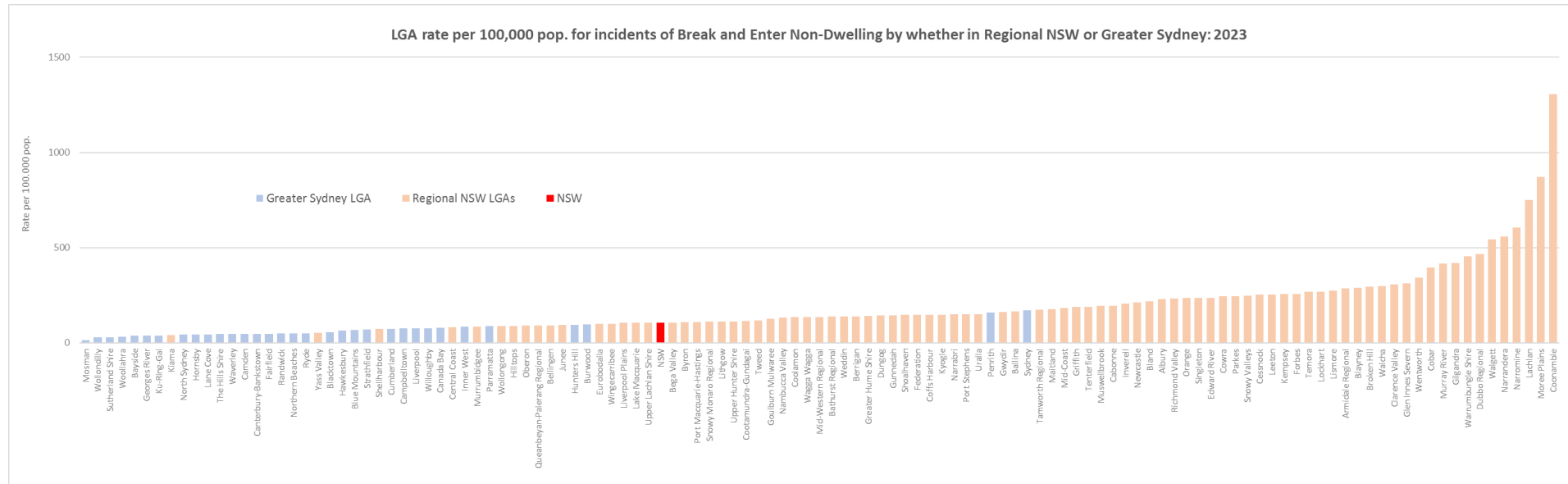


Break & Enter Dwelling - Incident Count						
Location	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
City	12,151	11,676	8,670	7,394	8,122	8,299
Rural and Regional	14,398	13,834	11,029	10,480	10,649	11,672
Total	26,549	25,510	19,699	17,874	18,771	19,971

Break & Enter Dwelling - Incident Count - Rural & Regional as a % of City

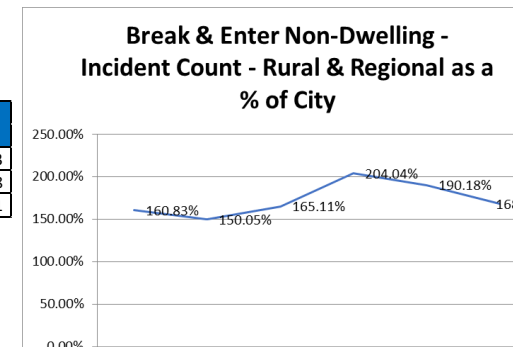


BREAK & ENTER NON-DWELLING



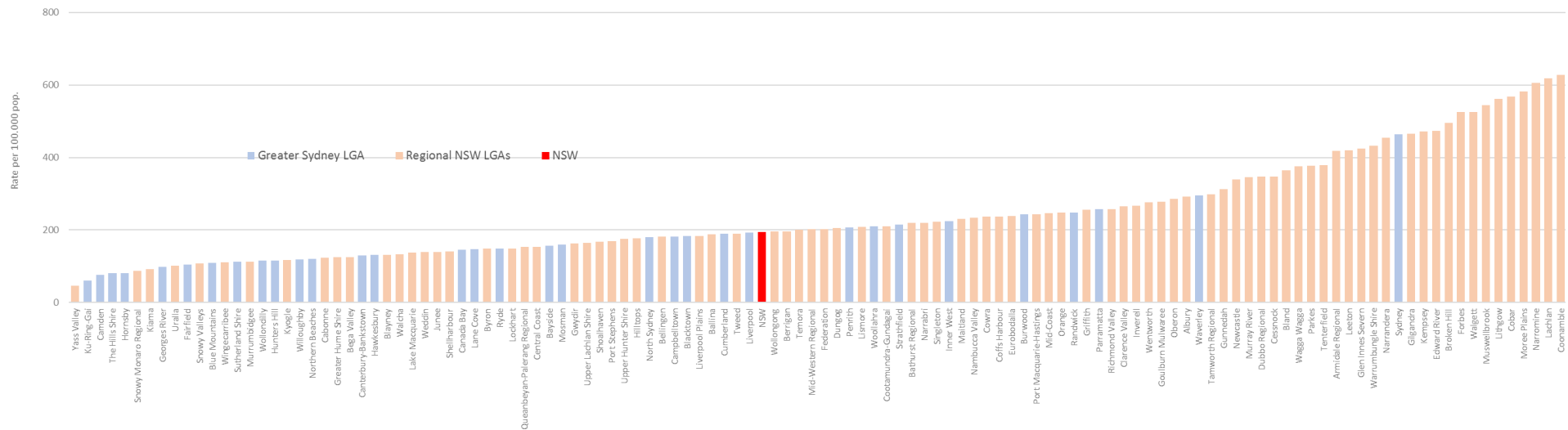
Break & Enter Non-Dwelling - Incident Count						
Location	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
City	3,919	3,966	2,783	2,354	2,556	3,213
Rural and Regional	6,303	5,951	4,595	4,803	4,861	5,398
Total	10,222	9,917	7,378	7,157	7,417	8,611

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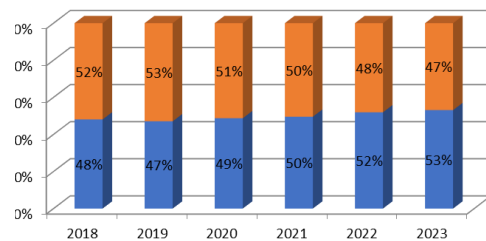


STEAL FROM DWELLING

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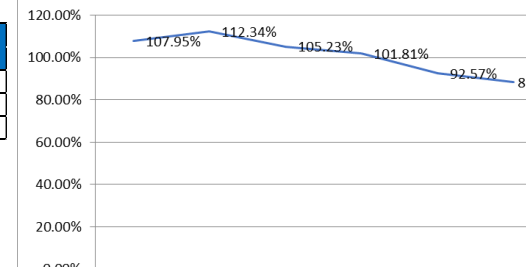
Steal from Dwelling - Incident counts as %



Steal from Dwelling - Incident Count						
Location	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
City	9,249	8,847	8,184	8,143	7,882	8,439
Rural and Regional	9,984	9,939	8,612	8,290	7,296	7,450
Total	19,233	18,786	16,796	16,433	15,178	15,889

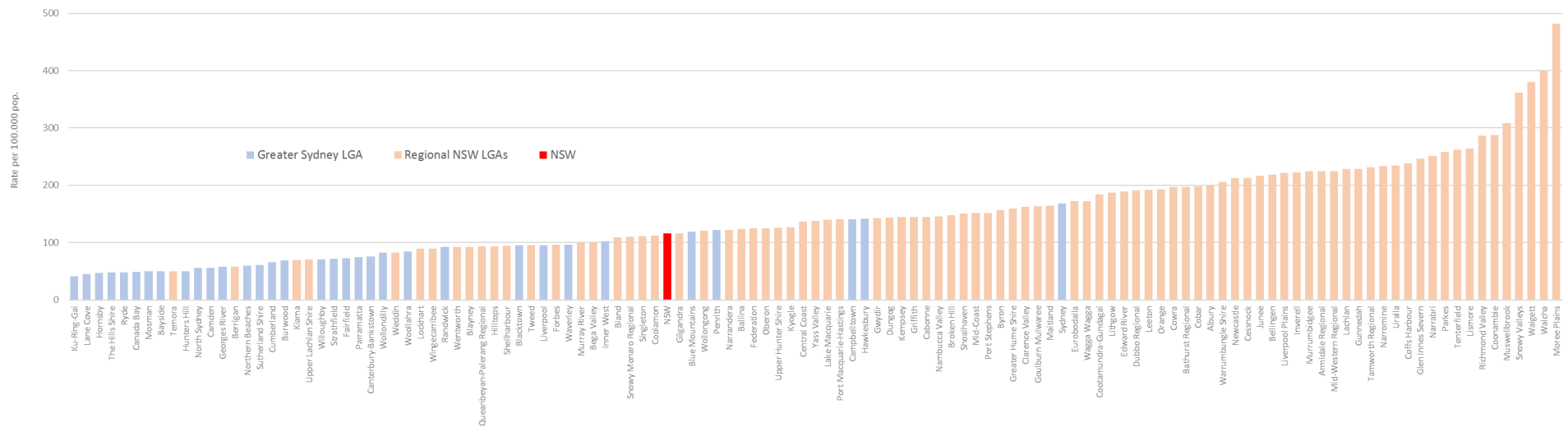
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Steal from Dwelling - Incident Count - Rural & Regional as a % of City

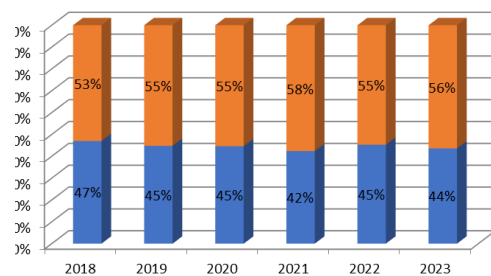


SEXUAL ASSAULT

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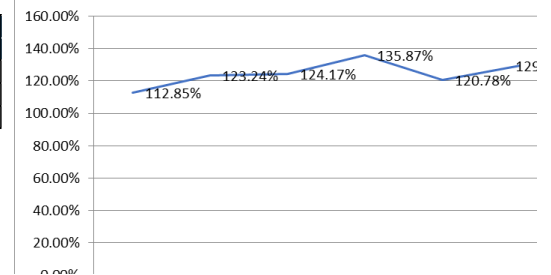


Sexual Assault - Incident counts as %



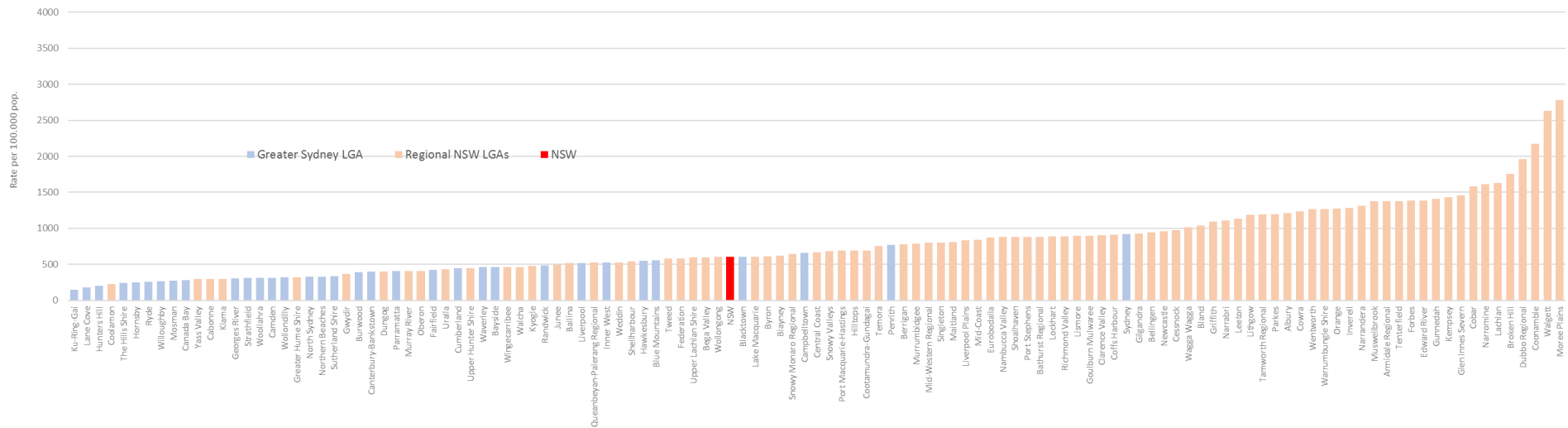
Location	Sexual Assault - Incident Count					
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
City	2,754	2,844	3,128	3,418	3,902	4,013
Rural and Regional	3,108	3,505	3,884	4,644	4,713	5,189
Total	5,862	6,349	7,012	8,062	8,615	9,202

Sexual Assault - Incident Count - Rural & Regional as a % of City

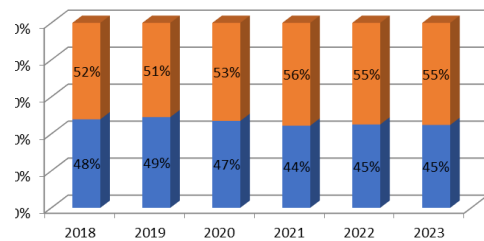


MALICIOUS DAMAGE PROPERTY

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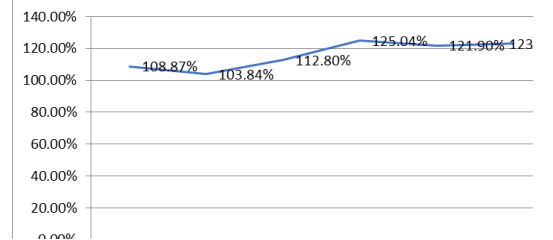
Malicious Damage Property - Incident counts as %



Malicious Damage Property - Incident Count						
Location	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
City	28,004	28,001	25,030	21,869	21,836	22,075
Rural and Regional	30,487	29,077	28,235	27,344	26,619	27,165
Total	58,491	57,078	53,265	49,213	48,455	49,240

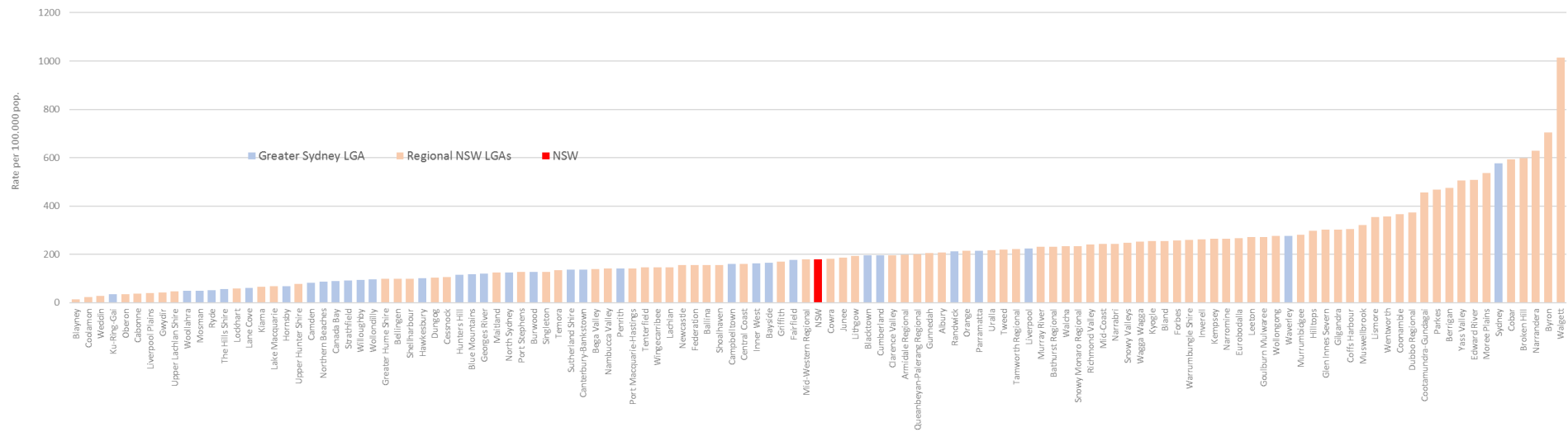
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Malicious Damage Property - Incident Count - Rural & Regional as a % of City

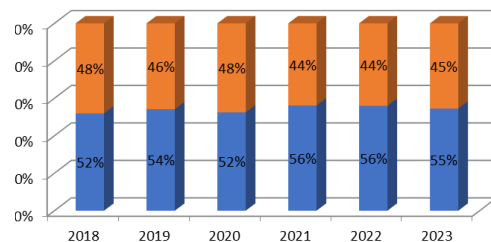


USE-POSSESS CANNABIS

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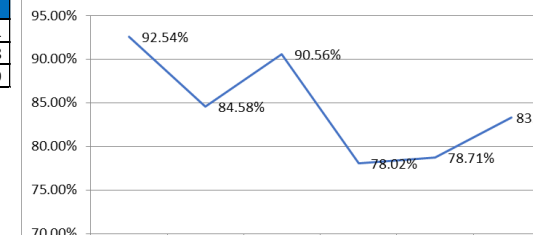
Use/Possess Cannabis - Incident counts as %



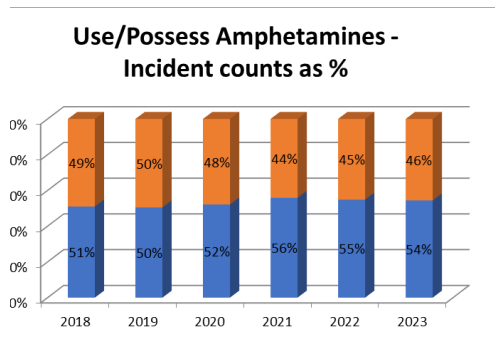
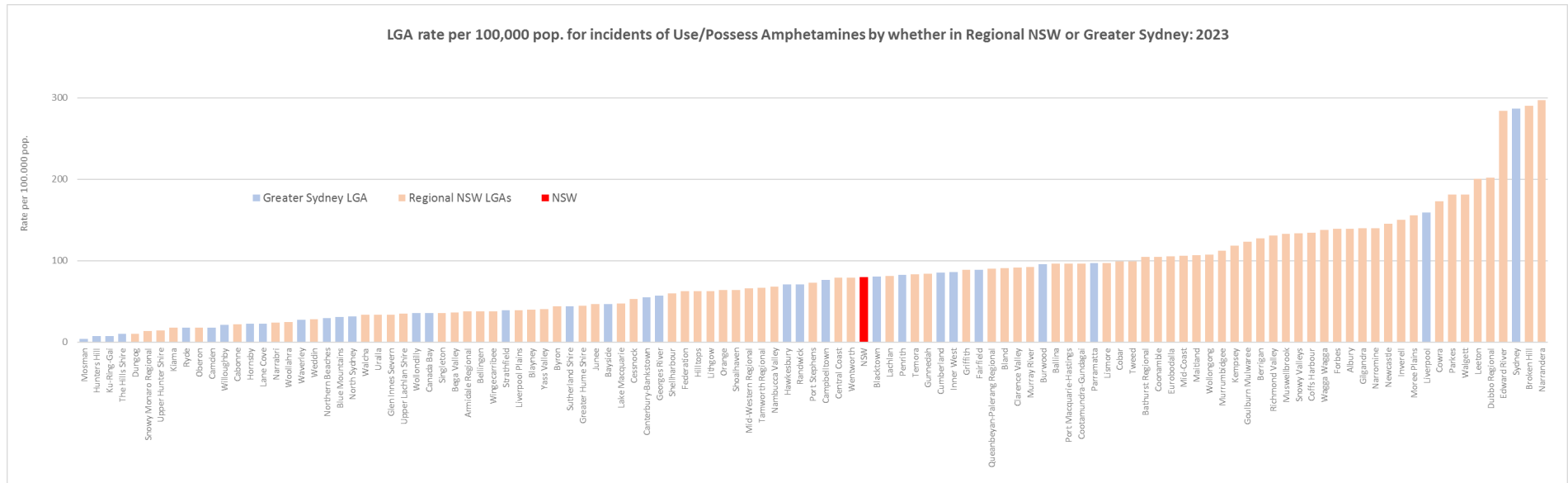
Location	Use/Possess Cannabis - Incident Count					
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
City	8,901	9,536	9,509	9,066	8,723	7,931
Rural and Regional	8,237	8,066	8,611	7,073	6,866	6,608
Total	17,138	17,602	18,120	16,139	15,589	14,539

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Use/Possess Cannabis - Incident Count - Rural & Regional as a % of City

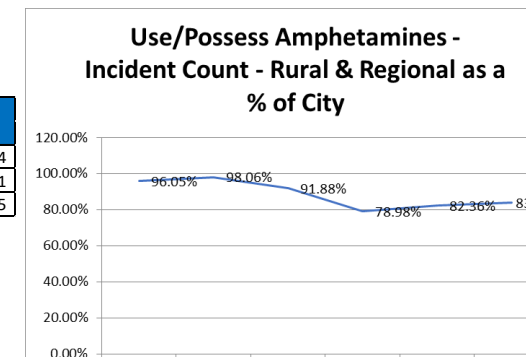


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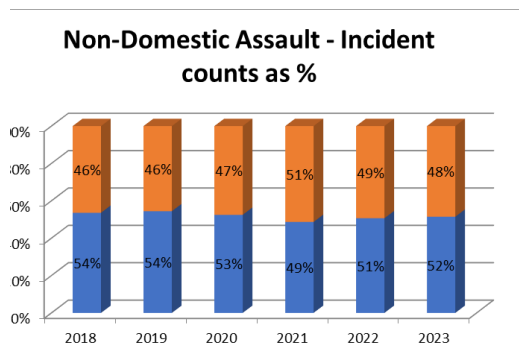
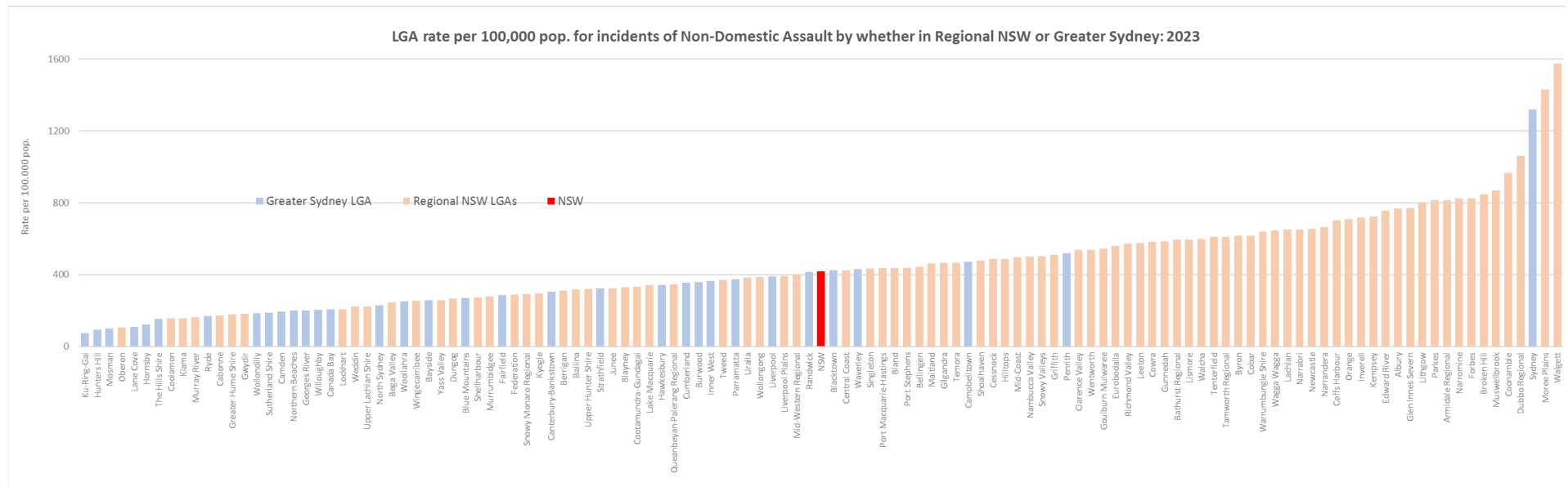


Use/Possess Amphetamines - Incident Count						
Location	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
City	3,597	4,015	4,160	4,100	3,435	3,474
Rural and Regional	3,455	3,937	3,822	3,238	2,829	2,911
Total	7,052	7,952	7,982	7,338	6,264	6,385

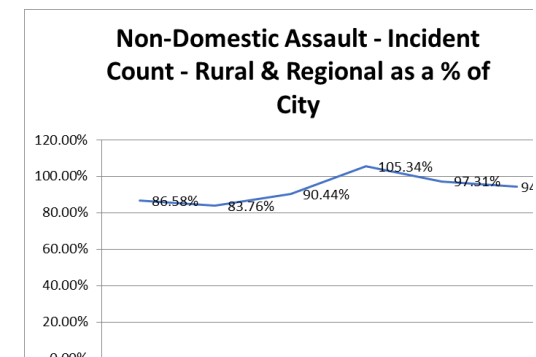
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NON-DOMESTIC ASSAULT

