



**SNOWY VALLEYS COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING**

AGENDA

Thursday, 21 November 2024

THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 2:00 PM
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS 76 CAPPER STREET TUMUT AND
VIA VIDEO LINK

Statement of Ethical Obligations

Councillors are reminded of the oath or affirmation of office they made under section 233A of the Local Government Act 1993 and the obligation under Council's Code of Conduct to disclose and appropriately manage conflicts of interest.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests at meetings (extract from the Code of Conduct – Section 4)

- 4.28** Councillor or a council committee member who has a pecuniary interest in any matter with which the council is concerned, and who is present at a meeting of the council or committee at which the matter is being considered, must disclose the nature of the interest to the meeting as soon as practicable.
- 4.29** The councillor or council committee member must not be present at, or in sight of, the meeting of the council or committee:
- (a) at any time during which the matter is being considered or discussed by the council or committee, or
 - (b) at any time during which the council or committee is voting on any question in relation to the matter.
- 4.30** In the case of a meeting of a board of a joint organisation, a voting representative is taken to be present at the meeting for the purposes of clauses 4.28 and 4.29 where they participate in the meeting by telephone or other electronic means.
- 4.31** Disclosure made at a meeting of a council or council committee must be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

Disclosure of Political Donations and Gifts

The *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* places obligations on Councillors, staff, applicants and any person who makes a public submission, to disclose information relating to political donations and gifts during the environmental plan making or development assessment process.

The fact that political donations or gifts have been made by applicants / proponents of a planning application should not affect whether an application is approved or refused. Political donations or gifts should not be relevant in making a determination. The matter should be determined on its merits. Nor do they provide grounds for challenging the determination of any applications.

For further information, visit www.planning.nsw.gov.au/donations

Furthermore, for each planning decision made at a Council or Committee Meeting, the names of Councillors who supported the decision and those that oppose the decision must be recorded. (Sec. 375A of the *Local Government Act 1993*)

**Use of mobile phones and the unauthorised recording of meetings
(extract from the Code of Meeting Practice – Section 15)**

- 15.21** Councillors, council staff and members of the public must ensure that mobile phones are turned to silent during meetings of the council and committees of the council.
- 15.22** A person must not live stream or use an audio recorder, video camera, mobile phone or any other device to make a recording of the proceedings of a meeting of the council or a committee of the council without the prior authorisation of the council or the committee.
- 15.23** Any person who contravenes or attempts to contravene clause 15.22, may be expelled from the meeting as provided for under section 10(2) of the Act.
- 15.24** If any such person, after being notified of a resolution or direction expelling them from the meeting, fails to leave the place where the meeting is being held, a police officer, or any person authorised for the purpose by the council or person presiding, may, by using only such force as is necessary, remove the first-mentioned person from that place and, if necessary, restrain that person from re-entering that place for the remainder of the meeting.

Livestreaming of Meetings (extract from the Code of Meeting Practice – Section 5)

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- 5.19** All meetings of the council and committees of the council are to be webcast on the council's website.

Photography

Flash photography is not permitted at a meeting of the Council or a Committee of the council without the consent of the General Manager.

Public Forum (extract from the Code of Meeting Practice – Section 4)

- 4.1** The Council may hold a public forum prior to each Ordinary Council meeting for the purpose of hearing oral submissions on items of business to be considered at the meeting. All public forums will be audio/visual recorded and live streamed as part of the Council meeting.
- 4.2** Public Forums may be held by audio-visual link.
- 4.3** Public forums are to be chaired by the mayor or their nominee.

Those attending must comply with the terms and conditions of the Code of Meeting Practice which can be viewed on Council's website;

<http://www.snowyvalleys.nsw.gov.au/Council/Governance/Policies>



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In the Council Chambers 76 Capper Street Tumut and Via Video Link

2:00 PM

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1. PUBLIC FORUM

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Snowy Valleys Council proudly acknowledges the traditional owners and custodians of this land and water and pay respects to their Elders past and present.

3. APOLOGIES, LEAVE OF ABSENCE AND REMOTE ATTENDANCE

4. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Pursuant to Section 4 of the Code of Conduct, Councillors are required to declare any direct or indirect pecuniary interest in any matters being considered by Council.

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1. MINUTES - EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL - 10 OCTOBER 2024

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 10 October 2024 be received and confirmed as an accurate record.

Attachment 1 - 20241010 - Minutes - Extraordinary Council



EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

MINUTES

Thursday, 10 October 2024

THE MEETING WAS HELD FROM 2:17PM
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS 76 CAPPER STREET TUMUT AND
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Mayor

Interim General Manager



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2:17 PM

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PRESENT: Mayor, Cr Julia Ham, Cr Grant Hardwick, Cr James Hayes, Cr Michael Inglis, Cr John Larter, Cr Hugh Packard, Cr David Sheldon, Cr Trina Thomson, Cr Andrew Wortes

IN ATTENDANCE: Interim General Manager Steven Pinnuck, Director Community & Corporate Jessica Quilty, Director Infrastructure & Works Duncan Mitchell, Executive Manager Growth & Development Nick Wilton, Chief Financial Officer, Manna Doshii

Interim General Manager Steven Pinnuck assumed the Chair to open the Council meeting and conduct the elections for Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

An acknowledgement of the traditional custodians of the land was provided prior to the Oath and Affirmation undertaken by Councillors.

2. APOLOGIES, LEAVE OF ABSENCE AND REMOTE ATTENDANCE

Nil.

3. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Nil.

4. GOVERNANCE AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

4.1. OATH OR AFFIRMATION OF OFFICE BY COUNCILLORS

M185/24 RESOLVED:

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Confirm that the Councillors took an oath or affirmation of office on 10 October 2024; and
2. Request the Interim General Manager record by name the taking of oath or affirmation by each Councillor in the minutes of this meeting, that being:

Cr Julia Ham, Cr Grant Hardwick, Cr James Hayes, Cr Michael Inglis, Cr John Larter, Cr Hugh Packard, Cr David Sheldon, Cr Trina Thomson, Cr Andrew Wortes

Cr David Sheldon / Cr Julia Ham

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.2. ELECTION OF MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 2026

The Interim General Manager as Returning Officer called for a mover and seconder for Item 9.2 Election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the period ending September 2026.

M186/24 RESOLVED:**THAT COUNCIL:**

1. Receive and invite nominations for the election of mayor and deputy mayor for the period ending September 2026;
2. Proceed with the election of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, in the event of there being more than one candidate, by ordinary ballot;
3. Conduct the election for Mayor and Deputy Mayor in accordance with Schedule 7 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021;
4. Elect a Mayor in accordance with Sections 225, 226, 227 and 230 of the *Local Government Act 1993* for a period ending September 2026;
5. Elect a Deputy Mayor in accordance with Section 231 of the *Local Government Act 1993* for a period ending September 2026;
6. Following the election, approve for all nomination documents (and ballot papers if used) used in connection with the election of the mayor and deputy mayor to be destroyed;
7. Task the Interim General Manager to advise the NSW Office of Local Government and Local Government NSW of the result of the election.

Cr Michael Inglis / Cr John Larter

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Interim General Manager as Returning Officer advised that 2 nominations have been received and submitted correctly for the position of Mayor, those being:

- Cr Julia Ham
- Cr James Hayes

There were no further nominations from the floor.

M187/24 RESOLVED:**THAT COUNCIL:**

1. Allow the two nominees for the position of Mayor to speak for up to five minutes.

Cr John Larter/Cr Michael Inglis

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Following the meeting being addressed by the two nominees, ballot papers were circulated, completed and returned to the Returning Officer.

The Returning Officer declared Cr Julia Ham as Mayor for the period of 10 October 2024 to September 2026.

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Mayor

Interim General Manager

The Interim General Manager as Returning Officer advised that 2 nominations have been received and submitted correctly for the position of Deputy Mayor, those being:

- Cr Hugh Packard
- Cr David Sheldon

There were no further nominations from the floor.

The Returning Officer called for voting for the position of Deputy Mayor, agreed to be for the same amount of time as for the position of Mayor. Ballot papers were circulated, completed and returned to the Returning Officer.

The Returning Officer declared Cr Hugh Packard as Deputy Mayor for the period 10 October 2024 to September 2026.

M188/24 RESOLVED:

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Break for 5 minutes to allow for media photography.

Cr David Sheldon/Cr Trina Thomson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Prior to adjourning the meeting, as the newly elected Mayor, Cr Julia Ham addressed the meeting.

Council adjourned from the meeting at 2.44pm.

M189/24 RESOLVED:

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Resume the meeting.

Cr Trina Thomson/Cr John Larter

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting resumed at 2.52pm.

4.3. COUNTBACK ELECTION TO FILL COUNCILLOR VACANCIES IN THE FIRST 18 MONTHS FOLLOWING THE 2024 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION

M190/24 RESOLVED:

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Pursuant to section 291A(1)(b) of the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act), Snowy Valleys Council declares that casual vacancies occurring in the office of a councillor within 18 months after the last ordinary election of councillors for the Council on 14 September 2024 are to be filled by a countback of votes cast at that election for the office in accordance with section 291A of the Act; and
2. Directs the Interim General Manager to notify the NSW Electoral Commissioner of the Council's decision within 7 days of this resolution being made.

Cr Hugh Packard/Cr David Sheldon

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 3.05pm.

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Mayor

Interim General Manager

5.2. MINUTES - ORDINARY COUNCIL - 17 OCTOBER 2024

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 17 October 2024 be received and confirmed as an accurate record.

Attachment 1 - 20241017 - DRAFT Minutes - Ordinary Council



ORDINARY MEETING

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Thursday, 17 October 2024

THE MEETING WAS HELD AT 2:00 PM
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Mayor

Interim General Manager



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Mayor

Interim General Manager

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PRESENT: Mayor Julia Ham, Cr Grant Hardwick, Cr James Hayes, Cr Michael Inglis, Cr John Larter, Cr Hugh Packard, Cr David Sheldon, Cr Trina Thomson, Cr Andrew Wortes

IN ATTENDANCE: Interim General Manager Steven Pinnuck (via Zoom), Director Community & Corporate Jessica Quilty, Director Infrastructure & Works Duncan Mitchell, Executive Manager Growth & Development Nick Wilton, Chief Financial Officer Manna Doshii

1. PUBLIC FORUM

The following speakers addressed the Public Forum:

- Chris Harris and Kris Mackay, Tooma Inn proprietors spoke against Item 6.2 Primitive Camping at Maginnity Park, Tooma
- Hansie Armour spoke against Item 11.7 Section 7.11 Development Contributions Update and Draft Section 7.12 Development Contributions Plan 2024

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

An acknowledgement of the traditional custodians of the land was delivered by Cr Ham.

3. APOLOGIES, LEAVE OF ABSENCE AND REMOTE ATTENDANCE

Nil.

4. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

The Director Community and Corporate declared a pecuniary interest in relation to report 11.1 Sale of Council Freehold Request Land Lot 1 DP1163661 Tumut due to a relative being an interested party and will leave the room during discussion.

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1. MINUTES - ORDINARY COUNCIL - 15 AUGUST 2024

M192/24 RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 15 August 2024 be received and confirmed as an accurate record.

Cr Hayes/Cr Thomson

For: Cr Ham, Cr Hardwick, Cr Inglis, Cr Larter, Cr Packard, Cr Sheldon, Cr Thomson, Cr Wortes

Against: Cr Hayes

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6. CORRESPONDENCE/PETITIONS

6.1. PETITION - CLOSURE OF ADELONG LIBRARY AND REDUCTION IN POOL SEASON

M193/24 RESOLVED:

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive the petition on the closure of Adelong library and reduction in pool season; noting the additional 54 signatories tabled at the meeting;
2. Continue with the Adelong library alternative service arrangement and proposed pool season; and
3. Notify the chief petitioner of the resolution of Council.

Cr Thomson/Cr Packard

For: Cr Ham, Cr Hardwick, Cr Packard, Cr Thomson, Cr Wortes**Against:** Cr Hayes, Cr Inglis, Cr Larter, Cr Sheldon**5 / 4****CARRIED****M194/24 RESOLVED:**

THAT COUNCIL:

4. Request a meeting with the Minister for Local Government and NSW Premier to discuss financial sustainability issues with regional / rural councils.

Cr Larter/Cr Thomson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.2. PETITION - PRIMITIVE CAMPING AT MAGINNITYS PARK TOOMA

M195/24 RESOLVED:

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive the petition on the primitive camping at Maginnitys Park Tooma;
2. Continue to not support primitive camping at Maginnitys Park, Tooma; and
3. Notify the chief petitioner of the resolution of Council.

Cr Thomson/Cr Wortes

*Cr Sheldon left the meeting at 2.38pm and returned at 2.40pm.***CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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7. MAYORAL MINUTE

The Mayor made a note of appreciation which will be followed by a letter to Val and Peter Fitzpatrick who facilitated their tenth well-attended Hume & Hovell Ultra Marathon on the Henry Angel Flat at Burra outside of Tumbarumba last weekend.

8. NOTICE OF MOTION/NOTICE OF RESCISSION

Nil.

9. URGENT BUSINESS WITHOUT NOTICE

Nil.

10. GOVERNANCE AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

10.1. DE-AMALGAMATION UPDATE

M196/24 RESOLVED:

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Note the report on the De-amalgamation Update.

Cr Hayes/Cr Packard

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.2. 2025 SCHEDULE OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING DATES AND TIMES

M197/24 RESOLVED:

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Determine a Schedule of Ordinary Council Meeting dates and times for 2025, ensuring that the requirements of s.365 of the *Local Government Act 1993* are met;
2. Approve the following Ordinary Council meeting dates for 2025: Thursday 20 February 2025, Thursday 20 March 2025, Thursday 17 April 2025, Thursday 15 May 2025, Thursday 19 June 2025, Thursday 17 July 2025, Thursday 21 August 2025, Thursday 18 September 2025, Thursday 16 October 2025, Thursday 20 November 2025, and Thursday 11 December 2025; and
3. Approve the cancellation of the meeting in January 2025 unless there are extenuating circumstances and the Mayor deems it necessary to call a meeting
4. Notify the community of the time and location for each meeting.

Cr Thomson/Cr Packard

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Mayor

Interim General Manager

Interim General Manager left the meeting at 2.52pm.

For: Cr Ham, Cr Hardwick, Cr Inglis, Cr Packard, Cr Thomson, Cr Wortes

Against: Cr Hayes, Cr Larter, Cr Sheldon

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10.3. COMMITTEES AND NOMINATION OF DELEGATES

M198/24 RESOLVED:

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Endorse the following councillor delegates and (alternate delegates) to each of the Committees where a delegate is required as follows;

Section 355 Community Committees

- Adelong Showground Committee – Cr Wortes; (Cr Hayes)
- Glenroy Heritage Reserve Committee – Cr Packard; (Mayor Ham)
- Tooma Recreation Reserve Committee – Cr Hardwick; (Cr Thomson)

Internal Advisory Committees

- Audit, Risk & Improvement Committee – Cr Packard; (Cr Wortes)
- Australia Day Committee – Cr Thomson; (Mayor Ham)
- First Nations Liaison Committee – Cr Thomson; (Cr Wortes)
- Floodplain Risk Management Committee – Brungle – Cr Thomson; (Cr Hardwick)
- Floodplain Risk Management Committee – Tumut – Cr Packard; (Cr Sheldon)
- Floodplain Risk Management Committee – Tumbarumba – Mayor Ham; (Cr Larter)
- General Manager Review Committee – Mayor Ham; Deputy Mayor Cr Packard; Cr Sheldon
- Tumut Aerodrome Committee – Cr Larter; (Cr Hardwick)
- Youth Council Committee – Cr Wortes; (Cr Hardwick)

Working Groups

- Disability Inclusion Access Reference Volunteer Working Group – Cr Packard; (Cr Thomson)
- Pratt Foundation Steering Group (Adopted 22/03/2018 M053/18) – Mayor Ham; Cr Hayes; Cr Thomson; Cr Inglis

External Committees with Council Representation

- Adelong Progress Association – Cr Hayes; (Cr Sheldon)
- Batlow Cider Rail Trail Steering Committee – Cr Wortes; (Cr Inglis)
- Brindabella Economic Link Group – Cr Sheldon; (Cr Wortes)
- Canberra Region Joint Organisation (CRJO); Mayor Ham; Deputy Mayor Cr Packard alternate, other councillors who wish to attend as observers to consult with Mayor.
- Hyne Community Trust Foundation – Mayor Ham; (Cr Packard)

- Interagency Forum – Cr Thomson; (Cr Hardwick)
- Local Traffic Committee – Cr Thomson; (Cr Sheldon)
- Riverina Regional Library Service Committee – Mayor Ham
- Softwoods Working Group – Mayor Ham; Cr Hayes; Cr Packard; (Cr Wortes)
- Southern Regional Planning Panel – Cr Sheldon; (Cr Packard)
- Talbingo Community Association – Cr Thomson; (Cr Hardwick)
- Tumbarumba Chamber of Commerce – Mayor Ham; (Cr Hardwick)
- Tumut Chamber of Commerce (Business Snowy Valleys) – Cr Hardwick; (Cr Wortes)
- Visy Community Consultative Committee – Mayor Ham; (Cr Thomson)
- Khancoban United Volunteer Association – Mayor Ham; (Cr Hardwick)

2. Remove the following from the list for the reasons listed below:

- Tumbarumba RSL Memorial Hall Management Committee - Dissolve - Committee has not met in the last 3-4 years.
- Snowy Valleys Community Grants Assessment Panel - Grants are not running this financial year 2024/2025 and new evaluation process implemented in 2023/2024.
- Transgrid Accommodation Options Working Group - Group not required - Accommodation sites have been chosen through the expression of interest process.
- Climate Change Adaptation Committee - has not been active for the past four years.
- Humelink Community Consultative Group - the consultation has ended.

3. Advise each committee of their councillor and/or staff delegate for the 2024/2026 period; and

4. Appoint Cr Packard as a non-voting Councillor to the Audit Risk & Improvement Committee from 10 October 2024 until 1 July 2028.

Cr Thomson/Cr Wortes

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Interim General Manager returned to the meeting at 2.58pm.

10.4. EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL - 24 OCTOBER 2024

M199/24 RESOLVED:

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Hold an Extraordinary Meeting at 2pm in the Tumut Council Chambers on Thursday 31 October 2024 to consider the audited 2023/24 financial statements.

Cr Packard/Cr Larter

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.5. ATTENDANCE AT THE REGIONS RISING NATIONAL SUMMIT 2024**M200/24 RESOLVED:**

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Note the report on the 2024 Regions Rising National Summit outcomes from Councillor James Hayes.

Cr Hayes/Cr Larter

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**10.6. 2024 LGNSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE PROPOSED MOTION****MOTION:**

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Approve the following motions to be submitted to the 2024 LGNSW Annual Conference:
 - a. That Local Government NSW lobbies the Australian Government and the NSW Government to establish significant Community Enhancement Funds for Local Government Areas impacted by Transgrid Electrical Distribution Infrastructure at a similar level as proposed in the NSW State Government Draft Energy Policy Framework for renewable energy projects.
 - b. That Local Government NSW lobbies the Australian Government and the NSW Government for improved financial sustainability support for rural and regional council areas.

Cr Thomson/Cr Hayes

M201/24 RESOLVED to move into Committee of the Whole.

Cr Thomson/Cr Packard

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cr Larter left the meeting at 3.16pm and returned at 3.17pm.

Cr Hayes left the meeting at 3.19pm.

M202/24 RESOLVED to move out of Committee of the Whole.

Cr Thomson /Cr Wortes

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**M203/24 RESOLVED:**

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Approve the following motions to be submitted to the 2024 LGNSW Annual Conference:
 - a. That Local Government NSW lobbies the Australian Government and the NSW Government to establish significant Community Enhancement Funds for Local

Government Areas impacted by Transgrid, other energy projects and other significant infrastructure projects as proposed in the NSW State Government Draft Energy Policy Framework for renewable energy projects.

- b. That Local Government NSW lobbies the Australian Government and the NSW Government for improved financial sustainability support for rural and regional council areas.

Cr Thomson/Cr Hayes

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.7. COUNTRY UNIVERSITIES CENTRE UPDATE

M204/24 RESOLVED:

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Reaffirm its support to auspice a Country Universities Centre Working Party;
2. Approve the use of part of the former Tumut Shire Council Chambers at an annual contribution to utilities/rental of \$12,000 (indexed by CPI); and
3. Subject to external funding being obtained and pending Development Consent being issued, approve the renovation of the building to include all abilities access, accessible toilets, reception areas etc.
4. Authorise the Interim General Manager to undertake negotiations with any existing lessees required to relocate as a result of the Country Universities Centre Study Hub Funding Application being successful.

Cr Packard/Cr Wortes

Cr Hayes returned to the meeting at 3.21pm.

Cr Inglis left the meeting at 3.21pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cr Inglis returned to the meeting at 3.23pm.

10.8. CHRISTMAS CLOSURE 2024/2025

M205/24 RESOLVED:

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Endorse the implementation of the operational arrangements outlined in this report for the 2024/2025 Christmas/New Year period and that these details be published to the community; and
2. In accordance with Section 377 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, delegate authority to the Mayor and General Manager or in their absence, to the persons acting in these roles, during the period of Council recess to jointly exercise the powers, authorities, duties and functions of Council which cannot reasonably be deferred to the first ordinary Council meeting following the Council recess. This period:

- (a) Commencing at midnight on the day of the Council meeting held immediately before the recess period as approved by Council (11 December 2024); and
- (b) Concluding at the time of commencement of the first Council meeting held immediately after the end of the recess period (20 February 2025) and noting that any such decisions are to be unanimous and circulated to Councillors for their information, and will be reported to the first Ordinary Council meeting following the recess period.

Cr Larter/Cr Wortes

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.9. COUNCILLOR EXPENSES FOR THE SIX MONTHS PERIOD ENDING 30 JUNE 2024

M206/24 RESOLVED:

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Note the report on Councillor Expenses for the six (6) month period ending 30 June 2024.

Cr Hayes/Cr Larter

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cr Thomson left the meeting at 3.27pm.

10.10. STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS - AUGUST 2024

M207/24 RESOLVED:

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Note the report on Statement of Investments - August 2024.

Cr Wortes/Cr Sheldon

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.11. STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS - SEPTEMBER 2024

M208/24 RESOLVED:

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Note the report on Statement of Investments - September 2024.

Cr Larter/Cr Packard

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Director Community and Corporate left the meeting at 3.29pm.

11. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

11.1. SALE OF COUNCIL FREEHOLD REQUEST LAND LOT 1 DP1163661 TUMUT

Cr Thomson returned to the meeting at 3.37pm.

M209/24 RESOLVED:

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Authorise the sale of Council freehold land at Lot 1 DP 1163661 on Capper Street in Tumut through the process of a Public Expression of Interest and / or a public auction / private treaty process if no suitable Expressions of Interest are received;
2. Approve the addition of an easement for access to Council's Stormwater and Sewer Services as well as power lines located at the rear of the site - Lot 1 DP 1163661 at Capper Street - Tumut;
3. Acknowledge that the creation of the easement over Lot 1 DP 1163661 will only be undertaken subject to acceptance of the terms of sale being met including:
 - a. Council accepting a suitable offer for the sale of the land;
 - b. The sale price of the land is to be determined by an independent valuation based on the future land use zoning and not the current zoning of the land as well as the future permissible use of the land under Council's current Local Environmental Plan and Development Control Plan;
 - c. Compliance with the legislative framework for the sale of land contained within the '*Real Property Act 1900*,' and the current NSW Registrar Generals - Land Registry Services Guidelines; and
 - d. The area of land (m2) to be sold and the required easement is to be confirmed in a land survey prepared by a registered land surveyor.
4. All adjoining property owners will be notified of the Public Expression of Interest process that Council is undertaking; and
5. A Report will be brought back to Council on the outcome of the Public Expression of Interest.

Cr Hayes/Cr Packard

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Director Community and Corporate returned to the meeting at 3.41pm.

11.2. MURRAY REGION FIRE PROTECTION GRANT

Cr Sheldon left the meeting at 3.42 pm and returned at 3.44pm.

MOTION:

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Endorse proceeding with application for the Tumut Aerodrome water supply for fire management.

Cr Larter/Cr Wortes

M210/24 RESOLVED to move into Committee of the Whole.

Cr Thomson/Cr Larter

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

M211/24 RESOLVED to move out of Committee of the Whole.

Cr Larter/Cr Sheldon

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

M212/24 RESOLVED:

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Endorse proceeding with application for the Tumut Aerodrome water supply for fire management.

Cr Larter/Cr Wortes

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

M213/24 RESOLVED

THAT COUNCIL:

2. Not support the Tumut Aerodrome hangar application and seek Softwoods Working Group endorsement of Council's application to facilitate the acquisition of land for the future extension of the runway.

Cr Larter/Cr Packard

For: Cr Ham, Cr Hayes, Cr Hardwick, Cr Inglis, Cr Larter, Cr Packard, Cr Wortes

Against: Cr Thomson, Cr Sheldon

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CARRIED

M214/24 RESOLVED:

THAT COUNCIL:

3. Endorse proceeding with the Specialist Tractor and Mulcher grant application.

Cr Larter/Cr Sheldon

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.3. SOUTHERN REGIONAL PLANNING PANEL MEMBERSHIP**M215/24 RESOLVED**

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Formally declare all Council appointed positions on the Southern Region Planning Panel vacated;
2. Appoint two (2) Councillors effective immediately being Councillors Packard and Sheldon to the Southern Regional Planning Panel as Council representatives for a period not greater than the current term of Council or a period of three (3) years from the date of this resolution of Council, whichever comes first;
3. Advertise for an expression of interest (EOI) from interested members of the community with appropriate qualifications and experience to be appointed as Council appointed representatives to the Southern Region Planning Panel. Any appointment of two (2) Council appointed community members through the EOI process will be via a future report to Council and will be for the current term of Council or not more than a period of three years from the date of appointment, whichever comes first;
4. Confirm that the rate of remuneration for any Council appointed representative on the Southern Regional Planning Panel in accordance with the Department's guidelines be \$600 per meeting inclusive of GST (includes preparation, pre-meeting site inspections, travel expenses, determination meetings and post meeting administrative matters); and
5. Formally advise the New South Wales Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure of the appointed Council representatives effective immediately.

Cr Thomson/Cr Larter

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**11.4. CYCLE TUMBARUMBA - LICENCE AGREEMENT REPORT FOR NEW TOILET FACILITY IN COUNCIL ROAD RESERVE***Cr Packard left the meeting at 4.29pm***M216/24 RESOLVED**

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Note the report on the Licence Agreement that Council has negotiated with Cycle Tumbarumba on the construction, operation and maintenance of a new Amenities Building (Public Toilet Facility) located within Council's Road Reserve on the unformed eastern end of Power Street, Tumbarumba.

Cr Hayes/Cr Sheldon

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.5. SNOWY HYDRO 75TH ANNIVERSARY MONUMENT PROJECT - KHANCOBAN**M217/24 RESOLVED**

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Note the design concepts outlined in this report for the proposed monument in Khancoban which commemorates the 75th anniversary of the start of the original Snowy Hydro Project;
2. Approve that the Director of Infrastructure and Works gives landowner's consent for the monument to be placed on Council (Community) land at the corner of Scammell Street and Mitchell Avenue, Khancoban, next to the Community Hall;
3. Note that community consultation will be undertaken on the proposed location of the monument which will include contacting all residents who live in Scammell Street and Mitchell Avenue, Khancoban. The community consultation will inform residents of the proposed location of the monument and also provide an opportunity for residents to provide feedback on the proposed location; and
4. Acknowledge that this project is a community group initiative to be undertaken by the Khancoban United Volunteers Association (KUVA) and Snowy Hydro and is funded via a Snowy Hydro 75th anniversary commemorative grant at no cost to Council.

Cr Hayes/Cr Sheldon

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**11.6. ADELONG COMMUNITY AQUATIC CENTRE MANAGEMENT EXPRESSION OF INTEREST***Cr Packard returned to the meeting at 4.31pm.***M218/24 RESOLVED**

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Note the Adelong Community Aquatic Centre Management Expression of Interest Report and proceed with management of the pool in line with Council's four (4) other pools.

