



WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL
DRAFT DELIVERY PROGRAM:2024/2025
DRAFT OPERATIONAL PLAN: 2024/2025

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- Budget Estimates
- Long Term Financial Plan
- Statement of Revenue Policy
- Fees and Charges 2024/25

Timetable and Submissions

The following is the proposed timetable for consideration, exhibition and adoption of the document:

Tuesday	28 May 2024	Present the Draft 2024/25 Operational Plan and Budget to Council
Wednesday	29 May 2024	Advertise the Draft 2024/25 Operational Plan and Budget for public comment
Tuesday	25 June 2024	Final day for public comment
Friday	29 June 2024	Adoption of the 2024/25 Operational Plan and Budget by Council.

All residents and stakeholders are invited to submit feedback on or before 4pm Wednesday 19 June 2024. Feedback should be addressed to the General Manager.

Email: admin@walgett.nsw.gov.au

Post: PO Box 31, Walgett, NSW, 2832

In-person: Written submissions can also be provided in-person to Council's Administration Buildings located at:

Walgett: 77 Fox St

Lightning Ridge: 35 Pandora St

Collarenebri: 6 Wilson St

Copies of the Walgett Shire Council Draft 2024/25 Operational Plan and Budget are available to view at the above locations as well as the Council's libraries and Council's website: www.walgett.nsw.gov.au

For further information, please contact Council's General Manager on 02 68286100.

OUR COMMUNITY WANTS:

Town beautification	Support & promote tourist attractions
RV friendly towns	Enhanced options for people with disabilities
Quality water supply	Waste management/recycling
Sustainable river & catchment management	Environmental Sustainability
More employment opportunities	National promotion of local industries
Youth & Community facilities	Transport options
Increased tree planting	Improved footpaths, kerb & guttering
Improved disability access to facilities	Enhanced responsiveness to Community issues
Enhanced communication	Law & Order
Improved WSC website	Crime Prevention
Enhanced sporting facilities & public amenities	Roads- improved maintenance & enhancement
Aged care and facilities	Enhanced dissemination of information

INTRODUCTION

The Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP & R) framework requires an Operational Plan for 2024/2025.

This document is part of the following suite of documents and should not be read in isolation;

- Community Strategic Plan “Walgett Shire Community Strategic Plan 2017 - 2027”;
- 4-year Delivery Program;
- Annual Operational Plan & Estimates;
- Long Term Financial Plan; and
- Workforce Plan 2022/23 – 2024/24.

The Operational Plan outlines the major activities Council will undertake across the full range of Council's operations for the 2024/2025 financial year. These activities directly address the objectives and strategies outlined in Council's Delivery Program and through the Community Strategic Plan.

The Operational Plan deals with the actions and tasks where Council has a role to play and identifies what we plan to do over the 2022/2023 financial year. The Plan also shows how we will measure progress and identifies the sectional responsibility for completing the action.

The annual financial information forming part of this plan, outlines the Annual Budget, Revenue Policy, Fees and Charges and other financial information. This financial information relates to both the Delivery Program and Operational Plan.

The Operational Plan

One of the important requirements of both the Delivery Program and the Operational Plan is to identify who will be responsible within the Council for completing the various projects or activities. This gives a clear picture of expectations, accountabilities and timeframes.

Integrating the plans

It is important to remember that the Delivery Program is part of a larger process – the Community Strategic Plan sets the communities agenda for the future, the Resourcing Strategy identifies matters that are within the Council’s realm of responsibility and the Delivery Program and Operational Plan spell out the Council’s plan of action for responding to these matters.

The strategies identified in the Community Strategic Plan have been carried through to the Delivery Program and the actions identified in the Delivery Program have been carried through to the Operational Plan. The diagram that follows shows how the various levels of the planning framework connect.

The Integrated Planning Model consist of a ‘three tier’ hierarchy of plans; a Community Strategic Plan, a Delivery Program and an Operational Plan (see diagram below).

Community Strategic Plan

The Walgett Community Strategic Plan (CSP) records the identified needs and aspirations of the community, as communicated to the Council through the community consultation process. The plan identifies strategic objectives and strategies for achieving these under each of the following themes:

Community
Economic Development
Governance and Civil Leadership
Sustainable Living
Infrastructure

Delivery Program

The Delivery Program is normally aligned to the Council four (4) year term of office, however because of the postponed 2020 general election the Delivery Program is three (3) years 2022/23 to 2024/25.

A public consultation process was undertaken following the 2021 Council election to review the CSP. The revised CSP informs the development of a new three (3) year Delivery Program. It details the direction Council will undertake over a three (3) year period towards achieving the objectives and strategies across the five (5) themes in the Community Strategic Plan.

The Delivery Program:

- Addresses the objectives and strategies of the Community Strategic Plan and identifies specific actions Council will undertake to achieve this.
- Informs, and is informed by, the Resourcing Strategy
- Addresses the scope of Council’s operations
- Allocates responsibilities for each action or set of actions
- Includes budget items for the three (3) year period and the Operational Plan 2022/2023

- Includes a method of assessment to determine the effectiveness of each activity, detailed in the Delivery Program, in achieving the strategy at which the action is directed.

Council reviews its Delivery Program each year when preparing the annual Operational Plan. Progress reports are provided to Council, with respect to activities detailed in the Delivery Program, at six (6) monthly intervals.

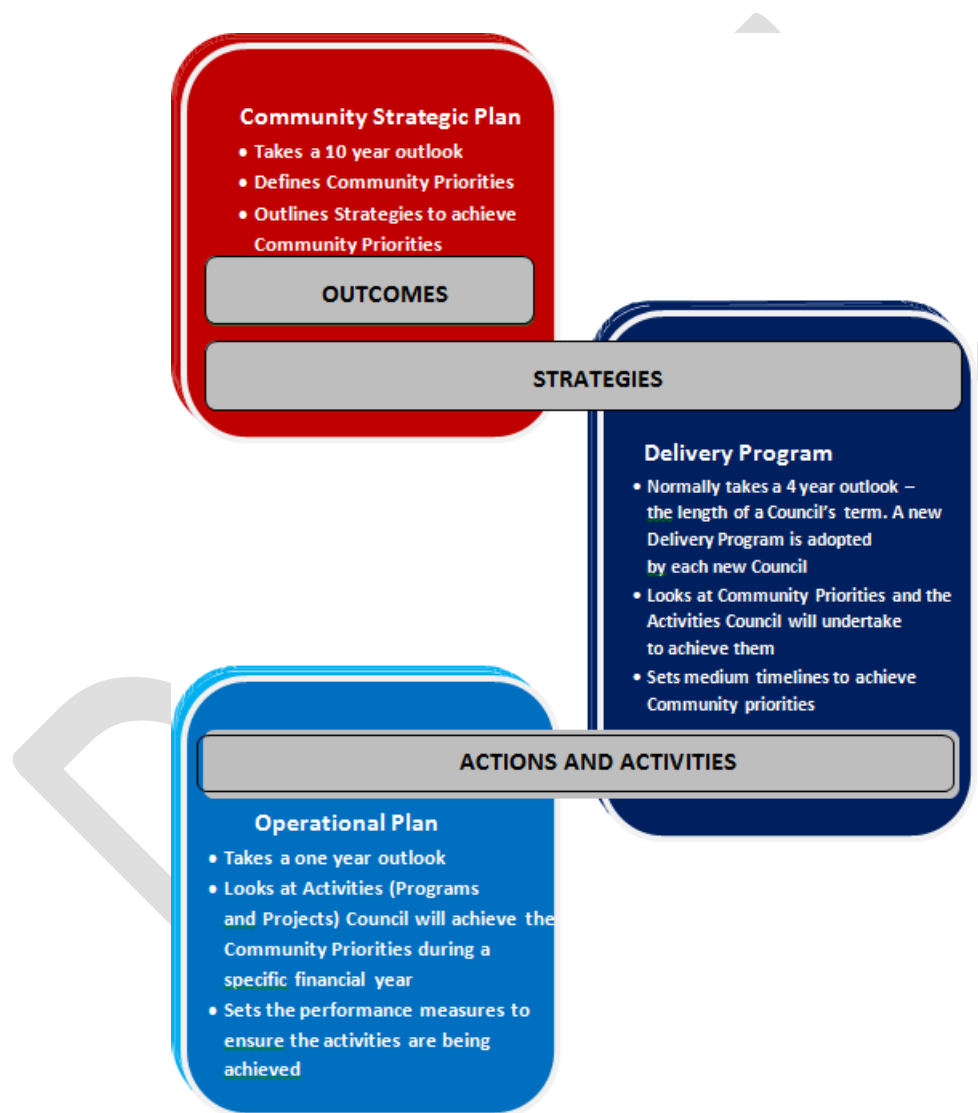
Operational Plan

The Operational Plan is a sub-plan of the Delivery Program. It directly addresses the strategies outlined in the Delivery Program and identifies actions, programs and activities which Council proposes to undertake within the current financial year. The Operational Plan also allocates responsibilities for each action or set of actions and identifies measures for determining the effectiveness of the activities undertaken. It is supported by a detailed Budget, Long Term Financial Plan and Statement of Revenue Policy.

This document combines both the Delivery Program and Operational Plan.

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How the Community Strategic Plan, Delivery Program and Operational Plan relate to each other



The Operational Plan has been developed to highlight who in Council does what activity and to identify the activities to be undertaken in the 2024/2025 financial year.

The Operational Plan is broken into Divisional/Departments and where possible to individual managers.

Council works as a team from the Councillors to the General Manager and Divisional/Department Managers through to all other staff. We are outcome focused and try to ensure that our work improves the community we live in.

The Operational Plan is the link back to the Delivery Program and the Community Strategic Plan for reporting of our actions and outcomes. The Operational Plan is also linked to the Long Term Financial Plan with respect to the 2024/25 financial year budgetary requirements.

Council receives a report each half year from the General Manager to advise of the outcomes being achieved at a Delivery Program level (four-year program).

This process allows the Council and the community to determine the service outcomes and to look at the budget process against the actions in the Operational Plan.

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Annual Budget – Capital Works 2024/25

Under the IP & R process, Council prepares a rolling Long Term Financial Plan. From this Plan, Council prepares a single year financial plan to identify its day to day operational needs and to determine future capital and maintenance works across all the service areas of Council.

The 2024/2025 estimates have identified the following Capital Works to be undertaken:

Project	\$
Lightning Ridge Oval Cottage	\$ 60,000
Grawin Reserve - Dump Point	\$ 100,000
Carinda Artesian Hot Springs	\$ 50,000
Lightning Ridge Community Space Wi Fi (MPC and HACCC)	\$ 40,000

Corp	\$
Swimming Pool - Walgett (redevelopment plans)	\$ 300,000
Link path - Collarenebri Primitive Camp to Bridge	\$ 50,000
Main Street Beautification Program - Collarenebri	\$ 102,500
Walgett Multipurpose Sports Complex	\$ 1,500,000
Sportsgrounds - Carinda - Fencing	\$ 200,000
Sportsgrounds - Carinda - Water & Drainage	\$ 180,000
Administration Building - Walgett	\$ 100,000
Tracker Walford Walkway - Walgett	\$ 95,661
Parks Grawin, CBC, Cumborah - Electric BBQ	\$ 50,000

Env	\$
Cemetery Planning and Consultation	\$ 60,000
Cumborah - Cemetery	\$ 15,000

Waste	\$
Grawin & Sheepyards Water depots - Perimeter fencing	\$ 94,525
Walgett Landfill Environmental Improvements	\$ 200,000

Regional Road Renewals	\$ 450,000
Reg Rds Rural Sealed Reseal	\$ 500,000

Reconstruct - RR426 Ridge Road	\$ 100,000
RR7716 Come by Chance Rd Upgrade 52 km	\$ 13,300,000
Upgrade RR457 Gundabloui Rd	\$ 55,000
RR333 Cumberdoon Way H/Patch & Reseal	\$ 108,000

<u>Local Road Renewals</u>	
FLR - Cryon Road, Rowena	\$ 2,000,000
Footpaths - Walgett	\$ 150,000
Footpath - Lightning Ridge Pandora Street	\$ 181,322
Grant - R2R Work in Progress	\$ 1,200,615
Drainage and sealing Works - Walgett Fox St	\$ 100,000
Rowena Drainage	\$ 375,000
Carinda - Hare St road rehabilitation	\$ 150,000
Footpath - Lightning Ridge Onyx St	\$ 228,000
Reseals - Bugilbone Road	\$ 122,615
Upgrade - Aberfoyle Road between sealed	\$ 150,000
Kerb & Gutter - Collarenebri	\$ 200,000
FLR SR98 Lorne Road - Reconstruct & Seal	\$ 250,000
Opal Street Footpath - Lightning Ridge	\$ 210,000
Drainage - Converting open drains, spoon	\$ 100,000
SR Unsealed - Bridge Approach Sealing	\$ 30,000
Local Roads - School Bus Route Resheeting	\$ 400,000
FLR - Pothole Program	\$ 400,000
Regional and Local Roads Repair Program	\$ 4,308,000
Meadow Plains Road Drainage, Sealing and Earthworks	\$ 250,000

<u>Miscellaneous Works</u>	
Hall - Carinda	\$ 15,000
Collarenebri Primitive Camping Grounds	\$ 249,955
GENERAL FUND (incl Waste)	

<u>Walgett Water</u>	
Water System Assets (Walgett)	\$ 166,000
Water Security Walgett (weir)	\$ 162,284
<u>Lightning Ridge Water</u>	
Cooling System - Lightning Ridge Water	\$ 700,000
Bore 1 - Pipe Replacement LR Water	\$ 2,600,000
Water Assets WIP LR	\$ 166,000
<u>Collarenebri Water</u>	
Collarenebri Replacement of Membranes water	\$ 100,000
Water System Assets - Collarenebri	\$ 166,000
<u>Village Water</u>	
Village capital - water	\$ 100,000
WATER	
<u>Walgett Sewer</u>	
Sewer Mains Replace or Reline Program Walgett	\$ 200,000
Sewer Equipment and Machinery Shed Walgett	\$ 25,000
<u>Lightning Ridge Sewer</u>	
Sewer Mains Replacement LR	\$ 200,000
<u>Collarenebri</u>	
Sewer Mains Replace or Reline Program Collarenebri	\$ 200,000
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\$ 33,566,477

Council has also considered the use of grant funding to help develop new projects and to assist in the cost-effective delivery of projects and maintenance across all areas of its operation. To this end, Council commits to working with community to identify priorities through our community planning process, develop scopes and seek funding as grant programs become available.

Operational Plans Actions

The Operational Plan Actions are addressed under the following categories:

1. Community (coloured Blue)
2. Economic (coloured Yellow)
3. Governance and Civic (coloured Orange)
4. Sustainable Living (coloured Green)
5. Infrastructure (coloured Grey)

Each of these categories outlines a summary of the community views as outlined in the Community Strategic Plan.