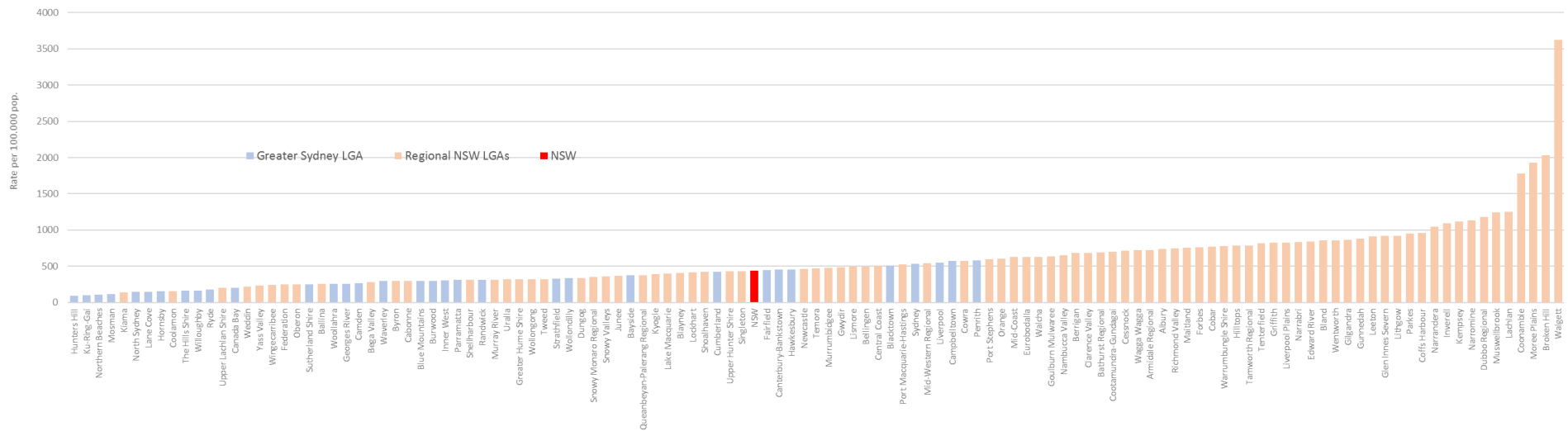


Location	Non-Domestic Assault - Incident Count					
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
City	16,345	16,879	14,946	13,410	15,251	16,972
Rural and Regional	14,152	14,138	13,517	14,126	14,840	15,979
Total	30,497	31,017	28,463	27,536	30,091	32,951

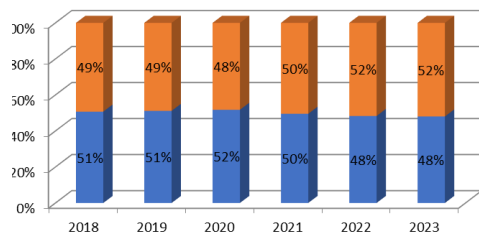


DOMESTIC ASSAULT

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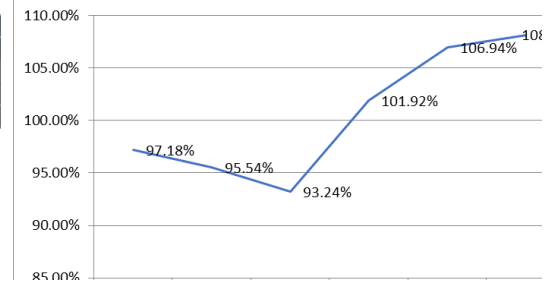
Domestic Assault - Incident counts as %



Domestic Assault - Incident Count						
Location	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
City	15,069	16,026	16,700	15,901	16,328	17,318
Rural and Regional	14,644	15,312	15,571	16,206	17,461	18,730
Total	29,713	31,338	32,271	32,107	33,789	36,048

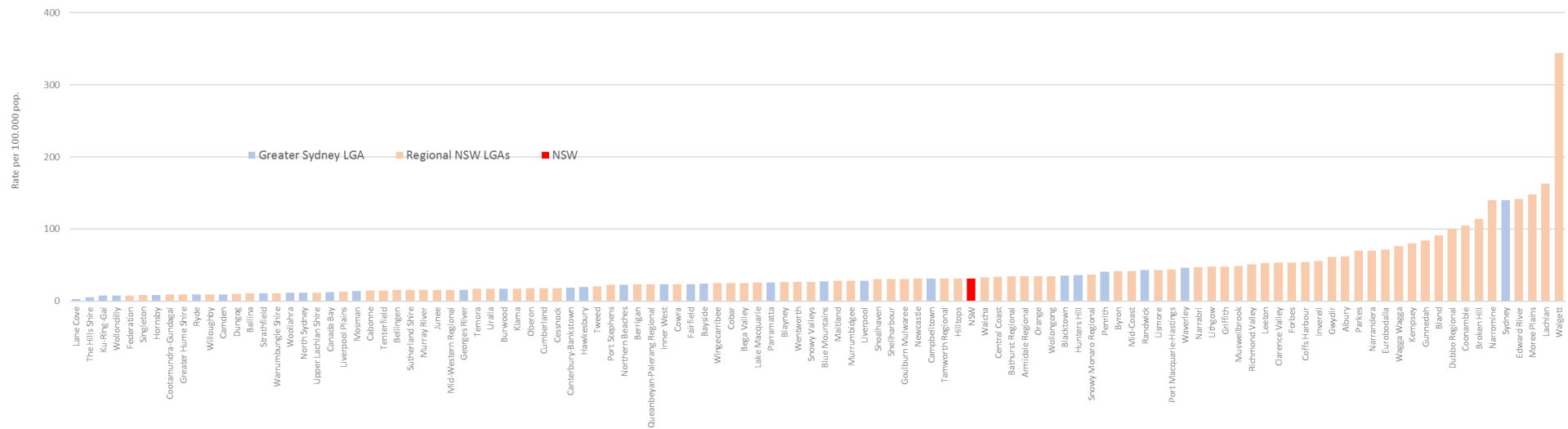
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Domestic Assault - Incident Count - Rural & Regional as a % of City

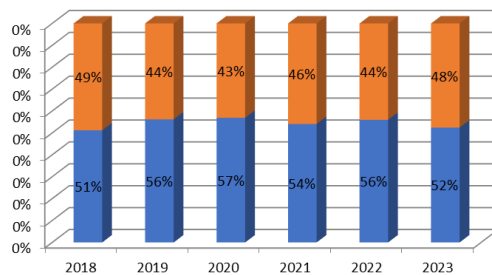


ASSAULT POLICE

LGA rate per 100,000 pop. for incidents of Assault Police by whether in Regional NSW or Greater Sydney: 2023

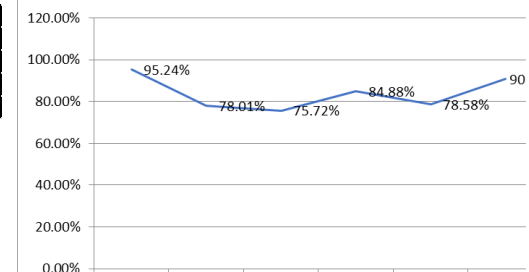


Assault Police - Incident counts as %



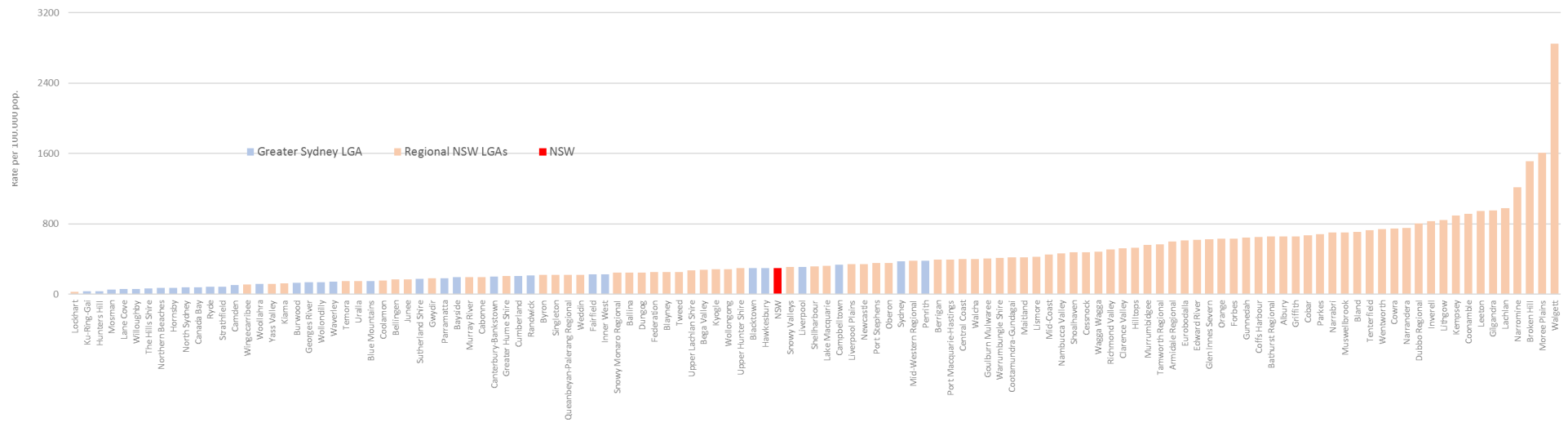
Assault Police - Incident Count						
Location	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
City	1,261	1,396	1,433	1,402	1,536	1,335
Rural and Regional	1,201	1,089	1,085	1,190	1,207	1,211
Total	2,462	2,485	2,518	2,592	2,743	2,546

Assault Police - Incident Count - Rural & Regional as a % of City

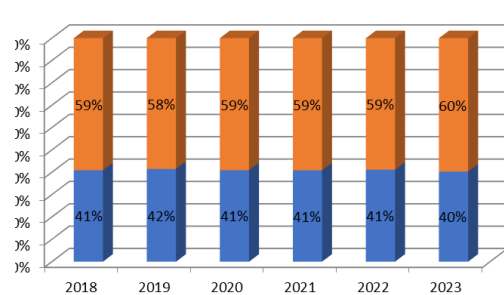


BREACH AVO

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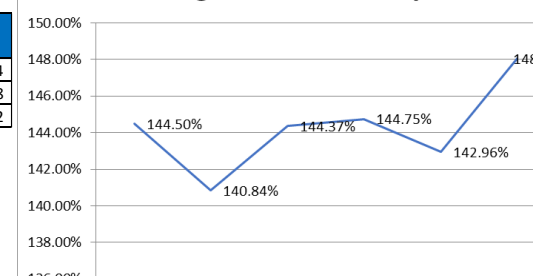
Breach AVO - Incident counts as %



Breach AVO - Incident Count						
Location	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
City	6,450	7,277	8,031	8,489	9,081	9,644
Rural and Regional	9,320	10,249	11,594	12,288	12,982	14,278
Total	15,770	17,526	19,625	20,777	22,063	23,922

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Breach AVO - Incident Count - Rural & Regional as a % of City



BOCSAR Crime in Regional and Rural NSW in 2023: Trends and Patterns

Four major offences, however, significantly increased in Regional NSW over the five years from 2019 to 2023:

- o Motor vehicle theft (up 20% or 1,239 additional incidents)
- o Non-domestic assault (up 14% or 1,825 additional incidents)
- o Sexual assault (up 47% or 1,505 additional incidents)
- o Domestic violence related assault (up 24% or 3,284 additional incidents)

The 20% increase in motor vehicle theft from 2019 to 2023 in Regional NSW appears to be due to an increase in offending by young people; legal actions for this group increased by 188% from 2019 to 2023. Police data also shows an increase in vehicle theft incidents co-occurring with break-ins and an increase in keys being stolen in break-ins.

Figure 3. Rate of property crime in Regional NSW Statistical Areas and ratio to NSW

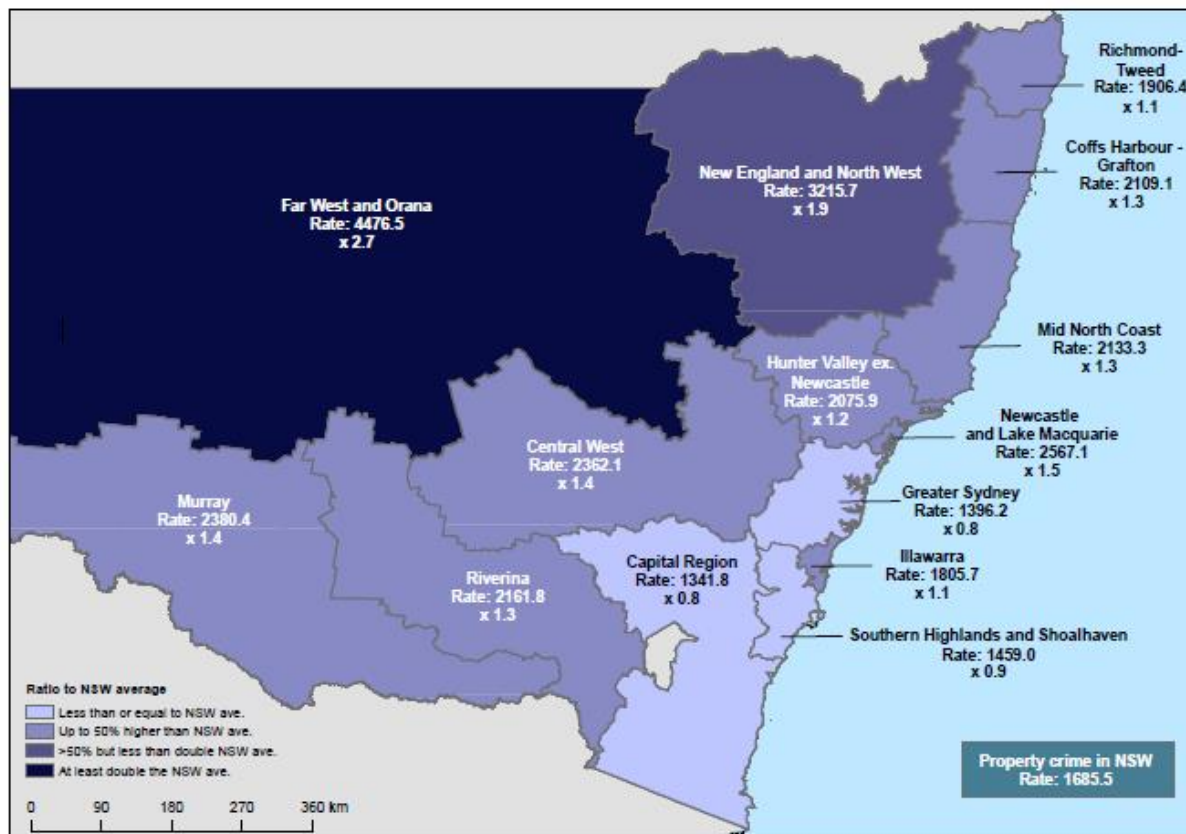


Figure 4. Rate of violent crime in Regional NSW Statistical Areas and ratio to NSW average: 2023

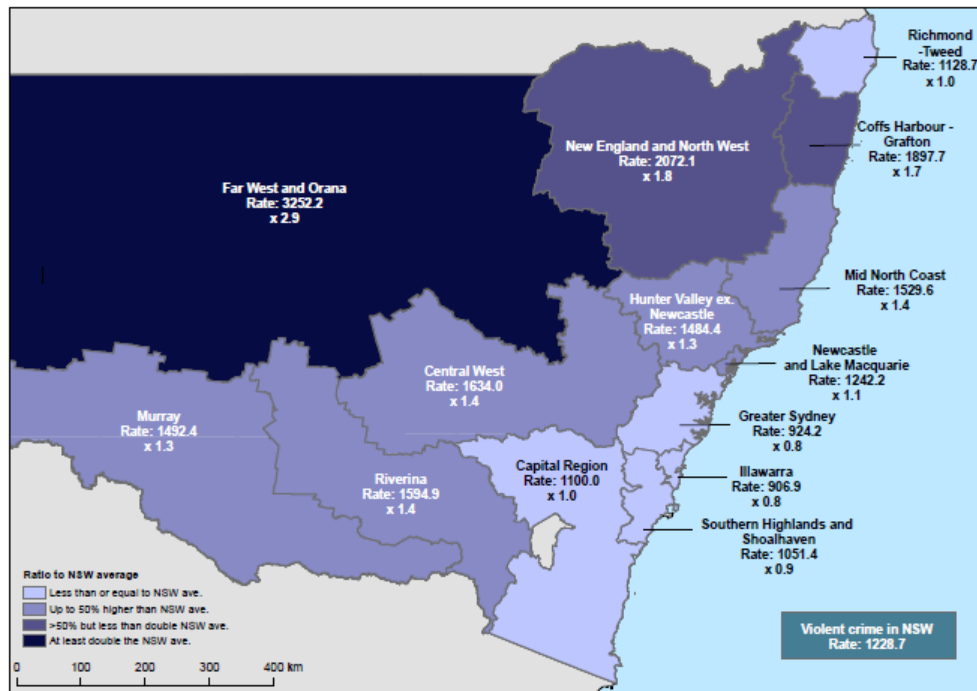


Figure 15. Five-year percentage change in number of motor vehicle theft incidents: 2019 to 2023

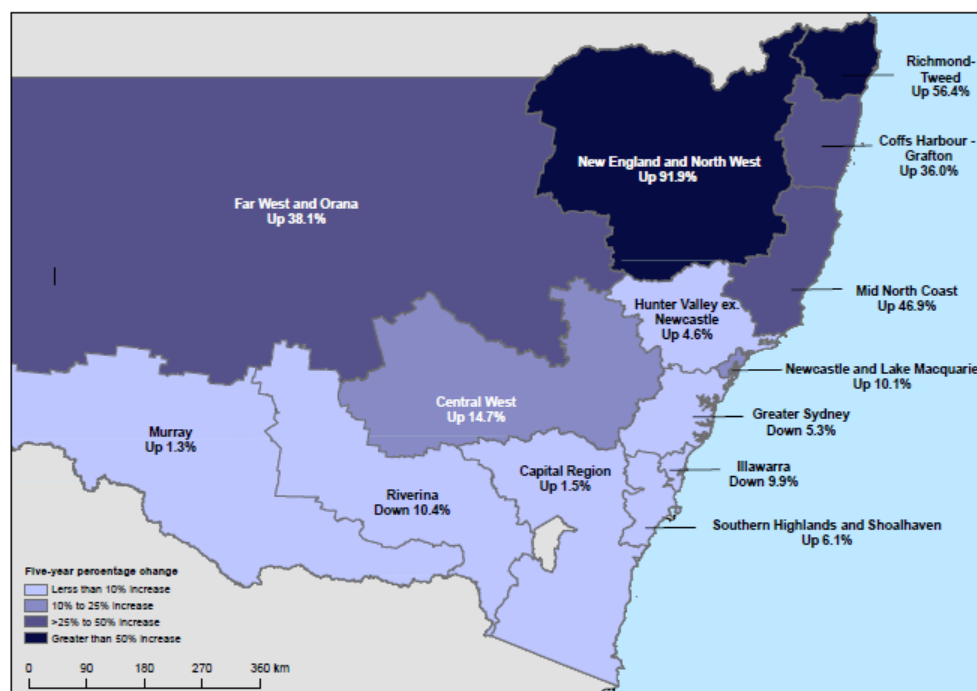
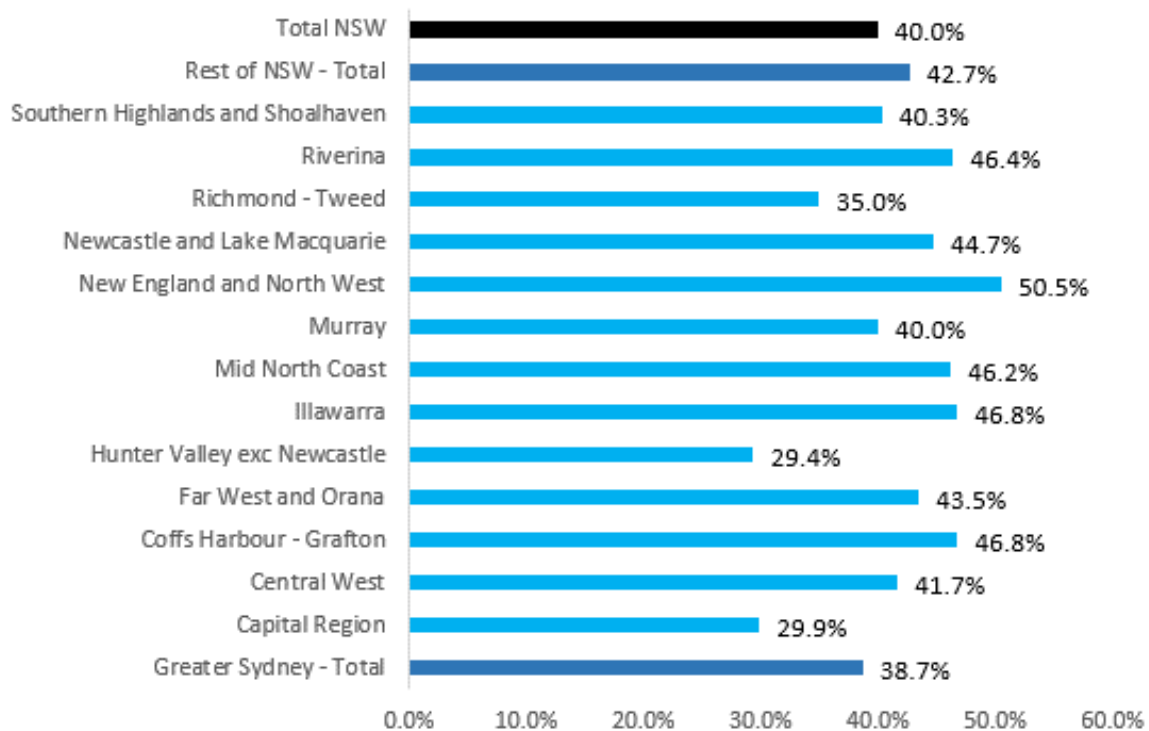


Table 2. Criminal events with a motor vehicle theft incident recorded by NSW Police by whether a co-occurring break and enter was also recorded: 2019 to 2023

Location of vehicle theft	Was a break and enter also recorded?	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total NSW	% with co-occurring break and enter	11.2%	11.4%	13.8%	17.1%	17.4%
	Total Motor Vehicle Thefts	13,210	11,503	10,278	12,045	14,020
Greater Sydney	% with co-occurring break and enter	9.2%	9.7%	12.0%	12.1%	12.3%
	Total Motor Vehicle Thefts	7,165	6,139	4,948	5,632	6,771
Regional NSW	% with co-occurring break and enter	13.5%	13.4%	15.6%	21.5%	22.1%
	Total Motor Vehicle Thefts	6,045	5,364	5,330	6,413	7,249

Youth Offending

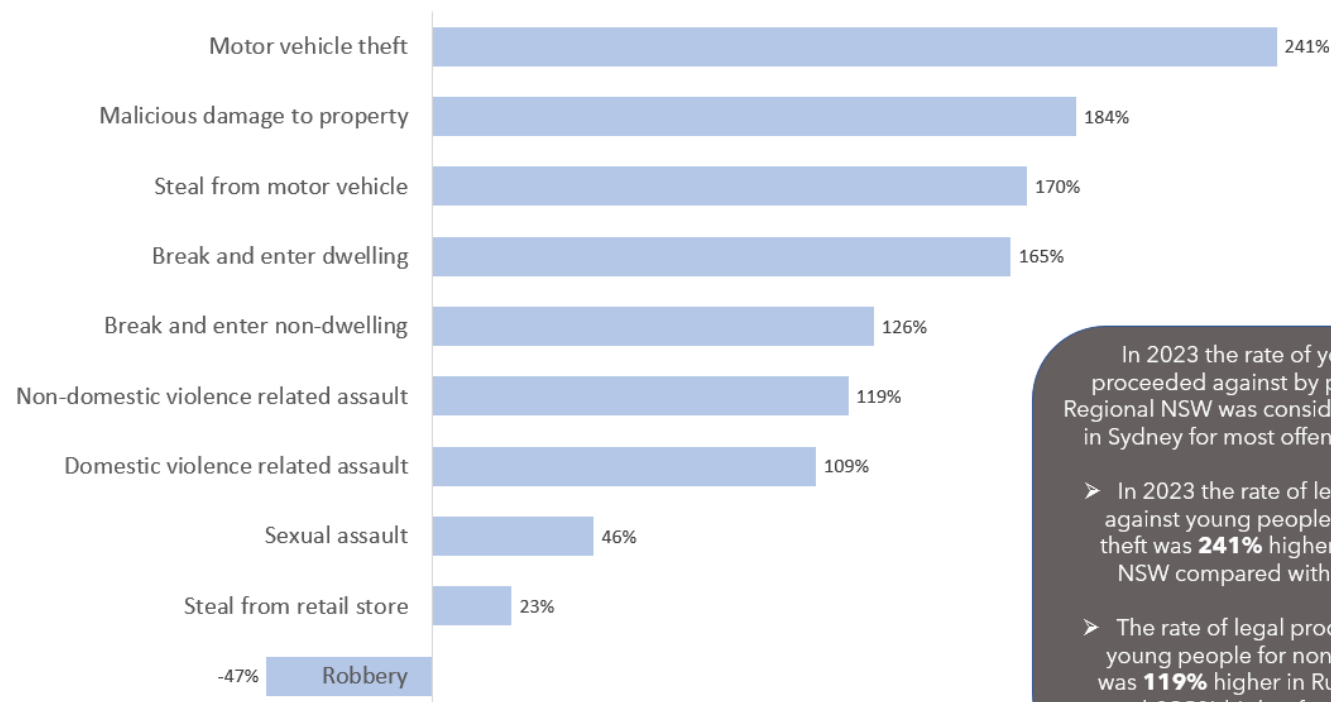
Figure 1: Proportion of proven court appearances involving young people (under 18) where the defendant reoffended within 12 months to Dec-23



