



GANNAWARRA

Shire Council

Wednesday, 21 February 2024

6:00 PM

Senior Citizens Centre

Kerang

AGENDA

Council Meeting

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Geoff Rollinson
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

1 WELCOME TO COUNTRY

Playing of the Welcome to Country video clip.

2 OPENING DECLARATION

We, the Councillors of the Shire of Gannawarra, declare that we will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor, in the best interests of our community, and faithfully, and impartially, carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in us, to the best of our skill and judgement.

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Meeting - 20 December 2023

5 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

General conflict of interest

Unless exempt under Section 129 of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act) or regulation 7 of the Local Government (Governance and Integrity) Regulations 2020, a Councillor or member of Council staff has a general conflict of interest in a matter if an impartial, fair-minded person would consider that the person's private interests (as defined in Section 127(2) of the Act) could result in that person acting in a manner that is contrary to their public duty.

Material conflict of interest

Unless exempt under Section 129 of the *Local Government Act 2020* or regulation 7 of the Local Government (Governance and Integrity) Regulations 2020, a Councillor or member of Council staff has a material conflict of interest in respect of a matter if an affected person (as defined in Section 128(3) of the Act) would gain a benefit or suffer a loss depending on the outcome of the matter.

Disclosure of a conflict of interest

A Councillor who has a conflict of interest and is attending a meeting of the Council must make a full disclosure of that interest by either advising:

- a) the Council at the meeting immediately before the matter is considered at the meeting; or
- b) the Chief Executive Officer in writing before the meeting –

whether the interest is a general conflict of interest or a material conflict of interest; and the nature of the interest.

Note: If a Councillor advises the Chief Executive Officer of the details under b) above, the Councillor must make a disclosure of the class of interest only to the meeting immediately before the matter is considered at the meeting.

In accordance with Section 130 of the Act, a councillor who has disclosed a conflict of interest in respect of a matter must exclude themselves from the decision making process in relation to the matter, including any discussion or vote on the matter at any Council meeting, and any action in relation to the matter.

Failure to comply with Section 130 of the Act may result in a penalty of 120 penalty units

6 BRIEFING SESSIONS

6.1 RECORDS OF COUNCILLOR BRIEFINGS - 13 DECEMBER 2023 TO 6 FEBRUARY 2024

Author: Jodie Basile, Executive Assistant to CEO

Authoriser: Geoff Rollinson, Chief Executive Officer

Attachments: 1 **Record of Councillor Briefing Record - 13 December 2023 to 6 February 2024**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the records of Councillor Briefings 13 December 2023 to 6 February 2024.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report presents to Council written records of Councillor Briefings in accordance with Clause 31 of the Gannawarra Shire Council Governance Rules.

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The Officer preparing this report declares that they have no conflict of interest in regard to this matter.

COUNCIL PLAN

Council Plan 2021-2025: Be a creative employer of choice through our adherence to good governance and our inclusive culture.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In accordance with Clause 32 of the Gannawarra Shire Council Governance Rules, a written record of a meeting held under the auspices of Council is, as soon as practicable, reported at a meeting of the Council and incorporated in the minutes of that Council meeting.

The record must include:

1. The names of all Councillors and members of Council staff attending
2. The matters considered
3. Any conflict-of-interest disclosures made by a Councillor attending
4. Whether a Councillor who has disclosed a conflict of interest left the meeting.

CONSULTATION

Consultation with Councillors and staff has occurred to ensure the accuracy of the Councillor Briefing records.


CONCLUSION

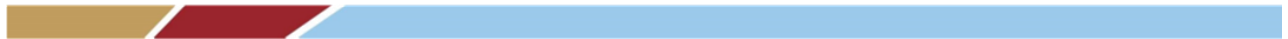
To ensure compliance with Clause 32 of the Gannawarra Shire Council Governance Rules, it is recommended that Council note the Councillor Briefing records as attached to this report.

RECORD OF A COUNCILLOR BRIEFING



Type of Meeting	Councillor Briefing
Date:	Monday 5 February, 2024
Time:	9:00am – 6.00pm
Location:	Council Chambers, Kerang
In Attendance: (Councillors)	Cr Charlie Gillingham Cr Kelvin Burt (<i>arrived at 9.45am</i>) Cr Travis Collier (<i>left at 12.45pm</i>) Cr Ross Stanton Cr Keith Link Cr Jane Ogden Cr Garner Smith
Apologies:	Nil
In Attendance: (Officers)	Geoff Rollinson, Jodie Basile, Amanda Wilson, Wade Williams, Paul Fernee, Roger Griffiths, Leigh Hollingworth, Kellie Burmeister, Rebecca Hollingworth, Jenny Keating, Trish Carse.
In Attendance: (Other)	Phil Shanahan (<i>video call</i>), Don Webb and Graham Webb (<i>Windfarmers Energy Group</i>), Craige Kennedy, Nola Bennett, John Fogarty (<i>Mine Free Mallee Farms</i>), Dean Bosman and Glen Tonna (<i>Executive Collections</i>),
Matters Discussed:	<p>Presentations</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CEO Review 2. Macorna Wind Farm 3. Executive Collections Section 181 Process 4. Mine Free Mallee Farms re VHM Project <p>Review Draft February Council Agenda</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7.1 Quarterly Budget Report 7.2 Alteration to 2024 Council Meeting Dates 7.3 Care Partnership Statement of Commitment 12. Confidential Items – Future of Building Department Functions <p>Councillor Briefing Updates</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2.1 Audit and Risk Committee Charter 2.2 Budget 2024/2025 – Rating Options and Waste Charges Update 2.3 Proposed Schedule of Fees and Charges 2.4 Draft 10-year Capital Works Program 2.5 2024/2025 Draft Operational Budget 2.6 Outstanding Rates Section 181 Process 2.7 Corporate Performance Reporting Framework Quarterly Report 2.8 Future Listing Report 2.9 December 2023 – January 2024 Storm Events 2.10 2023/2024 Capex Update – February 2024 2.11 Building and Planning Activity – Quarterly Update 2.12 Gannawarra Aquatic Facilities – Kerang and Cohuna Update 2.13 2021-2025 Council Plan Year 3 Action Plan Progress Report <p>Councillor Issues</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3.1 Councillor Issues raised for discussion with CEO and Directors

<p>CEO and Councillor Only Discussion 4.1 Councillor/CEO Only Discussion Items</p> <p>Councillor Only Discussion</p>		
<p>Conflict of Interest Disclosures</p>		
<p>Matter No.</p>	<p>Councillor/Officer making disclosure</p>	<p>Councillor/Officer left meeting Yes/No</p>
<p>Nil</p>	<p>Nil</p>	<p>Nil</p>
<p>Completed By:</p>	<p>Geoff Rollinson – Chief Executive Officer</p> 	



7 BUSINESS REPORTS FOR DECISION

7.1 QUARTERLY BUDGET REPORT - QUARTER ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2023

Author: Rebecca Hollingworth, Acting Chief Financial Officer

Authoriser: Amanda Wilson, Director Corporate Services

Attachments: 1 December 2023 Quarterly Report

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the report outlining the 2023/2024 Quarterly Budget Report as at 31 December 2023.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The financial position of the Council remains stable.

Income shows a forecasted variance of (\$3.503m) and a \$1.504m variance for expenditure. The budgeted Operating Result of \$30.298 million surplus will decrease by \$15.751 million to an anticipated Operating Result of \$14.547 million surplus. This decrease is due to the deferral of grant income anticipated to be recognised into 2023/24 and reduced capital grants for flood works.

Council's Capital Works program is progressing with an anticipated variation in scheduled works of \$12.629 million. The adopted capital budget for 2023/24 is \$38.691 million and it is expected to decrease to \$26.062 million by 30 June 2024. This decrease is due to the reduction in expected expenditure due to secondary assessment of initial Rapid Impact Assessment of flood works.

At 31 December 2023 Council is anticipating an underlying result deficit of \$3.468 million. Taking into account the \$3.4m advance payment of the Victorian Grants Commission that was recognised in 2022/23, Council's 30 June 2024 underlying result would reduce to a \$0.068 deficit.

PURPOSE

Council prepares a quarterly financial report as at 30 September, 31 December and 31 March each year. The purpose of the report is to ensure that the financial position of the Council is being managed and that Council remains financially sustainable.

ATTACHMENTS

Quarterly Budget Report – December 2023

DISCUSSION

This quarterly financial report to 31 December 2023 involves some variations to the forecasts due to the flooding event, unearned income transferred from the previous year, carry over items into next year, asset revaluations and ceasing operation of Community Care Services. Despite these issues Council remains financially sustainable.

The detailed explanation of the variations is contained in the "Financial Viability" section below and the attached "Quarterly Budget Report – 31 December 2023".

RELEVANT LAW

Section 97 of the *Local Government Act 2020* requires a quarterly report be presented to Council at a Council meeting which is open to the public showing a comparison of the actual and budgeted results to date and an explanation of any material differences. It further requires the second quarterly report of a financial year to include a statement by the Chief Executive Officer as to whether a revised budget is, or may be, required.

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) statement is included as part of the second quarterly report as to whether a revised budget is or may be required under Section 97 of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

Sec 95 of the *Local Government Act 2020* states the following:

- (1) A Council must prepare and adopt a revised budget before the Council—
 - (a) can make a variation to the declared rates or charges; or
 - (b) can undertake any borrowings that have not been approved in the budget; or
 - (c) can make a change to the budget that the Council considers should be the subject of community engagement.

CEO Statement

The Chief Executive Officer, as required under Section 97(3) of the *Local Government Act 2020* is of the opinion a revised budget is not required.

RELATED COUNCIL DECISIONS

The Quarterly Budget Report links to the budget process and the Council decision relating to the budget adoption on 28 June 2023.

OPTIONS

The variations projected are not significant and therefore a revised budget is not required.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

The key risks are financial and compliance risks. As the projected variations are positive, this limits the financial risk with the Quarterly Budget Report.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Budget went through extensive consultation. This report highlights only minor change, and no further community engagement has been undertaken.

INNOVATION AND CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

Not applicable.

COLLABORATION

Council Officers with responsibility for line budgets have had input into the report.

The Quarterly Budget Report to 31 December 2023 is being presented to Council's Audit and Risk Committee meeting on 13 February, 2024.

FINANCIAL VIABILITY

The Quarterly Budget Report presents the interim financial position to 31 December 2023 and is consistent with the budget.