Responsible Officer/Department

GM	General Manager
DPPC	Director People Place and Community
MPPS	Manager Property & Public Spaces
MCE	Manager Community Engagement
MComp	Manager Compliance
ED&VEM	Economic Development & Visitor Economy Manager
MCCCS	Manager Community, Customers & Cultural Services
EMHR	Executive Manager Human Resources
DICS	Director Infrastructure and Compliance Services
MRI	Manager Roads Infrastructure
MGov	Manager of Governance & Integrity
MWSW	Manager Water, Sewer & Waste Services

Community

GOAL: Develop a connected, informed, resilient and inviting community

CSP REF	STRATEGY	ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY	22/23	23/24	24/25
1.1.1	Support and initiate a range of local activities and projects that build community connections for all age sectors	Develop a community consultation framework	GM	✓	✓	✓
		Provide Sec 356 Donations and subsidies				
		Develop projects in conjunction with community organisations	MCE			
1.1.2	Provide vibrant and welcoming town centres, streets and meeting places	Liaise with volunteers and other community groups to assist in maintenance of parks and gardens	DPPC	✓	✓	✓
1.1.3	Embellish our community with parks, paths, cycleways, facilities, and meeting places	Implement the active transport plan Progressively review and upgrade community halls and swimming pools	DPPC MPPS	✓	✓	✓
1.1.4	Respect the heritage of the region and highlight and enhance our unique characteristics	Continue to implement the recommendations of Council's heritage advisor	MComp	✓	✓	✓
1.1.5	Support, encourage and celebrate community participation and volunteerism	Creation and promotion of volunteer opportunities	GM	✓	✓	✓
1.1.6	Work with other agencies and service providers to deliver community programmes, services and facilities which complement and enhance Council's service provision	Identify gaps in service delivery	ED&VEM	✓	✓	✓

GOAL: A safe, active and healthy Shire

CSP REF	STRATEGY	ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY	22/23	23/24	24/25
1.2.1	Partner with health agencies and community organisations in promoting healthy lifestyles and better health outcomes	Engage with local sporting associations and peak sporting bodies	MCE	✓	✓	✓
1.2.2	Support agencies and local organisations to address the availability of emergency services, affordable housing, disability and aged services and employment for people with disabilities	Consultation process for engaging with marginalised sections of community developed	MCE	✓	✓	✓
		Enhanced wellbeing options provided for disadvantaged and marginalised community members	MCE			
1.2.3	Work with key partners and the community to lobby for adequate health services in our region	Identify gaps in service delivery	GM	✓	✓	✓
1.2.4	Provide, maintain and develop children's play and recreational facilities that encourage active participation	Operate youth centres and vacation care programs	MCCCS	✓	✓	✓
1.2.5	Provide, maintain and develop passive recreational facilities and parklands to encourage greater utilisation and active participation	Maintain all parks and gardens including playground equipment and progressively upgrade shade shelters	MPPS	✓	✓	✓
1.2.6	Partner with police, community organisations and the community to address crime, anti-social behaviour and maintain community safety	Partner with all combat emergency services and emergency support services	GM	✓	✓	✓
		Install and maintain cctv systems across the Shire	MPPS			
1.2.7	Provide effective regulatory, compliance and enforcement services for the community	Carry out food premises inspections to ensure compliance with the Food Act	MComp	✓	✓	✓
		Target number of premises audited for fire safety compliance	MComp			
		Undertake impounding of animals and registrations	MComp			
		Inspections of Swimming Pools for compliance	MComp			
		Provide management and investigation of dog attacks and dangerous	MComp			

1.2.8	Provide and maintain accessible quality sport and recreation facilities that encourage participation	dog declarations				
		Orders to be issued or served where necessary	MComp			
		Maintain swimming pools and bore baths facilities and the surrounds	MPPS	✓	✓	✓

GOAL: A diverse and creative culture

CSP REF	STRATEGY	ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY	22/23	23/24	24/25
1.3.1	Provide enhanced and innovative library services that encourage lifelong learning	Continue yearly membership of Outback Arts	MCCCS	✓	✓	✓
		Support Arts Program	DPPC			
		Increase use of library as a community space	MCCCS			
1.3.2	Work with the community and other agencies to develop major cultural and community events	Work with agencies to encourage events for the Shire	ECVEM	✓	✓	✓
		Apply for grants for cultural events	ECVEM			
1.3.3	Work in collaboration with agencies and community groups to address existing and emerging issues specific to the Aboriginal and ageing communities	Implement the Aboriginal Reconciliation Plan	GM	✓	✓	✓
		Undertake Aboriginal Projects	DPPC			
		Develop an ageing strategy	MCE			
1.3.4	Support the development of programs which offer alternative education programs and opportunities that meet the needs of specific community sectors	Establish programs for cadetships/traineeships Advocate for the improvement of secondary school educational outcomes across the Shire	EMHR GM	✓	✓	✓

Economic Development

Standard Service Levels

Visitor Information Centre opened weekly
On Duty Building Inspector available Monday - Friday
All building inspections within 48 hours
Town Planner available during office hours
Written development enquiries responded to within 14 days

Measures of Progress

MP1. Review Visitor Information Guide every 2 Years
MP2. Increase by 5% the number of visitors yearly into the Information Centres
MP3. Increase % of certificates issued by Council
MP4. Monitor % of market share of Certificates issued by Council
MP5. Construction Certificates within legislative timeframes (10 days)

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Economic Development

GOAL: An attractive environment for business, tourism and industry

CSP REF	STRATEGY	ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY	22/23	23/24	24/25
2.1.1	Implement tools to simplify development processes and encourage quality commercial, industrial and residential development	Advocate for the development of the Australian Opal Centre Ensure that building certification and inspections are carried out as per National Construction and the requirements of the Building Professionals Board	GM MComp	✓	✓	✓
2.1.2	Develop the skills of businesses to maximize utilization of new technologies and the emerging broadband and telecommunications networks	Develop and implement an Economic Development Strategy Lobby for improved mobile phone coverage across the shire Implement an Economic Incentive Scheme	EDVEM GM EDVEM	✓	✓	✓
2.1.3	Lobby the Government to address needed infrastructure and services to match business and industry development in the region (education, transport and health)	Continue to lobby the Government for funding for transport infrastructure	GM	✓	✓	✓
2.1.4	Promote the Walgett Shire to business and industry and increase recognition of the area's strategic advantages	Develop business development prospects in collaboration with various government agencies	EDVEM	✓	✓	✓
2.1.5	Provision of caravan support facilities throughout the Shire	Maintain and expand facilities of the 'RV Friendly'	EDVEM	✓	✓	✓

GOAL: Employment opportunities that supports local industries

CSP REF	STRATEGY	ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY	22/23	23/24	24/25
2.2.1	Identify partnerships and innovative funding approaches to provide for new and upgraded infrastructure for event hosting and tourism expansion	Continue to apply for grants for a new information centres for Lightning Ridge and Walgett	GM	✓		
2.2.2	Provide land use planning that facilitates employment creation	Monitor and review Council's Local Environment Plan	DICS	✓	✓	✓
2.2.3	Support and encourage existing business and industry to develop and grow	Maintain a sufficient supply of residential, lifestyle, agriculture, commercial and industrial zoned land	DICS	✓	✓	✓
2.2.4	Develop and implement an economic development strategy which identifies potential projects and/or industries that build on the Shire's attributes and/or natural resources	Provide consultation with potential new business operators and pre-development application assistance	EDVEM	✓		
2.2.5	Encourage and support youth employment initiatives	Promote the school to work programme	GM	✓	✓	✓

GOAL: An efficient network of arterial roads & supporting infrastructure; town streets & footpaths that are adequate & maintained

CSP REF	STRATEGY	ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY	22/23	23/24	24/25
2.3.1	Provide an effective road network that balances asset conditions with available resources and asset utilisation	Undertake bitumen maintenance program in line with service levels	MRI	✓	✓	✓
		Undertake maintenance grading program in line with service levels	MRI			
2.3.2	Maintain, renew and replace Council bridges and culverts as required	Undertake annual inspections of all bridges and culverts and update the required maintenance and repair program	MRI	✓	✓	✓
2.3.3	Ensure road network supporting assets are maintained (signs, posts, guardrails etc.)	Renew and maintain Council's road network supporting assets in-line with the Asset Management Plan	DICS	✓	✓	✓
2.3.4	Maintain existing footpaths in Shire towns and villages	Undertake annual inspections of all footpath and update the required maintenance and repair program	DPPC	✓	✓	✓
2.3.5	Lobby the Government to provide needed funds to maintain regional networks	Continue to apply for grants for the reconstruction and sealing of unsealed Regional Roads and major Local Roads network Investigate using SRV(5-15%) to fund a major upgrade of Local Roads	DICS GM	✓	✓	✓

GOAL: Communities that are well serviced with essential infrastructure

CSP REF	STRATEGY	ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY	22/23	23/24	24/25
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2.4.1	Implement Council's strategic asset management plans and continue to develop asset systems	Implement an electronic asset management system for all Council assets	CFO	✓	✓	✓
2.4.2	Ensure adequate public car parking and kerb and gutter infrastructure is provided and maintained	Inspect all kerb and gutter and undertake the required repair and replacement program	MRI	✓	✓	✓
2.4.3	Provide the infrastructure to embellish public spaces and recreation areas	Undertake the maintenance program for Council's parks and gardens team	MPPS	✓	✓	✓
2.4.4	Continue to lobby Government to provide incentives to appeal to airline companies to service the region	Partner with Brewarrina and Bourke to lobby the Government to subsidise airlines and the reintroduction of RPT services for Walgett and Bourke	GM	✓	✓	✓

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Governance and Civic Leadership

Standard Service Levels

Provide financial concessions for eligible pensioners
Council provides 24 hours, 7 days a week phone service
A minimum of 10 Council Meetings per calendar year
A minimum of 10 Community Forums per calendar year
Quarterly Newsletter distributed Shire wide
Maintain social media presence
All external Council's Positions Vacant advertised through various related media

Measures of Progress

MP1. Timeliness of complaints requiring an intervention of Code of Conduct Committee/sole reviewer
MP2. Increased website usage
MP3. Continue to work with government agencies to deliver improved spatial data outcomes
MP4. Carry out a Customer Satisfaction Survey with Council Services (every 2 years)

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Governance and Civic Leadership

GOAL: An accountable and representative Council

CSP REF	STRATEGY	ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY	22/23	23/24	24/25
3.1.1	Provide clear direction for the community through the development of the community strategic plan, delivery program and operational plan	Implement, monitor and review the Delivery and Operational Plan	MCE	✓	✓	✓
3.1.2	Engage with the community effectively and use community input to inform decision making	Deliver a Local Government week Program to engage the community and show case services provided by Council	GM	✓	✓	✓
3.1.3	Provide strong representation for the community at regional, state and federal levels	Distribute newsletters to residents	GM			
		Participate in and make visible contributions to regional forums such as OROC and Western Division	GM	✓	✓	✓
3.1.4	Undertake the civic duties of Council with the highest degree of professionalism and ethics	Advocate the needs of the Shire to State and Federal Governments	GM			
		Ensure annual pecuniary interest declarations are completed	MGov	✓	✓	✓
3.1.5	Councillors represent the interests of the whole of the Shire area	Ensure Councillors comply with the Code of Conduct	GM			
		Arrange seminars to ensure all Councillors appreciate their roles	MGov	✓	✓	✓

GOAL: Implement governance and financial management process that support the effective administration of Council

CSP REF	STRATEGY	ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY	22/23	23/24	24/25
3.2.1	Develop processes that ensure that legislative and financial standards are actioned in a timely manner	Provide financial reports to management and staff to assist in budget control and decision making	CFO	✓	✓	✓
		Complete quarterly budget review statements in line with statutory requirements	CFO			
		Review, revise and maintain Council's Long Term Financial Plan Oversight financial decision making process	CFO GM			
3.2.2	Council's exposure to risk is minimized with WH & S compliance	Provide a safe workplace to all employees and community Hold WH & S meetings Conduct workplace safety training Develop a risk register and Risk Management Plan.	GM and all employees EMHR CFO	✓	✓	✓

GOAL: Promote community involvement in Government decision making

CSP REF	STRATEGY	ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY	22/23	23/24	24/25
3.2.1	Engage with the community through effective consultation and communication processes	Facilitate the delivery of community presentations to Council Meetings	GM	✓	✓	✓
		Conduct regular community meetings to present the annual budget Promote community involvement in any emerging Government Initiatives	GM GM			
3.3.2	Develop and implement community feedback systems that provides for community input on council projects and activities	Develop an online survey for Council's website	MCE	✓	✓	✓

GOAL: Promote community involvement in Government decision making

CSP REF	STRATEGY	ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY	22/23	23/24	24/25
3.4.1	Resource the organisation of Council adequately to provide the services and support functions required to deliver the goals and strategies detailed in this plan	Resources provided in a timely fashion	GM	✓	✓	✓
3.4.2	Implement and maintain a performance management framework to enable clear reporting on progress in Councils strategic planning documents	Report to Council Meetings	MGov	✓	✓	✓

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Sustainable Living

Standard Service Levels

Domestic Waste collection offered each week
Deliver Environmental Educational Programs annually
Customer Requests for weeds and hazard reduction responded to within 14 days
Annual “free” microchip day
Bi-annual School Visits
Various education programs delivered throughout the year

Measures of Progress

MP1. Increased funding for bio-diversity programs
MP2. Decrease % illegal dumping
MP3. Manage the domestic waste and landfill management contracts
MP4. Implement the Waste Management Strategy

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Sustainable Living

GOAL: Operate an an urban waste management system that meets the community needs and environmental standards

CSP REF	STRATEGY	ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY	22/23	23/24	24/25
4.1.1	Develop and implement a Shire Wide Waste Management strategy that includes recycling services	Develop and implement the Waste Management Strategy	DICS	✓	✓	✓
		Effectively manage the domestic waste and landfill management contracts	MWSW			
4.1.2	Implement initiatives to reduce illegal dumping and provide community education to prevent litter	Actively respond to complaints and issues identified to ensure appropriate outcomes for illegal development, dumping and other activities such as abandoned vehicles, noise pollution and odour.	MCE	✓	✓	✓
		Develop and implement a waste education program	DCE			

GOAL: Provide potable and raw water supply systems that ensures enhanced water security and meets health standards

CSP REF	STRATEGY	ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY	22/23	23/24	24/25
4.2.1	Improve and upgrade the water supply infrastructure through an asset management framework	Complete an annual water main replacement program	MWSW	✓	✓	✓
		Ensure water supply is provided and maintained in compliance with the Drinking Water Quality requirements	MWSW			
4.2.2	Maintain and renew the sewerage network infrastructure to ensure the provision of efficient and environmentally-sound sewerage services	Operate the sewer treatment plants in an efficient manner	MSWS	✓	✓	✓
4.2.3	Ensure adequate stormwater and drainage infrastructure is provided, maintained and renewed	Maintain and renew the stormwater and drainage infrastructure	DICS	✓	✓	✓

GOAL: A sustainable environment that recognises our rivers, natural environment, ecological systems and biodiversity

CSP REF	STRATEGY	ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY	22/23	23/24	24/25
4.3.1	Promote and raise community awareness of environmental and biodiversity issues	Undertake waste avoidance, waste reduction and recycling program	MCE	✓	✓	✓
4.3.2	Protect and maintain a healthy catchments and waterways	Inspect Council's water networks and take samples when necessary	DICS	✓	✓	✓
4.3.3	Protect the Shire's historic buildings and sites recognising their value to the community	Implement the recommendations of Council's heritage advisor	DICS	✓	✓	✓

GOAL: Maintain a healthy balance between development and the environment

CSP REF	STRATEGY	ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY	22/23	23/24	24/25
4.4.1	Retain open space that are accessible to everyone	Monitor environmental protection measures for sensitive land	DICS	✓	✓	✓
4.4.2	Ensure that Walgett Shire is sufficiently prepared to deal with natural disasters	Provide annual contribution to the RFS, SES and NSW Fire and rescue	GM	✓	✓	✓
4.4.3	Educate the community about sustainable practices	Promote and provide adequate and user friendly pre-lodgement advice on all aspects of development	DComp	✓	✓	✓

Infrastructure

Standard Service Levels

Ensure all facilities are clean & safe as per relevant standards
Mow grass as per maintenance schedule
Customer Request Acknowledgement within 7 working days
Customer Request Response within 14 working days

Measures of Progress

MP1. Increased utilisation of recreational and community facilities
MP2. Provision of improved facilities to meet the changing needs of the community (Works Program is being delivered)
MP3. Refine and adjust maintenance schedules to ensure longevity of Council Assets
MP4. Key high priority projects delivered
MP5. % of road maintenance budget expended

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Infrastructure

GOAL: Provide and maintain an effective road network that meets the community needs and expectations

CSP REF	STRATEGY	ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY	22/23	23/24	24/25
5.1.1	Manage the road network to respond to community needs, growth in the Shire, improving road safety and improving transport choices	Continually revise the works program for regional and local roads	DICS	✓	✓	✓
5.1.2	Develop a strategy that addresses transport options for the local community	Advocate for taxi services, air services and public transport	GM	✓	✓	✓
5.1.3	An effective complaints management process that effectively responds to residents issues regarding roads	Maintain complaints management process	MGov	✓	✓	✓
		Complaints actioned within 7 days through the CAR system	GM			

GOAL: A Regional and State Road network that is appropriately supported and resourced by the Government

CSP REF	STRATEGY	ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY	22/23	23/24	24/25
5.2.1	Ensure that the road network is maintained to a standard that is achievable within the resources available	Continually revise the works program for regional and local roads	DICS	✓	✓	✓
5.2.2	Maintain an effective operational relationship with the Roads and Maritime Services	Submit progress reports in a timely manner	DICS	✓	✓	✓
5.2.3	Lobby the Government to provide needed funds to maintain regional and state road networks	Continue to advocate for betterment and other funding through advocacy to state/federal Government	GM	✓	✓	✓

GOAL: Maintain and improve Council's property assets to an optimal level

CSP REF	STRATEGY	ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY	22/23	23/24	24/25
5.3.1	Manage properties in accordance with Council Asset Management Plan	Carry out the property works programme in line with the annual budget	MPPS	✓	✓	✓

GOAL: Provision of facilities and communication services

CSP REF	STRATEGY	ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY	22/23	23/24	24/25
5.4.1	Provide a range of recreational and community facilities	Maintain and upgrade Council's community halls and reserves	MPPS	✓	✓	✓
5.4.2	Represent the community with regard to external services including energy, communication, water, waste management and resource recovery	Lobby service providers in response to identified community concerns including mobile phone services	GM	✓	✓	✓
5.4.3	Advocate to utility and communication providers regarding the capacity and reliability of infrastructure across the Shire	Lobby service providers in response to identified community concerns	GM	✓	✓	✓