HOW DOES REGIONAL NSW COMPARE TO NSW ACROSS ALL CRIME TYPES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE? ▬

Police proceedings against young people (10 to 17 years), per 100,000 population

% by which offending rate in 'Rest of NSW' exceeds Sydney
January to December 2023



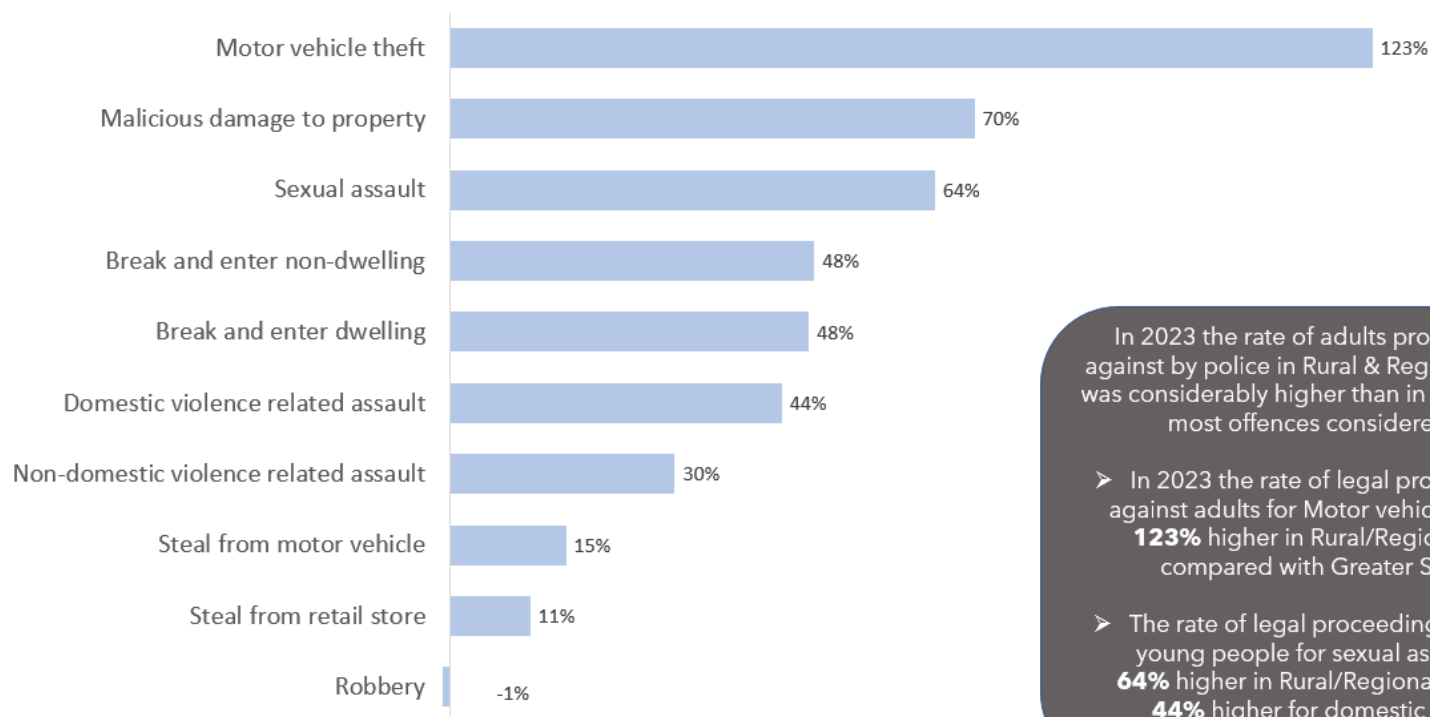
In 2023 the rate of young people proceeded against by police in Rural & Regional NSW was considerably higher than in Sydney for most offences considered.

- In 2023 the rate of legal proceedings against young people for Motor vehicle theft was **241%** higher in Rural/Regional NSW compared with Greater Sydney.
- The rate of legal proceedings against young people for non-domestic assault was **119%** higher in Rural/Regional NSW and **109%** higher for domestic assault.

HOW DOES REGIONAL NSW COMPARE TO NSW ACROSS ALL CRIME TYPES FOR ADULTS?

Police proceedings against adults, per 100,000 population

% by which offending rate in 'Rest of NSW' exceeds Sydney
January to December 2023



In 2023 the rate of adults proceeded against by police in Rural & Regional NSW was considerably higher than in Sydney for most offences considered.

- In 2023 the rate of legal proceedings against adults for Motor vehicle theft was **123%** higher in Rural/Regional NSW compared with Greater Sydney.
- The rate of legal proceedings against young people for sexual assault was **64%** higher in Rural/Regional NSW and **44%** higher for domestic assault.

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

As Chairman of the NSW Country Mayors Association (CMA), I offer this report seeking support to effect positive change for Regional, Rural and Remote NSW communities.

CMA conducts an Annual Survey of our members to ensure that we advocate for change in areas that are most of need in our communities. The results from this year's survey can be found on the CMA website <https://nswcountrymayors.com.au/members-annual-survey/>. Crime Law and Order has for the first time now been identified in the top 10 issues impacting our communities.

This report is a comprehensive factual representation of policing numbers, funds spent, distribution of workforce and statistical data on crime categories over a six year period comparing Metropolitan to Regional, Rural and Remote Local Government areas in NSW. The source of data used for this report is a combination of, NSW Annual Police Reports and the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR).

According to the NSW Annual Police Report, In 2021/22 year, there were 17,659 police officers which equates to a ratio of residents to police officer (1:467). For that same period of time Queensland had a ratio of (1:324), the South Australian ratio was (1:301), and Victoria's ratio was (1:313). These ratios highlight the increased workload of police officers in NSW when compared to other Eastern seaboard states of Australia.

The rates of crime in the majority of reportable categories in NSW are substantially higher in Regional, Rural and Remote Local Government areas, then the Metropolitan LGA's. We believe this is a strong lead indicator that there are inadequate policing resources to ensure equality of the reportable rates of crime in the Regional, Rural and Remote regions into the future. It is not unreasonable that the residents of Regional, Rural and Remote NSW communities should expect to have rates of reportable crime no greater than Metropolitan residents, to achieve that change is required.

The graphs in each reportable category show the incident counts and incident rates; as a percentage in the highest majority of these reportable areas both the incident rates and counts are higher then in the Metropolitan LGA's. These results are extremely alarming considering only an estimated one third of the population of NSW resides in Regional, Rural and Remote areas.

Recommendations:

- 1) That, the Country Mayors Association of NSW call on the all members of the NSW parliament to commit to bipartisan support to establish a Parliamentary Inquiry into and report on the rate of crime in all categories reported on by the Bureau of crime statistical and research (BOCSAR) in Regional, Rural and Remote New South Wales, specifically focussing on the inequity between Metro and Regional Local Government areas.
- 2) That, the Country Mayors Association of NSW calls on all members of the NSW parliament to commit to bipartisan support to increase spending on the NSW police force to increase front line policing numbers in Regional, Rural and Remote regions most at need.
- 3) That, the Country Mayors Association of NSW call on the NSW Government to commit to the minimum staffing agreements (known in the NSW Police Force as First Response Agreements) for non 24 hour police stations all of which are located in Regional, Rural and Remote Local Government areas.
- 4) That, the Country Mayors Association of NSW calls on the NSW Government to review the current formula used to assess staffing levels including the universally agreed outdated current model for those Local Government areas that do have a First Response Agreement in place.

Suggested - Terms of Reference For the Parliamentary Inquiry:

The Country Mayors Association of NSW expects, at the very minimum, that the Inquiry should include public hearings in Rural, Regional and Remote NSW and that the Terms of Reference for the Parliamentary Inquiry should include:

1. That the body undertaking the Parliamentary Inquiry inquire into and report on law enforcement outcomes and access police and police services in Rural, Regional and Remote NSW, and in particular:

(a) Equitable and proportionate policing numbers and service to people living in Rural, Regional and Remote NSW;

(b) A comparison of physical policing numbers and crime statistics for people living in LGAs in Rural, Regional and Remote NSW compared to those living in Metropolitan NSW LGAs;

(c) Access to policing services in Rural, Regional and Remote NSW including service availability, barriers to access and quality of services;

(d) People's experience, wait-times and quality of service in Rural, Regional and Remote NSW and how it compares to Metropolitan NSW;

(e) An analysis of the planning systems and projections that are used by NSW Police in determining the provision of law enforcement services that are to be made available to meet the needs of residents living in Rural, Regional and Remote NSW;

(f) An analysis of the capital and recurrent law enforcement expenditure in Rural, Regional and Remote NSW in comparison to population growth and relative to Metropolitan NSW;

(g) An examination of the staffing challenges and allocations that exist in Rural, Regional and Remote policing and the current strategies and initiatives that NSW Police is undertaking to address them;

(h) Re-offending rates and related impacts on NSW Police, including the ability to retain police officers;

(i) Doli incapax, its application and its effectiveness in actually managing re-offending rates;

(j) The accessibility and availability of support services for members of the NSW Police Service;

(k) An examination of the impact of attrition within the NSW Police Service impacting the ability of those police remaining to effectively and safely undertake their duties;

(l) Analyse police staffing levels in Regional, Rural and Remote Local Government areas and report on the process of committing to a First Response Agreement for non 24 hour police stations;

(m) Review of the methodology used to assess staffing levels for Regional, Rural and Remote Local Government areas that currently have First Response Agreements in place.

(n) Investigate the functions being performed by NSW police officers on behalf of other agencies such as prisoner transport, mental health assistance and all other support functions that impact on the availability of general duties police officers and their response times in Regional, Rural and Remote Local Government areas, and;

(o) Any other related matters.

Country Mayors meeting

22 March 2024

Mayor and DGMI attended the Country Mayors meeting at Parliament House that was themed Crime, Law and Order.

General meeting

- Update from President of ALGA – Clr Linda Scott
 - Federal Government inquiry into funding for Local Government has been announced 21 March 2024. Submissions close 3 May 2024.
 - Grant funding updates.
 - National General Assembly in Canberra will be held 2 July 2024.

- Update from President of LGNSW – Clr Darriea Turley AM
 - Regional Development Trust in development with LGNSW sitting on the reference group.
 - Emergency service levy review announced in late 2023.
 - General update.

- The Hon Yasmin Catley MP, Minister for Police and Counter Terrorism
 - Advised that she has visited a number of rural towns including Wagga Wagga and commended the great job that the Police across the state are doing.
 - Regional and Rural Crime (Community safety in regional and rural communities) inquiry has been approved through Parliament on 20 March 2024.
 - New offence laws now passed by government, additional two-year “posting and boasting” penalties on motor vehicle theft and break and enter offence and the Bail Act 2013 will also be amended to introduce an additional test for children between 14 to 18 who commit break and enter or car jacking offences while already on bail.
 - Moree has been approved for a pilot youth policing program.
 - Councils play a critical role in crime reduction by controlling access to facilities, visible presents in the community, natural surveillance CCTV and graffiti removal.

- NSW Productivity Commissioner - Peter Achterstraat
 - Alternative Funding models for Local Water Utilities (LWU) white paper has been prepared and exhibited.
 - 16% of small LWU (NSC group) have water quality risk score of 4 and over.
 - Average annual bills are \$2,339 for small groups and \$1,879 for large regional LWU.
 - Less than 50% of non-regional LWU can reach full cost recovery.

- Premier Minns message to the CMA via a video recording.

- Ms. Jacki Fitzgerald, Executive Director NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research Deputy
 - Presentation on crime in Regional NSW, was highly detailed.

Minister Aitchison meeting

21 March 2024



Mayor and DGMI attended a meeting at Parliament house with The Hon Jennifer Aitchison – Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, with our Local Member Steph Cooke attending in support.

Presentation was made on the following items, in which The Minister showed a great deal of interest and support for being addressed.

- Main Road 80 Irrigation Way (Audley St) & (Cadell St) Intersection - This intersection was not designed to cater for the Type 1 A-doubles that are permitted to use the intersecting state roads, with the road shape on the south-west corner seeing high load vehicles coming close to striking the existing electrical transmission poles.
- Main Road 80 Irrigation Way Canal Bridge widening - the continued lobbying for the widening or duplication of the bridge due to safety and limiting freight capacity caused by the inadequate bridge.
- Main Road 80 Irrigation Way & Karawatha Drive Intersection – the need for turning lanes to be provided at the intersection to allow the safe turning of traffic to and from Karawatha Drive.
- Council discontinuing the RMCC Contract – the issues surrounding the decision of Council to discontinue the contract and current limitations that hamper small Councils from being able to administer the increased administrative burden.

- State Highways at Gillenbah - Flooding of the current State roads and the impact this has to the economy. Suggestions were provided that included the urgent need to raise the roads to at least provided trafficability up to a major flood level.

10 COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Nil

11 NOTICES OF RESCISSION

Nil

12 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

13 QUESTION WITH NOTICE

Nil

14 OUR COMMUNITY

14.1 LAKE TALBOT WATER PARK - REQUEST FOR FEE INCREASE 2024-25


Document ID: 726983

Author: Deputy General Manager Infrastructure

Authoriser: Deputy General Manager Infrastructure

Theme: Our Economy

Attachments:

1. Eskapold Logistics P/L - Letter requesting fee increase [↓](#) 
2. Eskapold Logistics P/L - Letter of justification - Confidential
3. 2023-24 Summary - visitor statistics and income - Confidential

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Supports the request by Eskapold Logistics P/L to increase user charges at the Lake Talbot Water Park for the 2024-25 financial year, subject to consideration of any submission with regard to the increase during the Fees and Charges public exhibition period.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider a request from Eskapold Logistics P/L, contractor of the Lake Talbot Water Park, to increase the user charges of the pool facility in the 2024-25 financial year.

SUMMARY

The contract for management of the Lake Talbot Water Park provides for the operator to seek approval from Council for an increase in the user charges. The requested charges are starting from a historically low base and, given the facilities provided, are not considered unreasonable.

BACKGROUND

Eskapold Logistics P/L was awarded the contract for management of the Lake Talbot Water Park effective 1 September 2021. Clause 5(l) of the schedule of covenants conditions and provisions annexed to the Lease allows the charges to be varied by the Lessor from time to time in consultation with the Lessee and appropriate Council resolution. Any changes to the above admission fees and charges shall be agreed to and advertised.

The charges were agreed and included within the contract at the commencement of the lease period and remain unchanged at this time, as detailed in the following table:

CHARGE TYPE	Year 2021-22
Single Admission	
Children under the age of 3 years	Free
Senior citizen	\$2.00
Non-swimmers	\$2.00
Swimmers	\$4.00
Season Tickets	
Single	\$115.00
Family	\$250.00

Water slide charges are stated not to be in excess at 50 cents per ride on a coupon basis per person per slide. These also currently remain unchanged.

Eskapold Logistics P/L has formally requested an increase in the user charges for the 2024-25 swim season based on the increasing running costs being incurred by the daily pool operations, as detailed within the attachments to this report.

The areas of additional cost include:

- Wages increase – wages have increased approximately 10% over the last year as per the award; these have historically risen by approximately 3% p/a.
- Chlorine/chemicals – price has increased approximately 10% over the last year; these have historically risen by approximately 3% p/a.
- Market umbrellas and portable tables.
- In-kind works.

Eskapold Logistics P/L has provided the following comments to support its increase request:

- *Patron feedback often comment on how affordable the pool entry and slide costs are.*
- *Historically prices haven't changed somewhere within Five to Ten years at LTWP.*
- *Eskapold has priced the Season passes fairly as possible to keep costs down for regular pool users, such as the Senior Citizens and Families of the community.*
- *The proposed price increase for daily charges is on par with other pools within our region are charging and proportionate to the amount of hours offered and facilities offered.*
- *Eskapold has a vested interest in maintaining the wonderful facility of LTWP, the proposed price increase will be put to good use in supporting some increasing overhead costs and assisting in covering additionally costs for umbrellas/furniture that Eskapold would manage. Eskapold would like to convey that this increase in charges is not an exercise to particularly increase profits.*

The following table shows the existing user charges and the requested 2024-25 charges:

CHARGE TYPE	Current	Proposed 2024-25
Single Admission		
Children under the age of 3 years	Free	Free
Senior Citizen	\$2.00	\$3.00
Non-swimmers	\$2.00	\$3.00
Swimmers	\$4.00	\$5.00
Season Tickets		
Seniors Single	N/A	\$115.00
Single	\$115.00	\$125.00
Family	\$250.00	\$265.00
Water Slide Passes		
5 rides	\$2.50	\$3.00
10 rides	\$5.00	\$6.00
20 rides	\$10.00	\$12.00

Council staff undertook a review of aquatic facilities within the surrounding area. It was found in all cases that the user charges proposed are equal to or less than those at the other comparable facilities. It is also noted that all those facilities are owned and operated by councils, and therefore the benefit of all fees is retained by the councils.

RELEVANCE TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN AND OTHER STRATEGIES / MASTERPLANS / STUDIES

Theme

4 - Our Infrastructure

Strategy

4.3 - To improve, maintain and value-add to our essential public and recreational infrastructure.

Action

N/A

ISSUES AND IMPLICATIONS

Policy

- Nil

Financial

- The proposed increase in user charges has no impact on the contribution currently paid by Council. The financial impacts will be borne by facility users who will determine their acceptance by their willingness to attend the facility.

Legal / Statutory

- The current contract for the management of the Lake Talbot Water Park is a legally

binding contract. Consideration of the request to increase fees is permitted within the contract, subject to Council resolution.

Community Engagement / Communication

- All fees and charges, including the Lake Talbot Water Park user charges, are contained within the Council's Fees and Charges which will be placed on public exhibition as part of the annual budget process.

RISKS

The risks to Council in this matter are:

- The potential impacts due to community dissatisfaction about a price increase and the reputational problems that could be possible.
- The operators choose to not undertake additional improvements as detailed within their submission, thus resulting in a lessened user experience.

It is believed that the main risk is held by the operators, who could find that the increase is unacceptable to current users who may choose to stay away.

OPTIONS

1. Resolve to support the user charges increase requested and include within the Council fees and charges for the 2024-25 financial year.
2. Resolve to vary the user charges to a value different to the increase requested, include within the Council fees and charges for the 2024-25 financial year and provide reasoning to the contractor as to why such a decision was made.
3. Refuse the requested user charges increase as proposed and provide reasoning to the contractor as to why such a decision was made.

CONCLUSION

The contract for the management of the Lake Talbot Water Park provides for the operators to seek approval from Council for an increase in the user charges and is subject to a Council resolution to amend. The requested user charges are starting from a historically low base and, given the facilities provided, are not considered unreasonable being similar or less than fees/charges of other facilities within the region.

It is recommended that the request be supported. Should there be any submission received with regard to the increase during the public exhibition of the proposed fees and charges, Council can further consider the increase prior to final adoption of the 2024-25 Financial Year Fees and Charges.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Supports the request by Eskapold Logistics P/L to increase user charges at the Lake Talbot Water Park for the 2024-25 financial year, subject to consideration of any submission with regard to the increase during the Fees and Charges public exhibition period.

20th February 2024

Narrandera Shire Council
East Street Narrandera
NSW 2700

Dear General Manager, Mr George Cowan

RE: LAKE TALBOT WATER PARK POOL ENTRY AND WATER SLIDE PRICE INCREASE REQUEST

As per the Management Agreement /Lease Agreement – Schedule of covenants conditions and provisions , section I, page 28. Eskapold Logistics P/L is requesting Narrandera Shire Council to approve a variation to the Entry Charges/Season Pass Charges and Water Slide Charges for Lake Talbot Water Park for the upcoming season 2024-25.

Lake Talbot Water Park Management is continuing to deal with increasing running costs incurred with the daily operations. We are additionally wanting to continue to be committed to some aquatic improvements at Lake Talbot Water Park with safety signage ,shade umbrellas and tables etc, plus assisting Council with some financial and in-kind contributions for improvement works at the pool etc , example of previous items, turnstile improvements contribution, waterslide path extension and slide tower shade additions.

Our own research, plus feedback from patrons has identified that the new charges would be proportional equivalent to what other outlining local regional Pool Facilities are charging and also additionally taking into account the open operating times given as a comparison as well, currently Lake Talbot Water Park is open 73 hours to the general public per week.

We would like to make the following request for changes to the pricing starting for the 2024-2025 Season, current pricing has been relatively unchanged for about ten years.

Current Pricing Season Passes

2023-2024

Single Pass - \$115

Family Pass - \$250

Current Pricing Daily Entry

2023-2024

Ages 3 and under FREE

Adults and Children \$4

Senior Citizen \$2

Spectator \$2

Current Pricing Slide Passes

(50c per Ride)

\$2.50 Card = 5 Rides

\$5.00 Card = 10 Rides

\$10.00 Card = 20 Rides

Proposed Pricing Season Passes

2024-2025

Senior Single Pass - \$115

Single Pass - \$125

Family Pass - \$265

Proposed Pricing Daily Entry

2024 - 2025

Ages 3 and under FREE

Adults and Children \$5

Senior Citizen \$3

Spectator \$3

Proposed Pricing Slide Passes

2024-2025

(60c per Ride)

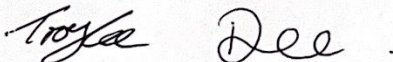
\$3.00 = 5 Rides

\$6.00 = 10 Rides

\$12 = 20 Rides

Yours Sincerely

Troy and Dycinta Lee



Lake Talbot Water Park Management

15 OUR ENVIRONMENT

Nil

16 OUR ECONOMY

Nil

17 OUR INFRASTRUCTURE

Nil

18 OUR LEADERSHIP**18.1 LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - MERGER TRIAL****Document ID:** 728056**Author:** Manager Projects and Assets**Authoriser:** Deputy General Manager Infrastructure**Theme:** Our Leadership**Attachments:** Nil**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. Approves a trial merger of the Narrandera and Leeton Local Emergency Management Committees be conducted for a period of 12 months commencing 11 June 2024, with a report to Council to be prepared at the completion of the trial.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's endorsement to conduct a trial merger of the Local Emergency Management Committees (LEMC) for a period of 12 months.

BACKGROUND

Discussions were raised by Chris Quiring (LEOCON) during general business at the February 2024 LEMC meeting regarding the potential merger of the Narrandera and Leeton LEMCs. Mr Quiring stated that many of the same agency members are required to attend both LEMC meetings. Combining the Narrandera and Leeton LEMCs would reduce duplication and travel of agency representatives.

The LEMC provided in principle support for future discussions between the two councils to combine the LEMC groups.

A meeting was held on 20 March 2024, attended by representatives from NSW Police Force (LEOCON), Narrandera and Leeton Shire Council staff. Discussions included arrangements that need to be put in place and preparing a report to Council for the proposed merger trial period.

CONCLUSION

Endorsement of a 12-month trial period will facilitate staff and agency representative time and allow the merits of the combined LEMC meetings to be evaluated.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Approves a trial merger of the Narrandera and Leeton Local Emergency Management Committees be conducted for a period of 12 months commencing 11 June 2024, with a report to Council to be prepared at the completion of the trial.



19 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION

Nil

20 PROCUREMENT

Nil

21 POLICY**21.1 POLICY REVIEW - POL035 COUNCILLOR INDUCTION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT****Document ID:** 725383**Author:** Executive Assistant**Authoriser:** General Manager**Theme:** Our Leadership**Attachments:**

1. **In Force - POL035 Councillor Training Development Policy 2020** [↓](#) 
2. **Under Review - POL035 Councillor Induction and Professional Development Policy** [↓](#) 

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Reviews and endorses POL035 Councillor Induction and Professional Development Policy as presented for the purpose of public exhibition seeking community comment for a period of 28 days.
2. Deems POL035 Councillor Induction and Professional Development Policy as adopted should no submissions be received from the community at the conclusion of the exhibition period.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to review and update the Councillor Training and Development Policy.

SUMMARY

POL035 Councillor Training and Development Policy was due for review on 1 December 2022. As part of its review, the policy name and content has been updated to bring it into line with the Office of Local Government (OLG) Model Policy in Appendix C of the Councillor Induction and Professional Development Guidelines 2018 <https://www.olg.nsw.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/Councillor-Induction-and-Professional-Development-Guidelines-2018.pdf>

As the updates to the policy are extensive, both the current and proposed versions of the policy are attached as separate documents.

The nature of this policy and its significant changes require the revisions to be advised to Councillors and adoption acknowledged by a resolution of Council. The recommendation is that the policy be adopted for exhibition and, should no submissions be received during the exhibition period, that the policy then comes into force.

RELEVANCE TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN AND OTHER STRATEGIES / MASTERPLANS / STUDIES**Theme**

Policy

Strategy

5.1 - Have a Council that provides leadership through actions and effective communication.

Action

5.1.8 - Ensure that workforce policies remain current in a changing environment.

ISSUES AND IMPLICATIONS

Policy

- Scheduled review of a policy requiring extensive amendments.

