



# Council Agenda



**Date:** 18 June 2024

**Time:** 6:00 pm

**Venue:** Echuca Civic Centre

**Photo Left to Right:** Cr Tony Marwood (Deputy Mayor), Cr Colleen Gates, Cr Paul Jarman, Cr Daniel Mackrell, Cr Rob Amos (Mayor), Cr Leanne Pentreath, Cr Chrissy Weller, Cr Adrian Weston and Cr John Zobec.

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For a meeting of the Campaspe Shire Council held on Tuesday 18 June 2024, commencing at 6:00 pm at the Council Chambers, Echuca Civic Centre.

## **Acknowledgement of Country**

The Shire of Campaspe is the traditional lands of the Dja Dja Wurrung, Taungurung and Yorta Yorta Peoples.

We respect and acknowledge their unique Aboriginal cultural heritage and pay our respect to their ancestors, descendants and emerging leaders as the Traditional Owners of this Country.

We acknowledge their living culture and their unique role in the life of this region.

## **Opening Prayer**

We pray to almighty God that our decisions as a Council be in the best interest of the people, culture and the environment of the Shire of Campaspe.

Amen.

## **Meeting Procedures**

Please ensure that all electronic devices are turned off or switched to silent.

Council meetings are broadcast live via the internet. During the meeting, members of the public may be recorded, particularly those speaking to an item. By attending this meeting, you are consenting to the possibility that your image may also be broadcast to the public. Any personal and health information voluntarily disclosed by any person at Council meetings may be broadcast live, held by Council and made available to the public for later viewing.

Those people who have requested to speak to an item will be allowed five minutes to address Council. Speakers will be notified with a bell when there is 60 seconds remaining. Speakers must only speak in relation to the subject stated on their application and shall not debate the issue with Councillors and officers. Councillors are able to ask questions of the speaker on points of clarification.

Speakers are advised that they do not enjoy any special protection from defamation arising from comments made during their presentation to Council and should refrain from voicing defamatory remarks or personal defamatory statements against any individual. Speakers will be treated with respect when addressing Council. I ask that the same respect is extended to Councillors and officers.

# 1 Apologies and Requests for Leave of Absence

## 1.1 Apologies

## 1.2 Leave of Absence

# 2 Confirmation of Minutes and Attachments

### RECOMMENDATION

**That the Minutes of the Campaspe Shire Council Meeting held on 21 May 2024 and 4 June 2024 be confirmed.**

# 3 Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest

In accordance with Section 130(1)(a) of the *Local Government Act 2020* Councillors are required to disclose any conflict of interest in respect of a matter to be considered at a Council meeting.

# 4 Changes to the Order of Business

Once an Agenda has been published on the Council website, the Order of Business for that Council Meeting may only be altered as follows: -

- by the CEO prior to the commencement of the Council Meeting following consultation with the Mayor. Where the alteration occurs after the Agenda has been distributed to the public the alteration must be communicated to the Chair to explain the alteration at the Council Meeting under “changes to Order of Business”; or
- by the Chair during the Council Meeting; or
- by Resolution of the Council during the Council Meeting.

A change to the Order of Business after distribution of the Agenda to the public will be recorded in the Minutes of that Council Meeting.

# 5 Public Question Time

Question time will be available at a Council Meeting, except for an Unscheduled Meeting, to enable members of the public to address questions to Council.

All questions must: -

- be received in writing on either of the prescribed forms as outlined on Council’s website; and
- be received no later than 12:00pm (noon) on the day before the Council Meeting.

Please refer to Council’s Governance Rules for further information regarding Public Question Time procedures.

## **6 Petitions / Joint Letters**

## **7 Acknowledgements / Councillor Reports**

At each Ordinary Meeting, Councillors will have the opportunity to: -

- acknowledge significant community members and events. These may relate to notable achievements by community members and groups, and the offering of condolences to a person who has distinguished service in the local area.
- report on any meetings, conferences or events that they have recently attended; or
- report on any matters or progress in relation to a Delegated Committee they are part of.

The duration of any acknowledgement or report from a Councillor will be limited to two (2) minutes.

The CEO must be notified of any acknowledgment or report to be raised by a Councillor at a Council Meeting at least three (3) hours before the commencement of the Council Meeting.

## 8 Council Decisions

### 8.1 Responsible Authority Decisions

A Responsible Authority is defined under Section 13 of the *Planning & Environment Act 1987* and is responsible for administering and enforcing the planning scheme and its provisions in relation to use and development.

### 8.2 Planning Authority Decisions

A Planning Authority is defined under Section 12 of the *Planning & Environment Act 1987* and is responsible for implementing the objectives of planning in Victoria and reviewing and preparing amendments to a planning scheme.

#### 8.2.1 Planning Decision Monthly Update

<b>Directorate:</b>	Sustainability
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Manager Planning and Building
<b>Manager:</b>	Director Sustainability
<b>Attachments:</b>	1. Monthly Councillor Reporting [8.2.1.1 - 4 pages]
<b>Conflict of Interest:</b>	In accordance with section 130 of the Local Government Act 2020, the officer preparing this report declares no conflict of interest regarding this matter.
<b>Council Plan Reference:</b>	Not applicable
<b>Other Strategic Context:</b>	Not applicable

#### 1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide information on the determined planning applications including other planning decisions as of 31 May 2024.

#### 2. RECOMMENDATION

**That Council note the determined planning permit applications and other planning decisions, to 31 May 2024.**

#### 3. DISCUSSION

The snapshot provided below outlines the number of applications determined and processing times of determined planning permit applications for the month of May 2024.

- 35 planning permit applications received.
- 30 planning permits determined (including VicSmart).

In total 58 planning decisions were processed with the following breakdown:

- 30 planning permits determined (including 6 VicSmart)
- 3 secondary consents determined.
- 20 condition plans determined.
- 5 extensions of time determined.

The median processing of a standard application to determination was 41 days for the month of May.

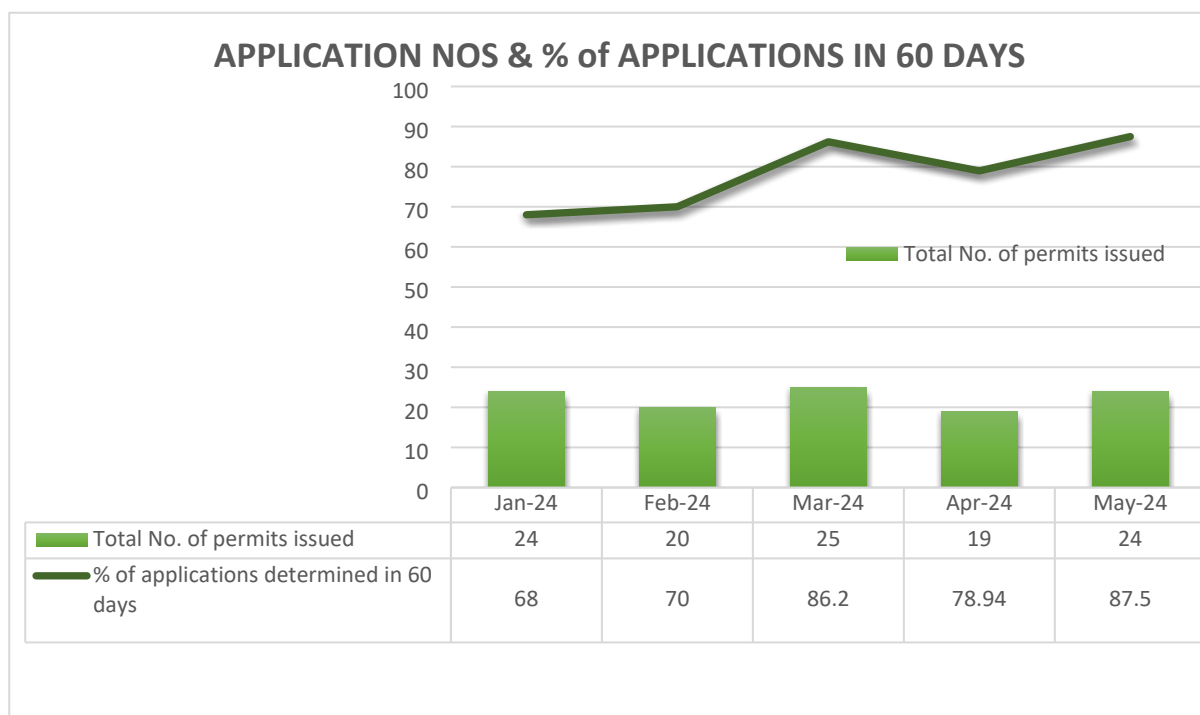
The median processing of a VicSmart application to determination was 5.5 days for the month of May.

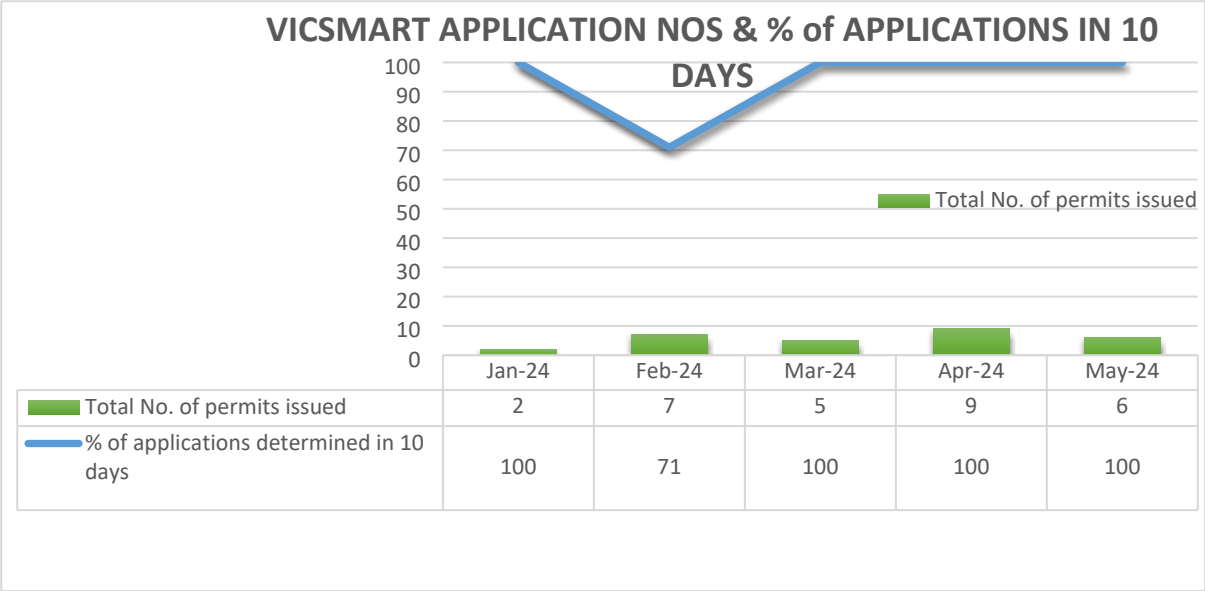
Campaspe's percentage of standard applications determined in 60 days was 87.5 percent which is higher than the State average of 63.04 percent for May.

With VicSmart applications, the State average for May was 79.55 percent, while Campaspe Shire achieved 100 percent for the month.

There has been a small increase in the number of planning applications received for the month however eleven more planning decisions were made this month in comparison to April.

There are no planning matters currently with VCAT.





It is noted that the statutory timeframe to determine an application within 60 days under the Planning and Environment Act 1987 includes mandated referral authority time and advertising. When reviewing the timeframes, consideration must be applied where the application has requested additional time to resolve matters for an improved outcome, resolving matters with referral authorities or where the additional information sought requires specialised skills.

**Planning register**

All planning permit applications are available on the planning register to view the progress of the application, check if further information is required, check for public notification and view decisions on applications: online [www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/Plan-build/Planning/Planning-register](http://www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/Plan-build/Planning/Planning-register).

## Delegate Decisions 01-May-2024 to 31-May-2024

Monthly Determined

Application ID	Full Details	Property Address	Stage/Decision
PLN003/2024	Development of the land for two (2) dwellings in the General Residential Zone	23 Darling Street ECHUCA VIC 3564	PrmIssued
PLN004/2024	Use of the land for a Veterinary centre (therapy) (Lot 16) in the Industrial 1 Zone and reduction in car parking pursuant to Clause 52.06	23 Denmark Road ECHUCA VIC 3564	PrmIssued
PLN015/2024	Buildings and works (alterations to building) in the Land Subject to Inundation Overlay	7 Unwin Street KYABRAM VIC 3620	NotReq
PLN023/2023.A	AMENDMENT - Development of the land for a telecommunication facility in the Farming Zone Schedule 1 pursuant to Clause 52.19, and creation of access to a Transport Zone 2 pursuant to Clause 52.29	Murray Valley Highway TORRUMBARRY VIC 3562	PmtAmend
PLN030/2024	Buildings and works (outbuilding) in the Farming Zone Schedule 1	803 Singer Road BAMAWM VIC 3561	PrmIssued
PLN036/2022.A	AMENDMENT - VICSMART -- Buildings and works (2 Warehouses) in the Industrial 3 Zone and reduction in car parking requirements pursuant to Clause 52.06	29A Hume Street ECHUCA VIC 3564	NotReq
PLN036/2024	Buildings & works (dwelling and outbuilding) in the Rural Living Zone Schedule 2	21 Curlew Drive ECHUCA VIC 3564	PrmIssued
PLN044/2024	Buildings and works (small second dwelling) in the Land Subject to Inundation Overlay	16 Mitchell Street KYABRAM VIC 3620	PrmIssued
PLN045/2024	Buildings and Works (small second dwelling) in the Land Subject to Inundation Overlay	6 Mitchell Street KYABRAM VIC 3620	PrmIssued
PLN050/2024	Buildings and works (outbuilding) in the Bushfire Management Overlay and Rural Activity Zone	100 Pianta Road ECHUCA VIC 3564	PrmIssued
PLN055/2024	Subdivision of the land into 2 lots in the Commercial 1 Zone and to create or alter access to and subdivide land adjacent to a road in a Transport Zone 2 pursuant to Clause 52.29	255-273 Allan Street KYABRAM VIC 3620	PrmIssued
PLN056/2024	Buildings and works (agricultural shed) in the Farming zone Schedule 1 and Land Subject to Inundation Overlay	411 Day Road TONGALA VIC 3621	PrmIssued
PLN065/2024	Buildings and works (demolition and replacement of window, frame and wall rectification) in the Commercial 1 Zone and Heritage Overlay (HO1)	590 High Street ECHUCA VIC 3564	Completed
PLN090/2021.A	Use and Development of the Land (Dwelling) in the Farming Zone Schedule 1	768 Bonney Road WYUNA VIC 3620	PmtAmend
PLN119/2023	Use and development of the land for Industry (aviation manufacturing and maintenance) in the Special use Zone Schedule 3, Land Subject to Inundation Overlay, use and development of the land for a helipad pursuant to Clause 52.15, reduction in car parking provision pursuant to Clause 52.06, and creation of access to a road in a Transport Zone 2 pursuant to Clause 52.29	104 Mckenzie Road ECHUCA VIC 3564	PrmIssued

PLN172/2022.A	AMENDMENT Subdivision of the land in the General Residential Zone and Development Plan Overlay Schedule 2	Breen Avenue KYABRAM VIC 3620	PmtAmend
PLN253/2023	Use and development of the land for motor vehicle sales in the Industrial 1 Zone	99 Lowry Street ROCHESTER VIC 3561	Lapsed
PLN286/2023	Buildings and works (Alterations and Additions to a Dwelling and fence) in the Heritage Overlay HO87	13 Bolton Street ECHUCA VIC 3564	PrmIssued
PLN317/2021.A	AMENDMENT - Subdivision of the land into 7 lots in the General Residential Zone and the Development Plan Overlay Schedule 2	6-10 Solar Boulevard KYABRAM VIC 3620	PmtAmend
PLN318/2023	Use and development of the land for a dwelling and host farm in the Rural Activity Zone	Fraser Road TORRUMBARRY VIC 3562	PmtAmend
PLN319/2023	Building and works (reconstruction and extension of first-floor deck and balustrade above existing building) in the Heritage overlay HO1 and Bushfire Management Overlay	578 High Street ECHUCA VIC 3564	PlnRecvd
PLN330/2023	Use of the land for Veterinary Centre and buildings and works (façade alteration) in Industrial 1 Zone	72 Lowry Street ROCHESTER VIC 3561	PmtAmend
PLN344/2023	Boundary realignment in the Farming Zone Schedule 1	1885 Midland Highway COROP VIC 3559	PrmIssued
PLN365/2022	Staged subdivision of the land and associated works in the Urban Growth Zone, Development Contributions Plan Overlay Schedule 1, Environmental Significance Overlay Schedule 3 and Land Subject to Inundation Overlay and Native Vegetation Removal pursuant to Clause 52.17 and Creation and Alteration of Access to a Transport Zone 2 pursuant to Clause 52.29	48 Echuca West School Road ECHUCA VIC 3564	PrmIssued

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## Monthly Determined - VicSmart

Application ID	Full Details	Property Address	Stage/Decision
PLN042/2024	VICSMART - Buildings and works (outbuilding and verandah) in the Farming Zone Schedule 1	1085 Whinfield Road BAMAWM VIC 3561	PrmIssued
PLN058/2024	VICSMART - Buildings and works (agricultural shed) in the Farming Zone Schedule 1	Muller Road WHARPARILLA VIC 3564	PrmIssued
PLN082/2024	VICSMART - Buildings and works (agricultural shed) in the Farming Zone Schedule 1	96 Mccoll Road GIRGARRE VIC 3624	PrmIssued
PLN091/2024	VICSMART - Buildings and Works (Dwelling Extension) in the Farming Zone – Schedule 1	145 Carroll Road ECHUCA VIC 3564	PrmIssued
PLN099/2024	VICSMART - Buildings and works (shed) in the Farming Zone Schedule 1	556 Gunbower Island Road GUNBOWER VIC 3566	PrmIssued
PLN104/2024	VICSMART - Buildings and works (grain silo) in the Farming Zone	198 Geodetic Road North STANHOPE VIC 3623	PrmIssued

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## Secondary Consent Determined

Application ID	Full Details	Property Address	Stage/Decision
PLN043/2022	Buildings and Works (warehouses) in the Industrial 1 Zone and reduction in car parking pursuant to Clause 52.06	21 King George Crescent ECHUCA VIC 3564	PmtAmend

Pln185/2016	AMENDMENT - Staged subdivision of the land into 72 Lots in the Low Density Residential Zone, Removal of Native Vegetation (two trees) pursuant to Clause 52.17 and Alteration of a Road Zone Category 1 pursuant to Clause 52.29	Brose Road KYABRAM VIC 3620	Acknowledg
PLN340/2020	Subdivision of the land into two (2) lots in the General Residential Zone	41 Kerford Street ROCHESTER VIC 3561	PmtAmend

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## Extension of Time Determined

Application ID	Full Details	Property Address	Stage/Decision
PLN189/2019	(EOT)Two Lot Subdivision of the land and the construction of a dwelling in the General Residential Zone	6 Hare Street ECHUCA VIC 3564	EOTComple
PLN343/2021	(EOT) Use and Development of the land for a dwelling in the Rural Activity Zone and Removal of Clause two (2) restriction on PS301914X pursuant to Clause 52.02	27 Murray Drive WHARPARILLA VIC 3564	EOTComple
PLN344/2021	VICSMART-Buildings and works (warehouse) in the Industrial 1 Zone	7 Bilkey Court ECHUCA VIC 3564	EOTComple
PLN417/2021	Boundary realignment (dwelling excision) in the Farming Zone Schedule 1, in the Land Subject to Inundation Overlay, and creation of an access on to a road in Transport Zone 2 pursuant to Clause 52.29	1249 Graham Road KYVALLEY VIC 3621	Completed
PLN419/2021	Demolition of a dwelling in the Heritage Overlay Schedule 223, Subdivision of the land into 14 lots in the General Residential Zone and Heritage Overlay 223 and removal of native vegetation (3 trees) pursuant to Clause 52.17	11 King Street ROCHESTER VIC 3561	EOTComple

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## Condition Plans Determined

Application ID	Full Details	Property Address	Stage/Decision
PLN012/2024	Buildings and works (masonry fence) in the Floodway Overlay	47 Cromwell Street ROCHESTER VIC 3561	Completed
PLN018/2024	Buildings and works (shed) in the Farming Zone Schedule 1, Environmental Significance Overlay Schedule 1 and Land Subject to Inundation Overlay	428 Brown Road ECHUCA VILLAGE VIC 3564	Completed
PLN024/2023	Boundary realignment (dwelling excision) in the Farming Zone Schedule 1 and Land Subject to Inundation Overlay	3 Wilson Road WYUNA EAST VIC 3620	Completed
PLN036/2022	AMENDMENT - VICSMART -- Buildings and works (2 Warehouses) in the Industrial 3 Zone and reduction in car parking requirements pursuant to Clause 52.06	93 Service Street ECHUCA VIC 3564	PlnRecvd
PLN043/2022	Buildings and Works (warehouses) in the Industrial 1 Zone and reduction in car parking pursuant to Clause 52.06	21 King George Crescent ECHUCA VIC 3564	PmtAmend
PLN052/2024	Buildings and Works (Agricultural shed) in the Farming Zone Schedule 1	1025 Mccoll Road KYABRAM VIC 3620	Completed
PLN089/2023	Development of the land for trade supplies in the Commercial 2 Zone and the Design and Development Overlay Schedule 3 and Business Identification Signage pursuant to Clause 52.02	Fact 2/1-5 Murray Valley Highway ECHUCA VIC 3564	Completed
PLN100/2022	Boundary Realignment (dwelling excision) in the Farming Zone Schedule 1, in the Land Subject to Inundation Overlay, and Floodway Overlay	163 Matheson Road KYABRAM VIC 3620	Completed