Walgett Shire Council

INCOME STATEMENT	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25			
	Actual	Q3 Budget	Budget			
	Consolidated \$'000	Consolidated \$'000	Consolidated \$'000	General Fund \$'000	Water \$'000	Sewerage \$'000
Income from Continuing Operations						
Rates & Annual Charges	10,021	10,559	10,992	7,945	2,016	1,031
User Charges & Fees	5,085	8,117	8,409	7,597	804	8
Other Revenues	874	3,005	2,786	2,374	409	3
Grants & Contributions provided for Operating Purposes	27,355	13,901	14,180	14,169	11	0
Grants & Contributions provided for Capital Purposes	7,350	23,854	30,441	27,241	3,200	0
Interest & Investment Revenue	1,212	1,508	1,554	811	387	356
Net Gains from the Disposal of Assets	0	329	783	783	0	0
Reversal of impairment losses on receivables	195	0	0	0	0	0
Other Income	167	1	0	0	0	0
Joint Ventures & Associated Entities - Gain	65	0	0	0	0	0
Total Income from Continuing Operations	52,324	61,274	69,145	60,920	6,827	1,398
Expenses from Continuing Operations						
Employee Benefits & On-Costs	9,870	9,125	9,638	8,654	745	239
Borrowing Costs	359	38	28	28	0	0
Materials & Contracts	18,535	20,611	21,485	19,041	1,909	535
Depreciation & Amortisation	7,066	7,172	7,172	5,916	914	342
Impairment of Receivables	111	0	0	0	0	0
Other Expenses	1,281	1,514	1,591	1,576	15	0
Net Losses from the Disposal of Assets	21	0	0	0	0	0
Total Expenses from Continuing Operations	37,243	38,460	39,914	35,215	3,583	1,116
Operating Result from Continuing Operations	15,081	22,814	29,231	25,705	3,244	282
Net Operating Result before Grants & Contributions provided for Capital Purposes	7,731	-1,040	-1,210	-1,536	44	282

Walgett Shire Council CASH FLOW STATEMENT	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25			
	Actual	Q3 Budget	Budget			
	Consolidated \$'000	Consolidated \$'000	Consolidated \$'000	General Fund \$'000	Water \$'000	Sewerage \$'000
Cash Flows from Operating Activities						
Receipts:						
Rates & Annual Charges	9,736	10,636	10,956	7,949	1,984	1,023
User Charges & Fees	3,527	8,725	8,206	7,411	787	8
Investment & Interest Revenue Received	972	1,205	1,694	954	384	356
Grants & Contributions	31,194	28,839	44,620	41,409	3,211	0
Other	3,674	1,181	2,772	2,360	409	3
Payments:			0			
Employee Benefits & On-Costs	-10,658	-8,784	-9,579	-8,595	-745	-239
Materials & Contracts	-19,504	-17,638	-21,454	-19,010	-1,909	-535
Borrowing Costs	-51	-25	-23	-23	0	0
Bonds & Deposits Refunded	-23	0	0	0	0	0
Other	-1,688	-1,367	-1,580	-1,565	-15	0
Net Cash provided (or used in) Operating Activities	17,179	22,772	35,612	30,890	4,106	616
Cash Flows from Investing Activities						
Receipts:						
Sale of Investment Securities	0	7,000	0	0	0	0
Sale of Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	0	481	0	0	0	0
Deferred Debtors Receipts	20	0	0	0	0	0
Other Investing Activity Receipts	19,000	0	0	0	0	0
Payments:						
Purchase of Investment Securities	0	-750	-200	0	-200	0
Purchase of Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	-11,842	-35,721	-33,566	-28,781	-4,160	-625
Other Investing Activity Payments	-16,000	0	0	0	0	0
Net Cash provided (or used in) Investing Activities	-8,822	-28,990	-33,766	-28,781	-4,360	-625
Cash Flows from Financing Activities						
Receipts:						
Proceeds from Borrowings & Advances	0	2,680	0	0	0	0
Payments:						
Repayment of Borrowings & Advances	-422	-309	-97	-97	0	0
Repayment of lease liabilities (principal repayments)	-60	0	0	0	0	0
Net Cash Flow provided (used in) Financing Activities	-482	2,371	-97	-97	0	0
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash & Cash Equivalents	7,875	-3,847	1,749	2,012	-254	-9

Project	\$	Comments	Carry-over 23/24	New Grant	Reserves	New Council
Lightning Ridge Oval Cottage	\$ 60,000	Carryover from 2023/24	60,000			
Grawin Reserve - Dump Point	\$ 100,000	Carryover from 2023/24	100,000			
Carinda Artesian Hot Springs	\$ 50,000	New project - Revenue funded - preplanning				50,000
Lightning Ridge Community Space Wi Fi (MPC and HACC)	\$ 40,000	New money				40,000
Swimming Pool - Walgett (redevelopment plans)	\$ 300,000	\$250,000 grant to be invoiced		300,000		
link path - Collarenebri Primitive Camp to Bridge	\$ 50,000	Grant funded		50,000		
Main Street Beautification Program - Collarenebri	\$ 102,500	Carry over from 2023/24. Funding: SCCFS	102,500			
Walgett Multipurpose Sports Complex	\$ 1,500,000	\$1m funded \$500k council commitment.		1,000,000		500,000
Sportsgrounds - Carinda - Fencing	\$ 200,000	Funded through LRC14 - part	40,000			160,000
Sportsgrounds - Carinda - Water & Drainage	\$ 180,000	122K funded (Grant - in reserves)		122,000		58,000
Administration Building - Walgett	\$ 100,000	Revenue				100,000
Tracker Walford Walkway - Walgett	\$ 95,661	Funded - SCCF4	95,661			
Parks Grawin, CBC, Cumborah - Electric BBQ	\$ 50,000	Carryover from 2023/24	50,000			
Env						
Cemetery Planning and Consultation	\$ 60,000	Required by law changes				60,000
Cumborah - Cemetery	\$ 15,000	Council resolution	15,000			
Waste						
Grawin & Sheepyards Water depots - Perimeter fencing	\$ 94,525	Council resolution 12.4.4				94,525
Walgett Landfill Environmental Improvements	\$ 200,000	Roads to Home - funded		200,000		
Regional Road Renewals	\$ 450,000			450,000		
Reg Rds Rural Sealed Reseal	\$ 500,000			500,000		
Reconstruct - RR426 Ridge Road	\$ 100,000			100,000		
RR7716 Come by Chance Rd Upgrade 52 km	\$ 13,300,000			13,300,000		
Upgrade RR457 Gundabloui Rd	\$ 55,000			55,000		
RR333 Cumberdoon Way H/Patch & Reseal	\$ 108,000			108,000		
Local Road Renewals						
FLR - Cryan Road, Rowena	\$ 2,000,000			2,000,000		
Footpaths - Walgett	\$ 150,000			150,000		
Footpath - Lightning Ridge Pandora Street	\$ 181,322			181,322		
Grant - R2R Work in Progress	\$ 1,200,615			1,200,615		
Drainage and sealing Works- Walgett Fox St	\$ 100,000			100,000		
Rowena Drainage	\$ 375,000			375,000		
Carinda - Hare St road rehabilitation	\$ 150,000			150,000		
Footpath - lightning Ridge Onyx St	\$ 228,000			228,000		
Reseals - Bugilbone Road	\$ 122,615			122,615		
Upgrade -Aberfoyle Road between sealed	\$ 150,000			150,000		
Kerb & Gutter - Collarenebri	\$ 200,000			200,000		
FLR SR98 Lorne Road - Reconstruct & Seal	\$ 250,000			250,000		

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Opal Street Footpath - Lightning Ridge	\$ 210,000			210,000			
Drainage - Converting open drains, spoon	\$ 100,000			100,000			
SR Unsealed - Bridge Approach Sealing	\$ 30,000			30,000			
Local Roads - School Bus Route Resheeting	\$ 400,000			400,000			
FLR - Pothole Program	\$ 400,000			400,000			
Regional and Local Roads Repair Program	\$ 4,308,000			4,308,000			
Meadow Plains Road Drainage, Sealing and Earthworks	\$ 250,000			250,000			
Miscellaneous Works							
Hall - Carinda	\$ 15,000					15,000	
Collarenebri Primitive Camping Grounds	\$ 249,955			249,955			
							983,000
GENERAL FUND (incl Waste)				463,161	21,240,so1	0	1,077,525
							1,077,525
Walgett Water							
Water System Assets (Walgett)	\$ 166,000					166,000	
Water Security Walgett (weir)	\$ 162,284					162,284	
Lightning Ridge Water							
Cooling System - Lightning Ridge Water	\$ 700,000	25% WSC 75% funded		525,000		175,000	
Bore 1 - Pipe Replacement LR Water	\$ 2,600,000	to seeking funding		2,600,000			
Water Assets WIP LR						166,000	
Collarenebri Water							
Collarenebri Replacement of Membranes water	\$ 100,000	25% WSC 75% grant funding		75,000		25,000	
Water System Assets - Collarenebri	\$ 166,000					166,000	
Village Water							
Village capital - water	\$ 100,000					100,000	
WATER				0	3,200,000	0	960,284
							960,284
Walgett Sewer							
Sewer Mains Replace or Reline Program Walgett	\$ 200,000					200,000	
Sewer Equipment and Machinery Shed Walgett	\$ 25,000					25,000	
Lightning Ridge Sewer							
Sewer Mains Replacement LR	\$ 200,000					200,000	
Collarenebri							
Sewer Mains Replace or Reline Program Collarenebri	\$ 200,000					200,000	
SEWERAGE				0	0	0	625,000
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Fees & Charges

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Name	Year 23/24	Year 24/25			Unit
	Fee (incl. GST)	Fee (excl. GST)	GST	Fee (incl. GST)	

Walgett Shire Council

Administration

Research Staff Costs (minimum one hour)	\$86.00	\$81.82	\$8.18	\$90.00	per hour
Document Folding	\$54.00	\$51.82	\$5.18	\$57.00	per 1,000 or part thereof
Typing	\$81.00	\$77.27	\$7.73	\$85.00	per hour
Plans and Map Printing – over the counter A3 to A2	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$1.00	\$11.00	
Plans and Map Printing – over the counter A2 to A1	\$13.20	\$13.00	\$1.30	\$14.30	
Plans and Map Printing – over the counter A1 or larger	\$18.70	\$18.00	\$1.80	\$19.80	
Plans and Map Printing – by post Smaller than A1	\$19.80	\$19.00	\$1.90	\$20.90	
Plans and Map Printing – by post A1 or larger	\$24.20	\$23.00	\$2.30	\$25.30	
Binding First 100 pages	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$1.00	\$11.00	
Binding + ADD Per each additional 100 pages	\$9.00	\$9.09	\$0.91	\$10.00	
GIPA Act Applications			As set by Regulations		per application
GIPA Act – Process application First 20hrs. No Charge for personal affairs requests - If application is made for personal information about the applicant as per Section 67 of the GIPA Act 2009 No 52	\$42.00	\$44.00	\$0.00	\$44.00	per hour
GIPA Act – Process application fee reduction Fee Reduction - refers to hardship or if application is of special benefit to the public generally as per Section 65/66 of the GIPA Act 2009 No 52	\$21.00	\$22.00	\$0.00	\$22.00	per hour

Name	Year 23/24	Year 24/25			Unit
	Fee (incl. GST)	Fee (excl. GST)	GST	Fee (incl. GST)	

Administration [continued]

Applications for internal review of Privacy and Personal Information Act determinations	\$64.00	\$67.00	\$0.00	\$67.00	per application
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Rating and User Charges

Rates

Rates, Rating Information and Enquiry Fees

Section 603 Certificate	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	
Urgent Section 603 Certificate	\$165.00	\$170.00	\$0.00	\$170.00	each
Information given in writing	\$30.00	\$32.00	\$0.00	\$32.00	
Inspection of valuation records by applicant	\$47.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	per hour or part thereof
Search conducted by Council	\$89.00	\$94.00	\$0.00	\$94.00	per hour or part thereof
Reprinting rate notices	\$12.00	\$13.00	\$0.00	\$13.00	per notice

Rates - Penalties

Accrual of Interest on Overdue Rates and Charges

(See Section 566 of NSW Local Government Act 1993)

Statutory Interest Rate				9.0%	
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Other Penalties

Legal Fees				Actual cost	
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Domestic Waste Management

Domestic Waste Collection Charge (S496) per occupancy	\$568.00	\$594.00	\$0.00	\$594.00	per 1 x 240 litre bin per annum
Additional Domestic Waste Collection Charge (s496) per occupancy	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	per bin

Name	Year 23/24	Year 24/25			Unit
	Fee (incl. GST)	Fee (excl. GST)	GST	Fee (incl. GST)	

Waste Management

Waste Management Charge (S501)	\$75.90	\$78.60	\$0.00	\$78.60	per annum
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Commercial Waste Management

240L MGB Collection – weekly collection	\$647.00	\$670.00	\$0.00	\$670.00	per bin per annum
360L MGB Collection – twice weekly collection	\$1,848.00	\$1,913.00	\$0.00	\$1,913.00	per bin per annum
360L MGB weekly Service	\$924.00	\$956.00	\$0.00	\$956.00	per bin per annum

User Charges

Water Charges

Access

All properties either connected to or within 225 metres of a Council water main and able to connect are charged

Access charges are charged per connection or possible connection. For example where a property has the potential to connect to both raw water and filtered water mains, two access charges will apply even though the land may not actually be supplied with water from any water pipe of the council.

Residential

River Water - Walgett and Collarenebri

20mm Connection	\$631.00	\$681.00	\$0.00	\$681.00	
25mm Connection	\$631.00	\$681.00	\$0.00	\$681.00	
32mm Connection	\$631.00	\$681.00	\$0.00	\$681.00	
40mm Connection	\$631.00	\$681.00	\$0.00	\$681.00	
50mm Connection	\$631.00	\$681.00	\$0.00	\$681.00	
75mm Connection	\$631.00	\$681.00	\$0.00	\$681.00	
100mm Connection	\$631.00	\$681.00	\$0.00	\$681.00	

Name	Year 23/24	Year 24/25			Unit
	Fee (incl. GST)	Fee (excl. GST)	GST	Fee (incl. GST)	

Bore Water - Lightning Ridge, Carinda, Rowena

20mm Connection	\$455.00	\$491.00	\$0.00	\$491.00	
25mm Connection	\$455.00	\$491.00	\$0.00	\$491.00	
32mm Connection	\$455.00	\$491.00	\$0.00	\$491.00	
40mm Connection	\$455.00	\$491.00	\$0.00	\$491.00	
50mm Connection	\$455.00	\$491.00	\$0.00	\$491.00	
75mm Connection	\$455.00	\$491.00	\$0.00	\$491.00	
100mm Connection	\$455.00	\$491.00	\$0.00	\$491.00	

Non-Residential

River Water - Walgett, Collarenebri

20mm Connection	\$631.00	\$681.00	\$0.00	\$681.00	
25mm Connection	\$985.00	\$1,064.00	\$0.00	\$1,064.00	
32mm Connection	\$1,614.00	\$1,743.00	\$0.00	\$1,743.00	
40mm Connection	\$2,521.00	\$2,723.00	\$0.00	\$2,723.00	
50mm Connection	\$3,940.00	\$4,255.00	\$0.00	\$4,255.00	
75mm Connection	\$8,645.00	\$9,337.00	\$0.00	\$9,337.00	
100mm Connection	\$15,371.00	\$16,601.00	\$0.00	\$16,601.00	

Bore Water - Lightning Ridge, Carinda and Rowena

20mm Connection	\$455.00	\$491.00	\$0.00	\$491.00	
25mm Connection	\$676.00	\$730.00	\$0.00	\$730.00	
32mm Connection	\$1,074.00	\$1,160.00	\$0.00	\$1,160.00	
40mm Connection	\$1,662.00	\$1,795.00	\$0.00	\$1,795.00	
50mm Connection	\$2,597.00	\$2,805.00	\$0.00	\$2,805.00	
75mm Connection	\$5,673.00	\$6,127.00	\$0.00	\$6,127.00	
100mm Connection	\$10,080.00	\$11,250.00	\$0.00	\$11,250.00	

Name	Year 23/24	Year 24/25			Unit
	Fee (incl. GST)	Fee (excl. GST)	GST	Fee (incl. GST)	

Usage

Recreation and Sporting Facilities Water Usage	\$0.34	\$0.37	\$0.00	\$0.37	
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Water - Walgett and Collarenebri