Financial

- Includes Councillor training budget allocations.

Legal / Statutory

- Proposed revised policy complies with OLG directives.

Community Engagement / Communication

- This matter is being presented in the ordinary business paper for endorsement to go to public exhibition.
- The policy will be available on Council’s website during exhibition and once adopted.

Human Resources / Industrial Relations

- Policies direct staff as to compliance with financial legislation and standards.

RISKS

There are no perceived risks with Council endorsing this policy for the purpose of public exhibition.

OPTIONS

1. Endorse the policy and send to exhibition.
2. Endorse the policy with revisions and send to exhibition.
3. Refer the policy back to staff for further review.

CONCLUSION

Endorse the policy as presented, direct it to public exhibition seeking community comment, and deem the policy adopted should no submissions be received.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Reviews and endorses POL035 Councillor Induction and Professional Development Policy as presented for the purpose of public exhibition seeking community comment for a period of 28 days.
2. Deems POL035 Councillor Induction and Professional Development Policy as adopted should no submissions be received from the community at the conclusion of the exhibition period.



Councillor Training and Development Policy 2020 POL035



Policy No:	POL035
Policy Title:	Councillor Training and Development Policy
Section Responsible:	Executive Services
Minute No:	20/312
Doc ID:	8372

1. INTENT

The objective of the Councillor Training and Development policy is to ensure that activities are available to all Councillors which contribute to the achievement of Narrandera Shire Council's strategic and good governance objectives.

2. SCOPE

The policy applies to all elected representatives of Narrandera Shire Council.

3. PROVISIONS

3.1 TRAINING NEEDS

Councillors training must include subjects which specifically relates to Councillors legislative and governance roles and functions. Topics for training will include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Role and responsibilities of Councillors
- Relationships between Councillors and Council staff
- Meeting procedures
- Conflict of interest
- Code of conduct
- Good governance
- Strategic management
- Planning legislation
- Media skills

Additional relevant training areas will be assessed as they arise.

3.2 TRAINING DELIVERY

A range of delivery methods will be required to support the training needs of Councillors:

- Workshops, seminars and informal briefing sessions conducted by Council with relevant guest speakers and trainers.
- Attendance at workshops, seminars and conferences offered by organisations such as Local Government Learning Solutions, Local Government Association, NSW Department of Local Government, Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) and private providers.
- Distribution of training booklets and discussion papers for information.
- Online training delivery.
- Formal tertiary training in a related discipline.

3.3 ANNUAL BUDGET ALLOCATION

An annual budget allocation will be provided to support the training and development activities for Councillors.

NOTE: there is a \$2,000 budget allocation per Councillor per year to cover training and induction. Total fund is \$25,000 per year (2020-2021 Job Cost 4000-135-0).

4. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Executive Assistant

- Councillor Training register maintained to record training.

5. RELATED LEGISLATION

- Local Government Act 1993 s232

6. RELATED POLICIES AND DOCUMENTS

- OLG Councillor Induction and Professional Development Guidelines 2018

7. VARIATION

Council reserves the right to review, vary or revoke this policy in accordance with legislation, regulation and award changes, where applicable. Council may also make changes to this policy and the relevant procedures from time-to-time to improve the effectiveness of its operation.

8. PREVIOUS VERSIONS

Reference to a superseded policy number and/or name is also considered a reference to the new policy number. This policy was previously named:

- ES130 Councillor Training and Development Policy.

POLICY HISTORY

Responsible Officer	General Manager		
Approved by	General Manager		
Approval Date	13 January 2021		
GM Signature <i>(Authorised staff to insert signature)</i>			
Next Review	1 December 2022		
Version Number	Endorsed by ELT	Endorsed by Council	Date signed by GM
1 Adopted	-	-	17/02/2009
2 Reviewed	2/10/2018	-	2/10/2018
3 Reviewed	13/10/2020	17/11/2020	13/01/2021

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Councillor Induction and Professional Development Policy 202X

POL035



Policy No:	POL035
Policy Title:	Councillor Induction and Professional Development Policy
Section Responsible:	Executive Services
Minute No:	XXXXX
Doc ID:	8372

1. INTENT

The purpose of this policy is to demonstrate Narrandera Shire Council's commitment to ensuring that the mayor and councillors have access to induction and ongoing professional development which will assist them to develop and maintain the skills and knowledge required to effectively perform their civic role and responsibilities under the Local Government Act 1993 ('the Act').

2. SCOPE

This policy applies to all councillors of Narrandera Shire Council, including the mayor.

3. STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT

Narrandera Shire Council is committed to developing an induction and ongoing professional development program for the mayor and councillors to ensure they can fulfil their statutory roles and responsibilities. As part of this program, the mayor and each councillor will have a professional development plan that identifies specific gaps in their capabilities (ie: their knowledge, skills and attributes), and identify professional development activities to build these capabilities.

4. PROVISIONS

4.1 INDUCTION PROGRAM

Narrandera Shire Council will develop an induction program for new and returning councillors as well as a supplementary program for the mayor to ensure they are provided all the information they need to effectively fulfil their roles in the first few months of council's term and feel confident in their ability to do so.

The induction program will cover:

- An orientation to council facilities and the local government area.
- An overview of the key issues and tasks for the new council including council's community strategic plan, delivery program, operational plan, resourcing strategy, and community engagement plan.
- The legislation, rules, principles, and political context under which councils operate.
- The roles and responsibilities of councillors and the mayor.

- Council's organisational structure, workforce management strategy and the roles and responsibilities of the general manager and council staff.
- What council does and how it operates, including an overview of integrated planning and reporting, land-use planning, natural resource management, financial management and asset management by council.
- Key council policies and procedures councillors must comply with including the code of conduct.
- The role of council meetings and how to participate effectively in them.
- The support available to the mayor and councillors and where they can go to get more information or assistance, and
- Information on the process for taking the oath of office and electing the mayor at the first council meeting (where applicable).

In the case of the mayor, the program will also cover:

- How to be an effective leader of the governing body and the council.
- The role of the Chair and how to chair council meetings.
- The mayor's role in integrated planning and reporting.
- The mayor's role and responsibilities under the code of conduct.
- The mayor's role and responsibilities in relation to the general manager's employment.
- The mayor's role at regional and other representative bodies, and
- The mayor's civic and ceremonial role.

The mayor and councillors must have a working knowledge and understanding of these areas by the end of the induction program.

The induction program will also include team building activities to help the governing body establish itself as a cohesive and collaborative team focused on a common purpose with shared values and goals. Activities will aim to ensure mayors and councillors:

- Identify how they would like to work together as a team and identify a common vision for the governing body.
- Build relationships with each other based on trust and mutual respect that facilitate collaboration.
- Contribute to a positive and ethical culture within the governing body.
- Work towards consensus as members of the governing body for the benefit of the community.
- Develop respectful negotiation skills and manage alternative views within the governing body without damaging relationships.

- Understand what supports or undermines the effective functioning of the governing body.
- Respect the diversity of skills and experiences on the governing body, and
- Communicate and uphold the decisions of council in a respectful way, even if their own position was not adopted.

Activities should also help the mayor, as the leader of the governing body, to:

- Act as a stabilising influence and show leadership, and
- Promote a culture of integrity and accountability within council and when representing council in the community and elsewhere.

The mayor and councillors, including those re-elected to office, must attend all induction sessions.

Narrandera Shire Council will evaluate the induction program at the end of each council term to determine whether it has achieved these outcomes, and to identify and address areas for improvement.

4.2 ONGOING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

An individual ongoing professional development plan will be developed for the mayor and each councillor to address any gaps in the capabilities (ie: the knowledge, skills and attributes) needed to effectively fulfil their role.

Each professional development plan will span the council's term, and identify professional development activities that the mayor or councillor will participate in. Professional development activities will be prioritised according to need and approved by the general manager where council funds are required in accordance with Narrandera Shire Council's Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy. The mayor and councillors are expected to complete all the activities included in their professional development plan.

Professional development activities will, wherever possible, follow the 70/20/10 principle. The 70/20/10 principle requires that:

- 70% of learning activities are provided via learning and developing from experience, for example: on-the-job training, self-directed learning, developmental roles, problem solving, exposure and practice.
- 20% of learning activities are provided via learning and training through others, for example: personal or professional networks, coaching, mentoring, feedback, memberships, and professional associations, and
- 10% of learning activities are provided via learning and developing through structured programs, for example: training courses, external or in-house workshops, seminars, webinars, and other e-learning and briefing sessions conducted by the council, external training providers or industry bodies.

The timing of professional development activities for the mayor and councillors will be designed in such a way to not overload councillors with learning activities in the early part of council's term. The timing will reflect what knowledge and skills councillors and the mayor need at various points in council's term to undertake their roles.

The mayor and councillors will be provided with as much notice as possible for upcoming induction and professional development activities.

4.3 BUDGET

An annual budget allocation will be provided to support the induction and professional development activities undertaken by the mayor and councillors. Expenditure will be monitored and reported quarterly.

4.4 APPROVAL OF TRAINING AND/OR EXPENSES

Professional development activities that require council funds are to be approved by the general manager in accordance with Narrandera Shire Council's Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy.

4.5 EVALUATION

Council will evaluate the professional development program at the end of each council term to assess whether it was effective in assisting the mayor and councillors to develop the capabilities required to fulfil their civic roles.

4.6 REPORTING

The general manager of Narrandera Shire Council will publicly report each year in council's annual report:

- The name of the mayor and each individual councillor that completed council's induction program (where an induction program has been delivered during the relevant year).
- The name of the mayor and each councillor who participated in any ongoing professional development program during the year.
- The number of training and other activities provided to the mayor and councillors during the year as part of a professional development program, and
- The total cost of induction and professional development activities and any other training provided to the mayor and councillors during the relevant year.

5. DEFINITIONS

- **NSC:** Narrandera Shire Council
- **OLG:** Office of Local Government

6. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

6.1 MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS

The mayor and each councillor are responsible for making themselves available to attend any development activities identified in the professional development plan. The mayor and all councillors must make all reasonable endeavours to attend and participate in the induction sessions and professional development activities arranged for them during the term of the council.

6.2 GENERAL MANAGER

The general manager has overall responsibility for Narrandera Shire Council’s induction and professional development program.

6.3 HUMAN RESOURCES AND EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

The human resources manager and executive assistant are responsible for planning, scheduling, and facilitating induction and professional development activities for the mayor and councillors in consultation with the general manager.

The executive assistant is responsible for maintaining the Councillor Training Register to record training.

7. RELATED LEGISLATION

- Local Government Act 1993 s232

8. RELATED POLICIES AND DOCUMENTS

- Councillor Training Register
- POL015 Councillor and Expenses and Facilities Policy
- OLG Councillor Induction and Professional Development Guidelines 2018

9. VARIATION

Council reserves the right to review, vary or revoke this policy in accordance with legislation, regulation, and award changes, where applicable. Council may also make changes to this policy and the relevant procedures from time-to-time to improve the effectiveness of its operation.

10. PREVIOUS VERSIONS

Reference to a superseded policy name is also considered a reference to the new policy name. This policy was previously named:

- ES130 Councillor Training and Development Policy
- POL035 Councillor Training and Development Policy 2020

POLICY HISTORY

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22 COMMITTEE REPORTS

**22.1 LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - MINUTES -
13 FEBRUARY 2024**

Document ID: 728175

Author: Manager Projects and Assets

Authoriser: Deputy General Manager Infrastructure

**Attachments: 1. Local Emergency Management Committee Minutes -
13 February 2024**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the Minutes of the Local Emergency Management Committee held on Tuesday 13 February 2024.

**MINUTES OF NARRANDERA SHIRE COUNCIL
LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON TUESDAY, 13 FEBRUARY 2024 AT 9:10AM**

1 PRESENT

Mayor Cr Neville Kschenka, Mr Alastair Macdonald, Mr Chad Kennis, Mr Chris Quiring, David Buchtman, Ms Debbie Hobbs, Mr Issac Lee, Mr Justin Langley, Ms Lindel Carey, Ms Angela Fraser, Mr Neal Tait, Mr Paul Billingham, Mr Tom Wivell, Mr Pete Watson, Mr Peter Cook, Mr James Manou, Mr Steve Hompes, PAM Fred Hammer, Chair Shane Wilson, Mr Brett Koschel, Ms Sally McDougall, Ms Cath Flood

2 APOLOGIES

Cr Tracey Lewis, Mr Brendan Hall, Mr Daryl Cooper, Ms Debbie Wickes, Mr Jamie Horsfield, Ms Karen Eurell, Ms Kate Johanson, Ms Kate Williams, Peter Beal, Mr Robert Hutchinson, Mr Shane Hargrave, Ms Debbie Holt.

3 DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Nil

4 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Local Emergency Management Committee held on 10 October 2023 be confirmed.

Moved: Mr David Buchtman

Second: Ms Debbie Hobbs

5 REPORTS

6.1 – Rural Fire Service NSW - Please refer to Agency Report – NSWRA Riverina Murray – 13 February 2024. Mr Langley also advised the Committee the RFS will be conducting an Airport reduction burn off on 24th February 2024.

6.2 – VRA – Mr Alastair Macdonald advised the Committee that he has been appointed as the Narrandera VRA unit squad captain. Please refer to Agency Report – Narrandera VRA Rescue Squad – 13 February 2024.

6.3 – Welfare Services – Please refer to Agency Report – WSFA – 13 February 2024.

6.4 – Transport for NSW – Please refer to Agency Report – TfNSW – 13 February 2024. Mr Billingham advised the committee that Mr Tom Wivell will be taking over from him as the Narrandera LEMC TfNSW representative.

6.5 – NSW Police Force – Mr Quiring stated that the current staffing levels are impacting the stations resourcing and they are slowly filling vacant positions. Narrandera police station staff have completed training on its new operational water craft.

6.6 – Ambulance NSW - Please refer to Agency Report – NSW Ambulance – 13 February 2024. Ms Carey did state that unit is currently adequately staffed to fulfil our roster and all staff are up to date with training requirements..

6.7 - Fire & Rescue NSW – Please refer to Agency Report – Fire and Rescue NSW – 13 February 2024. Mr Kennis reported that incidents of bush and grass fires are well down completed to the previous period. The station is fully staffed with the current two vacancies being filled.

6.8 – NSW Reconstruction Authority – Please refer to Agency Report – NSWRA – 13 October 2023.

6.9 – Australia Red Cross - Please refer to Agency Report – Red Cross – 13 February 2024.

6.10 - Local Land Services – Please refer to Agency Report – LLS AASFA – 13 February 2024.

6.11 – State Emergency Service - Please refer to Agency Report – NSW SES – 13 February 2024. Ms Debbie Hobbs has been appointed Acting Unit Commander.

6.12 – REMO – Please refer to Agency Report – REMO Riverina – 13 February 2024

6.13 – LEMO – Mr Hammer provided the committee with an update on the Narrandera Floodplain Risk Management projects.

6.14 – Narrandera Shire Council report – Mr Shane Wilson provided the committee representatives with a detailed update of Council's engineering and funding solutions surrounding the proposed urban drainage scheme, with the stormwater detailed design almost completed.

He also updated the committee on the following item:

- Parallel airport taxiway project has been discontinued and grant funding returned.
- SES has requested Council for facilities to house their fleet.
- Handing back of the RMCC contract and its implications
- Verroa Mite – Bee Disposal
- New CCTV System upgrade to be rolled out with the installation of 40 cameras

6.2 AGENCY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

RECOMMENDATION

1. For Council to Note and Accept Agency Reports and Correspondence.

6 GENERAL BUSINESS

Mr Kennis raised a matter regarding if there is a bush fire plan regarding the koala population at the Narrandera Flora and fauna. Mr Wilson stated that he did investigate at one time for the Firesticks group to undertake a cultural fuel load reduction burn.

Mayor Mr Kschenka stated that he will continue to advocate the widening of the Trunk road 80 bridge and raising of the Gillenbah Hwy Intersection.

Mr Langley was concerned on the number of stolen vehicles that a set alight. Ms McDougall commented that the police are looking into the matters.

Mr Quiring raised a proposal for the merger of the Narrandera and Leeton LEMC's. He stated that many of the same agency members need to attend each LEMC. By considering to combine the LEMC groups it would reduce duplication.

The committee provided in principle support for future discussions between the two Councils to combine the Leeton and Narrandera Local Emergency Management Committees, with a future report to be prepared to Council.

7 NEXT MEETING

11 June 2023

8 MEETING CLOSE

Meeting Closed at 10:12am

The minutes of this meeting were approved by the Chairperson (magiQ #...) and will be presented to the next meeting for confirmation.

22.2 NARRANDERA - LEETON SHIRE COUNCILS JOINT AIRPORT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - MINUTES - 25 MARCH 2024

Document ID: 726292

Author: Traffic Airport Engineer

Authoriser: Deputy General Manager Infrastructure

Attachments: 1. Narrandera - Leeton Shire Councils Joint Airport Management Committee Minutes - 25 March 2024

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the Minutes of the Narrandera - Leeton Shire Councils Joint Airport Management Committee held on Monday 25 March 2024.

**MINUTES OF NARRANDERA SHIRE COUNCIL
NARRANDERA - LEETON SHIRE COUNCILS JOINT AIRPORT MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON MONDAY, 25 MARCH 2024 AT 2PM**

1 PRESENT

Chair Mayor Cr Neville Kschenka, Cr Jenny Clarke OAM, GM George Cowan, DGMI Shane Wilson, WM Matt Vogele, Leeton - Cr Paul Smith, Leeton - EDM Michelle Evans, Minute Taker Andrew Pearson

2 APOLOGIES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: DGMI Shane Wilson
Seconded: Cr Jenny Clarke OAM

That apologies from Cr Cameron Lander, Leeton - Cr Tony Reneker and Leeton - GM Jackie Kruger be received and accepted.

CARRIED

3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

4 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Leeton - EDM Michelle Evans
Seconded: Cr Jenny Clarke OAM

That the minutes of the Narrandera - Leeton Shire Councils Joint Airport Management Committee held on 23 October 2023 be confirmed.

CARRIED

5 REPORTS

6.1 REVIEW OF AIRPORT OPERATIONAL AND CAPITAL WORKS 2023/24

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Leeton - Cr Paul Smith
Seconded: Cr Jenny Clarke OAM

That this item is received, and the information noted.

CARRIED

This report provided an overview of the operations and activities for the period 1 July 2023 through to March 2024 and included reference to the following areas:

- Operational and Capital works progress
- Regional Express continued flight reductions
- Continued training facility for AAPA
- Rural Fire Service annual controlled hazard reduction
- CASA compliance including re-certification of YNAR Narrandera – Leeton Airport to the current CASA standards.

6.2 PROPOSED AIRPORT OPERATIONAL AND CAPITAL WORKS 2024/25

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: DGMI Shane Wilson

Seconded: Leeton - EDM Michelle Evans

That the proposed 2024/25 Airport Budget Fees, Charges and Capital works be adopted.

CARRIED

NSC Deputy General Manager Infrastructure tabled an overview of forecasted operational and planned capital works for 2024/25 with key aspects being:

- Forecasted reduced income at least for the first quarter of 2024/25 and possibly longer due to reduced Regional Express flight schedules.
- Planned capital works included the replacement of the two wind indicators (windsocks).
- Some general discussion took place on a slight increase to RPT landing fees however it was agreed that it was not an opportune time with ongoing flight reductions.

6.3 REGIONAL EXPRESS FLIGHT SCHEDULES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: DGMI Shane Wilson

Seconded: Leeton - Cr Paul Smith

1. That this item is received, and the information noted.
2. That both Councils continue dialogue with Regional Express executives in relation to flight reductions and timing of flight schedules being resumed.

CARRIED

This report provided an overview of the continued Regional Express flight reductions through until at least the end of October 2024. By that time, it will be twelve months since the original flight reductions had commenced.

The continuing reduced flight schedule has had a significant impact on forecasted revenue for the 2023/24 year and a conservative revised estimate has been forecast for 2024/25. Nevertheless, it is fortunate that Regional Express have continued at least one daily return flight.

6.4 PARALLEL TAXIWAY

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Jenny Clarke OAM

Seconded: Leeton - EDM Michelle Evans

That this item is received, and the information noted.

CARRIED

NSC Deputy General Manager Infrastructure provided an overview of NSC decision not to accept any of the tender submissions for the bulk earthwork, drainage, and associated services for construction of the Narrandera – Leeton Airport Parallel Taxiway.

During November 2023 tenders were called and ten companies submitted proposals for delivery of this project. The tenders submitted all came in well above the pre-tender estimate and has resulted in the project being financially unachievable to Council.

As a result, Council at its meeting of 13 December 2023 adopted a recommendation to not accept any tender submissions as all tendered prices exceeded the allocated budget, discontinue the project, and return all grant funds allocated.

6.5 GENERAL BUSINESS

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Leeton - Cr Paul Smith

Seconded: DGMI Shane Wilson

That this item is received, and the information noted.

CARRIED

6.5.1 – NSC Deputy General Manager Infrastructure advised that NSC had entered into an agreement for the State Emergency Service (SES) to utilise the landside part of the hangar for their vehicle and plant storage.

6.5.2 – NSC Deputy General Manager Infrastructure conveyed his appreciation to Council staff for their commitment in preparing and submitting the Airport Manual to CASA for review and approval.

6.5.3 – NSC Deputy General Manager Infrastructure advised of a recent Statewide Mutual AVCRM training day held here in Narrandera that was well attended by other LGA Airport owners in the area.

7 NEXT MEETING

Monday 25 October 2024 – 2pm – Narrandera Shire Council Chambers

Meeting TBC after the September 2024 Local Government elections.

8 MEETING CLOSE

Meeting Closed at 2.40pm.

The minutes of this meeting were approved by the Chairperson (magiQ # 726220) and will be presented to the next meeting for confirmation.

22.3 YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL - MINUTES - 4 DECEMBER 2023**Document ID: 728101****Author: Community Support Manager****Authoriser: Deputy General Manager Corporate and Community****Attachments: 1. Youth Advisory Council Minutes - 4 December 2023****RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the Minutes of the Youth Advisory Council held on Monday 4 December 2023.

Items of note include:

- Note activities to be included in the successful application for funding under the School Holiday Break funding, now covering Summer and Autumn: sewing and craft workshops, Paint with Mates, paddleboarding and kayaking, Fruit Fly Circus, movie sessions and Totem Skate School.
- Endorse establishment of a social media platform for the Youth Advisory Council to promote youth participation and increase awareness of the Council's initiatives, establishing a social media presence for the Youth Council and recommend the name of the Youth Advisory Council social media platforms be the Narrandera Youth Council.



MINUTES

Youth Advisory Council Meeting

4 December 2023

**MINUTES OF NARRANDERA SHIRE COUNCIL
YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE YOUTH SPACE
ON MONDAY, 4 DECEMBER 2023 AT 3.30PM**

1 PRESENT

Cr Alex Luck, Cr Alyssa Sanders, Cr Harrison Rowe, Mayor Cr Ruby Hewitt, CSM Stacie Mohr,

2 APOLOGIES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Harrison Rowe
Seconded: Cr Alex Luck

That apologies from Deputy Cr Mikalie Vearing be received and accepted.

CARRIED

3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

4 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Alyssa Sanders
Seconded: Cr Harrison Rowe

That the minutes of the Youth Advisory Council Meeting held on 23 October 2023 be confirmed.

CARRIED

5 REPORTS

5.1 SUMMER/AUTUMN BREAK FUNDING

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Alyssa Sanders
Seconded: Cr Alex Luck

The Youth Advisory Council:

1. Receive and note the activities to be included in the successful application for funding under the School Holiday Break funding, now covering Summer and Autumn including, sewing and craft workshops, Paint with Mates, paddleboarding and kayaking, Fruit Fly Circus, movie sessions and Totem Skate School

CARRIED**5.2 RECOMMENDATION FOR YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL SOCIAL MEDIA****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Alex Luck

Seconded: Cr Harrison Rowe

The Youth Council:

1. Endorse the establishment of a social media platform for the Youth Advisory Council to promote youth participation and increase awareness of the Council's initiatives, establishing a social media presence for the Youth Council.
2. Recommended for the name of the Youth Advisory Council social media platforms be the Narrandera Youth Council

CARRIED**5.3 REQUEST FOR SUPPORT - AUSTRALIA DAY 2024****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Alex Luck

Seconded: Cr Harrison Rowe

The Youth Advisory Council

1. Endorse the request for support at the 2024 Australia Day Celebrations, scheduled for 26 January 2024.

CARRIED**6 GENERAL BUSINESS****7 NEXT MEETING**

February 2024

8 MEETING CLOSE**Meeting Closed at 1610**

The minutes of this meeting were approved by the Chairperson and will be presented to the next meeting for confirmation.

22.4 YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL - MINUTES - 11 MARCH 2024**Document ID: 728099****Author: Community Support Manager****Authoriser: Deputy General Manager Corporate and Community****Attachments: 1. Youth Advisory Council Minutes - 11 March 2024****RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the Minutes of the Youth Advisory Council held on Monday 11 March 2024.

Items of note include:

- Update on the Blue Tree Project to be completed on 18 April 2024, in conjunction with Youth Week 2024.
- Endorse the proposed activities to be included in Youth Week 2024 activities to be held 11-21 April 2024. Events will include the Blue Tree Project, Paint and Picasso and outdoor movie.
- Note the events funded through the NSW Government Holiday Break Program and planned for the upcoming school holidays. Events will include Totem Skate School, sewing/craft classes, Paint with Mates, golf lessons.
- Recommended projects to be included in the submission for funding for Winter/Spring holidays include day trip (ice skating), tie dying, movie night, paint classes, craft classes, slime run.



