AGENDA

Ordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday, 19 August 2025

I hereby give notice that an Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on:

Date:	**Tuesday, 19 August 2025**
Time:	**10:00 AM**
Location:	**Council Chambers, Estates Building Cressy Street Deniliquin**

Jack Bond

Chief Executive Officer

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5. APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR A LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY COUNCILLORS

That the leave of absence requested by Cr Craig Druitt be accepted.

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

6.1. DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD 15 JULY 2025

Author: Executive Assistant

Authoriser: Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the draft minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held Tuesday 15 July 2025.

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

5. Leadership: Accountable Civic Leaders

5.5 Communication and Engagement

5.6 Good Corporate Governance

BACKGROUND

PROPOSAL/DISCUSSION

RISK AND IMPLICATIONS

OFFICER'S CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

As the author of this report and in providing this advice to Council, I have no interests to disclose in relation to this report.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Draft Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 15 July 2025.

Attachment 1 - Draft Minutes for Ordinary Council Meeting Tuesday, 15 July 2025

MINUTES

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ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES **TUESDAY, 15 JULY 2025**

1. OPENING MEETING

Meeting opened at 10.00am

2. ATTENDANCE

Present: Mayor Cr Ashley Hall, Deputy Mayor Cr Kellie Crossley, Cr Leanne Mulham, Cr Ken Bates, Cr Shirlee Burge, Cr Frank Schofield, Cr Shannon Sampson, Chief Executive Officer

In Attendance: Executive Assistant

Apologies: Cr Linda Fawns, Cr Craig Druitt

Gallery: One

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5. APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR A LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY COUNCILLORS

Moved: Cr Shannon Sampson

Seconded: Cr Ken Bates

1. That the application for a leave of absence by Cr Linda Fawns and Cr Craig Druitt be accepted.

2. Note that Mayor Cr Ashley Hall will be on leave from Thursday 31 July 2025 to Friday 15 August 2025 inclusive.

CARRIED

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

6.1. DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD 17 JUNE 2025

Moved: Deputy Mayor Cr Kellie Crossley

Seconded: Cr Leanne Mulham

RESOLUTION 2025/1507/6.1

That Council receive and note the draft minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held Tuesday 17 June 2025.

CARRIED

7. DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

Item 11.1 Cr Shirlee Burge declared a Non-Pecuniary-Less than significant Conflict of Interest.

8. MAYORAL MINUTE(S)

Nil

9. SUPPLEMENTRY REPORT - RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE FUNDING

9.1. RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE FUNDING

Moved: Cr Frank Schofield

Seconded: Cr Shirlee Burge

RESOLUTION 2025/1507/9.1

That Council approve the expenditure of $250,000 received from EnergyCo under the Letter of Agreement for Council activities associated with the South West Renewable Energy Zone.

CARRIED

10. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

10.1. DRAFT MINUTES AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE 22 MAY 2025

Moved: Cr Leanne Mulham

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Cr Kellie Crossley

RESOLUTION 2025/1507/10.1

That Council receive the draft minutes of the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee meeting, held 22 May 2025 with those in attendance to include Mayor Cr Ashley Hall and Manager Customer Experience.

CARRIED

10.2. DRAFT MINUTES OF THE AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Moved: Cr Frank Schofield

Seconded: Cr Shirlee Burge

RESOLUTION 2025/1507/10.2

That Council receives the draft minutes of the Airport Advisory Committee meeting, held Tuesday 24 June 2025

CARRIED

10.3. DRAFT MINUTES FROM THE MAYRUNG VILLAGE COMMITTEE

Moved: Cr Frank Schofield

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Cr Kellie Crossley

RESOLUTION 2025/1507/10.3

That Council receives the draft minutes of the Mayrung Village Committee AGM meeting held Thursday 26th June 2025 and notes the Committee's resolutions.

CARRIED

10.4. DRAFT MINUTES FOR MEMORIAL PARK USERS GROUP 4 JUNE 2025

Moved: Cr Shirlee Burge

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Cr Kellie Crossley

RESOLUTION 2025/1507/10.4

That Council receives the draft minutes of the Memorial Park User Group meeting held Wednesday 4 June 2025 and notes the Committee's recommendations.

CARRIED

11. REPORTS TO COUNCIL

11.1. NAMING OF THE NORTH DENI REST STOP

Moved: Deputy Mayor Cr Kellie Crossley

Seconded: Cr Shirlee Burge

RESOLUTION 2025/1507/11.1

That Council:

1. Endorse the name 'Legends Rest Area' for the area of the North Deniliquin Reserve adjacent to Davidson Street,
2. Call for submissions from the public regarding the proposed name 'Legends Rest Area' for a period of not less than 28 days, and
3. If no submissions are received, submit the name 'Legends Rest Area' to the Geographic Names Board of NSW for the area of the North Deniliquin Reserve adjacent to Davidson Street.