Cr Hayes/Cr Larter

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**11.7. SECTION 7.11 DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS UPDATE AND DRAFT SECTION 7.12 DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS PLAN 2024****MOTION:**

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Endorse the draft Section 7.12 Development Contributions Plan 2024 and associated proposed works plan and place both draft documents on public exhibition for a period of not less than 28 days in accordance with Clause 213 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021*.
2. Note that the current Section 7.11 Development Contribution Plans (Open Space) and (Roads), and Development Contributions - management, remain in force until the date of final adoption of the section 7.12 Development Contributions Plans at which date the plans will be repealed in

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accordance with clause 215 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021*; and

3. Allocate the following restricted funds from the Developer Contributions (General) to the following projects:

- a. \$30,000 to the General Fund as a reimbursement for the Batlow Pool Accessibility Upgrades;
- b. \$150,000 to the Bottlebrush Drive Tumut Recreational Space embellishment works and park upgrades and accessibility;
- c. \$150,000 to the Rotary Pioneer Park, Tumut Recreational Space - Shade Infrastructure;
- d. \$60,000 to the Tumut Riverwalk accessibility and directional signage in accordance with the Tracks and Trails Master Plan outcomes;
- e. \$25,000 to the Tumut Town Centre Traffic Study 2023 Recommendations (Road and Pedestrian Safety);
- f. \$7,500 to General Fund for Plan Administration of the section 7.12 Contributions Plan;
- g. \$142,541 shall be allocated to the general fund for road projects identified under the Roads Contributions Plans; and
- h. \$8,804.33 be transferred from the Section 7.11 Development Contributions Reserve to a Section 7.12 Development Contributions Reserve for allocation to projects identified in the plan.

4. Note that the designs for the capital works items listed in this report are brought back to council for design approval before being implemented.

Cr Thomson/Cr Packard

M219/24 RESOLVED to move into Committee of the Whole

Cr Hayes/Cr Wortes

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

M220/24 RESOLVED to move out of Committee of the Whole

Cr Hayes/Cr Wortes

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION:

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Roll over the Section 7.11 (Open Space) and (Roads) and Development Contributions funds to the draft Section 7.12 Development Contributions Plan 2024.

Cr Wortes

Lapsed

M221/24 RESOLVED

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Endorse the draft Section 7.12 Development Contributions Plan 2024 and associated proposed works plan and place both draft documents on public exhibition for a period of not less than 28 days in accordance with Clause 213 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021*.
2. Note that the current Section 7.11 Development Contribution Plans (Open Space) and (Roads), and Development Contributions - management, remain in force until the date of final adoption of the section 7.12 Development Contributions Plans at which date the plans will be repealed in accordance with clause 215 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021*; and
3. Allocate the following restricted funds from the Developer Contributions (General) to the following projects:
 - a. \$30,000 to the General Fund as a reimbursement for the Batlow Pool Accessibility Upgrades;
 - b. \$150,000 to the Bottlebrush Drive Tumut Recreational Space embellishment works and park upgrades and accessibility;
 - c. \$150,000 to the Rotary Pioneer Park, Tumut Recreational Space - Shade Infrastructure;
 - d. \$60,000 to the Tumut Riverwalk accessibility and directional signage in accordance with the Tracks and Trails Master Plan outcomes;
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 - f. \$7,500 to General Fund for Plan Administration of the section 7.12 Contributions Plan;
 - g. \$142,541 shall be allocated to the general fund for road projects identified under the Roads Contributions Plans; and
 - h. \$8,804.33 be transferred from the Section 7.11 Development Contributions Reserve to a Section 7.12 Development Contributions Reserve for allocation to projects identified in the plan.
4. Note that the designs for the capital works items listed in this report are brought back to council for design approval before being implemented.

Cr Thomson/Cr Packard

For: Cr Ham, Cr Hardwick, Cr Inglis, Cr Larter, Cr Packard, Cr Thomson

Against: Cr Hayes, Cr Sheldon, Cr Wortes

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CARRIED

12. MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

12.1. MINUTES - AUDIT RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE - 28 AUGUST 2024

Cr Sheldon left the meeting at 4.51pm.

M222/24 RESOLVED:

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Note the Minutes of the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee held on 28 August 2024.

Cr Larter/Cr Packard

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.2. MINUTES - FIRST NATIONS LIAISON COMMITTEE - 21 AUGUST 2024

M223/24 RESOLVED:

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Note the Minutes of the First Nations Committee meeting held on 21 August 2024.

Cr Thomson/Cr Packard

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.3. MINUTES - LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE - 14 AUGUST 2024

M224/24 RESOLVED

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Note the Minutes of the Local Traffic Committee held on 14 August 2024; and
2. Adopt the following recommendation/s from the Minutes:

ITEM 8.1 REQUEST - PEDESTRIAN CROSSING - SNOWY HYDRO SWITCH YARD KHANCOBAN

To assess appropriate traffic calming options between Khancoban's Snowy Hydro switchyard and the Snowy Hydro maintenance shed directly opposite.

ITEM 8.2 REQUEST - DRIVEWAY CONCERN - 105 LAMBIE STREET TUMUT

That appropriate line marking options be made in the vicinity of the driveway entrance of 105 Lambie Street, Tumut, to ensure appropriate site distance.

ITEM 8.3 REQUEST - PACC TRAFFIC CONCERNS/ SUGGESTIONS - TUMBARUMBA

Note the information presented to the Committee about the speed in The Parade, Tumbarumba.

ITEM 8.4 SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION - SNOWY MOUNTAINS ENDURANCE RIDERS EVENTS

1. Support in principle the Snowy Mountains Endurance Riders Events for 2025 subject to all relevant documentation being supplied more than 3 months in advance.

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2. That individual Event Applications be presented to the Local Traffic Committee for their approval. These applications should include updated/correct Traffic Guidance Scheme. Applications would be required to be submitted to the Committee 3 months (90 days) prior to a Committee Meeting. Each Application would be considered on their own Merit.

ITEM 8.5 SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION - INWARD BOUND - 11-12 OCTOBER 2024

Note the Special Event Application for Inward Bound Event, held on the 11-12 October, 2024, subject to Council's standard conditions.

ITEM 8.6 SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION - TUMBARUMBA CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL - 13 DECEMBER 2024

Support in principle the Special Event Application for the Tumbarumba Christmas Carnival Event, to be held on Friday 13 December 2024, subject to the Organising Committee providing a copy of the Public Liability Insurance Certificate of Currency, listing Snowy Valleys Council, TfNSW, NSW Police, NSW Fire & Rescue and NSW Ambulance as interested parties. An Application for a Road Occupancy Licence would also need to be submitted.

ITEM 8.7 SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION - TUMUT CYCLE CLASSIC - 5 JANUARY 2025

Support the Special Event Application for the Tumut Cycle Classic Event, to be held on 5 January 2025, subject to Council's standard conditions.

ITEM 8.8 SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION - TUMBAFEST - 22-23 FEBRUARY 2025

Support the Special Event Application for the Tumbafest Event, 22-23 February 2025, subject to Council's standard conditions.

Cr Thomson/Cr Hardwick

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cr Sheldon returned to the meeting at 4.53pm.

12.4. MINUTES - TUMUT AERODROME COMMITTEE - 10 SEPTEMBER 2024**M225/24 RESOLVED:**

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Note the Minutes of the Tumut Aerodrome Committee held on 10 September 2024.

Cr Larter/Cr Sheldon

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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13. CONFIDENTIAL

MOTION:

THAT COUNCIL discuss the report 13.1 Confidential - Riverglade Caravan Park Tumut - Lease Agreement - Lot 2 Dp868871 - Reflections Holiday Parks in open Council, with Commercial in Confidence aspects discussed in Confidential session.

Cr Thomson/Cr Packard

Lapsed

M226/24 RESOLVED:

That Council move into Confidential to consider the matters listed in the confidential section of the agenda in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993* for the reasons specified:

13.1 CONFIDENTIAL - RIVERGLADE CARAVAN PARK TUMUT - LEASE AGREEMENT - LOT 2 DP868871 - REFLECTIONS HOLIDAY PARKS

Item 13.1 is confidential under the Local Government Act 1993 Section 10A(2)(d)(ii) as it relates to commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council and Council considers that discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.

Cr Thomson/Cr Sheldon

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

At this stage, the time being 4.56pm the meeting went into Confidential Session.

M227/24 RESOLVED to move back into Open Session.

Cr Thomson/Cr Sheldon

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting was re-opened to the public at 5.49pm.

The Mayor advised that during the closed session, Council made the following resolution (M228/24):

13.1. CONFIDENTIAL - RIVERGLADE CARAVAN PARK TUMUT - LEASE AGREEMENT - LOT 2 DP868871 - REFLECTIONS HOLIDAY PARKS

MOTION:

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Enter into a lease arrangement with Reflections Holiday Parks for Lot 2 - DP868871 – 1.529 Ha of land which Council owns in freehold to enable the Tumut Caravan Park to continue to operate as a Caravan Park in its current form on a 5 x 5 x 5 x 5 (20) year lease arrangement;
2. Enter into the new lease arrangement for Lot 2 - DP868871 which Council owns in Freehold on the lease payment terms and lease conditions outlined in the attached Heads of Agreement and Draft Lease which includes an upfront lease establishment payment to Council of \$25,000 followed by a first year rental payment of \$122,500 per annum which will then incorporate a 2% annual market increase plus a CPI increase applied at the anniversary of the executed lease agreement each year (Annual rental increase), for the life of the lease;
3. Note the other capital improvements to the Caravan Park site that Reflections Holiday Parks have committed to undertake in the first 24 months of the new lease and which are incorporated as lessee obligations to be fulfilled under the draft Lease agreement.
4. Authorise the Interim General Manager or delegate to enter into direct negotiation and finalise the draft Lease with Reflections Holiday Parks;
5. Authorise the Interim General Manager at the end of successful negotiations to enter into a new lease arrangement with Reflections Holiday Parks for the Council owned property Lot 2 - DP868871 – 1.529 Ha of land at the Riverglade Caravan Park;
6. Authorise the Interim General Manager and Mayor to affix the Council Seal and execute all associated documentation to the lease agreement;
7. Upon execution of the lease, advertise information relating to the lease / leases in accordance with the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009* - Part 3 Division 5 - Government Contracts with Private Sector; and
8. Treat matters of Commercial in Confidence in the Confidential Report specified in Sections 10A(2)(d)(ii) as confidential and remain confidential until Council determines otherwise.
9. Submit a GIPA to the Minister for Crown Land and Small Business and other NSW elected and government officials for all the representations from 1 November 2023 to 31 August 2024 as identified by Greg Sullivan in his letter of 18 July 2024.

Cr Hayes/Cr Larter

Points 1 - 8 withdrawn and Point 9 retained.

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M228/24 RESOLVED:

1. Submit a GIPA to the Minister for Crown Land and Small Business and other NSW elected and government officials for all the representations from 1 November 2023 to 31 August 2024 as identified by the Executive Director Land and Asset Management, Crown Lands, in his letter of 18 July 2024.
2. Defer the report until Reflections Holiday Parks addresses the new Council in relation to the proposed lease of Council's land at Riverglade Caravan Park.

Cr Hayes/Cr Larter

For: Cr Hardwick, Cr Hayes, Cr Inglis, Cr Larter, Cr Sheldon, Cr Thomson, Cr Wortes**Against:** Cr Ham, Cr Packard**7 / 2****CARRIED***Cr Hayes left the meeting at 5.08pm and returned at 5.09pm.**Cr Larter left the meeting at 5.33pm and returned at 5.34pm.**The Interim General Manager left the meeting at 5.48pm.***14. MEETING CLOSURE**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 5.52pm.

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5.3. MINUTES - EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL - 31 OCTOBER 2024

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 31 October 2024 be received and confirmed as an accurate record.

Attachment 1 - 20241031 - DRAFT Minutes - Extraordinary Council



EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

MINUTES

Thursday, 31 October 2024

THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 2:01 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS 76 CAPPER STREET TUMUT AND VIA
VIDEO LINK

Mayor

Interim General Manager



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PRESENT: Mayor Julia Ham, Cr Grant Hardwick, Cr James Hayes, Cr John Larter, Cr Hugh Packard, Cr David Sheldon, Cr Trina Thomson, Cr Andrew Wortes

IN ATTENDANCE: Interim General Manager Steven Pinnuck, Director Community & Corporate Jessica Quilty, Executive Manager Growth & Development Nick Wilton, Chief Financial Officer Manna Doshii

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

An acknowledgement of the traditional custodians of the land was delivered by Mayor, Cr Julia Ham.

2. APOLOGIES, LEAVE OF ABSENCE AND REMOTE ATTENDANCE

A Leave of Absence for today's meeting has been received from Cr Inglis.

M229/24 RESOLVED that the Leave of Absence from Cr Inglis for today's meeting be received and granted.

Cr Sheldon/Cr Larter

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Nil.

4. GOVERNANCE AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

4.1. PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

MOTION:

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Adopt the Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2024;
2. In accordance with Section 413(2)(c) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, authorize the Mayor, one other Councilor, the Interim General Manager and the Responsible Accounting Officer to sign the "Statement by Councillors and Management" for the General and Special Purpose Financial Statements and lodge them with the Office of Local Government by 31 October 2024;
3. Note that the Annual Financial Statements will be placed on Council's website for public comment;
4. Invite the Audit Office of NSW to attend the Council meeting of 21 November 2024 to present the Auditor's Report;

Cr Packard/Cr Thomson

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M230/24 RESOLVED to move into Committee of the Whole.

Cr Thomson/Cr Hayes

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cr Hardwick left the meeting at 2.23pm.

M231/24 RESOLVED to move out of Committee of the Whole.

Cr Thomson/Cr Wortes

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

M232/24 RESOLVED:

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Adopt the Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2024;
2. In accordance with Section 413(2)(c) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, authorize the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, the Interim General Manager and the Responsible Accounting Officer to sign the "Statement by Councillors and Management" for the General and Special Purpose Financial Statements and lodge them with the Office of Local Government by 31 October 2024;
3. Note that the Annual Financial Statements will be placed on Council's website for public comment;
4. Invite the Audit Office of NSW to attend the Council meeting of 21 November 2024 to present the Auditor's Report;

Cr Packard/Cr Thomson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13. MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2.32pm.

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Mayor

Interim General Manager

5.4. MINUTES - EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL - 7 NOVEMBER 2024

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 7 November 2024 be received and confirmed as an accurate record.

**Attachment 1 - Internal Minutes for Snowy Valleys Council Extraordinary Meeting 2-00 PM -
Thursday, 7 November 2024**



EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

MINUTES

Thursday, 07 November 2024

THE MEETING WAS HELD AT 2:00 PM
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS 76 CAPPER STREET TUMUT AND
VIA VIDEO LINK

Mayor

Interim General Manager



Thursday, 07 November 2024

In the Council Chambers 76 Capper Street Tumut and Via Video Link

2:00 PM

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PRESENT: Mayor Julia Ham, Cr Grant Hardwick, Cr James Hayes, Cr Michael Inglis, Cr John Larter, Cr Hugh Packard, Cr David Sheldon, Cr Trina Thomson, Cr Andrew Wortes

IN ATTENDANCE: Interim General Manager Steven Pinnuck, Director Community & Corporate Jessica Quilty, Director Infrastructure & Works Duncan Mitchell, Executive Manager Growth & Development Nick Wilton, Chief Financial Officer Manna Doshii

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

An acknowledgement of the traditional custodians of the land was delivered by Cr Julia Ham.

2. APOLOGIES, LEAVE OF ABSENCE AND REMOTE ATTENDANCE

Nil.

3. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Nil.

4. CONFIDENTIAL

4.1. CONFIDENTIAL - RIVERGLADE CARAVAN PARK TUMUT - LEASE AGREEMENT - LOT 2 DP868871 - REFLECTIONS HOLIDAY PARK

M233/24 RESOLVED:

THAT COUNCIL move into Confidential to consider the matters listed in the confidential section of the agenda in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993* for the reasons specified:

13.1 CONFIDENTIAL - RIVERGLADE CARAVAN PARK TUMUT - LEASE AGREEMENT - LOT 2 DP868871 - REFLECTIONS HOLIDAY PARKS

Item 13.1 is confidential under the Local Government Act 1993 Section 10A(2)(d)(ii) as it relates to commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council and Council considers that discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.

Cr Sheldon/Cr Packard

For: Cr Ham, Cr Hardwick, Cr Hayes, Cr Larter, Cr Packard, Cr Sheldon, Cr Thomson, Cr Wortes

Against: Cr Inglis

CARRIED

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Snowy Valleys Council Extraordinary Meeting held in In the Council Chambers 76 Capper Street Tumut and Via Video Link on Thursday, 07 November 2024

Mayor

Interim General Manager

MOTION:**THAT COUNCIL:**

1. Negotiate with Reflections Holiday Park on a short-term lease i.e. end of the financial year 2024/25 while Councillors complete due diligence.
2. Enable the Mayor to call for an urgent meeting with relevant Ministers; Councillor Inglis to be in attendance.
3. Firstly attempt to reverse the decision and have the management of the Crown Land portion of the caravan park returned to Council;
4. If unsuccessful, negotiate a fair and equitable compensation package be paid to Council for the infrastructure on Crown Land.

Cr Sheldon/Cr Larter

M234/24 RESOLVED to move into Committee of the Whole.

Cr Thomson/Cr Hardwick

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

M235/24 RESOLVED to move out of Committee of the Whole.

Cr Hayes/Cr Larter

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

M236/24 RESOLVED:**THAT COUNCIL:**

1. Negotiate with Reflections Holiday Park on a short-term lease i.e. end of the financial year 2024/25 pro-rata on the current offer (\$122,500 pa) before Council, while Councillors complete due diligence.

For: Cr Hayes, Larter, Inglis, Sheldon, Hardwick

Against: Cr Packard, Thomson, Wortes, Ham

CARRIED

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M237/24 RESOLVED:**THAT COUNCIL:**

2. Enable the Mayor to call for an urgent meeting with relevant Ministers; Councillor Inglis to be in attendance.

Cr Sheldon/Cr Inglis

For: Cr Sheldon, Hardwick, Inglis, Larter, Hayes, Ham

Against: Cr Packard, Thomson, Wortes

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CARRIED

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Mayor

Interim General Manager

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M238/24 RESOLVED:**THAT COUNCIL:**

3. Seek to negotiate a fair and equitable compensation package to be paid to Council for the infrastructure on Crown Land.

Cr Packard/Cr Sheldon

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cr Hayes left the meeting at 2.45pm.

M239/24 RESOLVED:**THAT COUNCIL:**

1. Authorise the Interim General Manager or delegate to enter into direct negotiation and finalise the draft Lease with Reflections Holiday Parks to 30 June 2025;
2. Authorise the Interim General Manager at the end of successful negotiations to enter into a new lease arrangement with Reflections Holiday Parks for the Council owned property Lot 2 - DP868871 – 1.529 Ha of land at the Riverglade Caravan Park to 30 June 2025;
3. Authorise the Interim General Manager and Mayor to affix the Council Seal and execute all associated documentation to the lease agreement;
4. Upon execution of the lease, advertise information relating to the lease / leases in accordance with the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009* - Part 3 Division 5 - Government Contracts with Private Sector;
5. Treat matters in the Confidential Report specified in Sections 10A(2)(d)(ii) as confidential and remain confidential until Council determines otherwise and
6. Allocate a portion of funds received from any lease to specifically undertake a comprehensive survey of the area including the parcel of land adjacent to Lot 2 - DP8688-71 and a report be tabled.

Cr Thomson/Cr Packard

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**M240/24 RESOLVED** to move out of Confidential Session.

Cr Larter/Cr Sheldon

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

At the point the time being 2.53pm, Council moved into open session.

The Interim General Manager advised of the resolutions made during the Confidential Session.

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Mayor

Interim General Manager

M241/24 RESOLVED:

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Request the Interim General Manager prepare a report on the non-confidential aspects of report 'Riverglade Caravan Park Lease Agreement Lot 2 - DP868871- Reflections Holiday Park' for public release.

Cr Thomson/Cr Inglis

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. MEETING CLOSURE

At this point, there being no further business the meeting closed at 3.04pm.

6. CORRESPONDENCE/PETITIONS

6.1. PETITION OPPOSING THE PROPOSED LOCATION OF THE PROPOSED MULTIPURPOSE CENTRE AT RICHMOND PARK TUMUT

REPORT AUTHOR: MAJOR PROJECTS - PROJECT MANAGER

RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE & WORKS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This is a report in response to two (2) petitions received by Council on 9 October 2024 with the subject matter being opposition to the location of the proposed Snowy Valleys Emergency Evacuation Centre and Multipurpose Facility at Richmond Park, Tumut. The petitions are requesting a community meeting to allow residents an opportunity to forward their concerns regarding the selected location.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT COUNCIL:

1. **Receive the two petitions opposing the location of the proposed Snowy Valleys Emergency Evacuation Centre and Multipurpose Facility at Richmond Park, Tumut; and**
2. **Notify the chief petitioners of the upcoming opportunities for community participation in the project.**

BACKGROUND:

Tabled for Council are two (2) petitions received by Council on 9 October 2024. One petition was lodged by a local resident Grace Hooper containing twenty-eight (28) signatures on four (4) pages. The other petition was lodged by Braden Bond containing sixty (60) signatures on five (5) pages. Both petitions have the same subject matter and action requested details. The subject of the petition is "Opposing current proposed location of the Emergency Evacuation Centre/Multipurpose Centre at Richmond Park, Tumut". The action requested is "We, the undersigned, petition the Mayor and Councillors of Snowy Valleys Council to: Organise a community meeting to allow SVC residence an opportunity to forward their concerns regarding the current 'proposed' location at Richmond Park on the 15th of October 2024 or ASAP".

REPORT:

Both petitions are presented on the Council agenda as required under Councils' *Petitions Policy* adopted in November 2018 and updated on 17 July 2023. Also on the agenda is a separate report, *SNOWY VALLEYS EMERGENCY EVACUATION CENTRE AND MULTIPURPOSE FACILITY PROJECT GENERAL UPDATE*, which provides relevant background information in relation to the project, site selection, and decisions of Council at the Richmond Park site.

Council, at its workshop on 6 June 2024 and Ordinary Meeting on 20 June 2024, considered a comprehensive report on the site options regarding the project, considering the constraints and opportunities, and unanimously resolved:

11.2 TUMUT MULTI-PURPOSE CENTRE SITE OPTIONS ANALYSIS**M134/24 RESOLVED:****THAT COUNCIL:**

1. Cease the current "reject and negotiate" process for the Tumut Multi-Purpose Centre as resolved by Council at its 14 December 2023 meeting;
2. Consider the options analysis for the three (3) alternative site options for the Tumut Multi-Purpose Centre as outlined in this report;
3. Adopt the Richmond Street site opposite the Tumut Bowling Club (unused bowling greens) as the preferred site option for further feasibility and Geotech investigation;
4. Resolves to take over the land as Crown Lands manager which is known as Lot 1/81 DP759004, No. 312513 at the corner of Russel and Robertson Streets, Tumut that is currently leased by Crown Lands to the Tumut Bowling and Recreation Club Ltd.

Cr Ivill/Cr Larter

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Further, the site was selected as a preference at the Ordinary Meeting on 15 September 2022, and unanimously resolved:

11.4. TUMUT EVACUATION AND MULTI-PURPOSE CENTRE LOCATION**MOTION:****THAT COUNCIL:**

1. Approve the preference order of the below locations for commencement of site investigations and progression for the Tumut Evacuation and Multi-Purpose Centre:
 - a. First preference - Lockeridge Park
 - b. Second preference - Richmond Park;
2. Approve site investigation for Lockeridge Park in the first instance, followed by Richmond Park should Lockeridge Park be found unsuitable.

Cr Trina Thomson/Cr Brent Livermore

M267/22 RESOLVED to move into Committee of the Whole.

Cr Trina Thomson/Cr John Larter

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**M268/22 RESOLVED** to move out of Committee of the Whole.

Cr John Larter/Cr Mick Ivill

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**M269/22 RESOLVED:****THAT COUNCIL:**

1. Approve commencement of site investigations and progression for the Tumut Evacuation and Multi-Purpose Centre at Lockeridge Park or Richmond Park.

Cr Trina Thomson/Cr Brent Livermore

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council has been working hard to deliver this project which has included significant investment in site identification and design development over the past three years. Unfortunately, delays have occurred that were out of Council's control due to unforeseen geotechnical challenges, site constraints, and associated budget impacts uncovered at alternate sites considered by Council. Council resolved to adopt the Richmond Street site opposite the Tumut Bowling Club (unused bowling green) as the preferred site option.

The outcomes of this project will be:

1. A purpose-built evacuation centre and multipurpose facility to cater for multiple indoor sports, the size of two basketball courts to accommodate local, regional and state sporting competitions as well as a facility to host conferences, local school and community events.
2. Local employment outcomes, including apprenticeships and indigenous employment opportunities, through the building and construction of the facility.
3. Local employment outcomes, through the ongoing management of the facility.

4. An increase in community wellbeing and cohesion through the provision of an indoor sporting facility equipped with a large stadium, changerooms, amenities and spectator seats with disability access, where sport can be played and watched 12 months of the year, in any climate.
5. Natural disaster readiness for the community, where many people can shelter in the facility and access emergency services.

Council communicated widely with local residents and stakeholders on the project and the selection of this site.

It should be noted that three (3) specific and direct letterbox drop notifications have been sent to neighbouring properties indicating Council's intention at Richmond Park. Copies of the letters sent to residents are attached to this report (attachments 1, 2 and 3).

Comprehensive details of past and planned communication activities are detailed in a project specific Communications and Engagement Plan which has been established for the proposed Snowy Valleys Emergency Evacuation Centre and Multipurpose Facility Project at Richmond Park (This plan is attached to the *SNOWY VALLEYS EMERGENCY EVACUATION CENTRE AND MULTIPURPOSE FACILITY PROJECT GENERAL UPDATE* report, in this Business Paper of 21 November 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting). It is essential that effective stakeholder consultation is undertaken to ensure that all viewpoints and opinions are identified, recorded, and addressed in a structured manner. This is a requirement which is included in the request for tender (RFT) for the design of the facility (note that The *CONFIDENTIAL RFT 2024/11 DESIGN OF THE SNOWY VALLEYS EMERGENCY EVACUATION CENTRE AND MULTIPURPOSE FACILITY - TENDER REPORT* for this project will also be considered in this Business Paper of 21 November 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting).

Council will assist in facilitating Community forums and or workshops, with the specialist design services consultant in relation to preparing presentation material for the proposed site. Some of the early project consultation activities planned include a face-to-face community drop-in session to be held at Richmond Park where community members and local residents can meet with a representative of the specialist design services team prior to the development of the design, and an on-line survey through Council's "Have your Say" portal.

A copy of the petition will be made available to Councillors at the meeting.

LINK TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN AND DELIVERY AND OPERATIONAL PLAN:

Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework:

Community Strategic Plan Theme

Theme 1 - Our Community

Theme 4 - Our Infrastructure

Theme 5 - Our Civic Leadership

Community Strategic Plan Strategic Objectives

CSP1 Our communities are connected and inclusive. Supported by services that nurture health, wellbeing and identity

CSP4 Our infrastructure includes Council services that plan, manage, maintain and renew our community infrastructure and transport networks

CSP5 Our Civic leadership and organisation government fosters open and transparent partnership with our community

Delivery Program Principal Activities

1.2 Provide and maintain community spaces that encourage activity and wellbeing

1.4 Plan, manage and support the response and recovery of communities from natural disasters and economic shocks

4.4 Plan and deliver a capital works program to responsibly manage and maintain community infrastructure

5.1 Communicate with our community and provide opportunities for participation in decision making

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

POLICY, LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS:

Clause 4.3 of the *Petitions Policy* - SVC-COR-PO-042-03 states the following:

All Petitions received must be forwarded to the Information Management Officer, who will ensure the Petition is registered in Council's record management system and task assigned to the relevant Director.

The relevant Director will arrange for the Petition to be included in the Council agenda of the next meeting of Council.

For privacy reasons, only the substance of the petition and the number of signatories will appear in the Council business paper; the full petition will be available for viewing by Councillors only at the meeting.

RISK MANAGEMENT / COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS:

Nil.

OPTIONS:

1. Adopt as per recommendations set out in this report - preferred option.
2. Amend the recommendations as referred to in this report.
3. Decline the recommendations set out in this report.

COUNCIL SEAL REQUIRED:

No.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION:

As detailed in the "Snowy Valleys Emergency Evacuation Centre and Multipurpose Facility at Richmond Park - Communications and Engagement Plan" and "Snowy Valleys Emergency Evacuation Centre and Multipurpose Facility at Richmond Park - Communications Action Plan".

ATTACHMENTS

1. Letter sent to residents on 31/08/2022 (Under separate cover)
2. Letter sent to residents on 27/06/2024 (Under separate cover)
3. Letter sent to residents on 23/09/2024 (Under separate cover)

7. MAYORAL MINUTE

This report is confidential under the *Local Government Act 1993* Section 10A (2)(a) as it relates to personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors) and Council considers that discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest and will be addressed at the end of the meeting.

8. NOTICE OF MOTION/NOTICE OF RESCISSION**8.1. NOTICE OF RESCISSION - MURRAY REGION FIRE PROTECTION GRANT - CRS HAM, PACKARD, SHELDON****COUNCILLORS:** Julia Ham, Hugh Packard and David Sheldon**NOTICE OF RESCISSION:**

Pursuant to Notice, Councillors Julia Ham, Hugh Packard and David Sheldon move that Council rescinds Resolution M213/24 relating to the 17 October 2024 Report 11.2 Murray Region Fire Protection Grant. A copy of the resolution is shown below:

M213/24 RESOLVED

THAT COUNCIL:

2. Not support the Tumut Aerodrome hangar application and seek Softwoods Working Group endorsement of Council's application to facilitate the acquisition of land for the future extension of the runway.