MINUTES

Youth Advisory Council Meeting

11 March 2024

**MINUTES OF NARRANDERA SHIRE COUNCIL
YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE YOUTH SPACE
ON MONDAY, 11 MARCH 2024 AT 4.00 PM**

1 PRESENT

Cr Alex Luck, Cr Alyssa Sanders, Deputy Cr Mikalie Vearing, Mayor Cr Ruby Hewitt, CLO Suz Litchfield, CSM Stacie Mohr

2 APOLOGIES

Nil

3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

4 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Alex Luck

Seconded: Deputy Cr Mikalie Vearing

That the minutes of the Youth Advisory Council Meeting held on 4 December 2023 be confirmed.

CARRIED

5 REPORTS

6.1 BLUE TREE PROJECT

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Deputy Cr Mikalie Vearing

Seconded: Cr Alyssa Sanders

The Youth Advisory Council

1. Receive and note the update on the Blue Tree Project to be completed on April 18 2024 in conjunction with Youth Week 2024

CARRIED

6.2 YOUTH WEEK 2024

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Alex Luck

Seconded: Deputy Cr Mikalie Vearing

The Youth Council

1. Endorse the proposed activities to be included in Youth Week 2024 activities, to be held 11 April 2024 – 21 April 2024. Events to be included:

- Blue Tree Project
- Paint and Picasso
- Outdoor Movie

CARRIED

6.3 AUTUMN BREAK SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Deputy Cr Mikalie Vearing

Seconded: Cr Alyssa Sanders

The Youth Advisory Council

1. Receive and note the events planned for the upcoming school holidays, funded through the NSW Government's Holiday Break Program. Events to be included:

- Totem Skate School
- Sewing/Craft Classes
- Paint with Mates
- Golf Lessons

CARRIED

6.4 WINTER/SPRING BREAK FUNDING APPLICATION

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Alex Luck

Seconded: Cr Alyssa Sanders

The Youth Advisory Council

1. Provides recommendations for proposed activities to be included in the application for funding under the NSW Governments' Holiday Break Program. Proposed events to be included in the application:

- Day trip – Ice Skating
- Tye Dying
- Oodie Night/Movie Night
- Paint Classes
- Craft Classes
- Slime Run

CARRIED

6 GENERAL BUSINESS

7 NEXT MEETING

2 April 2024

8 MEETING CLOSE

Meeting Closed at 4.35

The minutes of this meeting were approved by the Chairperson and will be presented to the next meeting for confirmation.

23 STATUTORY AND COMPULSORY REPORTING – DEVELOPMENT SERVICES REPORTS

23.1 DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENT SERVICES ACTIVITIES - FEBRUARY 2024

Document ID: 727764

Author: Administration Assistant

Authoriser: Deputy General Manager Infrastructure

Theme: Statutory and Compulsory Reporting – Development Services

Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the Development Services Activities Report for March 2024.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to inform Council of Development Applications and other development services provided during March 2024.

BACKGROUND

Development & Complying Development Applications

A summary of Development and Complying Development Applications processed during the reporting month/s detailed in the following table:

Stage Reached	March
Lodged	4
Stop-the-Clock / Under Referral / Awaiting Information	1
Determined	4

The value of Development and Complying Development Applications approved by Council during the reporting month is detailed in the following tables:

Development Type	2023-2024			
	MARCH		Year to Date	
	Number	Value \$	Number	Value \$
Residential	2	\$ 599,000	19	\$ 2,453,600
Industrial	0	\$ -	1	\$ 145,000
Commercial	0	\$ -	6	\$ 5,561,110
Rural Residential	0	\$ -	5	\$ 992,000
Subdivisions	2	\$ 17,000	5	\$ 63,000
Other	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
TOTAL	4	\$ 616,000	36	\$ 9,214,710

Under the provisions of section 4.59 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act Narrandera Shire Council determined the following development applications, applications for modification of development consents and complying development certificate applications during the reporting month.

March 2024

No	Type	Address	Development Type	Determination	STC / RFI Days	ACTIVE Business Days
021-21-22 MOD	L	46 King Street NARRANDERA	1 into 2 lot subdivision	Conditionally Approved	-	7
029-23-24	L	Evans Smyles Road BROBENAH	1 into 2 lot subdivision	Conditionally Approved	-	15
030-23-24	L	2 Hillview Close NARRANDERA	Dwelling	Conditionally Approved	-	11
031-23-24	L	2 Hillview Close NARRANDERA	Shed (residential)	Conditionally Approved	-	5

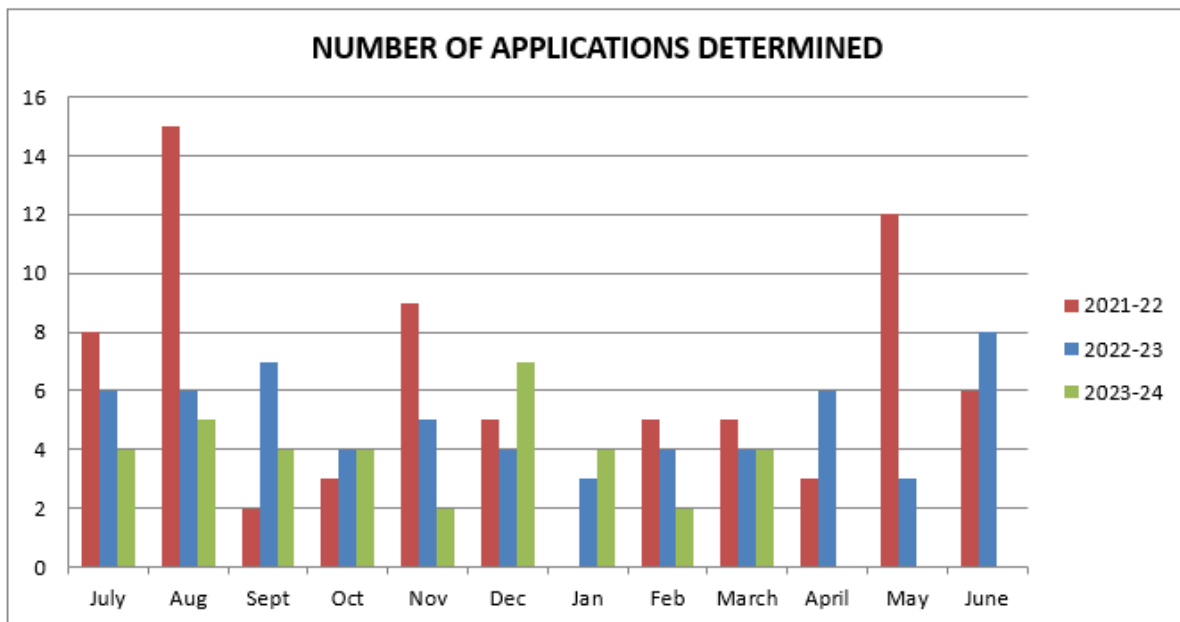
Type explanation

Local (L) – Delegated authority	Merit based assessment where development consent is required. Target determination time of 40 business days.
Council (L/C)	Local development determined by Council at an ordinary meeting.
Integrated (I)	Merit based assessment where approval from other authorities, such as RMS, RFS, DPI, is required in addition to development consent. The referral process extends the target determination time to 60 business days.
Modification (M)	Revision of previously approved application. No target determination time.
Stop the Clock (STC)	Calculation of active days stops while additional information required to complete the assessment is obtained from the applicant.
Complying (CDC)	Fast track approval process without the need for a full development application if specific criteria are met.

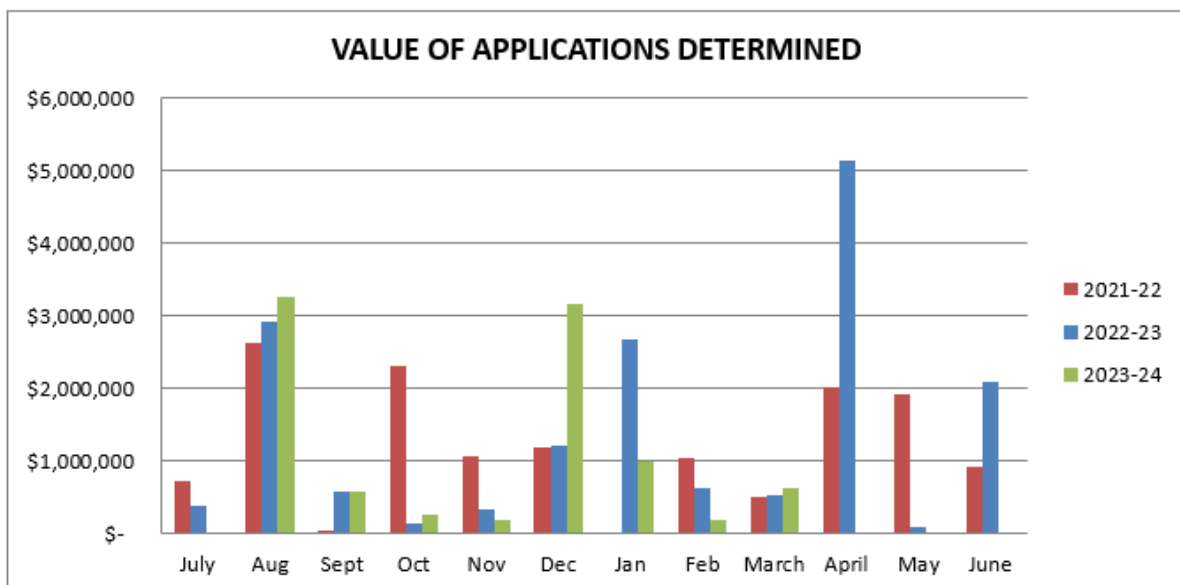
Comparison determination times

2020-21	Narrandera Shire Council average	30 days
2021-22	Narrandera Shire Council average	25 days
2022-23	Narrandera Shire Council average	18.6 days
2023-24	Narrandera Shire Council average YTD	12.3 days

This graph details the comparative number of Development and Complying Development Applications determined by month since 2021-22.



This graph details the comparative value of Development and Complying Development Applications determined by month over the past three years.



*2021-22 August figures exclude \$13,915,445 for 2 micro solar farms

*2022-23 June figures exclude \$14,200,758 for industrial workshop

Certificates Issued

A summary of other development services activities undertaken during the reporting month is detailed in the following table:

Certificate Type	March
Construction Certificates	3
Building Certificates	-

Subdivision Certificates	-
Occupation Certificates	4
Section 10.7 (previously 149) Certificates	21
Swimming Pool Compliance Certificates	-
S68 Approvals	1

Construction Activities

A summary of Critical Stage building inspections undertaken during the reporting month is detailed in the following tables:

Building Surveyor Inspections	March
Critical Stage Inspections	10

Compliance Activities

A summary of compliance services activities undertaken during the reporting month is detailed in the following tables:

Companion Animal Activity – Dogs	March
Impounded	7
Returned	1
Rehomed	3

Companion Animal Activity – Cats	March
Impounded	8
Returned	6
Rehomed	2

Compliance Activity	March
Call outs	1
Infringement warnings/fines issued	0
Menacing/Dangerous dog incidents	0

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

Receives and notes the Development Services Activities Report for March 2024.

24 STATUTORY AND COMPULSORY REPORTING – FINANCIAL / AUDIT REPORTS

24.1 CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM - MARCH 2024




Document ID: 727234

Author: Senior Finance Officer

Authoriser: Deputy General Manager Corporate and Community

Theme: Statutory and Compulsory Reporting – Financial / Audit

Attachments:

1. Capital Program - March 2024 [↓](#) 
2. Capital Expenditure - March 2024 [↓](#) 
3. Operational Expenditure - March 2024 [↓](#) 

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the information contained in the Capital Works report as at 31 March 2024.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to enable Council to track the progress of capital works programs for the period ending 31 March 2024.

BACKGROUND

Works listed in the attachment are for works against new budgeted projects for the 2023-24 financial year. Key operational expenses are also included in this report and have been highlighted separately.

PROGRESS TO DATE IN EACH AREA

Grant Dependent

- Narrandera Cemetery furniture, Barellan Cemetery furniture, Barellan Sportsground lighting upgrades, Barellan Sportsground storm water drainage works, MBP paths and uplighting, Barellan park furniture, Barellan main street planter boxes, Barellan main street BBQ shelter replacement, MBP power point vendor sites, Adventure Playground upgrade infants area, Grong Grong Park furniture, Narrandera Park lighting and uplighting memorials and trees, Narrandera Stadium and sports master plan and Sewer Primary Filter project.

Administration

- Projects being reviewed throughout the year include the, GDA Dataset Transition, Software Licencing, GIS Imagery and Two Cameras at the Marie Bashir Park Grandstand
- Councillor iPad Projects budget will be moved to 2024-25 financial year.
- Ordering started for server backup system replacement equipment.
- Quotes to be organised once the scope of the Chambers Access Control System Replacement has been developed.
- Chambers Network Cabling replacement will be moved to the 2024-25 financial year.

- Replace Desktops/Laptops project is scheduled for May.
- Replacement Workgroup Printers will be reviewed throughout the year.
- The Integrated Software System project has commenced and will continue throughout the year.
- Projects completed: Sophos Intercept X, the Data safe & replacing network switches.

Public Order & Safety

- The Landervale Fire shed has been completed with power connections pending.
- The Gillenbah Station Amenities project has commenced under the guidance of the RFS.

Environment

- The tender has been awarded for the new security fencing and CCTV at the Narrandera Waste Depot. Work will commence in early 2024.
- Purchase of the new Traxcavator for the Narrandera Waste Depot is currently under review.
- The transfer area has been completed under stage 1 of the Further Masterplan works. Other works are now being scoped.
- Further scoping is being undertaken for the Stormwater Improvements Works project.
- The Urban Stormwater Upgrade detailed design works have been completed.
- Completed Projects: Waste Depot Improvement Works Barellan.

Housing & Community Amenities

- The Cemetery Master plans are being developed and mapping software is being scoped, currently reviewing records.

Recreation & Culture

- The Book and Resources Annual replacement procurement is ongoing.
- Scope and procurement are being prepared for the library service desk replacement.
- The Lake Talbot Pool Remediation works are being prepared and will be undertaken once the pool has closed for the season.
- Final commissioning of the Narrandera Park irrigation management system has been completed. Sensors and other equipment are being installed while future works are being scoped.
- The draft plan for the Narrandera Memorial Park has been completed and planting list amendments are being made. Landscaping is under review because issues were found with the fountain's water supply.
- Procurement will commence in April for the Festive Light Upgrade
- Completed project: Narrandera Sportsground Drainage and Soak, Narrandera tennis courts access upgrades & Narrandera Playground upgrades.

Playground on the Murrumbidgee

The following projects were all funded from the Playground on the Murrumbidgee grant and have now been completed.

- Destination and Discovery Hub (construction).
- Extension of the bike and hike trails.

- Design Pedestrian Bridge Brewery Flat to East Street.
- The Sky Walk Project and the remote signage.

Disaster Recovery Funding

- The projects under the Disaster Recovery Funding are awaiting approval from the Office of Local Government Scope and works to commence once the funding has been finalised.

Local Roads & Community Infrastructure Rounds 2 & 3

- Wiradjuri Memorial Wall Stage 1 works are continuing with the lighting installation now complete.
- The toilet refurbishment project has been completed. Replacement BBQ, seating and power upgrades are being scoped.
- Tender for the Narrandera Tennis Club upgrade has been awarded with works commenced.
- The Stairs have been completed at the Brewery Flat connecting walkway with survey and designs underway for the connecting path and creek crossing.
- Renewal works have commenced at the Barellan Museum.
- The Tiger Moth building has now been completed.
- The Town Signage and Barellan Sportsground scoreboard have now been funded with works to be assessed.
- Work is continuing at the North Narrandera Footpaths. The final section of Racecourse Road is still to be completed.
- Construction of the Narrandera Pump Track has been completed. Remote signs have been ordered.
- The fencing and new bins have been installed at Henry Mathieson Oval; seating to be installed.
- Completed projects: Barellan Pump Track, Narrandera Flora, and Fauna Reserve, Senior Citizens Building, Aerodrome Air League and Barellan Sportsground Spectator Pavilion

Local Roads & Community Infrastructure Round 4

- The tender for the Barellan Toddler Pool has been completed, design activities have commenced.
- Procurement has commenced for the playground upgrade at Marie Bashir Park.
- The scope is being prepared for the Design and Discovery Hub Interpretative Fit Out, Marie Bashir Park Playground Upgrade Stage 1, Narrandera Footpath Upgrades, and the Narrandera Laneway Upgrades

Crown Reserve Improvement Program

- The upgrades for the Lake Talbot reserve have progressed with quotes sourced for the BBQ and seating, shelter works have been completed, and additional planning being prepared for further works.

Stronger Country Community Funding

- The new netball courts in Barellan have been completed.
- New poles are being installed through the Community Safety Upgrade Program under the guidance of Essential Energy.

- Installation of the Playground for the Water Tower Recreation upgrade has been completed with the shelter to be constructed early 2024.

Economic and Community Participation

- The Adventure Playground Inclusive Spaces project is now complete. Repair work is now being undertaken.

Lake Talbot

- Planning reports are being prepared for the Lake Talbot deepening works project.
- The proposal for the Lake Talbot Area Accessibility project has been received and a preferred consultant has been engaged.
- Procurement activities for the construction of the concrete V-kerb for the Lake Talbot Tourist Park driveway is in progress.

Transport & Communication

- The scope is currently being prepared for the current road projects:
 - Urban roads construction
 - Urban Pavement Rehabilitation
 - Urban Kerb & Gutter Replacement
 - Urban Footpath Replacement
 - Rural Sealed Roads Construction
 - Roads Resheeting
 - Regional Roads.
- The Emergency Drainage works are continuing between other projects.
- The final works on the new road at the Red Hill Industrial Estate will commence shortly.
- Urban Laneways have been selected for upgrades with works to commence shortly.
- The scope for the Urban Reseals has been prepared with quotes currently being sourced.
- Works are being planned for the railway overpass for when North Narrandera Footpaths is nearing completion.
- Works to commence shortly on the Strontian Rd ch 11.25 to 11.35.
- Quotes have been completed for the Rural Road reseals with work to commence once awarded.
- Culvert replacement is nearing completion at Erigolia Road with construction to start in February.
- Works are being scheduled for AGRN1001 Flood damage repairs.
- Completed: East Street Footpath Replacement, East Street K&G Replacement, Strontian Rd, Buckingbong, Mollys Lagoon and Back Yamma Roads Resheeting

Regional Emergency Road Repair Fund

- A three-year program is currently being prepared.

Fixing Local Roads

- Works will begin shortly at Brewarrina Bridge once permits have been approved.

- The Narrandera Bus Route has now been completed. Funds will be used on other projects.
- Survey and design procurement underway for the Old Wagga Road Rehab project with construction to follow.

Fixing Country Bridges

- Mollys and Sommerset Bridges have been completed.

Roads to Recovery

- Drainage work is still being conducted at Geddes Rd.
- Completed projects: Resheeting at Grong Grong Station, Bulloak Tank, Centenary, Mannings, Orams, Curtis, Stephensons, Clarks, Centenary and Angle Roads.

Economic Affairs

- The design is being undertaken for the sewer works at the Red Hill Industrial Estate.
- Red Hill Industrial Expansion Design has been awarded.
- Further Gateway/Entrance signs project will be completed as required.
- Procurement for Light Vehicles, Trucks & Trailers, Heavy Plant and Other Plant will continue throughout the year.
- Footings have been poured for the Works Vehicle Storage Shed; frame to be erected in the next month.
- Works have been scheduled and procurement activities have commenced for the building renewal and upgrades.
- Works have commenced on the Aerodrome runway, taxi, and apron remarking. Current target for completion is the end of April.
- Works have commenced on the Terminal Painting, Blinds, and Improvements. Currently awaiting final invoice then the works can be completed.
- Completed Projects: New building at the Depot and the new solar panels.