4. Develop a policy for the naming of parks and facilities.

CARRIED

11.2. DA2025/0038 - CONSOLIDATION AND SUBDIVISION OF EDWARD RIVER COUNCIL CIVIC PRECINCT

Moved: Cr Shannon Sampson

Seconded: Cr Leanne Mulham

RESOLUTION 2025/1507/11.2

That Council resolves to: -

1. APPROVE the development application DA2025/0038 for the consolidation and two (2) lot subdivision of the Edward River Council Civic Precinct, on Lot 1 DP1173376, Lot 9 DP662508, Lot X DP410447, Lot Y DP410447, Lot 6 DP667946 and Lot 6 DP668426, at 180 Cressy Street, Deniliquin, dated 29/05/2025 as shown on plan numbered 11539-21-22 Existing Titles and 11539-21-22/1009 Deniliquin Civic Place and described in details accompanying the Development Application, in accordance with section 4.16 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and subject to the following reasons:
    - The development seeks to rectify the encroachment of the Town Hall verandah on Council-owned land.
    - The application generally complied with the applicable planning controls and has demonstrated to have a satisfactory effect on the environment.
    - The application is generally compliant with the key planning provisions contained within the ERLEP 2013 and the Deniliquin Development Control Plan 2016.
    - The proposal is consistent with the zone and desired future character of the area.
    - The proposal is appropriate on the site given the existing character of the area.
    - The development will have no significant adverse impacts on the heritage, natural or built environments.
2. Impose the following conditions on DA2025/0038 within Attachment 1.

Division

Councillor	For	Against
Deputy Mayor Cr Kellie Crossley	X	
Cr Leanne Mulham	X	
Cr Shirlee Burge	X	
Cr Ken Bates	X	
Cr Frank Schofield	X	
Cr Shannon Sampson	X	
Mayor Cr Ashley Hall	X	

CARRIED

11.3. PUBLIC LIBRARY INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT AND COUNTRY PUBLIC TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE SCHEME GRANT

Moved: Cr Leanne Mulham

Seconded: Cr Shannon Sampson

RESOLUTION 2025/1507/11.3

That Council approve expenditure of grant funds for the following successful funding applications;

1. Library Infrastructure Improvements under the Public Library Infrastructure Grant 2024-25 for the value of $185,000, and
2. New and Upgrade Bus Shelters under the Country Public Transport Infrastructure Grant Scheme for the value of $93,500.
3. Further discussion to come to Council regarding the location of the Bus Shelters.

11.4. CONFERENCES/COUNCILLOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Moved: Cr Shannon Sampson

Seconded: Cr Ken Bates

RESOLUTION 2025/1507/11.4

That Council approves the attendance of the following Councillors/Chief Executive Officer at three important Local Government Conferences:-

1. ALGWA NSW Conference 2025 - Griffith 'Taste the Inspiration' - Griffith NSW Thursday 4th to Saturday 6th September 2025 Cr Leanne Mulham.
2. The Regions Rising National Summit 2025 Canberra 7 October to 8 October 2025 Cr Frank Schofield, Cr Shirlee Burge and Deputy Mayor Cr Kellie Crossley
3. 2025 LGNSW Annual Conference Sunday 23 November to Tuesday 25 November 2025 Mayor Cr Ashley Hall, Cr Shirlee Burge, Cr Shannon Sampson and the Chief Executive Officer.
4. Note that motions for the LGNSW Annual Conference are open and remain open until 26 October 2025.
5. That Edward River Council's voting delegate at the LGNSW Annual Conference will be the Mayor, if unavailable will be Deputy Mayor or if unavailable will be a Councillor as delegated by the Mayor.

CARRIED

12. REPORTS FOR NOTING

12.1. MEDIA POLICY

Moved: Cr Frank Schofield

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Cr Crossley

RESOLUTION 2025/1507/12.1

That Council:

1. Receive and note the reviewed and updated Edward River Council Media Policy.

2. Note current compliance requirements for Council employees and Councillors.

3. Note that the Media Policy is now presented on Council's updated template.

CARRIED

12.2. SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

Moved: Cr Frank Schofield

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Cr Crossley

RESOLUTION 2025/1507/12.1

That Council:

1. Receive and note the reviewed and updated Edward River Council Social Media Policy.

2. Note current compliance requirements for Council employees and Councillors.

3. Note that the Social Media Policy is now presented on Council's updated template.

CARRIED

12.3. CEO PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

Moved: Cr Frank Schofield

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Cr Crossley

RESOLUTION 2025/1507/12.3

That Council:

1. Notes Cr Craig Druitt's withdrawal from the CEO Performance Review Committee
2. Endorses the appointment of the Councillor nominated member of the CEO Performance Review Committee as Cr Frank Schofield.

CARRIED

12.4. INVESTMENT REPORT - JUNE 2025

Moved: Cr Frank Schofield

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Cr Crossley

RESOLUTION 2025/1507/12.4

1. That Council receive and note the Investment Report for June 2025

CARRIED

12.5. FUNDED PROJECTS UPDATE - JUNE 2025

Moved: Cr Frank Schofield

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Cr Crossley

RESOLUTION 2025/1507/12.5

That Council notes the funded projects report for June 2025.