PLN216/2022	Use and Development (drive through coffee) in the Commercial 2 Zone and Design and Development Overlay Schedule 3, Business Identification Signage and Internally Illuminated Sign pursuant to Clause 52.05 and alteration of access to a in the Transport Zone 2 pursuant to Clause 52.29	348-350 Ogilvie Avenue ECHUCA VIC 3564	Completed
PLN231/2023	Use and development of the land for dog breeding (Lagotto Romagnolos) in the Farming Zone Schedule 1	2020 Northern Highway TOOLLEEN VIC 3551	Completed
PLN233/2023	Use and development of the land for service industry and trade supplies in the Industrial 1 and 3 Zones and the Design and Development Plan Overlay Schedule 11 and Development Plan Overlay Schedule 9 and alteration to access to a Transport Zone 2	11-17 Ogilvie Avenue ECHUCA VIC 3564	PlnRecvd
PLN249/2023	Boundary Realignment (dwelling excision) in the Farming Zone Schedule 2 and Land Subject to Inundation Overlay	157 Mackay Road NANNEELLA VIC 3561	Completed
PLN259/2023	Two lot subdivision (boundary realignment) in the Industrial 1 Zone	789 Graham Road KYABRAM VIC 3620	Completed
PLN266/2023	Boundary realignment of three (3) lots in the Farming Zone Schedule 1, Floodway Overlay, and Land Subject to Inundation Overlay	539 Sinclair Road KYABRAM VIC 3620	PlnRecvd
PLN291/2022	Staged Subdivision of the land in the Urban Growth Zone, Environmental Significance Overlay Schedule 3 and Land Subject to Inundation Overlay, removal of native vegetation pursuant to Clause 52.17, creation of easement pursuant to Clause 52.02, alteration of access to a Transport Zone 2 pursuant to Clause 52.29 and use of the land for display home centre with signage pursuant to Clause 52.05.	Mcswain Road ECHUCA VIC 3564	PlnRecvd
PLN299/2023	Native vegetation removal (8 trees) pursuant to Clause 52.17	Brose Road KYABRAM VIC 3620	Completed
PLN303/2023	Use and development of the land for Rural Industry in the Industrial 1 Zone and a car parking reduction pursuant Clause 52.06	22 Malloy Street ROCHESTER VIC 3561	Completed
PLN311/2023	Boundary realignment in the Farming Zone Schedule 1 and Floodway Overlay and removal of Reserves 2, 3 and 4 on PS331746 and remove an easement pursuant to Clause 52.02	21 Martin Road STANHOPE VIC 3623	Completed
PLN340/2020	Subdivision of the land into two (2) lots in the General Residential Zone	41 Kerford Street ROCHESTER VIC 3561	PmtAmend
PLN361/2022	Use and Development of land for a Camping and Caravan park in the Farming Zone Schedule 1, Bushfire Management Overlay, Environmental Significance Overlay Schedule 1, Floodway Overlay and Land Subject to Inundation Overlay and Removal of Native Vegetation pursuant to Clause 52.17	51 River Avenue ECHUCA VILLAGE VIC 3564	PlnRecvd

## 8.3 Office of the CEO

### 8.3.1 Federal Inquiry into Local Government Sustainability

<b>Directorate:</b>	Communities
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Office of the CEO Support Officer
<b>Manager:</b>	Chief Executive Officer
<b>Attachments:</b>	1. Submission to the Federal Inquiry into Local Government Sustainability [8.3.1.1 - 12 pages]
<b>Conflict of Interest:</b>	In accordance with section 130 of the Local Government Act 2020, the officer preparing this report declares no conflict of interest regarding this matter.
<b>Council Plan Reference:</b>	<b>Flourishing local economy</b> A resilient long-term economy attractive to local and external investors Stimulated economic activity that provides local jobs  <b>Resilient protected and healthy natural environment</b> Well managed resources for a sustainable future  <b>Well planned places</b> Land and underlying infrastructure suitable for growing populations Quality, attractive recreational spaces  <b>Growing quality of life</b> Effective and efficient services available locally
<b>Other Strategic Context:</b>	Campaspe Tomorrow

#### 1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide Council's submission to the Federal Inquiry into Local Government Sustainability (the 'Inquiry') as submitted to the Committee.

#### 2. RECOMMENDATION

**That Council endorse the submission made in response to the Federal Inquiry into Local Government Sustainability on behalf of Campaspe Shire Council.**

#### 3. BACKGROUND

On March 21, 2024, the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Regional Development, Infrastructure, and Transport ('the Committee') initiated an inquiry into local government sustainability, following a referral from the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, and Local Government, the Honourable Catherine King MP.

A media release was published via the Parliament of Australia website:

[https://www.aph.gov.au/About\\_Parliament/House\\_of\\_Representatives/About\\_the\\_House\\_News/Media\\_Releases/New\\_inquiry\\_-\\_Australia's\\_local\\_government\\_sustainability](https://www.aph.gov.au/About_Parliament/House_of_Representatives/About_the_House_News/Media_Releases/New_inquiry_-_Australia's_local_government_sustainability)

Written Submissions were sought from organisations and individuals, requesting recommendations in relation to the inquiry's terms of reference, with a closing date of 31 May 2024:

[https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/House/Regional\\_Development\\_Infrastructure\\_and\\_Transport](https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/House/Regional_Development_Infrastructure_and_Transport)

### **Terms of Reference**

The Committee will inquire into and report on local government matters, with a particular focus on:

- The financial sustainability and funding of local government
- The changing infrastructure and service delivery obligations of local government
- Any structural impediments to security for local government workers and infrastructure and service delivery
- Trends in the attraction and retention of a skilled workforce in the local government sector, including impacts of labour hire practices
- The role of the Australian Government in addressing issues raised in relation to the above
- Other relevant issues.

## **4. DISCUSSION**

Submissions were due to the Committee and provided on 31 May 2024 as attached:

### **Summary**

Input into the inquiry about local government sustainability is timely.

Despite local government sustainability being the subject of numerous reports and inquiries over decades, the cumulative effects of the funding of the Financial Assistance Grants at a Federal Level, and the State Government approaches to rate capping, the financial sustainability of the Local Government sector is approaching crisis.

In rural and regional areas deficit budgets are now the norm and difficult decisions are being made around reducing the number of services provided and/or reducing service levels to manage operational costs to bring expenditure in line with available revenue.

Without changes to current funding arrangements Local Government in Victoria, particularly in rural and regional areas, will be forced to make further and more drastic reductions in services and its investment in infrastructure including maintenance and renewal.

Addressing issues raised in this submission requires a collaborative effort to develop a funding model that accurately reflects rural and regional community needs and ensures equitable financial support for our councils.

## **5. STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT**

### **Internal consultation:**

- Executive Leadership Team

### **Councillors:**

- Not applicable.

### **External consultation:**

- Not applicable.

### **Community Engagement**

Council's Community Engagement Policy identifies the level of community engagement to be undertaken in accordance with the IAP2 framework. The level of community engagement undertaken was:

Inform: The Commonwealth Government invited submissions into local government sustainability. The attached is Campaspe Shire's response for the community's information.

## **6. LEGISLATIVE CONTEXT**

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Regional Development, Infrastructure, and Transport ('the Committee') initiated an inquiry into local government sustainability, following a referral from the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, and Local Government, the Honourable Catherine King MP.

Written Submissions were sought from organisations and individuals, requesting recommendations in relation to the inquiry's terms of reference, with a closing date of 31 May 2024.

## **7. FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

The Inquiry presents significant financial and other resource implications due its potential positive outcomes on viability, sustainability and service delivery.

The potential positive consequences of engaging with local government can have significant impacts for the municipality, and the terms of reference of the inquiry point to the potential focus areas of the Federal Government, particularly sustainability of funding, which presents notable impacts on Council's financial and resourcing position.

## **8. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

The Environmental implications of the inquiry have the potential to foster innovation and improvement in practices indirectly, through the responsible management of financially sustainable processes.

The identification of the need to attract and retain a skilled workforce can have an impressive influence on environmental practices in the local government sector.

## **9. OPPORTUNITIES AND RISK**

### **Opportunities:**

The opportunities presented in this report are aspirational at this stage, until the outcomes of the inquiry result in some positive actions. These opportunities are reflected in the terms of reference of the Inquiry:

- The financial sustainability and funding of local government.
- The changing infrastructure and service delivery obligations of local government.

- Any structural impediments to security for local government workers and infrastructure and service delivery.
- Trends in the attraction and retention of a skilled workforce in the local government sector, including impacts of labour hire practices.
- The role of the Australian Government in addressing issues raised in relation to the above.
- Other relevant issues.

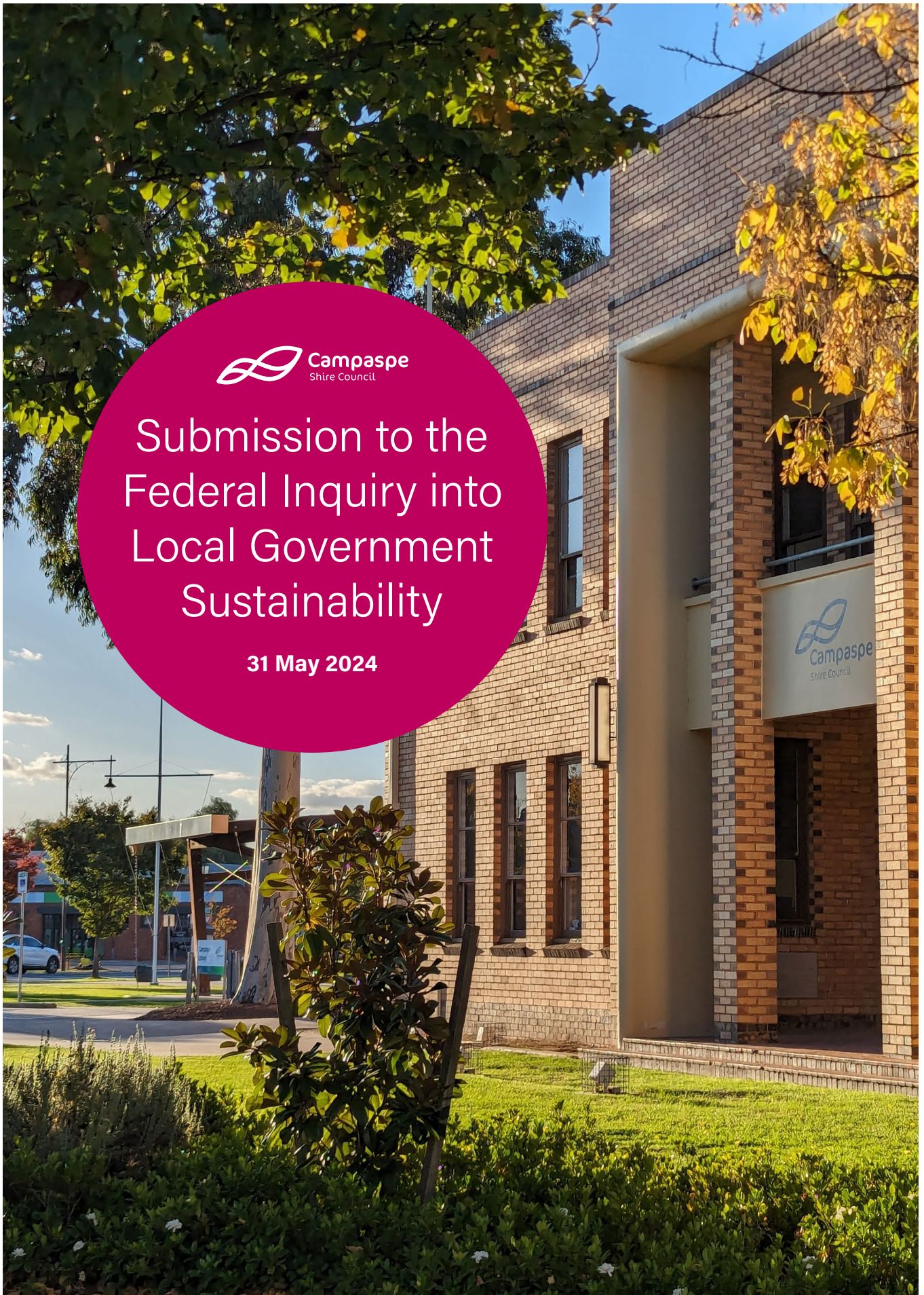
**Risk:**

Asset, Financial and Service Continuity Interruption Risk

This report seeks to provide information to the Federal Government in relation to Local Government Sustainability. While there are no direct risks associated with this report, there are indirect risks.

The outcome of the Federal Government Inquiry may have an impact on local government assets, its financial sustainability and its ability to maintain service continuity.

By making our submission to the inquiry, council hopes to mitigate these potential risks.

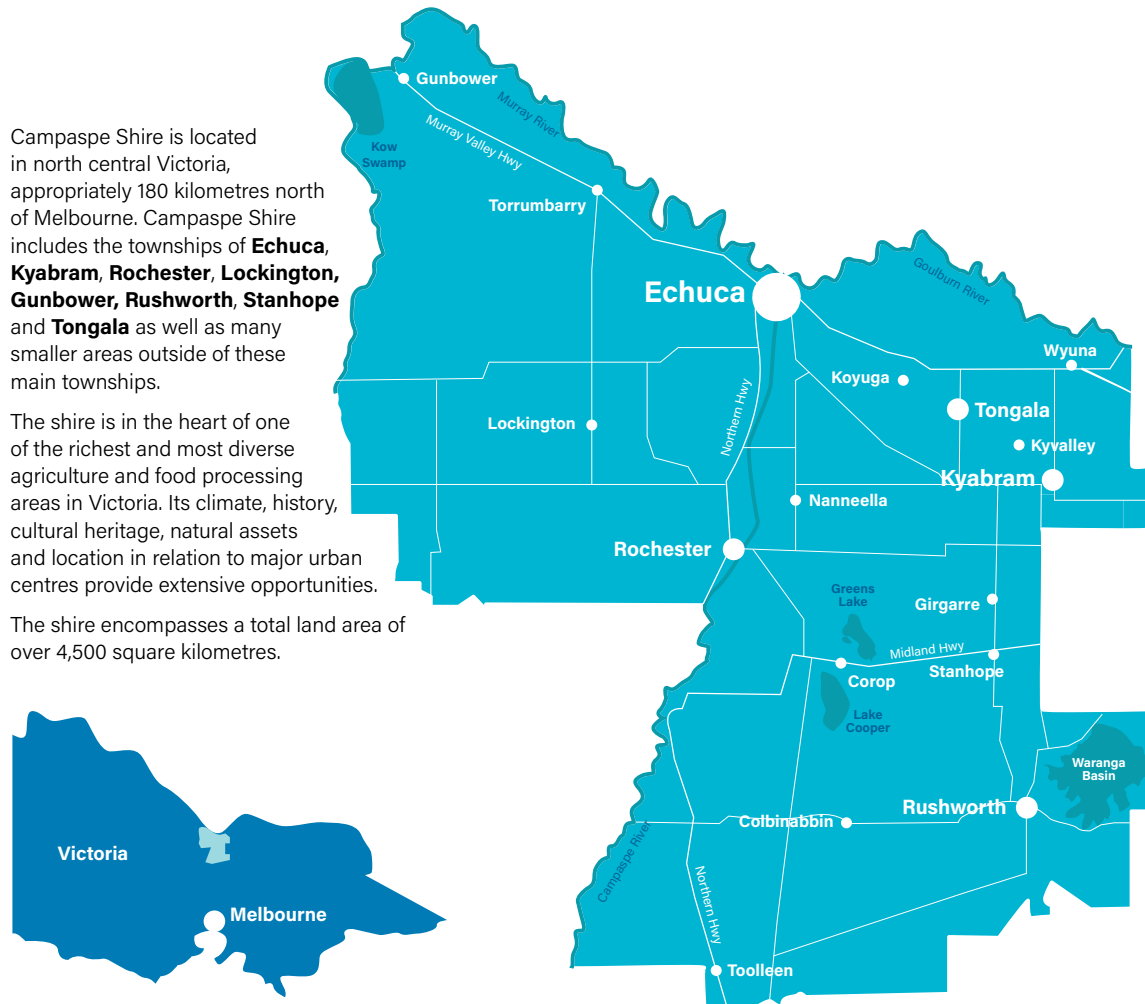


## Snapshot of Council

Campaspe Shire is located in north central Victoria, appropriately 180 kilometres north of Melbourne. Campaspe Shire includes the townships of **Echuca**, **Kyabram**, **Rochester**, **Lockington**, **Gunbower**, **Rushworth**, **Stanhope** and **Tongala** as well as many smaller areas outside of these main townships.

The shire is in the heart of one of the richest and most diverse agriculture and food processing areas in Victoria. Its climate, history, cultural heritage, natural assets and location in relation to major urban centres provide extensive opportunities.

The shire encompasses a total land area of over 4,500 square kilometres.



## Demographic Profile



Campaspe has an estimated resident population of 38,506 (ABS estimated resident population 2022) and 32.4% are aged 60 years and over.



Around 85% of residents were born in Australia, with the remainder coming from 35 countries who speak 18 languages (ABS 2021).



The majority of residents, 78.2%, work and live within the municipality, with a further 10.3% living in Murray River Council, an adjoining NSW local government area (ABS 2021).



In the shire, 11.5% of households earn an income of \$3,000 or more per week (ABS 2021).

## Overview

This submission is in response to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Regional Development, Infrastructure, and Transport ('the Committee') initiated inquiry into local government sustainability, following a referral from the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, and Local Government, the Honourable Catherine King MP in March 2024.

This submission addresses the below Terms of Reference set out by The Committee with a particular focus on:

- The financial sustainability and funding of local government
- The changing infrastructure and service delivery obligations of local government
- Any structural impediments to security for local government workers and infrastructure and service delivery
- Trends in the attraction and retention of a skilled workforce in the local government sector, including impacts of labour hire practices
- The role of the Australian Government in addressing issues raised in relation to the above
- Other relevant issues.



## Terms of Reference

### The financial sustainability and funding of local government

Local Government is a distinct tier of government with democratically elected councillors to make decisions on behalf of its community. The autonomy of councils must be respected, and councils must retain the flexibility to set appropriate budgets that meet local community priorities and needs.

However, Local Government is very reliant on taxation and grants to operate and has limited opportunities to generate income from other sources. A recent report commissioned by Rural Councils Victoria (RCV) in 2022 investigated the needs and alternative sources of income available to Rural Councils in Victoria. The report identified that despite facing specific funding challenges, rural Councils have very limited access to meaningful levels of 'own source' income to complement or reduce reliance on rates and grant income.

Federal Government funding is crucial for the financial sustainability of Campaspe Shire Council. Financial Assistance Grants contribute approximately one-third of Council's recurring income, supporting both service provision and infrastructure. These grants are untied and therefore Councils can utilise the funding for purposes they determine are most directly required by their communities.

The most significant contribution the Australian Government could make toward the ongoing sustainability of Local Government would be a review of the quantum of funds available via the Financial Assistance Grants to bring this amount closer to the 1% of Federal Taxation as was the case when they were originally introduced.

A legislated process ensures that councils make budget decisions in an open, transparent, and accountable way that involves community input. Audit and Risk Committees also review council performance regularly and monitor council progress in adopting better practices and processes. Such input is reflected in each council's adopted budget and plans and councils increase rates in line with services provided, as established in these council plans.

However, Victorian councils' ability to raise revenue from their rate base is severely impacted by the imposition of rate capping. This has a direct impact on the sustainability and funding of local government.

Rate capping results in councils deferring spending on capital programs such as roads maintenance and renewal. This will lead to faster deterioration of roads and other assets and consequently imposes higher costs on future generations of ratepayers to renew and upgrade under-maintained community infrastructure.

There are negative perceptions around applying for a higher rate cap. Such an application might be seen as a failure to manage Council's finances, but Council is expected to provide the same services year on year with rating revenue that has not reflected actual inflation appropriately. Unless the rate cap is addressed to better reflect the rising costs, local government will not be sustainable into the future.

Councils are often the last provider of services that the private sector is unwilling to provide (no profit), or that other tiers of Government have delegated to Council to provide regardless of the cost or population size.

Having a rate cap does not take into consideration changes in Council's revenue streams. For example, grant funding may be one-off and tend not to consider inflation over time when re-current in any event.



## Terms of Reference

### Depreciation of Assets

The value of fixed assets that Campaspe Shire Council manages comprises 79% of its total assets. These assets are required to be depreciated over their useful lives; to comply with accounting standards and regulations, this cost equates to 25% of Council's annual expenditure. This is a significant cost burden to council.