Cr Larter/Cr Packard

For: Cr Ham, Cr Hayes, Cr Hardwick, Cr Inglis, Cr Larter, Cr Packard, Cr Wortes**Against:** Cr Thomson, Cr Sheldon

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CARRIED

Subject to the above being adopted the following Notice of Motion is proposed:

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive a further report on the funding opportunities under the Murray Region Fire Grant Program.

RECOMMENDATION:**THAT COUNCIL:**

1. Rescind resolution number M213/24 that being:

M213/24 RESOLVED

THAT COUNCIL:

2. Not support the Tumut Aerodrome hangar application and seek Softwoods Working Group endorsement of Council's application to facilitate the acquisition of land for the future extension of the runway.

Cr Larter/Cr Packard

For: Cr Ham, Cr Hayes, Cr Hardwick, Cr Inglis, Cr Larter, Cr Packard, Cr Wortes**Against:** Cr Thomson, Cr Sheldon

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CARRIED

Subject to the above being adopted the following Notice of Motion is proposed:

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive a further report on the funding opportunities under the Murray Region Fire Grant Program.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Notice of Rescission - M213/24 - Crs Ham, Packard, Sheldon.

Attachment 1 - 20241121 Notice of Rescission - Murray Region Fire Protection Grant - Crs Ham - Packard – Sheldon**NOTICE OF RESCISSION**

As provided by Section 372 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, we, the undersigned, hereby give notice to rescind the following:-

Resolution No:	M213/24	Resolution Meeting Date: 17 October 2024
Report Title:	11.2. MURRAY REGION FIRE PROTECTION GRANT	
Date of Ordinary Meeting:	21 November 2024	

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Rescind resolution number M213/24 or part thereof, that being:

M213/24 RESOLVED**THAT COUNCIL:**

2. Not support the Tumut Aerodrome hangar application and seek Softwoods Working Group endorsement of Council's application to facilitate the acquisition of land for the future extension of the runway.

Cr Larter/Cr Packard

For: Cr Ham, Cr Hayes, Cr Hardwick, Cr Inglis, Cr Larter, Cr Packard, Cr Wortes

Against: Cr Thomson, Cr Sheldon

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CARRIED

2. That the following Notice of Motion be considered:

THAT COUNCIL receive a further report on funding opportunities under the Murray Region Fire Protection grant.

Signed

Clr

Clr

Clr

Date:

Julia Ham
Hugh Packard
CLR DAVID SHELTON
7.11.2024

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Approved: 01/12/2021
Reviewed: 30/08/2024

8.2. NOTICE OF RESCISSION - SECTION 7.11 DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS UPDATE AND DRAFT SECTION 7.12 DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS PLAN 2024 - CRS SHELDON, HAYES, LARTER

COUNCILLORS: David Sheldon, James Hayes and John Larter

NOTICE OF RESCISSION:

Pursuant to Notice, Councillors David Sheldon, James Hayes and John Larter move that Council rescinds parts 2, 3 and 4 of Resolution M221/24 relating to the 17 October 2024 Report 11.7 Section 7.11 Development Contributions Update and Draft Section 7.12 Development Contributions Plan 2024. A copy of the resolution parts 2,3 and 4 is shown below:

2. Note that the current Section 7.11 Development Contribution Plans (Open Space) and (Roads), and Development Contributions - management, remain in force until the date of final adoption of the section 7.12 Development Contributions Plans at which date the plans will be repealed in accordance with clause 215 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021*; and
3. Allocate the following restricted funds from the Developer Contributions (General) to the following projects:
 - a. \$30,000 to the General Fund as a reimbursement for the Batlow Pool Accessibility Upgrades;
 - b. \$150,000 to the Bottlebrush Drive Tumut Recreational Space embellishment works and park upgrades and accessibility;
 - c. \$150,000 to the Rotary Pioneer Park, Tumut Recreational Space - Shade Infrastructure;
 - d. \$60,000 to the Tumut Riverwalk accessibility and directional signage in accordance with the Tracks and Trails Master Plan outcomes;
 - e. \$25,000 to the Tumut Town Centre Traffic Study 2023 Recommendations (Road and Pedestrian Safety);
 - f. \$7,500 to General Fund for Plan Administration of the section 7.12 Contributions Plan;
 - g. \$142,541 shall be allocated to the general fund for road projects identified under the Roads Contributions Plans; and
 - h. \$8,804.33 be transferred from the Section 7.11 Development Contributions Reserve to a Section 7.12 Development Contributions Reserve for allocation to projects identified in the plan.
4. Note that the designs for the capital works items listed in this report are brought back to council for design approval before being implemented.

Cr Thomson/Cr Packard

For: Cr Ham, Cr Hardwick, Cr Inglis, Cr Larter, Cr Packard, Cr Thomson

Against: Cr Hayes, Cr Sheldon, Cr Wortes

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CARRIED

Subject to the above being adopted the following Notice of Motion is proposed:

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive a further report to the February 2025 meeting to enable the allocation of section 7.11 Developer Contributions (Open Space) and (Roads) and Developer Contributions - Management to be subject to further consideration.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Rescind Resolution M221/24 parts 2, 3 and 4 only:

2. Note that the current Section 7.11 Development Contribution Plans (Open Space) and (Roads), and Development Contributions - management, remain in force until the date of final adoption of the section 7.12 Development Contributions Plans at which date the plans will be repealed in accordance with clause 215 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021*; and
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 - c. \$150,000 to the Rotary Pioneer Park, Tumut Recreational Space - Shade Infrastructure;
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 - e. \$25,000 to the Tumut Town Centre Traffic Study 2023 Recommendations (Road and Pedestrian Safety);
 - f. \$7,500 to General Fund for Plan Administration of the section 7.12 Contributions Plan;
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Cr Thomson/Cr Packard

For: Cr Ham, Cr Hardwick, Cr Inglis, Cr Larter, Cr Packard, Cr Thomson

Against: Cr Hayes, Cr Sheldon, Cr Wortes

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CARRIED

Subject to the above being adopted the following Notice of Motion is proposed:

THAT COUNCIL:

1. **Receive a further report to the February 2025 meeting to enable the allocation of section 7.11 Developer Contributions (Open Space) and (Roads) and Developer Contributions - Management to be subject to further consideration.**

ATTACHMENTS

1. Notice of Rescission - M221/24 - Crs Sheldon, Hayes, Larter

Attachment 1 - 20241121 Signed Notice of Rescission M221-24 - Cr Sheldon - Cr Hayes - Cr Larter

NOTICE OF RESCISSION

As provided by Section 372 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, we, the undersigned, hereby give notice to rescind the following:-

Resolution No:	M221/24	Resolution Meeting Date: 17 October 2024
Report Title:	11.7. SECTION 7.11 DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS UPDATE AND DRAFT SECTION 7.12 DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS PLAN 2024	
Date of Ordinary Meeting:	21 November 2024	

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Rescind resolution number M221/24 parts 2, 3 & 4, that being:

2. Note that the current Section 7.11 Development Contribution Plans (Open Space) and (Roads), and Development Contributions - management, remain in force until the date of final adoption of the section 7.12 Development Contributions Plans at which date the plans will be repealed in accordance with clause 215 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021*; and
3. Allocate the following restricted funds from the Developer Contributions (General) to the following projects:
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4. Note that the designs for the capital works items listed in this report are brought back to council for design approval before being implemented.

Cr Thomson/Cr Packard

For: Cr Ham, Cr Hardwick, Cr Inglis, Cr Larter, Cr Packard, Cr Thomson

Against: Cr Hayes, Cr Sheldon, Cr Wortes

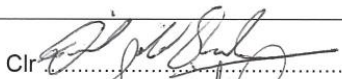
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2. That the following Notice of Motion be considered:

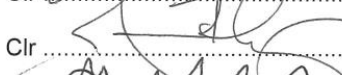
- That a further report be submitted to the February 2025 meeting to enable the allocation of section 7.11 Developer Contributions (Open Space) and (Roads) and Developer Contributions – Management to be subject to further consideration.

Signed

Clr

 CR SHELDON

Clr

 CR HAYES

Clr

 CR LARTER

Date:

 05/11/2024

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Approved: 01/12/2021
Reviewed: 30/08/2024

8.3. NOTICE OF RESCISSION - SALE OF COUNCIL FREEHOLD REQUEST LAND LOT 1 DP1163661 TUMUT - CRS INGLIS, SHELDON AND HAYES

COUNCILLORS: Michael Inglis, David Sheldon and James Hayes

NOTICE OF RESCISSION:

Pursuant to Notice, Councillors Michael Inglis, David Sheldon and James Hayes move that Council rescinds the 17 October 2024 Resolution M209/24 relating to 11.1 Sale of Council Freehold Request Land Lot 1 DP1163661 Tumut. A copy of the resolution is shown below:

M209/24 RESOLVED:

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Authorise the sale of Council freehold land at Lot 1 DP 1163661 on Capper Street in Tumut through the process of a Public Expression of Interest and / or a public auction / private treaty process if no suitable Expressions of Interest are received;
2. Approve the addition of an easement for access to Council's Stormwater and Sewer Services as well as power lines located at the rear of the site - Lot 1 DP 1163661 at Capper Street - Tumut;
3. Acknowledge that the creation of the easement over Lot 1 DP 1163661 will only be undertaken subject to acceptance of the terms of sale being met including:
 - a. Council accepting a suitable offer for the sale of the land;
 - b. The sale price of the land is to be determined by an independent valuation based on the future land use zoning and not the current zoning of the land as well as the future permissible use of the land under Council's current Local Environmental Plan and Development Control Plan;
 - c. Compliance with the legislative framework for the sale of land contained within the 'Real Property Act 1900,' and the current NSW Registrar Generals - Land Registry Services Guidelines; and
 - d. The area of land (m2) to be sold and the required easement is to be confirmed in a land survey prepared by a registered land surveyor.
4. All adjoining property owners will be notified of the Public Expression of Interest process that Council is undertaking; and
5. A Report will be brought back to Council on the outcome of the Public Expression of Interest.

Cr Hayes/Cr Packard

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Subject to the above being adopted the following Notice of Motion is proposed:

THAT COUNCIL:

- 1. Rezone the land before being offered for sale;**
- 2. Obtain an appraisal as to the value of the land from a local real estate agent, rather than a formal valuation;**
- 3. Only offer the land by way of public auction;**
- 4. Receive a further report for potential futures uses of the site.**

General Manager's Comment:

The proposal to rezone the land prior to sale will have a cost impact on Council of approximately \$20K with no certainty that a sale will be obtained, hence the recommendation for this cost to be borne by the developer. It is strongly recommended that an independent valuation be obtained in order for a variety of potential uses to be assessed. Management is not opposed to sale by public auction but other options such as sale by expressions of interest should also be available.

RECOMMENDATION:**THAT COUNCIL:****1. Rescind Resolution M209/24:****M209/24 RESOLVED:****THAT COUNCIL:**

1. Authorise the sale of Council freehold land at Lot 1 DP 1163661 on Capper Street in Tumut through the process of a Public Expression of Interest and / or a public auction / private treaty process if no suitable Expressions of Interest are received;
2. Approve the addition of an easement for access to Council's Stormwater and Sewer Services as well as power lines located at the rear of the site - Lot 1 DP 1163661 at Capper Street - Tumut;
3. Acknowledge that the creation of the easement over Lot 1 DP 1163661 will only be undertaken subject to acceptance of the terms of sale being met including:
 - a. Council accepting a suitable offer for the sale of the land;
 - b. The sale price of the land is to be determined by an independent valuation based on the future land use zoning and not the current zoning of the land as well as the future permissible use of the land under Council's current Local Environmental Plan and Development Control Plan;
 - c. Compliance with the legislative framework for the sale of land contained within the 'Real Property Act 1900,' and the current NSW Registrar Generals - Land Registry Services Guidelines; and
 - d. The area of land (m2) to be sold and the required easement is to be confirmed in a land survey prepared by a registered land surveyor.
4. All adjoining property owners will be notified of the Public Expression of Interest process that Council is undertaking; and
5. A Report will be brought back to Council on the outcome of the Public Expression of Interest.

Cr Hayes/Cr Packard

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**Subject to the above being adopted:****THAT COUNCIL:**

- 1. Rezone the land before being offered for sale;**
- 2. Obtain an appraisal as to the value of the land from a local real estate agent, rather than a formal valuation;**
- 3. Only offer the land by way of public auction;**
- 4. Receive a further report for potential futures uses of the site.**

ATTACHMENTS

1. Notice of Rescission - M209/24 - Cr Inglis, Cr Sheldon, Cr Hayes

Attachment 1 - 20241121 Notice of Rescission - NOM - Cr Inglis

NOTICE OF RESCISSION

As provided by Section 372 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, we, the undersigned, hereby give notice to rescind the following:-

Resolution No:	M209/24	Resolution Meeting Date: 17 October 2024
Report Title:	11.1. SALE OF COUNCIL FREEHOLD REQUEST LAND LOT 1 DP1163661 TUMUT	
Date of Ordinary Meeting:	21 November 2024	

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Rescind resolution number M209/24, that being:

M209/24 RESOLVED:

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Authorise the sale of Council freehold land at Lot 1 DP 1163661 on Capper Street in Tumut through the process of a Public Expression of Interest and / or a public auction / private treaty process if no suitable Expressions of Interest are received;
2. Approve the addition of an easement for access to Council's Stormwater and Sewer Services as well as power lines located at the rear of the site - Lot 1 DP 1163661 at Capper Street - Tumut;
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 - a. Council accepting a suitable offer for the sale of the land;
 - b. The sale price of the land is to be determined by an independent valuation based on the future land use zoning and not the current zoning of the land as well as the future permissible use of the land under Council's current Local Environmental Plan and Development Control Plan;
 - c. Compliance with the legislative framework for the sale of land contained within the "Real Property Act 1900," and the current NSW Registrar Generals - Land Registry Services Guidelines; and
 - d. The area of land (m2) to be sold and the required easement is to be confirmed in a land survey prepared by a registered land surveyor.
4. All adjoining property owners will be notified of the Public Expression of Interest process that Council is undertaking; and
5. A Report will be brought back to Council on the outcome of the Public Expression of Interest.

Cr Hayes/Cr Packard

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Director Community and Corporate returned to the meeting at 3:41pm.

Notice of Motion

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Rezone the land before being offered for sale;
2. Obtain an appraisal as to the value of the land from a local real estate agent, rather than a formal valuation;
3. Only offer the land by way of public auction;
4. Receive a further report for potential future uses of the site.

Signed

Clr

Michael Inglis CLR MICHAEL INGLIS

Clr

David Sheldon CLR DAVID SHELTON

Clr

James Hayes CLR JAMES HAYES

Date:

7/11/2024

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Approved: 01/12/2021
Reviewed: 30/08/2024

8.4. NOTICE OF MOTION - NEW ADVOCACY PLAN - CR JAMES HAYES

COUNCILLOR: James Hayes

SUMMARY:

Pursuant to Notice, Councillor James Hayes has submitted the following Motion:

NOTICE OF MOTION:

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Urgently engage with peak community bodies to develop a new advocacy plan for Snowy Valleys Council.

RESOURCING IMPLICATIONS:

GENERAL MANAGER ADVICE:

It should be noted that Council is receiving a presentation on Community Strategic Plan on 5 December which will also inform a review of Council's current Advocacy Plan.

Also it would be appropriate to clarify which organisations are considered 'peak community bodies' and Councillor's expectations of how the engagement would be undertaken i.e. An evening Workshop with peak community bodies, Councillors and Senior Staff.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Notice of Motion - Cr Hayes

Attachment 1 - 20241121 Signed NOM - Advocacy - Cr Hayes



NOTICE OF MOTION

Under Clause 3.10 of Councils Code of Meeting Practice, I give notice that the following motion be placed on the Council Agenda for the Ordinary Meeting of Council, to be held on:

Day and Date of Ordinary Meeting	21/11/2024
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SUBJECT:	Advocacy
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Motion -	That Council urgently engage with peak community bodies to develop a new advocacy plan for Snowy Valleys Council.
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General Manager's Comment [Delete if not required]

Councillor Name: James Hayes
Signature: [Signature]
Date: 31/10/2024
Councillor Name: JOHN HARTEN
Signature: [Signature]
Date: 31/10/2024

8.5. NOTICE OF MOTION - POTABLE WATER TO AIRPORT PRECINCT - CR JAMES HAYES

COUNCILLOR: James Hayes

SUMMARY:

Pursuant to Notice, Councillor James Hayes has submitted the following Motion:

NOTICE OF MOTION:

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Investigate the options of supplying potable water to the airport precinct and beyond including investigating funding sources.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Notice of Motion - Potable water to airport precinct.

Attachment 1 - 20241121 Signed NOM - Potable water to airport precinct - Cr Hayes

**NOTICE OF MOTION**

Under Clause 3.10 of Councils Code of Meeting Practice, I give notice that the following motion be placed on the Council Agenda for the Ordinary Meeting of Council, to be held on:

Day and Date of
Ordinary Meeting

Extraordinary meeting 21st Nov.
21st October 2024

SUBJECT:

Potable water to airport precinct

Motion -

That council investigate the options of supplying potable water to the airport precinct and beyond including investigating funding sources.

General Manager's Comment [Delete if not required]

Councillor Name:

James Hayes

Signature

Date:

22/10/2024

Councillor Name:

Signature

Date:

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Approved: 01/12/2021

9. URGENT BUSINESS WITHOUT NOTICE

10. GOVERNANCE AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

10.1. COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS ACTION REPORT

REPORT AUTHOR: EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT - GENERAL MANAGER

RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: INTERIM GENERAL MANAGER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update on any active resolutions as at October 2024.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT COUNCIL:

- 1. Note the report on the Council resolutions actions.**

BACKGROUND:

The General Manager is responsible for ensuring that Council's policies, decisions and priorities are implemented in a timely and efficient manner, consistent with the goals and objectives of Council. After a Council meeting, each resolution is allocated to the responsible officer to action in accordance with the intent of the Council decision.

REPORT:

It is proposed that each month, a report will be presented to Council on the status of any active resolutions. The attached report has been updated to include resolutions up until October 2024 and includes any actions from twelve (12) months prior. Resolutions resulting from Council meetings are tracked and distributed via Council's TechOne system. A new system module for this was implemented 12 months ago.

LINK TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN AND DELIVERY AND OPERATIONAL PLAN:

Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework:

Community Strategic Plan Theme

Theme 5 - Our Civic Leadership

Community Strategic Plan Strategic Objectives

CSP5 Our Civic leadership and organisation government fosters open and transparent partnership with our community

Delivery Program Principal Activities

5.4 Maintain and deliver a governance framework that guides good decision making, accountability and legislative compliance

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS:

Any associated budget and allocated resources have been considered when the matter was first reported to Council.

POLICY, LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS:

Section 335 of the *Local Government Act 1993* states that the General Manager must implement, without undue delay, lawful decisions of the council.

RISK MANAGEMENT / COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS:

Nil.

OPTIONS:

1. Adopt as per recommendations set out in this report - preferred option.
2. Amend the recommendations set out in this report.
3. Decline the recommendations set out in this report.

COUNCIL SEAL REQUIRED:

No.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

1. Council Resolutions Action Report as at October 2024 (Under separate cover)

10.2. DE-AMALGAMATION UPDATE

REPORT AUTHOR: INTERIM GENERAL MANAGER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

At the 15 February 2024 meeting, it was resolved to provide regular updates to Council in relation to the progress of ascertaining the feasibility of de-amalgamating Snowy Valleys Council (SVC) into the two former Council areas being Tumut and Tumbarumba.

This report serves to provide Councillors with an update.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT COUNCIL:

1. **Note the report on the De-amalgamation Update;**
2. **Endorse the Snowy Valleys Council Financial Sustainability Plan; and**
3. **'In-Principal' support the implementation of Scenario 4 which includes the implementation of a Special Rating Variation of 32.4% (in addition to rate pegging) over 7 years.**

BACKGROUND:

Since the February 2024 Council meeting, monthly reports have been submitted to provide an update on the progress of the de-amalgamation, and any associated issues to be addressed by Council.

In this update, the following matters will be addressed:

1. Status of the preparation of the De-amalgamation Implementation Plan (DIP) and Financial Sustainability Plan (FSP) for SVC and
2. Progress of the preparation of FSP's for the proposed two new Councils, being Tumut and Tumbarumba Councils.

REPORT:

Snowy Valleys Council Financial Sustainability Plan

Peter Tegart, Always Thinking Advisory, has been appointed to assist Council in the preparation of the DIP and FSP and all required and available data has been provided.

The development of a FSP for Snowy Valleys Council has been completed and is included as an attachment to this report.

A workshop was held with Councillors on 24 October 2024 for new and returning Councillors to outline the assumptions incorporated into the FSP which lead to the development of three scenarios.

Depending on which scenario is ultimately selected the implementation of the FSP will increase Council's capacity to maintain and renew critical infrastructure maintenance such as roads, bridges, buildings, utilities etc. and also provide key services and facilities including parks and gardens, libraries and swimming pools.

Should a de-amalgamation not be approved, all three scenarios will require a high level of discipline from both the Elected Council and Management to ensure their full implementation. Note that Scenario 1 is the Base Case (or 'Do Nothing' option) which is not included in Table 1 below.

It is proposed that the selected scenarios would be implemented over seven years, commencing 1 July 2026 and the key aspects of each scenario are detailed in Table 1 below.

Initiative	Scenario 2	Scenario 3	Scenario 4
Special Rating Variation	One-off SRV of 19% in Year 1 and One -off increase of 35% in Year 4. <i>Cumulative Impact over 7 years 47.6%</i>	Term 1 – 10% <u>pa</u> for 3 yrs Term 2 – 7% <u>pa</u> for 4 yrs <i>Cumulative Impact over 7 years 52.9%</i>	Term 1 – 3.8% <u>pa</u> for 3 yrs Term 2 – 4.3% <u>pa</u> for 4 yrs <i>Cumulative Impact over 7 years 32.4%</i>
Uplift in Utility Annual Charges (Water, Sewerage, Waste)	Term1 (3yrs) – 0% <u>pa</u> Term 2 (4yrs) – 3% <u>pa</u> <i>Note above CPI</i>	Term1 (3yrs) – 2% <u>pa</u> Term 2 (4yrs) – 3% <u>pa</u> <i>Note above CPI</i>	Term1 (3yrs) – 3.5% <u>pa</u> Term 2 (4yrs) – 4.5% <u>pa</u> <i>Note above CPI</i>
Uplift in Utility User Charges (Water, Sewerage, Waste)	Term1 (3yrs) – 0% <u>pa</u> Term 2 (4yrs) – 3% <u>pa</u> <i>Note above CPI</i>	Term1 (3yrs) – 0% <u>pa</u> Term 2 (4yrs) – 3% <u>pa</u> <i>Note above CPI</i>	Term1 (3yrs) – 0% <u>pa</u> Term 2 (4yrs) – 3% <u>pa</u> <i>Note above CPI</i>
Uplift in regulatory fees (Development, Certificates, Animal, Weeds, Food etc.	Term1 (3yrs) – 2.5% <u>pa</u> Term 2 (4yrs) – 2.5% <u>pa</u> <i>Note above CPI</i>	Term1 (3yrs) – 2.5% <u>pa</u> Term 2 (4yrs) – 2.5% <u>pa</u> <i>Note above CPI</i>	Term1 (3yrs) – 2.5% <u>pa</u> Term 2 (4yrs) – 2.5% <u>pa</u> <i>Note above CPI</i>
Uplift in Commercial Fees (Childcare, Aged Care, Cemeteries, Aerodrome, Quarries, Caravan Parks etc.	Term1 (3yrs) – 2.5% <u>pa</u> Term 2 (4yrs) – 2.5% <u>pa</u> <i>Note above CPI</i>	Term1 (3yrs) – 2.5% <u>pa</u> Term 2 (4yrs) – 2.5% <u>pa</u> <i>Note above CPI</i>	Term1 (3yrs) – 2.5% <u>pa</u> Term 2 (4yrs) – 2.5% <u>pa</u> <i>Note above CPI</i>
Uplift in property leases and licenses	Term1 (3yrs) – 2.5% <u>pa</u> Term 2 (4yrs) – 2.5% <u>pa</u> <i>Note above CPI</i>	Term1 (3yrs) – 2.5% <u>pa</u> Term 2 (4yrs) – 2.5% <u>pa</u> <i>Note above CPI</i>	Term1 (3yrs) – 2.5% <u>pa</u> Term 2 (4yrs) – 2.5% <u>pa</u> <i>Note above CPI</i>
Uplift in Contract and Private Works Income	Term1 (3yrs) – 2.5% <u>pa</u> Term 2 (4yrs) – 2.5% <u>pa</u> <i>Note above CPI</i>	Term1 (3yrs) – 2.5% <u>pa</u> Term 2 (4yrs) – 2.5% <u>pa</u> <i>Note above CPI</i>	Term1 (3yrs) – 2.5% <u>pa</u> Term 2 (4yrs) – 2.5% <u>pa</u> <i>Note above CPI</i>
Introduction of Special Annual Charges for Tourism and Emergency Services (Note 1)	Term 1 – 25% of costs Term 2 – 50% of costs	Term 1 – 50% of costs Term 2 – 75% of costs	Term 1 – 50% of costs Term 2 – 75% of costs
Introduction of Drainage Annual Charge in Urban areas	Term1 (3yrs) – 0% <u>pa</u> Term 2 (4yrs) – 3% <u>pa</u> <i>Note above CPI</i>	Term1 (3yrs) – 2% <u>pa</u> Term 2 (4yrs) – 3% <u>pa</u> <i>Note above CPI</i>	Term1 (3yrs) – 3.5% <u>pa</u> Term 2 (4yrs) – 4.5% <u>pa</u> <i>Note above CPI</i>

Table 1 – Summary of Scenarios 2, 3, and 4

Note 1 – May require legislative change to implement an Annual Charge to fund Emergency Services Levy Charges.

Tourism Annual Charge would likely apply to Business Rate Assessments only.

The preferred Scenario 4 is predicated on the ability for the Water and Sewerage Undertakings to pay a dividend of between \$1M and \$1.6M per annum. The ability of the Water and Sewerage Funds to make this dividend payment will not be known until the Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan is scheduled to be completed by 31 December 2025.

In the event that the Water and Sewerage Undertakings are unable to make the dividend payment then Council will need to find either additional revenue sources and/or expenditure savings of a similar magnitude to achieve the outcomes of Scenario 4.

Council staff have split the 2024/2025 Budget and Asset and Liabilities into the proposed two new Councils and the development of Financial Sustainability Plans for the two new Councils and Mr Tegart has used this data to prepare the FSPs for the two proposed new councils.

The initial FSP's were presented to a Councillor Workshop on Wednesday 13 November by Peter Tegart of Always Thinking Advisory and will be formally presented to the December 2024 Council meeting. Ideally, Council will be in a position to endorse the FSP's for the proposed two new Councils at the December meeting to enable the FSP's to be submitted to the Boundaries Commission by 31 December 2024.

LINK TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN AND DELIVERY AND OPERATIONAL PLAN:**Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework:****Community Strategic Plan Theme**

Theme 5 - Our Civic Leadership

Community Strategic Plan Strategic Objectives

CSP5 Our Civic leadership and organisation government fosters open and transparent partnership with our community

Delivery Program Principal Activities

5.5 Provide effective short and long term financial management to deliver financial sustainability

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS:

At this early stage in the de-amalgamation process, the feasibility and cost of de-amalgamating Snowy Valleys Council are unknown, however, Council has approved funding of up to \$70,000 to complete Stage 1 of the De-amalgamation Implementation Plan.

Funding of \$45,000 has been approved by the Office of Local Government, with the balance being provided by Snowy Valleys Council.

Should Council be able to demonstrate the financial sustainability of two proposed new councils, and ultimately with the approval of the Minister, significant additional funding would then be required to complete the second stage of the De-amalgamation Implementation Plan, along with the actual implementation costs.

POLICY, LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS:

Under section 218CD (1) of the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act), Snowy Valleys Council has submitted a business case for the dissolution of Snowy Valleys Council and the re-creation of its former areas of Tumut and Tumbarumba.

As required by section 218CD (2) of the Act, the Minister for Local Government has referred the Business Case to the Local Government Boundaries Commission to conduct an inquiry and report on the matter.

RISK MANAGEMENT / COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS:

The risk has been assessed as high, as at this stage, the De-amalgamation Business Case is before the Local Government Boundaries Commission for examination, and it is unknown whether the State Government will provide funding for Council's wish to de-amalgamate.

Changes to the *Local Government Act 1993* however, has given the Minister for Local Government the discretion to provide either a grant or a loan to assist with the de-amalgamation costs should a de-amalgamation be approved.

OPTIONS:

1. Adopt as per recommendations set out in this report.
2. Amend the recommendations as referred to in this report.
3. Decline the recommendations set out in this report.