Indicator	Budget (\$'000)	Forecast (\$'000)	Variance (\$'000)
Underlying result	(1,469)	(3,468)	(1,999)
Comprehensive Income result	30,298	14,547	(15,751)
Capital works	38,691	26,062	(12,629)
Cash position	10,609	12,858	2,249

Operating Budget

The 'Summary of Adjustments' details the changes between the approved budget and the forecast to 31 December 2023. The major changes in the operating budget are:

- An increase in rate revenue of \$148k following supplementary valuations and additional bin service charges.
- The decrease in operating grants is due to the recognition of unearned income at 30 June 2023 in 2023/24 \$754k, the advance payment of the 2023/24 Victorian Grants Commission grant in 2022/23 and the reduction of operating grants due to Council ceasing Community Care Services.
- Reduction in reimbursements due to the exit of Community Care (\$2.531)m.
- With the RBA cash rate increasing, the interest forecast has been amended to reflect an increase in interest income \$613k.
- An increase in the number of staff vacancies across the organisation throughout the year primarily due to secondment to higher positions or flood related positions \$146k and labour reduction due to Council ceasing Community Care Services \$3.032m.
- Increase in operational materials and services is primarily due to grant income carried forward or received post budget adoption to facilitate completion of programs (\$844k).
- Depreciation for 2023/24 is higher than budgeted due to the infrastructure revaluations at 30 June 2023 (\$831k).
- Funding has been received to replace Apex Park and Kervins Road bridges \$760k and capital grants have decreased primarily due to the reduction in grant funding for flood works.

Capital Budget

At the end of December 2023, 25% of the forecasted capital works budget had been spent or committed. The capital budget adopted by Council was \$38.691 million.

There is a reduction in the forecasted capital works budgeted of \$12.629 million to recognise deferral of budgeted spend on major multi-year projects. The anticipated budgeted spend on capital works by 30 June 2024 is \$26.062 million. A detailed listing of variations is included in the attachment. The major variations relate to:-

- Flood funding works - reduction in expected costs due to secondary assessment of initial Rapid Impact Assessment.

REGIONAL, STATE AND NATIONAL PLANS AND POLICIES

The budget and annual financial statements are prepared in accordance with the accounting standards.

COUNCIL PLANS AND POLICIES

This report aligns to the Council Plan strategy to pursue initiative to achieve long term financial sustainability.

TRANSPARENCY OF COUNCIL DECISIONS

This report will be considered in an open Council meeting.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST




The officer preparing this report declares they have no conflict of interest in regard to this matter.

Quarterly Budget Report
for the Quarter Ending
31 December 2023



Comprehensive Income Statement

	Note	As at 31 December 2023			Projected Year End		
		YTD Budget \$000	YTD Actual \$000	YTD Variance \$000	FY Budget \$000	FY Forecast \$000	FY Adjustments \$000
Income							
Rates and Charges	1	15,468	15,489	21	15,556	15,704	148
Statutory Fees and Fines		167	175	8	406	406	-
User Fees	2	1,524	1,570	46	3,208	2,913	(295)
Grants Operating	3	3,703	3,737	35	10,313	8,868	(1,446)
Contributions and Donations		2	32	31	45	45	-
Reimbursements	4	1,161	1,225	64	3,729	1,198	(2,531)
Sale of Assets	5	190	239	50	212	316	104
Cost of Assets Sold	5	(122)	(104)	18	(68)	(163)	(95)
Interest Earned	6	372	435	63	120	733	613
Other Income		159	156	(4)	317	317	-
Total income		22,624	22,955	332	33,838	30,335	(3,503)
Expenses							
Employee Costs	7	(8,146)	(8,061)	85	(18,366)	(15,188)	3,179
Operational Materials and Services	8	(5,408)	(4,208)	1,201	(9,366)	(10,210)	(844)
Bad and Doubtful Debts		-	(0)	(0)	-	-	-
Borrowing Costs		(5)	(2)	3	(8)	(8)	-
Depreciation	9	(4,023)	(3,992)	31	(7,215)	(8,046)	(831)
Other Expenses		(126)	(147)	(21)	(352)	(352)	-
Total expenses		(17,708)	(16,410)	1,299	(35,307)	(33,803)	1,504
Underlying surplus/(deficit)		4,916	6,546	1,630	(1,469)	(3,468)	(1,999)
Grants Capital and Major Projects	10	4,779	5,323	544	31,767	18,015	(13,752)
Surplus/(deficit) for the year		9,695	11,869	2,174	30,298	14,547	(15,751)

- Favourable greater than 10% 
- Constant between plus or minus 10% 
- Unfavourable less than 10% 

Rounding

Unless otherwise stated, amounts in financial reports have been rounded to the nearest thousand dollars. Figures in the financial statements may not equate due to rounding.

Overall Result

At 31 December 2023 Council is showing an underlying surplus YTD of \$6.546 million, this is \$1.630 million more than budgeted for the same period. Income has a variance of \$0.332m and there is a \$1.299m variance for expenditure YTD.

Council is forecasting a \$3.468 million underlying deficit for 30 June 2024 which is an increase in the deficit of \$1.999m on the 2023/24 adopted budget.

Note	Income		
1	Rates and charges	Favourable	148
	Increase due to supplementary valuations and additional bin services.		148
2	User fees	Unfavourable	(295)
	Reduction in user fees due to Council ceasing Community Care services.		(295)
3	Grants - Operating	Unfavourable	(1,446)
	Unearned grant income at 30 June 2023 recognised in 23/24 in line with the accounting standards.		754
	Additional grant funding due to the 12 month extension of Community Child Care Fund Program for Long Day Care (\$20k) and Family Day Care (\$20k).		40
	New grant funding received for Kerang Township Protection Levee Project.		61
	Victorian Grants Commission 2022/23 allocation underpayment, 2023/24 advance payment fully received in 2022/23 and anticipation of 50% advance payment of 2024/25 allocation.		(1,388)
	Reduction in operating grants due to Council ceasing Community Care services.		(853)
	Underspend on 2022/23 grant funding to deliver the supported playgroup program.		(81)
4	Reimbursements	Unfavourable	(2,531)
	Reduction in reimbursements due to Council ceasing Community Care services.		(2,531)
5	Sale of Assets & Cost of Assets Sold	Favourable	9
	Variance relates to unsold industrial blocks carried forward for sale in 2023/24		9
6	Interest Earned	Favourable	613
	At the time of the adoption of the Budget 2023/24, the cash rate was 3.10%. The current cash rate is 4.15%. The interest forecast has been amended to reflect the increase in interest rate.		613
	Expenses		
7	Employee Direct Costs	Favourable	3,179
	Saving due to permanent and temporary staff vacancies partly due to secondment to flood related positions and vacant positions.		146
	Labour reduction due to Council ceasing Community Care services.		3,032
8	Operational Materials and Services	Unfavourable	(844)
	Expenditure associated with unearned grant income and the community grants project at 30 June 2023 carried forward for the completion of the programs.		(776)
	Expenditure to complete the Kerang Township Protection Levee Project.		(85)
	Unbudgeted expenditure to conduct condition assessment on Council's road network.		(130)
	Reduction in expenditure due to Council ceasing Community Care services.		145
	2023/24 Major Community Grants program withdrawn.		150
	Reduction in expected expenditure due to the 2022/23 underspend of the supported playgroups program.		81
	Specialist services for recruitment of Executive positions and specialist HR services due to vacancies.		(101)
	Fully funded consultant fees for finance assistance with flood grant acquittals.		(56)
9	Depreciation	Unfavourable	(831)
	Depreciation for 2023/24 is higher than budgeted as a result of the infrastructure revaluations as at 30 June 2023.		(831)
10	Grants - Capital	Unfavourable	(13,752)
	Unearned grant income at 30 June 2022 recognised in 23/24 in line with the accounting standards.		731
	Reduction in grant funding for Flood works due to secondary assessment of initial Rapid Impact Assessment.		(15,250)
	Grant funding to replace Apex Park bridge through phase 4 of the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.		522
	Grant funding to replace Kervins Road bridge through phase 4 of the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.		238

Capital Works Report as at 31 Dec 2023

Note	Adopted Budget \$000	YTD Actuals \$000	Hard Commitments \$000	Total Expenditure \$000	Projected Forecast - Total Cost \$000	Permanent Adjustments \$000
PROPERTY						
Land Improvements						
	\$ 10	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10	\$ -
Land Improvements						
	\$ 900	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 900	\$ -
Buildings						
1	\$ 723	\$ 29	\$ 10	\$ 39	\$ 1,482	\$ 759
Building Improvements						
	\$ 110	\$ 25	\$ 0	\$ 25	\$ 110	\$ -
TOTAL PROPERTY	\$ 1,743	\$ 54	\$ 10	\$ 64	\$ 2,502	\$ 759
PLANT AND EQUIPMENT						
Plant, Machinery and Equipment						
	\$ 420	\$ 26	\$ 324	\$ 349	\$ 420	\$ -
2	\$ 387	\$ 46	\$ 137	\$ 183	\$ 461	\$ 74
Computers and Telecommunications						
	\$ 161	\$ 22	\$ 19	\$ 41	\$ 161	\$ -
Library books						
	\$ 120	\$ 71	\$ 19	\$ 90	\$ 120	\$ -
TOTAL PLANT AND EQUIPMENT	\$ 1,088	\$ 164	\$ 499	\$ 664	\$ 1,161	\$ 74
INFRASTRUCTURE						
Roads						
	\$ 1,006	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,006	\$ -
3	\$ 1,133	\$ 349	\$ 5	\$ 354	\$ 1,702	\$ 569
	\$ 1,012	\$ 701	\$ 18	\$ 719	\$ 1,012	\$ -
4	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,750	\$ (15,250)
Footpaths and Cycleways						
	\$ 130	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 130	\$ -
Kerb and channel						
	\$ 174	\$ 71	\$ 51	\$ 122	\$ 174	\$ -
Drainage						
	\$ 274	\$ 1	\$ 69	\$ 71	\$ 274	\$ -
Recreational, Leisure & Community Facilities						
	\$ 135	\$ 153	\$ -	\$ 153	\$ 135	\$ -
	\$ 20	\$ 0	\$ -	\$ 0	\$ 20	\$ -
Waste Management						
	\$ 650	\$ -	\$ 64	\$ 64	\$ 650	\$ -
Parks, Open Space and Streetscapes						
	\$ 55	\$ -	\$ 2	\$ 2	\$ 55	\$ -
	\$ 30	\$ -	\$ 13	\$ 13	\$ 30	\$ -
Other Infrastructure						
	\$ 150	\$ 32	\$ -	\$ 32	\$ 150	\$ -
TOTAL INFRASTRUCTURE	\$ 29,769	\$ 1,308	\$ 223	\$ 1,531	\$ 15,088	\$ (14,681)
TOTAL NEW CAPITAL WORKS	\$ 32,600	\$ 1,526	\$ 732	\$ 2,258	\$ 18,751	\$ (13,848)