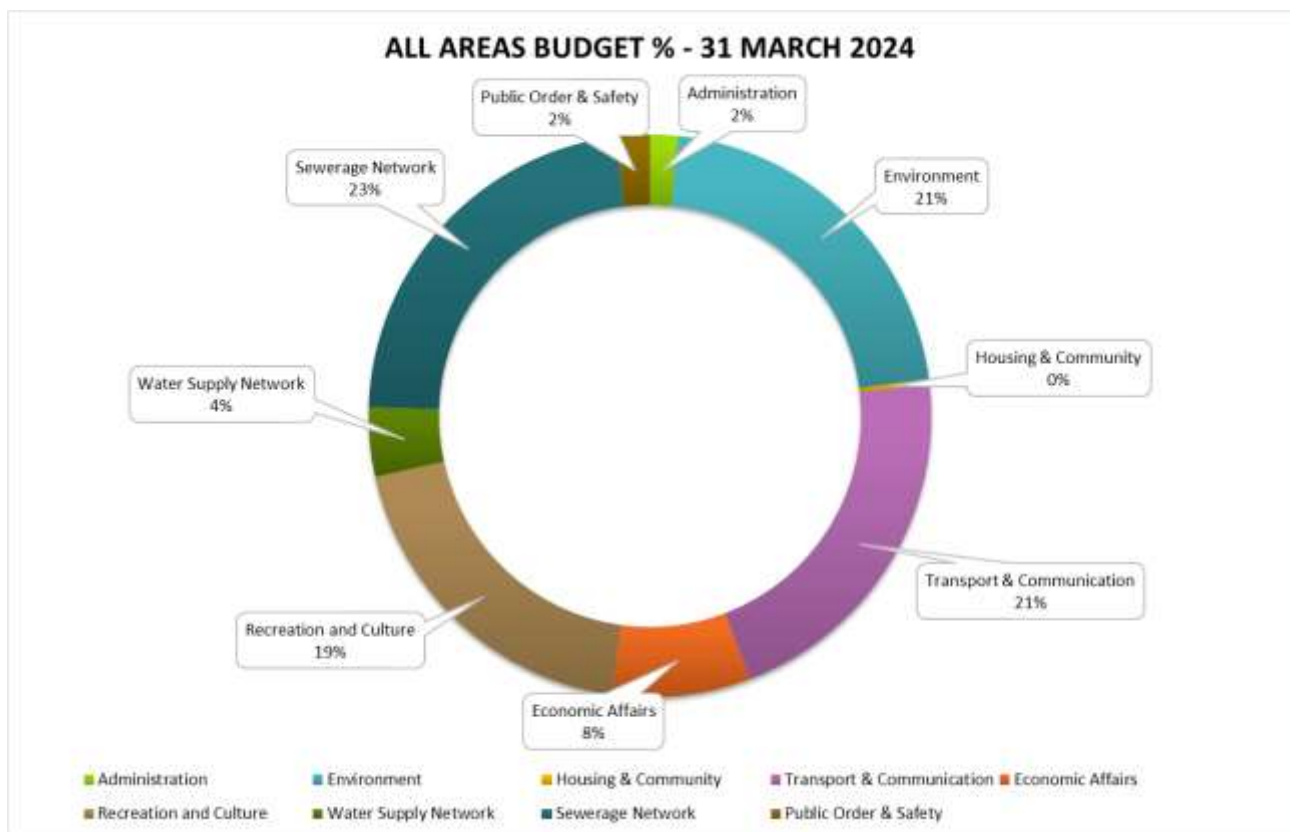
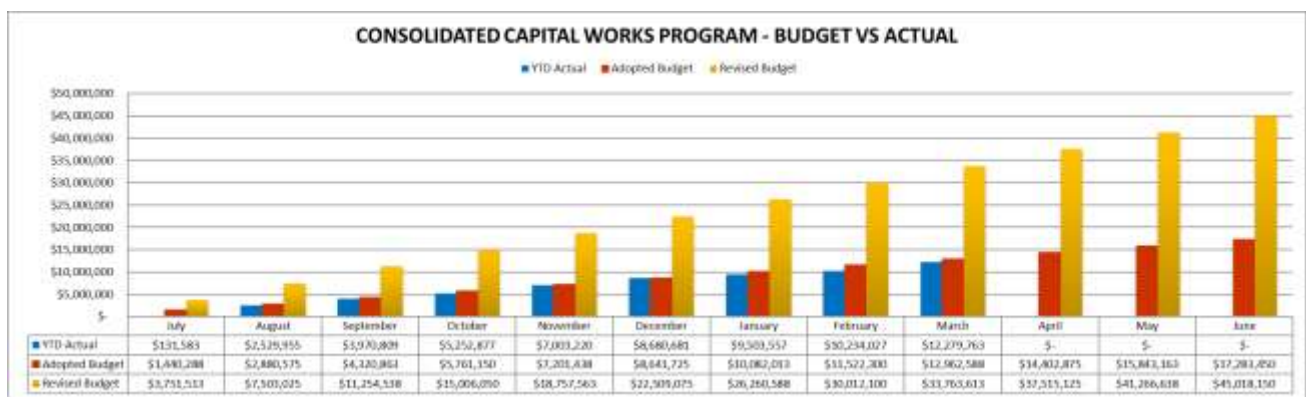
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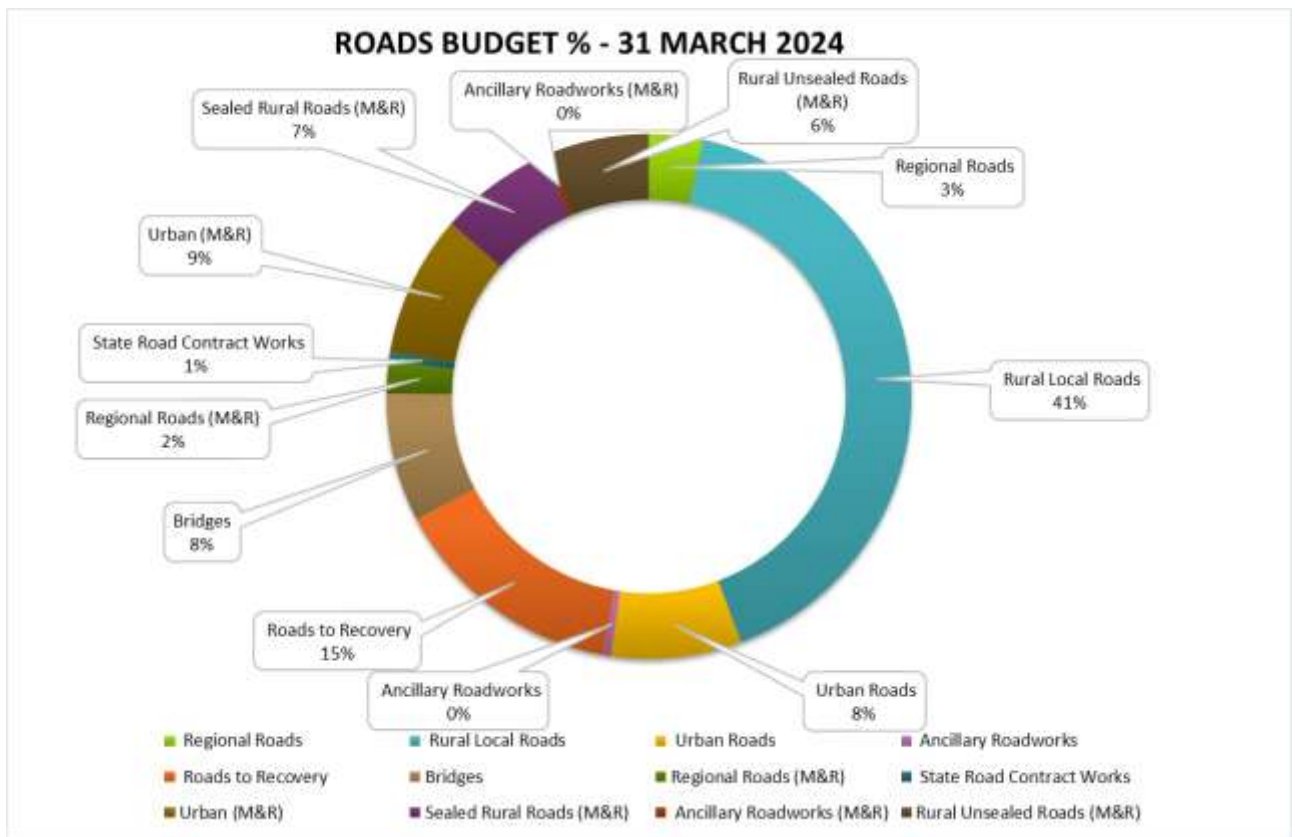
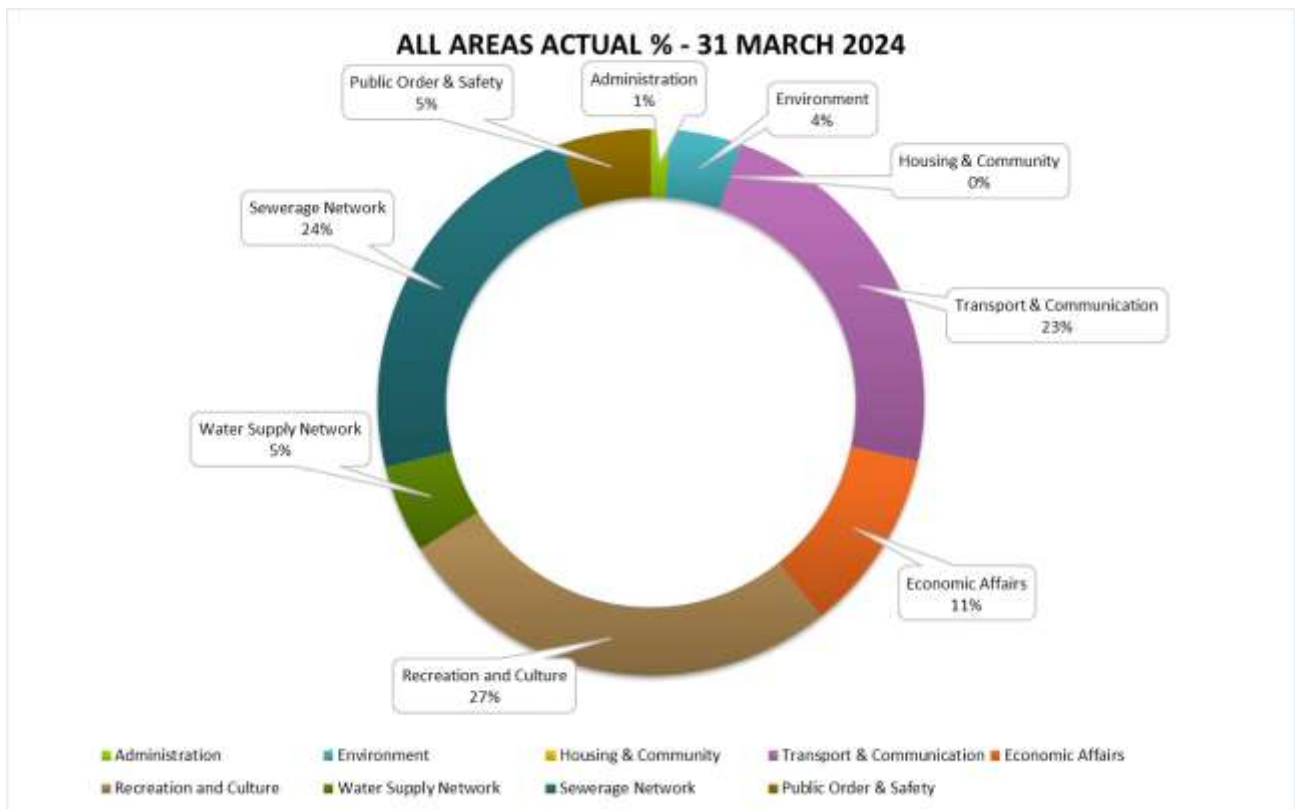
- As part of the service replacements, the private works for the highway overtaking lane were undertaken.
- The Water Treatment Plant (WTP) filter upgrade and design will commence once the results of the WTP scoping study are available.
- Works to fix the low-pressure issues at the North zone pressure pump will be scheduled after the hydraulic model is updated.
- Water mains replacements will be contracted out. The current RFQ is under development.
- Hydrant and valve replacements have commenced for the 2023-24 financial year.
- Additional works will commence on the Integrated Water Cycle Management system upon the completion of the Water Treatment plant scoping study project.
- Testing has been completed for the Scoping Study; results are still pending.
- Installations are being undertaken for the Household Filter Project.
- The fencing in Gordon Street will be completed as time allows.
- Cul-de-sac ring mains project will commence shortly.

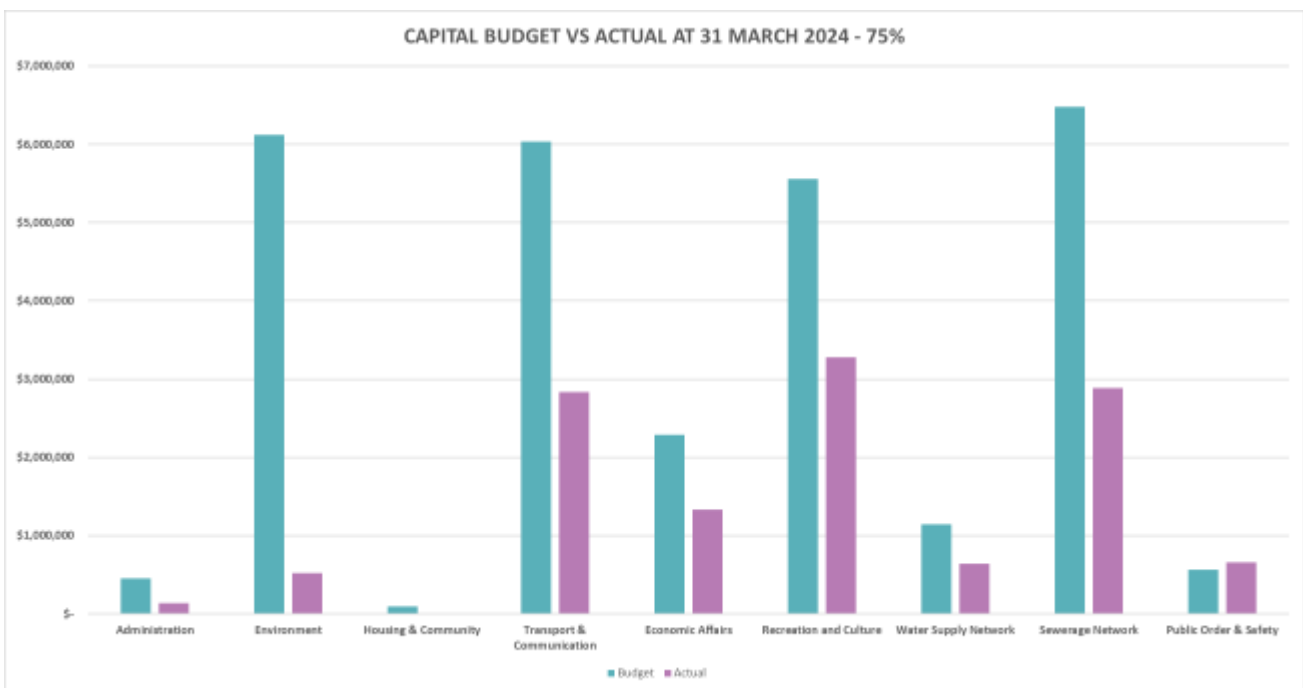
- Procurement has commenced for the telemetry hardware upgrade with RFQ being prepared for early 2024.
- The Pine Hill Pump Replacement will be scheduled after the hydraulic model is updated.
- Completed projects: Grosvenor Street Watermain replacement works, Pine Hill reservoir fencing/demolition and the new Solar panels.

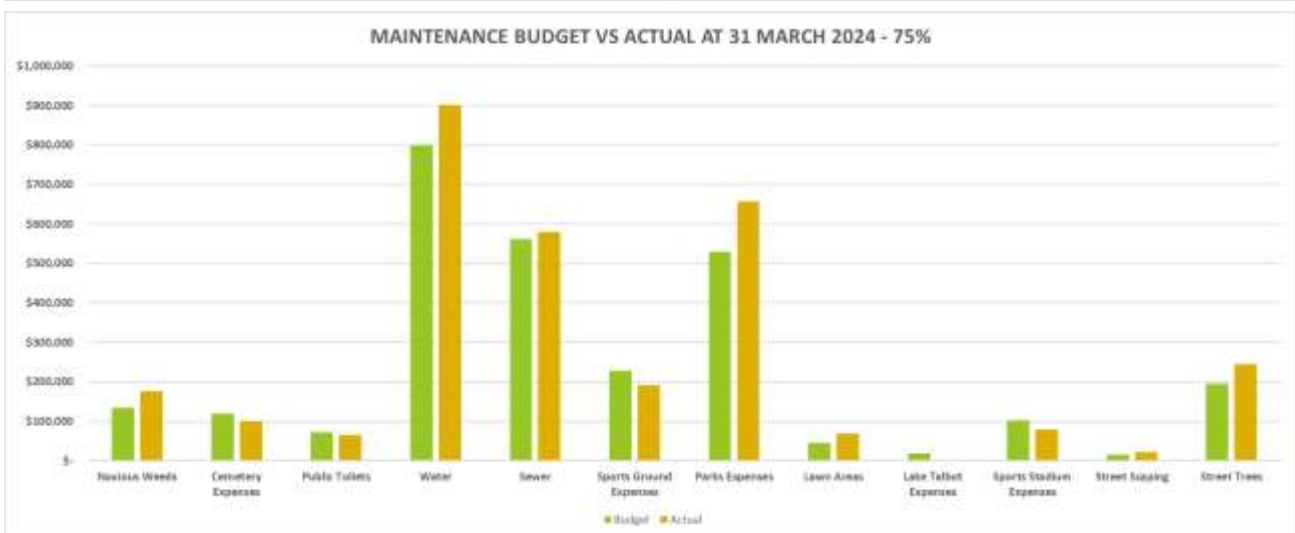
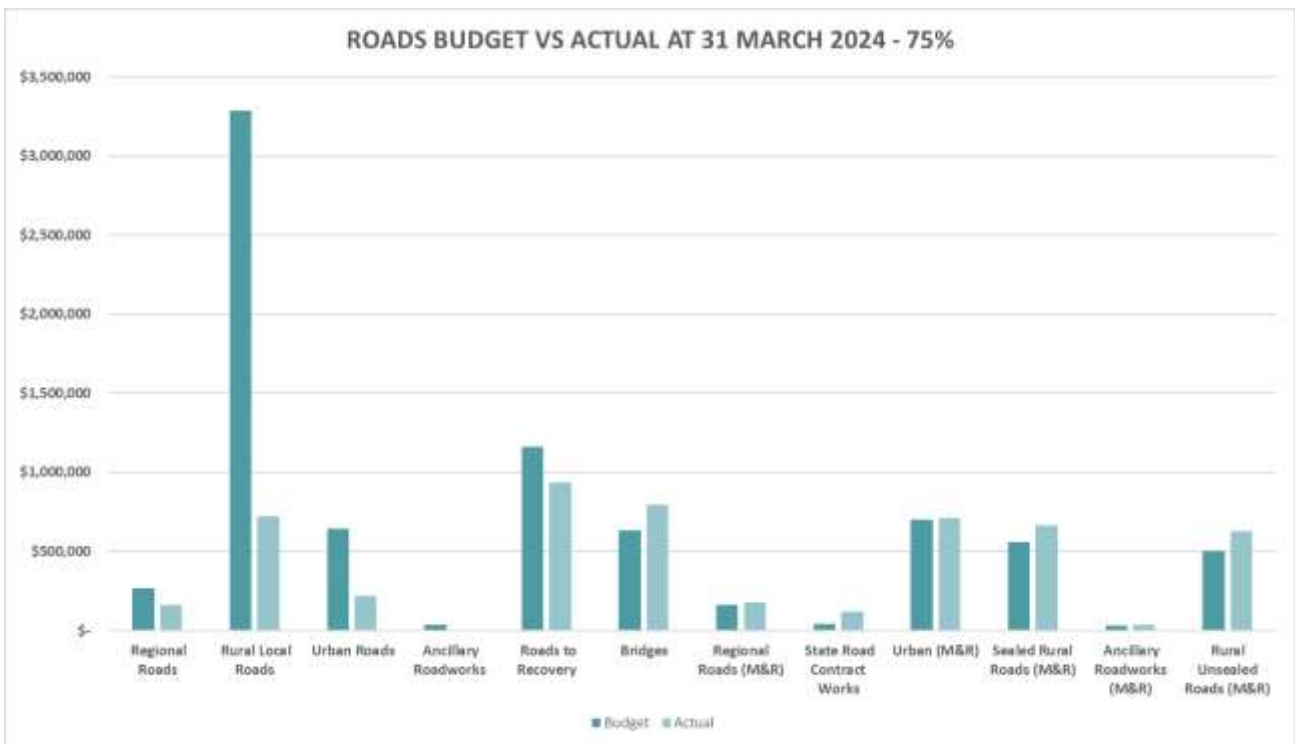
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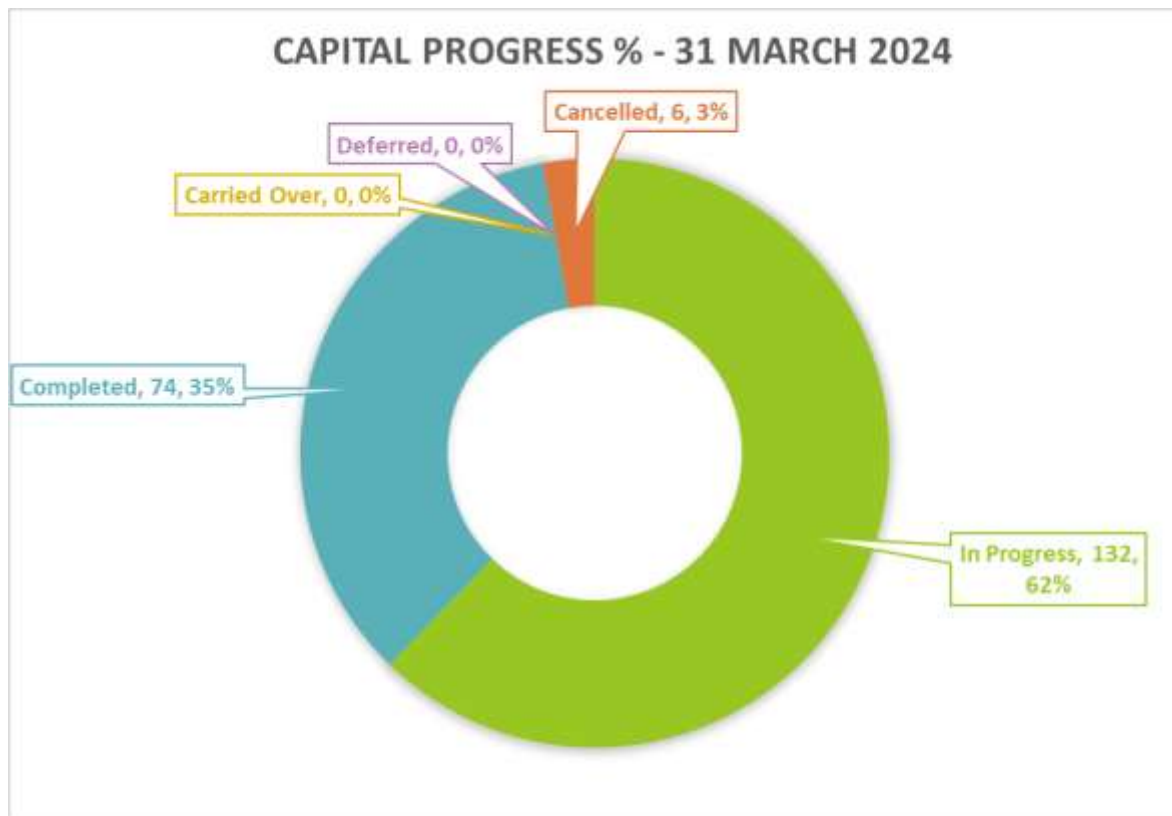
- Construction is underway for the Barellan sewer project.
- Procurement is underway for the Telemetry software and hardware upgrade with RFQ being prepared for early 2024.
- Procurement is underway for the Sewer main relines project.
- Completed: Solar panels.











TERMINOLOGY

1. This report contains an explanation of terminology and headings used in the capital works report. Key terms and terminology are as follows.

- **Budget:** This is the total allocation to complete the project.
- **YTD Exp:** Total expenditure allocated to project as of report date.
- **Balance:** Amount of unspent funds including commitments for each program at reporting date.
- **Graph:** The graph at the top of the report displays the original budget adopted by Council, the revised budget and year to date expenditure, including commitments.

CONCLUSION

That Council receives and notes the information contained in this report.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the information contained in the Capital Works report as at 31 March 2024.

KEY OPERATIONAL & CAPITAL WORKS EXPENSES 2023-24 AS AT - 31 MARCH 2024

Complete	Grant Dependent	Cancelled
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75.00%

No.	Project	Adopted Budget	Committed	Revised Budget	Expenditure	Balance	%	Comments
1	Councillor iPad Project	20,000	-	20,000	-	20,000	0%	Will be moved to next financial year.
2	Sophos Intercept X	-	-	4,569	0	4,569	0%	Project is completed.
3	Data Safe	-	-	-	-	0	#DIV/0!	Project is completed.
4	GDA Dataset Transition	-	-	5,000	-	5,000	0%	Will review throughout the year.
5	Server Backup System Replacement	30,000	-	30,000	24,053	5,947	80%	Started ordering equipment.
6	Chambers Access Control System Replacement	20,000	-	20,000	1,814	18,186	9%	Scoping project before organising quotes.
7	Chambers Network Cabling replacement	40,000	-	40,000	-	40,000	0%	Please move to next financial year.
8	Replacement Workgroup Printers	2,000	-	2,000	-	2,000	0%	Will review throughout the year.
9	Replace Desktops/Laptops	20,000	-	20,000	3,490	16,510	17%	Currently planned for May
10	Software Licencing	10,000	2,100	10,000	-	7,900	21%	Will review throughout the year.
11	Replace Network Switches	-	-	12,885	16,910	-4,025	131%	Project is completed.
12	Integrated Software System	400,000	493,966	434,780	90,929	-150,114	135%	The project commenced and will continue throughout the year.
13	GIS Imagery	-	-	6,466	-	6,466	0%	Will review throughout the year.
14	Two Cameras at Marie Bashir Park Grandstand	-	-	2,888	289	2,599	10%	Will review throughout the year.
15	Landervale Fire Shed	-	40,304	689,019	639,191	9,524	99%	Build completed power connection pending.
16	Gillenhah Station Amenities	-	6,860	60,000	17,140	36,000	40%	Updates have commenced under the guidance of the RFS
17	New security fencing and CCTV	-	-	146,329	-	146,329	0%	Tender awarded with works to commence in early 2024
18	Purchase of new Traxcavator	450,000	-	450,000	-	450,000	0%	The project is currently under review.
19	Further Masterplan works stage 1	-	-	232,988	85,171	147,817	37%	Transfer area almost completed. Other works now being scoped.
20	Waste Depot Improvement Works Barellan	-	-	86,308	41,907	44,402	49%	Completed
21	Stormwater improvement Works	30,000	-	104,996	-	104,996	0%	Project Scoped works being undertaken
22	Urban Stormwater Upgrade	7,000,000	-	7,143,581	397,162	6,746,419	6%	Detailed design completed.
23	Cemetery management plans and mapping software	-	-	120,853	-	120,853	0%	Mapping software being scoped. Currently reviewing records.
24	Library Book & Resources annual replacement	32,144	-	32,144	7,926	24,218	25%	Procurement is ongoing.
25	Library Replacement of Service Desk	5,000	-	5,000	-	5,000	0%	Scope and Procurement of works being prepared
26	LT Pool Remediation Works	-	-	11,793	740	11,053	6%	Works being prepared to be undertaken in pool closed season
27	Ndra Sportsground Drainage & Soak	-	638	36,219	15,922	19,659	46%	Completed
28	Ndra Tennis Courts Access Upgrades	-	-	51,119	41,761	9,358	82%	Completed
29	Ndra Park Irrigation Management System	-	-	243,677	137,767	105,911	57%	Commissioning completed. Sensors and other equipment being installed. Scoping operations being completed for extra works.
30	Ndra Playgrounds Upgrades	10,000	-	34	34	0	99%	Budget to be moved to inclusive spaces. Job completed.
31	Ndra Memorial Park lawn areas & garden beds	-	-	20,000	3,000	17,000	15%	Draft plan completed, planting list amendments being made, landscaping being reviewed as fountain has water supply issues.
32	Festive Light Upgrade / Renewal	-	-	5,829	0	5,829	0%	Procurement activities to be completed in April
33	POM - Destination & Discovery Hub	-	-	178,669	178,670	-0	100%	Main build complete, interpretive space to be funded as a separate project.
34	POM - Extension of Bike & Hike Trails	-	-	2,032	2,032	0	100%	Way finder signage completed.
35	POM - Design Pedestrian bridge Brewery Flat to East St	-	-	3,785	3,785	0	100%	Completed
36	POM - Elevated Walk, Viewing Platform, Deck & Pedestrian Access	-	-	326,558	326,557	0	100%	completed
37	POM Remote Signage	7,500	-	7,500	7,350	150	98%	Completed.
38	OLG DRF - Construction of flood relief gates	-	-	120,000	-	120,000	0%	Awaiting approval from OLG.
39	OLG DRF - Replacement of soft fall in MBP	-	-	150,000	-	150,000	0%	Funds awarded, works will be undertaken in conjunction with Playground stage 1.