Our communities have an expectation that key community assets, often funded through Federal and State government grant funding many years ago, will be replaced with modern equivalents when they near end of life. It is often that case that Council could not have afforded to build the assets in the first instance but now there is a strong expectation that these assets will be replaced, often without the possibility of grant funding to assist in the asset's renewal. A prime example of this would be infrastructure like regional swimming pools. If councils can find a way to fund the renewal and upgrade of these assets, the changing requirements to provide infrastructure at higher levels of service will impact on the value of Council's asset base which in turn will increase the cost of depreciation associated with these assets.



### Financial Assistance Grants

As previously mentioned, if the Financial Assistance Grants (FA grants) were raised to 1% of taxation income the extra income for Campaspe Shire Council would be close to a further \$15 million. This would change Council's position from one of forecast future deficits to one of sustainability. FA grants have declined from 1% of federal taxation revenue in 1996 to approximately 0.5% in 2024. Campaspe Shire Council's FA grant is approximately \$15 million. Further, as noted in ALGA's Background on Local Government Funding - Australian Local Government Association ([alga.com.au](http://alga.com.au)) the freezing of the indexation of the FA grants in 2014 was estimated to 'cost local communities more than \$600 million in services and infrastructure over three years, with the biggest impact felt by councils in regional and remote Australia'. The compounding effect of the pause in indexation until 2017 has an ongoing negative impact to Local Government sustainability.

Increased Federal Government funding is crucial for the financial sustainability of Campaspe Shire Council. FA grants contribute approximately one-third of Council's recurring income, supporting both service provision and infrastructure.

## Terms of Reference

### State Government Rate Capping

Council calls on the Federal Minister for Local Government to advocate to State Government ministers to determine a consistent approach to rate capping across the nation.

Every Council is expected to provide the same if not higher standard of services and infrastructure year on year which does not align to rating revenue and increased inflation. Unless the rate cap is addressed, councils will continue to be restricted in their ability to plan, deliver and service communities now and into the future.

There are negative perceptions around applying for a higher rate cap which can be seen as a failure by council's to manage finances, however the bigger risk is that not addressing rate capping results in Councils deferring spending on capital programs such as roads maintenance and renewal, leading to faster deterioration of critical assets and services, burdening future generations of ratepayers and impacting communities.

Rate capping does not consider community's expectations around the need for services to improve and or grow into the future. Councils have seen additional costs over the years: increased cyber security requirements, climate change requirements, changes in funding models between Government and councils (i.e. aged care, library funding) or not applying appropriate indexing to recurrent funding (i.e. school crossings). The rate increases allowed by the State Government each year are insufficient to bring Council up to the necessary revenue to fund costs of delivering services.

Campaspe Shire Council also has the added pressure of servicing the cross-border communities of Echuca (Victoria) and Moama (New South Wales) with councils on either side of the river. Most of the key services such as schools, health and medical fall within Campaspe Shire and the geographic and administrative split can lead to inefficiencies creating additional burden on Council roads and infrastructure. This also means Council struggles to obtain equitable funding and support from State and Federal Governments. A consistent approach to rate capping and funding allocation for Councils needs to be conducted through a regional cross border lens with flexibility around State Government grants.



## Terms of Reference

### The changing infrastructure and service delivery obligations of local government

Campaspe Shire Council provides core services to our community, however the changing requirements to legislation, state sporting association guidelines and increased community expectations significantly impacts Council's ability to financially 'keep up' with the changing infrastructure requirements. Council has a large portion of State Government-owned land and assets across the municipality, with community management committee in place, or managed by Council. With limited or no support from State Government for the maintenance of these assets there is an expectation that Council is financially responsible. Further impacting Council is the expectation that community infrastructure will be upgraded or be newly developed without a proportioned user pays system in place.

Put simply, Councils are unable to deliver new or renewed infrastructure to keep up with the changing needs of its communities, with most of the infrastructure built in the mid to late 1900s; the *"local swimming pool or footy complex"* may be something for past generations, particularly in regional and rural settings unless funding or an equitable revenue stream is available.

The Victorian local government sector has historically provided Kindergarten and Maternal & Child Health infrastructure. Many councils have also been involved in the provision of funded Centre Based Care (formerly known as Long Day Care). Though there is no legislated requirement under the Local Government Act 2020 to provide these forms of infrastructure, there is a tacit expectation from the State and from the municipal community that in the absence of efforts by other (Government / not for profit / private) developers, councils will provide the infrastructure expected by community to be able to access these services.

In the case of kindergarten and childcare, there are stringent regulatory requirements on these forms of infrastructure, along with workforce requirements to support their operation. Services must comply with the National Quality Framework, comprising the national Law and Regulations, the National Quality Standard, and approved Learning Frameworks.

More and more, Council is finding that cost and responsibility shifting is occurring year on year. Protecting our environment, particularly with respect to illegal clearing of federally protected native vegetation and habitat pursuant to the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 is increasingly falling on Council to detect, investigate and enforce under local controls. Regional councils like Campaspe do not have the capability or capacity to undertake complex environmental investigations, which then require councils to bring consultants in at significant expense, without a clear process to recover those costs.

Further, there is significant confusion regarding Emergency Management arrangements, and councils' role in an emergency. Victorian councils are required to provide relief support during an event and provide recovery support to residents following an event.

Councils are grateful for the funding offered by the joint Federal/State Disaster Relief Funding Arrangements (DRFA). However, the system has been needlessly complex, and requires a significant volume of evidence being provided before a claim is raised, often requiring evidence to be gathered while responding to a devastating natural disaster.

Guidance documents are provided to Local Government to try and understand what is considered critical infrastructure/assets, evidentiary requirements to demonstrate the condition of the asset both pre and post the disaster and other requirements to facilitate a claim. These guidelines change often, with no consultation. The application of those guidelines changes from event to event.

These claims are incredibly complex, take significant staff effort and time and are highly dependent on understanding the complex nature of these types of claims.

Councils do not have specialist officers at the ready to gather the significant amount of evidence required, navigate the often-restrictive guidelines put in place, and be across every function performed by Council during an emergency.

## Terms of Reference

Local Government often struggles to provide pre and post condition reports, to a level that meets evidentiary requirements, particularly where a contractor has been contracted in the days following an event and is more concerned with reopening a public road than taking photos of the asset, often required every 500 metres of roadway, to facilitate the claim. Asking Local Government to provide details of rock used to rehabilitate roads, owned and managed by Council is cumbersome and adds to Council's significant workload in an event. This often means up to 20 per cent of claims are denied because Council is unable to meet the evidentiary requirements.

These are assets which are critical to community but won't be funded through this process. This anxiety about what will and won't be funded, especially with an event of the size of the 2022 floods in the Campaspe region, will significantly impact Council's budget if 20 per cent of the damage is not funded. The evidentiary requirements of the DRFA needs to be clearer, more equitable, flexible, understanding that councils, particularly regional councils do not possess the capability or capacity to be able to meet these restrictive and cumbersome guidelines.

It is Campaspe Shire Council's understanding that claims need to be entered in \$500,000 blocks for assessment. Given our claim for the 2022 flood event will be around \$38,000,000, this will require 76 applications through this process. An ability to submit a complete claim, or a smaller number of claims would be advantageous.

There is a lack of understanding at the Commonwealth and State Government levels regarding the time and effort required to compile a claim that meets assessor's requirements for full reimbursement. During emergencies, the focus on community safety should overshadow the importance of collecting data for future claims.

Another concern is the speed in which money is made available. Councils start spending money immediately, particularly performing emergency works, with no understanding as to whether the works will be claimable, or if Category A or B funds will be released. This often leads to less evidence being gathered, given the nature of the works and when they occur in the timeline of the event, making earlier actions harder to claim.

Local Government understands and acknowledges that this is public money. However, there needs to be a trust in Local Government and a relaxation of stifling evidentiary requirements. Positions funded through the DRFA cannot be put in place until an assessor has reviewed a Position Description. This seems like an unnecessary level of bureaucracy which further slows down our ability to quickly respond to events and community needs.

Utilising Category A funding more effectively for initial relief and recovery, without excessive concerns about eligibility, would benefit affected individuals. Early confirmation of funded services and timely appointment of recovery officers are essential for efficient and cohesive recovery efforts.

Consideration also needs to be given to including betterment in DRFA funding. Given betterment isn't considered as part of DRFA, after the 2012 floods Council conducted a like for like replacement or repair of its assets. Many of those same assets have been damaged in the 2022 floods and Council will be forced to do the same this time as well.

Ideally, Council would assess the asset, determine if there are mitigation or betterment works which could help protect the asset, and then undertake those works when replacing the asset.

This would apply to a road which flooded because a culvert wasn't big enough to allow the volume of water it received at once, flooding a roadway, or a community asset that, if it had been raised could have avoided being flooded again.



## Terms of Reference

### Any structural impediments to security for local government workers and infrastructure and service delivery

Council services such as Maternal & Child Health centres are not subject to design requirements, other than "best practice" industry guidelines. This impacts Council's ability to fulfill service requirements effectively, impacting the safety and wellbeing of staff and clientele. Families are experiencing greater levels of complexities, for example; domestic violence, substance misuse and mental health issues. Local Government is not adequately equipped to respond and deal with these changing needs.

Our community demographic is changing due to a reliance on skilled migration workers, attraction of city dwellers due to lower regional housing prices and an increase in migration from metropolitan centres post pandemic resulting in remote workers relocating. This has created an increased demand for council services and infrastructure, increasing the financial burden on local governments to provide appropriate infrastructure and services that can adapt and meet the needs of multi-cultural communities quickly, often with limited resources and funding for this purpose.

Changes to agriculture and farming including dewatering of land, consolidation of smaller farms into larger commercial farming operations has resulted in an increased use of our local roads by commercial and heavy vehicles. This is placing additional financial burden on Council to maintain and upgrade roads to meet safety standards, impacting council's plant, maintenance and capital budgets which have had to increase to meet road safety and Road Management Plan requirements. Councils' reliance on grants and external funding for shovel ready projects complicates and stalls long-term planning and financial stability and the ability to deliver needed projects that are safe and meet the modern standards and diverse needs of our community.

Changes in technology, increased threats around cyber security, upgrading of old systems to meet modern standards will impact service delivery into the future and councils want to be responsive to these changing needs and must be adequately resourced to do so.



## Terms of Reference

### Trends in the attraction and retention of a skilled workforce in the local government sector, including impacts of labour hire practices

Campaspe Shire Council has had to adapt and change to ensure Council remains competitive and attractive to workers, however, struggles to compete against private sector roles which offer more attractive salaries and benefits packages. Council is having to pay above award wages (planning for example) to attract and retain staff or to fill key roles with contract staff at significantly higher cost.

Council is experiencing key shortages in many professions such as finance, engineering, planning and building surveyors. The ability to recruit is further exacerbated with various legislation, such is the case for Municipal Building Surveyors, where any opportunity for a cross-border collaboration with Murray River Council or shared service is hindered by the Victorian and New South Wales legislation.

The ability to find workforce accommodation is a key challenge in our region with rental vacancy rates at all-time lows. The nearest rental properties are sometimes more than an hour's drive away and there are limited public transport options.

To address these issues, Council has had to rethink recruitment and remuneration strategies including utilising recruitment companies, improve branding, reach and digital content (additional costs) to further attract workers both within and outside our community as well as offer flexible work arrangements to promote work-life balance. These flexible work arrangements, while great for the staff involved, can sometimes lead to a need for additional staff with the requisite skills to meet the ongoing operational needs of the business creating a vicious recruitment cycle and pressures on other staff.

Councils, at times, must pay more than average CPI increases for materials and services and in some cases compete against other councils as contractors can be limited in number and availability (for example, during periods of recovery from natural disaster such as the 2022 flood). Another example is the current childcare employee cost when comparing hourly rates to the private sector. Consideration should be given to developing a more suitable index to measure rising cost of inputs to councils to be used when considering the setting of the Victorian rate cap.

Public perception of councils has always been difficult to manage, with the weight of public discourse usually being negative. This public perception has negatively impacted councils' ability to attract and retain quality staff, and emboldened residents to attack – often verbally or physically, council staff simply trying to do their job. Council officers are on the front line, dealing directly with residents. If the Commonwealth and State Governments narrative publicly supported councils and the work that is done every day to enhance the lives of residents throughout Australia, it may help sway public perception and encourage skilled practitioners into council work.

Strategic Workforce Planning at a rural and regional level is also critical to assist councils in developing long-term workforce plans to address demographic changes, skill requirements, and succession planning.



## The role of the Australian Government in addressing issues raised in relation to this submission to consider:

1. For the Commonwealth Government to restore the Financial Assistance Grant to its previous level of 1% of taxation revenue. The income would be close to a further \$15 million for Campaspe Shire Council which would change Council's position from one of forecast future deficits to one of sustainability.
2. That the Federal Minister for Local Government makes representation to all State Governments to ensure that any rate capping is at a minimum equal to CPI to be commensurate with changes in the cost of living. Preferably rate capping should be based on a more relevant index measuring the change in cost of inputs to councils. Further, that rate capping is considered on a range of factors, included, but not limited to, grouping by council types and the services provided.
3. We also request the Federal Minister to advocate to State Ministers to set a rate cap range – This would allow councils to have the autonomy to pick their individual rate increase within the cap range set by the State Government and councils would need to justify this to its community.
4. We are most appreciative of the Roads to Recovery funding and request that the Federal Minister for Local Government and Federal Minister for Infrastructure continue this program into the future to ensure councils can continue to provide safe roads for their residents and ratepayers.
5. In addition, that the Federal Minister for Local Government and Federal Minister for Infrastructure reinstate a permanent rolling five-year non-competitive budgeted infrastructure funding program (similar to the LRCI program) to give certainty to councils' Long Term Financial Plan requirements under the Victorian Local Government Act 2020.
6. Finally, we would appreciate looking at opportunities to address common issues faced by all councils to avoid duplication, particularly cross border opportunities.





## Summary

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to the inquiry. This work is timely as despite the financial sustainability of local government being the subject of numerous reports and inquiries over decades, the cumulative effects of the funding of the Financial Assistance Grants at a Federal Level, and the State Government approaches to rate capping, the financial sustainability of the Local Government sector is approaching crisis.

In rural and regional areas deficit budgets are now the norm and difficult decisions are being made around reducing the number of services provided and/or reducing service levels to manage operational costs to bring expenditure in line with available revenue.

Without changes to current funding arrangements Local Government in Victoria, particularly in rural and regional areas, will be forced to make further and more drastic reductions in services and its investment in infrastructure including maintenance and renewal.

Addressing issues raised in this submission requires a collaborative effort to develop a funding model that accurately reflects rural and regional community's needs and ensures equitable financial support for our councils.



## 8.3.2 MAV State Council Motion Submission

<b>Directorate:</b>	Office of the CEO
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Executive Officer
<b>Manager:</b>	Chief Executive Officer
<b>Attachments:</b>	Nil
<b>Conflict of Interest:</b>	In accordance with section 130 of the Local Government Act 2020, the officer preparing this report declares no conflict of interest regarding this matter.
<b>Council Plan Reference:</b>	<b>Flourishing local economy</b> A resilient longterm economy attractive to local and external investors Stimulated economic activity that provides local jobs  <b>Resilient protected and healthy natural environment</b> Well managed resources for a sustainable future Protected natural environment  <b>Growing quality of life</b> Communities have a say on local infrastructure and attractions that stimulate engagement and activity
<b>Other Strategic Context:</b>	Advocacy Priorities

### 1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to bring forward a motion for consideration by Council, to be submitted to the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) State Council Meeting to be held Friday 13 September 2024.

### 2. RECOMMENDATION

**That Council approve the following motion for submission to the Municipal Association of Victoria State Council Meeting to be held Friday 13 September 2024:**

**That the MAV calls on the Victorian Government to review the Solar Energy Facilities Design and Development Guideline to provide better mapping of areas of high agriculture and landscape value within renewable energy zones and introduce criteria to require proposed facilities to consider the agrotourism and agriculture productivity of the site and wider area in assessing the suitability of sites for renewable energy facilities.**

### 3. BACKGROUND

The Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) is a membership association and the legislated peak body for local government in Victoria and is governed by the State Council body.

The State Council comprises delegates from each member council and its powers include the MAV strategic direction. To this end, the State Council meets twice a year, and invites member councils to submit motions for consideration that are in line with the MAV Rules of Association.

Motions must:

- Have already been the subject of a resolution made by that participating member Council;
- Be submitted not less than 60 calendar days before the Meeting;
- Be of such strategic relevance to the Association or of such significance to local government that it ought to be considered at the meeting; and
- not be repetitive in form or substance of a motion or item considered at the most recently held meeting of the State Council.

#### **4. DISCUSSION**

The following motion has been prepared by officers for consideration:

##### **Balancing location of renewable energy facilities with protection of High Value Agriculture Land**

###### Motion

That the MAV calls on the Victorian Government to review the Solar Energy Facilities Design and Development Guideline to provide better mapping of areas of high agriculture and landscape value within renewable energy zones and introduce criteria to require proposed facilities to consider the agrotourism and agriculture productivity of the site and wider area in assessing the suitability of sites for renewable energy facilities.

###### Rationale

Recent changes to the planning approval pathways for major renewable energy projects further limit the reasonable objection and concerns of local communities who will have to coexist with these projects. Currently the Solar Energy Facilities Design and Development Guideline approach to considering the impacts on High Productive Agricultural Land is limited to land within irrigation districts at a site-specific level and ignores the impacts facilities may have on agrotourism precincts such as wine districts. Greater consideration is required on all factors that contribute to high projective agricultural land including soil, climate and access to water, not just a sites inclusion within an irrigation district. Better mapping and criteria will enable a better balance to be struck between the economic benefits of agrotourism and agricultural productivity with the planned economic benefits of an energy facility.

#### **5. STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT**

##### **Internal consultation:**

- Executive Leadership Team

##### **Councillors:**

- Tuesday 4 June 2024 Briefing Session

##### **External consultation:**

- Not applicable

## **Community Engagement**

Council's Community Engagement Policy identifies the level of community engagement to be undertaken in accordance with the IAP2 framework. The level of community engagement undertaken was:

Not applicable

## **Public Transparency Policy**

Not applicable

## **6. LEGISLATIVE CONTEXT**

Local Government Act 2020 (Vic)

MAV Rules of Association (rule 17)

## **7. FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

The requirements of Section 9(2)(c) of *Local Government Act 2020* have been considered and no issues of ongoing financial viability of the Council have been identified within this report.

## **8. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

The requirements of Section 9(2)(c) of *Local Government Act 2020* have been considered and no environmental sustainability issues including mitigation and planning for climate change risks have been identified within this report.

## **9. OPPORTUNITIES AND RISK**

Risk management has been considered in the preparation of this report and no risks with a high or extreme rating have been identified in this process.

## 8.4 Communities

### 8.4.1 Community Grants

<b>Directorate:</b>	Communities
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Community Development Officer
<b>Manager:</b>	Manager Community Partnerships
<b>Attachments:</b>	1. CONFIDENTIAL REDACTED - Community Grants 23 24 Recommendations Round 2 20240522 [8.4.1.1 - 3 pages]
<b>Conflict of Interest:</b>	In accordance with section 130 of the Local Government Act 2020, the officer preparing this report declares no conflict of interest regarding this matter.
<b>Council Plan Reference:</b>	<b>Growing quality of life</b>  Communities have a say on local infrastructure and attractions that stimulate engagement and activity Children, young people and families healthy and well Inclusive, connected, culturally diverse and safe

#### 1. PURPOSE

The Community Grants Program offers financial support to not-for-profit community organisations, groups and associations for projects, events, and exhibitions.

It is open twice per financial year, during specified months, for community groups to seek financial support for programs, events, and/or infrastructure projects they may have. In the second round of funding Council has received 32 applications.

This report recommends that Council approve 15 successful and 6 unsuccessful applications to 2023 / 2024 Community Grants Program. Eleven applications were referred to other Council grant programs.