	Note	Adopted Budget \$000	YTD Actuals \$000	Hard Commitments \$000	Total Expenditure \$000	Projected Forecast - Total Cost \$000	Permanent Adjustments \$000
Works carried forward from the 2020/21 year							
PROPERTY							
Buildings							
Living Library Projects - The Glasshouse	1	\$ 690			\$ -	\$ 690	
TOTAL PROPERTY		\$ 690	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 690	\$ -
PLANT AND EQUIPMENT							
Computers and Telecommunications							
ICT - Joint Council Asset Management Software	5	\$ 250	\$ -	\$ 9	\$ 9	\$ 731	\$ 481
TOTAL PLANT AND EQUIPMENT		\$ 250	\$ -	\$ 9	\$ 9	\$ 731	\$ 481
INFRASTRUCTURE							
Roads							
Kerang CBD Development Stage 3	6	\$ 1,784	\$ 610	\$ 968	\$ 1,578	\$ 1,589	\$ (195)
Kerang CBD Stage 4 - Wellington Street	7	\$ 1,318	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 600	\$ (718)
Parks, Open Space and Streetscapes							
Sustainable Recreational Water for Quambatook - Grant dependent		\$ 1,945	\$ 3	\$ 1,935	\$ 1,938	\$ 1,923	\$ (22)
Other Infrastructure							
Koondrook Levee Design and Construction		\$ 104	\$ 9	\$ 60	\$ 69	\$ 107	\$ 3
Other Infrastructure							
TOTAL INFRASTRUCTURE		\$ 5,151	\$ 623	\$ 2,963	\$ 3,585	\$ 4,219	\$ (932)
TOTAL CARRIED FORWARD CAPITAL WORKS 2020/21		\$ 6,091	\$ 623	\$ 2,972	\$ 3,595	\$ 5,640	\$ (451)
Other Projects							
Cohuna Preschool Outdoor Space Redevelopment	8	\$ -	\$ 142	\$ 1	\$ 144	\$ 144	\$ 144
Gannawarra Shire Children'S Centre Outdoor Space Redevelopment	9	\$ -	\$ 134	\$ -	\$ 134	\$ 123	\$ 123
Southern Levee Acquisition 17/18		\$ -	\$ 6	\$ 16	\$ 22	\$ 42	\$ 42
Gsc Security Access System		\$ -	\$ 1	\$ -	\$ 1	\$ -	\$ -
Rfid Installation (Digital Barcoding)		\$ -	\$ 11	\$ 1	\$ 12	\$ 19	\$ 19
Koondrook To Kerang Rail Trail - Planning & Design	10	\$ -	\$ 97	\$ 144	\$ 241	\$ 397	\$ 397
Kangaroo Lake North End Stage 2 - Jetty Structure	11	\$ -	\$ 178	\$ -	\$ 178	\$ 178	\$ 178
Apex Park Bridge	12	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 522	\$ 522
Kervins Rd Bridge Replacement	13	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 238	\$ 238
Other Plant And Equipment		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6	\$ 6	\$ 7	\$ 7
TOTAL OTHER PROJECTS		\$ -	\$ 573	\$ 169	\$ 742	\$ 1,670	\$ 1,670
TOTAL WORKS 2023/24		\$ 38,691	\$ 2,722	\$ 3,873	\$ 6,595	\$ 26,062	\$ (12,629)

Summary - Overall Result

The adopted capital budget for 2023/2024 is \$38.691m. There has been a decrease in the forecasted capital works budget by \$12.629m to recognise projects carried over to 2023/24 and estimated flood works. Anticipated budgeted spend by 30 June 2024 is \$26.062m. 25% of the forecasted capital works budget had been committed by 31 December 2023.

The following projects have been reviewed -

Note	\$000
1 Living Library Projects - The Glasshouse - \$41k multi-year project carried over to 2023/24 and additional \$718k shifted from Kerang CBD stage 4.	759
2 Light plant replacement carried over from 2022/23 due to new vehicles ordered and waiting for delivery.	74
3 Gravel Re-sheeting Program - funds carried forward from 2022/23 to facilitate the completion of the R2R Program.	569
4 Flood funding works - reduction in expected costs due to secondary assessment of initial Rapid Impact Assessment.	(15,250)
5 ICT - Joint Council Asset Management Software - joint funded project (total \$750k) Gannawarra Shire Council is the auspice body. Project delivery has been carried over to 2023/24.	481
6 Kerang CBD Development Stage 3 - multi-year project carried over to 2023/24.	(195)
7 Kerang CBD Stage 4 - Wellington Street - total project costs \$600k with \$718k shifted to complete the Glasshouse project.	(718)
8 Cohuna Preschool Outdoor Space Redevelopment - project carried over to 2023/24.	144
9 Gannawarra Shire Children's Centre Outdoor Space Redevelopment - project carried over to 2023/24.	123
10 Koondrook To Kerang Rail Trail - Planning & Design - Project carried over to 2023/24.	397
11 Kangaroo Lake North End Stage 2 - Jetty Structure - project carried over to 2023/24.	178
12 Apex Park Bridge - fully funded project to replace Apex Park bridge.	522
13 Kervins Rd Bridge Replacement - fully funded project to replace Kervins Road bridge.	238

Balance Sheet
As at 31 December 2023

	2022/23	Year to Date	Projected Forecast To 30 June 2024
	\$000	\$000	\$000
Assets			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	16,071	18,516	12,857
Trade and other receivables	3,322	13,274	3,321
Financial assets	12,147	4,500	4,500
Inventories**	378	523	378
Other Assets	444	-	444
Total current assets	32,362	36,814	21,500
Non-current assets			
Property, infrastructure, plant and Investment Assets	277,721	276,347	295,575
	1,030	1,030	1,030
Total non-current assets	278,751	277,377	296,605
Total assets	311,112	314,190	318,105
Liabilities			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	2,507	99	2,507
Trust funds and deposits	430	1,380	430
Unearned Income	5,246	170	-
Provisions (CL)*	6,138	3,930	3,930
Interest-bearing loans and borrowings (CL)	102	52	53
Total current liabilities	14,423	5,631	6,921
Non-current liabilities			
Provisions (NCL)*	710	710	710
Interest-bearing loans and borrowings	53	53	-
Total non-current liabilities	763	764	710
Total liabilities	15,186	6,395	7,631
Net Assets	295,927	307,796	310,474
Equity			
Accumulated surplus	108,109	119,978	122,656
Reserves	187,818	187,818	187,818
Total Equity	295,927	307,796	310,474

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (\$000)

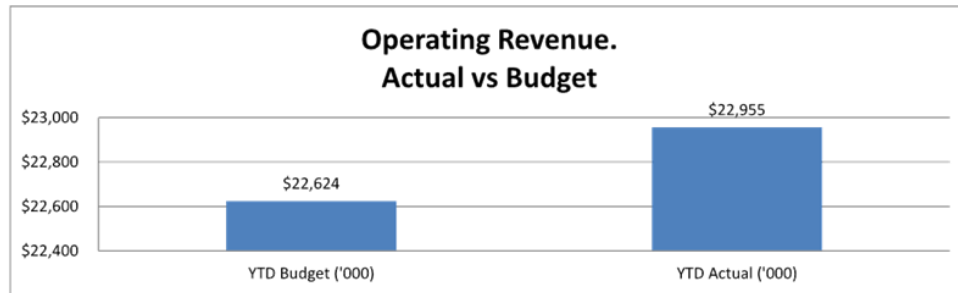
Description	2022/23	Year to Date	Projected Forecast To 30 June 2024
Cash Flows from Operating Activities			
Rates and charges	14,115	5,095	15,704
Statutory Fees and Fines	396	176	406
User Fees	2,956	1,744	3,204
Grants Operating	17,763	3,154	8,113
Grants Capital	2,634	831	13,523
Contributions monetary	37	32	45
Interest received	330	435	733
Trust funds and deposits taken	(129)	-	-
Other receipts	4,332	1,380	1,666
Net GST refund	(81)	525	3,188
Employee Costs	(17,537)	(10,268)	(17,395)
Materials & Services	(9,867)	(6,316)	(11,231)
Trust funds and deposits paid		964	-
Other Payments	(446)	(147)	(387)
Net Cash provided by operating activities	14,503	(2,394)	17,570
Cash Flows from Investing Activities			
Payment for property, infr. p&e	(5,955)	(2,994)	(28,668)
Proc. from sale property, infr. p&e	960	239	347
			-
Payment for investments	(7,937)	-	-
Proc. from sale of Investments	1,500	7,647	7,647
Net Cash used in Investing activities	(11,433)	4,892	(20,674)
Cash Flows from Financing Activities			
Proceeds from borrowings			-
Finance Costs	(13)	(2)	(8)
Loan Redemption	(95)	(50)	(101)
Net Cash used in Financing Activities	(108)	(52)	(110)
Net Increase / (Decrease) in Cash/ Invest.	2,961	2,446	(3,213)
Cash / Investments at beginning of year	13,110	16,071	16,071
Cash / Investments at end of financial period	16,071	18,517	12,858
Investments on Hand at Year end	12,147	4,500	4,500
Total Cash, cash equivalents and investments	28,218	23,017	17,357

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

	Year to Date		
	YTD Budget ('000)	YTD Actual ('000)	Variance ('000)
Total income	\$22,624	\$22,955	\$332
Total expenses	(\$17,708)	(\$16,410)	\$1,299
Underlying Surplus/(deficit)	\$4,916	\$6,546	\$1,630

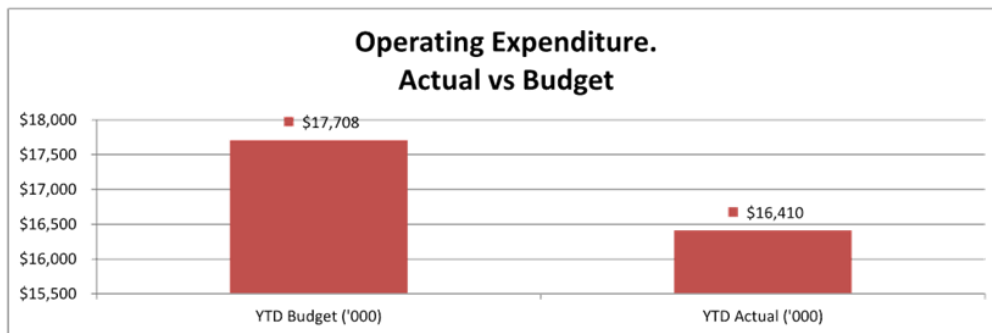
Abbreviations: YTD - Year to date EOY - End of year FY - Full year

Operating Revenue:



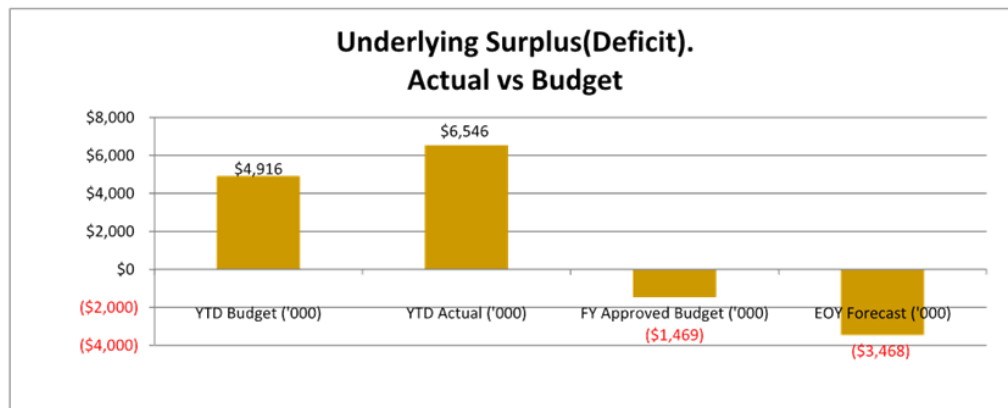
To date there is a YTD variance of \$0.332 million.