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40	OLG DRF - Flood levies at water supply bores	-	-	100,000	-	100,000	0%	Awaiting approval from OLG.
41	OLG DRF - Ndra Library Stormwater structure	-	-	60,000	-	60,000	0%	Procurement activities in progress
42	OLG DRF - Youth development program	-	-	175,000	-	175,000	0%	Awaiting approval from OLG.
43	OLG DRF - Community Information Boards	-	-	50,000	-	50,000	0%	Awaiting approval from OLG.
44	OLG DRF - Economic Development Strategy & Signage	-	26,500	60,000	-	33,500	44%	Approval from OLG provided, draft EDS is currently waiting ELT review.
45	OLG DRF - Destination Discovery Hub Cultural Displays	-	-	200,000	-	200,000	0%	Awaiting approval from OLG.
46	OLG DRF - Replacement of trees	-	-	85,000	-	85,000	0%	Awaiting approval from OLG.
47	LRCI R2 - Barellan Pump Track	-	-	21,955	21,900	55	100%	Completed
48	LRCI R2 - Wiradjuri Memorial Wall Stage 1	-	-	71,662	59,702	11,960	83%	Lighting installed
49	LRCI R2 - Ndra Flora and Fauna reserve - Upgrade carpark & entrance	-	-	54,970	68,324	-13,354	124%	Completed
50	LRCI R3 Brewery Flat Boat ramp & Toilets	-	-	105,000	77,573	27,427	74%	Toilet refurbishment Complete. Replacement BBQ, seating and power upgrades being scoped.
51	LRCI R3 Ndra Tennis Club Upgrade - Stage 2	250,000	-	250,000	316,197	-66,197	126%	Works to be completed in April
52	LRCI R3 Senior Citizens Building	65,000	-	120,000	109,543	10,457	91%	Completed
53	LRCI R3 Aerodrome – Air League Building	-	-	60,000	58,038	1,962	97%	Completed
54	LRCI R3 Brewery Flat - Connecting Walkway	-	-	174,726	50,030	124,696	29%	Stairs completed, connecting path and creek crossing survey and design underway
55	LRCI R3 Barellan Museum Renewal	-	4,961	40,000	18,487	16,553	59%	Renewal works to be finalised by May
56	LRCI R3 Tiger Moth Building	-	1,780	170,000	133,219	35,001	79%	Completed
57	LRCI R3 Town Signage orange town signs	-	13,050	25,000	7,620	4,330	83%	The project has now been funded. Works to be assessed.
58	LRCI R3 Barellan Sportsground Scoreboard	-	-	50,000	55	49,945	0%	Proposals received, sourcing potential contributions from user groups for preferred score board option.
59	LRCI 3 North Narrandera Footpaths (Racecourse Rd and Watermain St Bicycle and Walking Paths)	-	675	243,523	236,552	6,296	97%	Works are continuing, final section of Racecourse Rd remaining.
60	LRCI 3 Narrandera Pump Track	-	77,684	199,789	117,228	4,877	98%	Construction complete. Remote signs have been ordered.
61	LRCI 3 Barellan Sportsground Spectator Pavilion	-	-	53,710	52,816	894	98%	Completed awaiting final invoices
62	LRCI 3 HM Oval - Off leash dog area	-	350	28,379	49,982	-21,952	177%	Seating to be installed
63	LRCI 4 Barellan Pool - Toddler Pool	-	707,956	450,000	149	-258,105	157%	Tender awarded - Design activities commenced
64	LRCI 4 D&DH Interpretative Fit Out	-	-	250,000	55	249,945	0%	The Scope is currently being prepared for tender.
65	LRCI 4 MBP - Playground Upgrade Stage 1	-	-	297,363	55	297,308	0%	Procurement to be undertaken.
66	LRCI 4 Narrandera Footpaths Upgrade	-	-	250,000	55	249,945	0%	The scope has been completed with works to commence.
67	LRCI 4 Narrandera Laneway Upgrades	-	-	325,301	55	325,246	0%	The Scope is currently being prepared.
68	CRIP Upgrade Lake talbot Reserve - stairs, BBQ shelter, walking trails and seating.	-	-	200,168	97,071	103,097	48%	BBQ and seating quoted, shelter works completed, and other works are being planned.
69	SCCF4 - Barellan Netball Courts	-	320	363,254	366,121	-3,187	101%	Complete
70	SCCF5 - Community Safety Upgrade Program (CCTV)	-	198,186	294,195	2,571	93,438	68%	Organising installation of new poles and permission from Essential Energy for use of existing poles.
71	SCCF5 - Recreation Upgrade Narrandera Water tower	-	75,415	576,106	403,246	97,445	83%	Playground installed with shelter to be constructed in early 2024
72	ECP Adventure playground inclusive space	-	31,886	192,166	109,372	50,908	74%	Completed. Minor repairs being undertaken.
73	LT Deepening Works	-	-	225,000	189,500	35,500	84%	Planning reports are being undertaken.
74	LT Rec Area - Accessibility project	202,200	-	202,200	5,132	197,068	3%	Preferred consultant has been engaged.
75	Emergency Drainage Works - Urban Stormwater January Event	-	943	54,505	-	53,562	2%	Works continuing in between other projects.

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115	Higgins Rd		-		883			Completed
116	Jacksons Rd		-		-			Completed
117	Gepperts Rd		-		-			Completed
118	Mimosa Rd		-		-			Completed
119	Lismoyle Rd		-		335			Works being reviewed
120	Strontian Rd		1,027		152,579			Completed
121	Hulmes Rd		-		106,821			Completed
122	Hewson Rd		-		-			Revised, works completed with AGRN1034 IRW, no work remaining.
123	Mannings Rd CH9.55-11.35		-		25,240			Completed
124	Galore Park Rd CH4.64-4.74		-		-			Completed
125	Galore Forest Rd CH3.70-4.50		-		-			Completed
126	The Gap Rd CH1.60-2.20		-		-			Completed
127	The Gap Rd CH2.60-3.40		-		-			Completed
128	The Gap Rd CH3.70-6.40		-		-			Completed
129	Fixing Country Bridges	-		846,965		52,500	94%	
130	FCB - Molly's Bridge		-		345,098			Completed
131	FCB - Somerset Bridge		-		449,367			Completed
132	Roads to Recovery	997,362		1,547,923		-84,917	23%	
133	Grong Grong Station Rd Resheet		-		91,562			Completed
134	Bulloak Tank Rd Resheet		-		31,306			Completed
135	Centenary Rd Resheet		-		46,826			Completed
136	Mannings Rd Resheet CH2.9-4.85		-		45,676			Completed
137	Orams Rd Resheet CH0-2.42		-		59,230			Completed
138	Curtis Rd - Gravel resheet		-		85,300			Completed
139	Geddes Rd - Ergdia End		-		55,584			Drainage being conducted
140	Geddes Rd - Euratha End		-		23,359			Completed
141	Stephensons Rd		-		68,460			Completed
142	Clarkes Rd		-		127,313			Completed
143	Centenary Rd Ch 9.60-11.80		-		56,384			Completed
144	Centenary Rd Ch 12.15-12.80		-		35,893			Completed
145	Centenary Rd Ch 13.05-13.85		-		30,744			Completed
146	Centenary Rd Ch 14.90-15.60		-		26,101			Completed
147	Angle Rd CH 7.15 to 8.65		-		150,468			Completed, Invoices pending.
148	RS Bulloak Tank Rd CH2.80-6.85		180,262		636			
149	RS Back Morundah Rd CH6.60-8.60		101,018		636			
150	RS Kamarah Rd CH17.75-22.40		205,699		636			
151	RS Lismoyle Rd CH12.27-17.00		209,238		509			
152	Regional Roads (Capital Component of Block Grant)	268,200		354,301		66,627	81%	The Scope is currently being prepared.
153	MR243 - Canola Way to (GG, Gainain, Matong & Coolamon)	-	-		5,876			Rehabilitation project scoped to be delivered Q3/Q4
154	MR370 - To Lockhart	-	-		-			No works currently planned
155	MR596 - Back Yamma Road (south-west of Morundah)	-	-		-			No works currently planned
156	MR7608 - Barellan Road	-	126,027		155,771			Rehab works have commenced.

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157	Repair Grant (50% Block Grant contribution)	173,200	-	-	-	0	#DIV/0!	Funding was unsuccessful for RRRP as the funding stream was removed for four years. QBR to remove RRRP grant.
158	Active Transport - Walking (Mulga St Barellan)	-	-	0	-	0	0%	Completed
159	REGIONAL EMERGENCY ROAD REPAIR FUND	-	-	6,718,561	-	6,660,339	1%	
160	Minor Heavy Patches - Urban	-	58,222	-	-	-		
161	Minor Heavy Patches - Rural	-	-	-	-	-		
162	Sealed Roads Shoulder Grading	-	-	-	-	-		
163	Gravel Roads Grading	-	-	-	-	-		
164	Formed Roads Grading	-	-	-	-	-		
165	Red Hill Industrial Expansion - Sewer	930,000	-	930,000	-	930,000	0%	Design to be undertaken
166	Red Hill Industrial Expansion - Design	100,000	-	100,000	44,707	55,293	45%	Design awarded.
167	Gateway/Entrance signs	10,000	-	10,000	-	9,355	6%	
168	Gateway/Entrance signs Nrda	-	-	-	645	-	#DIV/0!	projects are as required.
169	Gateway/Entrance signs Brln	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!	projects are as required.
170	Gateway/Entrance signs Binya	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!	projects are as required.
171	Gateway/Entrance signs GG	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!	projects are as required.
172	LT Tourist Park - Reseal driveways	74,580	-	74,580	-	74,580	0%	Procurement activities for the construction of concrete V kerb in progress
173	Light Vehicles	362,115	120,873	547,115	424,815	1,428	100%	Review of replacements underway. QBR from Heavy Plant
174	Trucks & Trailers	394,150	-	873,281	479,131	394,150	55%	Review of replacements underway
175	Heavy Plant Purchases	354,750	-	169,750	17,255	152,495	10%	Review of replacements underway
176	Other Plant Capital	20,000	-	20,000	6,811	13,189	34%	Purchases as needed.
177	Works - New vehicle storage shed	-	13,364	59,147	88,687	-42,903	173%	Footings poured. Frame to be erected in the next month.
178	Solar Panels	-	1	91,747	97,582	-5,835	106%	Completed
179	Building renewal and upgrades	149,340	21,335	175,813	111,752	42,725	76%	Works Scheduled, and Procurement activities commenced.
180	New Building at Depot	-	-	4,391	4,391	-0	100%	Completed
181	Aerodrome Runway, Taxi, Apron remarking	50,000	-	50,000	40,698	9,302	81%	Works commenced on target for completion by end of April.
182	Terminal painting , Blinds and improvements	15,000	1,364	15,000	13,250	386	97%	Awaiting final invoice to be paid and then works will be completed.
183	SES Airport Hanger	-	-	-	-	0	#DIV/0!	
184	Airport Taxiway	-	-	1,559	1,559	-0	100%	December 2023 C/M elected not to proceed with the project.
185	Water - Services Replacements 2023-24	20,000	3,697	40,000	65,230	-28,927	172%	Private work for highway overtaking lane undertaken to be credited once invoiced. (Check funding from TFNSW)
186	Water - Newell Highway Service Replacement	-	-	29,232	29,232	-0	100%	Completed
187	Water - WTP filter/Upgrade design	-	2,727	33,307	3,899	26,681	20%	Awaiting completion of WTP Scoping Study
188	Water - North Zone Pressure Pump - low pressure issues	-	-	37,434	-	37,434	0%	Will be scheduled after the hydraulic model is updated.
189	Water - Main Replacements	-	-	109,580	-	102,625	6%	Move to 2023-2024 budget
190	Grosvenor St Watermain Replace	-	-	-	6,955	-		Completed
191	Water - Main Replacements 2023-24	300,000	260	300,000	122,919	153,731	41%	To be contracted, RFQ under development
192	Elwin St Watermain Construct	-	-	-	23,609	-		Completed
193	Water - Hydrant & Valve replacements 2023-24	65,000	636	136,552	44,486	91,429	33%	Project is now underway.
194	Water - Pine Hill reservoir fencing/ demolition	-	-	21,694	21,771	-77	100%	Completed
195	Water - Solar	-	21,036	250,000	220,453	8,511	97%	Completed
196	Water - IWCM Additional Works	-	-	130,774	48,584	82,190	37%	Awaiting completion of WTP Scoping Study
197	Water - WTP Scoping Study	-	9,152	124,029	31,765	83,111	33%	Study has been complete, awaiting results.
198	Water - Household Filter Project	-	18,182	11,492	-	-6,689	158%	Installations continuing

KEY OPERATIONAL & CAPITAL WORKS EXPENSES 2023-24 AS AT - 31 MARCH 2024

Complete	Grant Dependent	Cancelled
Carryover	Key Operational	Deferred

75.00%

No.	Project	Adopted Budget	Committed	Revised Budget	Expenditure	Balance	%	Comments
199	Water - Gordon St fencing	-	-	27,158	12,610	14,548	46%	To be undertaken as time allows
200	Water - Cul-de-sac ring mains	-	-	97,020	6,161	90,859	6%	Works to commence shortly
201	Water - Telemetry hardware upgrade	-	-	148,347	-	148,347	0%	Procurement underway. RFQ being prepared for early 2024
202	Water - Pine Hill Pumps Replacement	-	-	26,401	-	26,401	0%	Will be scheduled after the hydraulic model is updated.
203	Sewer Service Replacements	-	161	60,000	40,365	19,474	68%	Ongoing as required.
204	Sewer - Barellan Sewer	1,800,000	520,155	7,489,720	2,647,246	4,322,319	42%	Construction underway.
205	Sewer - Solar	-	34,086	249,339	195,766	19,487	92%	Completed
206	Sewer - Telemetry hardware upgrade	-	-	97,457	-	97,457	0%	Procurement underway. RFQ being prepared for early 2024
207	Sewer - Telemetry software upgrade	-	-	40,000	-	40,000	0%	Procurement underway. RFQ being prepared for early 2024
208	Sewer - Main Relines	350,000	-	695,025	-	695,025	0%	Procurement to begin Shortly
209	Grant Dependant							
210	Furniture - Narrandera Cemetery	5,000	-	5,000	-	5,000	0%	Funding pending based on upcoming grants
211	Barellan Cemetery Furniture	5,000	-	5,000	-	5,000	0%	Funding pending based on upcoming grants
212	Brln Pool Rehabilitate, Refurbish & Paint Kiosk/Toilet	50,000	-	50,000	-	50,000	0%	Project unfunded
213	LT Pool Renewal of Kiosk decking and hand rails	70,000	-	70,000	-	70,000	0%	Project unfunded
214	Brln Sportsground - Lighting Upgrades (Eastern)	84,000	-	84,000	-	84,000	0%	Funding pending based on upcoming grants
215	Brln Sportsground - Storm water drainage works	30,000	-	30,000	-	30,000	0%	Funding pending based on upcoming grants
216	MBP Paths & Uplighting	120,000	-	120,000	-	120,000	0%	Funding pending based on upcoming grants
217	Brln Park Furniture	10,000	-	10,000	-	10,000	0%	Funding pending based on upcoming grants
218	Brln Main Street - Planter Boxes	30,000	-	30,000	-	30,000	0%	Funding pending based on upcoming grants
219	Brln Main Street - BBQ shelter replacement	50,000	-	50,000	-	50,000	0%	Funding pending based on upcoming grants
220	MBP PowerPoint vendor sites	30,000	-	30,000	-	30,000	0%	Funding pending based on upcoming grants
221	Adventure Playground Upgrade infants area	300,000	-	300,000	-	300,000	0%	Have applied for the grant, waiting on results.
222	Grng Grng Park Furniture	5,000	-	5,000	-	5,000	0%	Funding pending based on upcoming grants
223	Ndra Park Lighting and uplighting memorials and trees	30,000	-	30,000	508	29,492	2%	Funding pending based on upcoming grants
224	Ndra Stadium & Sportsground Masterplan	30,000	-	30,000	-	30,000	0%	Funding pending based on upcoming grants
225	Get NSW Active - Cycling	805,000	-	-	-	0	#DIV/0!	Grant Unsuccessful
226	Get NSW Active - Walking	50,000	-	50,000	-	50,000	0%	Grant Unsuccessful
227	Sewer - Primary Filter	400,000	-	400,000	-	400,000	0%	Funding pending based on upcoming grants
228	Operational							
229	Newell Hwy Contribution Grong Grong Reseal	-	-	93,050	-	93,050	0%	The Scope is currently being prepared.
230	Newell Hwy Contribution Grong Grong town entrance signs	-	-	1,667	-	-	0%	Completed, no funds expected to have been remaining.
231	Urban Roads Maintenance	837,436	7,843	837,436	711,680	117,913	86%	Ongoing operational costs.
232	Sealed Rural Roads Maintenance	320,019	26,539	329,519	252,544	50,436	85%	Ongoing operational costs.
233	Flood Damage Repairs AGRN1034 (September 2022)	-	-	-	-	0	#DIV/0!	Emergency Works (EW) and Immediate Reconstruction Works (IRW) completed - Claim submitted to TfNSW
234	Koala Fence	-	-	-	-	-	-	Completed prior to 30 June 2023
235	Fixing Local Roads PRR	-	8,377	414,584	-	-13,142	103%	Find total spend
236	FLRPRR Urban Roads	-	6,299	-	176,862	-	-	Ongoing Pavement Maintenance Work
237	FLRPRR Sealed Rural Roads	-	2,078	-	185,549	-	-	Ongoing Pavement Maintenance Work
238	FLRPRR MR243 Canola Way	-	-	-	19,359	-	-	Ongoing Pavement Maintenance Work
239	FLRPRR MR370 Lockhart Rd	-	-	-	10,867	-	-	Ongoing Pavement Maintenance Work
240	FLRPRR MR596 Yamma Rd	-	-	-	6,096	-	-	Ongoing Pavement Maintenance Work

Capital Expenditure as at 31 March 2024

	Sum of Adopted Budget	Sum of Revised Budget	Sum of Committed	Sum of Expenditure	Sum of Balance
Administration					
Information Technology	\$ 542,000.00	\$ 608,587.98	\$ 496,065.60	\$ 137,484.01	-\$ 24,961.63
Environment					
Stormwater	\$ 7,030,000.00	\$ 7,248,576.56	\$ -	\$ 397,161.74	\$ 6,851,414.82
Barellan Waste	\$ 450,000.00	\$ 536,308.39	\$ -	\$ 41,906.70	\$ 494,401.69
Narrandera Landfill	\$ -	\$ 379,317.20	\$ -	\$ 85,171.12	\$ 294,146.08
Housing & Community Amenities					
Narrandera Cemetery	\$ -	\$ 120,852.84	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 120,852.84
Transport & Communication					
Regional Roads	\$ 441,400.00	\$ 354,300.51	\$ 126,027.34	\$ 161,646.46	\$ 66,626.71
Rural Roads	\$ 768,721.00	\$ 4,383,129.53	\$ 101,128.23	\$ 721,585.59	\$ 3,609,597.75
Urban Roads	\$ 512,188.00	\$ 858,836.80	\$ 22,143.91	\$ 218,862.50	\$ 617,830.39
Ancillary Roadworks	\$ 855,000.00	\$ 50,000.32	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,000.32
Roads To Recovery	\$ 997,362.00	\$ 1,547,923.04	\$ 696,217.09	\$ 936,623.09	-\$ 84,917.14
Bridges	\$ -	\$ 846,965.35	\$ -	\$ 794,465.41	\$ 52,499.94
Economic Affairs					
Buildings	\$ 224,340.00	\$ 406,098.39	\$ 36,063.65	\$ 357,005.08	\$ 13,029.66
Plant	\$ 1,131,015.00	\$ 1,610,146.00	\$ 120,872.51	\$ 928,011.45	\$ 561,262.04
Red Hill Industrial Estate	\$ 1,030,000.00	\$ 1,030,000.00	\$ -	\$ 44,707.00	\$ 985,293.00
Airport	\$ -	\$ 1,559.22	\$ -	\$ 1,559.29	-\$ 0.07
Recreation and Culture					
Lake Talbot Recreation Area	\$ 346,780.00	\$ 771,948.18	\$ -	\$ 291,703.25	\$ 480,244.93
Library	\$ 37,144.00	\$ 37,144.00	\$ -	\$ 7,925.79	\$ 29,218.21
Marie Bashir Park	\$ -	\$ 1,072,166.00	\$ 58,385.50	\$ 109,372.32	\$ 904,408.18
Narrandera Parks	\$ 17,500.00	\$ 251,211.35	\$ -	\$ 145,150.32	\$ 106,061.03
Narrandera Sportsground	\$ -	\$ 36,218.74	\$ 637.82	\$ 15,921.53	\$ 19,659.39
Lake Talbot Pool	\$ -	\$ 11,792.50	\$ -	\$ 740.00	\$ 11,052.50
Narrandera Outdoor Courts	\$ -	\$ 51,118.97	\$ -	\$ 41,760.82	\$ 9,358.15
Ndra Memorial Park	\$ -	\$ 25,829.28	\$ -	\$ 3,000.02	\$ 22,829.26
Playground on the Murrumbidgee	\$ -	\$ 511,044.40	\$ -	\$ 511,043.98	\$ 0.42
Local Roads Comm. & Infrastructure	\$ 315,000.00	\$ 3,241,378.71	\$ 806,455.58	\$ 1,377,633.92	\$ 1,057,289.21

Capital Expenditure as at 31 March 2024

	Sum of Adopted Budget	Sum of Revised Budget	Sum of Committed	Sum of Expenditure	Sum of Balance
Disaster Recovery Funding	\$ -	\$ 120,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 120,000.00
Stronger Country Community Funding	\$ -	\$ 1,233,554.60	\$ 273,921.50	\$ 771,938.11	\$ 187,694.99
Barellan Pool	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,000.00
Water Supply Network					
Water	\$ 385,000.00	\$ 1,523,020.42	\$ 55,690.97	\$ 637,675.35	\$ 830,174.30
Sewerage Network					
Sewer	\$ 2,150,000.00	\$ 8,631,541.06	\$ 554,401.95	\$ 2,883,377.21	\$ 5,193,761.90
Public Order & Safety					
Rural Fire Service	\$ -	\$ 749,018.82	\$ 47,164.00	\$ 656,330.79	\$ 45,524.03
Grand Total	\$ 17,283,450.00	\$ 38,299,589.16	\$ 3,395,175.65	\$ 12,279,762.85	\$ 22,674,352.90

Key Operational as at 31 March 2024

Row Labels	Sum of Adopted Budget	Sum of Revised Budget	Sum of Committed	Sum of Expenditure	Sum of Balance
Housing & Community Amenities					
Noxious Weeds	\$ 177,969.00	\$ 179,584.00		\$ 176,948.02	\$ 2,635.98
Cemetery Expenses	\$ 159,073.00	\$ 159,073.00		\$ 101,668.84	\$ 57,404.16
Public toilets	\$ 111,559.00	\$ 96,605.00		\$ 65,253.13	\$ 31,351.87
Transport & Communication					
Regional Roads	\$ 217,600.00	\$ 217,600.00		\$ 177,937.04	\$ 39,662.96
State Roads	\$ -	\$ 56,009.00	\$ -	\$ 117,980.08	-\$ 61,971.08
Urban Roads	\$ 837,436.00	\$ 932,153.28	\$ 7,843.21	\$ 711,680.29	\$ 210,962.50
Sealed Rural Roads	\$ 320,019.00	\$ 744,103.06	\$ 43,293.89	\$ 663,514.53	\$ 37,294.64
Ancillary Roadworks	\$ -	\$ 38,267.12	\$ -	\$ 34,157.11	\$ 4,110.01
Unsealed Rural Roads	\$ 667,734.00	\$ 667,734.00	\$ 15,114.21	629124.46	\$ 23,495.33
Water Supplies					
Water	\$ 1,043,717.00	\$ 1,066,217.00	\$ 62,678.98	\$ 901,010.41	\$ 102,527.61
Sewer Supplies					
Sewer	\$ 673,927.00	\$ 748,927.00	\$ 24,757.91	\$ 580,024.09	\$ 144,145.00
Recreation and Culture					
Sports Ground Expenses	\$ 303,890.00	\$ 304,751.00		\$ 191,345.07	\$ 113,405.93
Parks Expenses	\$ 693,437.00	\$ 706,410.36	\$ -	\$ 656,525.64	\$ 49,884.72
Lawn Areas	\$ 45,499.53	\$ 61,499.53	\$ -	\$ 68,374.67	-\$ 6,875.14
Lake Talbot Expenses	\$ 25,467.00	\$ 25,467.00		\$ 1,220.66	\$ 24,246.34
Sports Stadium Expenses	\$ 136,535.00	\$ 136,983.00		\$ 79,451.56	\$ 57,531.44
Street Scaping	\$ 18,039.42	\$ 20,299.42	\$ 181.82	\$ 21,864.88	-\$ 1,747.28
Street Trees	\$ 260,366.00	\$ 260,366.00	\$ 810.20	\$ 245,019.99	\$ 14,535.81
Grand Total	\$ 5,692,267.95	\$ 6,422,048.77	\$ 154,680.22	\$ 5,423,100.47	\$ 842,600.80

24.2 INCOME STATEMENT - MARCH 2024**Document ID:** 727210**Author:** Senior Finance Officer**Authoriser:** Deputy General Manager Corporate and Community**Theme:** Statutory and Compulsory Reporting – Financial / Audit**Attachments:** 1. Income Statement - March 2024 [↓](#) **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the information contained in the Income Statement report for the period ending 31 March 2024.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present Council with the Statement of Income for the period ending 31 March 2024.

SUMMARY

This report contains operating income and expenditure for Council's General, Water and Sewer Funds. This statement will differ from that in the Annual Financial Statements due to the accrual process and calculation of depreciation.

BACKGROUND**Adopted Budget**

Council adopted the original budget on 20 June 2023. Council will review the budget at the end of each quarter during the year; subsequent reports will have the revised budget disclosed.

Rates & Annual Charges

Council reports the rates and charges as fully received because revenue is accounted for once the rates levy has been run. Rates notices for 2023-24 were issued on 5 July 2023.

Depreciation

Council updates depreciation on a quarterly basis and has been calculated to December.