COUNCIL SEAL REQUIRED:

No

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION:

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

1. SVC Financial Sustainability Plan - Settings and Scenarios (under separate cover)

10.3. DRAFT STATE OF OUR REGION REPORT 2022-2024

REPORT AUTHOR: CORPORATE PLANNING OFFICER

RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: DIRECTOR COMMUNITY AND CORPORATE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The State of Our Region report (SOR) is a legislative requirement under the Integrated Planning & Reporting Framework (IP&R) and must be presented to the second ordinary meeting of the newly elected council for noting.

The SOR provides a summary of wellbeing indicators, council activities, and overall progress against the baseline measures contained within the Towards 2042 Snowy Valleys Community Strategic Plan (CSP) and is in addition to the 2023-2024 Annual Report.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT COUNCIL:

- 1. Note the State of Our Region report (2022-2024).**

BACKGROUND:

The SOR (formally known as the End of Term Report) is prepared and presented to the second ordinary meeting of the newly elected council for noting.

Unlike the old End of Term Report, the SOR is designed to provide an account of progress toward the goals contained in the CSP.

The CSP has five themes with community-focused measures for each. These themes are:

- Theme 1. Our Community - Our communities are connected and inclusive, supported by services that nurture health, wellbeing and identity.
- Theme 2. Our Economy - Our diverse economy supports community longevity, vibrancy and a sustainable future.
- Theme 3. Our Environment - Our natural environment is cared for and protected to ensure future generation can experience and enjoy its beauty.
- Theme 4. Our Infrastructure - Our local infrastructure is sustainable and facilitates our way of life.
- Theme 5. Our Civic Leadership - Our civic leadership and organisational governance fosters open and transparent partnerships with our community.

The SOR will provide information that sets the scene for the new council and includes advancements to date.

REPORT:

The SOR spans the 2022- 2024 term of Council and provides information that sets the scene for the new Councillors.

It includes a snapshot of Council's achievements over the term towards the strategic social, environmental, economic and civic leadership priorities in the CSP, insight into the Snowy Valleys Region's wellbeing, and a scorecard showing progress towards and away from the community's strategic priorities.

The CSP is the community's plan, not a council plan. Council is a custodian for the CSP and state agencies, businesses, industry groups, community groups, and individuals also lead and support the achievement of the community's vision and strategic priorities.

The SOR should assist this Council to better understand the current state of the region and help in undertaking a review of the CSP which is an essential component of the IP&R cycle.

LINK TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN AND DELIVERY AND OPERATIONAL PLAN:

Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework:

Community Strategic Plan Theme

Theme 5 - Our Civic Leadership

Community Strategic Plan Strategic Objectives

CSP5 Our Civic leadership and organisation government fosters open and transparent partnership with our community

Delivery Program Principal Activities

5.4 Maintain and deliver a governance framework that guides good decision making, accountability and legislative compliance

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS:

Nil

POLICY, LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS:

In accordance with *Local Government Act 1993* s428 (2) and the NSW Integrated Planning and Reporting Guidelines 2021 the State of Our Region report must be presented to the second ordinary meeting of a newly elected council for noting.

The State of the Region Report must be prepared in accordance with the Integrated Planning and Reporting Guidelines 2021 and in accordance with *Local Government Act 1993* s428 (2).

RISK MANAGEMENT / COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS:

Nil

OPTIONS:

No options are considered necessary, as the State of the Region report is a requirement under the *Local Government Act 1993* s428 (2).

COUNCIL SEAL REQUIRED:

No

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION:

The Communication and Engagement Team consulted with the relevant Council Officers, to coordinate and collate the information required to meet statutory requirements.

The State of our Region Report, once noted by Council will be made available to the community through the Council's website.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Draft State of our Region Report 2022-2024 (Under separate cover)

10.4. DRAFT SNOWY VALLEYS COUNCIL'S ANNUAL REPORT 2023/2024

REPORT AUTHOR: CORPORATE PLANNING OFFICER

RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: DIRECTOR COMMUNITY AND CORPORATE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The *Local Government Act 1993* requires all NSW councils to prepare an Annual Report for the previous reporting period by 30 November each year.

Snowy Valleys Council's Annual Report provides an overview of council programs, achievements, and performance over the last financial year. The 2023/2024 Annual Report has been prepared in accordance with the requirement of the *Local Government Act 1993* and Local Government (General) Regulation 2021.

The Annual Report 2023/2024, including the State of Our Environment Report, has been prepared in accordance with requirements of Section 428 (5) of the *Local Government Act 1993* and the NSW Office of Local Government, Integrated Planning and Reporting Guidelines 2021.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT COUNCIL:

- 1. Endorse the 2023/2024 Annual Report; and**
- 2. Approve a copy of the 2023/2024 Annual Report including the 2023/2024 Audited Financial Statement be placed on Council's website and submitted to the Office of Local Government by 30 November 2024.**

BACKGROUND:

The Annual Report provides Council with the opportunity to report to the community and government stakeholders on its achievements and accomplishments over the past year against the principal activities contained in the Delivery Program (2022-2025).

The Annual Report also includes some information that is prescribed by the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021. This information has been included as it is important for community members to know and understand how Council has been performing both as a business entity and a community leader.

Under section 428 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council is required to prepare an annual report within five months of the end of the financial year and place the report on its website and submit it to the Office of Local Government by 30 November 2024.

REPORT:

The Snowy Valleys Council Annual Report for 2023/2024 covers all the matters listed in the *Local Government Act 1993* under section 428 of the Act, in particular the financial information included in the audited Annual Financial Statements and the progress on achieving the projects and activities listed in the 2023/2024 Operational Plan.

Council committed to the delivery of 206 actions and initiatives to the community over the 2023/2024 financial year. In summary, 195 (95%) actions were completed, 5 (2%) were not achieved and 6 (3%) actions were marked as 'deferred', 'delayed', or 'not due to start'.

This Annual Report focuses on our achievement in 2023/2024 and is divided into nine sections:

- *Section 1: A Year in Review* - summaries highlights, challenges, notable events, and provides a capital works snapshot.
- *Section 2: Our Community* - provides an overview of our Local Government Area's (LGA) key demographics and snapshot of Council's assets and services.

- *Section 3: Governance* - details demographics and corporate governance arrangements and councillor profiles.
- *Section 4: Our Organisation* - provides information on our organisation including staff organisational structure, workforce profile, labour statistics, senior staff remuneration and workforce safety performance.
- *Section 5: Our Performance* - provides details on Council's progress against actions and initiatives that detail the delivery of our service to the community over 2023/2024 financial year. The achievements are discussed under the five (5) themes and strategic objections: 1. Our community, 2. Our economy, 3. Our environment, 4. Our infrastructure, 5. Our civic leadership.
- *Section 6: State of Our Environment (SoE)*- provides a snapshot of the conditional of the environment, pressures impacting upon the environment and the response by council to address these pressures. The SoE has been prepared for the Snowy Valleys Local Government Area and covers the period 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2024.
- *Section 7: Disability Inclusion Action Plan (DIAP)* - provides a report on the implantation and progress on Council's Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2022-2026.
- *Section 8: Additional Statutory Information* - presents statutory information required under the Integrated Planning and Reporting Guidelines, the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, and other legislation.
- *Section 9: Financial Information* - provides an overview of Council's financial position along with the audited Financial Statements of Council for the year ended 30 June 2024, which have been provided for consideration under a sperate report in this business paper.

Some of the highlights in the 2023/2024 Annual Report includes:

- 14 Community Grants to the value of \$46,490 and 8 Sport Grants to the value of \$29,963 were awarded to not-for-profit organisations across the Local Government Area.
- 69,315 people visited Snowy Valleys Council Visitor Information Centres (Tumut, Tumbarumba and Khancoban).
- 27 local events were sponsored by Council to the value of \$74,454.
- Council reached the target of reducing energy consumption from wastewater operations by 244 kilowatts (MWh) and Water operations by 631MWh.
- Council assessed 117 Development Applications with a gross assessment time of 66 days (state average is 114 days).
- A total of 12 Waste Education Programs were delivered in Schools across the LGA.
- Community redeemed 6,244 waste vouchers and 995 rolls of compostable bags (kitchen caddy liners).
- Council delivered over \$1.7 million of approved Roads to Recovery projects through the year.
- 23 Community Newsletters were published and emailed to a database of 625 people.
- There were 61,102 visits to the Snowy Valleys Council Website.
- 905 social media posts were published to SVC's Facebook page.

As a mandatory requirement, the 2023/2024 Annual Report is required to include a State of Our Environment Report. The State of Our Environment Report is due every four years of the ordinary election. There are no strict guidelines on the format and contents of the document, however it must reference Council's activity against the environment objectives contained within the Community Strategic Plan for the term of the Council.

In accordance with legislative requirements, copies of the Annual Report 2023/2024 (including audited financial statements) will be submitted to the Office of Local Government before 30 November 2024 and will be made publicly available for viewing at Council's Customer Service Centres, libraries at Batlow,

Tumbarumba and Tumut as well as on Council's website:

<https://www.snowyvalleys.nsw.gov.au/Council/Strategies-Plans-and-Reporting/Integrated-Planning-and-Reporting/IPR-Reporting>.

LINK TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN AND DELIVERY AND OPERATIONAL PLAN:

Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework:

Community Strategic Plan Theme

Theme 5 - Our Civic Leadership

Community Strategic Plan Strategic Objectives

CSP5 Our Civic leadership and organisation government fosters open and transparent partnership with our community

Delivery Program Principal Activities

5.4 Maintain and deliver a governance framework that guides good decision making, accountability and legislative compliance

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS:

The actions in the Operational Plan 2023/2024 were included in the budget and works program when the Operational Plan was adopted by Council in June 2023.

Funding to implement the Delivery Program over its term is based on the Long-Term Financial Plan (LTFP) that supports the Delivery Program. The Annual Report 2023/2024 cover period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024.

POLICY, LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS:

In accordance with section 428 (1) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council must prepare an annual report within five (5) months of the end of the financial year. The deadline for Council to place the report on Council's website the report to the Office of Local Government by 30 November 2024.

The Annual Report must be prepared in accordance with the Office of Local Government's Integrated Planning and Reporting Guidelines (IP&R) and in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*, Section 428 (5).

RISK MANAGEMENT / COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS:

Nil

OPTIONS:

No options are considered necessary. The Annual Report is a requirement under the *Local Government Act 1993*.

COUNCIL SEAL REQUIRED:

No

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION:

The Communication and Engagement Team consulted with relevant Council Officers, to coordinate and collate the information required to meet statutory requirements.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Draft Snowy Valleys Council's Annual Report 2023/2024 (Under separate cover)

10.5. DRAFT COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY AND DRAFT COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT POLICY FOR PUBLIC EXHIBITION

REPORT AUTHOR: COORDINATOR COMMUNICATIONS, ACTIVATION AND STRATEGY

RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: DIRECTOR COMMUNITY AND CORPORATE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Section 402A of the *Local Government Act 1993*, which relates to the Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) framework, requires NSW councils to have a Community Engagement Strategy based on social justice principles.

Council's Community Engagement Strategy (SVC -RP-STY-003-01) and Community Engagement Policy (SVC-EXE-PO-017-02) must be reviewed within 3 months of the Local Government Elections in support of the organisational-wide approach to community engagement across Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT COUNCIL:

- 1. Endorse the Draft Community Engagement Strategy (SVC-RP-STY-003-02) and Draft Community Engagement Policy (SVC-EXE-PO-017-03) for public exhibition for a period of no less than 28 days;**
- 2. Note if submissions are received during the exhibition, a further report will be provided to Council; and**
- 3. Adopt the Community Engagement Strategy (SVC -RP-STY-003-02) and Community Engagement Policy (SVC-EXE-PO-017-03) if no submissions are received on the day after the completion of the public exhibition period.**

BACKGROUND:

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's consideration for the public exhibition and resulting adoption of the Draft Community Engagement Strategy (SVC -RP-STY-003-02) and Draft Community Engagement Policy (SVC-EXE-PO-017-03).

The SVC Community Engagement Policy and Strategy were first adopted by Council in April 2017 and the Community Engagement Policy was reviewed and re-adopted in 2021.

They outline Council's commitment to timely, consistent and genuine community engagement that will inform responsible decision-making for the benefit of the community.

REPORT:

The Draft Community Engagement Strategy (SVC -RP-STY-003-02) and Draft Community Engagement Policy (SVC-EXE-PO-017-03) are based primarily on the International Association of Public Participation (IAP2) principles and proven methodologies that are considered to be best practice.

The documents reflect Council's commitment to engaging with the community, and other local and regional stakeholders, to ensure that all voices are heard, including those that are harder to reach.

Review of the Community Engagement Strategy and Community Engagement Policy is timely and responds to several drivers:

- Currency – to ensure they are still accurate and up-to-date
- Legislation – to ensure our framework continues to align with the *Local Government Act 1993*
- Community expectations – to allow stakeholders to provide feedback on our community engagement practice ensuring we are responding to our community.

Council recognises that community engagement and participation processes are a vital part of local democracy. It aims to strengthen the trust between Council and the community and build confidence in Council's ability to plan and make decisions that will respond to the present and future needs of the community.

Community engagement is about involving the community in decisions which affect them by capturing and considering the diverse interests, opinions and aspirations of our community.

It is critical in the successful development and implementation of acceptable policies and decisions and for improving services by being responsive to the needs of the community.

Council undertakes to follow the social justice principles to be kind, impartial, independent, and fair in our community engagement approach and we aim to tailor engagement approaches to encourage participation from hard to reach and vulnerable communities.

These draft documents form part of SVC's Engagement Framework which also includes a Community Participation Plan (SVC-CorpPlan-Pln-014-02) which sets out when, where, and how people can have a say in the Snowy Valleys planning system. The Community Participation Plan was adopted by Council in August 2022 and reviewed in July 2024 and does not form part of this review.

Community engagement does not replace the decision-making responsibility of Council. Rather, the implementation of Council's Community Engagement Framework is designed to ensure that Council has access to a range of information about community needs, opinions, and options prior to making decisions.

The SVC Community Engagement Framework allows Council to:

- Inform the community about our approach to community engagement and encourage the community to become involved
- Improve the nature of our decision-making and help to build and strengthen the relationship that we have with the community, as well as other stakeholders
- Recognise diversity within the community and incorporate this into our planning of engagement activities
- Enable a consistent, transparent and high quality approach to the planning and undertaking of community engagement
- Foster a culture of community engagement among our council staff, management and Councillors.

Following the adoption of these documents, a toolkit will be created and aligned with Council's consultation principles and methods, to support council staff and project managers in delivering community engagement efforts. The toolkit will feature a matrix that helps to determine when and how to engage with the community, along with practical guidelines, templates, and resources aligned with our consultation principles and methods. Staff will also receive training on how to use the toolkit.

LINK TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN AND DELIVERY AND OPERATIONAL PLAN:

Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework:

Community Strategic Plan Theme

Theme 5 - Our Civic Leadership

Community Strategic Plan Strategic Objectives

CSP5 Our Civic leadership and organisational governance foster open and transparent partnership with our community

Delivery Program Principal Activities

5.1 Communicate with our community and provide opportunities for participation in decision making

5.4 Maintain and deliver a governance framework that guides good decision making, accountability and legislative compliance

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS:

The delivery of Community Engagement activities may require financial resources depending on their nature.

POLICY, LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS:

According to the *Local Government Act 1993* section 402A – a council must establish and implement a strategy for engagement with the local community when developing its plans, policies, and programs.

RISK MANAGEMENT / COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS:

RISK CATEGORY	RISK/REWARD DESCRIPTION	COST/RISK	BENEFIT/ REWARD
Legal	<i>LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993 - SECT 402A</i> - A council must establish and implement a strategy (called its "community engagement strategy") for engagement with the local community when developing its plans, policies and programs and for the purpose of determining its activities (other than routine administrative matters).	Not having a community engagement strategy would contravene the LG Act	Adopting a community engagement strategy will ensure council complies with legislation.
People	Effective community engagement is built on trust, respect and goodwill. Communities that aren't engaged are less likely to feel invested in Council's initiatives and goals.	A lack of engagement can make communities feel ignored or undervalued, which erodes trust. Without regular, authentic interactions, stakeholders may view the organisation as disconnected or insincere, damaging Council's credibility.	Allowing the community the opportunity to provide feedback on council's engagement strategy and policy ensures integrity and transparency.

OPTIONS:

1. Adopt as per recommendations set out in this report - preferred option.
2. Amend.
3. Decline the recommendations set out in this report.

COUNCIL SEAL REQUIRED:

No

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION:**Internal Consultation:**

Both documents were placed on internal exhibition for a period of 14 days. Staff feedback has been incorporated into the draft documents presented with this report.

External Consultation:

The Draft Community Engagement Strategy (SVC -RP-STY-003-02) and Draft Community Engagement Policy (SVC-EXE-PO-017-03), as per the recommendation, shall be advertised for a minimum of 28 days seeking community comment. Any response or submission received will be considered in a future report to Council. An online survey will be created as part of the documents' public exhibition, to gauge the community's engagement preferences.

ATTACHMENTS

1. DRAFT COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT POLICY SVC-EXE-PO-017-03 (UNDER SEPARATE COVER)
2. DRAFT COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY SVC -RP-STY-003-02 (UNDER SEPARATE COVER)

10.6. QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW AS OF 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

REPORT AUTHOR: COORDINATOR MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTING

RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: DIRECTOR COMMUNITY & CORPORATE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides a summary of Council's financial performance against budget as of 30 September 2024. Council's projected result shows an increase of income by \$7.5M and an increase of expenditure by \$2M compared to the original adopted budget. The first quarter budget review forecasted a surplus of \$30M including capital grants, and a surplus of \$318K excluding capital items on a consolidated basis. Capital items consist of income received for the purpose of building new or replacement assets and the offsetting of capital expenditure is not reported in the operating result. After the proposed adjustments in the attached quarterly report, the projected result is forecast to be a surplus of \$35.4M including capital revenues and a surplus of \$1.6M excluding capital revenues. Unrestricted cash reserves will need to be maintained carefully over the financial year to ensure liquidity is maintained. It is recommended that the budget be varied in accordance with this report.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT COUNCIL:

1. **Receive and adopt the Quarterly Budget Review as at 30 September 2024; and**
2. **Adopt the Revenue, Expenditure and Capital Budget adjustments as noted in the 30 September 2024 Quarterly Budget Review.**

BACKGROUND:

Clause 203 (1) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 requires Council's Responsible Accounting Officer to prepare and submit a quarterly budget review statement to the governing body of Council. The Quarterly Budget Review Statement is designed to reflect the information normally prepared annually as part of the financial statements on a quarterly basis. All Directors and Managers are required to monitor their budgets on a continual and frequent basis throughout the financial year and adjustments are recommended as required. The 2024/2025 Annual Budget was adopted on 20 June 2024.

REPORT:

Council adopts its original budget in June each year, forecasting the known income, operational expenses, and capital works for the coming financial year. The original 2024/2025 budget forecast a surplus of \$28.9M, including income received as grants for the purpose of building new or replacement assets. Funding received for capital items is reported in Council's overall operational result. When excluding funding received for capital grants, the original budget forecast a deficit of \$521K on a consolidated basis. Through the Quarterly Budget Review process reported to Council, Council reviews and adjusts the original

budget to manage variations that occur because of:

- Receiving grant funding
- Recognising increased/decreased expenditure and income
- Council resolving to adjust expenditure.

Summary of Council's operating position at end of September 2024

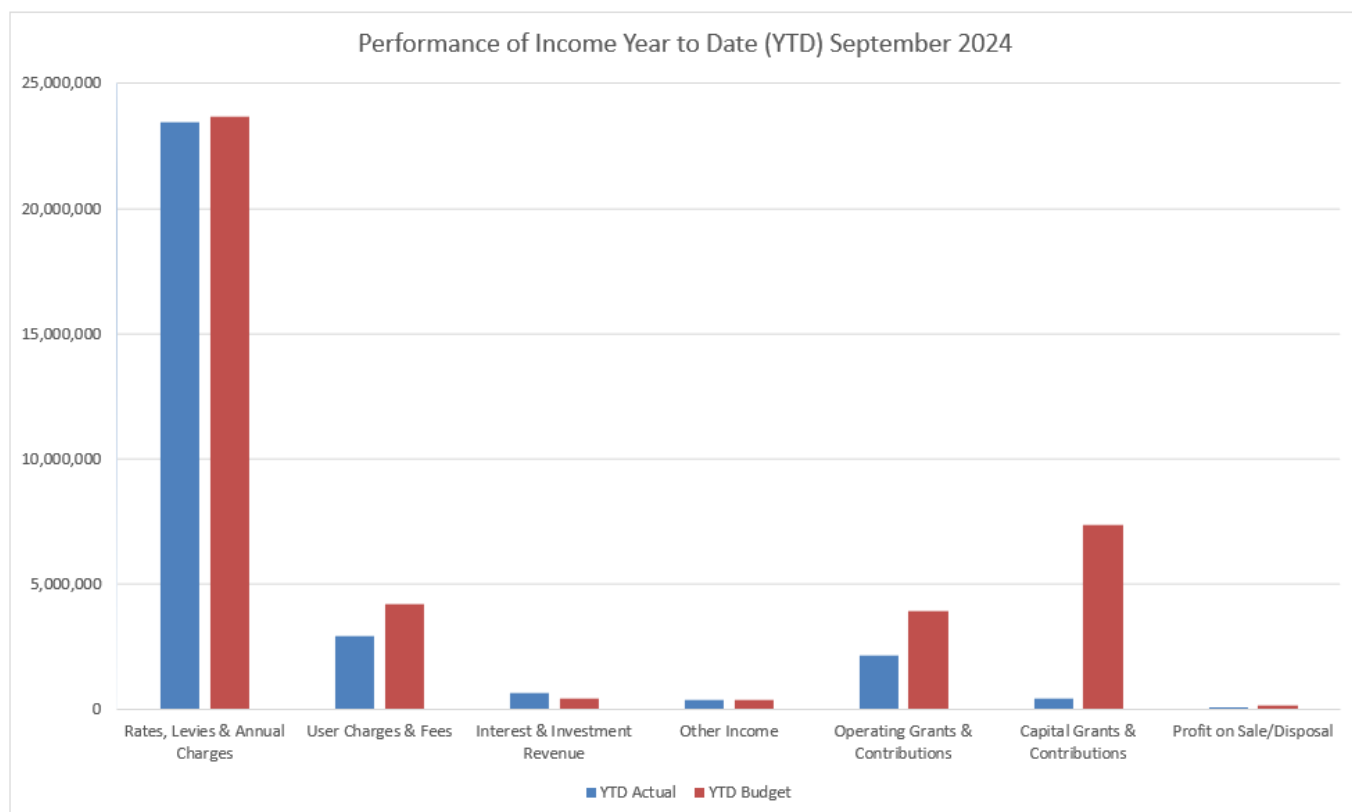
Council's income at the end of September 2024 was 94% under year-to-date (YTD) budget, while expenditure was 16% under YTD budget. As capital project milestones have not been completed to receive funding. A summarised financial report for Council is provided below for September 2024,

comparing the operating YTD actuals against the YTD budget. This report provides the interim results for the financial year and represents the appropriate adjustments at the time of the report, noting that more adjustments will be made. The purpose of this report is to provide an indication of Council's financial performance at a particular point in time.

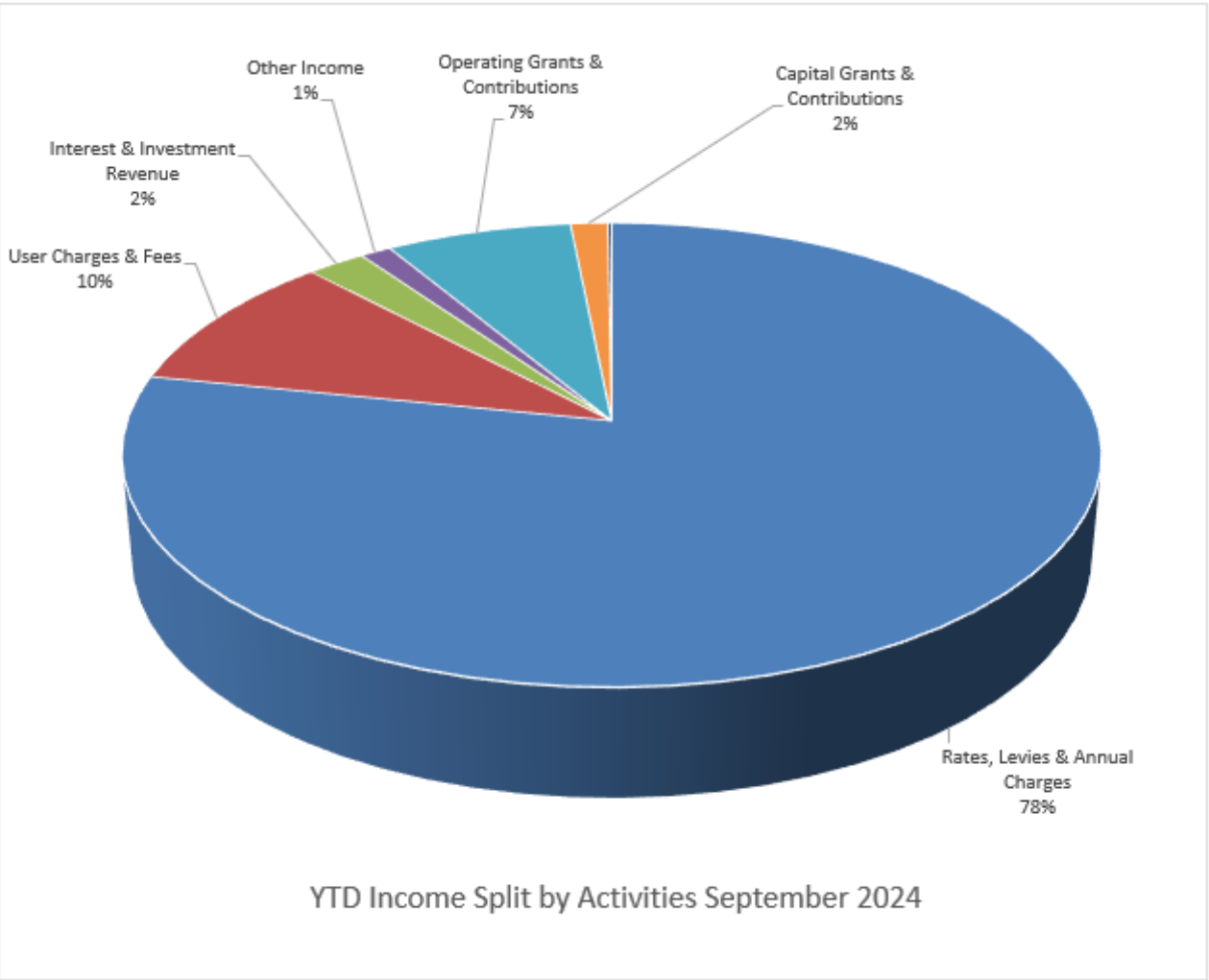
OPERATING INCOME

Consolidated Income Statement Summary as on 30th September 2024

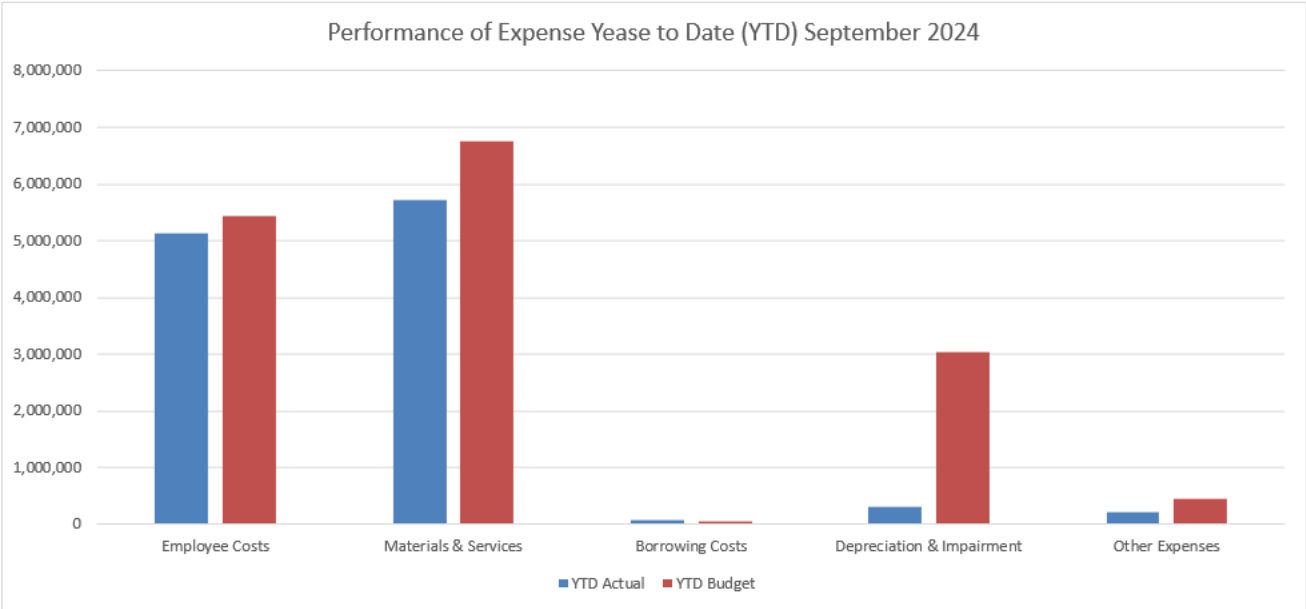
Description	Year to Date (YTD) September 2024/2025				Annual Performance 2024/2025		
	YTD Actual	2024/2025 YTD Budget	Var \$	% of Budget	Order Commit (PJ)	Annual QBR1 Budget	Annual Original Budget
Income							
Rates, Levies & Annual Charges	23,474,589	23,674,168	199,579	99.16%	0	23,674,168	24,218,589
User Charges & Fees	2,921,118	4,183,338	1,262,219	69.83%	0	16,505,488	15,428,083
Interest & Investment Revenue	672,002	406,790	-265,212	165.20%	0	1,646,539	1,627,182
Other Income	356,275	367,711	11,436	96.89%	-11,376	1,538,875	1,527,975
Operating Grants & Contributions	2,124,003	3,896,501	1,772,498	54.51%	-61,419	15,736,035	13,332,691
Capital Grants & Contributions	424,717	7,374,627	6,949,910	5.76%	0	33,763,882	29,439,939
Profit on Sale/Disposal	43,547	144,125	100,578	30.21%	0	1,446,500	966,500
Total Income	30,016,250	40,047,259	10,031,009	74.95%	-72,795	94,311,487	86,540,958
Expense							
Employee Costs	5,129,512	5,442,623	313,111	94.25%	40,208	22,023,574	23,197,315
Materials & Services	5,724,502	6,761,463	1,036,961	84.66%	3,879,715	23,071,497	20,503,649
Borrowing Costs	80,533	55,732	-24,801	144.50%	0	210,282	210,282
Depreciation & Impairment	303,185	3,038,032	2,734,847	9.98%	0	12,152,126	12,151,979
Other Expenses	224,886	437,317	212,432	51.42%	0	1,407,135	1,559,135
Total Expense	11,462,618	15,735,167	4,272,549	72.85%	3,919,923	58,864,614	57,622,359
Surplus/(Deficit)	18,553,632	24,312,092	5,758,460	76.31%	-3,992,718	35,446,874	28,918,599
Surplus/(Deficit) before capital grants & contributions	18,128,915	-1,316,550	-19,445,465	-1377.00%	-3,992,718	1,356,206	-521,340