Operating Expenditure:



To date there is a YTD variance of \$1.299 million

Result from ordinary activities:

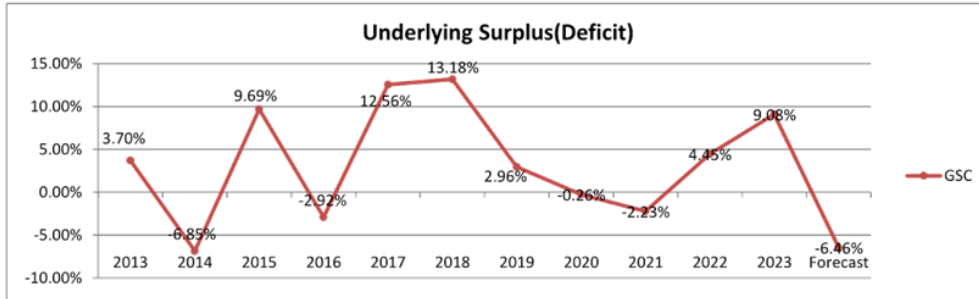


A year to date result has been achieved with a forecasted change on budget at 30 June 2023

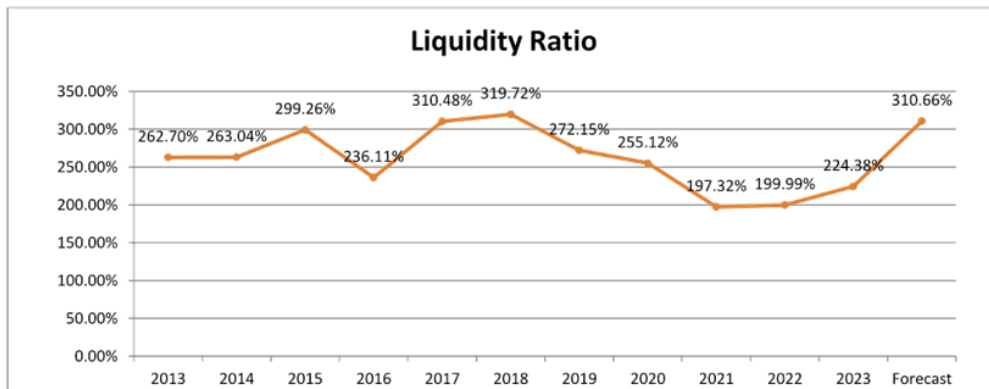
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Financial Ratios

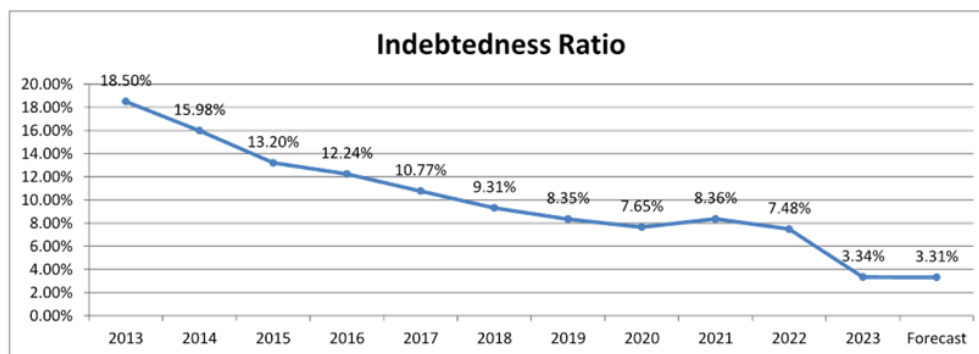
Financial Sustainability:



Underlying surplus(deficit): An indicator of the sustainable operating result required to enable Council to continue to provide core services and meet its objectives. The underlying result removes Non-Recurrent Capital grants from the surplus and reflects Council's ability to fund its operating expenditure out of all other operating income. A shift in the level of operating grants leads to a material change in the underlying result.



Liquidity ratio: Measures the level of Council's current assets to meet its current liabilities. A ratio higher than 100% indicates current assets being greater than current liabilities.



Indebtedness Ratio: Measures Council's non-current liabilities as a percentage of Council own source income.

7.2 2024 COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Author: Jodie Basile, Executive Assistant to CEO
Authoriser: Amanda Wilson, Director Corporate Services
Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the amended date for the November Council meeting as 27 November 2024.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In accordance with Council's Governance Rules, at or before the last meeting each calendar year, Council must fix the date, time, and place of all scheduled Council meetings for the following calendar year.

Subsequent to the adoption of the 2024 meeting schedule it was identified the November meeting would fall during a caretaker period and a deferred date should be considered by Council.

PURPOSE

To consider a change in date for the November 2024 scheduled meeting of Council due to the caretaker period for Local Government Elections.

DISCUSSION

At its meeting held 15 November 2023 Council adopted the calendar of 2024 scheduled meetings to be held on the third Wednesday of each month from February to December inclusive, with the exception of the June meeting which will be held on the fourth Wednesday as follows:

Month	Town	Month	Town
January – No Meeting		July – Wednesday 17 @ 6.00pm	Koondrook
February – Wednesday 21 @ 6.00pm	Kerang	August – Wednesday 21 @ 6.00pm	Kerang
March – Wednesday 20 @ 6.00pm	Kerang	September – Wednesday 18 @ 6:00pm	Kerang
April – Wednesday 17 @ 6.00pm	Cohuna	October – Wednesday 16 @ 6.00pm	Cohuna
May – Wednesday 15 @ 6:00pm	Kerang	November – Wednesday 20 @ 6:00pm	Kerang
June – Wednesday 26 @ 6:00pm	Kerang	December – Wednesday 18 @ 6:00pm	Kerang

It has since been identified that the adopted November meeting date will fall during the Caretaker period of Local Government elections. As such it is proposed that the meeting date be deferred one week to Wednesday 27 November, 2024.

For clarity the 2024 Council meeting dates would therefore be:

Month	Town	Month	Town
January – No Meeting		July – Wednesday 17 @ 6.00pm	Koondrook
February – Wednesday 21 @ 6.00pm	Kerang	August – Wednesday 21 @ 6.00pm	Kerang
March – Wednesday 20 @ 6.00pm	Kerang	September – Wednesday 18 @ 6:00pm	Kerang
April – Wednesday 17 @ 6.00pm	Cohuna	October – Wednesday 16 @ 6.00pm	Cohuna
May – Wednesday 15 @ 6:00pm	Kerang	November – Wednesday 27 @ 6:00pm	Kerang
June – Wednesday 26 @ 6:00pm	Kerang	December – Wednesday 18 @ 6:00pm	Kerang

OPTIONS

The November Council meeting if not altered would remain as 20 November 2024 and be within the caretaker period, thus restricting decision reports.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The officer preparing this report declares that they have no conflict of interest in regards to this matter.

7.3 CARE PARTNERSHIP STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT

Author: Narelle O'Donoghue, Manager Community Health

Authoriser: Paul Fernee, Director Community Wellbeing

Attachments: 1 CARE Statement of Commitment

RECOMMENDATION

That Council reaffirm Gannawarra Shire Council's commitment to the Women's Health Loddon Mallee Collective Action for Respect & Equality (CARE) Partnership.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has been an active member of the Loddon Mallee Collective Action for Respect and Equality (CARE) partnership since the partnership was first established in 2021. Women's Health Loddon Mallee has recently reviewed the CARE Partnership Statement of Commitment and are seeking Council's recommitment to the CARE partnership. Gender based violence continues to have a real impact on the lives of Gannawarra residents

PURPOSE

To provide Councillors with the opportunity to review the revised Women's Health Loddon Mallee Collective Action for Respect & Equality (CARE) Partnership Statement of Commitment.

ATTACHMENTS

CARE Partnership Statement of Commitment.

DISCUSSION

Council has been an active member of the Loddon Mallee Collective Action for Respect and Equality (CARE) partnership since the partnership was first established in 2021.

Across the Loddon Mallee region there are currently 25 CARE partner organisations. This includes health services, hospitals, educational organisations, accommodation and support program organisations, water authorities, and family violence services.

The local government areas of Buloke, Central Goldfields, Greater Bendigo, Loddon, Swan Hill, Mildura, Mount Alexander, Macedon Ranges and Gannawarra are also part of the Women's Health Loddon Mallee CARE partnership.

Women's Health Loddon Mallee has recently reviewed the CARE Partnership Statement of Commitment and met with Council's Chief Executive Officer and Director Community Wellbeing to discuss commitment to the revised document.

Women's Health Loddon Mallee is the regional women's health service for communities across north-west Victoria.

The purpose of the CARE Partnership is to grow and sustain a coordinated multi-sector approach for primary prevention of violence against women across the Loddon Mallee region.

There is no cost to being a CARE Partner organisation.

The CARE Partnership Statement of Commitment acknowledges that prevention of violence against women is a community issue, and everyone has a responsibility to help change the culture so that women are safe, respected, and equal.

Being a CARE Partnership organisation offers:

- The opportunity to contribute to and tune into regional collective action for primary prevention of violence against women;
- *Gender Equality Act* workshops and support;
- A demonstrated commitment to forwarding respect and gender equality in community- alignment between the regional CARE framework and Municipal Health and Wellbeing planning;
- Partner event opportunities for cross regional connection, learning, sharing and collaboration with others engaging in similar work;
- An invitation to join the regional Preventing Violence Against Women Community of Practice; and
- Priority access to resources and training.

The partnership initiatives since 2021 have included the 16 Days of Activism against Gender Based Violence (including the annual Gannawarra Goes Orange Campaign), CARE Conversation events, training and workshops, and the establishment of a community of practice.

Council's involvement in the CARE Partnership supports Council's Prevention of Family Violence Statement of Commitment and Gender Equality Action Plan.

Being part of the CARE Partnership and contributing to the initiatives of the partnership also helps support the requirement for Council's to take a leadership role in the prevention of family violence as required by the Royal Commission into Family Violence, 2015.

The Victorian Government accepted all 227 recommendations of the Royal Commission and committed to implementation as outlined in Ending Family Violence: Victoria's Plan for Change.