Filtered Usage Charge <=600kl	\$1.17	\$1.26	\$0.00	\$1.26	per kilolitre
Filtered Usage Charge > 600kl	\$1.78	\$1.92	\$0.00	\$1.92	per kilolitre
Raw Usage Charge <=600kl	\$0.40	\$0.44	\$0.00	\$0.44	per kilolitre
Raw Usage Charge >600kl	\$0.58	\$0.63	\$0.00	\$0.63	per kilolitre
Bulk user - filtered	\$0.00	\$1.30	\$0.00	\$1.30	
Bulk user - raw	\$0.00	\$0.45	\$0.00	\$0.45	

Water - Lightning Ridge, Carinda and Rowena

Usage Charge <=600kl	\$0.40	\$0.44	\$0.00	\$0.44	per kilolitre
Usage Charge >600kl	\$0.58	\$0.63	\$0.00	\$0.63	per kilolitre
Bulk user	\$0.00	\$0.45	\$0.00	\$0.45	

Water - Standpipes

Purchase of system key/replacement key	\$56.00	\$53.64	\$5.36	\$59.00	per card
Metered Standpipes Administration Fee	\$33.00	\$36.00	\$0.00	\$36.00	per load
Whereby Council has to raise invoices and/or process cash payments.					
Water Usage Charge per kilolitre	\$3.35	\$3.65	\$0.00	\$3.65	per kilolitre

Sewerage

All properties either connected to or within 75 metres of a Council sewer main and able to connect are charged

Walgett	\$564.00	\$590.00	\$0.00	\$590.00	per annum
Lightning Ridge	\$487.00	\$504.00	\$0.00	\$504.00	per annum
Collarenebri	\$469.00	\$485.00	\$0.00	\$485.00	per annum

Name	Year 23/24	Year 24/25			Unit
	Fee (incl. GST)	Fee (excl. GST)	GST	Fee (incl. GST)	

Additional Sewer Connections (Per Connection)

Walgett	\$564.00	\$584.00	\$0.00	\$584.00	per annum
Lightning Ridge	\$487.00	\$510.00	\$0.00	\$510.00	per annum
Collarenebri	\$469.00	\$490.00	\$0.00	\$490.00	per annum

Cistern Charges - Applicable to Business Categories (Per Toilet/Urinal)

Walgett	\$88.00	\$91.00	\$0.00	\$91.00	per cistern
Lightning Ridge	\$75.00	\$79.00	\$0.00	\$79.00	per cistern
Collarenebri	\$68.00	\$71.00	\$0.00	\$71.00	per cistern

Photocopying Legal Documents Under Subpoena

All copying, regardless of size	\$91.00	\$96.00	\$0.00	\$96.00	per hour
Written Property Search and Zoning Compliance Inquiries	\$205.00	\$215.00	\$0.00	\$215.00	first hour
Written Property Search and Zoning Compliance Inquiries	\$110.00	\$115.00	\$0.00	\$115.00	subsequent hours / part thereof

Truckwash

Truckwash Fee	\$14.00	\$13.64	\$1.36	\$15.00	per half hour
Truckwash Key	\$60.00	\$57.27	\$5.73	\$63.00	each
Water Usage	\$7.15	\$7.75	\$0.00	\$7.75	Minimum

Name	Year 23/24	Year 24/25			Unit
	Fee (incl. GST)	Fee (excl. GST)	GST	Fee (incl. GST)	

Community Services

Library

Photocopying B&W	\$0.65	\$0.64	\$0.06	\$0.70	per page
Overdue Item	\$0.95	\$1.00	\$0.00	\$1.00	per item
Overdue Item + ADD	\$0.55	\$0.60	\$0.00	\$0.60	per day
Lost Membership Card	\$6.10	\$6.40	\$0.00	\$6.40	

Walgett Visitor Information and Internet Centre

Black & White Copying

A4 Single

0-50 copies	\$0.65	\$0.64	\$0.06	\$0.70	per page
51-100 copies	\$0.60	\$0.59	\$0.06	\$0.65	per page
101-500 copies	\$0.55	\$0.55	\$0.05	\$0.60	per page
501+ copies	\$0.45	\$0.45	\$0.05	\$0.50	per page

A4 Double Sided

0-50 copies	\$0.75	\$0.68	\$0.07	\$0.75	per page
51-100 copies	\$0.75	\$0.73	\$0.07	\$0.80	per page
101-500 copies	\$0.70	\$0.68	\$0.07	\$0.75	per page
501+ copies	\$0.65	\$0.64	\$0.06	\$0.70	per page

A3 Single

0-50 copies	\$0.95	\$0.91	\$0.09	\$1.00	per page
51-100 copies	\$0.65	\$0.59	\$0.06	\$0.65	per page
101-500 copies	\$0.65	\$0.59	\$0.06	\$0.65	per page
501+ copies	\$0.55	\$0.50	\$0.05	\$0.55	per page

Name	Year 23/24	Year 24/25			Unit
	Fee (incl. GST)	Fee (excl. GST)	GST	Fee (incl. GST)	
A3 Double Sided					
0-50 copies	\$1.00	\$0.91	\$0.09	\$1.00	per page
51-100 copies	\$0.75	\$0.68	\$0.07	\$0.75	per page
101-500 copies	\$0.70	\$0.64	\$0.06	\$0.70	per page
501+ copies	\$0.65	\$0.59	\$0.06	\$0.65	per page
Copying to Colour Paper					
A4 Single					
0-50 copies	\$0.40	\$0.36	\$0.04	\$0.40	per page
51+ copies	\$0.35	\$0.32	\$0.03	\$0.35	per page
A4 Double Sided					
0-50 copies	\$0.50	\$0.45	\$0.05	\$0.50	per page
51+ copies	\$0.45	\$0.41	\$0.04	\$0.45	per page
Colour Copying					
A4 Full Page					
0-50 copies	\$4.00	\$3.64	\$0.36	\$4.00	per page
51+ copies	\$4.00	\$3.64	\$0.36	\$4.00	per page
A3 Full Page					
0-50 copies	\$7.00	\$6.36	\$0.64	\$7.00	per page
51+ copies	\$6.00	\$5.45	\$0.55	\$6.00	per page
Colour Copying - Authorised School Projects					
A4 Full Page					
0-50 copies	\$4.00	\$3.64	\$0.36	\$4.00	per page
51+ copies	\$4.00	\$3.64	\$0.36	\$4.00	per page

Name	Year 23/24	Year 24/25			Unit
	Fee (incl. GST)	Fee (excl. GST)	GST	Fee (incl. GST)	

A3 Full Page

0-50 copies	\$6.00	\$5.45	\$0.55	\$6.00	per page
51+ copies	\$6.00	\$5.45	\$0.55	\$6.00	per page

Colour Copying - Additional Charges

Wallet size	\$0.65	\$0.59	\$0.06	\$0.65	
4' x 6'	\$1.00	\$0.91	\$0.09	\$1.00	
5' x 7'	\$2.00	\$1.82	\$0.18	\$2.00	
6.5' x 8.5'	\$3.00	\$2.73	\$0.27	\$3.00	

Faxing

Inwards	\$1.00	\$0.91	\$0.09	\$1.00	initial page
Inwards + ADD	\$0.55	\$0.50	\$0.05	\$0.55	additional page
Outwards	\$3.00	\$2.73	\$0.27	\$3.00	initial page
Outwards + ADD	\$0.55	\$0.50	\$0.05	\$0.55	additional page

Photo Quality Copying (Best Quality Paper Used)

Black & White A4 Full Page	\$0.75	\$0.68	\$0.07	\$0.75	
Colour A4 Full Page	\$5.05	\$4.59	\$0.46	\$5.05	
Sepia A4 Full Page	\$3.00	\$2.73	\$0.27	\$3.00	
Black & White 8.5' x 6.5'	\$0.45	\$0.41	\$0.04	\$0.45	
Colour 8.5' x 6.5'	\$4.00	\$3.64	\$0.36	\$4.00	
Sepia 8.5' x 6.5'	\$2.00	\$1.82	\$0.18	\$2.00	
Black & White 5' x 7'	\$0.45	\$0.41	\$0.04	\$0.45	
Colour 5' x 7'	\$2.00	\$1.82	\$0.18	\$2.00	
Sepia 5' x 7'	\$1.00	\$0.91	\$0.09	\$1.00	
Black & White 4' x 5'	\$0.45	\$0.41	\$0.04	\$0.45	
Colour 4' x 6'	\$1.00	\$0.91	\$0.09	\$1.00	

Name	Year 23/24	Year 24/25			Unit
	Fee (incl. GST)	Fee (excl. GST)	GST	Fee (incl. GST)	

Photo Quality Copying (Best Quality Paper Used) [continued]

Sepia 4' x 6'	\$0.85	\$0.77	\$0.08	\$0.85	
Black & White Wallet Size	\$0.45	\$0.41	\$0.04	\$0.45	
Colour Wallet Size	\$0.70	\$0.64	\$0.06	\$0.70	
Sepia Wallet Size	\$0.65	\$0.59	\$0.06	\$0.65	

Printing

Black & White Print

A4	\$0.70	\$0.68	\$0.07	\$0.75	per page
A1	\$8.00	\$7.27	\$0.73	\$8.00	per page
A0	\$10.00	\$9.09	\$0.91	\$10.00	per page

Colour Print

A4	\$4.00	\$3.64	\$0.36	\$4.00	per page
A1	\$10.00	\$9.09	\$0.91	\$10.00	per page
A0	\$15.00	\$13.64	\$1.36	\$15.00	per page

Laminating

A0	\$20.00	\$18.18	\$1.82	\$20.00	
A1	\$15.00	\$13.64	\$1.36	\$15.00	
A3	\$7.00	\$6.36	\$0.64	\$7.00	
A4	\$5.60	\$5.32	\$0.53	\$5.85	
A5	\$2.00	\$1.82	\$0.18	\$2.00	
Credit Card Size	\$1.00	\$0.91	\$0.09	\$1.00	

Internet Charges

Internet Usage	\$4.00	\$3.64	\$0.36	\$4.00	initial 1/2 hour
Internet Usage + Additional per minute thereafter	\$0.15	\$0.14	\$0.01	\$0.15	

Name	Year 23/24	Year 24/25			Unit
	Fee (incl. GST)	Fee (excl. GST)	GST	Fee (incl. GST)	

Internet Charges [continued]

Internet Usage – Members	\$4.00	\$3.64	\$0.36	\$4.00	per hour
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Typing

Fee	\$89.00	\$85.45	\$8.55	\$94.00	per hour
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Name	Year 23/24	Year 24/25			Unit
	Fee (incl. GST)	Fee (excl. GST)	GST	Fee (incl. GST)	

Environmental Services

Planning, Building & Local Activities

Applications & Inspections

Applications & Inspections - Local Government & Public Health Act

Modification to Activity Application or Approval	\$120.00	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$120.00	per application
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- Except Water, Sewer and Stormwater main connections

Activity Application Inspection	\$110.00	\$110.00	\$0.00	\$110.00	
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(If Required)
Inspection fees may apply annually in some cases

Premises Inspection Fee	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	Per inspection
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Public Health
Food shops
Skin Premises - Hairdresser - Skin Penetration

Fee Quotes may be provided for Community Development and Tourism Activities	Quotes on approval				
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including applications and inspections where approved by the General Manager

Activity - Manufactured Home

Activity Approval A1 – Install manufactured home, moveable dwelling, etc on land	\$340.00	\$340.00	\$0.00	\$340.00	
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Activity - Waste

Activity Approval C5, Install, Construct or Alter a Waste Treatment Device or a Human Waste Storage Facility or a Drain Connected to any Such Device or Facility

a) Install or construct	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	
b) Alteration of an existing approved system	\$130.00	\$135.00	\$0.00	\$135.00	

Name	Year 23/24	Year 24/25			Unit
	Fee (incl. GST)	Fee (excl. GST)	GST	Fee (incl. GST)	
Activity Approval C6 - Operate a System of Sewerage Management (Within the Meaning of Section 68A)					
a) up to 2 systems on a single property	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$0.00	\$35.00	
b) each for additional systems	\$16.00	\$17.00	\$0.00	\$17.00	
Activity - Other					
Activity Approval E2 - Street Dining					
Activity Approval E2 – Street Dining per year	\$110.00	\$110.00	\$0.00	\$110.00	
Activity Approval F2 - Operate a Caravan Park or Camping Ground					
a) Caravan Site per year	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$0.00	\$5.00	
b) Camping Site per year	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$0.00	\$3.00	
Minimum Charge \$300.00					
Activity Approval F4 - Install a Domestic Oil or Solid Fuel Heating Appliance, Other than a Portable Appliance					
Fee	\$130.00	\$135.00	\$0.00	\$135.00	
Activity Approval F5 - Install or Operate Amusement Devices (Within the Meaning of the Construction Safety Act 1912)					
a) First device	\$66.00	\$66.00	\$0.00	\$66.00	
b) Subsequent devices	\$44.00	\$44.00	\$0.00	\$44.00	
Must be owned by same company / person and provided that complete papers are lodged for all devices at the same time					
Activity Approval F7 - Use a Standing Vehicle or any Article for the Purpose of Selling any Article in a Public Place					
Fee	\$365.00	\$380.00	\$0.00	\$380.00	per annum
Miscellaneous Activity Approvals - Any Section 68 Local Government Act 1993 Activity Approval not referred to above					
Fee	\$110.00	\$110.00	\$0.00	\$110.00	

Name	Year 23/24	Year 24/25			Unit
	Fee (incl. GST)	Fee (excl. GST)	GST	Fee (incl. GST)	

Planning & Local Government Certificates

Building/Planning Certificates

Planning Certificates (S.10.7 (2))	\$53.00	\$53.00	\$0.00	\$53.00	each
Planning Certificate with additional information (S.10.7 (2) & (5))	\$133.00	\$133.00	\$0.00	\$133.00	each
g) Drainage diagram - including adjoining lots	\$52.00	\$52.00	\$0.00	\$52.00	
Outstanding Notices & Orders Certificates	\$110.00	\$110.00	\$0.00	\$110.00	per certificate
S.735A of the Local Government Act & S.121ZP EPA Act 1979 previously separate applications					
Building Certificate (Cl. 260 of Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000)			As set by Regulations		Per Certificate
Private Certifier	\$36.00	\$36.00	\$0.00	\$36.00	per certificate
Registration of Certificates issued by a Private Certifier					
Subdivision Certificate	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	Per application
Plus \$15.00 per Lot					

Applications, CDC & CCS

Note: Buildings with floor areas of 2,000 square metres & above and/or alternative solutions of the Building Code of Australia, will be charged at the full cost incurred by Council.

(i) <\$5,000	\$120.00	\$113.64	\$11.36	\$125.00	
ADD 0.5% x proposed building cost					
(ii) >\$5,000 and < \$100,000	\$180.00	\$172.73	\$17.27	\$190.00	
ADD 3.00% per \$1,000.00 or part thereof of building cost					
(iii) >\$100,000 and <\$250,000	\$363.00	\$345.00	\$34.50	\$379.50	
ADD 3.64% per additional \$10,000 building cost					
(iv) >\$250,000	\$1,260.00	\$1,200.00	\$120.00	\$1,320.00	
ADD 0.1% x proposed building cost					
ADD 2.34% per additional \$10,000 building cost					

Name	Year 23/24	Year 24/25			Unit
	Fee (incl. GST)	Fee (excl. GST)	GST	Fee (incl. GST)	

Construction Certificate and Complying Development Certificate Modification Fee

Class 1,10	\$88.00	\$80.00	\$8.00	\$88.00	per application
Class 1, 10 >\$15,000	\$320.00	\$304.55	\$30.45	\$335.00	
Class 2-9	30% x original application fee				per application
Class 2, 9 >\$100,000	\$795.00	\$754.55	\$75.45	\$830.00	Per application

Building, Planning & Local Government Research

Access to Building, Planning Records	As set by Regulations				per application
See GIPA Act Applications					
In depth advice or research by professional staff not covered by other fees or charges	\$160.00	\$165.00	\$0.00	\$165.00	per hour
Minimum Charge 1 hour					
Administrative Fee for searching Planning & Regulatory Services records	\$160.00	\$165.00	\$0.00	\$165.00	per hour
Minimum charge 1 hour					

List of Development Applications or Construction Certificates, Digital Format Only

6 months	\$100.00	\$105.00	\$0.00	\$105.00	
12 months	\$135.00	\$140.00	\$0.00	\$140.00	
Existing Use – Written Response	\$135.00	\$140.00	\$0.00	\$140.00	minimum
Rezoning enquiry requiring written response	\$190.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	minimum

Building & Mandatory Inspections

Mandatory Inspections

Note: Buildings with floor areas of 2,000 square metres & above and/or alternative solutions of the Building Code of Australia, will be charged at the full cost incurred by Council.