#### 2. RECOMMENDATION

**That Council:**

##### 1. approve the following community grant applications;

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| 1.1 | \$4,000 | <u>Gunbower Tennis Club</u>               | To assist with installation of 4 light poles to light up two tennis courts.  |
| 1.2 | \$4,000 | <u>Echuca Neighbourhood House</u>         | To assist with emergency food relief service for Echuca region.  |
| 1.3 | \$4,000 | <u>Northern Standardbred Rising Group</u> | To assist with purchase of showjumping equipment to be used by members for practice at rallies.  |
| 1.4 | \$4,000 | <u>Boys to the Bush</u>                   | To assist with the installation of 5 raised garden beds to engage local youth who are Boys to Bush participants to encourage healthy eating and learn new skills including irrigation and carpentry. |

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| 1.5  | \$4,000 | <p><b><u>Rushworth &amp; District Historical and Preservation Society</u></b></p> <p>To assist with the preservation of the Rushworth Court House as a community hub. It will involve a heritage specialist visiting the site, undertaking a visual inspection of the building, and preparing reference sketch plans and an existing condition report of all defects.</p> |
| 1.6  | \$4,000 | <p><b><u>Rochester &amp; District Pony Club</u></b></p> <p>To purchase ground spirals to help support cross country jumps to enhance rider and horse safety.</p>  |
| 1.7  | \$1,984 | <p><b><u>Leitchville – Gunbower Cricket Club</u></b></p> <p>To assist with replacement of artificial turf on the community cricket nets at Gunbower Recreation Reserve.</p>   |
| 1.8  | \$2,000 | <p><b><u>Echuca Moama Squash Club</u></b></p> <p>To assist with the purchase of a defibrillator for emergency use by members of the Echuca Moama Squash Club and other school and community users of the indoor stadium located at Echuca Secondary College.</p>  |
| 1.9  | \$400   | <p><b><u>Echuca Moama Australia Plant Society</u></b></p> <p>To assist with an exhibit of native plants, wildflowers, and grassland plants with information on propagation and growing native plants to interested persons.</p>   |
| 1.10 | \$4,000 | <p><b><u>Vic SES Kyabram</u></b></p> <p>To assist with recruitment campaign to bolster the number of operation and non-operational volunteers across the Campaspe Shire, including units in Echuca, Rochester, Rushworth, and Kyabram</p>   |
| 1.11 | \$3,820 | <p><b><u>Girgarre Development Group</u></b></p> <p>To create seven discrete audio recordings to inform and enhance the visitor experience to the Girgarre Soundwalk.</p>  |
| 1.12 | \$4,000 | <p><b><u>Rushworth Machinery Preservation Club</u></b></p> <p>To preserve the Flower Engine that was used in Rushworth at the turn of the century and is used during events within Rushworth.</p>   |
| 1.13 | \$4,000 | <p><b><u>Rich River Calisthenics</u></b></p> <p>To install heating units in newly acquired clubrooms at the Echuca Harness Racing Club.</p>   |
| 1.14 | \$4,000 | <p><b><u>St Augustine’s Junior Football Club</u></b></p> <p>To Install an electronic scoreboard at Kyabram Northern Oval for use by users of the oval including football and cricket.</p>   |
| 1.15 | \$4,000 | <p><b><u>Echuca Moama Aero Club</u></b></p> <p>To assist with an upgrade of the heating and cooling in clubrooms.</p>   |
2. advise 10 Community groups in writing of grant applications being referred to alternate Grant Programs for review.
  3. advise 6 Community groups in writing of their unsuccessful application.

### 3. BACKGROUND

The Community Grants Program provides financial assistance to not-for-profit community organisations, groups, and associations to fund projects, events, and exhibitions. It is accessible twice annually for community groups to request financial aid for their programs, events, and/or infrastructure projects.

During this latest funding cycle, Council received 32 applications. A total of \$65,511 is currently available for distribution in the second round of the Community Grants Program. Ten applications were referred to other Council Grant programs to which these applications were better suited.

### 4. DISCUSSION

The Community Grants Program offers financial support to not-for-profit community organisations, groups and associations for projects, events, exhibitions and/or performances which contribute to the municipality, making it a vibrant and stimulating place for people to live, work and visit.

#### **The Community Grants Program has two rounds:**

\* Round one, advertised in March, awarded in July (current round)

\* Round two, advertised in August, awarded in December

Total 2024 Budget July 2024 Funds Available Allocation Balance

	July 2024 Funds Available	July 2024 Allocation	Balance
Total	\$65,511	\$52,204	\$13,307

This grant program aims to:

- Support not-for-profit community groups that provide a range of opportunities for residents;
- Facilitate support for initiatives that strengthen the community through opportunities for participation, development, inclusion, and sustainability;
- Foster support across a range of pursuits and interest areas including health and welfare, community support, arts and culture, sports and recreation, youth, ageing, environment, access, and equity;
- Provide an equitable opportunity for groups to seek funding assistance from Council.

Applicants must:

- Be an incorporated association, or
- Be a not-for-profit group (e.g., education institution, healthcare, religious or faith-based institution), or
- Be a Crown Land Committee of Management, or
- Be a Government Department on behalf of a community group, or
- Have their application submitted by an appropriate auspicing body which meets the above.

Organisations that have licensed gaming / gambling facilities or derive funds from gambling are ineligible to apply.

All applications received were assessed by a panel of four staff, across Environment and Sustainability department, Community and Partnership teams, using the following assessment criteria matrix, as indicated in the funding guidelines.

Criteria	Description
Community / social benefit	<p>Involvement of community members, enrichment of the shire.</p> <p>For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A plan for engaging the target group is outlined.</li> <li>• The activity or event is being held within Campaspe Shire Council (mandatory).</li> <li>• The application outlines what measures will be used to evaluate whether it has been successful in achieving the stated outcome/s – includes both qualitative and quantitative measures.</li> </ul>
Partnership	<p>Contribution by group or others to the project either cash and/or in-kind, including project partnership participation (not just financial contribution).</p> <p>For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The application outlines a plan for delivery – including consideration of risk, integration with other partners and innovation.</li> <li>• The application outlines matched funding, in kind support or partner contribution (financial and in kind).</li> </ul>
Council Plan alignment	The application identifies a clear outcome/s, aligned to the strategic priorities of Council as outlined by the Council Plan.
Project	<p>One off project/event.</p> <p>For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The application responds to one or more of the grant program priority areas.</li> <li>• The application demonstrates innovation and evidence and/or clear reason for why it has been developed.</li> <li>• The application demonstrates consideration of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• environmental sustainability</li> <li>• inclusivity of all members of our community and accessibility for all</li> <li>• low or no cost for disadvantaged groups</li> <li>• sustainability - not reliant on ongoing grant funding.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Economic benefit	Increase spending to retail, industry and accommodation, enhancement of economic base, or funds spent locally.

Panel members who declared a conflict of interest with any of the applications did not participate in the assessment of those applications.

Applicants with outstanding acquittals from a previous Community Grant round are not eligible for funding consideration, as outlined in the guidelines.

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Successful applicants are required to enter into a Funding Agreement with the Campaspe Shire Council that stipulates the conditions of the grant.

Applications can be for a maximum of \$4,000.

§ Total funds available for applications: \$65,511

§ Total of applications received: \$97,526

§ Total allocations recommended: \$52,204

§ Total value of projects funding will support: \$132,525

§ Total value of funding remaining: \$13,307- to be allocated to other grant programs for distribution to the community for 2024 budget

## **5. STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT**

Council's Community Engagement Policy identifies the level of community engagement to be undertaken in accordance with the IAP2 framework. The level of community engagement undertaken was:

### **Internal consultation:**

- Executive Leadership Team.

### **External Consultation:**

- Not required.

### **Councillors:**

- Not required.

### **External consultation:**

- Not required.

## **6. LEGISLATIVE CONTEXT**

The requirements of Section 9(2)(c) of Local Government Act 2020 have been considered and there are no legislative implications arising from this report.

## **7. FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

The requirements of Section 9(2)(c) of Local Government Act 2020 have been considered and no issues of ongoing financial viability of the Council have been identified within this report.

## **8. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

The requirements of Section 9(2)(c) of Local Government Act 2020 have been considered and no environmental sustainability issues including mitigation and planning for climate change risks have been identified within this report.

## **9. OPPORTUNITIES AND RISK**

### **Opportunities:**

Council has the opportunity to support Community non-profit organisations with funding through the Community Grants Program.

An assessment panel comprising members of the Community Partnerships and Sustainability departments assessed the applications received. The panel recommended that 15 applications be approved. A contribution from Council of \$52,204 will lead to the provision of projects to the value of \$135,525.

Of the 32 applications received, six (6) were referred to the Sponsorship and Events Grant program, Three (3) to the Community Equipment Grant program and one (1) to the Seniors Grant program.

### **Risk:**

Risk management has been taken into consideration in the creation of this report, and no significant or severe risks have been raised during this evaluation. However, should the Community group's application for funding be successful, there may be challenges in fulfilling the project obligations outlined in the agreement between the Council and the Community group.

## **10. CONCLUSION**

Council received 32 applications for the 2024 Community Grants Program (Round one).

It is recommended that Council approve 15 successful and 6 unsuccessful applications to 2023 / 2024 Community Grants Program. Eleven applications were referred to other Council grant programs.

## 8.4.2 Strathallan Hall

<b>Directorate:</b>	Communities
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Manager Active Communities
<b>Manager:</b>	Director Communities
<b>Attachments:</b>	Nil
<b>Conflict of Interest:</b>	In accordance with section 130 of the Local Government Act 2020, the officer preparing this report declares no conflict of interest regarding this matter.
<b>Council Plan Reference:</b>	<b>Resilient protected and healthy natural environment</b> Well managed resources for a sustainable future  <b>Well planned places</b> Quality, attractive recreational spaces
<b>Other Strategic Context:</b>	Asset Management Plans

### 1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval:

1. for the demolition of the Strathallan Hall and associated infrastructure.
2. to commit to establishing a nature reserve, including seating, a shelter and signage in collaboration with the Strathallan community.

### 2. RECOMMENDATION

#### That Council:

1. **Approve the demolition of the Strathallan Hall and associated infrastructure located at 940 Rochester-Strathallan Road, Strathallan during the 2024/2025 financial year.**
2. **Retain 940 Rochester – Strathallan Road, Strathallan for the purpose of a nature reserve including funding the provision of seating, signage, and a shelter from the 2024/2025 budget.**
3. **Thank the Strathallan Hall Committee for their commitment in maintaining an open space for the benefit of the community.**

### 3. BACKGROUND

The Strathallan community hall, located on 940 Rochester – Strathallan Road, Strathallan, was constructed circa early/ mid 1920's by community, with additions made to the existing building and inclusion of outbuildings (toilets) over the years.

The building is comprised of timber footings, flooring, ply sheet walls internally, some weatherboard cladding externally and sheet cladding for some external walls and roofing iron.

In 2011 the building was subject to flooding with the footings partially submerged. In October 2022, the hall was again subject to flooding which resulted in the insurance company engaging FMG Engineering to conduct an investigation report in response to the concerns raised by officers that the building may be structurally compromised.

### **Previous Council Discussion**

At the 28 November 2023 Council briefing, officers provided Councillors with information regarding the status of the Strathallan Hall following the 2022 flooding event and receipt of the engineer's report.

Based on the information available, officers initially provided three options for discussion with both the Strathallan Hall Committee and Councillors.

1. Repair the existing buildings like for like.
2. Demolition and build new.
3. Demolition and do nothing.

Following a meeting with the committee representatives on 15 April 2024, a fourth option was included for consideration being that Council undertakes the demolition of the existing buildings, retains the land, and develops a nature reserve in collaboration with the Strathallan community and Committee representatives. This would include seating, a shelter and interpretative signage to tell the history, flora, and fauna of the area.

Councillors were briefed on all four options on 28 May 2024.

The Strathallan Hall Committee are committed to working with Council to ensure the land is retained for the benefit of the Strathallan community, and developed into an open space that is both attractive and informative.

## **4. DISCUSSION**

Officers have worked closely with the Strathallan Hall Committee to identify a solution that meets both the community needs and Council's ability to fund an open space.

Several options were discussed, and preliminary investigations conducted to identify the options outlined below.

### **Option One - Repair the existing buildings like for like.**

According to the FMG report, there is significant damage to the building with recommendations that if Council was to repair the buildings the works included would be:

- restumping, leveling and elevation,
- replacing where required the timber floor and sanding or removal and replacement subject to further investigation.
- Replace/repair damaged timber wall framing and sheeting.
- Replace the concrete floor in the kitchen.
- Replace the kitchen (cabinetry etc.)
- Replace damage timber wall framing and sheeting.
- Removal, reinstate and repair damaged block work for the amenities building.

Given the extent of the proposed works (more than 50% of the original buildings), it is highly likely the buildings will be required to meet current compliance standards, including DDA access.

Current documentation indicates a cost of \$110,000 for these works, however the information provided does not appear to include all recommended works.

Risks associated with this option include:

- Exact extent of the works required are unknown and cost escalation is a high probability.
- No flood mitigation actions implemented.
- Building is aged and does not meet compliance requirements or community needs.
- Ongoing emergent maintenance issues

Officers do not recommend this option.

### **Option Two - Demolish and build new.**

Given the extent of the pre and post flood damage to the building, FMG have recommended Council consider demolition of the buildings and construction of a purpose-built building if applicable.

No formal costings have been undertaken, however using the probable costs from Rawlhouse – Australian Construction handbook and based on 275m<sup>2</sup> build, it is estimated that approximately \$1.25m is required to construct a new compliant building, services, planning and permits and demolition of the existing buildings.

Please note this is a high-end prediction that could be reduced subject to reduction in size and materials of the building.

Risks associated with this option include:

- Identifying the priority and funds towards a new build
- Ongoing financial impact (whole of life costs)
- Sustainability of a new facility in a rural location – usage

The benefits of this option include:

- Elevation above flood level
- Purpose built facility that meets the needs of the community and compliance.

Officers do not recommend this option.

### **Option Three – Demolish and do nothing.**

The FMG report has recommended Council consider demolition of the existing building.

The risks associated with this option include:

The lack of an amenities space may impact the Strathallan community's ability to have a social gathering space and whilst the community can access other community facilities in nearby communities, there would be no single point for gathering.

Officers do not recommend this option.

Officers met with representatives of the Strathallan Hall Committee of Management on the 15 April 2024 to discuss the options and an additional option was identified.

**Option Four – Demolish the existing facilities and retain the land to establish a nature reserve.**

The Committee is interested in Council retaining the land as a nature reserve. There are flora and fauna opportunities as the land has not been used for agricultural purposes.

Nature reserve – Picnic tables, shelter, interpretative signage (history of the space, flora, and fauna etc.) The committee would be supportive of working in collaboration to achieve an attractive space the Strathallan community can still use.

The Committee are also committed to the ongoing management of the space for fire and weed management under a management agreement with a Council contribution towards this, in line with other community managed open spaces.

Officers recommend this option.

## **5. STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT**

**Internal consultation:**

- Executive Leadership Team - 1 November 2023
- Executive Leadership Team - 15 May 2024

**Councillors:**

- Council Briefing Session - 28 November 2023
- Council Briefing Session - 28 May 2024

**External consultation:**

Officers met with representatives of the Strathallan Hall Committee of Management on the 15 April 2024 to discuss the options as identified in the Community Engagement section of this report.

### **Community Engagement**

Council's Community Engagement Policy identifies the level of community engagement to be undertaken in accordance with the IAP2 framework. The level of community engagement undertaken was:

Collaborate: We work with our community to develop a detailed understanding of all the issues and opportunities and identify agreed solutions at every step of the process (Community influence: Equal partner in developing concepts. Council will provide final endorsement).

Officers have met with community representatives several times with the most recent on the 15 April 2024 to discuss the options available.

The community representatives understand the damage is considerable and there could be further works required not yet identified. They also understand the amount of work required would trigger Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) compliance requirements to complete the work to code standards.

The Committee is interested in Council retaining the land as a nature reserve. There are flora and fauna opportunities as the land has not been used for agricultural purposes.

This would include the provision of elements such as picnic tables, shelter, interpretative signage (history of the space, flora, and fauna etc.) The Committee has confirmed they would like to continue the management of the space following demolition and would be supportive of working in collaboration to achieve an attractive space the Strathallan community can still use.

## **6. LEGISLATIVE CONTEXT**

*Local Government Act 2020 (Vic)*

## **7. FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

The demolition of existing buildings and provision of elements such as seating, a shelter and signage will have minimal financial implications which can be funded through insurance and flood funding if required. The ongoing fire and weed management are accounted for in existing budgets.

Demolition will be conducted as per current flood projects and already has project management allocated.

## **8. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

The recommendation to demolish the existing buildings and retain the land as a nature reserve will see improved flora and fauna opportunities.

## **9. OPPORTUNITIES AND RISK**

Due to the impacts from flooding and age, it is proposed that the demolition of the Strathallan Hall and associated infrastructure be progressed to establish a nature reserve.

The lack of an open space may impact the capacity of the community to gather socially, and this reserve would still enable the Strathallan community to have a gathering space and the ability to conduct events, while also providing an environmentally improved open space.

## **10. SUMMARY**

Following the impact on the Strathallan Hall resulting from the 2011 and the 2022 floods, the Strathallan Hall Committee have collaborated with officers in identifying their preferred option for use of the land. In addition, should Council endorse the officer recommendation, the Committee has also committed to maintaining an attractive and educational space that the Strathallan community can maximise its use into the future.

## 8.5 Sustainability

### 8.5.1 Campaspe Growth & Change report

<b>Directorate:</b>	Sustainability
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Manager Integrated Planning
<b>Manager:</b>	Manager Integrated Planning
<b>Attachments:</b>	Nil
<b>Conflict of Interest:</b>	In accordance with section 130 of the Local Government Act 2020, the officer preparing this report declares no conflict of interest regarding this matter.

#### **Flourishing local economy**

A resilient long-term economy attractive to local and external investors

#### **Well planned places**

Land and underlying infrastructure suitable for growing populations  
Quality, attractive recreational spaces  
Improved walkability and cyclability within townships  
Ability to travel safely and easily by road and rail

#### **Growing quality of life**

Communities have a say on local infrastructure and attractions that stimulate engagement and activity

#### 1. PURPOSE

To outline a proposed integrated planning approach that incorporates township facility planning into a framework that includes an overall municipal vision and development of township strategy and structure plans.

#### 2. RECOMMENDATION

##### **That Council:**

- 1. Note that roll out of the Place Based Plans is well advanced while the development of Township Facility Plans has not commenced.**
- 2. Reassess the approach to the development of Township Facility Plans and undertake a more integrated planning approach to facility planning through the development of a municipal wide settlement strategy supported by a range of strategy and structure plans for specific areas and townships.**

### 3. BACKGROUND

Council is in the process of rolling out a program of Place Based Plans (PBPs) across the main townships of the Shire. At its meeting of August 2021 Council resolved to incorporate Township Facility Plans (TFPs) into the community place-based planning process. Subsequently Council endorsed the process and governance to prepare the PBPs and TFPs at its meeting of 21 September 2022.

The process envisaged the outputs of the Place Based Plans (PBPs) informing the assessment and review of community infrastructure as part of the Township Facility Plans (TFPs).

While the Place Based Plans are well advanced, with some completed and others well progressed, the Township Facility Plans have yet to commence. Most recently, at its meeting of 19 March 2024 Council resolved to:

*request officers to provide a report to a future briefing of Council on the status and future approach to the development of integrated masterplans incorporating township facility plans for townships across the Shire.*

This recommendation was associated with the decision of the Council to commit to the development of an aquatic strategy for the provision of aquatic facilities and wet play across the municipality for the next 15-20 years. Previously the aquatics strategy was linked to the development of Township Facility Plans.

While there has been an approved process in the past, there is merit in revisiting this process following the decision to decouple the planning of aquatics facilities from the township facility process. This provides Council with an opportunity to create an integrated planning approach, to tie in the strategic work that needs updating and address community aspirations.

#### **Previous Council Decisions**

The process and governance of the PBPs and TFPs has previously been considered by Council at the following meetings:

August 2021 - Council resolved to incorporate TFPs into the Place Based Plan process.

September 2022 – Council endorsed the process and governance for the preparation of Place Based Plans and Township Facility Plans.

March 2024 – Council sought a briefing on the status and future approach to master planning and delivery of TFPs.

### 4. DISCUSSION

The current methodology for development of the TFPs was not designed to incorporate and the consider the full range of services and facilities that contributes to the liveability of our townships. It is also not linked with the broader and long-term planning of the respective towns. In the absence of a broader and long-term planning framework there is a risk that the township facility plans as currently proposed will be limited to the consideration of infrastructure delivered by Council and the community without regard to the entire suite of infrastructure and services required to sustain a town and maintain its liveability.

It is considered that there is an opportunity to refocus the Township Facility Planning process to take a more integrated planning approach to facility planning that encompasses the full range of facilities and services that contribute to the liveability of a place now, and importantly into the

future. There is also an opportunity to refocus the planning of township facilities and infrastructure in a way that is reflective of the existing and future needs of the identified towns and considers how that infrastructure may be funded.

In some ways this need has been recognised by several communities who have completed the Place Based Plans and included actions in their plans that fit the framework of integrated planning, these actions summarised include town masterplans, housing and industrial strategies, streetscape and urban design and infrastructure plans. These aspirations are typical components of a township strategy or structure plan.

Recognising the significant body of work contained within the Place Based Plans and the context of the Shire as a network of townships and communities spread across a wide geographical area it is felt that a best practice approach to integrated planning for the Shire should involve the development of a settlement strategy supported by a range of strategy and structure plans for specific areas and townships.

### Settlement and strategy plans

A settlement strategy involves establishing an overall hierarchy of settlement for the municipality, including the role of each town within that hierarchy and how the towns connect and support one another. This overall hierarchy would also filter down into individual township structure plans or framework plans that will involve a shared vision for the town, and identify the type and scope of change, if any, projected within the town over time.