Major Variations to Budget

There are no major variations to budget evident.

CONCLUSION

Council receives and notes the information contained in the Income statement report for the period ending 31 March 2024.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the information contained in the Income Statement report for the period ending 31 March 2024.

Narrandera Shire Council

Consolidated Income Statement

for the period ending 31 March 2024

	Original Budget	Dec Revised Budget	Actual YTD
Income from continuing operations			
Rates and annual charges	8,966	8,936	8,944
User charges and fees	2,948	3,472	2,468
Other revenues	2,083	2,466	938
Grants and contributions provided for operating purposes	7,646	8,367	5,475
Grants and contributions provided for capital purposes	6,609	18,422	3,620
Interest and investment revenue	907	1,807	639
Other income	233	246	174
Net gain from the disposal of assets	92	92	(33)
Total income from continuing operations	29,484	43,808	22,225
Expenses from continuing operations			
Employee benefits and on-costs	8,872	8,845	6,185
Materials and services	6,242	7,560	5,474
Borrowing costs	60	60	33
Depreciation and amortisation	6,622	6,622	3,312
Impairment of receivables	6	6	4
Other expenses	425	445	340
Total expenses from continuing operations	22,227	23,538	15,348
Operating result from continuing operations	7,257	20,270	6,877
Operating result from discontinued operations	-	-	-
Net operating result for the year attributable to Council	7,257	20,270	6,877
Net operating result for the year before grants and contributions provided for capital purposes	648	1,848	3,257

Narrandera Shire Council

General Fund Income Statement

for the period ending 31 March 2024

	Original Budget	Dec Revised Budget	Actual YTD
Income from continuing operations			
Rates and annual charges	6,519	6,492	6,497
User charges and fees	1,481	1,996	1,610
Other revenues	2,083	2,466	938
Grants and contributions provided for operating purposes	7,646	8,367	5,475
Grants and contributions provided for capital purposes	6,291	13,646	2,195
Interest and investment revenue	609	1,215	496
Other income	233	246	174
Net gain from the disposal of assets	92	92	(33)
Total income from continuing operations	24,954	34,520	17,352
Expenses from continuing operations			
Employee benefits and on-costs	8,169	8,145	5,614
Materials and services	4,128	5,458	3,804
Borrowing costs	23	23	5
Depreciation and amortisation	5,523	5,523	2,762
Impairment of receivables	6	6	4
Other expenses	425	445	340
Total expenses from continuing operations	18,274	19,600	12,529
Operating result from continuing operations	6,680	14,920	4,823
Operating result from discontinued operations	-	-	-
Net operating result for the year attributable to Council	6,680	14,920	4,823
Net operating result for the year before grants and contributions provided for capital purposes	389	1,274	2,628

Narrandera Shire Council

Water Fund Income Statement

for the period ending 31 March 2024

	Original Budget	Dec Revised Budget	Actual YTD
Income from continuing operations			
Rates and annual charges	887	885	887
User charges and fees	1,289	1,290	735
Other revenues	-	-	-
Grants and contributions provided for operating purposes	-	-	-
Grants and contributions provided for capital purposes	10	230	7
Interest and investment revenue	276	482	107
Other income	-	-	-
Net gain from the disposal of assets	-	-	-
Total income from continuing operations	2,462	2,887	1,736
Expenses from continuing operations			
Employee benefits and on-costs	355	352	303
Materials and services	1,401	1,370	1,130
Borrowing costs	-	-	-
Depreciation and amortisation	691	691	346
Impairment of receivables	-	-	-
Other expenses	-	-	-
Total expenses from continuing operations	2,447	2,413	1,779
Operating result from continuing operations	15	474	(43)
Operating result from discontinued operations	-	-	-
Net operating result for the year attributable to Council	15	474	(43)
Net Operating Result for the year before Grants and Contributions provided for Capital Purposes	5	244	(50)

Narrandera Shire Council

Sewer Fund Income Statement

for the period ending 31 March 2024

	Original Budget	Dec Revised Budget	Actual YTD
Income from continuing operations			
Rates and annual charges	1,560	1,559	1,560
User charges and fees	178	186	123
Other revenues	-	-	-
Grants and contributions provided for operating purposes	-	-	-
Grants and contributions provided for capital purposes	308	4,546	1,418
Interest and investment revenue	22	110	36
Other income	-	-	-
Net gain from the disposal of assets	-	-	-
Total income from continuing operations	2,068	6,401	3,137
Expenses from continuing operations			
Employee benefits and on-costs	348	348	268
Materials and services	713	732	540
Borrowing costs	37	37	28
Depreciation and amortisation	408	408	204
Impairment of receivables	-	-	-
Other expenses	-	-	-
Total expenses from continuing operations	1,506	1,525	1,040
Operating result from continuing operations	562	4,876	2,097
Operating result from discontinued operations	-	-	-
Net operating result for the year attributable to Council	562	4,876	2,097
Net operating result for the year before grants and contributions provided for capital purposes	254	330	679

24.3 STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS - MARCH 2024

Document ID: 727195

Author: Senior Finance Officer

Authoriser: Deputy General Manager Corporate and Community

Theme: Statutory and Compulsory Reporting – Financial / Audit

Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the report indicating Council’s Fund Management position.
2. Notes the Certificate of the Responsible Accounting Officer and adopts the report as at 31 March 2024.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present to Council the investments held as of 31 March 2024.

SUMMARY

Fund Balance (GL)	
General	24,563,720.14
Water	5,706,769.18
Sewerage	1,285,742.36
Trust	55,489.63
	31,611,721.31

BACKGROUND

The actual interest income to 31 March 2024 is \$1,092.111 which compares favourably with the budget of \$641.704.

The income statement reports the actual cash received for the year and varies to the amount reported here.

Included in this report are the following items that highlight Council’s investment portfolio performance for the month and an update on the investment environment:

- a. Council’s investment for the month
- b. Application of Investment Funds
- c. Investment Portfolio Performance
- d. Investment Commentary
- e. Responsible Officer Certification

a. Council Investments

Council Term Deposits						
Borrower	Value	%	Yield	Rating	Maturity	
National Australia Bank (On call)	1,321,232.61	4.19%	1.25%	A-1+	31 Mar 2024	
National Australia Bank	200,000.00	0.63%	5.55%	A-1+	1 Jul 2024	
National Australia Bank	1,000,000.00	3.17%	5.40%	A-1+	12 Jul 2024	
National Australia Bank	1,000,000.00	3.17%	5.25%	A-1+	25 Sep 2024	
National Australia Bank	1,000,000.00	3.17%	5.25%	A-1+	4 Oct 2024	
National Australia Bank	1,000,000.00	3.17%	5.40%	A-1+	30 Oct 2024	
National Australia Bank	1,000,000.00	3.17%	5.15%	A-1+	11 Nov 2024	
National Australia Bank	1,000,000.00	3.17%	5.35%	A-1+	26 Nov 2024	
National Australia Bank	1,000,000.00	3.17%	5.25%	A-1+	4 Dec 2024	
National Australia Bank	1,000,000.00	3.17%	5.10%	A-1+	24 Dec 2024	
Commonwealth Bank	1,000,000.00	3.17%	4.40%	A-1+	18 Apr 2024	
Commonwealth Bank	1,000,000.00	3.17%	4.66%	A-1+	15 May 2024	
Commonwealth Bank	1,000,000.00	3.17%	5.20%	A-1+	7 Jun 2024	
Commonwealth Bank	1,000,000.00	3.17%	5.26%	A-1+	20 Jun 2024	
Commonwealth Bank	1,000,000.00	3.17%	5.02%	A-1+	20 Jan 2025	
IMB	1,000,000.00	3.17%	4.95%	A-2	30 May 2024	
Suncorp	1,000,000.00	3.17%	5.46%	A-1	24 Apr 2024	
Suncorp	1,000,000.00	3.17%	5.40%	A-1	25 Jul 2024	
Suncorp	1,000,000.00	3.17%	5.39%	A-1	1 Aug 2024	
Suncorp	1,000,000.00	3.17%	5.16%	A-1	15 Aug 2024	
Suncorp	1,000,000.00	3.17%	5.42%	A-1	2 Dec 2024	
Suncorp	1,000,000.00	3.17%	5.04%	A-1	25 Mar 2025	
Bendigo Bank	1,000,000.00	3.17%	5.40%	A-2	28 Jun 2024	
Westpac Bank	1,000,000.00	3.17%	4.37%	A-1+	12 Apr 2024	
Westpac Bank	1,000,000.00	3.17%	4.90%	A-1+	30 May 2024	
Westpac Bank	1,000,000.00	3.17%	5.12%	A-1+	26 Aug 2024	
Westpac Bank	1,000,000.00	3.17%	5.07%	A-1+	2 Sep 2024	
Westpac Bank	1,000,000.00	3.17%	5.25%	A-1+	23 Oct 2024	
Westpac Bank	1,000,000.00	3.17%	5.10%	A-1+	23 Dec 2024	
Westpac bank	1,000,000.00	3.17%	5.15%	A-1+	9 Jan 2025	
Westpac Bank	1,000,000.00	3.17%	5.16%	A-1+	28 Feb 2025	
Westpac Bank	1,034,999.09	3.28%	5.13%	A-1+	3 Mar 2025	
Total Council Funds	31,556,231.70	100%				

2. Trust Term Deposits

Borrower	Value	%	Yield	Rating	Maturity
National Australia Bank (Art)	55,489.62	100.00%	5.25%	A-1+	1 Aug 2024
Total Trust Funds	55,489.62	100%			

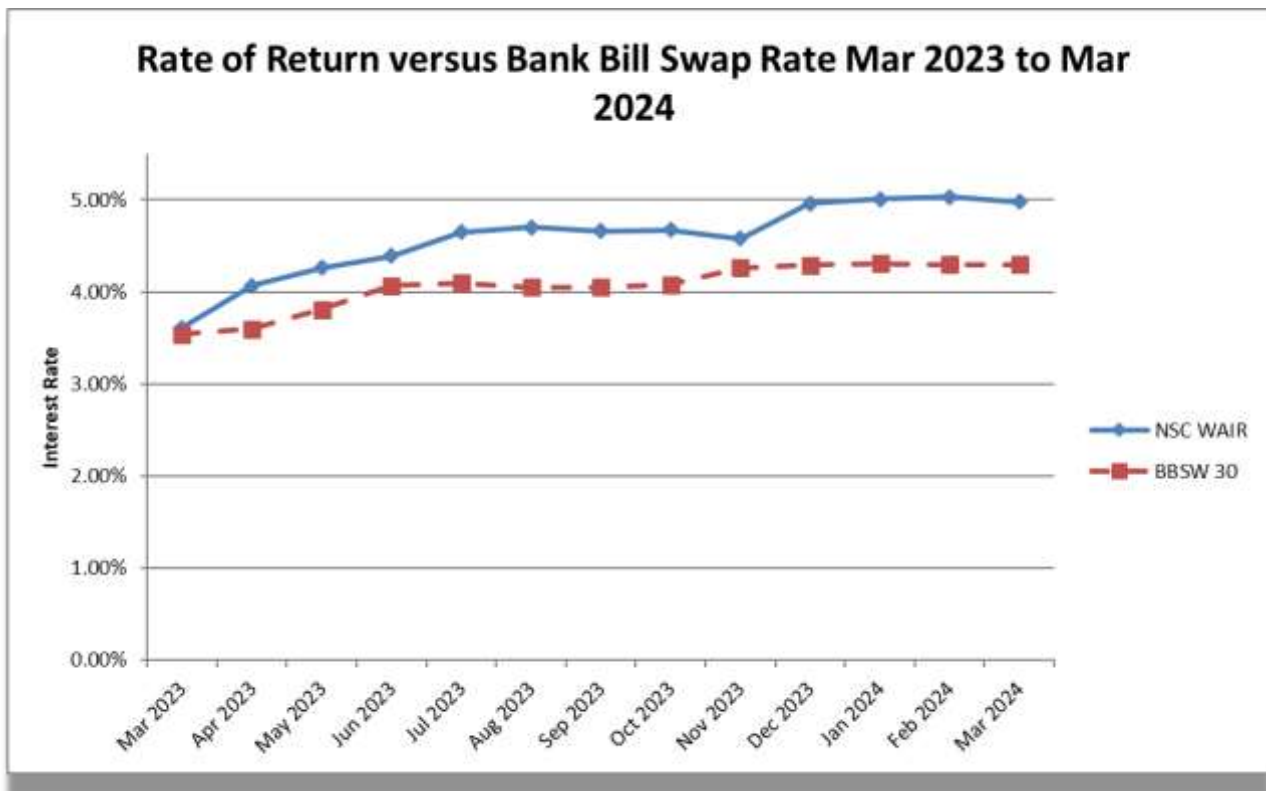
Individual Limits					
Institution	Rating		Value	Council %	
Bendigo Bank	BBB+	A2	\$ 1,000,000.00	3.2%	Max 10%
Elders Rural Bank	BBB+	A2	\$ -	0.0%	Max 10%
IMB	BBB	A3	\$ 1,000,000.00	3.2%	Max 10%
NAB	AA-	A1+	\$ 9,576,722.23	30.3%	Max 35%
Suncorp	A+	A1	\$ 6,000,000.00	19.0%	Max 25%
StGeorge	AA	A1+	\$ -	0.0%	Max 35%
Macquarie Bank	A+	A1	\$ -	0.0%	Max 25%
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	A1+	\$ 5,000,000.00	15.8%	Max 35%
Westpac	AA-	A1+	\$ 9,034,999.09	28.6%	Max 35%

b. Application of Investment Funds

Application of Restricted Funds		
Allocation	Description	\$'000
External Restrictions	Water Supply	\$ 5,707
	Sewer Supply	\$ 1,286
	Developer Contributions	\$ 540
	Domestic Waste	\$ 854
	Unexpended Grants	\$ 6,212
	Stormwater	\$ 288
	Crown Lands	\$ 289
Internally Restricted	Discretion of Council	\$ 16,092
Unrestricted	Allocated to current budget	\$ 344
Total		\$ 31,612

c. Investment Portfolio Performance

Monthly Investment Performance				
Period Ending	Investments	Weighted	BBSW 30	Variance
Mar 2023	27,759,832.57	3.61%	3.54%	0.07%
Apr 2023	26,779,805.06	4.07%	3.60%	0.47%
May 2023	28,781,495.69	4.26%	3.81%	0.45%
Jun 2023	35,733,211.80	4.39%	4.07%	0.32%
Jul 2023	33,935,792.36	4.65%	4.10%	0.55%
Aug 2023	32,919,121.13	4.70%	4.05%	0.65%
Sep 2023	31,320,457.99	4.66%	4.05%	0.61%
Oct 2023	31,771,481.68	4.67%	4.08%	0.59%
Nov 2023	34,022,087.16	4.58%	4.26%	0.32%
Dec 2023	34,023,576.24	4.96%	4.29%	0.67%
Jan 2024	33,075,007.62	5.01%	4.31%	0.70%
Feb 2024	33,075,903.95	5.03%	4.30%	0.73%
Mar 2024	31,611,721.32	4.98%	4.30%	0.68%



d. Investment Commentary

The investment portfolio decreased by \$1,464,183 during March, with the next investment reaching maturity on 12 April 2024. The decrease was due to Narrandera Shire Council making significant payments toward major capital projects and the return of the grant funding for the airport taxiway project.

The current interest rates for term deposits have dropped as economists, and big banks predict that the Reserve Bank may lower interest rates sooner than expected. Governments worldwide are now looking to prevent an economic downturn caused by high-interest rates and ongoing global conflicts.

Narrandera Shire Council will seek to secure higher returns by locking in high-interest term deposits and assessing other investment options.

Responsible Officer Certification

I hereby certify that the investments listed above have been made in accordance with section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993, clause 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 and Council's POL025 Investment Policy.

Council's Investment Policy was reviewed and adopted on 22 February 2022.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the report indicating Council's Fund Management position.
2. Notes the Certificate of the Responsible Accounting Officer and adopts the report as at 31 March 2024.

24.4 STATEMENT OF BANK BALANCES - MARCH 2024

Document ID: 727450

Author: Finance Officer

Authoriser: Deputy General Manager Corporate and Community

Theme: Statutory and Compulsory Reporting – Financial / Audit

Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the information contained in the Statement of Bank Balances report as of 31 March 2024.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to make Council aware of the amount of funds held in its operating account.

BACKGROUND

Opening Cashbook Balance	\$1,650,718.66
Plus Receipt	\$4,872,781.03
Less Payments	\$6,312,933.21
Current Cashbook Balance	\$210,566.48
Statement Summary	
Opening Statement Balance	\$1,368,918.50
Plus Receipts	\$5,131,092.81
Less Payments	\$6,312,862.92
Current Statement Balance	\$187,148.39
Plus Unpresented Receipts	\$23,116.79
Less Unpresented Payments	-\$301.30
Reconciliation Balance	\$210,566.48
GL BALANCE	\$210,566.48
Unpaid Creditors	\$39,865.75
Overdraft Limit arranged with Bank 01/01/1989	\$350,000

CONCLUSION

This report is to make Council aware of the amount of funds held in its operating account.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the information contained in the Statement of Bank Balances report as of 31 March 2024.

24.5 STATEMENT OF RATES AND RECEIPTS - MARCH 2024

Document ID: 727497
Author: Revenue Officer
Authoriser: Deputy General Manager Corporate and Community
Theme: Statutory and Compulsory Reporting – Financial / Audit
Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the information contained in the Statement of Rates and Receipts report as at 31 March 2024.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present to Council the Statement of Rates and Receipts as at 31 March 2024.

SUMMARY

The Statement of Rates and Receipts is required to be submitted for Council's information each month under Statutory and Compulsory Reporting.

BACKGROUND

Rates and Charges

Arrears as at 01.07.2023	738,051.91
23/24 Rate levies & supplementary levies (excl. postponed amounts)	<u>9,080,146.54</u>
	9,818,198.45
Less Pensioner rebates	<u>203,587.05</u>
NET BALANCE	9,614,611.40
Less receipts to 31.03.2024	<u>7,139,771.34</u>
	<u>2,474,840.06</u>

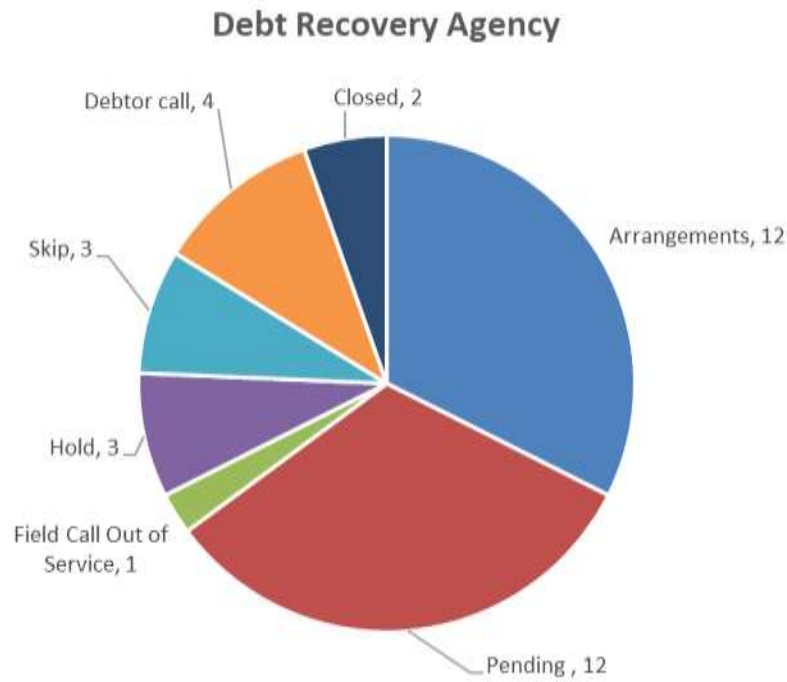
<i>Actual % Rate Collection to Net Balance as at 31.03.2024</i>	= <u>74.26%</u>
<i>Comparative % Collection to Net Balance as at 31.03.2023</i>	= <u>74.31%</u>
<i>Anticipated % Collection Rate as at 30.06.2024</i>	= <u>94.00%</u>

Water Consumption/Sewer Usage Charges

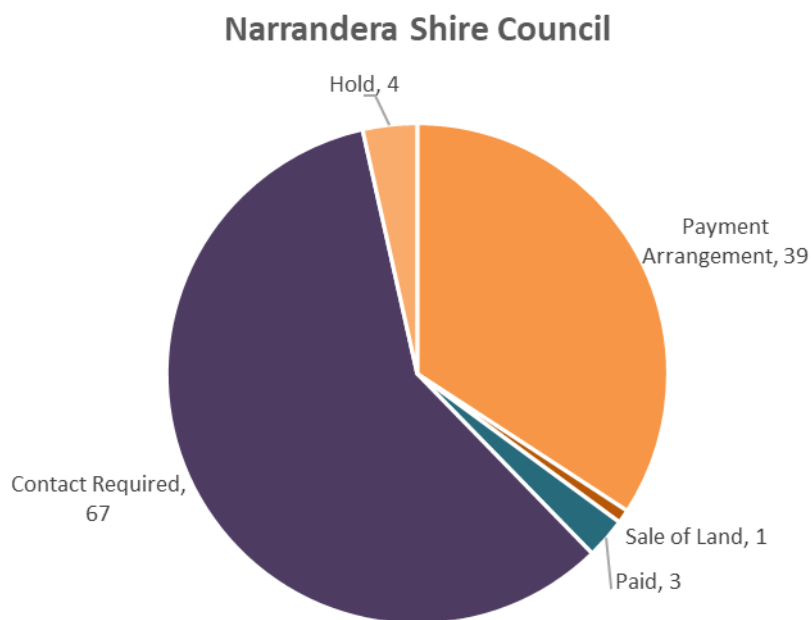
Arrears as at 01.07.2023	200,781.96
22/23 Water / Sewer usage charges, supplementary levies & interest	<u>924,900.79</u>
NET BALANCE	1,125,682.75
Less receipts to 31.03.2024	<u>886,627.83</u>
	<u>239,054.92</u>

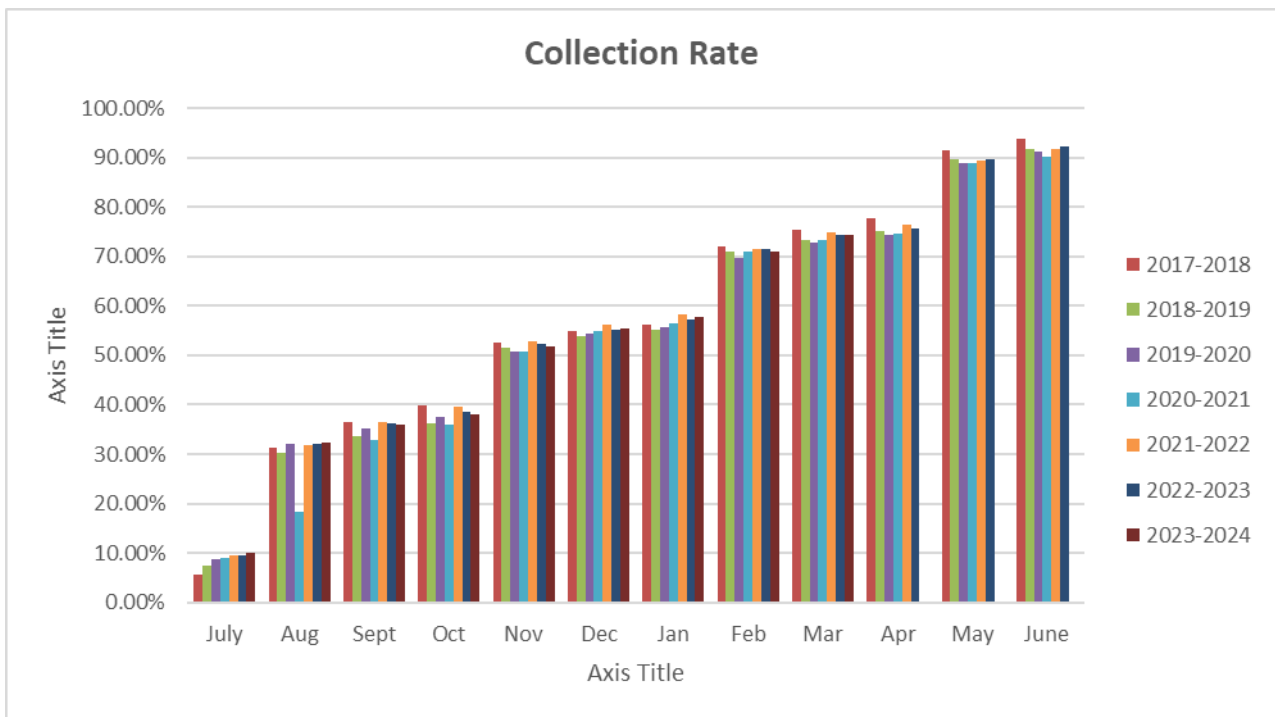
OVERDUE RATES AND CHARGES

The table below provides information on the status of outstanding accounts under the management of Council’s debt recovery agency.



The table below displays overdue accounts under review by Council staff, with the potential to be referred to Council’s debt recovery agency.





RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the information contained in the Statement of Rates and Receipts report as at 31 March 2024.

25 STATUTORY AND COMPULSORY REPORTING – OTHER REPORTS

Nil

26 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS PAPER REPORTS

Nil