Recommendation 94 of the Royal Commission relates to local government, with the *Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008* amended following the Royal Commission to require councils to report on the measures the council proposes to take to reduce family violence and respond to the needs of victims in the community in preparing their municipal public health and wellbeing plans.

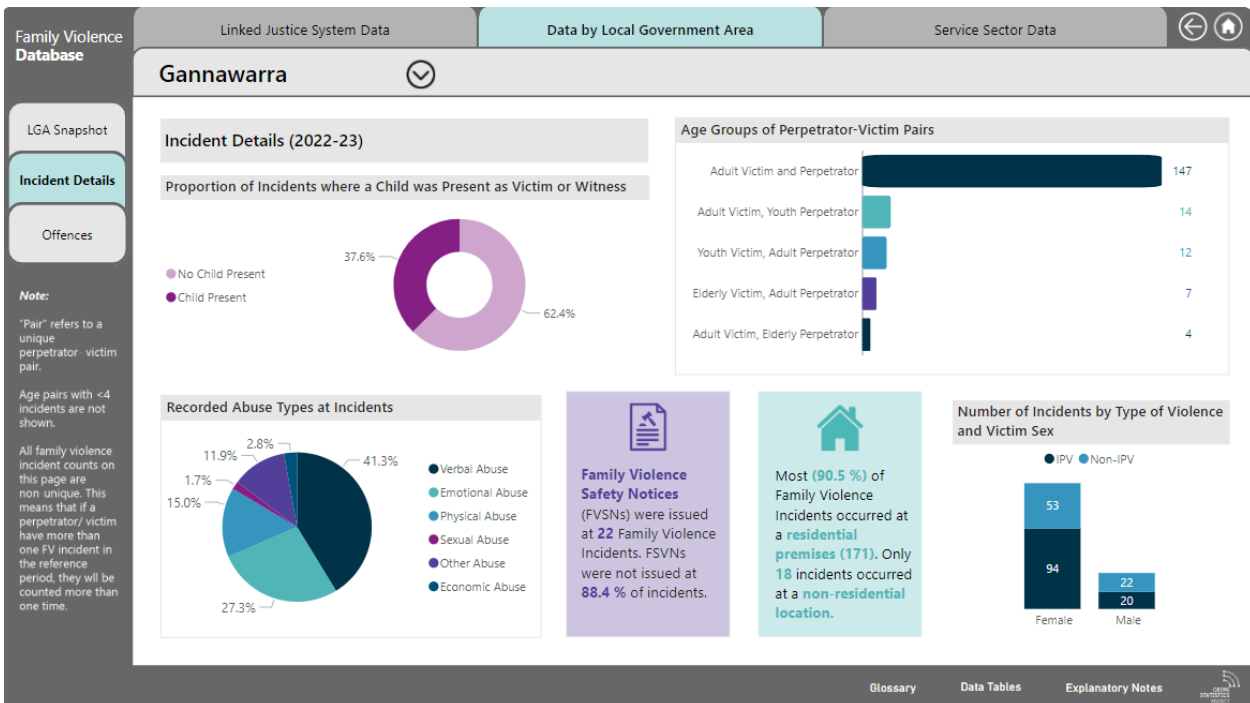
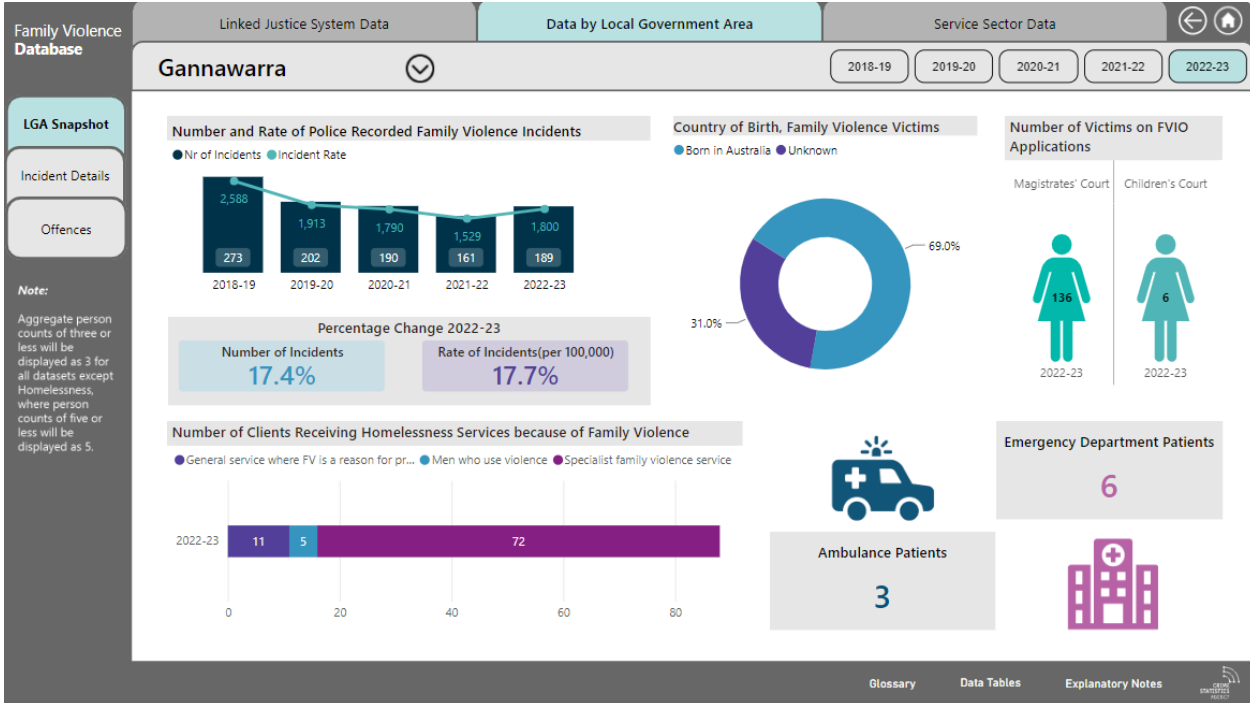
Furthermore, Council is required under the *Gender Equality Act 2020* to have and report publicly on a Gender Equality Action Plan. This was due on 20 February 2024. In addition, the *Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008* requires Council to work in partnership to improve health and wellbeing outcomes for the community.

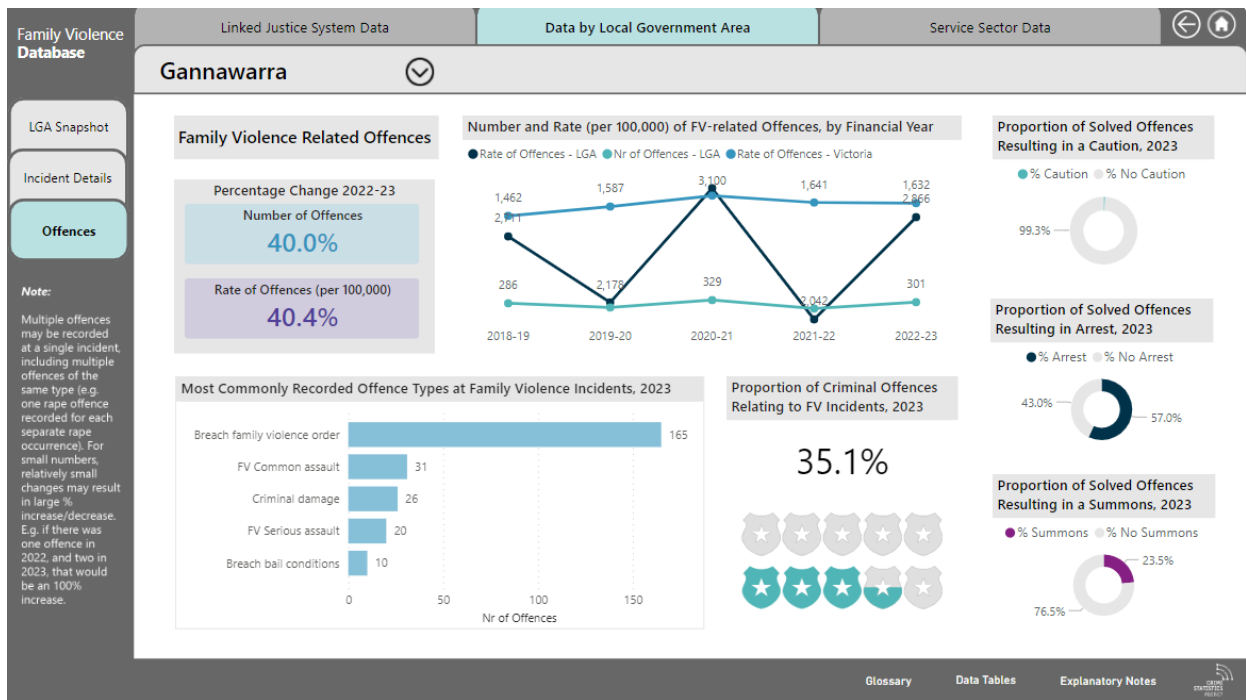
The Victorian Government and Municipal Association of Victoria worked together to develop an implementation guide for local government as part of Victoria's approach to ending family violence. The guide highlights how councils can proactively address family violence in local communities through their role in local leadership, planning, developing facilities and safe public environments, service provision, and as an employer and procurer.

Through regular access to specialist knowledge, training, newsletters, resources and support available through the Women's Health Loddon Mallee's CARE Partnership, Council and Council staff are able to build capacity and confidence to make changes required to create and encourage a more equal, safe, and inclusive community for all.

It is important for Council to continue to take a leadership role and to call-out gender-based violence and encourage a future where everyone is safe, respected, and equal.

Gender based violence continues to have a real impact on the lives of Gannawarra residents as it does across Australia and globally. For example, between July 2022 and June 2023 there were 189 reported incidents of family violence in Gannawarra, with close to 78 per cent of those affected by these violent incidents being female and often children and young people are involved.





***Data for Gannawarra Shire for year ending June 2023:**

<https://www.crimestatistics.vic.gov.au/crime-statistics/latest-crime-data-by-area>

Violence against women is preventable and being an active member of the Loddon Mallee CARE Partnership by re-signing to the Statement of Commitment as presented, can help encourage a community where all women are safe, respected, and equal.

RELEVANT LAW

Family Violence Protection Act 2008

Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008

Local Government Act 2020

Gender Equality Act 2020

RELATED COUNCIL DECISIONS

Council endorsed the *Preventing Family Violence - Statement of Commitment* at the October 2022 Council Meeting.

OPTIONS

It is recommended Council re-commit to the CARE partnership with Women’s Health Loddon Mallee.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

There has been no specific engagement with community on being a CARE partner, although Council has been strongly involved locally in the 16 Days of Activism against Gender Based Violence (including the annual Gannawarra Goes Orange Campaign) in which many community

members and groups have been actively involved in trying to prevent gender based violence in Gannawarra.