Boarding house initial compliance investigation fee (S. 23 Boarding Houses Act 2012)	\$480.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	
Inspection – Additional Single	\$180.00	\$190.00	\$0.00	\$190.00	

Name	Year 23/24	Year 24/25			Unit
	Fee (incl. GST)	Fee (excl. GST)	GST	Fee (incl. GST)	

Mandatory Inspections [continued]

Swimming Pool Inspection Fee & Compliance Certificate (cl. 18A of the Swimming Pools Regulation 2008)	\$269.99	\$256.52	\$25.65	\$282.17	
Swimming Pool Reinspection Fee	\$138.45	\$131.55	\$13.15	\$144.70	
& Compliance Certificate (cl. 18A of the Swimming Pools Regulation 2008)					
Additional or repeat inspections – class 1 & 10	\$235.00	\$222.73	\$22.27	\$245.00	each
Additional or repeat inspections – class 2 & 9	\$365.00	\$345.45	\$34.55	\$380.00	each
Manufactured home or moveable dwelling (S.68)	\$495.00	\$515.00	\$0.00	\$515.00	
Up to 3 inspections					
Requested inspections of slab, frames, etc for work not subject of a CC or CDC issued by Council – minimum per inspection	\$270.00	\$254.55	\$25.45	\$280.00	minimum per inspection
Requested inspections of slab, frames, etc for work not subject of a CC or CDC issued by Council – hourly rate	\$200.00	\$190.91	\$19.09	\$210.00	hourly rate
Requested inspections of slab, frames, etc for work not subject of a CC or CDC issued by Council – per km travelled	\$1.70	\$1.64	\$0.16	\$1.80	per km travelled
Boarding house initial compliance investigation fee (S. 23 Boarding Houses Act 2012)	\$490.00	\$510.00	\$0.00	\$510.00	

BCA 1A or 1B (Domestic)

New building up to \$100,000	\$800.00	\$727.27	\$72.73	\$800.00	
New building over \$100,000	\$1,000.00	\$909.09	\$90.91	\$1,000.00	
Minor alterations & additions	\$400.00	\$363.64	\$36.36	\$400.00	
Major alterations & additions	\$700.00	\$636.36	\$63.64	\$700.00	

BCA 2,3 or 4 (Commercial)

Up to \$500,000	\$1,200.00	\$1,090.91	\$109.09	\$1,200.00	
Over \$500,000	\$1,800.00	\$1,636.36	\$163.64	\$1,800.00	

BCA 10

BCA 10a	\$400.00	\$363.64	\$36.36	\$400.00	
BCA 10b – fencing, flagpoles, etc	\$300.00	\$272.73	\$27.27	\$300.00	

Name	Year 23/24	Year 24/25			Unit
	Fee (incl. GST)	Fee (excl. GST)	GST	Fee (incl. GST)	

BCA 5,6,7 or 8 (Commercial)

Up to \$250,000	\$1,200.00	\$1,090.91	\$109.09	\$1,200.00	
\$250,000 – \$1.0M	\$2,000.00	\$1,818.18	\$181.82	\$2,000.00	
Over \$1.0M	Fees calculated based on number & complexity of inspections required				

BCA 9A, 9B, or 9C (Commercial)

Up to \$249,999 Up to 5 inspections (typically)	\$1,200.00	\$1,090.91	\$109.09	\$1,200.00	
Up to \$250,000 to 1.0M Over \$1.0M	\$2,000.00	\$1,818.18	\$181.82	\$2,000.00	
	Fees calculated based on number & complexity of inspections required				

Pool

Inground	\$600.00	\$545.45	\$54.55	\$600.00	
Above ground	\$400.00	\$363.64	\$36.36	\$400.00	

DA Fees

Development Applications

Fees will be charged in accordance with NSW Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021

Name	Year 23/24	Year 24/25		Unit
	Fee (incl. GST)	Fee (excl. GST)	GST	

245D Maximum Fee for Application Involving Erection of Building, Carrying out of Work or Demolition (Other Than for Marinas or Extractive Industries)

All Development Applications Fees are based on the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000. The most frequent used fees are listed below:

246B What is the Maximum Fee?

- (1) The maximum fee for development involving the erection of a building, the carrying out of work or the demolition of a work or a building, and having an estimated cost within the range specified in the Table to this clause is calculated in accordance with that Table.
- (2) Despite subclause (1), the maximum fee payable for development for the purpose of one or more advertisements is:
 - (a) \$285, plus \$93 for each advertisement in excess of one, or
 - (b) the fee calculated in accordance with the Table, whichever is the greater.
- (3) The fees determined under this clause do not apply to development for which a fee is payable under clause 247.

Estimated Cost:

Division 2 Other Fees and Charges

257 What is the Fee for a Request for a Review of a Determination?

The maximum fee for a request for a review of a determination under section 82A (3) of the Act is:

- (a) in the case of a request with respect to a development application that does not involve the erection of a building, the carrying out of a work or the demolition of a work or building, 50 per cent of the fee for the original development application, and
- (b) in the case of a request with respect to a development application that involves the erection of a dwelling-house with an estimated cost of construction of \$100,000 or less, \$150, and
- (c) in the case of a request with respect to any other development application, as set out in the Table to this clause, plus an additional amount of not more than \$500 if notice of the application is required to be given under section 82A of the Act.

Estimated Cost

Name	Year 23/24	Year 24/25		Unit
	Fee (incl. GST)	Fee (excl. GST)	GST	

258 What is the Fee for an Application for Modification of a Consent for Local Development or State Significant Development?

(1) The maximum fee for an application under section 96 (1) of the Act is \$71.

(1A) The maximum fee for an application under section 96 (1A) of the Act, or under section 96AA (1) of the Act in respect of a modification which, in the opinion of the consent authority, is of minimal environmental impact, is \$645 or 50 per cent of the fee for the original development application, whichever is the lesser.

(2) The maximum fee for an application under section 96 (2) of the Act, or under section 96AA (1) of the Act in respect of a modification which, in the opinion of the consent authority, is not of minimal environmental impact, is:

(a) if the fee for the original application was less than \$100, 50 per cent of that fee, or

(b) if the fee for the original application was \$100 or more:

(i) in the case of an application with respect to a development application that does not involve the erection of a building, the carrying out of a work or the demolition of a work or building, 50 per cent of the fee for the original development application, and

(ii) in the case of an application with respect to a development application that involves the erection of a dwelling-house with an estimated cost of construction of \$100,000 or less, \$190, and

(iii) in the case of an application with respect to any other development application, as set out in the Table to this clause, plus an additional amount of not more than \$500 if notice of the application is required to be given under section 96 (2) or 96AA (1) of the Act.

(2A) An additional fee, not exceeding \$760, is payable for development to which clause 115 (1A) applies.

(3) The consent authority must refund so much of the additional amount as is not spent in giving the notice under section 96 (2) or 96AA (1) of the Act.

(3A) The consent authority must refund the additional fee paid under subclause (2A) if the development is not referred to a design review panel.

(4) In this clause:

(a) a reference to an original development application is a reference to the development application that resulted in the granting of the consent to be modified, and

(b) a reference to the fee for the original development application does not include a reference to any fee under clause 252 that was payable for the giving of notice.

(5) This clause does not apply to an application for the modification of a development consent granted by the Land and Environment Court on appeal from some other consent authority.

Estimated Cost:

Name	Year 23/24	Year 24/25			Unit
	Fee (incl. GST)	Fee (excl. GST)	GST	Fee (incl. GST)	

Cemetery

Cemetery Administration

Cemetery Plaque and Installation			AT cost plus freight and GST		Per item
Late Fee	\$110.00	\$100.00	\$10.00	\$110.00	Per item
Late Fee on applications for Burial Certificates					

Cemetery Register

Note: Cemetery plot maps and burial details can be downloaded from Council's web site for free as pdf files.

a) Digital (email or CD)	\$28.00	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$30.00	
b) Printed	\$54.00	\$57.00	\$0.00	\$57.00	

Exhumations

Administrative fee	\$745.00	\$709.09	\$70.91	\$780.00	
Excavation, ancillary staff & equipment				Cost	

Burial - Lawn and Beam Sections

Walgett only

Note: Grave excavation included

a) 1st Interment	\$1,860.00	\$1,763.64	\$176.36	\$1,940.00	
b) Reopening for 2nd Interment	\$930.00	\$881.82	\$88.18	\$970.00	
c) Childs cask (less than 1.1 m long)	\$500.00	\$477.27	\$47.73	\$525.00	

Burial - Monumental Section (Walgett, Lightning Ridge, Collarenebri)

Note: Grave excavation included

a) 1st Interment or	\$1,060.00	\$1,009.09	\$100.91	\$1,110.00	
b) Reopening for 2nd Interment or	\$530.00	\$504.55	\$50.45	\$555.00	
c) Childs cask (less than 1.1 m long)	\$375.00	\$354.55	\$35.45	\$390.00	

Name	Year 23/24	Year 24/25			Unit
	Fee (incl. GST)	Fee (excl. GST)	GST	Fee (incl. GST)	

Burial - Monumental Section

Burren Junction, Cumborah, Angledool and Carinda

Note: Permit only. Grave excavation not included. Council excavation work is additional on a per job basis

a) 1st Interment	\$675.00	\$640.91	\$64.09	\$705.00	
b) Reopening for 2nd Interment	\$340.00	\$322.73	\$32.27	\$355.00	
c) Childs casket (less than 1.1 m long)	\$235.00	\$222.73	\$22.27	\$245.00	

Burial - Additional Charges

Where Council excavates the grave

a) Weekend and public holiday interment	\$745.00	\$709.09	\$70.91	\$780.00	
b) Extra (double) depth	\$190.00	\$181.82	\$18.18	\$200.00	

Burial Reservation

All Public Cemeteries	\$240.00	\$227.27	\$22.73	\$250.00	per plot
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Memorial Wall (where provided)

Private installation of Niche Inspection on work completion	\$175.00	\$185.00	\$0.00	\$185.00	each
Reservation Fee – Memorial Wall	\$45.00	\$43.64	\$4.36	\$48.00	per reservation
Niche	\$260.00	\$245.45	\$24.55	\$270.00	

Regulatory Functions

Animal Control

Impounded Animals

Dog and Cat Impounding Release Fee	\$40.00	\$42.00	\$0.00	\$42.00	
Dog and Cat Impounding Sustainance	\$31.00	\$31.00	\$0.00	\$31.00	per day

Name	Year 23/24	Year 24/25			Unit
	Fee (incl. GST)	Fee (excl. GST)	GST	Fee (incl. GST)	

Impounded Stock and Other Animals

Impounded horses, cattle, goats and sheep:-

Impounded animal	As per Public Spaces (Unattended Property) Regulation 2022				
Animal includes aquatic and terrestrial animals but does not include companion animals within the meaning of the <i>Companion Animals Act 1998</i>					

Driving Fees

Rates for Driving or Taking to Pound, Horses, Asses, Mules, Cows or Camels

Sustenance - Horses, Cattle, Goats and Sheep

Cattle and Horses (Weekdays)	\$11.00	\$12.00	\$0.00	\$12.00	each
Cattle and Horses (Weekends & Public Holidays)	\$16.00	\$17.00	\$0.00	\$17.00	each
Minimum charge of \$40.00 per day per owner					

Annual Permits

Cat - Not Desexed (by 4 months of age)	As set by Regulations				
Dog - Dangerous	As set by Regulations				per animal
Dog - Restricted	As set by Regulations				

Penalties Relating to Annual Permits

Cat - Not Desexed (over 4 months of age)	As set by Regulations				
Cat - Notice requiring permit application	As set by Regulations				
Dog - Dangerous	As set by Regulations				
Dogs - Restricted	As set by Regulations				per animal
Dog - Notice requiring permit application	As set by Regulations				
Permit conditions - not complied with	As set by Regulations				

Products and Services

Micro chipping	\$66.00	\$60.00	\$6.00	\$66.00	
Includes micro-chip and service to install					

Name	Year 23/24	Year 24/25		Unit
	Fee (incl. GST)	Fee (excl. GST)	GST	

Products and Services [continued]

Inspection of Restricted and Dangerous Dog Enclosures	\$185.00	\$195.00	\$0.00	\$195.00	
Products - Dangerous Dogs	Cost plus 20% administration fee and GST				Per item

Registration

Companion Animals

Dogs

Dog - Desexed (sold by pound/shelter)				As set by Regulations	
Dog - Desexed (by relevant age)				As set by Regulations	
Dog - Desexed (by relevant age) Eligible Pensioner				As set by Regulations	
Dogs - Assistance Animals				Free of charge	
Dog - Service of the State				Free of Charge	
Dog - Working				Free of Charge	
Dog - Not desexed – (not recommended for desexing)				As set by Regulations	each
Dog - Not Desexed (recognised breeder)				As set by Regulations	per animal
Dog - Not Desexed or Desexed (after relevant age)				As set by Regulations	per animal

Cats

Cat - Desexed (sold by pound/shelter)				As set by Regulations	
Cat - Desexed or Not Sexed (after relevant age)				As set by Regulations	
Cat - Eligible Pensioner				As set by Regulations	
Cat - Not Desexed (not recommended)				As set by Regulations	
Cat - Not Desexed (recognised breeder)				As set by Regulations	

Regulatory Functions - Other

Impounding of Property

Charges for seizure, taking custody, removal, keeping and releasing vehicle

Name	Year 23/24	Year 24/25			Unit
	Fee (incl. GST)	Fee (excl. GST)	GST	Fee (incl. GST)	

Vehicles

a) Examination and valuation of vehicle	\$135.00	\$140.00	\$0.00	\$140.00	
b) Photographs	\$33.00	\$35.00	\$0.00	\$35.00	
c) Notice to Police	\$64.00	\$67.00	\$0.00	\$67.00	
d) Advertising Charges	\$54.00	\$57.00	\$0.00	\$57.00	
d) Advertising Charges + ADD				Cost	
e) Notification	\$42.00	\$44.00	\$0.00	\$44.00	
f) Release Fee	\$64.00	\$67.00	\$0.00	\$67.00	
g) Towing and Removal	\$54.00	\$57.00	\$0.00	\$57.00	
g) Towing and Removal + ADD				Cost	
h) Charges for keeping vehicle in custody per day	\$33.00	\$35.00	\$0.00	\$35.00	

Other

Impounding of Abandoned Shopping Trolleys	\$100.00	\$105.00	\$0.00	\$105.00	
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Waste Centre Fees

Landfill Tipping Fees

General Waste

All waste - animal carcass, bones, skins, etc	\$30.00	\$28.50	\$2.85	\$31.35	per m ³
Asbestos - Friable/Bonded	\$180.00	\$177.27	\$17.73	\$195.00	per m ³
per m ³					
Asbestos - (Plastic wrapped)	\$22.00	\$20.91	\$2.09	\$23.00	m ²
Under 10m ²					
Concrete	\$81.00	\$80.00	\$8.00	\$88.00	per m ³
Chemical drums within Drum muster				Free	
Mixed Soil/Agricultural Top Soil	\$88.00	\$83.64	\$8.36	\$92.00	
Un-contaminated Waste Water				Quote Only	Per tonne
Waste not listed or Waste Quantity over 20m ³				Quote Only	

Name	Year 23/24	Year 24/25			Unit
	Fee (incl. GST)	Fee (excl. GST)	GST	Fee (incl. GST)	

Mattress

Single Single Bed Mattress	\$16.50	\$15.68	\$1.57	\$17.25	
King Single King Single Mattress	\$22.00	\$20.91	\$2.09	\$23.00	
Double Queen Queen Bed Mattress	\$33.00	\$31.36	\$3.14	\$34.50	
	\$44.00	\$41.82	\$4.18	\$46.00	
King	\$55.00	\$52.27	\$5.23	\$57.50	

Recyclable Waste

Recyclable Batteries - sorted and delivered to battery bin				Free	
Recyclable Clean Green Waste Recyclable Sorted domestic waste - delivered to storage areas				Free	
Recyclable Sorted dry fill and rubble - delivered to area for recycling				Free	
Recyclable Sorted metal waste - delivered to stockpile				Free	

Tyres

Small Car & Similar - Less Than 600mm diameter	\$13.00	\$13.64	\$1.36	\$15.00	per tyre
4WD, Truck and Small Tractor More than 600 and less than 1000mm diameter	\$36.00	\$35.45	\$3.55	\$39.00	

Name	Year 23/24	Year 24/25			Unit
	Fee (incl. GST)	Fee (excl. GST)	GST	Fee (incl. GST)	

Tyres [continued]

Large Tractor and Heavy Equipment More than 1000mm in diameter	\$165.00	\$163.64	\$16.36	\$180.00	per tyre
Earth Mover Large Quantity More than 20m3	\$18.00	\$17.27	\$1.73	\$19.00	Quote only

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Name	Year 23/24	Year 24/25			Unit
	Fee (incl. GST)	Fee (excl. GST)	GST	Fee (incl. GST)	

Engineering and Technical Services

GIS Maps and Data

Note: Rural addressing, urban addressing, road, cemetery and LEP maps can be downloaded for free as pdf files from Council's web site.