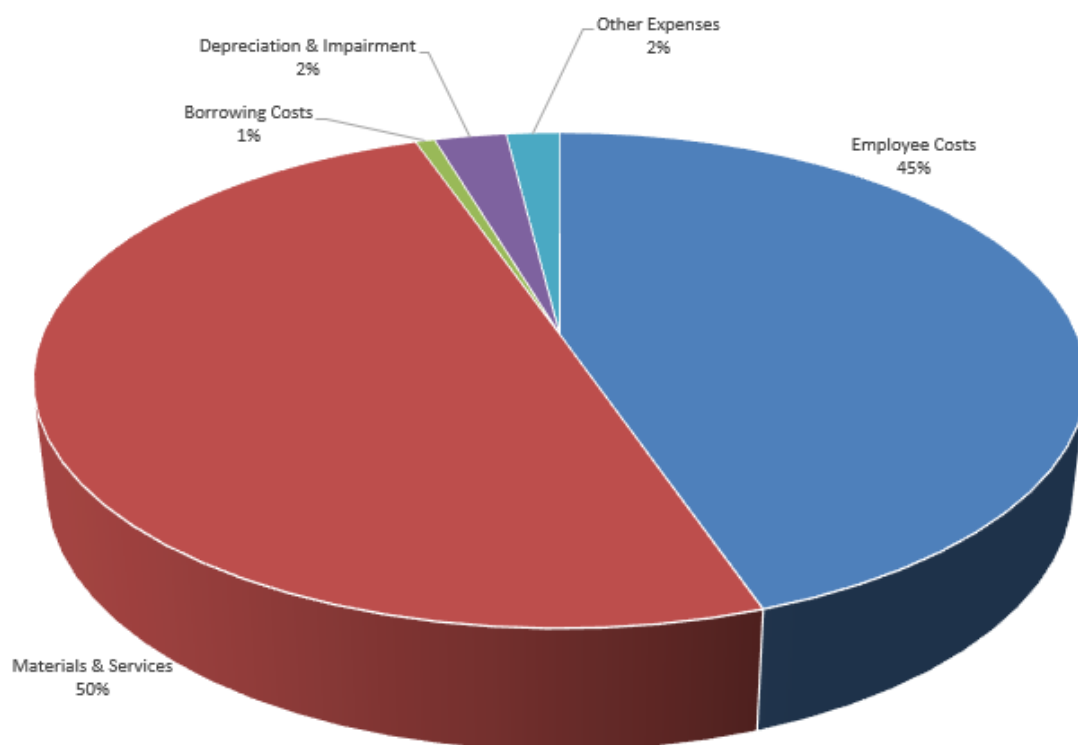
Operating Income	Variance Analysis
Rates, Levies & Annual Charges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rates & Annual Charges – Annual Rates & Charges have been levied for 2024/2025. Internal Rates under budgeted by -\$144k. Water access charge was budgeted too high by -\$400k. Annual Pensioner Rebate subsidy of -\$295k has not been received <u>as yet</u>.
User Charges & Fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> User charges and fees revenue currently is on-track with the annual budget. Commercial Works increased \$1,296k, as Snowy-Monaro Council and Road Maintenance Council Contracts (RMCC) Ordered Works contracts have been awarded to Council. Income received is behind budget as milestones or when projects have not been completed, budget timing variance.
Interest & Investment Revenue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Major bank deposits continue to float between 5 – 5.5% per annum for 12 months investment due to strong financial market with slowing down inflation rate, current average interest rate 5% per annum. The council portfolio is directed to fixed term deposits 74% and remainder of the portfolio is held in cash 26% due to higher interest rate for short term investments and cash held in savings.
Other Income	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other Income revenue within the annual budget, including Property Leases and Rental income. Increased by \$11k due to the contribution from Local Land Services to purchase Street Trees in Tumut.
Operating Grants & Contributions	<p>Operating Grants and Contribution income increased \$2.4m, major variance identified during budget review are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding received for Integrated Water Cycle Management (IWCM) Water and Wastewater projects \$447k. RFS budget confirmed for Fleet Maintenance and Infrastructure \$1,065k. Infrastructure not in original budget. NSW Flood Grant money transferred from Reserve to fund Operational projects, Adelong Flood Study \$115k, Adelong Main Steet Design \$115k and Community Recovery Event (Khancoban Long Lunch) \$15k. Grant funding approved for Floodplain studies in Tumbarumba and Brungle.
Capital Grants & Contributions	<p>Capital Grants and Contribution income has increased by \$4.1m during budget review, major variances are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SSWP (Safe and Secure Water Program) funding approved for Water Security projects for Batlow, Tumbarumba and Khancoban \$855k. Recognising Black Summer Recovery Grants Program funding for Tooma Recreation Reserve Hall upgrade into 2024/2025 budget \$962k. Negative adjustment of Development Contributions from 2023/2024, as the development did not proceed -\$219k. Flood Grant money transferred from Reserve to fund Capital projects, Adelong Creek & Footpath Riparian Works \$617k and Tumbarumba Creek Footpath Replacement \$138k. Capital grant funding approved from EV Destination and Snowy Hydro to install EV Charging Stations in 5 locations across Council LGA. Adjusting LRCI4 (Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program Round 4) budget at Pools to reflect proposed scheduled works for 2024/2025 -\$351k. Works commenced during 2023/2024, adjusting budget against actual income received during 2023/2024. New funding approved for Brindabella Road Infrastructure investment \$1.4m.
Profit on Sale/Disposal	<p>Adjusted budget to reflect expected profit on sales of Fleet vehicles, increase \$480k. Original budget only included net expenditure on vehicle changeovers.</p>



OPERATING EXPENDITURE



Operating Expenditure	Variance Analysis
Employee Costs	Revised Salaries, Wages and Oncosts associated with the redundant positions and organisation restructure approved by Council at the June meeting. Removing vacant positions from the organisation structure, reducing Employee costs by \$1.1m.
Materials & Services	Material & Services expenditure has been increased from the original budget; major adjustments include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RFS Infrastructure budget confirmed -\$1.3m, not included in original budget. • Expenditure for Flood grant funding projects in 2024/2025, as listed above in Grants and Contribution, -\$500k transferred from Reserve. • Integrated Water Cycle Management (IWCM) Water and Sewerage projects additional -\$400k, part funded. • EPARW Emergency Works funded projects allocated into budget from 2023/2024 -\$540k • Increased Commercial Works expenditure, -\$663k as contracts awarded to Council.
Borrowing Costs	Borrowing cost expenditure is on-track, variance is timing of budget allocation.
Depreciation & Impairment	Minimal Asset depreciation has been processed for quarter, due to completing Financial Statements.
Other Expenses	Other expenditure reduced, as savings in budget of \$152k due to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sport and Recreation grant funding \$30k as Council suspended funding at June meeting. • Events Sponsorship funding \$60k suspended by Council at June meeting. • Riverina Regional Library (RRL) contribution reduced by \$72k, as Berrigan Council now part of RRL services.



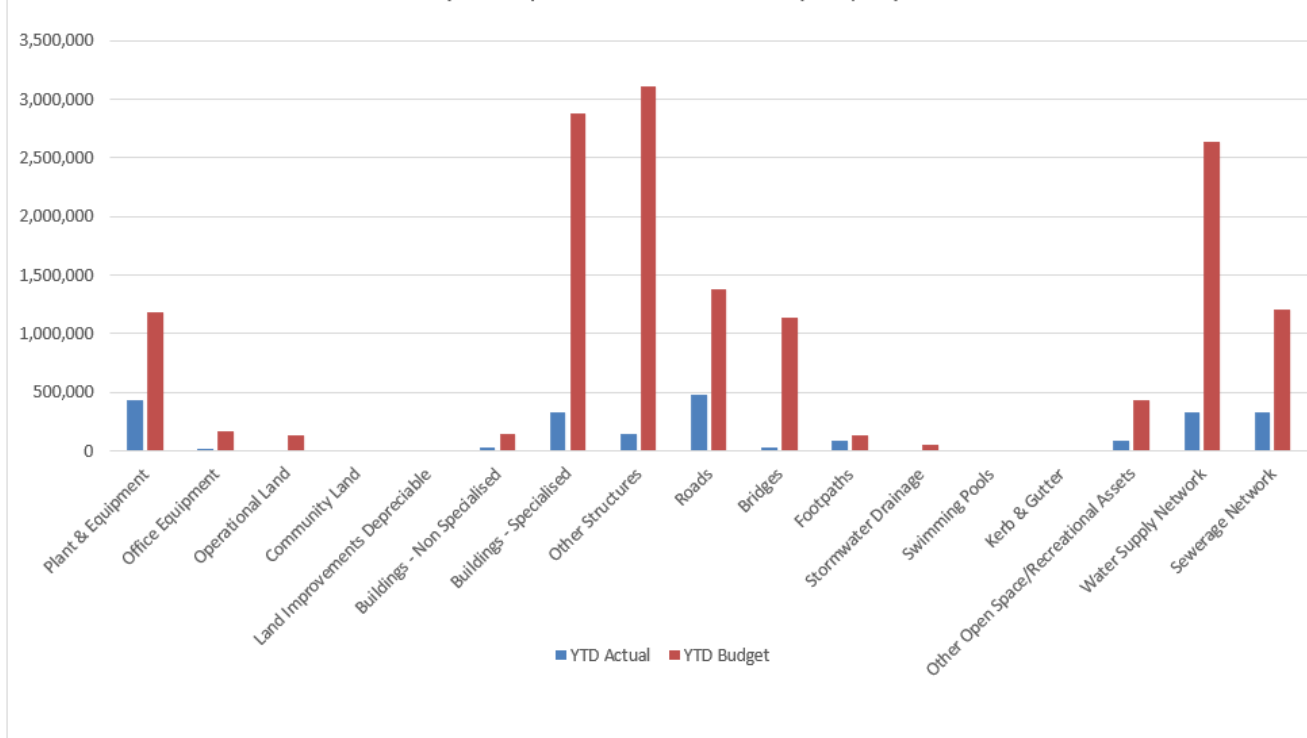
YTD Expense Split by Activities September 2024

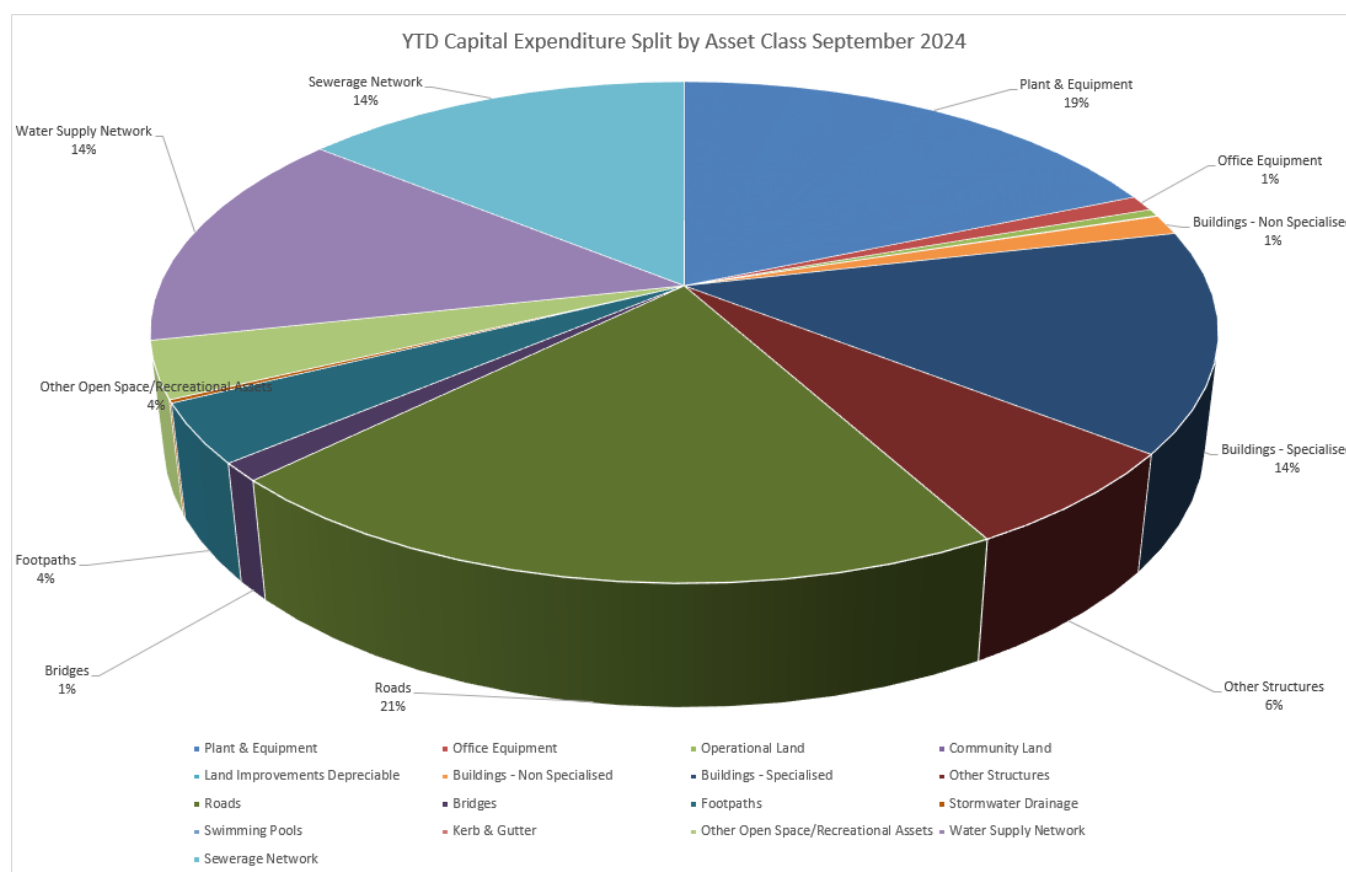
CAPTIAL PROJECTS

Total capital expenditure as of September 2024 was \$2.3M, which is only 16% of the total \$53.6M of capital budget approved during first quarterly budget review.

Description	Year to Date (YTD) Performance				Annual Performance				
	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Var	Var	Order	Works	Annual	Var	% of
	25PIACT	25PIBD1	\$	%	Commit (PJ)	Commit	Budget	\$	Budget
Capital Program by Class									
Plant & Equipment	428,418	1,187,647	759,230	63.93%	1,923,749	0	3,402,385	1,050,219	69.13%
Office Equipment	23,138	173,338	150,200	86.65%	0	31,885	354,353	299,330	15.53%
Operational Land	10,866	138,417	127,550	92.15%	0	85,826	276,834	180,141	34.93%
Community Land	0	0	0	100.00%	0	0	20,678	20,678	0.00%
Land Improvements Depreciable	1,064	0	-1,064	100.00%	0	0	20,000	18,936	5.32%
Buildings - Non Specialised	29,690	150,000	120,310	80.21%	0	0	1,531,153	1,501,463	1.94%
Buildings - Specialised	327,434	2,877,020	2,549,586	88.62%	0	936	10,650,731	10,322,361	3.08%
Other Structures	147,648	3,112,275	2,964,627	95.26%	0	207,100	11,267,353	10,912,605	3.15%
Roads	477,146	1,381,040	903,894	65.45%	0	919,579	8,282,415	6,885,690	16.86%
Bridges	27,100	1,134,500	1,107,400	97.61%	0	868,728	2,489,000	1,593,172	35.99%
Footpaths	88,237	134,268	46,031	34.28%	0	125,320	1,121,946	908,389	19.03%
Stormwater Drainage	4,615	55,303	50,689	91.66%	0	80,736	224,888	139,538	37.95%
Swimming Pools	253	901	648	71.92%	0	0	91,802	91,549	0.28%
Kerb & Gutter	0	0	0	100.00%	0	0	80,000	80,000	0.00%
Other Open Space/Recreational Assets	84,177	433,714	349,537	80.59%	0	126,403	1,280,140	1,069,560	16.45%
Water Supply Network	330,784	2,642,145	2,311,361	87.48%	0	2,041,481	6,979,205	4,606,940	33.99%
Sewerage Network	326,168	1,210,535	884,367	73.06%	0	201,706	5,515,269	4,987,396	9.57%
Waste (Tip Assets)	0	0	0	100.00%	0	0	28,000	28,000	0.00%
Total Capital Program by Class	2,306,738	14,631,104	12,324,365	84.23%	1,923,749	4,790,028	53,616,152	44,595,637	16.82%

Performance of Capital Expenditure Year to Date (YTD) September 2024





Capital Expenditure	Variance Analysis
Buildings – <u>Non-Specialised</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tooma Recreation Reserve Hall upgrade funded by Black Summer Bushfire Recovery adjusting budget \$981k, as continued project from 2023/2024
Buildings - Specialised	Revised budget adjustments for projects continued from 2023/2024, being grant funded including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bull Paddock Amenities SCCF4 (Stronger Country Communities Fund Round 4) funded \$168k. Khancoban and Batlow Pools LRCI4 (Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program Round 4) - \$90k.
Footpaths	Revised budget adjustments for projects continued from 2023/2024, being grant funded including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Park Street Footpath Tumbarumba LRCI4 (Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program Round 4) funded project \$118k. NSW Flood Grant funding transferred from Reserves of \$755k for new projects, Adelong Creek & Footpath Riparian Works \$617k and Tumbarumba Creek Footpath Replacement \$138k. New Grant funding approved for Adelong and Brungle Schools \$117k.
Other Open Space/Recreational Assets	Revised budget adjustments for projects continued from 2023/2024, being grant funded including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tumbarumba Basketball Stadium Flooring funded by SCCF5 (Stronger Country Communities Fund Round 5) Game- changing Infrastructure Upgrades \$88k. New Funding approved for the Installation of 5 EV Charging Stations \$239k.
Plant and Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Heavy Plant Replacement, adjusting budget from Plant Reserve, due to delays in deliveries of from 2023/24 including 3 Garbage Trucks \$1.7m. Light Plant Replacement, adjusting budget to reflect actual expected expenses. Original budget only included net costs.
Roads	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brindabella Road Infrastructure funded project \$1.4m Minor budget adjustments for projects continued from 2023/2024, being grant funded including Culvert replacements \$156k (DRFA funded) Elliott Way \$100k (Transpord.MOU) offset by Carey Street -\$140k (Roads to Recovery) transferred to 2025/2026.
Sewerage Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Khancoban Sewer Treatment Plant replacement, revised scheduled scope of works, transfer to 2025/2026 - \$3m.
Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safe and Secure Water Program (SSWP) funding approved for Water Security projects for Batlow and Tumbarumba \$480k. Safe and Secure Water Program (SSWP) funding approved for Water Security projects for Khancoban -\$240k, transferred into 2025/2026.

LINK TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN AND DELIVERY AND OPERATIONAL PLAN:**Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework:****Community Strategic Plan Theme**

Theme 5 - Our Civic Leadership

Community Strategic Plan Strategic Objectives

CSP5 Our Civic leadership and organisation government fosters open and transparent partnership with our community

Delivery Program Principal Activities

5.5 Provide effective short and long term financial management to deliver financial sustainability

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS:

Monitoring of the Quarterly Budget Review enables timely financial management.

POLICY, LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS:

Clause 203 (1) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 requires Council's Responsible Accounting Officer to prepare and submit a quarterly budget review statement to the governing body of Council.

RISK MANAGEMENT / COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS:

Quarterly reporting allows Council to stay informed of the progress of the budget to actual income and expenditure.

OPTIONS:

1. Adopt as per recommendations set out in this report - preferred option.
2. Amend.
3. Decline the recommendations set out in this report

COUNCIL SEAL REQUIRED:

No

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION:

Matters arising from this report that require further communication will be addressed at the meeting or taken on notice and a response will be provided.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Quarterly Budget Review 30 September 2024 (Under separate cover)

10.7. PRESENTATION OF 2023/24 ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

REPORT AUTHOR: CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: DIRECTOR COMMUNITY AND CORPORATE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Following completion of the audit, Council's Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2024, together with the Auditor's Report, are presented to Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT COUNCIL:

1. **Note the report on the Presentation of the 2023/2024 Annual Financial Statements; and**
2. **Formally present the 2023/2024 Audited Financial Statements and Audit Reports to the public in accordance with Sections 418 and 419 of the Local Government Act 1993.**

BACKGROUND:

Snowy Valleys Council's audited 2023/2024 Annual Financial Statements have been finalized. The NSW Audit Office have issued their audit reports and the Audited Financial Statements were submitted to the Office of Local Government on 31 October 2024.

REPORT:

Section 418 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, requires that as soon as practicable after a council receives a copy of the Auditor's Reports;

- (a) It must fix a date for the meeting at which it proposes to present its audited financial reports, together with the auditor's reports, to the public; and
- (b) It must give public notice of the date so fixed.

The audit of the Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2024 has been completed by Council's Auditors - NSW Audit Office.

A copy of the Audit Report is included within the Annual Financial Statements.

Council's Auditor will be in attendance at the meeting to present the Auditor's Report. A copy of the Annual Financial Statements, including the Auditors Report, for the year ended 30 June 2023 is attached.

The 2023/2024 audited Annual Financial Statements were presented to Council on 31 October 2024 for the purposes of lodging them with the Office of Local Government by 31 October 2024. The Annual Financial Statements were lodged with the Office of Local Government on Thursday, 31 October 2024.

Notice was placed on Council's website with the intention to present the Annual Financial Statements at the 21 November 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting. The Annual Financial Statements have been available for inspection on Council's website. Written submissions have been invited and can be made until 5pm on Thursday, 28 November 2024. At the time of writing this report, no submissions had been received. The audited financial statements, together with the Auditor's Reports, are now formally presented to Council.

Council's overall financial result for the year was a surplus of \$15.146 million including capital grants and contributions and \$1.135 million excluding capital grants and contributions.

A summary of the Financial Statements is provided below.

	2024 \$ '000	2023 \$ '000
Income Statement		
Total income from continuing operations	80,497	92,086
Total expenses from continuing operations	65,351	77,320
Operating result from continuing operations	15,146	14,766
Net operating result for the year	15,146	14,766
Net operating result before grants and contributions provided for capital purposes	1,135	187
Statement of Financial Position		
Total current assets	60,040	54,074
Total current liabilities	(20,679)	(23,433)
Total non-current assets	804,342	771,855
Total non-current liabilities	(4,817)	(5,430)
Total equity	838,886	797,066
Other financial information		
Unrestricted current ratio (times)	3.33	1.95
Operating performance ratio (%)	6.72%	(0.47)%
Debt service cover ratio (times)	16.55	8.13
Rates and annual charges outstanding ratio (%)	5.59%	5.07%
Infrastructure renewals ratio (%)	0.00%	126.75%
Own source operating revenue ratio (%)	59.83%	60.29%
Cash expense cover ratio (months)	11.94	7.68

LINK TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN AND DELIVERY AND OPERATIONAL PLAN:

Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework:

Community Strategic Plan Theme

Theme 5 - Our Civic Leadership

Community Strategic Plan Strategic Objectives

CSP5 Our Civic leadership and organisation government fosters open and transparent partnership with our community

Delivery Program Principal Activities

5.5 Provide effective short and long term financial management to deliver financial sustainability

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS:

Nil

POLICY, LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS:

Section 418 and 419 of the *Local Government Act 1993*. Council is required to advertise a summary of the financial result for the year and formally present the Annual Financial Statements to the public. Any person may make a written submission with respect to the financial reports, within seven (7) days of the reports being presented to the public. As required under the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council will provide all submissions to the auditors and, in addition, may take action as considered appropriate.

RISK MANAGEMENT / COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS:

Audits provide assurance to Council and the community that the Financial Statements accurately represent Council's financial position at the end of the financial year.

OPTIONS:

Nil

COUNCIL SEAL REQUIRED:

No

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION:

In accordance with *Local Government Act 1993* S.418 notice was placed on Council's website with the intention to present the Annual Financial Statements at the 21 November 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting. The Annual Financial Statements have been available for inspection on Council's website. Written submissions have been invited and at the time of writing this report, no submissions had been received.

Internal Communication

- Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors - Annual Financial Statements report will be presented during Ordinary Council Meeting on **21 November 2024**.
- Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee. - Annual Financial Statements report will be presented during next ARIC meeting.

External Communication

Public Notice of a summary of the financial statements was advertised in the local newspaper and on Council's website to give the community an opportunity to provide a submission.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Annual Financial Statements 2023/2024 (under separate cover)

10.8. STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS - OCTOBER 2024**REPORT AUTHOR: FINANCE OFFICER****RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: DIRECTOR COMMUNITY & CORPORATE**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an overview of Council's cash and investment portfolio performance as at 31 October 2024.

RECOMMENDATION:**THAT COUNCIL:**

- 1. Note the report on Statement of Investments - October 2024.**

BACKGROUND:

In accordance with section 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, a monthly report is required to be submitted to Council detailing all investments of the Council.

REPORT:

This report has been revised to provide enhanced analysis and commentary on investment performance metrics, shifting the focus from investment holdings to portfolio performance evaluation.

The following table contains a list of cash, at call investments and term deposits held by Council as at 31 October 2024.