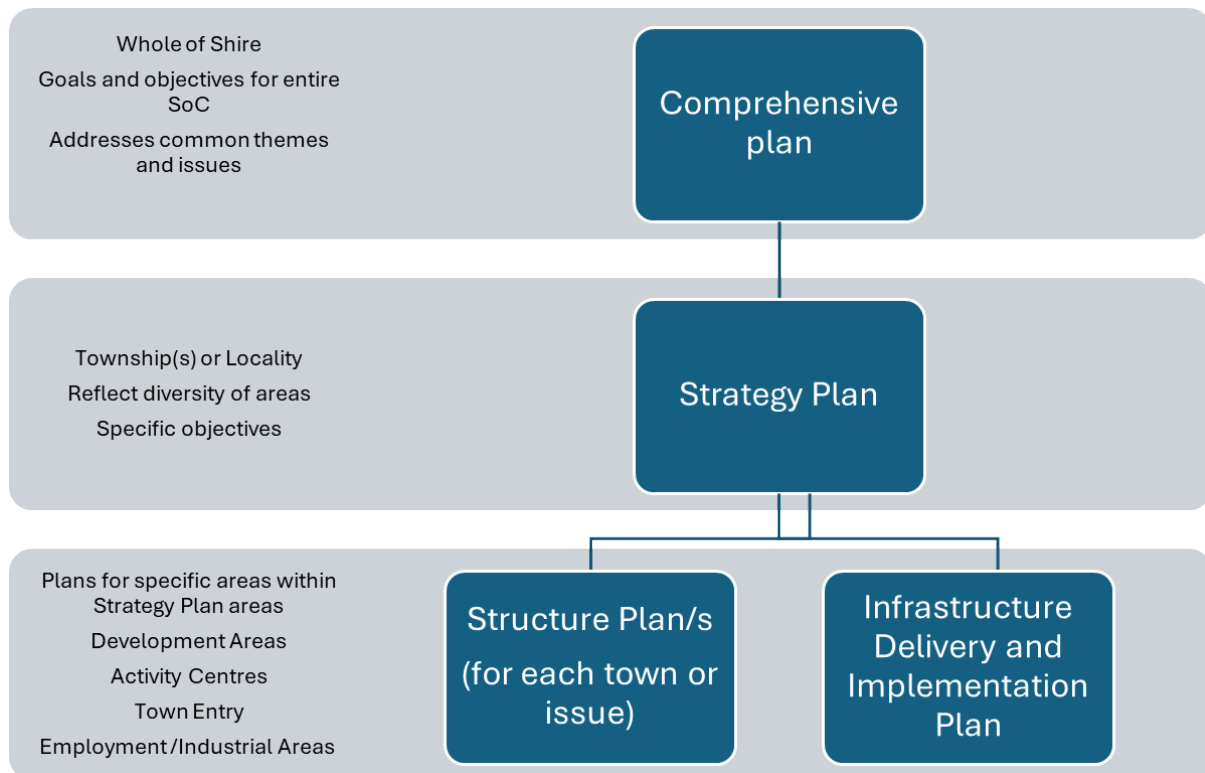
Strategy plans would provide direction around transport, retail, economic, social, environmental, and housing issues. They can also include directions for community facilities and infrastructure and consider the individual needs and circumstances for each town and how they fit within the region and municipality. Depending on need and the outcomes sought, further detailed planning could be undertaken through separate structure plans. Both these plans would then be implemented into the Planning Scheme and inform other Council strategies and policies.

### Process and Outputs

Whilst each town will have different actions and deliverables, there will be key outputs consistent across most of the township structure plans. Typically, strategy and structure plans contain similar elements. When considering best practice, it is proposed that the outputs of an overall settlement plan would include as a minimum:

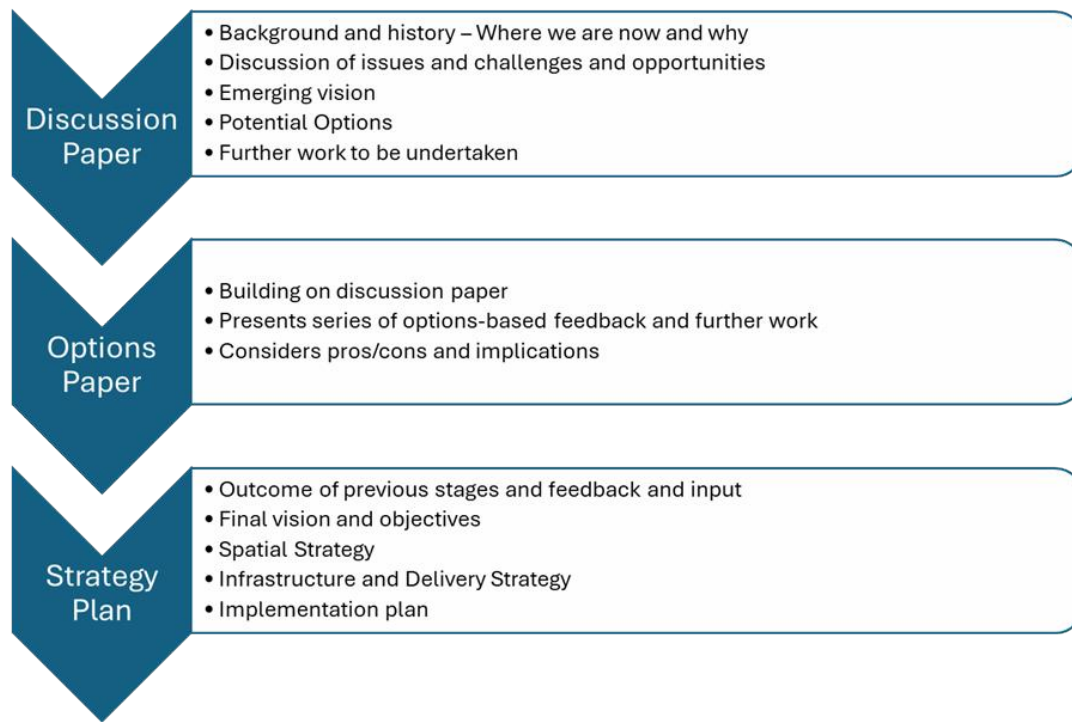
- Vision statement and community engagement report.
- An overview of key issues and opportunities across housing, activities and land use, retail and business activity, land availability, urban design and built form, heritage, environment, movement and transport, community facilities and physical infrastructure.
- Future Township development framework (this includes the mapping of housing, land use, transport etc.).
- Infrastructure and Delivery Strategy: for delivery of on-ground actions and projects including infrastructure provided by other agencies and levels of government.
- Implementation: Actions that are both statutory (planning scheme controls through planning scheme amendment/s and non-statutory such as advocacy and community and economic development).

An indicative hierarchy of plans and their outputs is shown in the following diagram:



There will be a range of inputs required to achieve the outputs outlined above, some of which have been completed or in progress. Some of these include, Place Based Plans, Flood studies, Residential Land Review 2022, Open Space Strategy 2022, Industrial Land Supply Analysis (in progress) and the Economic Development and Tourism Strategy (in progress). Others would need to be undertaken include commercial and retail analysis, housing needs assessment (including development feasibility) and transport infrastructure assessment.

A detailed project methodology has not been developed at this stage; however, it is envisaged that it would have a number of stages along the lines of issues and opportunities, potential options, followed by an options paper and final strategy. Opportunities for engagement and feedback would be built into each stage, with engagement being a key input into the process.



### Engagement

An engagement plan would be developed around a co-design or inquiry by design process where all stakeholders can engage with the technical information and participate in the formation and design of plans and strategies. It would be expected that a range of businesses, community groups and residents, state agencies, service authorities and service providers, to name a few would be engaged throughout the process. This process involves multiple check points throughout, with Council and the stakeholders' determining options and making informed decisions on the information and the evidence provided.

### Integrated planning

The integrated approach proposed represents a change from the current incremental approach of developing and implementing individual strategies one at a time without reference to the competing or conflicting outcomes or objectives of other strategies. The present approach of TFPs also provides limited opportunity for affected communities to be involved in shaping actions that will shape the areas they live and work in.

While this is a shift in the previously approved process, the move to address Aquatics separately from the Township Facility Plans provides Council with an opportunity to build on the process and ensure a robust planning framework is established to support communities in planning for their future. This framework also allows Council to seek alternative methods of funding development of these plans and implementation as it aligns with best practice and the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.

### Alignment with State Policy

The proposed approach would also position Council in response to emerging State Planning Policy. The Victorian Government has commenced development of 'Plan Victoria' a statewide planning strategy which will provide a framework for development of the State. The Plan is widely understood to be a key vehicle for the government to implement its Housing Statement to increase the number of houses provided across Victoria.

It is expected that the Strategy will for the first time set out municipal housing targets. Whilst it is not currently known how these targets will be applied in practice, housing supply, capacity and deliverability will inform the targets and any monitoring that occurs. This is a significant step beyond the long-standing requirement for Council's to plan for a 15-year supply of zoned and planned residential land. Council's current strategic work has not been developed to inform the creation and implementation of this new requirement.

The proposed integrated approach of developing strategy plans will ensure Council has the ability to engage the community with the implications of the mooted housing targets and a basis to advocate back to government to inform the application of any targets and their implementation.

## **5. STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT**

There has been significant community engagement in the development of Place Based Plans and the proposed Township Facility Plans. The suggested integrated approach to settlement planning would build on this engagement and involve the community in the broader master planning of their towns.

## **6. LEGISLATIVE CONTEXT**

While there is no legislative requirement for Council to complete this piece of strategic planning, the framework for structure planning outlined in the report aligns with the objectives of planning in Victoria and the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.

The implementation of the structure plans and any contributions that form part of those plans will occur under the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.

## **7. FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

This will be a long-term strategic planning project for Council, and it is expected that it will require staff resources and specialist consultant support over the next 3-4 years. At times there will be specialist consultant required to complete parts of the planning which will be accounted for in Councils budget processes.

This report is not seeking any additional budget or resources outside of the budget process. It is expected a business case would be required to support budget approval for 2025/26.

## **8. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no environmental implications in the development of this report. The integrated planning approach proposed would enable environmental considerations to be built into the planning and development of our townships.

## 9. OPPORTUNITIES AND RISK

### Opportunities

One of the most significant opportunities for Council and the community is to be able to use this approach to clearly demonstrate strategic justification for community/public infrastructure related to development. This process of structure plans would provide the justification to introduce a mechanism to collect contributions from development into the planning scheme.

### Risk:

This has been an ongoing process for Council that has not resulted in the outcomes that were intended. To continue down the previously adopted process without consideration for the objectives outlined in the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* could limit Council's ability to fund any recommendations that may arise from the plans.

The process outlined in this report, done correctly, provides a robust planning framework that can be implemented in the Campaspe Planning Scheme and be able to support Council in the funding of infrastructure.

## 10. CONCLUSION

This report provides Council on the status and future approach to the development of integrated masterplans incorporating TFPs or townships across the Shire, as outlined in the request from Council in March 2024. It is considered that there is an opportunity to refocus the TFP (Township Facility Planning) process to take a more integrated planning approach to facility planning that encompasses the full range of facilities and services that contribute to the liveability of a place now, and importantly into the future. It is recommended that Council embark on a best practice approach to integrated planning for the Shire that involves the development of a settlement strategy supported by a range of strategy and structure plans for specific areas and townships.

## 8.6 Corporate

### 8.6.1 Adopt Fees & Charges

<b>Directorate:</b>	Corporate
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Manager Finance and Investment
<b>Manager:</b>	Manager Finance and Investment
<b>Attachments:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Extract From 4 June 2024 Unscheduled Council Meeting Minutes [8.6.1.1 - 6 pages]</li><li>2. Extract From 23 April 2024 Council Meeting Minutes [8.6.1.2 - 1 page]</li><li>3. Fees And Charges 2024-2025 [8.6.1.3 - 21 pages]</li></ol>
<b>Conflict of Interest:</b>	In accordance with section 130 of the Local Government Act 2020, the officer preparing this report declares no conflict of interest regarding this matter.
<b>Council Plan Reference:</b>	<b>Enablers</b> Financial services
<b>Other Strategic Context:</b>	Budget

#### 1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present for adoption the Council 2024/25 fees and charges.

#### 2. RECOMMENDATION

*Recommended Motion supporting the adoption of fees and charges for Advertising Boards (A Boards) and Street Furniture*

**That Council:**

1. **Acknowledge an administrative error has resulted in the 2024/25 fees and charges, other than for the Aerodrome and statutory fees and charges, not yet being appropriately adopted and accordingly:**
2. **Adopt the 2024/25 fees and charges relating to:**
  - 2.1. **A Boards (per board)**
  - 2.2. **Street Furniture – per setting (table and 4 chairs)**

**listed in the attached Fees and Charges 2024-2025 document on page 28.**

*Recommended Motion supporting the adoption of all remaining fees and charges*

**That Council:**

- 3. Adopt the balance of 2024/25 fees and charges as listed in the attached Fees and Charges 2024-2025 document and authorise the update to the Council Budget 2024-25 document as necessary.**

### **3. BACKGROUND**

The *Local Government Act 1989* (the Act) gives councils the power to set these fees and charges to offset the cost of their services. A widely accepted public sector pricing principle is that fees and charges should be set at a level that recovers the full cost of providing the services, unless there is an overriding policy or imperative in favour of subsidisation.

Local councils provide a wide range of services to their communities, often for a fee or charge. The nature of these fees and charges generally depends on whether they relate to compulsory or discretionary services. Some of these, such as statutory planning fees, are set by State government statute and are commonly known as 'regulatory fees'. In these cases councils usually have no control over service pricing.

#### **Previous Council Discussion**

Council has been involved in briefings and discussions throughout the 2024/25 budget process for the 2024/25 fees and charges up to end of May 2024. Some key discussion dates include:

20 February 2024 - Draft 2024/25 fees and charges

23 April 2024 - Draft 2024/25 fees and charges (re-advertised aerodrome fees and charges).

### **4. DISCUSSION**

A review of the April 2024 Council ordinary minutes and subsequent June 2024 Council unscheduled meeting minutes shows that Council hasn't adopted the 2024/25 fees and charges.

Due to an administrative error, the June 2024 Council unscheduled meeting minutes only adopted the Aerodrome fees and charges, as well as the statutory fees and charges, as per the resolution stated below (attached to this report 2024-06-04 *Council Meeting Minutes* page 6). The highlighted item incorrectly stated that some fees and charges had been adopted at Council's April 2024 ordinary meeting:

**That Council:**

- 5. Note the 2024/25 fees and charges adopted at its April 2024 ordinary meeting have been included in the Council Budget 2024-25 attached to this report.**
- 6. Note that no community submissions were received in relation to the recently re-advertised Aerodrome Fees for the 2024/25 fees and charges which have also been included in the Council Budget 2024-25 attached to this report.**
- 7. Adopt both the Aerodrome Fees for the 2024/25 fees and charges listed in the Budget on pages 71 and the statutory fees and charges which have been updated to reflect the State Government gazetted fee unit and penalty fee unit as listed on pages 85 through to 89 of the Council Budget 2024-25 attached to this report.**

**CARRIED**

The April 2024 resolution (see attached *Advertised 2024/25 Fees and Charges - Extract from April 2024 Minutes*) only noted the fees and charges in relation to public feedback (of which there was nil (0) submissions) and did not adopt the 2024/25 fees and charges. The April 2024 minute was:

**That Council:**

- 1. receive and note that no public submissions were received for the advertised 2024/25 fees and charges.**
- 2. resolve to amend the advertised fees and charges for the Aerodrome and place them out for public comment for a further 28-day period.**

**CARRIED**

This report seeks formal adoption of the 2024/25 fees and charges as attached.

## **5. STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT**

### **Internal consultation:**

#### **Executive Team Briefings:**

The 2024/25 budget has been an area of focus for the best part of 6 months with key executive team briefings including:

- 3 April 2024 - Public feedback on advertised 2024/25 fees and charges.

## **Councillors:**

### **Council Briefings:**

- 9 April 2024 – Public feedback on advertised 2024/25 fees and charges.
- 28 May 2024 - Final 2024/25 budget briefing.

### **External consultation:**

The Council Budget 2024/25 has been prepared following consultation in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Policy.

- Draft 2024/25 fees and charges. Placed on public exhibition 21 February to 20 March 2024;
- Draft 2024/25 fees and charges (re-advertised aerodrome fees and charges). Placed on public exhibition 24 April to 21 May 2024.

## **Community Engagement**

Council's Community Engagement Policy identifies the level of community engagement to be undertaken in accordance with the IAP2 framework. The level of community engagement undertaken was:

Consult: Communicate and seek feedback on a change from those affected and the broader public. Focus on why, when and how it will happen, and how community can provide feedback (Community influence: Feedback may or may not impact final decision).

All fees and charges have been open for public comment for a 28 day period with no feedback received.

## **Public Transparency Policy**

Under Council's Public Transparency Policy and Principles, outlined in section 58 of the Local Government Act (Vic) 2020, the public consultation process for the 2024/25 fees and charges allowed for transparency and public awareness by asking for submissions to the proposed fees and charges. The overall outcome of this process is to:

- (a) increase confidence and trust in the community through greater understanding and awareness.
- (b) provide information that is current, easily accessible and disseminated in a timely manner.

## **6. LEGISLATIVE CONTEXT**

*Local Government Act 2020 (Vic)*

## **7. FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

Council is required to adopt a fees and charges document as part of the overall Council Budget suite of documents. The setting of the fees and charges has an impact on budget allocations within the Council Budget 2024/25 document.

## 8. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct implications. There are budget allocations within the budget that undertake a commitment towards funding appropriate environmental initiatives, and such initiatives may be funded by fees and charges.

## 9. OPPORTUNITIES AND RISK

### Opportunities:

Opportunities have been identified in the Council Budget 2024/25 document that have led to an overall improvement in budgeted result and the full year forecast through budget savings and increased revenue opportunities.

### Risk:

Compliance Risk - Council is required to adopt its 2024/25 Budget by 30 June 2024. Whilst the Budget has been adopted, this report is achieving this target and meeting our legislated obligations by way of adopting the fees and charges for 2024/25 financial year.

Financial Risk - If fees and charges fail to keep pace with the cost-of-service provision, Council's financial sustainability is put at risk.

Reputation Risk - Council needs to be aware that if our community perceive that costs of Council services are being unfairly or disproportionately increased, this may cause public angst with a subsequent potential detrimental impact on Council's reputation. Officers have considered all the fees in line with the above framework which should limit this risk.

Risk	Likelihood	Consequence	Rating	Mitigation action
Compliance	Possible	Minor	Low	Adopt fees and charges by 30 June 2024.
Financial	Possible	Minor	Low	Regular review of cost recovery options.
Reputation	Possible	Minor	Low	Advertising fees and charges as required by Council Policy.

## 10. CONCLUSION

That the Council note that no submissions were received for the advertised 2024/25 fees and charges and adopt the 2024/25 fees and charges as presented.

## 4 Council Decisions

### 4.1 Corporate

#### 4.1.1 Budget Adoption

<b>Directorate:</b>	Corporate
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Manager Finance and Investment
<b>Manager:</b>	Manager Finance and Investment
<b>Attachments:</b>	1. Draft Budget 2024-2025 [4.1.1.1 - 91 pages]

The purpose of this report is to present for adoption the Council Budget 2024-25 (Budget), including the setting of the rates and fees and charges.

**In accordance with Governance Rule 2.5.17(a), the Motion is separated into parts where each part is spoken to/debated then voted on separately.**

**Moved by Cr Weston**

**Seconded by Cr Zobec**

**That Council:**

- 1. Note that the Council Budget 2024-25 has been prepared following consultation conducted in accordance with its community engagement policy.**

**CARRIED**

**Cr Weston declared a conflict in item 4.1.2 and left the Council Chamber at 4:10pm.**

**Moved by Cr Weller**

**Seconded by Cr Gates**

**That Council:**

- 2. Adopt the 2024/25 Community Projects \$500,000 allocation, with projects as listed on pages 14-16 of the Council Budget 2024-25 attached to this report.**

**CARRIED**

**Cr Weston returned to the Council Chamber at 4:16pm**

**Moved by Cr Gates**

**Seconded by Cr Weston**

**That Council:**

- 3. Note that the current Council Plan 2021-2025 was used to develop the Council Budget 2024-25.**
- 4. Adopt the Council Budget 2024-25 attached to this report, noting any changes required based on the resolution to the above motions, as its budget for the 2024/2025 financial year and the subsequent 3 financial years.**

**CARRIED**

**Cr Jarman declared a conflict of interest in items 4.1.1.5, 4.1.1.6, 4.1.1.7 and left the Council Chamber at 4:22pm.**

**Moved by Cr Pentreath**

**Seconded by Cr Marwood**

**That Council:**

- 5. Note the 2024/25 fees and charges adopted at its April 2024 ordinary meeting have been included in the Council Budget 2024-25 attached to this report.**
- 6. Note that no community submissions were received in relation to the recently re-advertised Aerodrome Fees for the 2024/25 fees and charges which have also been included in the Council Budget 2024-25 attached to this report.**
- 7. Adopt both the Aerodrome Fees for the 2024/25 fees and charges listed in the Budget on pages 71 and the statutory fees and charges which have been updated to reflect the State Government gazetted fee unit and penalty fee unit as listed on pages 85 through to 89 of the Council Budget 2024-25 attached to this report.**

**CARRIED**

**Cr Jarman returned to the Council Chamber at 4:29pm**

Moved by Cr Jarman

Seconded by Pentreath

That Council:

8. Note that the Council Budget 2024-25 utilises valuations from the Valuer-General as of 1 January 2024.
9. Declares an amount of \$51.068 million which Council intends to raise through General Rates and Annual Service Charges for the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025.
10. Declare rates and charges as required under section 94(2)(i) of the Local Government Act 2020 and section 161(2) of the Local Government Act 1989 as per section 4.1.1 on pages 50-57 of the Budget document, which is set as per Council's current Revenue and Rating Plan.
11. Declare a Municipal Charge in respect of the 2024/25 financial year of \$205.50.
12. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to effect any administrative and wording changes to the Council Budget 2024-25 which may be required.

Moved by Cr Mackell

Seconded by Cr Jarman

That standing orders be suspended.

**CARRIED**

Standing orders were suspended at 4:38pm.