INNOVATION AND CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

Not Applicable.

COLLABORATION

The Loddon Mallee Collective Action for Respect and Equality (CARE) partnership is a collaboration of 25 different organisations including Local Government, health services, hospitals, educational organisations, accommodation and support program organisations, water authorities, and family violence services.

FINANCIAL VIABILITY

There is no cost to being a CARE partner.

REGIONAL, STATE AND NATIONAL PLANS AND POLICIES

Local Government Guide for Preventing Family Violence (Municipal Association of Victoria).

Ending Family Violence: Victoria's Plan for Change (Royal Commission into Family Violence)

COUNCIL PLANS AND POLICIES

Council Plan 2021-2025: Liveability – 1.1 Improve the health, safety, and wellbeing of our community through partnerships, services, and programs.

TRANSPARENCY OF COUNCIL DECISIONS

A decision on this report will be made in an open Council meeting.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The officer preparing this report declares they have no conflict of interest in regard to this matter.



CARE Partnership Statement of Commitment

[Organisation name here], commits to being an active member of the Loddon Mallee Collective Action for Respect and Equality (CARE) partnership.

The prevention of violence against women is everyone's business.

- We know we all have a role to play to help promote gender equality and prevent violence against women and that our organisation can take action to make a difference.
- We know by working together we can build safer, respectful communities for everyone in the Loddon Mallee region.
- We know that while all women can experience violence, discrimination and disadvantage, some women may experience it more often. We understand that this happens because of structural barriers and attitudes towards aboriginality, age, ability, sexuality, cultural identity, rurality, and social 'class'.
- We will create a workplace and community which promotes social justice, gender equality and respect for all women.
- We will be active members of the CARE Partnership and provide at least two key contacts from our organisation to promote this work with the support of Women's Health Loddon Mallee.
- We will complete a CARE Partner Organisation survey each year, provided by Women's Health Loddon Mallee.

[insert CEO name and signature]

Chief Executive Officer

For more information email
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whlm.org.au/care-framework



7.4 COUNCIL STORMWATER DRAINAGE REPORT

Author: Wade Williams, Director Infrastructure and Development

Authoriser: Wade Williams, Director Infrastructure and Development

Attachments: 1 Township Hotspots
2 Draft Project List

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the stormwater drainage report outlining the events of the December 2023/January 2024 period.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A series of recent storm events delivered 70 per cent of the region's annual rainfall during December 2023 and January 2024. This resulted in widespread urban inundation of road networks, with some residences and businesses impacted, and was declared an emergency event by the Federal Government.

Council budgets annually for capital drainage improvements, this is supplemented by an operational budget to carry out routine maintenance throughout its 71 km network Shire wide.

A number of opportunities for improvements have been identified and will form a program of works to alleviate urban flooding from storm events. Council Officers preparing this report have presented a list of projects to be incorporated into Council long term financial plan.

PURPOSE

To detail the events contributing to urban flooding throughout several townships within the municipality on 25 December 2023, 2 January 2024 and 7 January 2024, and provide background on maintenance programs, completed capital improvements, identified network issues and proposals for improvements to alleviate flooding issues.

ATTACHMENTS

Township Hotspots

Draft Project List

DISCUSSION

Three severe rainfall events experienced between 25 December 2023 and 7 January 2024 have delivered 70 per cent of the region's annual rainfall total. This considerably impacted Council's drainage network, in particular the network within the Kerang township, and was significant enough to be declared an emergency event by the Federal Government.

A six-hour power outage on 25 December resulted in all electric pumps being offline leaving a single diesel-powered pump in operation. This caused stormwater to inundate streets throughout Kerang and some houses to be impacted by flooding.

Like many other Councils, Gannawarra's older drainage infrastructure was installed prior to modern design standards being implemented and is influenced by a number of factors including pipe sizes, pipe grade and lack of suitable areas for large water detention basins.

Council staff monitor Kerang's 14-pump network whenever significant rainfall commences, with several having the ability to send alerts when faults arise. 13 of the pumps are electric and are controlled by level sensing devices which activate the pump when water levels within the system reach a set-point.

Maintenance cleaning of Council's 71 km drainage network is conducted each year in response to observed problems and customer inquiries. Expenditure for the last several years on pump maintenance and cleaning of underground pipes and storm water pits totals \$190,000.

Council has put significant resources towards upgrading storm water pumps throughout the municipality over a number of years. Since 2015 seven storm water pumps throughout the municipality have been upgraded to increase capacity at a cost of \$746,000. In this period total capital expenditure of \$2.532 million has been spent completing 15 storm water improvement projects.

Council officers have been collating data following these rain events to identify locations where improvements can possibly be implemented to reduce the impacts of future events. A draft list of projects has been developed to be incorporated into Council long term financial plan.

RELEVANT LAW

Local Government Act 2020 - 106 Service performance principles

RELATED COUNCIL DECISIONS

Adoption of Councils 2021 Climate Change Adaption Mitigation Strategy

OPTIONS

Not applicable.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

Climate change can increase the frequency of severe rainfall events. Continuation of Council's annual drainage budgets will allow continued implementation of improvements to the drainage network, to enable an increased level of service to be provided to mitigate risks associated with these storm events.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Senior Council staff and councillors attended a community meeting in Kerang on 22 January 2024 to discuss issues raised by the community.

Council officers have been liaising with emergency services to identify flooding hot spots to inform the draft project plan.

INNOVATION AND CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

Council will utilise specialist consultants to assist with identifying and designing innovative improvements to the drainage networks. Council staff will continue to monitor network performance in seeking to improve service delivery.

COLLABORATION

Not applicable.

FINANCIAL VIABILITY

Implementation of the draft plan will require ongoing capital funding to enable projects to be completed. Installation of new infrastructure will result in an increase in Council's yearly allocation of funding towards depreciation.

Continuation of funding through the operational budget is necessary to maintain the existing infrastructure.

REGIONAL, STATE AND NATIONAL PLANS AND POLICIES

Not applicable.

COUNCIL PLANS AND POLICIES

Council Plan 2021-2025: Liveability – 1.1 Improve the health, safety, and wellbeing of our community through partnerships, services, and programs.

Drainage Asset Management Plan (2011)

Gannawarra Asset Plan 2022-2032

Climate Change Adaption Mitigation Strategy (2021)