Combined Cash & Investments Table		31/10/2024					
Cash Accounts	Branch	Current Month	Last Month	Movement	Type	Interest Rate%	Maturity Date
Commonwealth Bank	Tumut	\$ 3,445,043	\$ 4,746,507	-\$ 1,301,464	W/Acct	4.35%	
Commonwealth Bank	Tumut	\$ 10,068,635	\$ 10,032,353	\$ 36,281	At Call (BOS)	4.40%	
Commonwealth Bank	Tumut	\$ 267	\$ 267	\$ -	Gen-Roth	4.35%	
Sub-Total Cash Accounts		\$ 13,513,945	\$ 14,779,127	-\$ 1,265,182		4.39%	
Total Cash & At Call Investments		\$ 13,513,945	\$ 14,779,127	-\$ 1,265,182		4.39%	
	Branch	Current Month	Last Month	Movement	Lodgement Date	Interest Rate%	Maturity Date
Australian Military Bank	564	\$ -	\$ 1,500,000	-\$ 1,500,000	02/07/2024	5.10%	02/10/2024
National Australia Bank	375	\$ -	\$ 1,500,000	-\$ 1,500,000	31/01/2024	5.14%	31/10/2024
Suncorp	580	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	28/11/2023	5.47%	28/11/2024
Suncorp	581	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	28/11/2023	5.45%	28/11/2024
National Australia Bank	591	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	22/12/2023	5.13%	23/12/2024
National Australia Bank	591	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	29/08/2024	5.00%	29/11/2024
Suncorp	588	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	22/12/2023	5.15%	23/12/2024
Suncorp	589	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	22/12/2023	5.15%	23/12/2024
National Australia Bank	375	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ -	28/06/2024	5.30%	30/12/2024
Suncorp	597	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	18/01/2024	5.20%	20/01/2025
National Australia Bank	375	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	29/01/2024	5.20%	29/01/2025
National Australia Bank	375	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,500,000	\$ -	30/01/2024	5.19%	30/01/2025
National Australia Bank	375	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	31/01/2024	5.15%	31/01/2025
National Australia Bank	375	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	31/01/2024	5.15%	31/01/2025
Bendigo & Adelaide Bank	633	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ -	31/07/2024	5.20%	31/01/2025
Suncorp	590	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ -	29/08/2024	4.99%	28/02/2025
Bank of Queensland	001	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,500,000	\$ -	02/07/2024	5.35%	03/03/2025
Bank of Queensland	001	\$ 1,026,153	\$ 1,026,153	\$ -	17/09/2024	5.05%	17/03/2025
National Australia Bank	375	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	28/06/2024	5.35%	28/03/2025
Suncorp	588	\$ 1,500,000	\$ -	\$ 1,500,000	02/10/2024	5.35%	02/04/2025
Westpac	916	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ -	03/04/2024	5.07%	03/04/2025
Westpac	916	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	03/04/2024	5.07%	03/04/2025
Westpac	916	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ -	11/04/2024	5.13%	11/04/2025
ICBC Sydney Branch	337	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,500,000	\$ -	27/09/2024	5.01%	27/05/2025
National Australia Bank	375	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	31/07/2024	5.30%	31/07/2025
National Australia Bank	375	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	29/08/2024	5.00%	29/08/2025
Australian Military Bank	564	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,500,000	\$ -	01/08/2023	5.35%	01/08/2025
National Australia Bank	375	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ -	09/09/2024	4.95%	09/09/2025
Westpac	916	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ -	29/09/2023	5.21%	29/09/2025
ICBC Sydney Branch	337	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	30/09/2024	4.92%	30/09/2025
Westpac	916	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	03/04/2024	4.95%	15/10/2025
ICBC Sydney Branch	337	\$ 1,500,000	\$ -	\$ 1,500,000	31/10/2024	4.95%	31/10/2025
Suncorp	590	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ -	22/12/2023	4.93%	22/12/2025
Total TD's		\$ 42,026,153	\$ 42,026,153	\$ 0		5.14%	
Total Cash & Investments		\$55,540,098	\$56,805,280	-\$1,265,182		4.96%	

The following table outlines Council's existing investments, categorised by financial institution:

Compliant	Issuer	Rating	Invested (\$)	Invested (%)	Max. Limit (%)	Available (\$)
✓	ANZ	AA-	\$10,500,000	18.91%	30%	\$6,162,029
✓	CBA	AA-	\$13,513,945	24.33%	30%	\$3,148,085
✓	NAB	AA-	\$13,500,000	24.31%	30%	\$3,162,029
✓	Westpac	AA-	\$8,000,000	14.40%	30%	\$8,662,029
✓	ICBC	A	\$4,000,000	7.20%	20%	\$7,108,020
✓	BoQ	A-	\$2,526,153	4.55%	20%	\$8,581,866
✓	Bendigo-Adelaide	A-	\$2,000,000	3.60%	20%	\$9,108,020
✓	Aus Military Bank	BBB+	\$1,500,000	2.70%	15%	\$6,831,015
			\$55,540,098	100.00%		

It is hereby certified that the above investments have been made in accordance with section 625 of the *Local Government Act 1993* and the regulations thereunder, and in accordance with Snowy Valleys Council's *Investment Policy*. Cash and Investments decreased \$1.2M in October 2024.

Major cash receipts received during October 2024 included:

- Transport NSW - Natural Disaster Funding - AGRN 1001 - \$1M
- Rural Fire Service - Talbingo Development - \$358K
- Department of Education - Community Childcare Fund Program - \$123K
- JJ Waste & Recycling - User Fees and Charges - \$90K

Main cash disbursements (excluding employee costs) during the month included:

- StateCover Mutual - Workers Compensation Premium 2024/2025 - \$420K
- Fleet Replacement - \$467K
- Talbingo RFS Shed Development - \$133K
- Fleet Operation Costs - \$83K

Council's *Investment Policy* requires Council officers to minimise investment risk by spreading investments across several institutions (Institutional Credit Framework) as well as within its investment portfolio (Overall Portfolio Credit Framework). These risk minimisation measures impact the achievable rate of return. Council officers continue to monitor the investment market and regularly receive updates from Council's financial advisors.

This month the report includes a focus on maturity risk. The portfolio remains highly liquid with 42% of investments maturing within 90 days and an additional 54% maturing within 12 months.

Council's portfolio is currently weighted towards short-term investments due to constraints in our cash flow assessments, however, Council is undertaking a comprehensive analysis of our future cash flow to explore the feasibility of extending investment terms to 12 months or more which would potentially yield more attractive interest rates and enhance returns.

The following table outlines Council's existing investments, categorised by investment term:

Compliant	Horizon	Invested (\$)	Invested (%)	Min. Limit (%)	Max. Limit (%)	Available (\$)
✓	0 - 90 days	\$23,513,945	42.34%	10%	100%	\$32,026,153
✓	91 - 365 days	\$30,026,153	54.06%	0%	100%	\$25,513,945
✓	1 - 2 years	\$2,000,000	3.60%	0%	70%	\$36,878,069
✓	2 - 5 years	\$0	0.00%	0%	50%	\$27,770,049
✓	5 - 10 years	\$0	0.00%	0%	25%	\$13,885,025
		\$55,540,098	100.00%			

For the month of October, the portfolio (excluding cash) provided a return of +0.44% (actual) or +5.31% per annum (annualised), outperforming the benchmark Ausbond Bank Bill Index of +0.37% (actual) or +4.50% per annum (annualised).

Council's performance (excluding cash holdings) for the month ending October 2024:

Performance (Actual)	1 month	3 months	6 months	FYTD	1 year
Official Cash Rate	0.36%	1.08%	2.17%	1.45%	4.36%
AusBond Bank Bill Index	0.37%	1.12%	2.23%	1.49%	4.45%
Council's T/D Portfolio^	0.44%	1.29%	2.59%	1.73%	5.02%
Outperformance	0.07%	0.17%	0.36%	0.23%	0.57%

^Total portfolio performance excludes Council's cash account holdings.

Performance (Annualised)	1 month	3 months	6 months	FYTD	1 year
Official Cash Rate	4.35%	4.35%	4.35%	4.35%	4.36%
AusBond Bank Bill Index	4.50%	4.50%	4.47%	4.50%	4.45%
Council's T/D Portfolio^	5.31%	5.22%	5.20%	5.21%	5.02%
Outperformance	0.81%	0.72%	0.73%	0.72%	0.57%

^Total portfolio performance excludes Council's cash account holdings.

LINK TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN AND DELIVERY AND OPERATIONAL PLAN:

Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework:

Community Strategic Plan Theme

Theme 5 - Our Civic Leadership

Community Strategic Plan Strategic Objectives

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Delivery Program Principal Activities

5.5 Provide effective short and long term financial management to deliver financial sustainability

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS:

Investments are undertaken based upon the best rate on the day and after consideration on spreading Council's Investment risk across various institutions as per the *Investment Policy* and section 625 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

POLICY, LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS:

The information provided complies with Council's *Investment Policy* and section 625 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

RISK MANAGEMENT / COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS:

Monthly reporting of investments keeps Council informed of current cash holdings and return on investments.

OPTIONS:

Nil.

COUNCIL SEAL REQUIRED:

No

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION:

Matters arising from this report that require further communication will be addressed at the meeting or taken on notice and a response will be provided.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

11. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

11.1. ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MANAGED CROWN LAND PLAN OF MANAGEMENT

REPORT AUTHOR: PROPERTY & ROADS PARTNER

RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE & WORKS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to recommend to Council to adopt the updated Council Managed Crown Land Plans of Management for the Crown Land Reserves that Council currently manages in accordance with the *Crown Land Management Act 2016*. The draft updated Council Managed Crown Land Plans of Management was placed on public exhibition for 42 days from 11 July 2024 to 22 August 2024. During this time, Council received no submissions.

The *Crown Land Management Act 2016* (the CLM Act) authorises local councils appointed to manage dedicated or reserved Crown Land (Council in the capacity of Crown Land Managers) to manage that land as if it were public land under Section 40 the *Local Government Act 1993* (LG Act). Under the LG Act 1993, a Plan of Management (PoM) must be adopted by Council for all "Community Land" managed by Council which includes these Crown Reserves that Council manages in its capacity as a Crown Land Manager on behalf of Crown Lands.

Council currently manages seventy (70) Crown Reserves classified as "Community Land" on behalf of Crown Lands in its capacity as a Crown Lands Manager. The total area of these Crown Reserves in the Snowy Valleys Council is 1094 hectares (10,944,248 m²) of land. Each year, Council spends around \$3 million in maintaining this portfolio of Crown Land Reserves on behalf of Crown Lands.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT COUNCIL:

1. **Formally adopt the updated Council Managed Crown Land Plan of Management (Reserves) pursuant to Section 40 of the *Local Government Act 1993* in accordance with 3.23 (6) of the *Crown Land Management Act 2016*.**

BACKGROUND:

At the Council Meeting held on 17 February 2022, Council resolved the following:

11.5	PLAN OF MANAGEMENT FOR COUNCIL MANAGED COMMUNITY CROWN RESERVES
M61/22	RESOLVED: THAT COUNCIL:
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Receive this report for the Plan of Management for Council Managed Community Crown Reserves. 2. Approve the draft Council Managed Crown Land Plan of Management to be forwarded to the landowner, Crown Lands (NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment), seeking endorsement to proceed to public exhibition of the draft Plan of Management and authorise administrative and corrective amendments to the documents by the CEO. 3. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to revise the draft Council Managed Crown Land Plan of Management in accordance with any direction received from Crown Lands, prior to placing on public exhibition for a minimum period of 28 days and inviting the public to make submission over a period of 42 days. 4. Bring the final version of the Council Managed Crown Land Plan of Management to a future Council meeting for consideration and adoption.

As noted on resolution point no. 4, this report now seeks to formally adopt the Snowy Valleys Council Managed Crown Lands Plans of Management (PoM).

Council Managed Crown Land Plan of Management

Local councils appointed as Crown Land Managers to manage dedicated or reserved Crown land are required to develop plans of management for the land where it is classified as "Community Land" under the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Under the amendments to the Crown Land management system in 2018, Councils in NSW have responsibility to manage some areas of Crown Land, generally in the same way that they manage their own "Community Land" under the *Local Government Act 1993*. The draft Snowy Valleys Council (SVC), Council Managed Crown Land PoM applies to all Council Managed Crown Land that has been classified as 'Community Land' within Snowy Valleys Council local government area.

PoM are legal documents developed by Crown Lands that set out how to maintain and guide how Crown land will be sustainably managed. They provide a wealth of information about a particular site, including social, environmental, and economic values, they set objectives and performance targets for community land, and provide for active land management and use, including the issuing of tenures over the land.

All draft PoMs must be developed in line with the public exhibition requirements under section 38 of the *Local Government Act 1993*. Public exhibition requirements are generally 42 days on public exhibition.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993 - SECTION 40

Under the *Local Government Act 1993* - Section 40, Local Councils are required to formally adopt the Plans of Management (PoMs) that have been prepared for "Community land" under Councils' direct care and control and or in this case "Community Land" that Council manages on the behalf of Crown Lands.

Below is an extract from the *Local Government Act 1993* - Section 40.

Section 40 - Adoption of Plans of Management

(1) After considering all submissions received by it concerning the draft plan of management, the council may decide to amend the draft plan or to adopt it without amendment as the plan of management for the community land concerned.

(2) If the council decides to amend the draft plan it must either--

(2A) If a council adopts an amended plan without public exhibition of the amended draft plan, it must give public notice of that adoption, and of the terms of the amended plan of management, as soon as practicable after the adoption.

(3) The council may not, however, proceed to adopt the plan until any public hearing required under [section 40A](#) has been held in accordance with [section 40A](#).

Reserves that are classified as "Community Land" that Council manages on the behalf of Crown Lands

Council currently manages seventy (70) Reserves classified as "Community Land" on behalf of Crown Lands as a Crown Lands Manager. The total area of land that these Reserves currently make in the Snowy Valleys Council area is 1094.245 hectares (10,9442,448 m²) of Land. Each year Council spends around \$3 million in maintaining this portfolio of Crown Land Reserves on behalf of Crown Lands.

Each reserve is covered by several parcels of land. The seventy (70) Reserves that are the subject of the PoM and this report are outlined in Table 1 below.

Table 1. The seventy (70) Crown Reserves that are the subject of the updated Plan of Management

PART 2: TUMUT AREA		
Reserve	Reserve Name	Reserve No.
Reserve 1	Tumut Hockey Field & Bull Paddock Sports Field	R88433
Reserve 2	Tumut Swimming Pool	R86821
Reserve 3	Tumut Boys Club Hall	R10102568
Reserve 4	Richmond Park & Stockwell Gardens (removed from current PoM)	D620045
Reserve 5	Lockeridge Park	D620046
Reserve 6	Riverglades Sportsground	R81656
Reserve 7	Tumut Historical Museum	R91300
Reserve 8	Tumut Golf Course	R68940
Reserve 9	Jarrah Rugby Oval	R83852
Reserve 10	Bundara Crescent Reserve	R98024
Reserve 11	Stony Creek Reserve (RDA Grounds)	R96097
Reserve 12	Junction Park	R87967
Reserve 13	River Access Reserve (Gocup Farms Rd)	R91524
Reserve 14	Jones Bridge Reserve (1)	R87051
Reserve 15	Jones Bridge Reserve (2)	R86682
Part 3: Tumbarumba Area		
Reserve	Reserve Name	Reserve No.
Reserve 16	Tumbarumba Sportsground	R84972
Reserve 17	Hammond Lane	R47288
Reserve 18	Unnamed (Tumbarumba Memorial Park)	R1000188
Reserve 19	Tumbarumba Showground	R85519
Reserve 20	Tumbarumba Pony Club Ground	R77478
Reserve 21	Bicentennial Park	R10897
Reserve 22	Lyne Park	R49875
Reserve 23	Lyne Park (Addition	R54324
Reserve 24	Wolters Cottage (1)	R97660
Reserve 25	Wolters Cottage (2)	R220012
Reserve 26	Rosewood to Tumbarumba Rail Trail	D1039111
Reserve 27	Pioneer Womens Hut	R64238
Reserve 28	Saleyad Road TSR	R90753
Reserve 29	Murrays Crossing Reserve	R89627
Reserve 30	Tumbarumba Creek Reserves	R81211
Reserve 31	Bogong Street Reserve on Tumba Creek	R82287
Reserve 32	Courabyra Hall Reserve	R65877
Reserve 33	Reserves Below Jacksons Bridge	R76257
Reserve 34	Henry Angel Camping Ground	R85440
Reserve 35	Mannus Lake	R1005408
Reserve 36	Paddy River Falls	R85803
Reserve 37	Paddy River Flats	R75503
Part 4: Batlow Area		
Reserve	Reserve Name	Reserve No.
Reserve 38	Batlow Show and Recreation Ground and Golf Course	D620065
Reserve 39	Reedy Creek Park & Batlow Caravan Park (Part)	R60984
Reserve 40	Batlow HV Smith Park	R93078
Reserve 41	Batlow Weemala Lookout	R89311
Reserve 42	Reserve on Batlow Rd, Batlow	R52460
Part 5: Adelong Area		
Reserve	Reserve Name	Reserve No.
Reserve 43	Adelong Show & Recreation Ground	D620062
Reserve 44	Curtis' Flat Hockey Ground	D620035
Reserve 45	Adelong Memorial Park	R15372
Reserve 46	Adelong Swimming Pool (Destroyed, Proposed Park)	R84101
Reserve 47	Adelong Apex Park	R1010128
Reserve 48	Bleak Street Reserve	R62798
Reserve 49	Adelong Falls Reserve	R88410
Reserve 50	Adelong Golf Course	R91084
Reserve 51	Grahamstown Common	R89834
Reserve 52	Grahamstown Sports Ground	R65375

Part 6: Other Isolated & Rural Reserves		
Reserve	Reserve Name	Reserve No.
Reserve 53	Rosewood War Memorial	R58589
Reserve 54	Rosewood Reserve	R97239
Reserve 55	Rosewood Creek Abutment	R64531
Reserve 56	Jingellic Camping Ground	R86806
Reserve 57	Ournie Recreation Reserve	R89259
Reserve 58	Old Ournie School	R220056
Reserve 59	Karara Reserve Ournie (1)	R86466
Reserve 60	Karara Reserve Ournie (2)	R82005
Reserve 61	Unnamed Reserve	R89755
Reserve 62:	Khancoban Pondage Boat Ramp	R89670
Reserve 63	China Walls Reserve	R84964
Reserve 64	Brindabella Creek Reserve	R95480
Reserve 65	Gilmore Camping Ground	R81665
Reserve 66	Adelong Creek Wondalga	R71535
Reserve 67	Purcells Bridge Reserve	R96427
Reserve 68	Reserve On Kunama Rd, Kunama	R89946
Reserve 69	Laurel Hill Reserve	R71823
Reserve 70	Tooma Hotel Parkland	R89156

Note: Reserve 4: Richmond Park & Stockwell Gardens RD620045 has been removed from PoM pending a sight specific Plan of Management for the use of that land for the purposes of a Multi-Purpose Centre.

REPORT:

Whilst the Crown Reserves (Community Land) that are the subject of this report and the accompanying PoM remain as Crown land reserves in the ownership of the Crown, the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* established a new process on how to manage the land as if it belonged to Council. A number of the reserves identified in the updated PoM that Council is being recommended to adopt are Crown land reserves that are being classified and categorised as "Community Land".

The reserve classifications are as follows:

- General Community Use,
- Parks
- Sportsgrounds
- Natural Areas - Bushland and Natural Areas -
- Watercourses.

As stated earlier, all land that is classified as "Community Land" requires a PoM to guide the future use and management of the land to ensure that Crown land is lawfully used and occupied, which is an essential part of Council's role as a Crown Land Manager.

This updated PoM that is being recommended to Council for adoption addresses the history of the subject Crown Reserves. It also outlines the current permissible development and uses of the Reserves and establishes directions for future management and use of these important public assets to meet the diverse needs of the community both now and into the future. The PoM also authorises Council to renew and enter into future leases and licences over the subject lands, however certain conditions must be met to ensure the use of the land is still in accordance with the updated PoM.

Since the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* (CLM Act) came into effect in 2018, Council has been working through a series of stages for developing an updated PoM. Refer to Figure 1 which outlines the Legislative process that Council has to follow for the Council Managed Crown Land Reserves.

Figure 1. Legislative stages of Plans of Management for Council managed Crown Reserves



Stage 1- Legislation

The CLM Act came into effect on 1 July 2018 and amended the way in which councils manage the Crown lands of which they were previously (in most cases) appointed as Trust Manager. The CLM Act does not require Council to develop a PoM for those Crown Reserves that have been devolved to Council as these are managed with less autonomy under the CLM Act. Many of the devolved reserves include the cemeteries in the local government area and have typically been managed by Council for many years within a separate PoM.

Stage 2 – Classification

Community Land and Operational Land

Section 25 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, (the LG Act) stipulates that all public land must be classified. There are two classifications of land under the LG Act as set out under Section 26; which are 'Community' and 'Operational' land.

A simple definition of 'Community' land is that this is land owned or managed by Council that is used by the general public, such as a public reserve or park. By law (*Local Government Act 1993*), the Council must prepare a Plan of Management that sets out how the Community or public land will be used.

'Community' land cannot be sold, leased, licenced or have any other estate granted over it for more than 30 years and must have a PoM adopted for its management. 'Community' land must also have a category assigned to it that closely aligns with the lands purpose(s) for which the Crown land was reserved in the first place and also facilitates the ongoing use of the land for that purpose - i.e. public recreation, camping or general community use.

'Operational' land is simply land owned by Council that is held as a temporary asset or as an investment. This could be land owned by Council for its operations such as a Works Depot or for the storage of materials.

Stage 3 – Plan of Management

Land classified as 'Community' Land is then guided by a site specific or generic PoM, describing the land and associated management processes.

In late 2020, Council engaged Locale Consulting to develop a generic PoM for all Snowy Valleys Council Crown Reserve Land (Community Land) that is managed by Council.

The draft updated PoM went on Public Exhibition as required by the *Crown Land management Act 2016* for 42 days from 11 July 2024 to 22 August 2024. During this time, Council received no submissions.

The updated PoM that is attached to this report (**Attachment 2**) is being recommended to Council for adoption. Once adopted the PoM will be submitted to Crown Lands at the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment for their records in accordance with legislative requirements and will be made available on the SVC Website.

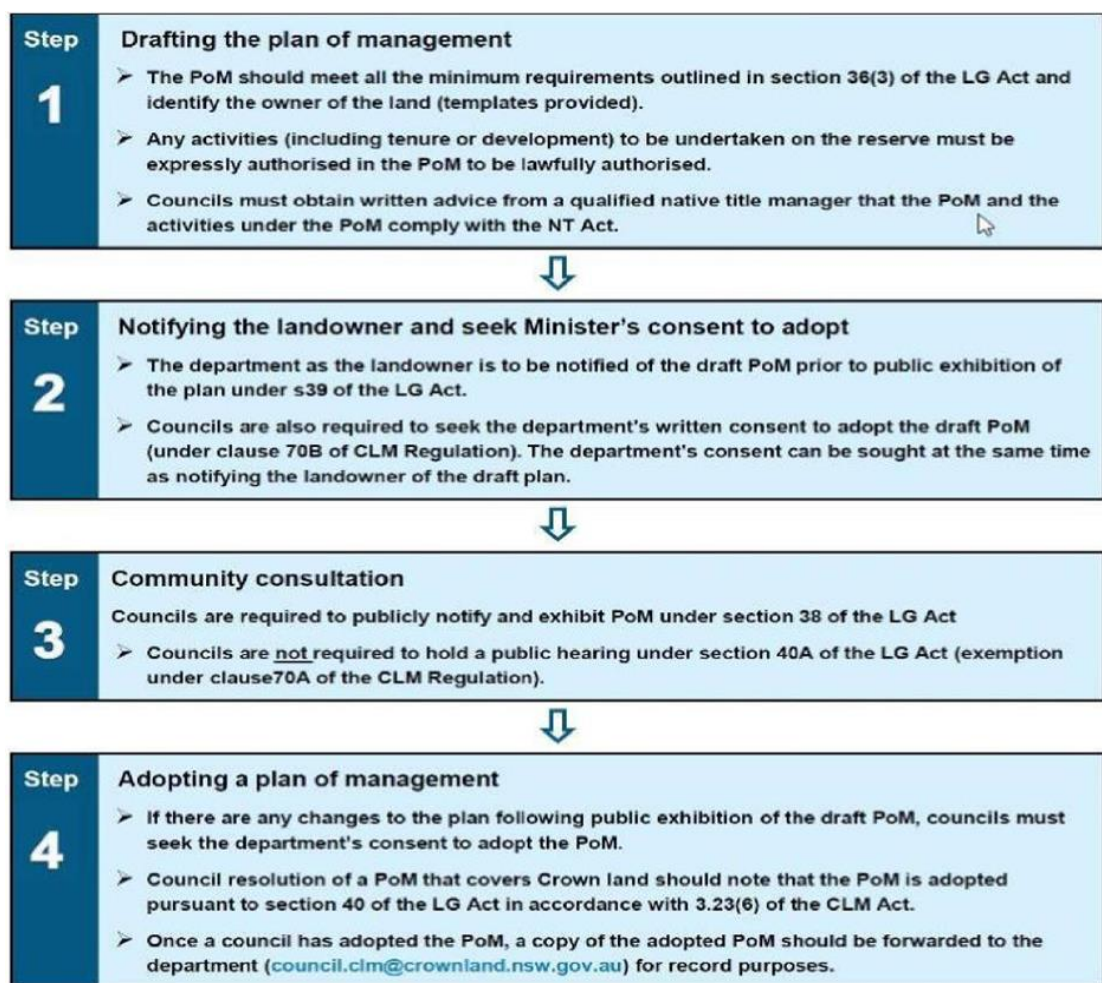
Stage 4 - Categorisation

'Community Land' is required to be further 'categorised' in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*. These categories must also be aligned to the Crown land reserves original purpose. The initial categorisation of the land has been received from Crown land and is included in the updated PoM. The updated PoM outlines the categorisations for each on the seventy (70) reserves that are included in the attached PoM - Attachment 2.

Note: The *Crown Land Management Amendment (Plan of Management) Regulation 2021*, effective from 4 June 2021, provides an exemption from the requirement of the CLM Act for Council to adopt the PoM prior to 30 June 2021, which was the original deadline for adoption. Under the same amending Regulation, Council does not have to hold a public hearing as would typically be required under s40A of the LG Act and as previously required under the CLM Act.

Figure 2 below provides a pictorial overview of the POM adoption process. The light blue box indicates where SVC is currently positioned in relation to the adoption of the Crown Reserve PoM process. Overall, the attached PoM allows Council to meet the legislative obligations for the management of Crown reserves where Council is the appointed Crown Land Manager, for that Crown Land that is classified as 'Community Land'. (Figure 2 below outlines the process that Council has to follow to adopt the PoM for the Crown Reserves it manages in its capacity as a Crown Land Manager).

Figure 2. Crown Reserves - Plans of Management Adoption Process



Council has completed Steps 1, 2, 3 and dot point 1 of step 4 of the process. This report is recommending to Council to adopt the updated PoM for the seventy (70) Crown Reserves that Council manages in its capacity as Crown Land Manager so that the final two points of step 4 can be completed.

LINK TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN AND DELIVERY AND OPERATIONAL PLAN:

Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework:

Community Strategic Plan Theme

Theme 3 - Our Environment

Community Strategic Plan Strategic Objectives

CSP3 Our natural environment is cared for and protected to ensure future generations can experience and enjoy its beauty

Delivery Program Principal Activities

3.3 Provide a planning and development framework that enhances local amenity through sustainable growth

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS:

The costs associated with the development of the PoM have been included in the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 budgets adopted by Council.

Council received \$80,000 in funding from the Office of Local Government towards the cost of preparing the PoM in 2021.

The consultant costs from Locale Consulting to date for the preparation of the Plan of Management is \$46,563. The balance of \$33,437 is available for the Tumbarumba Caravan Park and MPC sight specific PoM.

Council receives no additional funding for the maintenance of Crown Reserves managed by Council.

In 2023-2024 Council spent \$3.44 million on managing and maintaining these reserves. All operating costs were budgeted for by Council in 2023-2024 budget. In the 2024-2025 financial year Council has budgeted \$3.18 million to manage and maintain these reserves.

The PoM does not propose any future development or expenditure from Council that has not already been adopted in the 2024-2025 budget and or forward estimates. There are no financial and economic implications in relation to the endorsement of the PoM.

POLICY, LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS:

The attached PoM has been prepared in accordance with relevant legislation primarily relating to the *Crown Land Management Act 2016*, the *Crown Land Management Regulation 2018* and the *Local Government Act 1993*. These Acts provide the core framework to enable the future management and improvement of the 'Community' land to which this PoM applies.

A range of other legislation, policies and statements also applies to the management of public land. Application of these will typically depend on the activities or used being undertaken, and the attributes of the land – for example, the presence of native vegetation or proposed use. Legislation that is typically relevant to the land management process includes:

- *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979* and the Environmental Planning Instruments (EPIs) that it enable, including:
 - relevant State Environmental Planning Policies (SEPPs), including SEPP (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021 and SEPP (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008
- *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*

- *Rural Fires Act 1997* – Council may be required to manage vegetation within reserves via means of mechanical control and/or hazard reduction burns for the purpose of satisfying bush fire mitigation responsibilities and preventing bushfires governed by Section 63 of the *Rural Fires Act 1997*
- *National Parks & Wildlife Act 1974*
- *Heritage Act 1977*
- *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Commonwealth).

Other Policies and Statements also applies to the management of public land include:

- Envisage 2040: Our Path to a Sustainable Future - Local Strategic Planning Statement
- Tumbarumba Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2010
- Tumut LEP 2012
- Snowy Valleys Development Control Plan (DCP) 2024
- Disability Inclusion Plan 2022-2026
- Advocacy Plan 2018-2028
- Tumut Shire Council Growth Strategy Plan 2013-2033
- Zero Waste Strategy 2019-2030
- Regional Economic Development Strategy 2023

Following adoption, it is recommended that the PoM be reviewed every 2 years to ensure it remains current in capturing the current uses and improvements on the reserves included in the PoM according to all the current SVC strategic plans.