Moved by Cr Mackrell

Seconded by Cr Zobec

That standing orders be resumed

**CARRIED**

Standing orders resumed at 4:44pm

Cr Weston proposed an amendment to the motion:

**That Council:**

- 8. Note that the Council Budget 2024-25 utilises valuations from the Valuer-General as of 1 January 2024.**
- 9. Declares an amount of \$51.068 million which Council intends to raise through General Rates and Annual Service Charges for the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025.**
- 10. Declare rates and charges as required under section 94(2)(i) of the Local Government Act 2020 and section 161(2) of the Local Government Act 1989 as per section 4.1.1 on pages 50-57 of the Budget document, with an amendment to the differential rates as per the following:**
  - **General land to be set as 100% of the general rate in the dollar**
  - **Rural farmland to be set as 75% of the general rate in the dollar**
  - **Commercial land to be set as 116% of the general rate in the dollar**
  - **Industrial land to be set as 116% of the general rate in the dollar**
  - **Cultural and recreation land to be set as 50% of the general rate in the dollar**

**And authorise the CEO to make appropriate updates to reflect this change throughout the budget document.**
- 11. Declare a Municipal Charge in respect of the 2024/25 financial year of \$205.50.**
- 12. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to effect any administrative and wording changes to the Council Budget 2024-25 which may be required.**

The proposed amendment was not agreed to by Mover Cr Jarman.

The amendment was Moved by Cr Weston and Seconded by Cr Zobec.

**AMENDED MOTION****Moved by Cr Weston****Seconded by Cr Zobec****That Council:**

- 8. Note that the Council Budget 2024-25 utilises valuations from the Valuer-General as of 1 January 2024.**
- 9. Declares an amount of \$51.068 million which Council intends to raise through General Rates and Annual Service Charges for the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025.**
- 10. Declare rates and charges as required under section 94(2)(i) of the Local Government Act 2020 and section 161(2) of the Local Government Act 1989 as per section 4.1.1 on pages 50-57 of the Budget document, with an amendment to the differential rates as per the following:**
  - General land to be set as 100% of the general rate in the dollar**
  - Rural farmland to be set as 75% of the general rate in the dollar**
  - Commercial land to be set as 116% of the general rate in the dollar**
  - Industrial land to be set as 116% of the general rate in the dollar**
  - Cultural and recreation land to be set as 50% of the general rate in the dollar**

**And authorise the CEO to make appropriate updates to reflect this change throughout the budget document.**

- 11. Declare a Municipal Charge in respect of the 2024/25 financial year of \$205.50**

- 12. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to effect any administrative and wording changes to the Council Budget 2024-25 which may be required.**

**The Motion was put to the vote and the motion was LOST.**

**Cr Jarman called for a Division.**

**Those in favour of the motion: Cr Weston, Cr Zobec, Cr Gates and Cr Weller.**

**Those against the motion: Cr Jarman, Cr Mackrell, Cr Pentreath, Cr Marwood and Cr Amos.**

**Cr Weller proposed an amendment to replace “75%” with “80%”.**

**As per Governance Rule 2.5.13 (4), the proposed amendment was allowed by the original Mover to the motion, Cr Jarman and Seconded, Cr Pentreath.**

**The amendment was Moved by Cr Jarman and Seconded by Cr Pentreath.**

The amended motion became the substantive motion.

#### **SUBSTANTIVE MOTION**

Moved by Cr Jarman

Seconded by Cr Pentreath

**That Council:**

- 8. Note that the Council Budget 2024-25 utilises valuations from the Valuer-General as of 1 January 2024.**
- 9. Declares an amount of \$51.068 million which Council intends to raise through General Rates and Annual Service Charges for the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025.**
- 10. Declare rates and charges as required under section 94(2)(i) of the Local Government Act 2020 and section 161(2) of the Local Government Act 1989 as per section 4.1.1 on pages 50-57 of the Budget document, with an amendment to the differential rates as per the following:**
  - General land to be set as 100% of the general rate in the dollar
  - Rural farmland to be set as 80% of the general rate in the dollar
  - Commercial land to be set as 116% of the general rate in the dollar
  - Industrial land to be set as 116% of the general rate in the dollar
  - Cultural and recreation land to be set as 50% of the general rate in the dollar

**And authorise the CEO to make appropriate updates to reflect this change throughout the budget document.**

- 11. Declare a Municipal Charge in respect of the 2024/25 financial year of \$205.50**

- 12. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to effect any administrative and wording changes to the Council Budget 2024-25 which may be required.**

**CARRIED**

**Cr Mackrell called for a Division.**

**Those in favour of the motion:** Cr Amos, Cr Pentreath, Cr Jarman, Cr Weller, Cr Gates and Cr Marwood

**Those against the motion:** Cr Mackrell, Cr Zobec and Cr Weston.

### 8.3.3 Advertised 2024-25 Fees and Charges

<b>Directorate:</b>	Corporate
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Manager Finance and Investment
<b>Manager:</b>	Director Corporate
<b>Attachments:</b>	1. 2024-25 Fees and Charges - Advertised March 2024 [8.3.3.1 - 21 pages]

The purpose of this report is to:

1. Report to Council on the public submissions received for the advertised 2024/25 fees and charges (hereafter referred to as fees and charges).
2. Seek Council resolution to amend the advertised fees and charges for the Aerodrome and place them out for public comment for a further 28 days.
3. Seek Council resolution on advertising new fees and charges for Asset Protection and place them out for public comment for the 28 days.

**Moved by Cr Pentreath**

**Seconded by Cr Weston**

**That Council:**

1. receive and note that no public submissions were received for the advertised 2024/25 fees and charges.
2. resolve to amend the advertised fees and charges for the Aerodrome and place them out for public comment for a further 28-day period.

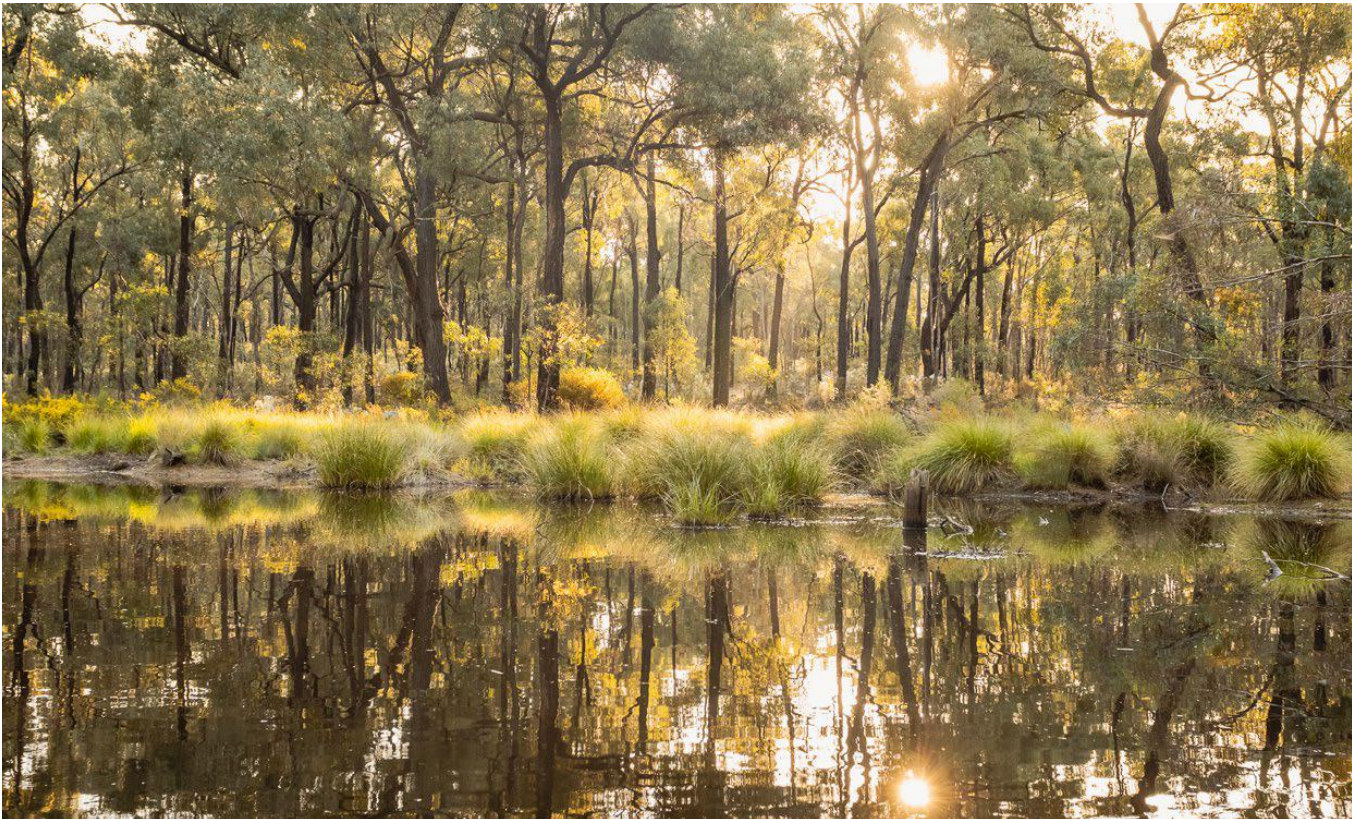
**CARRIED**

**Cr Weston called for a division.**

**For:** Cr Pentreath, Cr Mackrell, Cr Weller, Cr Gates, Cr Weston, Cr Zobec

**Against:** Cr Jarman, Cr Marwood, Cr Amos

**CARRIED**



# Fees and Charges

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## Campaspe Shire Council

### Non Statutory

#### Aerodrome

##### Aerodrome Fees

Landing fees – per use, per tonne	Y	\$11.20	\$11.60	3.57%
Access fee general – annual fee	Y	\$269.30	\$278.50	3.42%
Access fee commercial – annual	Y	\$403.90	\$418.00	3.49%
Parking fee annual	Y	\$396.00	\$411.00	3.79%

##### Aerodrome Meeting Room Fees

Room Hire (Inc. kitchenette) 7am – 6pm only	Y	\$15 per hour, to a maximum of \$165 per day Min. Fee excl. GST: \$15.00		
Bond	N	\$190.00	\$190.00	0.00%
Meeting Room hire insurance (public liability if customer does not have current public liability certificate)	Y	\$25.00	\$30.00	20.00%

#### Animals

##### Animal Registration Fees

Whole animal	N	\$154.00	\$162.00	5.19%
Sterilised animal	N	\$51.00	\$54.00	5.88%
Concession whole animal	N	\$77.00	\$81.00	5.19%
Concession sterilised animal	N	\$26.00	\$27.00	3.85%
Registration of domestic animal business	N	\$256.00	\$270.00	5.47%
Registration Fee for Foster Carer as per S68H(1) DAA	N	\$60.00	\$60.00	0.00%
Fee to register Foster Carer – Dog – first 12 months S15.4.e.i DAA – no more than 5 dogs or combination of 5 dogs/cats	N	\$8.00	\$8.00	0.00%
Fee to register Foster Carer – Cat – first 12 months S15.4.f.i DAA – no more than 5 cats or combination of 5 cats/dogs	N	\$8.00	\$8.00	0.00%

##### Animal Shelter

##### Adoption Fees

Adult dog	N	\$380.00	\$400.00	5.26%
Senior dog 7 years +	N	\$200.00	\$210.00	5.00%
Puppy	N	\$485.00	\$490.00	1.03%
Adult cat	N	\$110.00	\$115.00	4.55%
Senior cat 7 years +	N	\$55.00	\$58.00	5.45%
Kitten	N	\$175.00	\$185.00	5.71%

##### Reclaim Fees

1st day impound	N	\$59.00	\$62.50	5.93%
Additional days	N	\$37.00	\$39.00	5.41%

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### Surrender Fees

Surrender Fees – Canine (within Shire)	N	\$48.50	\$51.50	6.19%
Surrender Fees – Feline (within Shire)	N	\$27.50	\$29.00	5.45%
Microchip Fee – Impounded animal	N	\$50.50	\$53.50	5.94%
Microchip Fee – Private animal	N	\$34.00	\$36.00	5.88%

## Aquatic Services

### Echuca War Memorial Aquatic Centre

#### Casual Fees

Pool Adult	Y	\$7.20	\$7.50	4.17%
Pool Adult (concession)	Y	\$5.20	\$5.40	3.85%
Pool Child (Child 5 years and under 18 years of age)	Y	\$5.20	\$5.40	3.85%
Pool Family	Y	\$20.00	\$21.00	5.00%
Swim/Steam	Y	\$10.30	\$10.80	4.85%
Steam Room Only	Y	\$5.00	\$5.20	4.00%
Steam Casual Upgrade	Y	\$3.10	\$3.30	6.45%
10 visit Adult Pool	Y	\$57.60	\$60.00	4.17%
10 Visit Concession Pool	Y	\$41.60	\$43.20	3.85%
10 Visit Child Pool (Child 5 years and under 18 years of age)	Y	\$41.60	\$43.20	3.85%
Carnival Half day (up to 3 hours) *3 lifeguards, nil entry fee, extra lifeguards will be charged if required	Y	\$540.00	\$560.00	3.70%
Carnival Full Day (from 4 to 6 hours)	Y	\$890.00	\$910.00	2.25%
Exclusive use Inflatable hire – per hour	Y	\$174.00	\$180.00	3.45%

#### Membership Fees (Fortnightly Direct Debit)

Gold Adult	Y	\$45.50	\$46.50	2.20%
Gold Adult Concession	Y	\$38.70	\$39.50	2.07%
Corporate Gold Adult	Y	\$38.70	\$39.50	2.07%
Family Gold	Y	\$88.00	\$92.50	5.11%
Family Gold Concession	Y	\$74.80	\$78.50	4.95%
Pool Adult	Y	\$26.50	\$27.50	3.77%
Pool Adult Concession	Y	\$22.50	\$23.40	4.00%
Corporate Pool Adult	Y	\$22.50	\$23.40	4.00%
Family Pool	Y	\$50.00	\$51.00	2.00%
Family Pool Concession	Y	\$42.50	\$43.40	2.12%
Swim Fit	Y	\$33.00	\$33.00	0.00%

#### Other Pool Hire Fees

Group Swim Individual Entry (+ Lane Hire if requiring exclusive use of space)	Y	\$4.00	\$4.10	2.50%
Lane Hire per hr General (+ Group Swim Entry for non-members – Max 15 per lane)	Y	\$41.00	\$42.00	2.44%
School Learn To Swim 30 Minute session per school child	N	\$7.70	\$8.00	3.90%
School Learn To Swim 45 Minute session per school child	N	\$11.50	\$12.00	4.35%
School Learn To Swim 60 Minute session per school child	N	\$15.40	\$16.00	3.90%
LTS Group lesson – per 30 min lesson	N	\$16.70	\$17.00	1.80%

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**Other Pool Hire Fees** [continued]

LTS Private One Lesson (per 30 min lesson)	N	\$46.50	\$47.50	2.15%
LTS Junior Development Squad (per 45 min lesson, previously 30 min lesson)	N	\$25.00	\$25.50	2.00%
School Holiday LTS program	N	\$83.50	\$85.00	1.80%

**EWMAC Gym and Group Fitness****Gym and Group Fitness Fees**

Gym – Casual	Y	\$18.50	\$18.50	0.00%
Gym – Casual Concession	Y	\$15.50	\$15.50	0.00%
Group Fitness Class	Y	\$15.50	\$15.50	0.00%
Group Fitness Class – Casual Concession (Water, Fit and Chair Based)	Y	\$13.20	\$13.20	0.00%
Personal Training 1 hr Member	Y	\$74.00	\$75.00	1.35%
Personal Training 1/2 hr Member	Y	\$45.00	\$45.00	0.00%
10 visit Group Fitness	Y	\$124.00	\$124.00	0.00%
5 visit Personal Trainer 1 hour	Y	\$296.00	\$300.00	1.35%
5 visit Personal Trainer 1/2 hour	Y	\$180.00	\$180.00	0.00%
Fitness Session Group Booking (Maximum of 25 participants)	Y	\$138.00	\$140.00	1.45%

**Memberships Fees (Fortnightly Direct Debit)**

Gym	Y	\$39.50	\$40.50	2.53%
Gym Concession	Y	\$33.50	\$34.50	2.99%
Group Fitness	Y	\$39.50	\$40.50	2.53%
Group Fitness Concession	Y	\$33.50	\$34.50	2.99%
Youth Gym	Y	\$25.50	\$26.00	1.96%
Over 55's	Y	\$31.00	\$33.00	6.45%

**Outdoor Pools – Seasonal**

Family Day Pass	Y	\$18.50	\$19.50	5.41%
Family Season Pass	Y	\$185.00	\$195.00	5.41%
Casual Adult Pass	Y	\$5.60	\$5.90	5.36%
Adult Season Pass	Y	\$84.00	\$88.50	5.36%
Concession Day pass	Y	\$4.60	\$4.90	6.52%
Child Day Pass (Child 5 years and under 18 years of age)	Y	\$4.60	\$4.90	6.52%
Concession Season Pass	Y	\$69.00	\$73.50	6.52%
Child Season Pass	Y	\$69.00	\$73.50	6.52%

**Outdoor Pools Hire Fees**

Outside operational hours – per hour hire	Y	\$175.00	\$180.00	2.86%
Carnival Half day (up to 4 hours)	Y	\$540.00	\$560.00	3.70%
Carnival Full Day (from 4 to 6 hours)	Y	\$890.00	\$910.00	2.25%
Inflatable hire – per hour	Y	\$179.00	\$180.00	0.56%

**Other Hire Fees**

Shower Only	Y	\$5.00	\$5.00	0.00%
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### Other Hire Fees [continued]

Additional staff member per hour	Y	\$58.00	\$60.00	3.45%
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## Building and Planning

### Building Approval Fees

Domestic Works	Y			By quotation
Commercial Works	Y			By quotation

### Other Service Fees

Non-mandatory inspection and addition re-inspection fees	Y	\$255.00	\$269.00	5.49%
Amendment of a domestic building permit	Y	\$300.00	\$317.00	5.67%
Amendment of commercial/industrial building permit	Y	\$700.00	\$738.00	5.43%
Extension of a current domestic building permit	Y	\$345.00	\$364.00	5.51%
Extension of a current commercial/industrial building permit	Y	\$345.00	\$364.00	5.51%
Domestic demolition permit Class 1, 2 and 10 buildings	Y	\$760.00	\$802.00	5.53%
Commercial/industrial demolition permit (minor)	Y	\$1,150.00	\$1,213.00	5.48%
Commercial/industrial demolition permit (major)	Y	\$1,700.00	\$1,792.00	5.41%
Swimming Pool Report/Audit	Y	\$335.00	\$354.00	5.67%
Property information requests Reg 326	Y	\$51.00	\$54.00	5.88%
Property information requests Reg 327	Y	\$51.00	\$54.00	5.88%
Private/public building surveyors lodgement fee	Y	\$131.00	\$139.00	6.11%
Council lodgement fee	Y	\$131.00	\$139.00	6.11%
Request for Report and Consent to proposed Demolition Under Section 29A of the Building Act	Y	\$91.00	\$96.00	5.49%
Council consent and report	Y	\$312.00	\$329.00	5.45%

## Building Control

### Municipal Building Surveyor (MBS) Approval Fees

Occupancy Permits (POPES) free entry events	Y	\$380.00	\$401.00	5.53%
Temporary Occupancy Permits (TOP) free entry events (marquees, stages, single structure, multiple by quotation)	Y	\$79.00	\$83.50	5.70%
Occupancy Permits (POPES) pay for entry one-off events	Y	\$890.00	\$939.00	5.51%
Occupancy Permits (POPES) pay for entry events (3 year permit)	Y	\$2,000.00	\$2,108.00	5.40%
Temporary Occupancy Permits (TOP) pay for entry events	Y	\$160.00	\$169.00	5.63%
Modification Class 2 – 9	Y	\$400.00	\$422.00	5.50%
Owner Builders Defect Report (Sheds & Pools Only)	Y	\$545.00	\$575.00	5.50%
Retrieval of Council permit file from archives	Y	\$131.00	\$139.00	6.11%
Red Line Plan & Report – liquor licence	Y	\$520.00	\$549.00	5.58%
Building over easements	Y	\$375.00	\$396.00	5.60%

### Hourly Rates

Referrals for reporting authority consents (CFA, heritage, water authority, preparation of protection notices or any other building Notice of Orders – MBS)	Y	\$325.00	\$343.00	5.54%
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### Hourly Rates [continued]

Municipal Building Surveyor – For private or municipal building surveyor duties where there is not any other applicable charge	Y	\$325.00	\$343.00	5.54%
Note this is not for general advice which remains free of charge				

### Illegal Building Works Fees

Commercial/Industrial illegal building work or work without a building permit (2 times commercial building approval fee as a minimum)	Y	Based on value of works		
Domestic illegal building work or work without a building permit (2 times building approval fee as a minimum)	Y	Based on value of works		

### Planning Fees

Extension of time to a permit	Y	\$225.00	\$238.00	5.78%
Second extension of time to a permit	Y	\$500.00	\$528.00	5.60%
Secondary consent under a permit	Y	\$260.00	\$275.00	5.77%
Provision of advice and copies of permit and plans	Y	\$170.00	\$170.00	0.00%