TRANSPARENCY OF COUNCIL DECISIONS

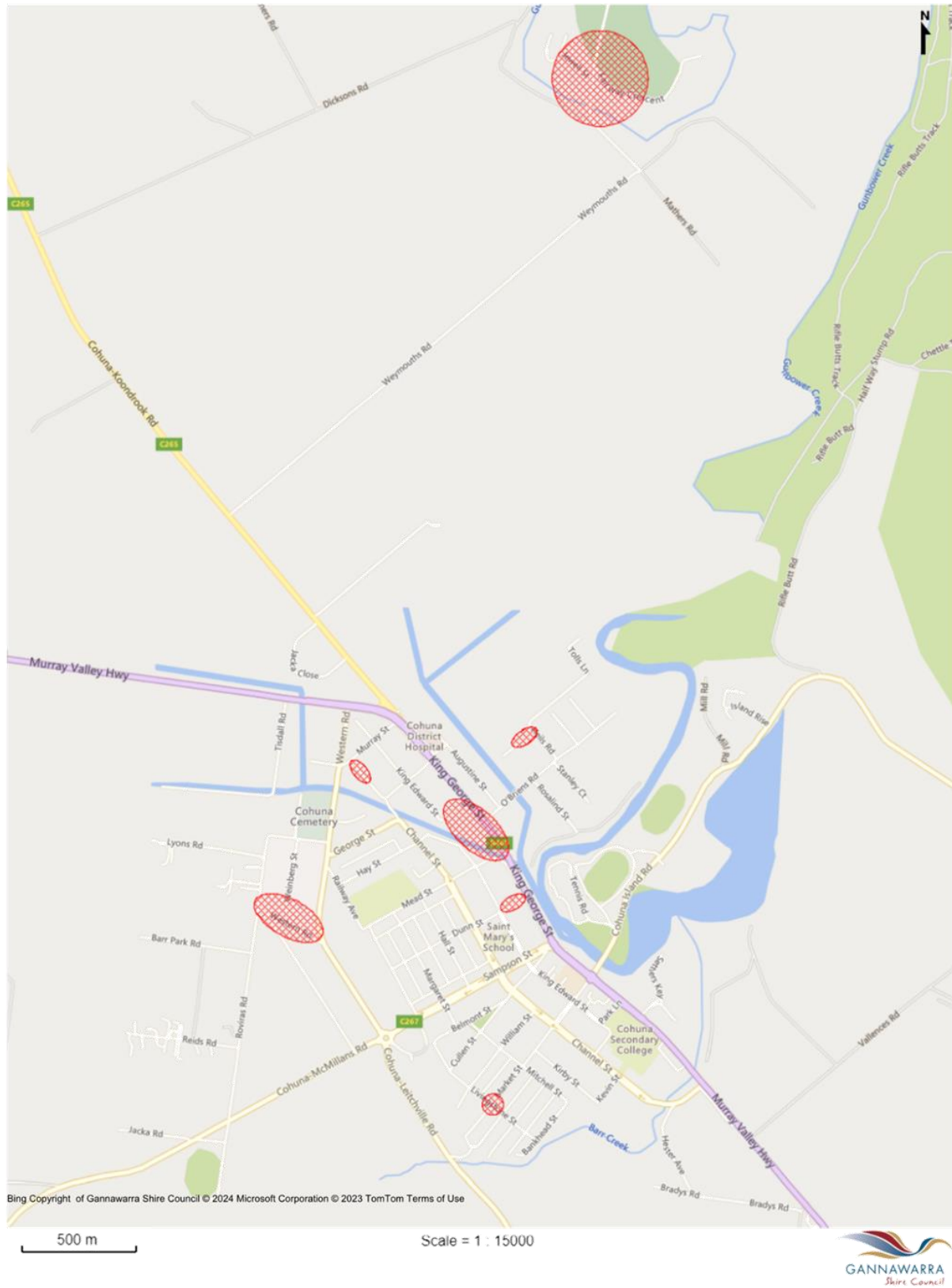
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CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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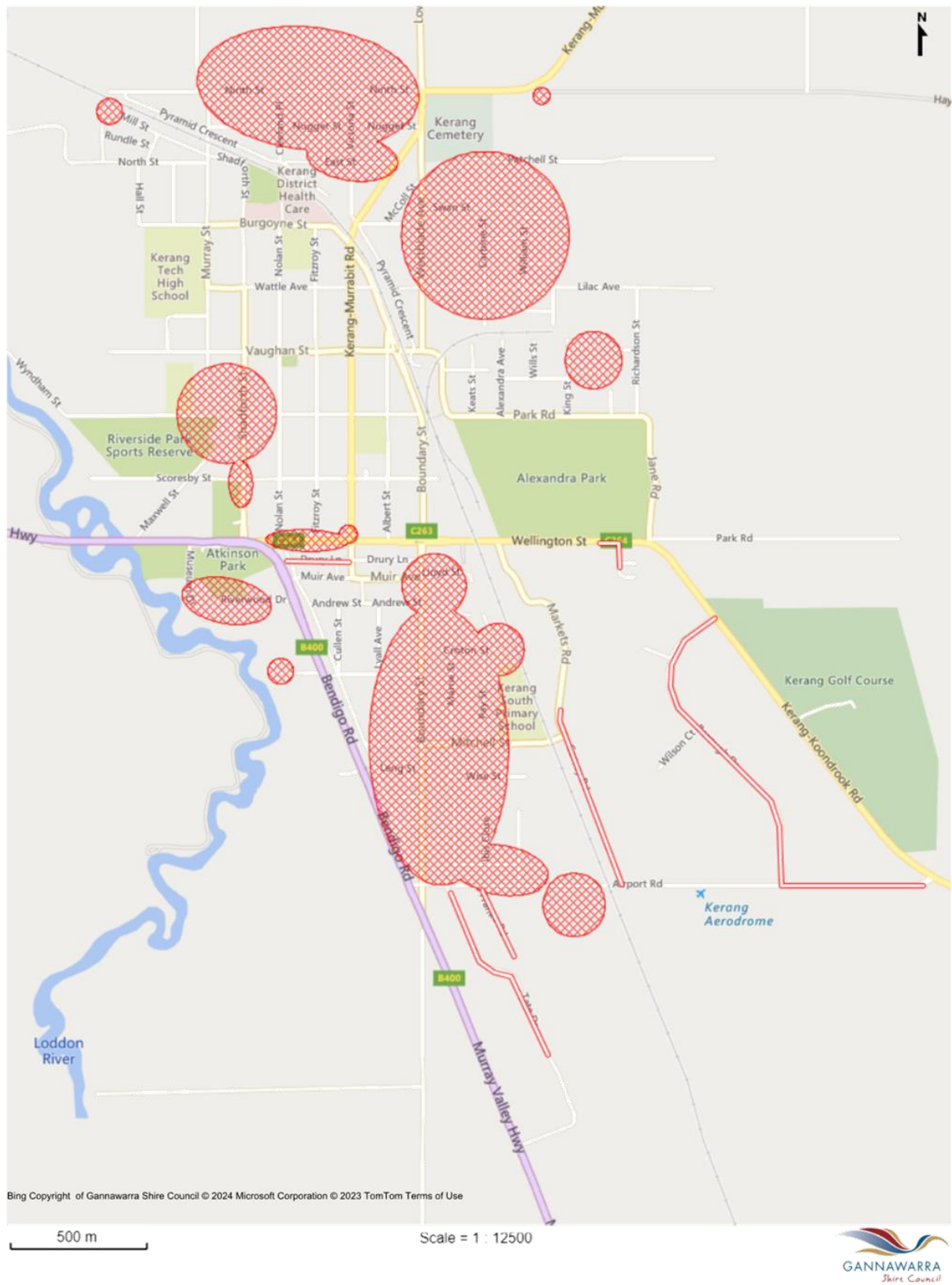
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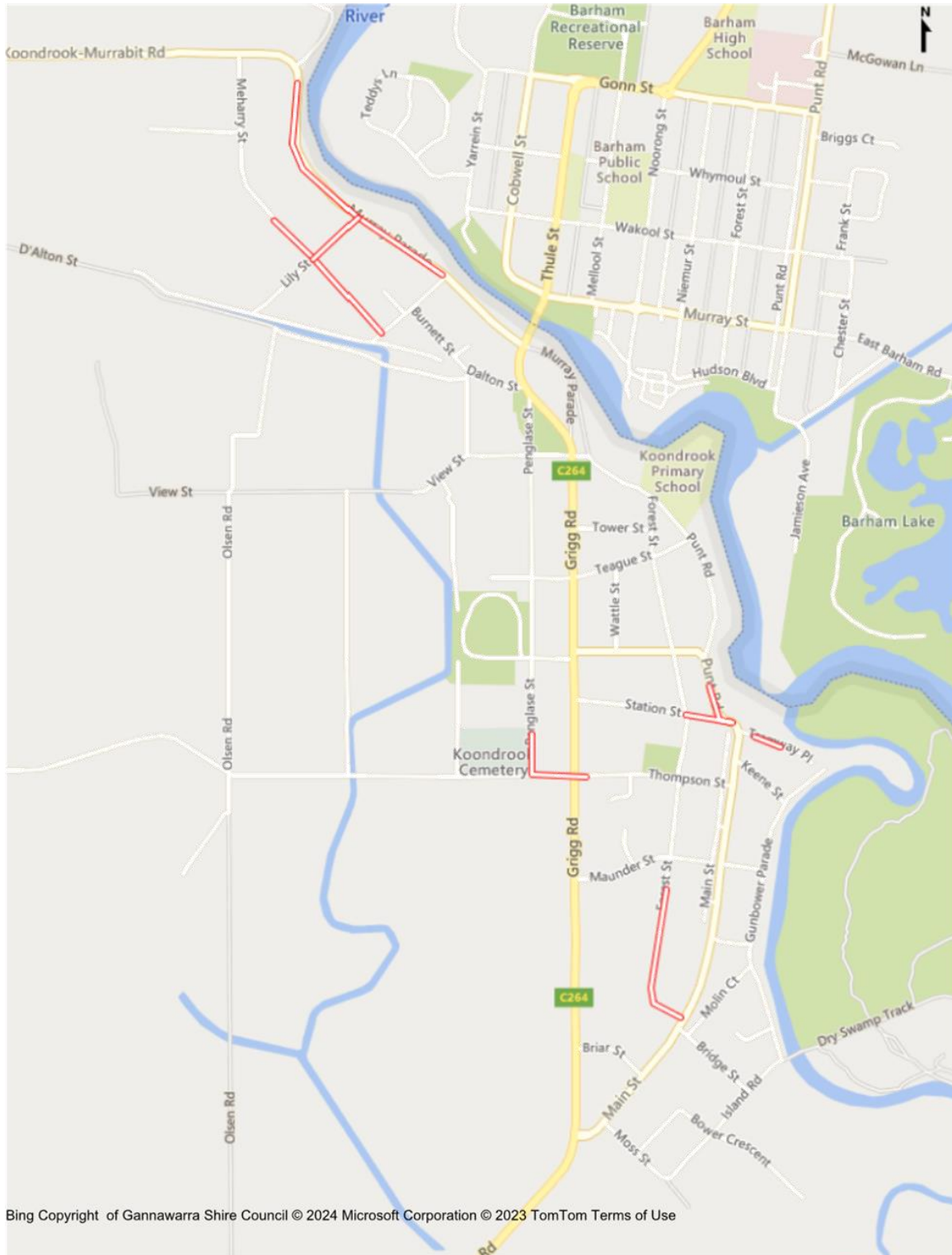
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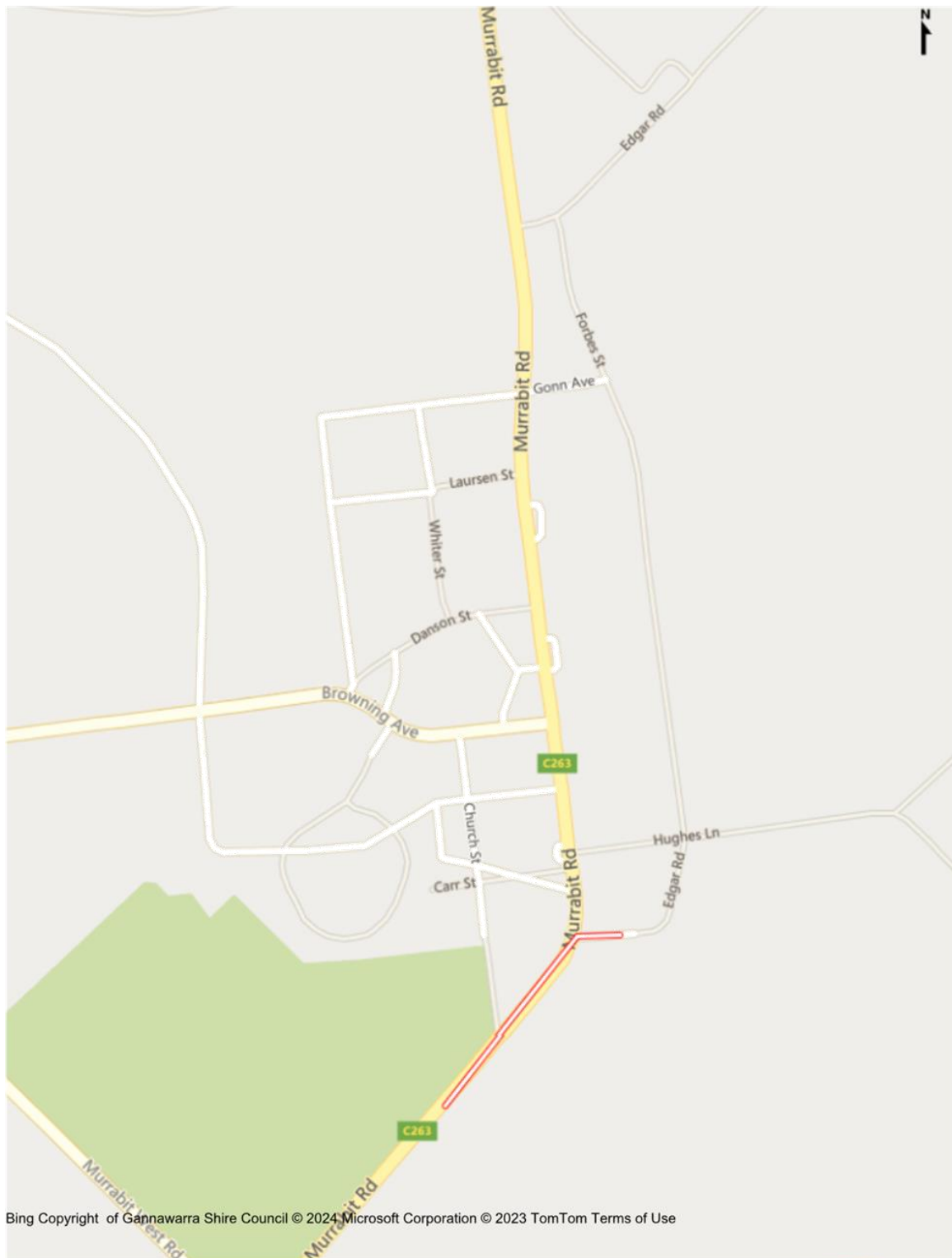
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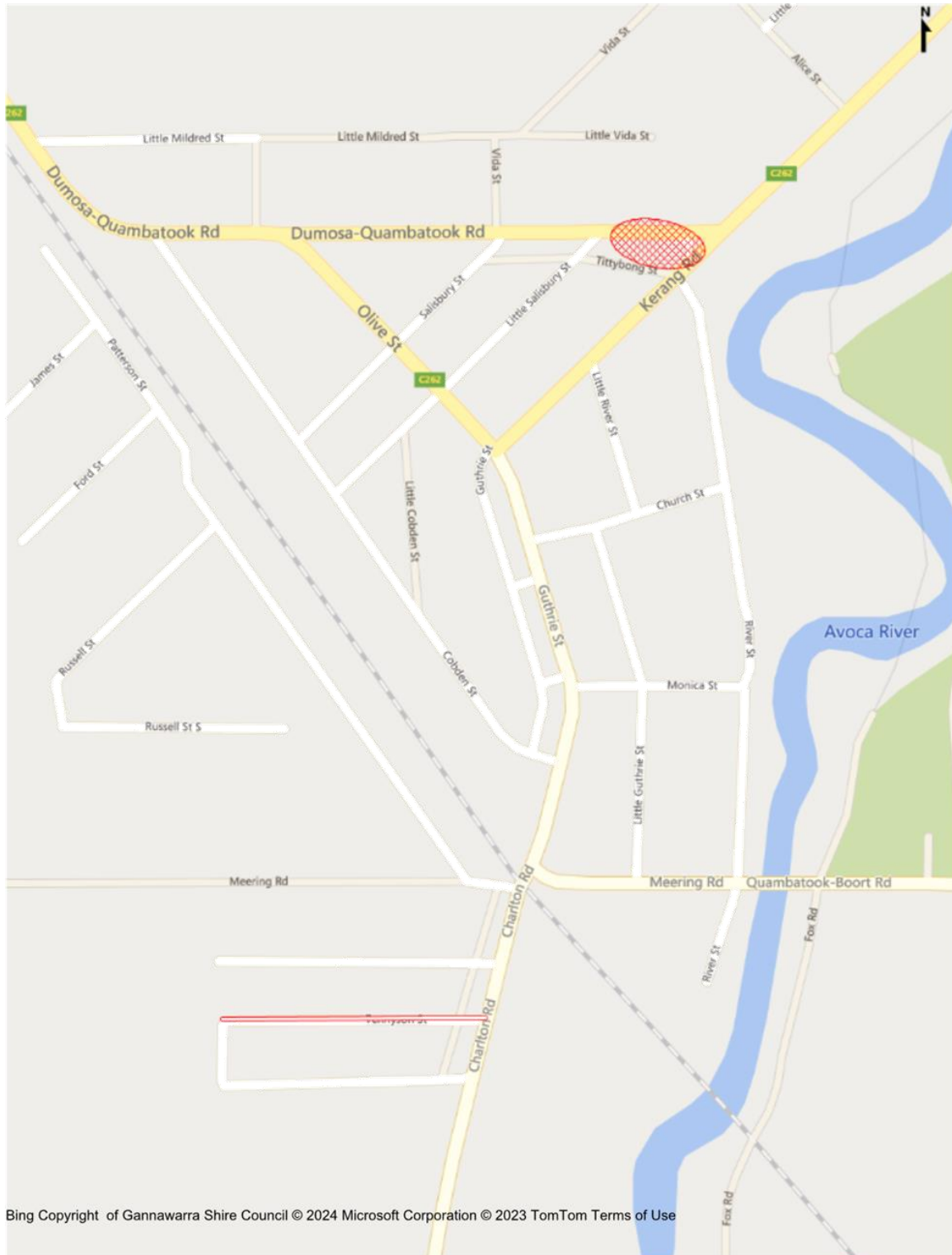
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Town	Location	Task
Cohuna	Golf Links Estate	Install drainage pump and clean drains
Cohuna	King George St	Investigate drainage and pump at Grey's Bridge to Gunbower Ck
Cohuna	King George St	Investigate underground drainage from Grey's Bridge to hospital
Cohuna	Weinburg St	Investigate installing a pump
Cohuna	Western Rd reserve	Raise pit lid and clear pipe
Cohuna		Liaise with GMW about cleaning Barr Creek
Cohuna		Liaise with GMW about cleaning drain from Tolls Road
Kerang	Airport Rd/Borough Drive	Survey and reform drains
Kerang	Airport Rd/Borough Drive	Consider larger drains along Airport Rd from Borough Drive
Kerang	Airport Rd/Borough Drive	Consider extra culvert @ Airport Rd/Borough Dr intersection
Kerang	Airport Rd/Borough Drive	Consider diverting excess water onto aerodrome site
Kerang	Brolga St	Investigate to connect Red Gum Dve to Boundary St to avoid setting up a temporary pump.
Kerang	Croton Street	Install new drainage
Kerang	Croton Street	Check levels of open drain alongside railway line
Kerang	Dunlop St	Investigate joining to Murphy St and increasing pump capacity
Kerang	Franke Rd	Design drainage
Kerang	Garvey Rd	Investigate roadside drainage
Kerang	Greenwood St	Investigate possibility of detention basin on railway land
Kerang	Hayman Lane	Consider 2nd pump and power upgrade
Kerang	Leng Street	Investigate overflow pipe to GMW drain
Kerang	Leng Street	Investigate increasing the size of penstock valve or pump installation
Kerang	Mill St	Investigate improvements (pipe back to main line)
Kerang	Mokana St	Consider upgrade to overflow pipe into railway dam (check options for pumping out dam)
Kerang	Ninth St	Investigate pump at Murray St intersection
Kerang	Redgum Drive	Increase pump & pipe when upgrading Airport Road
Kerang	Redgum Drive	Investigate gravity overflow pipe
Kerang	Sherwood Dve	Investigate underground drainage
Kerang	Tate Drive	Investigate upgrade pumps to increase capacity and discharge directly to MVH drain
Kerang	Tate Drive	Investigate detention basin in reserve
Kerang	Various	Investigate connections for portable generators
Kerang	Wyndham Street	Investigate installation of permanent generator
Kerang	Wyndham Street	Consider replacing diesel pump with electric submersible (after generator)
Kerang	Wyndham Street	Consider upgrades to pump shed, new switch board and gantries.
Kerang		Purchase 150-200mm trailer mounted portable pumps
Koondrook	Briar St	Pump dam into main system or directly to Gunbower Ck
Koondrook	Caravan Pk	Road and drainage upgrade Stage 2
Koondrook	Forest St	Install drainage
Koondrook	Lily St/Meharry St/Murray Pde	Install drainage
Koondrook	Tramway Pl	Investigate drainage in front of motel
Murrabit	Kerang Rd	Drainage from golf course under road and to Edgar Rd. Possible underground past houses.
Quambatook	Mildred St	Investigate drainage
Quambatook	Tennison St	Investigate drainage