RISK MANAGEMENT / COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS:

The adoption of the PoM following Ministerial consent is a statutory requirement and poses no risk to Council.

There is a risk of not complying with the statutory obligations if the PoM is not submitted.

The introduction of the PoM will enable a consistent approach to the management of Crown Reserves (Community Land) that are managed by Council.

Not adopting the PoM may result in Council being requested to refund the grant funding it has received from the Office of Local Government.

OPTIONS:

1. Adopt as per recommendations set out in this report - preferred option.
2. Decline the recommendations set out in this report noting there is a risk of not complying with the statutory obligations if the PoM is not adopted.
3. Propose an alternative resolution of Council to what is being recommended in this report.

COUNCIL SEAL REQUIRED:

No

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION:

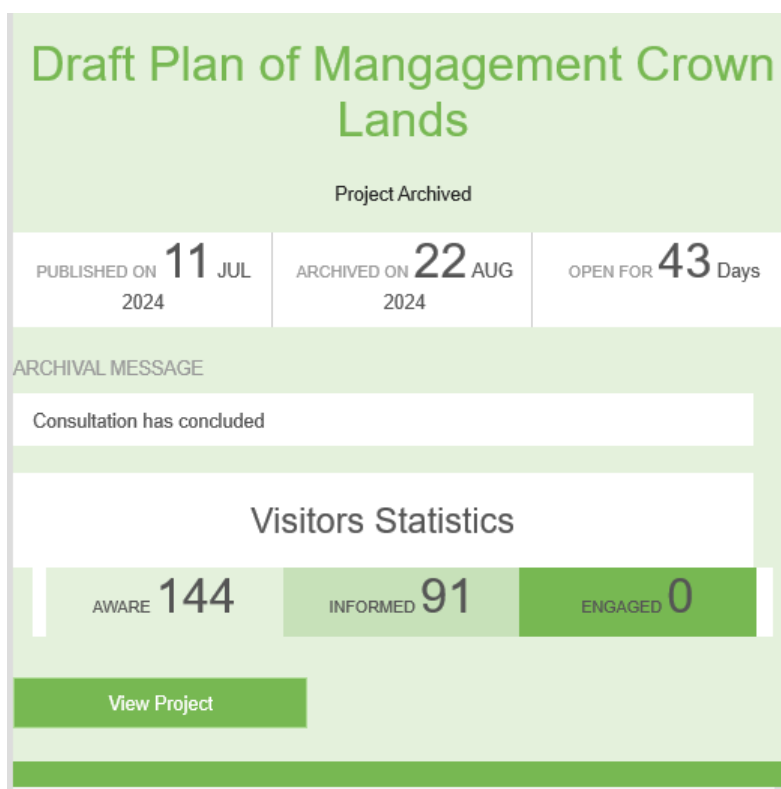
External Consultation:

Council has developed and adopted the *Snowy Valleys Council Community Engagement Strategy 2017* and sets out the principles for their engagement with the community. Council will continue to liaise and involve key stakeholders and the broader community in the ongoing planning, management, use and development of 'Community' land into the future.

A key part of the process in developing this PoM was recognising the input and ongoing conversations Council has had with the community regarding public land in recent times. In particular, this included extensive consultation undertaken in the recent development of the *Local Strategic Planning Statement* and *Snowy Valleys Community Strategic Plan*. Past community consultations informing this PoM are outlined in Part 2 - 6 for each respective locality.

This updated PoM was exhibited in its draft form in accordance with Section 38 of the *Local Government Act 1993*. Council provided public notice of the draft Plan of Management, exhibiting it from 11 July to 22 August 2024 on the "Your Voice - Snowy Valleys Council Engagement Hub" webpage. Council received no submissions.

Council website was viewed 144 times with 91 residents informed.



Council has not received any formal submissions on the draft PoM while it was on public exhibition from 11 July 2024 to 22 August 2024. Council staff have made some minor amendments to the PoM reflecting the passage of time and some broader feedback from a local environmental group that is reflected in the document that is being recommended to Council to adopt.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Attachment F - Snowy Valleys Council - Post Exhibition Draft PoM 1 - Letter to Council (Consent to adopt) (Under separate cover)
2. 20241029 - Snowy Valleys Plans of Management for Crown Lands - for Adoption (Under separate cover)

11.2. TUMUT EVACUATION AND MULTIPURPOSE CENTRE PROJECT GENERAL UPDATE**REPORT AUTHOR: MAJOR PROJECTS - PROJECT MANAGER****RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE & WORKS**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update regarding the Snowy Valleys Emergency Evacuation Centre and Multipurpose Facility at Richmond Park.

RECOMMENDATION:**THAT COUNCIL:**

1. **Note the Snowy Valleys Emergency Evacuation Centre and Multipurpose Facility Project General Update Report.**

BACKGROUND:

Council, at its workshop on 6 June 2024 and Ordinary Meeting on 20 June 2024, considered a comprehensive report on the site options regarding the project, considering the constraints and opportunities, and unanimously resolved:

11.2 TUMUT MULTI-PURPOSE CENTRE SITE OPTIONS ANALYSIS**M134/24 RESOLVED:****THAT COUNCIL:**

1. Cease the current "reject and negotiate" process for the Tumut Multi-Purpose Centre as resolved by Council at its 14 December 2023 meeting;
2. Consider the options analysis for the three (3) alternative site options for the Tumut Multi-Purpose Centre as outlined in this report;
3. Adopt the Richmond Street site opposite the Tumut Bowling Club (unused bowling greens) as the preferred site option for further feasibility and Geotech investigation;
4. Resolves to take over the land as Crown Lands manager which is known as Lot 1/81 DP759004, No. 312513 at the corner of Russel and Robertson Streets, Tumut that is currently leased by Crown Lands to the Tumut Bowling and Recreation Club Ltd.

Cr Ivill/Cr Larter

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Further, the site was selected as a preference at the Ordinary Meeting on 15 September 2022, and unanimously resolved:

11.4. TUMUT EVACUATION AND MULTI-PURPOSE CENTRE LOCATION**MOTION:****THAT COUNCIL:**

1. Approve the preference order of the below locations for commencement of site investigations and progression for the Tumut Evacuation and Multi-Purpose Centre:
 - a. First preference - Lockeridge Park
 - b. Second preference - Richmond Park;
2. Approve site investigation for Lockeridge Park in the first instance, followed by Richmond Park should Lockeridge Park be found unsuitable.

Cr Trina Thomson/Cr Brent Livermore

M267/22 RESOLVED to move into Committee of the Whole.

Cr Trina Thomson/Cr John Larter

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

M268/22 RESOLVED to move out of Committee of the Whole.

Cr John Larter/Cr Mick Ivill

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

M269/22 RESOLVED:

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Approve commencement of site investigations and progression for the Tumut Evacuation and Multi-Purpose Centre at Lockeridge Park or Richmond Park.

Cr Trina Thomson/Cr Brent Livermore

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Snowy Valleys Council (SVC) stood on behalf of our community in the wake of the bushfire to advocate for recovery assistance from the State and Federal Government and other agencies. The BLERF funding was established specifically to assist communities heavily impacted from the Bushfires of 2019/2020 in their recovery and future resilience. That objective cannot be forgotten and is appreciated by SVC and the community. The SVC LGA was severely impacted by the bushfires with 45% of the LGA burnt (402.650ha), and during the crisis, displaced families throughout the Snowy Valleys region had to be evacuated to a school facility in Tumut before being relocated to the Evacuation Centre in Wagga Wagga, approximately 105 kilometres away. This highlights the very real need for a suitable large-capacity Emergency Evacuation/Multipurpose Facility in Tumut that will allow displaced communities to stay close to their homes and localities in the event of a natural disaster or other emergency. A purpose-built evacuation centre and multipurpose facility is critical infrastructure that is not presently available in the Snowy Valleys LGA.

The outcomes of this project will be:

1. A purpose-built evacuation centre and multipurpose facility to cater for multiple indoor sports, the size of two basketball courts to accommodate local, regional and state sporting competitions as well as a facility to host conferences, local school and community events.
2. Local employment outcomes, including apprenticeships and indigenous employment opportunities, through the building and construction of the facility.
3. Local employment outcomes, through the ongoing management of the facility.
4. An increase in community wellbeing and cohesion through the provision of an indoor sporting facility equipped with a large stadium, changerooms, amenities and spectator seats with disability access, where sport can be played and watched 12 months of the year, in any climate.
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REPORT:

Progress to date and key facts:

Snowy Valleys Council (SVC) has been working hard to deliver this project which has included significant investment in site identification and design development over the past three (3) years. Unfortunately, delays have occurred that were out of Council's control due to unforeseen geotechnical challenges, site constraints, and associated budget impacts uncovered at alternate sites considered by Council. SVC resolved to adopt the Richmond Street site opposite the Tumut Bowling Club (unused bowling green) as the preferred site option at its Meeting held on 20 June 2024.

Project Management

SVC has a dedicated full-time experienced contracted Project Manager, and NSW Public Works Advisory are overseeing the project through regular Project Control Group (PCG) meetings held with the funding body. Our Project is being managed under a quality Project Management Framework. A revised project schedule was prepared and presented to the PCG specific for the project at Richmond Park. We are currently progressing well to that schedule.

Crown Land

On 24 June, SVC made application to take over as Crown Land Managers of Lot 1/81 DP 759004 – Part of R620045. On August 16, Grant Maginness, Crown Land Property Management Project Officer, notified Council that "We have been given the approval to transfer this area to you as part of the adjoining reserve. This could still take a couple of weeks. I will let you know when gazetted." Council holds correspondence from the Club that strongly supports their desire to extinguish the lease. Despite some follow up, we are yet to receive the formal gazettal.

Once Council obtains gazettal, Council will be required to:

- Prepare and publicly exhibit a site-specific Plan of Management with the required classification change for development. Noting that we should have a concept design by that time which will accurately reflect what is planned for the site. Although the land is zoned RE1 Public Recreation, with Indoor Recreation Facilities permitted with consent, the Crown Land classification needs to be updated.
- Obtain landowners consent prior to Lodging a Development Application.

SVC continue to meet with Crown Lands to facilitate the required changes, and opportunities for interim agreements if necessary due to timing.

Detailed Topographic Survey

This was undertaken by SVC and completed on 20 September 2024 and was essential to progress the project and identify constraints and opportunities on which to plan and construct the project. The site has no service mains impacting it, only some local water meters. All services are in the surrounding road reserves and in close proximity for future connection. There are no environmental constraints affecting the site.

Geotechnical Investigation

A geotechnical report from ASCT for Council's crown lease area was undertaken in 2022. The site doesn't appear to present problems for construction, although they classified the site Class P which requires

engineering input, due to some low bearing capacity in the shallow zones, otherwise it is a Class M Moderately Reactive. The auger was refusing at levels of 3.7m on what would be the southern boundary of the development where excavation would be at maximum, and we may set levels well above that. The unknown was under the bowling green, however we will most likely have to cut and dispose most of the filled area, to tie in floor level to the boundary level.

A request for tender (RFQ) for Geotechnical and Environmental Survey was prepared, and a contractor engaged on 16 September 2024. Field work was completed on 27 September. The consultant has now provided a Final Report of the geotechnical properties of the ground relevant to the project; interpretation of the implications of the ground conditions for the project; assessment of potential risks to the project; and recommendations for further work, if needed. Comprehensive and complete information is required to ensure that an appointed engineering company may then design the concrete slabs, footings, and foundations for commercial building, to the Australian Standards. This report will be provided to the designers.

After fieldwork and testing, the report has confirmed that the site is contamination free. A fair amount of fill under the green is saturated silt and sandy silt, which is not geotechnically suitable for a controlled pad or fill under a structure and will need off-site removal. There are no known geotechnical challenges on site.

Request for Tender - Detailed Design

SVC prepared tender documents and released it to market on 24 September 2024. Tenders closed on 25 October with fourteen (14) tenders received. The tender evaluation has now taken place and a report on the tender outcome has been prepared and will be presented to the Council meeting being held on Thursday 21 November as a confidential report.

The purpose of this consultancy brief and tender is to engage a suitably qualified consultant team to prepare documentation for the Snowy Valleys Emergency Evacuation Centre and Multipurpose Facility at Richmond Park.

The consultant team will be required to:

1. Undertake investigations, consultation, and design development of the current concept
2. Prepare all documentation and lodgement of a Development Application (DA)
3. Prepare all required documentation for both a Construction Certificate (CC) and a Construction Tender
4. Provide Design Services during construction.

The tenderers must demonstrate how they will resource the project to meet the time schedule as follows:

Detailed Design

Detailed Design tender closes 25 October 2024

Council meeting determination on 21 November 2024

Engagement and kick off meeting 27 November 2024

Phase 1 – Investigations, stakeholder consultation, design development of the current concept (27/11/24 to 14/1/25)

Phase 2 – DA Documentation (15/1/25 to 28/2/25)

Phase 3 - Planning Approvals (3/3/25 to 17/4/25)

Phase 4 – CC and Construction Tender Documentation (3/3/25 to 25/4/25). Note that this is to be undertaken concurrently whilst planning approvals are being sought.

Construction

Release Request for Tender to market on 30 April 2025

Construction Tender closes on 28 May 2025

Council meeting determination on 19 June 2025

Engagement and site possession 25 June 2025

Construction period 12 months to 25 June 2026

Handover and grant acquittal by SVC before 30 June 2026

Community Consultation

It is essential that effective stakeholder consultation is undertaken to ensure that viewpoints and opinions are identified, recorded, and addressed in a structured manner. It will be up to the design tenderer to provide a clear and transparent vision of the project to stakeholders, including providing artist impressions for community consultation.

External Stakeholder communication will be managed by SVC's Communications Team to ensure that briefings are provided, and feedback sought prior to and during the development of the design.

There are residential properties that immediately adjoin the site in Russell and Richmond Streets. A Multipurpose Centre would generate amenity, noise, traffic and parking impacts to these residential streets. A traffic and road safety audit, and an acoustic study, is a requirement of the designer and certainly required as part of a Development Application for the site. Other projects and sites often encounter similar amenity concerns. Amenity issues can be mitigated through consultation and design. The project will not meet planning approval if that does not occur to any satisfaction.

SVC has been on a communication journey, which has informed the previous design and site analysis, including this site. It should be noted that 3 specific and direct letterbox drop notifications have been sent to neighbouring properties indicating Council's intention at Richmond Park.

Comprehensive details of past and planned communication activities are detailed in a project specific Communications and Engagement Plan that is established for the proposed Snowy Valleys Emergency Evacuation Centre and Multipurpose Facility at Richmond Park and implemented with the Snowy Valleys Emergency Evacuation Centre and Multipurpose Facility at Richmond Park Multipurpose Communications Action Plan (attachments No.1 and No.2).

Community Working Group

Tumut Basketball representatives – Jason Bevan, Dwayne Murray, Dave Rossetta, and RFS representative Donna Martin, maintain an ongoing interest in the project and are key stakeholders who are consulted and kept informed on the progress of the project.

I note that Sue Bulger was part of this group initially and representing the Brungle Tumut Aboriginal Land Council in its endorsement of the Richmond Park site.

The project is reported within Council's dedicated capital works reporting system, where the Executive team and elected Councillors are provided regular project updates.

In the design tender, the key project stakeholders have already been identified along with their roles and responsibilities on the project, and it is clearly specified that it will be imperative to accommodate community input into the design process. SVC will assist to facilitate forums, with the tenderer to prepare resources as deemed necessary.

The project has broad support within the SVC local community. SVC recently received a submission from the members of Community Working Group, which notes that in excess of 5000 people support the project (attachment No.3). This letter acknowledges multiple (32) letters of support recently provided to SVC from sporting organisations, businesses, community groups, and schools (attachment No.4).

Car Parking

Sufficient on-site car parking is to be provided for all development proposals. The demand for car parking generated by any development should be provided for on-site. Larger and more complex development applications, such as this project, will require a specific Parking Study and Traffic Impact Assessment to justify the proposed development in terms of access, provision of car parking and impact on the local road network.

Noise

Commercial developments are to minimise the impact on adjoining residential land uses. Suitable controls appropriate to the type of commercial development are to be implemented in the building and site design. An acoustic report will be required for the development. Noise impacts will need to be addressed and mitigated through appropriate design and planning controls.

Budget

SVC is to complete construction of the Snowy Valleys Emergency Evacuation Centre and Multipurpose Facility under grant funding received from the State and Federal Government Bushfire Local Economic Recovery Fund (BLERF).

The BLERF funding was established specifically to assist communities heavily impacted from the Bushfires of 2019/2020 in their recovery and future resilience.

The SVC area was severely impacted by the bushfires which highlighted the lack of a suitable Emergency Evacuation Centre in Tumut. Displaced families were evacuated to a school facility in Tumut during the crisis before being relocated to the Evacuation Centre in Wagga Wagga, approximately 105 kilometres away.

The Author believes the project budget available, and fully funded from the grant, allows for the scale of the project envisaged and presented to date, however there will be opportunities to re-scope various elements to balance if needed. The current budget status is made known to Council in the confidential tender report for the design.

Asset Lifecycle considerations

Whole of life costs are to be considered and modelled as part of the project design development to ensure that ongoing Operating Costs are minimised for the project. This will be undertaken by a Quantity Surveyor, engaged by the tenderer.

Sustainability initiatives are to be incorporated to improve building efficiency and minimise costs.

It may be noted the tender calls for the design to be developed to ensure the scope fits well within the available budget and adopts more conservative target budget of \$8.5M for the construction, to avoid any re-scoping and time delays through the construction tender phase. That the lower targeted construction cost will minimise annual depreciation impacts for SVC. An indicative simplified straight-line depreciation estimate is \$117k (Initial Cost @\$8.5M - Salvageable Cost @ \$300k / Estimated useful Life @ 70 years = Annual Depreciation being \$117k). Maintenance costs in the first 5 years of operating will be negligible.

SVC is working with the stakeholder group with a view to the facility being operated without SVC involvement and costs.

Funding Agreement

Timeframe

The existing funding agreement needed to be updated, and this has been requested via a variation form submitted with the September 2024 report, regarding the project timeframe. The end date for the project completion is currently June 2025, and that would need to be extended to June 2026, as per the project schedule developed for the project at Richmond Park.

The whole funding program is being wound up, with employees now dropping out, as most projects including ours are slated to have construction completed by June 2025. The department has developed a process to determine what to do, i.e. Stop/Go decision, pull the funding or extend the dates. This is now known as a Project Viability Review, and our request for extension will trigger such an assessment. The outcome is currently unknown. **This is a risk to the project.** Another major risk is that the site cannot change again and meet timeframe. Project is doubtful to progress if Richmond Park is not accepted. These issues have been communicated by department representatives at Project Control Group meetings and included in the minutes.

SVC has written to our state and federal politicians to encourage support for a 12-month extension of time. A reply was forthcoming from Dr Joe McGirr (attachment No.4), and this has been provided to the department.

Location

The site location was changed from 109 Fitzroy St to the Richmond Park and/or Lockeridge Park sites, following the 2022 resolution of Council. The Richmond Park and Lockeridge Park sites are the only sites that have approval of the funding body. There are no other sites approved.

We currently have a project site and scope under way to meet a tight project schedule (subject to variation approval). Any further delays at this stage will most likely see the funding withdrawn and the project cancelled. The site location is close to the main street, central and close for cycling and walking, and central to other sporting facilities. It is an ideal site for buildability, with access to services, site access, and no geotechnical challenges. The site area limits the project for future expansion, but our project budget does not allow for anything bigger, nor is there current demand.

Planning Approvals

The development will require approval under Part 4 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (NSW), requiring the preparation of a Statement of Environmental Effects (SEE) and supporting documentation. Once the Development Application with all associated supporting documentation is submitted by the Head Consultant through the NSW Planning Portal, the SVC planning department will be undertaking an assessment and exhibition process. This will trigger advertising and neighbour notifications through their processes.

As the project is over \$5 million capital investment value, the proposal is deemed Regional Development, which is therefore considered by the Southern Regional Planning Panel (SRPP) and will be subject to a public meeting and determination through their processes. The community will be invited to make submissions during the DA notification / exhibition phase. All submissions received are reviewed by the SRPP as part of the assessment / determination process.

Conclusion

The project requires significant organisation and commitment to be successful and deliver the desired objectives for the whole Community.

LINK TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN AND DELIVERY AND OPERATIONAL PLAN:**Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework:****Community Strategic Plan Theme**

Theme 1 - Our Community

Theme 4 - Our Infrastructure

Theme 5 - Our Civic Leadership

Community Strategic Plan Strategic Objectives

CSP1 Our communities are connected and inclusive. Supported by services that nurture health, wellbeing and identity

CSP4 Our infrastructure includes Council services that plan, manage, maintain and renew our community infrastructure and transport networks

CSP5 Our Civic leadership and organisation government fosters open and transparent partnership with our community

Delivery Program Principal Activities

1.2 Provide and maintain community spaces that encourage activity and wellbeing

1.4 Plan, manage and support the response and recovery of communities from natural disasters and economic shocks

4.4 Plan and deliver a capital works program to responsibly manage and maintain community infrastructure

5.1 Communicate with our community and provide opportunities for participation in decision making

5.6 Proactively support and advocate for the needs of the community to other level of government and organisations

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS:

The project is fully funded from grant funding received from the State and Federal Government Bushfire Local Economic Recovery Fund (BLERF).

POLICY, LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil. This is a report for information only.

RISK MANAGEMENT / COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS:

There is significant financial and reputational risk associated with this project.

The funding for this project is at risk. A Project Viability Review is being undertaken by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development. SVC has submitted documentation for an extension of time to extend the funding agreement date of construction completion term from end of June 2025 to end of June 2026. The outcome is unknown. The department has advised that "the site cannot change again and meet timeframe, and the Project is doubtful to progress if Richmond Park is not accepted".

OPTIONS:

1. Adopt as per recommendations set out in this report - preferred option.
2. Amend the recommendations set out in this report.
3. Decline the recommendations set out in this report.

COUNCIL SEAL REQUIRED:

No.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION:

As detailed in the "Snowy Valleys Emergency Evacuation Centre and Multipurpose Facility at Richmond Park - Communications and Engagement Plan" and "Snowy Valleys Emergency Evacuation Centre and Multipurpose Facility at Richmond Park - Communications Action Plan".

ATTACHMENTS

1. Snowy Valleys Emergency Evacuation Centre and Multipurpose Facility at Richmond Park - Communications and Engagement Plan (Under separate cover)
2. Snowy Valleys Emergency Evacuation Centre and Multipurpose Facility at Richmond Park - Communications Action Plan (Under separate cover)
3. Submission - Stakeholder Working Group - Snowy Valleys Emergency Evacuation Centre and Multipurpose Facility at Richmond Park (Under separate cover)
4. Letters of Support - Snowy Valleys Emergency Evacuation Centre and Multipurpose Facility at Richmond Park (Under separate cover)
5. Letter of Support from Dr Joe McGirr - BLERF - SVC (Under separate cover)

11.3. MURRAY REGION FIRE PROTECTION GRANT - TUMUT AERODROME HANGAR**REPORT AUTHOR: MANAGER TECHNICAL SERVICES****RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: INTERIM GENERAL MANAGER**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Snowy Valleys Council considered at the 17 October 2024 Ordinary Meeting the application or the Murray Region Fire Protection Grant.

Council has received notice from the Department and Fire Reference Groups advising that the purchase of land was not an eligible project for submission. This was originally a project investigated by the FRG in July but not able to be proceeded with. The FRG have met to discuss potential other projects and are seeking Council endorsement for the progression of the Tumut Aerodrome Hangar project with additional available information presented

RECOMMENDATION:**THAT COUNCIL:**

- 1. Approve the submission of the Tumut Aerodrome Hangar Project under the Murray Region Fire Protection Grant.**

BACKGROUND:

Following presentation of a report, Council considered the Murray Region Fire Protection Grant application at its ordinary 17 October 2024 meeting. Council resolved the following:

M212/24 RESOLVED:**THAT COUNCIL:**

1. Endorse proceeding with application for the Tumut Aerodrome water supply for fire management.

Cr Larter/Cr Wortes

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

M213/24 RESOLVED**THAT COUNCIL:**

2. Not support the Tumut Aerodrome hangar application and seek Softwoods Working Group endorsement of Council's application to facilitate the acquisition of land for the future extension of the runway.

Cr Larter/Cr Packard

For: Cr Ham, Cr Hayes, Cr Hardwick, Cr Inglis, Cr Larter, Cr Packard, Cr Wortes

Against: Cr Thomson, Cr Sheldon

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CARRIED

M214/24 RESOLVED:**THAT COUNCIL:**

3. Endorse proceeding with the Specialist Tractor and Mulcher grant application.

Cr Larter/Cr Sheldon

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORT:

Council has received additional information from the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (The Department) regarding the invitation to apply for Tumut Aerodrome Aircraft Hangar Project under the Plantations Fire Protection Fund. The Department has provided more context around

the Fire Reference Group (FRG) and its decision making and 'believes the facility is crucial for both immediate and long-term fire protection in the region'.

Further information provided by the FRG per the attachment to this report with the key points extracted below for Council consideration.

1. **Strategic Role of the Hangar:** The RFS would at times, based on operational demand be able to base the Bell 412 or similar specialist helicopter in Tumut if a suitable stabling facility were available. The specialist helicopter is equipped with advanced heat-sensing technology, including Forward Looking Infra-Red (FLIR) cameras, which allow for aerial surveillance and fire detection, even in low-visibility or nighttime conditions. The Bell 412 can also transport personnel, deploy winching operations, and conduct water drops up to 1,400L per drop utilising a 'belly tank' arrangement.

The hangar would also be suitable for the soon to be commissioned Black Hawk aircraft (which could be located at Tumut at times based on operational priorities) which provides excellent initial direct attack capability due to its high performance and water drop capacity of 4,000L utilising a 'belly tank' arrangement.

Additionally, a NSW firefighting authority, Forestry Corporation of NSW would be able to utilise the facility to locate their contract aircraft based on operational activity.
2. **Complementary to Local Services:** The new hangar would not conflict with local service providers. True North has an existing use contract with the National Aerial Fire Fighting Centre (also see <https://www.nafc.org.au/>), which includes allocations for Tumut. These contracts have fixed terms and are reviewed periodically on a commercial arrangement. Hence the new hangar would complement these services for the region.
3. **Multi-Use Facility:** When not required for the specialist firefighting aircraft, the hangar would be available for other uses.
4. **Interim Maintenance Funding:** While the RFS may not assume maintenance costs until the new Fire Control Centre is complete, the Softwood Working Group (SWG) is confident it can secure an interim funding source.
5. **Alignment with the Master Plan:** The precinct's Master Plan includes provisions for a hangar.
6. **Commitment to Tumut Fire Control Centre:** While the RFS remains committed to a Fire Control Centre in Tumut, prioritisation for this Program delivery has resulted in delayed roll out of some Fire Control Centres. Despite this, the RFS is committed to the completion of the new Fire Control Centre.

LINK TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN AND DELIVERY AND OPERATIONAL PLAN:

Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework:

Community Strategic Plan Theme

Theme 1 - Our Community

Theme 3 - Our Environment

Theme 4 - Our Infrastructure

Theme 5 - Our Civic Leadership

Community Strategic Plan Strategic Objectives

CSP1 Our communities are connected and inclusive. Supported by services that nurture health, wellbeing and identity

CSP3 Our natural environment is cared for and protected to ensure future generations can experience and enjoy its beauty

CSP4 Our infrastructure includes Council services that plan, manage, maintain and renew our community infrastructure and transport networks

CSP5 Our Civic leadership and organisation government fosters open and transparent partnership with our community

Delivery Program Principal Activities

- 1.4 Plan, manage and support the response and recovery of communities from natural disasters and economic shocks
- 3.1 Create climate resilience through our actions and advocacy
- 3.4 Partner with other agencies to protect our natural spaces and environment
- 4.2 Manage and plan for affordable infrastructure to meet current and future community needs
- 5.6 Proactively support and advocate for the needs of the community to other level of government and organisations

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS:

Operating costs have been estimated at between \$5,000 and \$10,000 per year. Council has received formal notice from the Softwood Industry committing to funding operational costs of the hangar over the next 5 years. This agreement ending, coincides with the forecast completion of the Fire Control Centre (FCC) that is currently in the planning stage by Rural Fire Service. Upon completion of the FCC, it is intended that these costs transfer to the Rural Fire Service.

POLICY, LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS:

Local Government Act 1993

Rural Fires Act 1997

RISK MANAGEMENT / COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS:

Nil additional.