### Public Notice Fees

Standard administration fee	Y	\$57.00	\$60.50	6.14%
Advertising Signage	Y	\$57.00	\$60.50	6.14%
Cost per letter sent	Y	\$9.80	\$10.40	6.12%
Newspaper advertisement	Y	At cost		

## Children's Services

### Child Care Fees

Rochester Child Care – daily rate	N	\$107.00	\$116.00	8.41%
Campaspe Child Care – daily rate	N	\$125.00	\$132.00	5.60%

### Preschools Fees

Enrolment Fee	N	\$28.00	\$29.00	3.57%
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## Community Lease of Council Properties

Minimum Rental (Peppercorn) Charge per annum from	Y	\$0.00	\$110.00	∞
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### Casual Hire Fees - Artisans

Facility Hire 1 to 3 days (per period)	Y	\$0.00	\$5.50	∞
Facility Hire 4 to 7 days	Y	\$0.00	\$11.00	∞
Facility Hire 8 to 14 days	Y	\$0.00	\$16.50	∞
Facility Hire 15 to 21 days	Y	\$0.00	\$22.00	∞
Facility Hire up to 3 months	Y	\$0.00	\$27.50	∞
Facility hire 3 months and over - licence agreement to be negotiated with Council	Y	to be negotiated with Council		

Name	GST	Year 23/24 Fee (incl. GST)	Year 24/25 Fee (incl. GST)	Increase %
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## Community Transport

### Community Transport Fees

Melbourne from all locations (maximum)	N	\$120.00	\$130.00	8.33%
Bendigo from all locations (maximum)	N	\$60.00	\$60.00	0.00%
Shepparton from all locations (maximum)	N	\$50.00	\$50.00	0.00%

## Echuca and District Livestock Exchange

### Truck Wash Fees

Truck Wash Per Minute	Y	\$1.50	\$1.55	3.33%
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### Yard Due Fees (Per Head)

Cattle	Y	\$14.40	\$15.00	4.17%
Cattle < \$150 including no sale stock	Y	\$6.20	\$10.00	61.29%
Dairy cattle	Y	\$14.40	\$15.00	4.17%
Bulls	Y	\$20.00	\$22.00	10.00%
Cow and calf (Sold as one unit)	Y	\$16.50	\$17.00	3.03%
Cattle sales per agent per sale	Y	\$330.00	\$350.00	6.06%
Cattle transient fee per head (per day) plus feeding (notified)	Y	\$4.60	\$4.60	0.00%
Cattle transient fee per head (per day) plus feeding (unnotified)	Y	\$6.70	\$6.70	0.00%
RFID tags issued post sale (per tag)	Y	\$50.00	\$55.00	10.00%
RFID tags (per head)	Y	\$21.00	\$22.00	4.76%
Office rental (per annum)	Y	\$1,660.00	\$1,700.00	2.41%
Signage – 2,900mm x 1,200mm	Y	\$1,550.00	\$1,550.00	0.00%
Disposal of Stock	Y	\$102.00	\$105.00	2.94%
Agent fee per head	Y	\$1.30	\$1.40	7.69%
Scanning Fee	Y	\$3.00	\$3.00	0.00%

## Environmental Health Services

### Registered Food Premises Fees - Food Premises

Class 1 – Premises serving high risk foods to high risk customers including hospitals, childcare centres and aged care facilities	Y	\$525.00	\$554.00	5.52%
Class 2A – Premises that are preparing high risk foods and require a third party audit such as manufacturers	Y	\$525.00	\$554.00	5.52%
Class 2B – Premises preparing and serving high risk foods including cafes, restaurants	Y	\$600.00	\$633.00	5.50%
Class 2C – Premises preparing and serving high risk foods on a reduced scale such motels with cooked breakfasts	Y	\$410.00	\$433.00	5.61%
Class 2D – Community groups serving high risk foods	Y	\$74.00	\$78.00	5.41%
Class 2E – Businesses preparing and serving high risk foods from a temporary food premises and that already have a fixed registration	Y	\$74.00	\$78.00	5.41%
Class 3A – Accommodation getaways serving ready to eat foods, including cooked breakfast. Home based businesses that make chutney type products using a hot fill process.	Y	\$364.00	\$384.00	5.49%
Class 3B – Premises that are preparing and serving medium risk foods, high risk pre-packaged foods or low risk unpackaged foods including wineries, water carters and service stations	Y	\$364.00	\$384.00	5.49%

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### Registered Food Premises Fees - Food Premises [continued]

Class 3C – Premises that are serving high risk pre-packaged foods or low risk unpackaged foods on a reduced scale such as motels serving continental breakfasts	Y	\$257.00	\$271.00	5.45%
Class 3D – Community groups serving high risk pre-packaged foods and low risk unpackaged foods	Y	\$74.00	\$78.00	5.41%
Class 3D – Businesses preparing and serving high risk pre-packaged foods or low risk unpackaged foods from a temporary food premises and that already have a fixed registration	Y	\$74.00	\$78.00	5.41%
1st additional inspection of non compliant class 1 & 2 premises	Y	\$158.00	\$167.00	5.70%
2nd additional inspection of non compliant class 1 & 2 premises	Y	\$198.00	\$209.00	5.56%
3rd additional inspection of non compliant class 1 & 2 premises	Y	\$237.00	\$250.00	5.49%
4th additional inspection of non compliant class 1 & 2 premises	Y	\$276.00	\$291.00	5.43%
1st additional inspection of non compliant class 3 premises	Y	\$119.00	\$126.00	5.88%
2nd additional inspection of non compliant class 3 premises	Y	\$147.00	\$155.00	5.44%
3rd additional inspection of non compliant class 3 premises	Y	\$177.00	\$187.00	5.65%
4th additional inspection of non compliant class 3 premises	Y	\$206.00	\$218.00	5.83%
Late registration renewal administration charge – charged to premises that have not renewed their registration by the due date and have received at least 1 reminder for application	Y	\$127.00	\$134.00	5.51%
Additional Food Samples – charged to premises following 2 failed food samples when further samples are required	Y	\$140.00	\$148.00	5.71%

### New Food Business Fee – Annual Registration Fee Plus 50%

Inspection report request (outside registered premises)	Y	\$177.00	\$187.00	5.65%
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### Other Health Act Registration Fees

Accommodation premises – large – fee for accommodation premises that have more than 5 bedrooms such as hotels, motels	Y	\$290.00	\$306.00	5.52%
Accommodation premises – small – fee for accommodation premises that have less than 5 bedrooms such as bed & breakfast	Y	\$188.00	\$199.00	5.85%
Health Act premises (tattooist, hairdressers, skin penetration, swimming pools)	Y	\$161.00	\$170.00	5.59%
Health Act premises Transfer – change of ownership of a registered premises under the Public Health and Wellbeing Act	Y	\$78.00	\$82.50	5.77%
Accommodation Transfer – change of ownership of an accommodation premises under the Public Health and Wellbeing Act	Y	\$181.00	\$191.00	5.52%
Building referral report	Y	\$72.00	\$76.00	5.56%
Building referral inspection	Y	\$146.00	\$154.00	5.48%

### Immunisation Services

#### Immunisation Services Fees

FluQuadri, Afluria (Influenza)	Y	\$30.00	\$30.00	0.00%
IPV Ipol (Polio)	Y	\$78.00	\$78.00	0.00%
Varilrix (Chicken Pox)	Y	\$78.00	\$82.50	5.77%
Havrix (Hepatitis A)	Y	\$88.00	\$91.50	3.98%
Engerix (Hepatitis B)	Y	\$40.00	\$41.50	3.75%
Twinrix (Hepatitis A/B)	Y	\$98.00	\$98.00	0.00%
Boostrix (Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis)	Y	\$51.00	\$51.00	0.00%

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### Immunisation Services Fees [continued]

Priorix (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)	Y	\$52.00	\$52.00	0.00%
Nimenrix (Adult Meningococcal)	Y	\$107.00	\$107.00	0.00%
Gardasil 9 (Human Papilloma Virus – HPV)	Y	\$218.00	\$240.00	10.09%
Bexsero (Meningococcal B childhood)	Y	\$138.00	\$138.00	0.00%
Administration charge for vaccines	Y	\$26.00	\$26.00	0.00%

## Library Services

### Library Fees

Library bags	Y	\$1.50	\$1.60	6.67%
Replacement card	Y	\$4.80	\$5.00	4.17%
Item replacement processing charge	Y	\$18.00	\$18.00	0.00%
Temporary membership (refundable)	Y	\$60.00	\$60.00	0.00%
Bud Earphones	Y	\$3.50	\$3.50	0.00%

### Photocopying & Printing Fees

A4 black & white per page	Y	\$0.20	\$0.20	0.00%
A3 black & white per page	Y	\$0.30	\$0.30	0.00%
A4 colour per page	Y	\$0.65	\$0.65	0.00%
A3 colour per page	Y	\$1.00	\$1.00	0.00%

### Library Loan Request Fees

Inter library loans from public libraries	Y	\$5.00	\$5.00	0.00%
Inter library loans from tertiary libraries	Y	\$22.00	\$25.00	13.64%

### Hire of Library Meeting Room Fees

Commercial operator, per hour	Y	\$43.00	\$44.00	2.33%
Not for profit organisation (Government funded), per hour	Y	\$19.50	\$20.00	2.56%
Community organisation (non Government funding), per booking	Y	\$13.50	\$14.00	3.70%
After hours bookings access card (refundable)	Y	\$30.00	\$30.00	0.00%

## Local Laws

### Country Fire Authority Act Fees

Administration fee for failure to comply with a Schedule 15 Fire Prevention Notice	Y	\$246.00	\$246.00	0.00%
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### Parking Fees

3 month parking permits	Y	\$417.00	\$440.00	5.52%
12 month Nish & High street car parking permit option	Y	\$1,667.00	\$1,757.00	5.40%
Off street parking per hour	Y	\$1.60	\$1.70	6.25%
On street meter parking per hour	Y	\$1.80	\$1.90	5.56%
Parking infringements – Road Safety Act Section 87(4)	Y	\$87.00	\$92.00	5.75%
Residential Parking Permits – per annum	Y	\$100.00	\$105.00	5.00%
Trade Parking Permits (per bay / per day)	Y	\$10.00	\$10.50	5.00%

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### Local Laws Fees

Grazing permit – 3 months	N	\$82.00	\$86.50	5.49%
Street furniture – per setting (table and 4 chairs)	N	\$164.00	\$173.00	5.49%
A Boards (per board)	N	\$102.00	\$108.00	5.88%
Goods for sale permit	N	\$164.00	\$173.00	5.49%
Release of Impounded goods – sign	N	\$72.00	\$76.00	5.56%
Release of Impounded goods – general goods	N	\$133.00	\$141.00	6.02%
Inspection of Animal register not more than two animals	N	\$8.50	\$9.00	5.88%
Issue a certificate from domestic animal register, not more than two animals	N	\$15.50	\$16.40	5.81%
Street trading delineation marker – each	N	\$2.00	\$2.20	10.00%
Street trading delineation marker – installation per premise	N	\$50.00	\$53.00	6.00%

### Livestock Impoundment Fees

Impoundment fees (max per head)	Y	\$62.00	\$65.50	5.65%
Ranger fee (per hour)	Y	\$77.00	\$81.50	5.84%
Feed costs	Y			At cost
Transport costs	Y			At cost
RFID tags (per head)	Y	\$26.00	\$27.50	5.77%
Use of Council Stock crate (per transport)	Y	\$77.00	\$81.50	5.84%
Small cattle up to yearling (per head)	Y	\$15.50	\$16.40	5.81%
Grown cattle (per head)	Y	\$22.50	\$24.00	6.67%

### Miscellaneous

Echuca CBD Flagpole Hire	Y	\$340.00	\$340.00	0.00%
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### Freedom of Information (FOI) Fees

Photocopying (other than Black and White) per A4 sheet – FOI requests only	Y	\$0.20	\$0.20	0.00%
Additional access charge may apply in accordance with Section 22 of the Freedom of Information Act and the Freedom of Information (Access Charges) Regulations 2014	Y			On quote

### Longitudinal Assets in Road Reserves Fees

Establishment Fees	Y	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	0.00%
Annual Fees – per kilometre for stock & domestic and irrigation	Y	\$200.00	\$200.00	0.00%

### Public Liability Insurance Fees

Facility Hirers insurance per booking	Y	\$25.00	\$30.00	20.00%
Council performers per booking	Y	\$25.00	\$30.00	20.00%
Council tutors and instructors per booking	Y	\$110.00	\$132.00	20.00%
Artists in council studios per booking	Y	\$110.00	\$132.00	20.00%

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## Murray River Moorings

### Murray River Moorings Fees

Private mooring annual rental fee – set in accordance with NSW Dept. of Planning, Industry and Environment	Y	\$556.00	\$587.00	5.58%
Terms and conditions of sub-licence apply				
Commercial mooring annual rental fee – determined on minimum market rent set by a licensed valuer	Y	Market rent		
Terms and conditions of a sub-licence apply				
Application for new mooring sub-licence	Y	\$576.00	\$618.00	7.29%
Application for Short term temporary sub licence	Y	\$0.00	\$53.00	∞
Application to revoke/ transfer an existing mooring sub-licence	Y	\$576.00	\$618.00	7.29%
Alteration of particulars of a mooring sub-licence	Y	\$250.00	\$268.00	7.20%
Replacement of mooring sub-licence	Y	\$27.50	\$27.50	0.00%

## Quarries

### Crushed Concrete Resale (Price Per Tonne) Fees

40mm Crushed Concrete	Y	\$25.30	\$27.00	6.72%
20mm Crushed Concrete	Y	\$25.30	\$27.00	6.72%
Weighing fee	Y	\$15.70	\$16.50	5.10%

### Gravel Pits (Price Per Tonne) Fees

65mm crushed rock	Y	\$18.40	\$19.40	5.43%
40mm crushed rock	Y	\$19.10	\$20.50	7.33%
20mm crushed rock	Y	\$19.70	\$21.00	6.60%
Cartage – Cost recovery, based on a per kilometre rate charged by external contractors	Y	***20mm single sized aggregate crushed concrete ***10/14mm single sized aggregate crushed concrete ***product available by prior arrangement and order only		

### Mt Scobie Quarry (Price Per Tonne) Fees

75mm road base	Y	\$16.80	\$17.80	5.95%
40mm road base Coarse	Y	\$19.70	\$21.00	6.60%
40mm road base Fine	Y	\$18.40	\$19.40	5.43%
20mm road base	Y	\$20.20	\$21.50	6.44%
200mm road base	Y	\$14.40	\$15.20	5.56%
Spalls	Y	\$19.60	\$21.00	7.14%
40mm crushed rock	Y	\$17.90	\$18.90	5.59%
20mm crushed rock	Y	\$17.90	\$18.90	5.59%
Filling	Y	\$12.30	\$13.00	5.69%
20mm scalping's	Y	\$12.80	\$13.50	5.47%
Receipt of clean waste concrete	Y	\$45.00	\$50.00	11.11%

### Nanneella Quarry (Price Per Tonne) Fees

40mm class 4 road base	Y	\$20.20	\$21.50	6.44%
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### Nanneella Quarry (Price Per Tonne) Fees [continued]

20mm class 4 road base	Y	\$20.80	\$22.00	5.77%
75mm road base	Y	\$17.90	\$18.80	5.03%
40mm road base	Y	\$19.70	\$21.00	6.60%
20mm road base	Y	\$20.20	\$21.50	6.44%
40mm crushed rock	Y	\$19.10	\$19.10	0.00%
20mm crushed rock	Y	\$13.30	\$13.30	0.00%
Uncrushed	Y	\$13.90	\$14.60	5.04%
20mm scalping's	Y	\$9.00	\$9.00	0.00%
Weighing fee	Y	\$15.70	\$16.50	5.10%
Fill	Y	\$8.80	\$9.10	3.41%

## Shire Halls and Community Facilities

### Echuca East Community Facility Fees

Functions (with alcohol)	Y	\$275.00	\$290.00	5.45%
Bond (events with alcohol)	N	\$500.00	\$500.00	0.00%
Training, Conferences – for profit organisations inclusive of kitchen – per day	Y	\$350.00	\$369.00	5.43%
Training, Conferences – not for profit groups inclusive of kitchen – per day	Y	\$100.00	\$106.00	6.00%
General Community Activity inclusive of kitchen – per day	Y	\$100.00	\$106.00	6.00%
Casual hire - per day	Y	\$275.00	\$290.00	5.45%
Casual hire - per hour	Y	\$22.50	\$24.00	6.67%
Hire of kitchen per use – additional charge	Y	\$55.00	\$58.00	5.45%
Hall hire insurance (public liability if customer does not have current public liability certificate)	Y	\$50.00	\$30.00	-40.00%

### Shire Halls and Community Facilities Fees

Casual hire - per day	Y	\$200.00	\$200.00	0.00%
Casual hall hire - per hour	N	\$440.00	\$17.00	-96.14%
Bond (for bookings without alcohol)	N	\$210.00	\$210.00	0.00%
Bond (for bookings involving alcohol)	N	\$430.00	\$440.00	2.33%
Regular hirers (6 bookings or more per financial year) Must be Not For Profit Community Based group	Y	\$8.00	\$8.50	6.25%
All bookings must be confirmed at the one time				
Hire of kitchen per use – additional charge	Y	\$35.00	\$37.00	5.71%
Hall hire insurance (public liability if customer does not have current public liability certificate)	Y	\$25.00	\$30.00	20.00%

## Sporting and Recreation Reserves

### Sporting Reserves Fees

Note - Fees for individual clubs who utilise Victoria Park, Kyabram Recreation Reserve and Echuca South Recreation reserve are based Policy 133 Fees & Charges and the service agreements in place. Fees are subject to the usage data provided by users.

### Echuca South Netball Complex Fees

Court Hire – per hour – per court	Y	\$26.50	\$28.00	5.66%
Clubroom – hire per hour	Y	\$25.00	\$26.50	6.00%

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**Echuca South Netball Complex Fees** [continued]

Key deposit	N	\$25.00	\$25.00	0.00%
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**Echuca South Recreation Reserve Fees**

Reserve – hire per day	Y	\$510.00	\$510.00	0.00%
Reserve – hire per hour	Y	\$47.00	\$50.00	6.38%
Clubroom & Kitchen – hire per hour	Y	\$25.00	\$26.50	6.00%
Court Hire – per hour – per court	Y	\$26.50	\$28.00	5.66%
Key deposit	N	\$25.00	\$25.00	0.00%

**Kyabram Recreation Reserve Fees**

Reserve – hire per day	Y	\$510.00	\$510.00	0.00%
Reserve – hire per hour	Y	\$47.00	\$50.00	6.38%
Per Court – hire per hour	Y	\$26.50	\$28.00	5.66%
Key deposit	N	\$25.00	\$25.00	0.00%
Wilf Cox Pavilion Clubroom & Kitchen Hire per Hour	Y	\$25.00	\$26.50	6.00%

**Victoria Park Recreation Reserve Fees**

Reserve – hire per day	Y	\$510.00	\$510.00	0.00%
Reserve – hire per hour	Y	\$47.00	\$50.00	6.38%
Court Hire – per hour – per court	Y	\$26.50	\$28.00	5.66%
Key deposit	N	\$25.00	\$25.00	0.00%

**Stadiums****Echuca Stadium Fees**

Multi Purpose Room per hour	Y	\$21.50	\$23.00	6.98%
Court Hire – per hour – per court	Y	\$30.50	\$32.50	6.56%
Casual Sessions – per session – per person (Stadium Facilitated Activation)	Y	\$5.00	\$5.00	0.00%
Casual Sessions – per family – 2 adults and 2 children – per session (Stadium Facilitated Activation)	Y	\$11.00	\$11.50	4.55%
Exhibitions and Special Events (per day)	Y	\$1,155.00	\$1,155.00	0.00%
Bond	N	\$160.00	\$168.00	5.00%

**Kyabram Sports and Entertainment Centre Fees**

Multi Purpose Room per hour	Y	\$21.50	\$23.00	6.98%
Court Hire – per hour – per court	Y	\$30.50	\$32.50	6.56%
Casual Sessions – per session (Facility Facilitated Activation)	Y	\$5.00	\$5.00	0.00%
Casual Sessions – per family – 2 adults and 2 children – per session (Stadium Facilitated Activation)	Y	\$11.00	\$11.50	4.55%
Exhibitions and Special Events (per day)	Y	\$715.00	\$715.00	0.00%
Bond	N	\$160.00	\$169.00	5.63%

**Tongala Stadium Fees**

Court hire per hour	Y	\$30.50	\$32.50	6.56%
Squash court hire per hour	Y	\$15.00	\$16.00	6.67%

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### Tongala Stadium Fees [continued]

Casual Sessions – per person (Stadium Facilitated Activation)	Y	\$5.00	\$5.00	0.00%
Casual Sessions – per family – 2 adults and 2 children (Stadium Facilitated Activation)	Y	\$11.00	\$11.50	4.55%
Exhibitions and Special Events (per day)	Y	\$357.50	\$357.50	0.00%
Bond	N	\$160.00	\$169.00	5.63%
Key deposit	N	\$25.00	\$25.00	0.00%