	\$145.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	per DVD
E.g. Water mains, sewer mains, zoning data					
Nil for Government Authorities, Community Groups and Non Profit Groups					
Walgett Local Environment Plan (LEP) document	\$28.00	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$30.00	
Colour Copy					
Walgett Local Environmental Plan (LEP) maps	\$64.00	\$67.00	\$0.00	\$67.00	
Colour Copy					

GIS Maps

a) Colour A1 – existing map	\$64.00	\$67.00	\$0.00	\$67.00	
b) Colour A1 – custom map	\$100.00	\$105.00	\$0.00	\$105.00	
c) Colour A0 – existing map	\$135.00	\$140.00	\$0.00	\$140.00	
d) Colour A0 – custom map	\$165.00	\$170.00	\$0.00	\$170.00	
e) Black and White up to A3	\$30.00	\$32.00	\$0.00	\$32.00	
f) Colour up to A3	\$45.00	\$48.00	\$0.00	\$48.00	

Engineering

Inspections – Driveways	\$165.00	\$165.00	\$0.00	\$165.00	
Solid Septic Waste Management	\$28.00	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$30.00	per m3
Dumping charge					

Garbage Bin – New Mobile Garbage Bins (MGB)

240L Replacement	\$100.00	\$105.00	\$0.00	\$105.00	each
360L Replacement (Commercial Properties Only)	\$165.00	\$170.00	\$0.00	\$170.00	each

Name	Year 23/24	Year 24/25			Unit
	Fee (incl. GST)	Fee (excl. GST)	GST	Fee (incl. GST)	

Engineering - Activity Approval

Activity Approval E1 – Swing or hoist goods over any part of a public road by means of a lift, hoist or tackle	\$215.00	\$215.00	\$0.00	\$215.00	
Activity Approval E2 – Expose or allow to be exposed any article in or on or so as to overhang any part of the road or outside a shop window etc	\$110.00	\$110.00	\$0.00	\$110.00	

Activity - Plumbing

a) new service	\$110.00	\$110.00	\$0.00	\$110.00	
b) modify existing	\$89.00	\$94.00	\$0.00	\$94.00	
Fee	\$695.00	\$725.00	\$0.00	\$725.00	per connection
Any domestic B1, B4 and B5 Activity Applications (other than water connection or meter), for new domestic connections where complete applications are lodged at same time with a single plumber					
a) Sewer, stormwater or water supply (includes review of plans and report) – per inspection	\$410.00	\$410.00	\$0.00	\$410.00	per inspection
a) Sewer, stormwater or water supply (includes review of plans and report) plus travelling (per km from Walgett)	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$0.00	\$1.00	

Activity Approval B1 - Water Supply Work

a) new service	\$240.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	
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Activity Approval B2 - Draw and Sell Water From Council Supply

Fee	\$215.00	\$225.00	\$0.00	\$225.00	per annum
Charge for regulatory application only, including checking compliance with Public Health Act 2010					
Separate access & volume charges apply, see water section					

Activity Approval B3 - Water Connection or Meter – Standard Connections

All prices include water meters

Standard single 20mm water connection (raw or filtered)	\$930.00	\$970.00	\$0.00	\$970.00	
Dual 20mm water connection (raw and filtered)	\$1,270.00	\$1,330.00	\$0.00	\$1,330.00	
Single 25mm water connection (raw or filtered)	\$1,070.00	\$1,120.00	\$0.00	\$1,120.00	

Name	Year 23/24	Year 24/25			Unit
	Fee (incl. GST)	Fee (excl. GST)	GST	Fee (incl. GST)	
Activity Approval B3 - Water Connection or Meter – Standard Connections [continued]					
Dual 25mm water connection (raw and filtered)	\$1,460.00	\$1,530.00	\$0.00	\$1,530.00	
Road Crossings for Connections additional charge				At cost	Per application
Activity Approval B3 - Water Connection or Meter – Non-Standard Connections					
For services greater than 25mm				Cost	
For relocation or replacement of services with a larger service				Cost	
Activity Approval B3 - Water Disconnection/Reconnection					
Disconnection	\$490.00	\$510.00	\$0.00	\$510.00	
Reconnection (where existing meter in place & functional)	\$235.00	\$245.00	\$0.00	\$245.00	
Activity Approval B4 - Sewerage Work for BCA Class 1 and 10 Buildings					
a) new service or reconnection (with existing connection point)	\$310.00	\$325.00	\$0.00	\$325.00	
b) new service (with new connection point)	\$605.00	\$630.00	\$0.00	\$630.00	
c) modify existing	\$310.00	\$325.00	\$0.00	\$325.00	
d) disconnection	\$490.00	\$510.00	\$0.00	\$510.00	
Activity Approval B4 - Sewerage Work for BCA Class 2 - 9 Buildings					
a) new service or reconnection	\$725.00	\$760.00	\$0.00	\$760.00	
b) modify existing	\$365.00	\$380.00	\$0.00	\$380.00	
c) disconnection	\$490.00	\$510.00	\$0.00	\$510.00	
Activity Approval B6 - Connect Private Sewer to Public Sewer					
Fee	\$980.00	\$1,020.00	\$0.00	\$1,020.00	per connection

Name	Year 23/24	Year 24/25			Unit
	Fee (incl. GST)	Fee (excl. GST)	GST	Fee (incl. GST)	

Activity - Waste

Activity Approval C3, Place a Waste Storage Container in a Public Place

Fee	\$77.00	\$81.00	\$0.00	\$81.00	per bin
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Activity Approval C4 - Dispose of Waste into a Council Sewer

Contractor access for disposal of septic waste into Council sewage/effluent system	\$605.00	\$630.00	\$0.00	\$630.00	per year
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Engineering - Plant Hire

Availability of most plant is limited and Council reserves the right to deny the availability of any plant not in a serviceable condition or where making the plant available would potentially interrupt delivery of Council's core services.

All plant must be hired with a Council employee as operator

Brentwood Trailer / Truck Combination					Quote given on request (includes GST)
Jackpick, Compressor and Operator					Quote given on request (includes GST)
Loader					Quote given on request (includes GST)
Backhoe / Loader					Quote given on request (includes GST)
Water Tanker (11,800L)					Quote given on request (includes GST)
Tractor / Slasher / Mower – Large					Quote given on request (includes GST)
Tractor / Slasher / Mower – Small					Quote given on request (includes GST)
Crane Truck					Quote given on request (includes GST)
Skid Steer and Attachments					Quote given on request (includes GST)
Concrete Saw					Quote given on request (includes GST)
Truck – 7 Tonne					Quote given on request (includes GST)
Roller					Quote given on request (includes GST)
Grader					Quote given on request (includes GST)
Slashing of Private Urban Land Blocks	\$245.00	\$255.00	\$0.00	\$255.00	per hour (minimum half an hour)

Name	Year 23/24	Year 24/25			Unit
	Fee (incl. GST)	Fee (excl. GST)	GST	Fee (incl. GST)	

Engineering - Showgrounds, Sports Grounds

Bonds – Refundable

Cost of any cleaning and/or repairs after a function, and the loss of keys to be borne by hirer.

Showgrounds	\$1,210.00	\$1,260.00	\$0.00	\$1,260.00	per user
Leonard Pavillion	\$1,060.00	\$1,110.00	\$0.00	\$1,110.00	
Lightning Ridge Ovals Multipurpose Centre	\$1,060.00	\$1,110.00	\$0.00	\$1,110.00	
Sports Grounds	\$305.00	\$320.00	\$0.00	\$320.00	per user
Pavilions	\$360.00	\$375.00	\$0.00	\$375.00	Per use/Per user

Temporary Licences

Fees applicable to all Crown Lands, Showgrounds and Sportsgrounds

Annual Licence	\$190.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	per annum
Licence to access to Crown Lands held in Trust by Walgett Shire Council					

Showground/Racecourses, Sportsgrounds

Showgrounds

Walgett Showground

Leonard Pavilion

Dining Room - Function	\$125.00	\$118.18	\$11.82	\$130.00	Per day
Dining Room - Meeting	\$44.00	\$41.82	\$4.18	\$46.00	Per day

Walgett Showground Other Pavilions

Hire - Functions	\$105.00	\$95.45	\$9.55	\$105.00	Per day
Hire - Meetings	\$35.00	\$31.82	\$3.18	\$35.00	Per day

Hire of Walgett Showground Pavillions other than the Leonard Pavillion for a meeting of 20 people or less

Name	Year 23/24	Year 24/25			Unit
	Fee (incl. GST)	Fee (excl. GST)	GST	Fee (incl. GST)	
Other Charges					
Electricity (Events Only)	\$30.00	\$29.09	\$2.91	\$32.00	per day
Floodlighting - Showground/Racecourse Arena	\$77.00	\$73.64	\$7.36	\$81.00	per day
Horse Stalls	\$6.00	\$5.45	\$0.55	\$6.00	per stall per night
Bar - Walgett Showgrounds					
Showground/Racecourse - Cool Room (Bar) Hire	\$67.00	\$64.55	\$6.45	\$71.00	per day
Floodlights - Bar Area	\$44.00	\$41.82	\$4.18	\$46.00	per day
Maximum of 7 days for booked events only					
Minimum Charge \$30.00 per booking					
Kitchen - Walgett Showgrounds					
Kitchen - Bond	\$370.00	\$385.00	\$0.00	\$385.00	per user
Hire of Kitchen	\$63.00	\$60.00	\$6.00	\$66.00	per day
Gazebo					
Sportsgrounds					
Sportsgrounds - Floodlighting					
Per night	\$55.00	\$52.73	\$5.27	\$58.00	per night
Per season	\$530.00	\$504.55	\$50.45	\$555.00	per season
Sportsgrounds - Line Marking					
Per season	\$865.00	\$822.73	\$82.27	\$905.00	per season
Maximum of 5 line markings per season					
Per season (maximum of 5 line markings per season)					
Per event	\$415.00	\$395.45	\$39.55	\$435.00	per event

Name	Year 23/24	Year 24/25			Unit
	Fee (incl. GST)	Fee (excl. GST)	GST	Fee (incl. GST)	

Camping

Showground / Racecourse / Sportsgrounds

Maximum of 7 days for booked events only

Individual (one site)	\$22.00	\$20.91	\$2.09	\$23.00	per day
Individual powered site (Walgett Showground only)	\$29.00	\$28.18	\$2.82	\$31.00	per day
Organisation (10+ sites)	\$165.00	\$154.55	\$15.45	\$170.00	per day

Ovals Multipurpose Centre Lightning Ridge

Facility Hire Charges

Monday to Friday
Day event from 8am to 3pm
Night event 6pm to midnight

Saturday & Sunday
Day event from 8am to 4pm
Night event 4pm to midnight

Half day hire 60% of relevant area hire charge

Not for profit community group hire 75% of relevant area hire charge

Set up prior to wedding/event is 50% of relevant area hire charge

Alfresco Dining Area	\$53.04	\$50.38	\$5.04	\$55.42	Per day
Bar Hire	\$110.00	\$104.55	\$10.45	\$115.00	Per day
BBQ and Alfresco Dining Area	\$120.00	\$113.64	\$11.36	\$125.00	Per day
Dining setting hire	\$3.50	\$3.18	\$0.32	\$3.50	per head
Crockery and cutlery settings available for parties and functions (See attached list of items)					
Function Room Hire	\$370.00	\$350.00	\$35.00	\$385.00	Per day
Kitchen Hire	\$120.00	\$113.64	\$11.36	\$125.00	Per day
Whole of Complex	\$640.00	\$609.09	\$60.91	\$670.00	Per day
Day or night regardless of day of the week					

Name	Year 23/24	Year 24/25			Unit
	Fee (incl. GST)	Fee (excl. GST)	GST	Fee (incl. GST)	

Engineering - Halls

All Halls

Bond – Refundable

Cost of any cleaning / repairs after function, and loss of keys to be borne by hirer.

Bond deposited into Council's Bank Account

For all Halls	\$370.00	\$385.00	\$0.00	\$385.00	per user
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Cleaning – All Halls

Cleaning – All Halls	\$58.00	\$55.45	\$5.55	\$61.00	per hour
Cleaning – All Halls + ADD	\$1.35	\$1.32	\$0.13	\$1.45	per km travel

Collarenebri

Function – Collarenebri

Combined Involving more than 20 people per event	\$295.00	\$281.82	\$28.18	\$310.00	per day
Supper Room Involving more than 20 people per event	\$125.00	\$118.18	\$11.82	\$130.00	per day
Main Hall Involving more than 20 people per event	\$175.00	\$168.18	\$16.82	\$185.00	per day

Meetings – Collarenebri

Meeting Room Hire of the facility for a meeting of 20 people or less	\$44.00	\$41.82	\$4.18	\$46.00	per day
Supper Room Hire of the facility for a meeting of 20 people or less	\$44.00	\$41.82	\$4.18	\$46.00	per day

Name	Year 23/24	Year 24/25			Unit
	Fee (incl. GST)	Fee (excl. GST)	GST	Fee (incl. GST)	

Meetings – Collarenebri [continued]

Main Hall	\$44.00	\$41.82	\$4.18	\$46.00	per day
Hire of the facility for a meeting of 20 people or less					

Rowena, Carinda and Burren Junction

Function – Rowena, Carinda and Burren Junction

Combined	\$295.00	\$281.82	\$28.18	\$310.00	per day
Involving more than 20 people per event					
Supper Room	\$125.00	\$118.18	\$11.82	\$130.00	per day
Involving more than 20 people per event					
Main Hall	\$175.00	\$168.18	\$16.82	\$185.00	per day
Involving more than 20 people per event					

Meetings – Rowena, Carinda and Burren Junction

Supper Room	\$44.00	\$41.82	\$4.18	\$46.00	per day
Hire of the facility for a meeting of 20 people or less					
Main Hall	\$44.00	\$41.82	\$4.18	\$46.00	per day
Hire of the facility for a meeting of 20 people or less					

Engineering - Council Administration Building

Council Chambers	\$185.00	\$177.27	\$17.73	\$195.00	per day
Hire of the facility for a meeting of 20 people or less					
Back of Council Chambers	\$120.00	\$113.64	\$11.36	\$125.00	per day
Hire of the facility for a meeting of 20 people or less					
Meeting Room	\$99.00	\$95.45	\$9.55	\$105.00	per day
Hire of the facility for a meeting of 20 people or less					

Name	Year 23/24	Year 24/25			Unit
	Fee (incl. GST)	Fee (excl. GST)	GST	Fee (incl. GST)	

Engineering - Saleyards

Yard Dues – Cattle Sold	\$11.00	\$10.91	\$1.09	\$12.00	per head
Yard Dues – Store Cattle Sold	\$9.00	\$9.09	\$0.91	\$10.00	per head
Yard Dues – Horses	\$22.00	\$20.91	\$2.09	\$23.00	per head
Yard Dues – Bulls	\$22.00	\$20.91	\$2.09	\$23.00	per head
Working Use – Cattle (ie, use of crush)	\$8.00	\$8.18	\$0.82	\$9.00	per head
Private Weighing of Cattle	\$11.00	\$10.91	\$1.09	\$12.00	per head
Casual use of yards for sheep	\$50.00	\$48.18	\$4.82	\$53.00	per 1,000 (or part thereof) per day
Casual use of yards for cattle	\$53.00	\$50.91	\$5.09	\$56.00	per 100 (or part thereof) per day

Engineering - Walgett Aerodrome

Rental of Hangar Space at Walgett Aerodrome

Casual Rental Per week (or part thereof for less than 4 weeks)	\$96.00	\$90.91	\$9.09	\$100.00	
Monthly Rental Per month (or part thereof for periods exceeding 4 weeks)	\$235.00	\$222.73	\$22.27	\$245.00	
Annual Rental	\$2,510.00	\$2,381.82	\$238.18	\$2,620.00	per annum

Engineering - Walgett Swimming Pool

Family Season Ticket	\$375.00	\$354.55	\$35.45	\$390.00	
Single Season Ticket	\$190.00	\$181.82	\$18.18	\$200.00	
Adult (+child under 2yrs)	\$3.00	\$2.73	\$0.27	\$3.00	
Children	\$3.00	\$2.73	\$0.27	\$3.00	

Name	Year 23/24	Year 24/25			Unit
	Fee (incl. GST)	Fee (excl. GST)	GST	Fee (incl. GST)	

Engineering - Carinda Swimming Pool

All tickets \$20.00 deposit on key

Family Season Ticket	\$120.00	\$113.64	\$11.36	\$125.00	
Single Season Ticket	\$64.00	\$60.91	\$6.09	\$67.00	
Adult and Child	\$3.00	\$2.73	\$0.27	\$3.00	per person

Engineering - Collarenebri Swimming Pool

Family Season Ticket	\$230.00	\$218.18	\$21.82	\$240.00	
Single Season Ticket	\$125.00	\$118.18	\$11.82	\$130.00	
Adult and Child	\$3.00	\$2.73	\$0.27	\$3.00	per person

Engineering - Burren Junction Swimming Pool

Bond - Key (Refundable)	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$20.00	Per item
Family Season Ticket	\$120.00	\$113.64	\$11.36	\$125.00	
Single Season Ticket	\$64.00	\$60.91	\$6.09	\$67.00	
Adult	\$3.00	\$2.73	\$0.27	\$3.00	
Child	\$3.00	\$2.73	\$0.27	\$3.00	
Child under 5 year of age				Free	

Engineering - Burren Junction Bore Baths

Camping – Burren Junction Bore Baths	\$5.00	\$4.55	\$0.45	\$5.00	per day
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Engineering - Water Supply

Water Meter – Interim Meter Read	\$80.00	\$84.00	\$0.00	\$84.00	
Water Meter – Test	\$135.00	\$140.00	\$0.00	\$140.00	
To be paid upfront					
Water Meter – Replacement – 20mm	\$290.00	\$315.00	\$0.00	\$315.00	
Water Meter – Replacement – other sizes				Actual Cost + 15% + GST	

Name	Year 23/24	Year 24/25			Unit
	Fee (incl. GST)	Fee (excl. GST)	GST	Fee (incl. GST)	

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Fire Flow Investigation	\$695.00	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$750.00	
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7th June 2024

To the General Manager,

I am writing this letter regarding the bore water supply for the property "Bowra" 398 Bowra Lane, Walgett. Bowra receives water from the Carinda bore and has done for over 100 years but has only been metered since 2011. This letter is following up the matter of the property getting treated as a stock and domestic user and to be rated and charged appropriately.