8 URGENT BUSINESS

9 NOTICES OF MOTION

9.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - VCAT V ORR'S ROAD PIGGERY

Author: Councillor Keith Link

Authoriser: Geoff Rollinson, Chief Executive Officer

Attachments: Nil

I, Councillor Keith Link, give notice that at the next Meeting of Council being held on 21 February 2024, I intend to move the following motion:

MOTION

That Council write to VCAT to voice Council's disappointment with the time taken to make a decision on the 'Orr's Road Free Range Piggery' hearing which will now not proceed.

RATIONALE

I believe that the process through VCAT concerning the Orr's Road Piggery has taken far too long to determine an outcome and is deemed unacceptable. Delays like this cause many issues including:

1. Unnecessary mental anguish, anxiety, and severe financial stress to those on BOTH sides of the issue.
2. Long delays which inhibit the success of the small business and also inhibit the farmer from the 'Basic Right to Farm' and only encourages objectors to lodge frivolous objections as a means of forcing proponents of the development to walk away from their projects. Projects of which will bring dollars into small rural communities who are already struggling.
3. The proponents who are being challenged by the VCAT process to leave their business because of these long delays in waiting for a determination.

The reason we call farmers "The PRIMARY Producers" is because they sit at the bottom of the financial pyramid and support all those above them.

I commend this Notice of Motion to Council.

10 QUESTION TIME

Question Time provides an opportunity for members of the public to submit questions, in advance, to gain a response at the Council meeting.

QUESTIONS FROM THE GALLERY

Completed Question Time forms must be submitted to the Chief Executive Officer via email council@gsc.vic.gov.au no later than 8:30am on the day prior to the Council meeting.

A maximum number of two questions may be submitted in writing by any one person.

Questions will be read by the Mayor or Chief Executive Officer.

The Mayor or Chief Executive Officer may indicate that they require further time to research an answer. In this case, an answer will be provided in writing generally within ten (10) business days.

Questions will be answered at the meeting, or later in writing, unless the Mayor or Chief Executive Officer has determined that the relevant question seeks confidential information defined in Section 3 of the *Local Government Act 2020* such as:

- Council business information
- security information
- land use planning information
- law enforcement information
- legal privileged information
- personal information
- private commercial information
- confidential meeting information
- internal arbitration information
- Councillor Conduct Panel confidential information
- an issue outside the Gannawarra Shire Council core business

or if the question is:

- defamatory, indecent, abusive or objectionable in language or substance
- repetitive of a question already answered (whether at the same or an earlier meeting)
- asked to embarrass a Councillor or Council officer.

No debate or discussion of questions or answers shall be permitted and all questions and answers shall be as brief as possible.

11 DELEGATES REPORTS

11.1 DELEGATES REPORTS

Author: Jodie Basile, Executive Assistant to CEO

Authoriser: Geoff Rollinson, Chief Executive Officer

Attachments: Nil

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has memberships with peak Local Government associations, local and regional forums, along with statutory committees. Some memberships require that a Councillor be appointed to act as a delegates to formally represent Council, typically in a voting capacity.

This Agenda item provides an opportunity for Council appointed delegates to present a verbal update on any pertinent matters arising from Council's membership with the following associations.

COUNCILLOR COMMITTEES 2024	
COMMITTEE	COUNCILLOR
Murray River Group of Councils (MRGC)	Cr Ross Stanton, Mayor
Loddon Campaspe Group of Councils	Cr Ross Stanton, Mayor
Community Halls Community Asset Committee	Cr Kelvin Burt
Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV)	Cr Travis Collier
Municipal Fire Management Planning Committee (MFMPC)	Cr Keith Link
Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee (MEMPC)	Cr Keith Link
Transport Committee Role including Rail Freight Alliance and Road Transport	Cr Keith Link
Central Victorian Greenhouse Alliance (CVGA)	Cr Jane Ogden
Audit and Risk Committee (x 2)	Cr Charlie Gillingham Cr Garner Smith
Rural Councils Victoria	Cr Garner Smith
Timber Towns Victoria	Cr Garner Smith

12 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Nil