## Waste Services

### Clean Tyres Fees – Disposal

Car	Y	\$8.00	\$8.50	6.25%
Light Truck	Y	\$15.50	\$16.00	3.23%
Truck	Y	\$30.50	\$32.00	4.92%
Super Single	Y	\$69.00	\$73.00	5.80%
Tractor small (up to 1.0 metre diameter)	Y	\$143.00	\$151.00	5.59%
Tractor large (1.0 – 2.0 metres diameter)	Y	\$434.50	\$458.00	5.41%
Motorcycle	Y	\$8.00	\$8.50	6.25%
Earthmover small (up to 1.0 metre diameter)	Y	\$229.50	\$242.00	5.45%
Earthmover medium (up to 1.0 – 1.5 metres diameter)	Y	\$573.50	\$604.00	5.32%
Earthmover large (up to 1.5 – 2 metres diameter)	Y	\$1,146.50	\$1,208.00	5.36%

### Contaminated Tyres Fees (Dirt and/or Rock Inside Tyre) disposal

Car	Y	\$18.50	\$19.50	5.41%
Light Truck	Y	\$37.00	\$39.00	5.41%
Truck	Y	\$68.50	\$72.00	5.11%
Super Single	Y	\$147.50	\$156.00	5.76%
Tractor small (up to 1.0 metre diameter)	Y	\$343.50	\$362.00	5.39%
Tractor large (1.0 – 2.0 metres diameter)	Y	\$520.00	\$548.00	5.38%
Motorcycle	Y	\$17.00	\$18.00	5.88%
Earthmover small (up to 1.0 metre diameter)	Y	\$551.00	\$581.00	5.44%
Earthmover medium (up to 1.0 – 1.5 metres diameter)	Y	\$1,376.50	\$1,451.00	5.41%
Earthmover large (up to 1.5 – 2 metres diameter)	Y	\$2,752.00	\$2,900.00	5.38%

### Food and Garden Waste Service Fees

Food and Garden Waste Residential – 240 litre	N	\$57.00	\$60.00	5.26%
Food and Garden Waste Commercial – 240 litre	Y	\$62.70	\$66.00	5.26%

### Kerbside Waste, Recycling, Food and Garden Services Waste Services Fees

Residential – per year – 80 litre 1 bin – without food and garden bin	N	\$243.00	\$255.00	4.94%
Residential – per year – 80 litre 1 bin – with food and garden bin	N	\$170.00	\$175.00	2.94%
Rural – per year – 80 litre 1 bin – food and garden bin not available	N	\$206.00	\$210.00	1.94%
Residential – per year – 140 litre 1 bin – without food and garden bin	N	\$318.00	\$345.00	8.49%
Residential – per year – 140 litre 1 bin – with food and garden bin	N	\$240.00	\$260.00	8.33%
Rural – per year – 140 litre 1 bin – food and garden bin not available	N	\$269.00	\$285.00	5.95%

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### Kerbside Waste, Recycling, Food and Garden Services Waste Services Fees [continued]

Residential – per year – 240 litre 1 bin (6 or more in the family) – without food and garden bin	N	\$539.00	\$585.00	8.53%
Residential – per year – 240 litre 1 bin (6 or more in the family) – with food and garden bin	N	\$435.00	\$472.00	8.51%
Rural – per year – 240 litre 1 bin – food and garden bin not available	N	\$454.00	\$500.00	10.13%
Residential – per year – 240 litre 1 bin (medical condition) – without food and garden bin	N	\$318.00	\$345.00	8.49%
Residential – per year – 240 litre 1 bin (medical condition) – with food and garden bin	N	\$240.00	\$260.00	8.33%
Commercial/Industrial – per year – 80 litre	Y	\$267.30	\$281.00	5.13%
Commercial/Industrial – per year – 140 litre	Y	\$349.80	\$380.00	8.63%
Commercial/Industrial – per year – 240 litre	Y	\$592.90	\$644.00	8.62%

### Recycling Services Fees

Residential – per year – 140 litre (elderly residents & units/flats)	N	\$64.00	\$67.00	4.69%
Residential – per year – 240 litre	N	\$64.00	\$67.00	4.69%
Residential – per year – 360 litre	N	\$64.00	\$67.00	4.69%
Commercial/Industrial – per year – 240 litre	Y	\$70.40	\$74.00	5.11%
Commercial/Industrial – per year – 360 litre	Y	\$70.40	\$74.00	5.11%

### Transfer Station Fees

Transfer station charges – per cubic metre (general waste)	Y	\$45.00	\$50.00	11.11%
Transfer station charges – per cubic metre (garden organic waste)	Y	\$21.00	\$22.00	4.76%
Refrigerators / Air Conditioners – degassing charge	Y	\$15.00	\$17.00	13.33%
Mattresses – single	Y	\$15.00	\$20.00	33.33%
Mattresses – double, queen, king	Y	\$21.00	\$25.00	19.05%
Clean fill soil – per cubic metre (Echuca and Mt Scobie only)	Y	\$22.00	\$23.00	4.55%
Concrete/brick tipping per cubic metre (Echuca and Mt Scobie only)	Y	\$30.00	\$35.00	16.67%
Gas bottles (household up to 9kgs) and fire extinguishers	Y	\$6.00	\$7.00	16.67%

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## Statutory

### Animal Fines (Government Penalty Unit Gazetted)

Registered animal not wearing council ID marker (0.5 of a penalty unit)	N	\$96.00	\$99.00	3.13%
Unregistered animal wearing council ID marker (2 penalty units)	N	\$385.00	\$395.00	2.60%
Person other than owner removing, altering or defacing ID marker (0.5 of a penalty unit)	N	\$96.00	\$99.00	3.13%
Dog or cat on private property after notice served (0.5 of a penalty unit)	N	\$96.00	\$99.00	3.13%
Dog at large or not securely confined to owners premises during daytime (1.5 of a penalty unit)	N	\$288.00	\$296.00	2.78%
Cat at large or not securely confined to owners premises in restricted municipal district (0.5 of a penalty unit)	N	\$96.00	\$99.00	3.13%
Dog or cat creating nuisance (0.5 of a penalty unit)	N	\$96.00	\$99.00	3.13%
Contravening Council order relating to presence of dogs and cats in public places (1 penalty unit)	N	\$192.00	\$198.00	3.13%
Dog at large or not securely confined to owners premises during night time (2 penalty units)	N	\$385.00	\$395.00	2.60%
Greyhound not adequately muzzled or not controlled by chain, cord or leash (1.5 of a penalty unit)	N	\$288.00	\$296.00	2.78%
Not complying with order to abate nuisance (1.5 of a penalty unit)	N	\$288.00	\$298.00	3.47%
Failure to apply to register a dog or cat (2 penalty units)	N	\$385.00	\$395.00	2.60%

### Building Records/Information Services

Land information certificates (1.82 fee units)	N	\$28.90	\$29.70	2.77%
Stormwater legal point of discharge fee (9.77 fee units)	N	\$155.34	\$159.50	2.68%
Application for Pool Registration (2.15 fee units)	N	\$34.19	\$35.10	2.66%
Pool information search (3.19 fee units)	N	\$50.72	\$52.10	2.72%
Lodgement of compliance pool certificate (1.38 fee units)	N	\$21.94	\$22.50	2.55%
Lodgement of non-compliance pool certificate (26 fee units)	N	\$413.40	\$424.60	2.71%

### Municipal Fire Prevention

Fire Prevention Infringement Notice (CFA Act Section 41D) (10 penalty units)	N	\$1,923.00	\$1,976.00	2.76%
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### Parking

Road Safety (General Regulations) Offences Schedule 3 (4)	N	\$85.00	\$92.00	8.24%
Road Safety (General Regulations) Offences Schedule 3 (6) (1 penalty unit)	N	\$192.00	\$198.00	3.13%

### Planning Approvals

#### Amendments to Planning Scheme Fees

Considering a request to amend a planning scheme (206 fee units)	N	\$3,275.40	\$3,364.00	2.71%
Considering submissions which seek a change to an amendment, and where necessary referring the submissions to a panel – Up to 10 submissions (1,021 fee units)	N	\$16,233.90	\$16,672.90	2.70%
Considering submissions which seek a change to an amendment, and where necessary referring the submissions to a panel – 11-20 submissions (2,040 fee units)	N	\$32,436.00	\$33,313.20	2.70%

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### Amendments to Planning Scheme Fees [continued]

Considering submissions which seek a change to an amendment, and where necessary referring the submissions to a panel – More than 20 submissions (2,727 fee units)	N	\$43,359.30	\$44,531.90	2.70%
Adopting an amendment or a part of an amendment in accordance with section 20(4) (270 fee units)	N	\$4,293.00	\$4,409.10	2.70%
Adopting an amendment or a part of an amendment in accordance with section 20A (65 fee units)	N	\$1,034.00	\$1,061.50	2.66%

### Caravan Park Fees (3 year registrations, new regulations)

Caravan Park A (17 fee units)	Y	\$270.00	\$278.00	2.96%
Caravan Park B (34 fee units)	Y	\$541.00	\$555.00	2.59%
Caravan Park C (68 fee units)	Y	\$1,081.00	\$1,110.00	2.68%
Caravan Park D (103 fee units)	Y	\$1,638.00	\$1,682.00	2.69%
Caravan Park E (137 fee units)	Y	\$2,178.00	\$2,237.00	2.71%
Caravan Park F (171 fee units)	Y	\$2,719.00	\$2,792.00	2.68%

### Freedom of Information (FOI) Fees

Application Fee (2 fee units)	Y	\$32.00	\$32.70	2.19%
Search Time Charge (1.5 fee units) per hour	Y	\$24.50 per hour or part of an hour Min. Fee excl. GST: \$22.27		
		<b>Last year fee</b> \$23.00 per hour or part of an hour		
Inspection Supervision Charge (1.5 fee units) per hour	Y	\$24.50 per hour (to be calculated per quarter hour or part of a quarter hour) Min. Fee excl. GST: \$22.27		
		<b>Last year fee</b> \$23.85 per hour (to be calculated per quarter hour or part of a quarter hour)		
Photocopying (Black and White) per A4 sheet – FOI requests only	Y	\$0.20	\$0.20	0.00%

### Onsite Wastewater Permit Fees

Installation, construction or alteration of an onsite wastewater system (48.88 fee units)	Y	\$777.00	\$798.00	2.70%
Minor alteration of an onsite wastewater system (37.25 fee units)	Y	\$592.00	\$608.00	2.70%
Additional time spent over 8.2 hours 6.12 fee units per hour	Y	\$97.00	\$100.00	3.09%
Transfer of an Onsite Wastewater System permit (9.93 fee units)	Y	\$158.00	\$162.00	2.53%
Application to amend an Onsite Wastewater System Permit (10.38 fee units)	Y	\$165.00	\$170.00	3.03%
Application to renew an Onsite Wastewater System Permit (8.31 fee units)	Y	\$132.00	\$136.00	3.03%

### Planning Permit Fees – Amendment (classified)

Class 1 – Amendment to change the use of the permit (89 fee units)	N	\$1,415.10	\$1,453.40	2.71%
Class 2 – Amendment to a permit (89 fee units)	N	\$1,415.10	\$1,453.40	2.71%
Class 3 – Amendment to class 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 permit if < \$10K (13.5 fee units)	N	\$214.65	\$220.50	2.73%
Class 4 – Amendment to class 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 permit if > \$10K – < \$100K (42.5 fee units)	N	\$675.75	\$694.00	2.70%

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### Planning Permit Fees – Amendment (classified) [continued]

Class 5 – Amendment to class 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 permit if > \$100K – < \$500K (87 fee units)	N	\$1,383.30	\$1,420.70	2.70%
Class 6 – Amendment to class 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 permit if > \$500K (94 fee units)	N	\$1,494.60	\$1,535.00	2.70%
Class 7 – Amendment to VicSmart permit if < \$10K (13.5 fee units)	N	\$214.65	\$220.50	2.73%
Class 8 – Amendment to VicSmart permit if > \$10K (29 fee units)	N	\$461.10	\$473.60	2.71%
Class 9 – Amendment to class 9 permit (13.5 fee units)	N	\$214.65	\$220.50	2.73%
Class 10 – Amendment to class 10 permit (13.5 fee units)	N	\$215.00	\$220.50	2.56%
Class 11 – Amendment to class 11 if < \$100K (77.5 fee units)	N	\$1,232.00	\$1,265.50	2.72%
Class 12 – Amendment to class 12, 13, 14, 15 & 16 permit if > \$100K – < \$1M (104 .5 fee units)	N	\$1,662.00	\$1,706.50	2.68%
Class 13 – Amendment to class 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 & 16 permit if > \$1M (230.5 fee units)	N	\$3,664.95	\$3,764.10	2.71%
Class 14 – Amendment to class 17 permit (89 fee units)	N	\$1,415.10	\$1,453.40	2.71%
Class 15 – Amendment to class 18 permit (89 fee units)	N	\$1,415.10	\$1,453.40	2.71%
Class 16 – Amendment to class 19 permit (89 fee units)	N	\$1,415.10	\$1,453.40	2.71%
Class 17 – Amendment to class 20 permit (89 fee units)	N	\$1,415.10	\$1,453.40	2.71%
Class 18 – Amendment to class 21 permit (89 fee units)	N	\$1,415.10	\$1,453.40	2.71%
Class 19 – Amendment to class 22 permit (89 fee units)	N	\$1,415.10	\$1,453.40	2.71%

### Planning Permit/Planning Permit Amendment Fees

Combined permit applications	N	Calculation required
The fee for an application for any combination of the classes of application outlined below is the sum arrived at by adding the highest of the fees which would have applied if separate applications had been made plus 50% of each of the other fees which would have applied if separate applications had been made	N	Calculation required

### Planning Permit Fees – Development

Class 1 – Use (89 fee units)	N	\$1,415.10	\$1,453.40	2.71%
Class 2 – Single < \$10K (13.5 fee units)	N	\$214.65	\$220.50	2.73%
Class 3 – Single > \$10K < \$100K (42.5 fee units)	N	\$675.75	\$694.00	2.70%
Class 4 – Single > \$100K < \$500K (87 fee units)	N	\$1,383.30	\$1,420.70	2.70%
Class 5 – Single > \$500K < \$1M (94 fee units)	N	\$1,494.60	\$1,535.00	2.70%
Class 6 – Single > \$1M < \$2M (101 fee units)	N	\$1,605.90	\$1,649.30	2.70%
Class 7 – VicSmart < \$10K (13.5 fee units)	N	\$214.65	\$220.50	2.73%
Class 8 – VicSmart > \$10K (29 fee units)	N	\$461.10	\$473.60	2.71%
Class 9 – VicSmart Sub (13.5 fee units)	N	\$214.65	\$220.50	2.73%
Class 10 – VicSmart App'n (other than class 7, 8 or 9) (13.5 fee units)	N	\$214.65	\$220.50	2.73%
Class 11 – Dev < \$100K (77.5 fee units)	N	\$1,232.25	\$1,265.60	2.71%
Class 12 – Dev > \$100K < \$1M (104.5 fee units)	N	\$1,661.55	\$1,706.50	2.71%
Class 13 – Dev > \$1M < \$5M (230.5 fee units)	N	\$3,665.00	\$3,764.10	2.70%
Class 14 – Dev > \$5M < \$15M (587.5 fee units)	N	\$9,341.25	\$9,593.90	2.70%
Class 15 – Dev > \$15M < \$50M (1732.5 fee units)	N	\$27,546.75	\$28,291.70	2.70%
Class 16 – Dev > \$50M (3,894 fee units)	N	\$61,914.60	\$63,589.00	2.70%
Class 17 – Sub Existing (89 fee units)	N	\$1,415.10	\$1,453.40	2.71%
Class 18 – Sub 2 lots (89 fee units)	N	\$1,415.10	\$1,453.40	2.71%
Class 19 – Realign (89 fee units)	N	\$1,415.10	\$1,453.40	2.71%

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### Planning Permit Fees – Development [continued]

Class 20 – Sub (other than class 17, 18 or 19) (89 fee units)	N	\$1,453.00 per every additional 100 lots created		
		Last year fee \$1,453.00 per 100 lots created		
Class 21 – Vary Restriction (89 fee units)	N	\$1,415.10	\$1,453.40	2.71%
Class 22 – Non defined (89 fee units)	N	\$1,415.10	\$1,453.40	2.71%

### Type of Planning Application Fees

To Subdivide an existing building (89 fee units)	N	\$1,415.10	\$1,453.40	2.71%
To Subdivide land into two lots (89 fee units)	N	\$1,415.10	\$1,453.40	2.71%
To effect a realignment of a common boundary between lots or to consolidate two or more lots (89 fee units)	N	\$1,415.10	\$1,453.40	2.71%
To subdivide land other than above types of subdivision (89 fee units)	N	\$1,453.00 per 100 lots created		
To remove a restriction (within the meaning of the Subdivision Act 1988) over land if the land has been used or developed for more than 2 years before the date of the applications in a manner which would have been lawful under the Planning and Environment Act (89 fee units)	N	\$1,415.10	\$1,453.40	2.71%
To create, vary or remove a restriction within the meaning of the Subdivision Act 1988; or to create or remove a right of way (89 fee units)	N	\$1,415.10	\$1,453.40	2.71%
To create, vary or remove an easement other than a right of way; or to vary or remove a condition in the nature of an easement other than a right of way in a Crown grant (89 fee units)	N	\$1,415.10	\$1,453.40	2.71%
To amend an application for a permit after notice has been given	N	40% of fee		

### Whole Farm Plans Fees

Application for certification of whole farm plans (22 fee units)	N	\$349.80	\$359.30	2.72%
To amend to end an agreement under section 173 of the Act (44.5 fee units)	N	\$707.55	\$726.70	2.71%

### Works within a Road Reserve Permit

#### Municipal Road with Speed Limit Less Than 50kmh Fees

Works conducted on any part of the roadway, shoulder or pathway (23.5 fee units)	N	\$374.00	\$383.80	2.62%
Works not conducted on any part of the roadway, shoulder or pathway (6 fee units)	N	\$95.00	\$98.00	3.16%

#### Municipal Road with Speed Limit Greater Than 50kmh Fees

Works conducted on any part of the roadway, shoulder or pathway (43.1 fee units)	N	\$685.00	\$703.80	2.74%
Works not conducted on any part of the roadway, shoulder or pathway (23.5 fee units)	N	\$374.00	\$383.80	2.62%

### Planning Infringements

Planning Infringement Notice (Private 5 penalty units) per offence under the Planning and Environment Act	N	\$961.55	\$988.00	2.75%
Planning Infringement Notice (Company 10 penalty units) per offence under Planning and Environment Act	N	\$1,923.10	\$1,976.00	2.75%

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### Planning Subdivisions

Processing an application to certify a plan of subdivision under the Subdivision Act 1988 (11.8 fee units)	N	\$187.62	\$192.70	2.71%
Processing any other application for certification under the Subdivision Act 1988 (11.8 fee units)	N	\$187.62	\$192.70	2.71%
Check Engineering plans	N	0.75% x cost of engineering work		
Engineering Plan prepared by Council	N	3.50% x cost of engineering work		
Supervision of Works	N	2.50% x cost of engineering work		
Certificates of Compliance under section 97N (22 fee units)	N	\$349.80	\$359.30	2.72%
The fee for determining a matter where a planning scheme specifies that the matter must be done to the satisfaction of a responsible authority or a referral authority (22 fee units)	N	\$349.80	\$359.30	2.72%

## 8.7 Council Information

### 8.7.1 Notes of Appreciation

**Directorate:** Office of the CEO

**Responsible Officer:** Office of the CEO Support Officer

**Manager:** Executive Officer

#### 1. PURPOSE

To present the notes of appreciation that Council has received since its last meeting.

#### 2. RECOMMENDATION

**That Council acknowledge the notes of appreciation as listed and convey this appreciation to the relevant parties.**

#### 1. Kyabram Urban Landcare Group

*"On behalf of the Kyabram Urban Landcare Group I want to pass on our thanks for mowing sections of the Ern Miles Reserve earlier in the year, as well as spraying the drain in South Boundary Road of weeds."*

#### 2. Anonymous, Kyabram

*"Thanks to your Arborist Brendan for his excellent customer service in dealing with a street tree problem adjacent to our property. His common sense approach and ability to make a decision to resolve the issue was most refreshing to experience."*

*I also acknowledge your excellent follow up correspondence and the efficiency of response to my request."*

#### 3. Merle Stirling, Rochester

Appreciation for the *"great workmanship of the shire slasher driver"*, Trevor Linke

*"He did an awesome job getting into areas that were flood affected and had not been mowed for a long time. Wherever there were gate entrances to our property he really opened them up to improve visibility getting onto our busy road."*

*"Please congratulate Trevor on a job well done"*

#### 4. Anonymous, Echuca

Congratulations to Council on the planting of so many trees around the town and streets.

#### 5. Kay McGrath, Echuca

*"I would like to pass on our thanks to the expertise and professionalism of your Arboriculture Officer "Dean". Dean was very prompt contacting me, and kept the*

*communication happening and was very punctual when we met up. He was also very polite and explained the situation, with such patience it is commendable. Thank you Dean."*

**6. Marg Burgess, Tongala**

*"Thank you very much for trimming the tree on the nature strip in Tongala."*

**7. Echuca Cricket Club**

Certificate of Appreciation received for the support of the Echuca Cricket Club 2023/24 junior season through Council's Community Equipment Grants Program.

## **9 Notices of Motion**

## **10 Urgent Business**

## **11 Confidential Business**

## **12 Close Meeting**

Pauline Gordon

Chief Executive Officer