OPTIONS:

- 1. Adopt as per recommendations set out in this report - preferred option.
- 2. Amend.
- 3. Decline the recommendations set out in this report

COUNCIL SEAL REQUIRED:

No

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION:

Nil additional.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Letter Received From Fire Reference Group (Under separate cover)
- 2. Letter industry funding from SWG (Under separate cover)
- 3. BFMC Letter of Support - Heavy Helicopter Hanger Grant Proposal (Under separate cover)

11.4. GET NSW ACTIVE GRANT OPPORTUNITY

REPORT AUTHOR: MANAGER TECHNICAL SERVICES

RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND WORKS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The New South Wales (NSW) State Government has released a second round of funding opportunities for 2025/2026 financial year under the "Get NSW Active" program. This program is aimed at increasing the viability, safety and efficiency of active transport options for local communities being cycling and walking.

Snowy Valleys Council staff have undertaken an assessment of Council's current footpath and cycleway networks across all townships in the Local Government Area and based on this analysis and community feedback, have identified five (5) key projects. These include:

1. Snowy Valleys Active Transport Strategy (Walking and Cycling)
2. Forest St, Tumut - Lambie Street to Capper Street
3. Elm Drive, Tumut Walkway Design
4. Memorial Avenue, Batlow
5. Mitchell Avenue, Khancoban

If Council is successful in having funding approved for any of these projects, the outcome will result in significant improvements to Council's current Active Transport network (Footpath and Cycling infrastructure) for people of all abilities and ages.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT COUNCIL:

1. **Endorse Council's grant funding submission for the following projects for funding under Get NSW Active Program**
 - a. **Snowy Valleys Active Transport Strategy (\$100,000)**
 - b. **Forest St, Tumut - Lambie Street to Capper Street (\$250,000)**
 - c. **Elm Drive, Tumut Walkway Design (\$150,000)**
 - d. **Memorial Avenue, Batlow (\$145,000)**
 - e. **Mitchell Avenue, Khancoban (\$200,000)**

BACKGROUND:

The NSW State Government has released a second round of funding under the "Get NSW Active" program. From the program guidelines: "The NSW Government wants walking and cycling, known as active transport, to be the preferred way to make short trips and a viable, safe and efficient option for longer trips."

Council is able to nominate five (5) projects with three (3) being funded to a maximum value of \$5 million.

The Program guidelines can be found at

<https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/system/files/media/documents/2024/Get-NSW-Active-FY25-26-Funding-Guidelines-10.pdf>.

The objective of the "Get NSW Active" program is to support the development and delivery of walking and cycling projects that:

- Contribute to continuous and connected walking and bike riding networks across NSW that connect communities to local destinations
- Enable more people to safely walk and ride as part of their everyday travel
- Facilitate children's and young people's independent mobility by improving safe walking and bike riding options for travel to and from school
- Support multimodal journeys by integrating active and public transport
- Deliver quality place outcomes that contribute to vibrant places, and liveable neighbourhoods that support local lifestyles
- Enable and encourage behaviour change and shift community perception towards walking and bike riding as everyday travel options for short trips
- Deliver walking and bike riding connections that enable all people, regardless of gender, to move freely within their communities.

Under this grant program, Transport for NSW encourages councils to plan ahead, develop a program of works, and consider different funding options for proposed projects.

This approach enables Transport for NSW to progressively plan and expand networks and support councils to develop a sustainable forward program of walking and bike riding projects that provides tangible benefits for NSW communities.

Key dates

Applications open	14 October 2024
Information session (online and recorded)	22 October 2024, 11.00am to 11.45am
Applications close	25 November 2024, 11.00pm
Successful FY2025/26 applicants announced	April – May 2025

FY2025/2026 program

For this year's program, there is \$60 million in total grant funding available to local councils to deliver projects that enable more people to walk or bike ride. Of the \$60 million funding, \$10 million is for projects that enable walking or bike riding to primary schools, with the remaining funding for broader active transport projects.

The FY2024/2025 program resulted in 88 projects that will be delivered by 72 local councils over the next three years.

The guidelines for eligibility are on the "Get Active NSW" website:

<https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/projects/programs/get-nsw-active>

REPORT:

Council staff have reviewed the program guidelines and identified five (5) key projects that have been previously requested or identified as needed by the community for better pedestrian and cycling connectivity to key facilities.

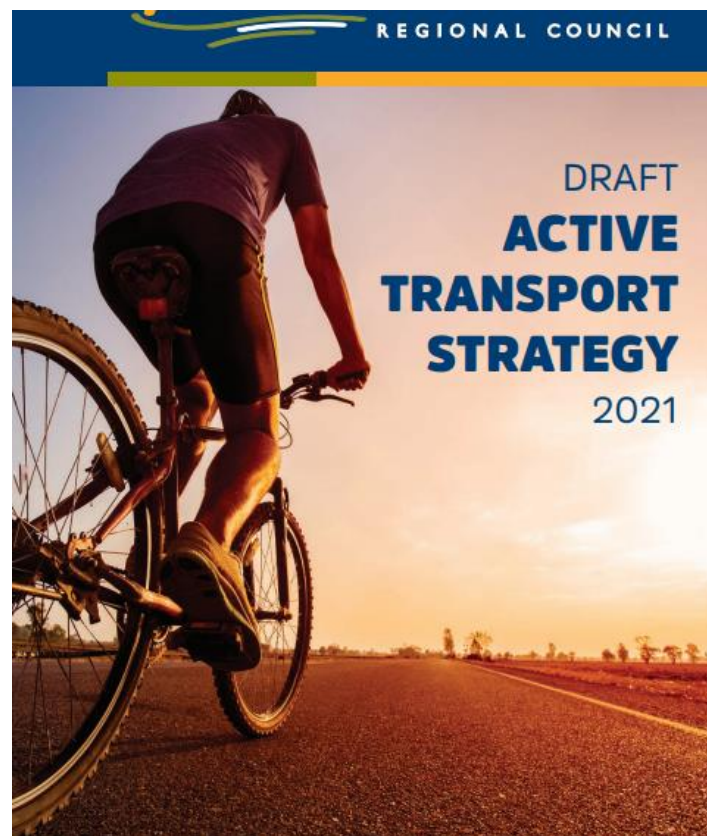
Council staff are also requesting funding to prepare an integrated Active Transport Strategy (Walking and Cycling Strategy) as per the guidelines from Transport for NSW that encourages councils to plan ahead, develop a program of works, and consider different funding options for proposed projects. The development of this strategy will enable Council to have a vision or "blueprint" for the future and where it wants to be in terms of achieving a fully integrated walking and cycling network in all townships in the Snowy Valleys Council Local Government Area and beyond.

Projects have to meet set criteria to be eligible for funding, including minimum amounts of connectivity outcomes, route identification and selection and finally deliverability - the routes selected must be fully accessible, practical and buildable.

The program requires data collection before and after the delivery of the projects, commitment to meeting the program's objectives and planning reviews of the project's success. The program guidelines also indicate that the funding weightings encourages applications to clearly establish how the identified projects improve pedestrian and cycling connectivity with workplaces, schools and sporting facilities, through providing more opportunities for active transport.

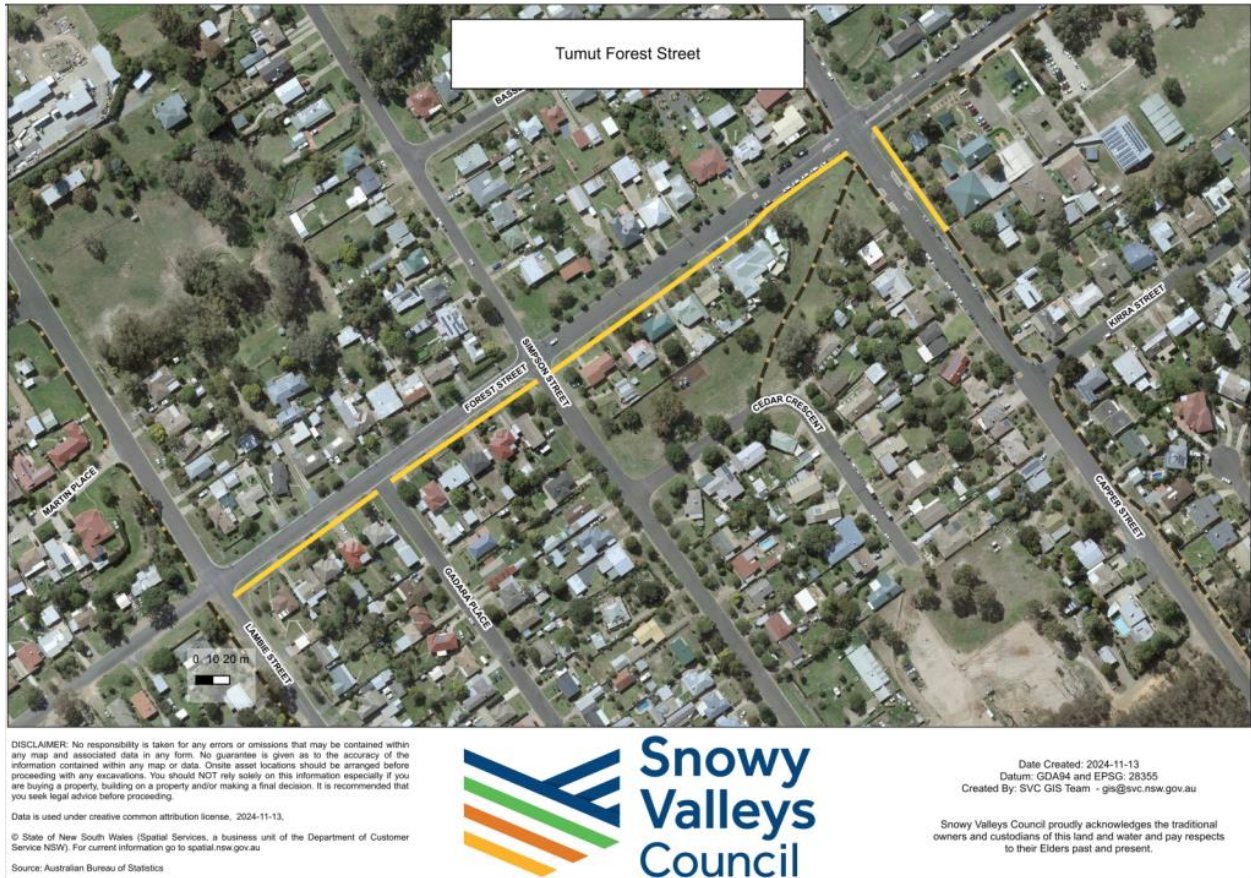
Council nominated Projects for NSW Get Active Grant Funding Program - Round 2 - closing 25 November 2024 - 11pm**1. Snowy Valleys Active Transport Strategy \$100,000**

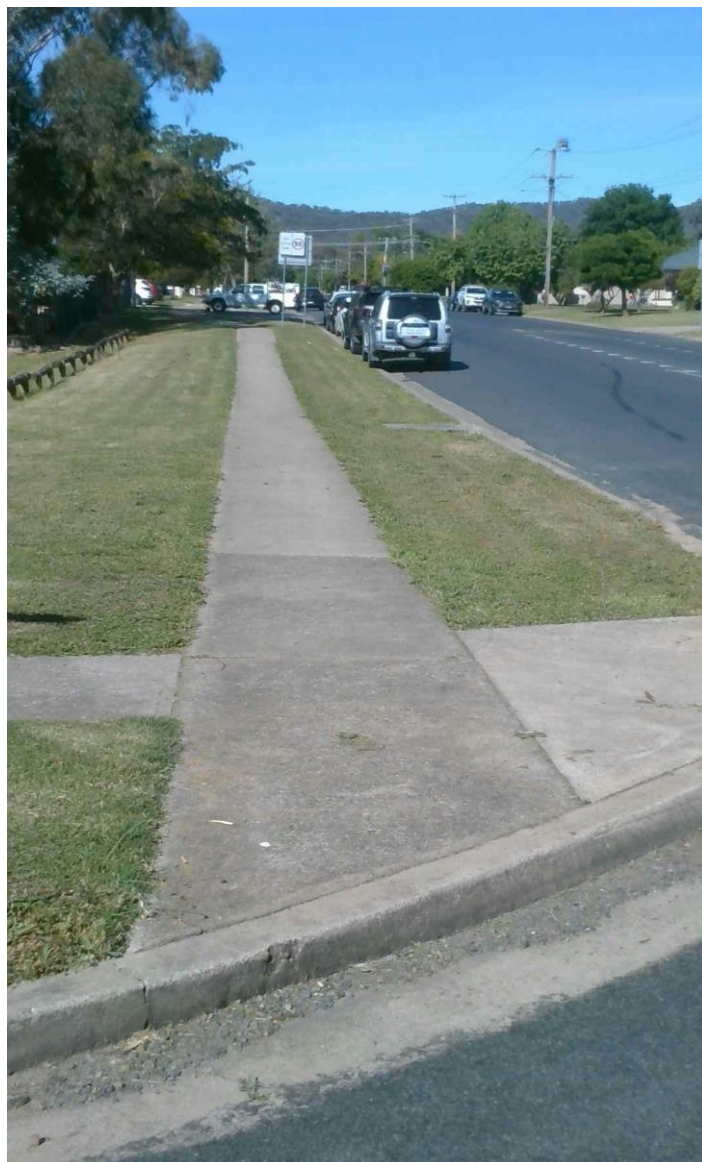
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2. Forest St, Tumut \$250,000

This nominated pedestrian route is intended to link the Franklin Public School with Lambie Street in Tumut. The project involves the removal and replacement of the existing non-compliant footpath (Width is less than the required standard footpath width of 2.5m required under the guidelines), plus extension, totalling installation of 565 linear metres of new footpath that is 2.5m wide. The proposal also includes new road crossings at street intersections and potential kerb blisters to ensure compliance with the program guidelines and to improve pedestrian safety outcomes along the route.





3. Elm Drive Walkway Design, Tumut \$150,000

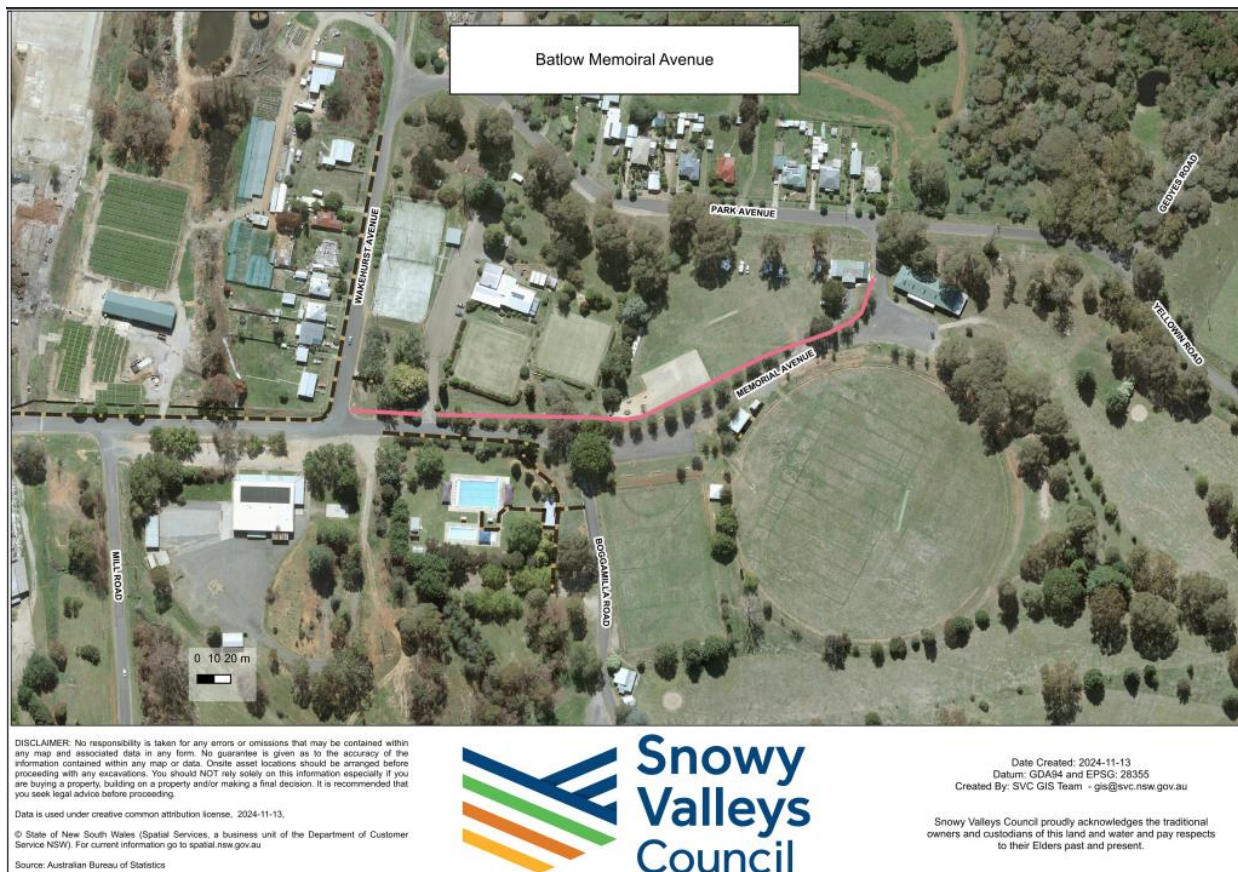
This project is as per the endorsed Tracks and Trails Masterplan and involves preliminary designs to enable the Tumut Riverwalk to continue to the Tumut Turf Club premises. Parts of this route are not easily accessible - particularly for less abled people. The funding being requested is for the design concept work, preliminary costings on a preferred option. The funding would also cover the detailed design documentation for tender / construction for a preferred option so that when future funding becomes available the project is "shovel ready".

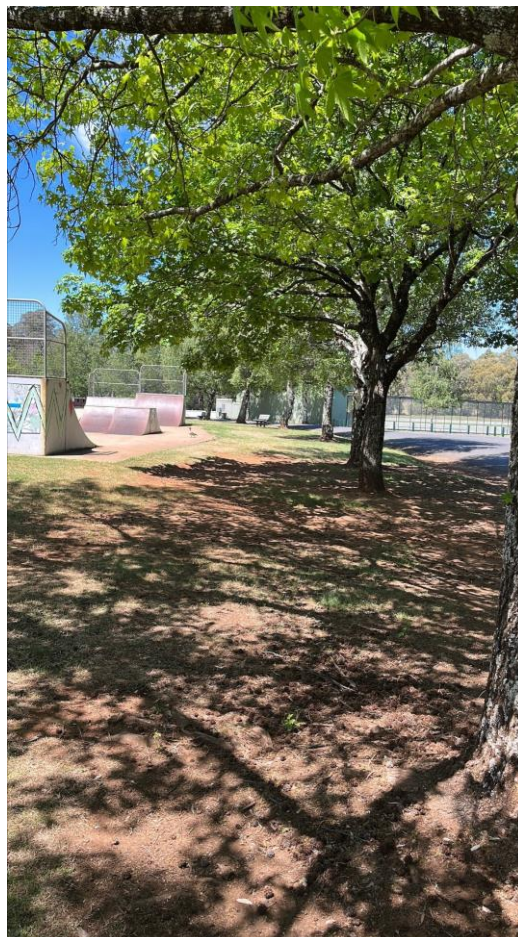




4. Memorial Avenue, Batlow \$145,000

The extent of footpath that has been identified is the 330m long section that connects the Batlow Showground and Recreational Area with the current footpath at Wakehurst Avenue. This section of footpath is currently non-compliant with the "Get Active" guidelines in terms of width and is in poor condition in some sections between the Batlow Showground, Skatepark and Batlow Pool areas. Upgrading this footpath would also provide better connectivity (Pedestrian activity) to and from the centre of Batlow.





5. Mitchell Avenue, Khancoban \$200,000

The extent of footpath in Mitchell Avenue, Khancoban that has been identified is the 500m long section connecting the Khancoban Cemetery to the current footpath that ends near the Rose Garden on Clews Road near the Khancoban Town Centre. Upgrading this section of footpath would significantly improve pedestrian connectivity to and from the town Centre and the cemetery. Currently pedestrians have to walk on the roadway as large sections of the route have no footpath at all.



If Council is successful in having funding approved for any of these projects the outcome will result in significant improvements to Council's current Active Transport network (Footpath and Cycling infrastructure) for people of all abilities and ages.

LINK TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN AND DELIVERY AND OPERATIONAL PLAN:

Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework:

Community Strategic Plan Theme

Theme 1 - Our Community

Theme 4 - Our Infrastructure

Community Strategic Plan Strategic Objectives

CSP1 Our communities are connected and inclusive. Supported by services that nurture health, wellbeing and identity

CSP4 Our infrastructure includes Council services that plan, manage, maintain and renew our community infrastructure and transport networks

Delivery Program Principal Activities

1.1 Provide services that support our community in all stages of life

4.1 Plan and provide sustainable transport infrastructure, including footpaths, walking tracks and cycleways

4.2 Manage and plan for affordable infrastructure to meet current and future community needs

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS:

There is no funding identified for these projects in Council's adopted Delivery Program.

The construction costs for the five (5) projects that have been identified have been estimated based on rates Council has received from recent quotations received for similar works.

POLICY, LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS:

Roads Act 1993 - Council is able to recoup some construction costs from neighbouring freehold properties. This has not been factored into the grant application and is not envisaged to be applied.

RISK MANAGEMENT / COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS:

RISK CATEGORY	RISK/REWARD DESCRIPTION	COST/RISK	BENEFIT/ REWARD
Financial	Through the construction of additional 2.5m wide footpaths, Council would incur an additional \$3.50 for every lineal metre constructed. This is based on Council's useful life of 110 years for concrete footpaths. Council would also be disposing of an asset that isn't at the end of its useful life in Lambie Street, Tumut.	Council has allocated the maximum allowable contingency for the projects identified for construction. Council prepares an annual budget for the maintenance and capital renewal of its footpaths which is adopted by Council. The budget is based on the asset	The renewal of assets prior to their end of life through grant funding will provide a longer life benefit. The renewal of Council footpath Assets is identified in Council's Asset Management Plan for footpaths. By using grant funding to replace footpaths, Council is improving the renewal ratio (depreciation:

RISK CATEGORY	RISK/REWARD DESCRIPTION	COST/RISK	BENEFIT/ REWARD
		condition data and information provided in Council's Footpath Asset Management Plan.	capital renewal) for the asset. Identification of key routes and enhancement needs of the network will enable Council to better plan for the future and increase the usage of constructed assets.
People	The construction of shared pathways connecting residential areas to main attractors in the townships of the Snowy Valleys will provide a greater opportunity for active transport for people of all abilities and ages.	Nil	People of all ages and abilities will have a safer more accessible option for active travel with the construction of footpaths linking users and all members of the community to key destinations and attractions within the townships of Snowy Valleys including schools, town centres and sporting facilities.
Stakeholder	Council has not undertaken any stakeholder engagement as part of the nominations of these projects. Upon confirmation of grant approval, Council would undertake notification prior to design or construction activities. As part of the development of an Active Transport strategy, Council will undertake community engagement and assessment of needs to inform the outcomes and opportunities for the development of the strategy.	Community consultation will be undertaken in accordance with Council's Community engagement plans, protocols and policy.	Community consultation will be undertaken in accordance with Council's Community engagement plans, protocols and policy.
Service Delivery	Construction of concrete footpaths has low maintenance cost and lower renewal frequency than other construction methods. This will lower the long term cost of the asset to Council and increase the service delivery of the structures.	Council prepares an annual budget for the maintenance and capital renewal of its footpaths which is adopted by Council. The budget is based on the asset condition data and information provided in Council's Footpath Asset Management Plan.	An improved and more integrated Active Transport network in the Snowy Valleys Local Government Area will result in significant improvements to Council's current Active Transport network (Footpath and Cycling infrastructure) for people of all abilities and ages.

OPTIONS:

1. Adopt as per recommendations set out in this report - preferred option.
2. Amend or re-organise the options presented.
3. Decline the recommendations set out in this report.

COUNCIL SEAL REQUIRED:

No

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION:

Community consultation will be undertaken in accordance with Council's Community engagement plans, protocols and policy.

Council has not undertaken any stakeholder engagement as part of the nominations of these projects. Upon confirmation of grant approval, Council would undertake notification and consultation prior to any design or construction activities.

All designs for the nominated projects will also be brought to Council for review and adoption prior to any works commencing.

As part of the development of an Active Transport strategy, Council will undertake community engagement and assessment of needs to inform the outcomes and opportunities for the development of the strategy.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

12. MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

12.1. MINUTES - AUDIT RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE - 30 OCTOBER 2024

REPORT AUTHOR: COORDINATOR GOVERNANCE

RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: DIRECTOR COMMUNITY AND CORPORATE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Audit, Risk & Improvement Committee (ARIC) was established by Council in August 2016 and is pursuant to Section 428A of the *Local Government Act 1993*. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 30 October 2024 are attached for Council's information.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT COUNCIL:

1. **Note the Minutes of the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee held on 30 October 2024.**

BACKGROUND:

The objective of the ARIC is to provide independent assurance and advice to Council on risk management, control, governance, and external accountability responsibilities. At the ARIC meeting held on 30 October 2024, key agenda items were discussed, and details are included in the attached minutes.

REPORT:

All information including notes and actions have been captured in the ARIC minutes which are attached to this report.

LINK TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN AND DELIVERY AND OPERATIONAL PLAN:

Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework:

Delivery Program and Operation Plan Strategic Directions

Theme 5 - Our Civic Leadership

Community Strategic Plan Objectives

CSP5 Our Civic leadership and organisation government fosters open and transparent partnership with our community.

Delivery Program Principal Activities

5.4 Maintain and deliver a governance framework that guides good decision making, accountability and legislative compliance

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS:

The approved budget for the operation of the ARIC for 2024/2025 is \$47,000 and includes member remuneration, training and the engagement of the internal auditor.

POLICY, LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS:

Council has established an Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee which functions under the Internal Audit Guidelines, September 2010 issued under Section 23A the *Local Government Act 1993*.

RISK MANAGEMENT / COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS:

ARIC is charged with the responsibility of:

- Reviewing Council's enterprise risk management framework and associated procedures for effective identification and management of Council's business and financial risks.
- Making a determination as to whether a sound and effective approach has been followed in managing Council's major risks including those associated with individual projects, program implementation and activities.
- Assessing the impact of the Council's enterprise risk management framework on its control environment and insurance arrangements.

OPTIONS:

Nil

COUNCIL SEAL REQUIRED:

No

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION:

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

1. Minutes - Audit Risk and Improvement Committee - 30 October 2024 (Under separate cover)

13. CONFIDENTIAL

Section 10D of the *Local Government Act 1993* provides that Council may close to the public that part of the meeting that deals with matters of a confidential nature. Section 10A(2) lists such matters.

The grounds on which a meeting is closed to the public must be specified in the decision to close the meeting and recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council move into Confidential to consider the matters listed in the confidential section of the agenda in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993* for the reasons specified:

13.1. CONFIDENTIAL MAYORAL MINUTE: REPLACEMENT OF INTERIM GENERAL MANAGER

Item 13.1 is confidential under the *Local Government Act 1993* Section 10A (2)(a) as it relates to personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors) and Council considers that discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest and will be addressed at the end of the meeting.

13.2. CONFIDENTIAL - LEGAL MATTERS 131-133 HERBERT STREET TUMUT

Item 13.2 is confidential under the *Local Government Act 1993* Section 10A (2)(g) as it relates to advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege and Council considers that discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.

13.3. CONFIDENTIAL - WRITE-OFF OF DEBTS

Item 13.3 is confidential under the *Local Government Act 1993* Section 10A (2) (b) and (e) as it relates to discussion in relation to the personal hardship of a resident or ratepayer and information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the maintenance of land and Council considers that discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.

13.4. CONFIDENTIAL RFT 2024/11 DESIGN OF THE TUMUT EVACUATION AND MULTIPURPOSE CENTRE - TENDER REPORT

Item 13.4 is confidential under the *Local Government Act 1993* Section 10A (2)(d)(ii) as it relates to commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council and Council considers that discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.

13.5. CONFIDENTIAL TENDER - RFT 2024-12 MR677 SLOPES REMEDIATION

Item 13.5 is confidential under the *Local Government Act 1993* Section 10A (2) (d) (i) as it relates to commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it and information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council and Council considers that discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.

13.6. CONFIDENTIAL - RFT 2024/08 CONSTRUCTION OF AMENITIES BUILDING - RIVERGLADE OVAL TUMUT

Item 13.6 is confidential under the *Local Government Act 1993* Section 10A (2) (d) (i) as it relates to commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it and information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on

a competitor of the council and Council considers that discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.

13.7. CONFIDENTIAL - RFT 2024/09 - SURVEY AND DESIGN OF BRINDABELLA ROAD

Item 13.7 is confidential under the *Local Government Act 1993* Section 10A (2)(d)(ii) as it relates to commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council and Council considers that discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.

13.8. CONFIDENTIAL RFT 2024/04 TUMUT AERODROME UPGRADE

Item 13.8 is confidential under the *Local Government Act 1993* Section 10A (2)(d)(i) as it relates to commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council and Council considers that discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.

14. MEETING CLOSURE