Bowra has always had a water supply from the Carinda bore. Pre 1990's the Carinda bore supplied water via bore drains to a number of properties in the district. When the bore was capped in early 90's an agreement was made between Walgett Shire Council and my father that Bowra was still entitled to and given access to water via pipeline. All the plans and design of the works were completed by Soil Conservation Service, with the estimated costs of \$118,000 in materials, plus installation. The complete water infrastructure was installed before the time of any rebates or grants and was fully funded by my father. There was only an annual access fee charged to the rates notice for the water, until 2011. In 2011, council had a meter installed and all water was metered. Metered water started off at 13 cents per kl.

Bowra uses this water for stock and domestic purposes, providing for our farming enterprises and one household. Our cattle, sheep, and cropping programs rely on this water, as well as native and other animals. For this reason, we are requesting that the property is treated and charged at an altered rate.

After extensive research into how stock and domestic water is charged, I am of the understanding that all stock and domestic water is hectare rated. According to the 'Combined Bore Water Trusts' the most expensive water managed under 29 different trust's is \$1 per hectare. Most water is charged out at less than \$1 per hectare. I am also lead to believe the Walgett Shire council is on a trust bore on the edge of town and it has the access to non-metered water to supply the township, when it needs it.

As Bowra is 2850 hectares, we propose that the charges for the supply and access of water be a total rate of \$2850 per annum with no metering. This is how it was pre 2011 and is how all other stock and domestic water is charged.

If metering has to occur, we proposed a flat rate of 20cents per KL (with no excess charges over certain KLs). Also with NO yearly access fee charges (current charge \$1662). If the water is getting metered and charged there is no need for a huge access fee on top.

When council use the bore water or ground tank water from farms for road works. Does the farmer charge access or measures the water taken? No, it is generally given in good will. We are wanting to

still pay for the supply of water from the Carinda bore, though we are asking for a fair and reasonable rate as it is Stock and Domestic water used for primary production.

Regards

Jock and Jessica Dowling Brown

To the General Manager
Megan Dixon

Walgett Shire Council

Dear Megan

I would like to comment on the upcoming budget and ask you to make this submission available to the Walgett Shire Councillors.

Firstly I would like to qualify my comments by stating that I, Pauline Kearl, have attended nearly every Council meeting over the past two and a half years and I have spent numerous hours studying Meeting agendas and minutes dating back to 2016. Due to this interest in Council I am confident in my knowledge of it and in expressing my views about current affairs.

The Major Projects section of the budget and the list presented at the May Council meeting is one of my concerns. From discussions at the last meeting it also appeared to be of concern to the majority of Councillors and they had asked what projects are resolutions and which ones are grant funded.

The GM stated that some of these projects were on previous budgets so therefore were resolutions. I do not believe this to be the case.

Any project in the Budget should be from a resolution voted on by the Councillors. Not from an idea that a staff member/s has, or from a request from a member of the public, or from an informal discussion with Councillors where ideas are noted on a whiteboard.

I will use the Bird Hide project at Lightning Ridge as an example. This has never been a resolution of Council. Relieving General Manager Hugh Percy and a senior administration staff member searched and could not find any evidence of this as a resolution. Mr Percy therefore removed this from the budget. Somehow it has reappeared again and it has doubled from an original \$50,000 budget to \$100,000. This is one of many examples I can use.

The Councillors and ratepayers deserve to be delivered a budget that they can have confidence in. One solution could be to attach the resolution number and a date to the item listed on the budget and maybe a symbol to indicate whether grant funding has been received for it. Something like this would certainly add some clarity to such an important document. If this sounds feasible to the Councillors it could be put forward as a resolution in the future.

As it stands now the budget appears to be needing attention and I ask that the Councillors request that any item appearing in the budget that didn't originate via a

resolution should be removed from it.

My next subject of concern is the amount of funds allocated and used by Community Services. After subtracting grants and other funding, Council contribute over \$1 million to this sector.

Before I go on I would like to stress my belief in the importance of our community services. This is not the issue here.

Rather the issue as I see it is the 'value for money' factor. I have been to a number of community events over the years and I use the following example. I attended a free pool day at Lightning Ridge. It was a hot and sunny afternoon in the school holidays and there was lucky to be ten people taking advantage of the service. Not great "bang for your buck".

Further to this my concern is that within the quarterly reports issued by the Community Services there seems to be numbers of attendance quoted greater than what I have witnessed. Possibly this self-promotion is to justify the funds made available in this area?

I think the community deserve better usage of this large sum of money. I ask that the Councillors keep a close eye on this and possibly it can be improved with the new staffing restructure.

I have one final request of the Councillors, that being to ask the General Manager to issue the fourth Quarterly Budget (April - June 2024) after 30June 2024. It allows one to view Council's final expenditure for the financial year.

I thank you and I trust that you will take my submission and requests into account.

Yours sincerely
Pauline Kearl

Sent from my iPhone



Community submission to Council regarding Draft Delivery Program 2024/2025 & Draft Operational Plan 2024/2025

Attention: Council members, Council President and General Manager of the Walgett Shire Council

The Burren Progress Inc would like to thank the General Manager, Megan Dizon, and the Walgett Mayor, Jasen Ramien, for attending our Progress meeting on June 12th. We had been very excited to see that money had been allocated to Burren in the Draft Delivery and Draft Operational Plan for 24-25 which had been presented to Council on May 28th 2024 and was published on the Shire's website. This included the upgrading of the cemetery and the Oval (Capital works 24/25 (Burren Cemetery \$113,000 and Burren Oval \$200,000).

However, Megan and Jasen explained that, in fact, NONE of the non-grant funding projects listed in the plan could be funded since the budget was in serious deficit. We appreciate the openness with which Megan and Jasen acknowledged the problems and we have some sympathy for the position Council finds itself in, but we were also left with some questions about how we move forward with our own vision for Burren Junction.

During this meeting we were encouraged to pursue grant funding ourselves if we wished to see any of our projects come to fruition. As a Progress Committee which has been working together since 2021, and before as a Hall Committee since 2014, we are a long way down the track in itemizing and prioritizing projects for our community (see attached our privately commissioned community report from 2021 and submitted to Council). As a group we are not afraid of applying for grants and to date we have been very successful in this area. In fact, our beautiful School of Arts Hall, the very heart of our small community, as well as the adjacent War Memorial, has been spearheaded largely by grants and community volunteers. We have just been granted a Telstra grant to improve connectivity and community cohesion by establishing a Burren Junction website.

However, some of these projects require a dollar-for-dollar commitment from the Shire. So where do we stand in the coming years? We have listed four priorities which we would like to bring to Council's attention following in response to the draft plans.

1. The Sports Precinct

- **The Oval:**

We were glad to see money allocated to the sports oval since, in its current state, it represents a hazard to everyone who competes or trains on it, including school children, touch football players and cricket teams. Along with the Hall, the oval is the space that is the most widely used by the community.

We attach our vision for the Burren Junction Sports Precinct, a vision that has been formed over many years in consultation with all the community groups who use it.

- **The amenities building:**

Currently this building is run down and basic, but it has had \$10,000 and \$30,000 allocated to it in Years 4 and 5 of your budget. These amounts will go nowhere near upgrading the facilities as they stand. Not only are these facilities crucial to every event held at the oval but they are used daily by some Burren residents for basic toileting and showering because Council provides **no** mains water to Burren homes. Residents are required to sink their own bores and there are some homes without bores that have no running water.

- **Kitchen:**

We were thrilled to see the allocation of \$420,050 dollars for a portable kitchen at the sportsground. However, such a specific amount indicates to us that a quotation to build such a kitchen has already perhaps been sought and approved. Could Council explain this figure?

2. Bore Baths

We would greatly appreciate a breakdown of how the \$100,000 allocated annually to the Burren Junction bore baths is spent.

3. Airstrip:

There appears to be no budget allocation for maintenance of the Burren Junction Airstrip. We have been told that the ADF pays an annual fee to use this facility for training purposes. If this is correct, we believe maintenance of this strip should be budgeted for.

4. Roads

Roads are a long term, long time nightmare in rural areas as you know. In terms of the operational plan, we believe goal 5.1.1 'Manage the road network to respond to community needs, growth in the shire, improving road safety and improving transport options' to be one of the highest priorities for our community. The Burren Junction community is always concerned about the general worsening in condition of roads in our area.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to Council's draft plans. We look forward to working closely with Council in future to ensure a positive outcome for the members of our community.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Schwager (President)
Janine Powell (Treasurer)
Lucinda Stump (Secretary)

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March 4, 2024

To the Councilors and the General Manager of the Walgett Shire Council

Water Rates Charges

I am writing to you today in regard to water rates that were billed to the Lightning Ridge Olympic Pool Association at the end June of 2023, for the previous 2 years (due to not having been billed in the correct time period) plus subsequent water rates for the year 2023/2024, which up to date (including interest) come to a total of \$20,444.75

Prior to 2020 and since 1997 the Association has not been required to pay rates of any kind and we are asking if you would please consider waiving these rates now and into the future.

The Lightning Ridge Olympic Pool Association is a Not for Profit Organisation, that not only raised the money for and built the Sport and Aquatic Complex, but has also been voluntarily running this facility for the past 34 years. The Complex consists of an Olympic pool and octopus baby pool, a water theme park (including a wave pool, river pool, slide pool & children's wading pool complete with slides and water features), an indoor sports centre & gym and an indoor heated pool complex with a 10m diving tower.

We are very proud of this amazing complex and what has been created for the town and our main aim since opening each of our facilities has always been to manage, maintain and run the complex to the best of our ability, for the benefit of the Lightning Ridge community, other communities of the Walgett Shire and visitors to the town. This vision remains the same today, but has become increasingly more difficult due to huge increases in costs.

As you would be aware, the Walgett Shire Council provides a partial subsidy (2022/2023 \$477,484.00 less \$43,407.00 GST = \$434,077.00) to assist in the running of the complex, but this funding is nowhere near enough to run the four facilities.

The Association must come up with the rest of the funding needed and generates an income through the entry fee and any profits made in the canteen.

Ordinarily, this opportunity of running the entry and the canteen is given to the pool manager (as is custom with most pools), but in order to have enough funds to run the complex, the Association manages this part and retains this money and puts it back into the running and maintenance of the complex. In the year 2022-2023 this amount came to just under \$175,000.00 that was raised and put back into the complex.

I would just like to make it clear that the \$434,077.00 (ex GST) subsidy given by the Council is for all four facilities making up the Sport & Aquatic Complex and not just one pool, as is the case in most other small towns.

The Association is very conscious of water usage, but the very nature of this business is water. Whether it be for swimming in, cleaning the amenities and grounds or maintaining the lawns, all of these are necessary to keep the complex open.

On the occasion that any of our 7 pools need to be emptied and re-filled, a water rates bill for this alone, would be astronomical and extremely costly.

With the cost of running the complex already being so high, we fear that this added charge of water rates will severely reduce the amount of funds available to run the complex and carry out the ongoing required maintenance and repairs and thus the complex will suffer.

Deterioration will occur and sections may have to be temporarily closed down if important maintenance jobs cannot be carried out due to lack of funds.

Last financial year the total cost to run the complex was \$634,953.00 (see attachment 1 - income and expenditure breakdown). We would like to highlight that this amount does not take into account the thousands of volunteer hours done annually, by committee members and volunteers, to keep costs down in order to keep the facility running and well maintained.

This year, costs will be even higher due to inflation, rising operational costs and the amount of maintenance needed to be done throughout the complex, such as, repainting of the Olympic pool as well as three of the water theme park pools, repairs and repainting of many water theme park features and other general maintenance projects.

Annual Rates and Charges

Another issue the Association is faced with are the annual rates and charges for the use of water, sewerage availability and waste services, which have also been charged for the first time in 25 years. A letter was sent to the Association at the end of September 2023 from the then acting General Manager, Mr Hugh Percy, stating that these rates would also now be applicable and amounted to \$17,461.90 for the year 2023/2024.

This is just another blow that the Association was not expecting or had budgeted for and are also asking if Council would consider waiving these rates, now and into the future, as this is a huge expense that would see funds taken away from the running of the complex and important maintenance jobs that need to be carried out.

The alternative would be for Council to increase the subsidy to approximately the same amount as the annual rates and charges and water rates, or to reimburse the Association for this amount once it has been paid.

I would like to note that the above-mentioned rates have not been paid, due to the Association wanting to first meet with the General Manager, to gain her advice on this situation and being advised to do so when brought to the attention of council staff. Unfortunately, due to the General Manager being newly appointed when this all began and her busy schedule, this meeting did take time to eventuate and has only recently taken place. The result being that interest has now been accrued on both sets of rates, due to time passing by and payments not being made when due.

We hope you can see fit to waive these rates, particularly now that interest is being accrued and even more is owing through no fault of our own.

Thanking you very much for your consideration on this matter.

Yours Sincerely

Lily Sisa
Lightning Ridge Olympic Pool Association Incorporated

Attachment 1.

Lightning Ridge Olympic Pool Association Incorporated
Income & Expenses Summary for the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023

Revenue

Operating Activities

Canteen Sales	\$ 46,913.00
Donations received	\$ 2,395.00
Entrance Fees	
Diving pool	\$ 20,954.00
Sports Centre	\$ 12,561.00
Swimming pool and theme park	\$ 88,939.00
Interest received	\$ 969.00
Pool shop sales	\$ 1,438.00
Subsidies – Walgett Shire Council	<u>\$434,077.00</u>
	<u>\$608,246.00</u>

Expenses

Cost of Operation

Advertising	\$ 159.09
Bank Fees	\$ 517.00
Change in inventories	\$ 283.00
Chemicals	\$ 60,485.94
Cleaning	\$ 1,259.98
Consulting & Accounting	\$ 8,690.00
Electricity	\$141,542.06
Insurance	\$ 70,165.11
Licences, Registrations, Permits	\$ 211.00
Lifeguard & Lifesaving Expenses	\$ 60.22
Office Expenses	\$ 309.87
Postage	\$ 89.55
Rates	\$ 74.87
Raw Materials and Consumables used	\$ 29,276.00
Rent	\$ 507.60
Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 43,610.81
Replacements	\$ 10,092.73
Sports/Pool Equipment	\$ 2,812.60
Salaries and Wages + Employee Expenses	\$264,607.00
Telephone	<u>\$ 197.49</u>
	<u>\$634,951.92</u>

To the General Manager

Megan Dixon

27.06.2024

Dear Megan,

The Cumborah community would like draw Councils' attention to the *Draft Operational Plan* for 2024/2025 not including any provision for water reticulation to the residential dwellings and recreational facilities of Cumborah. The issue has been dragging out for more than a decade and the community is fed up with being continually ignored on this issue, it needs to be resolved as a matter of urgency. We have spoken to our Local Member and will be holding a meeting at which we will invite you to attend.

The history of this situation is extensive, and we will email you more correspondence shortly, but at the heart of the matter is that Council installed a second bore and received grant/funding for approximately 900k which was to achieve two outcomes. The first was to provide a bore that would reach a depth (Approximately 1000 metres) to achieve pressure so an electric pump would not be needed. The second was to reticulate water to the town residents and the tennis club/oval. Neither outcome was achieved. Cumborah now has two identical bores that both require electric pumps, and the town has no reticulated water.

In relation to the funds Council received for the second bore project we have heard that it cost in the vicinity of 700k to drill the bore, and the remaining 200k was to be used for water reticulation. Could Council please clarify the cost of drilling the second bore and where the remaining money earmarked for reticulation is, and if it is to be used for the original grant/funding purpose.

The risks of the current situation:

- Bushfire: In the event of bushfire blackouts are a real risk and in this case the bore will not be accessible as it relies on an electric pump. Residents and RFS will be restricted in capacity to fight fires and protect property & life. This will also result in Grawin residents being put at risk if they are cut off from the Glengarry Bore and water must be carted from Cumborah. Recent Bushfires demonstrate the high risk for Grawin and Cumborah and the necessity for a reliable water source. The tragic fatality of a volunteer RFS member serves a stark reminder of the danger that our communities will face in the coming bushfire seasons due to the high fuel loads.

The adverse impacts on Cumborah:

- Elderly residents must cart water on a regular basis even though town has two bores.
- The one public toilet is a pit toilet instead of being a flush toilet and odour is becoming an issue due to increased tourism.
- The community hall must cart water in dry times.
- The community oval cannot be watered and grow grass and hold more sport and community mental health/resilience sporting events.
- In severe drought water tankers carting water for livestock drain the tanks and residents must wait for water to replenish the tanks before they can access their water.

Our community is not making unreasonable demands on Council, it is only asking Council to deliver what it has committed to do for so many years, and that is two things.

- Provide a bore that functions under pressure and does not require an electric pump.
- Provide reticulated water to residents, our community hall, toilets, and oval.

Our community is appealing to Council to make provisions in the upcoming operational plan to at least start the long overdue process of providing Cumborah residents basic water rights by allocating some money towards this issue. The community thanks you for considering our appeal on this issue that will protect and improve the quality of life in our community, and we look forward to discussing the issue with you in person soon.

Yours sincerely,

Liz Powell

Secretary

Cumborah Recreation Reserve Land Manager

Circular to Councils

Subject/title	Annual CPI adjustment to companion animal fees for 2024/25
Circular Details	Circular No 24-12 / 25 June 2024 / A898157
Previous Circular	23-06
Who should read this	Councillors / General Managers / Council finance staff / Companion Animal Enforcement and Administration Officers
Contact	Program Delivery Team – (02) 4428 4100 or 1300 134 460 pets@olg.nsw.gov.au
Action required	Council to Implement

What's new or changing?

Annual CPI Adjustment

- The 2024/25 fees payable for registration and permits for companion animals have been adjusted for inflation under clauses 18 and 27 of the Companion Animals Regulation 2018 (CA Regulation) calculated as prescribed under Schedule 2 of the Regulation using Consumer Price Index (CPI) by the Parliamentary Counsel.
- The new fees are effective from 1 July 2024.

Fee categories

- Category names have been amended to reflect the implementation of current legislation relating to registration that has been enabled by the new functionality of the Companion Animals Register (CAR) and new NSW Pet Registry, which allows for the individual payment of registration fees as prescribed under the CA Regulation, being:
 - Dog – Registration fee (by 12 weeks or when sold if earlier than 12 weeks of age)
 - Registration fee due at 12 weeks of age or when first sold (even if it is less than 12 weeks (clause 14 - CA Regulation)
 - Dog – Additional Fee (dog not desexed by 6 months)
 - Additional fee for a dog that is not desexed and not exempt from desexing by 6 months (clause 18 - CA Regulation) and an annual fee for a permit for a cat not desexed and not exempt from desexing by 4 months (clause 27 - CA Regulation)

- A Registration late fee will apply to an animal not registered by 12 weeks of age (plus 28 days).

Online and in person payments

- Until the functionality upgrade on the new NSW Pet Registry is complete the following fees must be paid at council:
 - Dog – Additional Fee (dog not desexed by 6 months)
 - Cat (not desexed by four months of age)
 - Dangerous dog permit
 - Restricted dog permit
- The fees above will incur a late fee if not paid after an additional 28 days.

What will this mean for council?

- Council is to apply the adjusted 2024/25 financial year companion animal registration and annual permit fees from 1 July 2024.
- Council staff need to be aware of the new payment categories.
- Councils must continue to register eligible pound/shelter and approved rehoming organisation animals through the CAR. Free registration for these animals does not mean that registration is not required. The established process of ‘flagging’ an animal as being purchased from an eligible pound/shelter is required to validate a free registration.
- Councils can encourage members of the public to establish a NSW Pet Registry account via Service NSW to pay registration fees and receive push notifications.

Key points

- The NSW Pet Registry will be updated to include the new fees for online registration and permit payments made by pet owners from 1 July 2024.
- Both the old and new fee structures will be maintained on the CAR to allow councils to correct registration details for existing records and catch up on data entry backlogs (i.e. where fees have been receipted before 1 July 2024 but not entered on the Register).

Registration Category	New fee
Dog – Registration fee (by 12 weeks or when sold if earlier than 12 wk)	\$78
Dog – Additional Fee (dog not desexed by 6 months)	\$184
Dog – Registration Combined fees (for not Desexing dog by 6 months)	\$262
Dog – Registration (by eligible pensioner)	\$34
Dog – Desexed (sold/ transferred from pound/shelter or rehoming Organisation)	\$0
Dog – Registrations (not recommended)	\$78
Dog – Registration (not recommended eligible pensioner)	\$34
Dog – Registration (recognised breeder)	\$78

Dog – Working	\$0
Dog – Service of the State	\$0
Assistance Animal	\$0
Cat – Registration fee (by 12 weeks or when sold if earlier than 12 wk)	\$68
Cat – Registration (eligible pensioner)	\$34
Cat – Desexed (sold/ transferred from pound/shelter or rehoming Organisation)	\$0
Cat – Registration (not recommended)	\$68
Cat – Registration (not recommended - eligible pensioner)	\$34
Cat – Registration (recognised breeder)	\$68
Registration late fee	\$22
Annual permit category	New fee
Cat (not desexed by four months of age)	\$96
Dangerous dog	\$230
Restricted dog	\$230
Permit late fee	\$22

Where to go for further information

- A list of registration categories, current fees and the new fees for 2024/25 is provided on the Office of Local Government’s (OLG) website at www.olg.nsw.gov.au/public/dogs-cats/nsw-pet-registry/microchipping-and-registration.
- Information relating to the processing of registration fees is available in Companion Animals Guideline 1 – Registration Agents, available on OLG’s website at www.olg.nsw.gov.au/councils/responsible-pet-ownership/nsw-pet-registry/the-cat-and-dog-register.
- Information on the new functionality and separate payments for registration and the additional fee for non-desexed animals that are not exempt can be found by contacting Pet Helpline 1300 134 460.
- Contact pets@olg.nsw.gov.au for information about the fees.

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Frequently Asked Questions

This document provides answers to common questions about the expansion of the Interment Services Levy.

Why an interment services levy?

The interment services levy (the levy) is a levy on interment services to fund the cost of Cemeteries and Crematoria NSW (CCNSW; the regulator) to deliver better outcomes for customers and the community, and to support industry to meet the new licensing standards.

The government has set out its strategic directions for the State's cemeteries and crematoria in *Delivering strong consumer and community outcomes for Cemeteries and Crematoria in NSW*. The aim is to ensure every person in NSW has accessible, sustainable, and affordable burial and cremation services into the future.

An effective, properly resourced regulator is essential to achieving these aims. The existing industry levy – in place since 2014 and applying to the 2 Crown operators only – is insufficient to fund an effective regulator. It is also inequitable as only 2 operators pay for the regulation of the whole sector.

To ensure CCNSW can be the active and sustainable regulator we need, the government will expand the interment services levy from just 2 Crown cemeteries to all active industry operators. This reflects a recommendation from the Independent Pricing Regulatory Tribunal and the Statutory Review of the Cemeteries and Crematoria Act (the *11th Hour Report*). In addition to achieving better outcomes for customers, this will drive equity and level the playing field in the sector. The levy represents a less than 1.6 per cent cost of a \$10,000 burial.

Answers to frequently asked questions

In April and May 2024 CCNSW consulted with industry on the proposal to expand the interment services levy.

After considering all the feedback, the government has decided to delay the commencement of the change for one year for operators who reported providing 50 or fewer interment services in 2022/23. This is to give operators with lower administrative capacity more time to prepare for the levy.

For operators that reported providing more than 50 interment services in 2022/23, the levy will commence from 1 July 2024.

In addition, a hardship policy will be developed prior to the 25-26 FY when the levy comes in for the smaller operators. It will address cases of particular hardship. This document provides answers to many of the operational/implementation questions operators and funeral directors asked during the consultation.

Who pays the levy?

The interment services levy is a levy on cemetery and crematorium operators. Operators pay the levy to CCNSW. The levy is not paid directly by customers. Operators may choose to pass this onto the customer and reflect the levy in the price of their services. Operators need to ensure funeral directors are provided with up-to-date prices, so the funeral director knows what to charge the customer. Funeral directors do not make payments directly to CCNSW.

Do crematoria only operators pay the levy?

Yes. If they perform cremations in a financial year they will be charged a levy based on the number of those cremations. The levy is calculated on the number of “interment services” which includes cremations (as well as burials and ash interments).

Like any operators, if they reported providing 50 or fewer interment services in 2022/23 the levy does not apply will be delayed until 1 July 2025.

When does the levy begin?

For operators that provided 50 or more interment services in 2022/23, the levy will apply from 1 July 2024. For operators that provided fewer than 50 interment services in 2022/23, the levy will apply from 1 July 2025. This is to give operators with lower administrative capacity more time to prepare for the levy.

How is the levy calculated?

The total levy payable is calculated according to how many burials, cremations and/or ash interments an operator performs. The amounts for each type of service are:

- \$41 per cremation
- \$63 per ash interment
- \$156 per burial

These rates have been calculated as the minimum needed to fund the regulator to deliver the outcomes and consumer protections needed. The different rates reflect the different costs of regulating each type of interment service.

When does a service attract the levy?

The levy applies at the time the interment service (burial, ash interment or cremation) is rendered, regardless of when it is purchased. Attachment A lists three common scenarios to illustrate when the levy is triggered.

Will the rate of the levy change over time?

The rates of the levy may increase by amounts equal to or less than changes to the consumer price index (CPI).

Are there any exemptions?

Yes, some services are exempt from the levy. They are:

- Interment services for children under 12, stillborn children and miscarriages
- Interment services for destitute people

Inactive operators (i.e., holders of a Cemetery Operator (Caretaker) Licence (known as Category 4) are also exempt.

What is a destitute person?

For the purposes of the levy, a destitute person is a person with no money or assets, and whose relatives and friends are unable to pay the costs of cremation or burial. Either the police or a public health facility (like a hospital) will determine whether a deceased person is destitute. Further information is available from NSW Health [here](#).

Do scattering of ashes and/or memorialisation without a burial, cremation or ash interment attract the levy?

No. Scattering of ashes above ground is not considered an interment service under the Act and does not attract the levy. Similarly, erecting a monument or plaque without interring body or cremated remains is not considered an interment service and does not attract the levy.

Does placing ashes in a coffin to be buried attract the levy?

Yes. This is considered an ash interment and will attract the levy.

What about services purchased before 1 July 2024?

The levy applies at the time the interment service occurs, regardless of when it was purchased. This means that the levy applies to services purchased before 1 July 2024 if the burial, cremation, or ash interment happens on or after 1 July 2024.

Do I pay/report quarterly or annually?

Operators that performed an average of more than 1,000 services per year for the preceding three years will be required to report their activity and pay the levy quarterly.

Other operators will report and pay annually by default. If you perform fewer than 1,000 services a year but would like to report and pay quarterly, please contact CCNSW by 30 July 2024.

What is the invoicing process?

At the end of each quarter or financial year, operators will receive an email from CCNSW telling you it is time to report that period's activity. This e-mail will come from a new operator portal to be launched in July 2024 and used for activity reporting.

Operators will have six weeks after the end of the quarter/year to enter their activity data. At this stage, CCNSW might get in touch if we have any questions about your submission. Once everything is finalised, operators will receive an email with your invoice and details on how to pay. The standard terms of payment are 30 days from the date of invoicing.

Can I pre-pay the levy?

No. Levies are due either annually or quarterly depending on your reporting schedule (see above). It is not possible to pre-pay the levy because it is based on your actual activity. (You may collect the levy as part of a pre-paid package, but you would not pay the levy to CCNSW until the interment).

Does the levy attract GST if it is included on operator or funeral director invoices?

It is important to note the interment services levy is a levy on operators. It is not a levy on consumers that operators are administering on behalf of the State government.

CCNSW has obtained a written briefing from the Australian Taxation Office (the ATO) to this effect:

1. When CCNSW charges cemetery and crematorium operators the levy, and operators pay that levy to CCNSW (annually or quarterly), this does not attract GST. It is a regulatory government fee/charge that is excluded from the GST.
2. If operators increase their prices in response to the levy (i.e. pass it on to customers) then this does attract GST. In this case the nature of that levy changes. It is no longer the supply of a levy but an increase in the consideration paid by the customer for the supply of the interment services.
3. GST also applies where a funeral director is acting as an authorised agent for an operator and the operator has increased their prices as per (2) above. The funeral director will collect the GST included in the operator's prices and send that total amount to the operator. In this case funeral directors are not independently liable for GST.

In sharing this advice CCNSW is not providing taxation advice. Operators should satisfy themselves of their GST obligations given their own unique circumstances.

What happens if too much / too little revenue is raised by the levy?

The levy applies to each service delivered, so the total amount collected will change each year depending on how many services are undertaken (burials, cremations or ash interments). It is likely that in some years levy revenue will exceed CCNSW's needs, while in other years there will be a shortfall.

CCNSW is an independent regulatory agency and has its own bank accounts. Money collected from the levy will only ever be used to fund regulatory activities. Excess amounts in one year will be used to cover shortfalls in future years. If the levy consistently raises too much or too little revenue, rates may be revised during a review scheduled for 2029. CCNSW can also increase the levy by an amount in line with CPI growth or less each year.

What about large purchases of interment rights?

If a person wants to hold more than 2 interment rights in a cemetery, this needs to be approved by CCNSW. In some cases, large numbers of rights are sold to an intermediary organisation with the approval of CCNSW.

In these cases, the cemetery operator is still liable for the levy at the applicable rate at the time the interment happens. The cemetery operator is responsible for developing an arrangement that works for them and the customer.

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Attachment A: Illustrative scenarios of how the levy works.

Scenario 1: an at-need interment service sold by a funeral director.	When is the levy incurred?	Who pays the levy?
The family of the deceased chooses a funeral director to handle all the arrangements for their loved one’s funeral. The funeral director has an arrangement with a local crematorium and offers a package to the family which includes the cremation and a funeral service. The family accepts the package and the cremation and funeral service take place.	When the person is cremated.	The crematorium operator pays the levy to CCNSW, not the funeral director.

Comment: The crematorium has many costs and sets its prices to create a sustainable business model. Like all their other costs, the levy is built into the price they communicate to the funeral director. The funeral director is then able to explain the total costs to the family at the time they are offered the contract.

Scenario 2: an interment service purchased pre-need for a fixed price before 1 July 2024.	When is the levy incurred?	Who pays the levy?
<p>A customer purchased an ash interment site from a cemetery pre-need. They purchased an all-inclusive package that stated no further charges would apply at the time of interment. Ten years later the customer passed. They were cremated and their ashes were interred by the cemetery.</p>	<p>When the person is cremated and when their ashes are interred.</p>	<p>The cemetery operator pays the levy for the cremation and for the ash interment to CCNSW irrespective of whether it is passed on to the customer or not.</p>
<p>Alternatively, the cemetery might offer a package that states that the customer will be charged any applicable levies at the time of interment. They explain this arrangement to the customer, and it is clearly outlined in the contract.</p>	<p>As above</p>	<p>The cemetery operator pays the levy for the cremation and for the ash interment to CCNSW and is able to pass it on to the customer.</p>

Comment: Operators need to consider the risks that any costs emerge or go up and down when making fixed price contracts.

Scenario 3: dual burial plot	When is the levy incurred?	Who pays the levy?
<p>Following the death of their partner, a person decides to purchase a site with capacity for two burials at the local cemetery. The first burial occurs immediately.</p> <p>Ten years later, the person who purchased the site passes and is buried alongside their partner.</p>	<p>The operator pays the levy in each of the years someone is buried (i.e., one at need and one ten years later)</p>	<p>The cemetery pays the levies for the burials to CCNSW.</p>

Comment: As in Scenario 2, the cemetery is responsible for developing an arrangement that works for them and the customer. The cemetery may choose to accept full payment for both burials upfront. Alternatively, the cemetery might take payment for the interment right up front, and charge for the grave opening and other services at need. In either case the cemetery should be clear with the customer what is included in the contract and be able to pay the levy to CCNSW after the interment service happens.