CARRIED

12.6. DEVELOPMENT SERVICES ACTIVITY REPORT

Moved: Cr Frank Schofield

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Cr Crossley

RESOLUTION 2025/1507/12.6

That Council receive and note the Development Services Report for June 2025.

CARRIED

12.7. RESOLUTIONS OF COUNCIL AS AT 6 JULY 2025

Moved: Cr Frank Schofield

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Cr Crossley

RESOLUTION 2025/1507/12.7

That Council note the information in the Resolutions of Council as at 6 July 2025.

CARRIED

13. NOTICES OF MOTIONS

Nil

14. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil

15. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Nil

16. CLOSE OF MEETING

Meeting closed at 10.43am

7. DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

8. MAYORAL MINUTE(S)

9. URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS

NOTE: Business may be considered at a meeting of the council even though due notice of the business has not been given to the councillors if:

a. a motion is passed to have the business considered at the meeting, and

b. the business to be considered is ruled by the chairperson to be of great urgency on the grounds that it requires a decision by the council before the next scheduled ordinary meeting of the council.

Only the mover of a motion can speak to the motion before it is put.

A motion of dissent cannot be moved against a ruling by the chairperson.

10. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

10.1. DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ROTARY PARK USERS GROUP

Author: Executive Assistant

Authoriser: Director Infrastructure

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives the draft minutes of the Rotary Park Users Group meeting held Wednesday 23rd July 2025 and notes the Committee's recommendations.

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

1. Communities: Caring, healthy, connect, inclusive communities

1.4 Accessibility and Inclusion

1.6 Health

1.8 Sport

3. Built Environment: Liveable Built Environments

3.3 Public Space and Community Facilities (including sports)

BACKGROUND

The Rotary Park Users Group is an advisory group to Council regarding the operation and management of the Rotary Park reserve. The Committee includes representatives from various groups, including the Deniliquin Stadium, Deniliquin District Soccer Club, Deniliquin Drovers Rugby Club, Deniliquin Wanderer's Soccer Club and Strike Force Soccer Academy.

PROPOSAL/DISCUSSION

At the meeting the Committee discussed what Council has planned with the allocated funds in the FY25/26 Capital Works program. They also discussed the option of applying for a ClubGrant to try and receive further funding to complete more works.

The Committee also spoke to the Rotary Park Masterplan and discussed different options that they would like to go ahead with or change. The different sporting groups will come back to Council with what they would like to see included in the Masterplans.

Several maintenance items where discussed, including drainage issues between fields, lighting upgrades, drinking fountain and when they would like Council to start preparing the grounds for next year's competitions.

RISK AND IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Legislative and Policy

The User Group is managed in accordance with the Local Government Act and Regulations.

6.2 Financial

Is this currently budgeted *yes*

What is the proposed funding source?

Funding for the management and operation of the Rotary Park reserve is provided by Council as part of the 2025/26 Operational Plan.

6.3 Community Engagement/Consultation

NIL

6.4 Work Health and Safety

All Maintenance that is carried out as part of the operations plan by either Council staff or Contractors are to follow Councils Work Health & Safety Policy.

OFFICER'S CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

As the author of this report and in providing this advice to Council, I have no interests to disclose in relation to this report.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Draft Minutes for Rotary Park Users Group Meeting Wednesday 23rd July 2025.
2. Stadium Managers Report

Attachment 1 - Public Minutes for Rotary Park User Group Meeting 4-00 PM - Wednesday, 23 July 2025.

MINUTES

Rotary Park User Group Meeting

Wednesday, 23 July 2025

I hereby give notice that an Rotary Park User Group Meeting will be held on:

Date:	**Wednesday, 23 July 2025**
Time:	**4:00 PM**
Location:	**Rotary Park, Deniliquin**

Jack Bond

Chief Executive Officer

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1. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Present:

Leanne Mulham, John Arthur & Stewart Bulmer, (Deniliquin Basketball Stadium)
Paul Marshall (Deniliquin Drovers Rugby Club)
Matt Tubb and Peter Thomson (Deniliquin Junior Soccer Club)
Belinda Baker, Jacob Hird & John Haig (Wanderer's Soccer Club)

Council Staff: Mark Dalzell (Director Infrastructure), Jacinta Goodear (Executive Assistant), Julia Druitt (Manager Community & Economy)

Observer: Cr Shirlee Burge

Apologies: Cr Kellie Crossley, Cr Ken Bates, Nathan Holahan (Director Corporate Services), Diego Sztejam (Strike Force Academy)

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

2.1. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED

The Minutes of Rotary Park User Group Meeting Held on Wednesday 2nd April 2025 be received and confirmed.

3. ACTIONS ARISING

3.1. OUTSTANDING ACTION ITEMS

Mark Dalzell tabled the action items and discussed with the group.

Council has committed to $100,000.00 in the capital budget for refurbishment of the Rotary Park Clubrooms, the project team will reach out to the user's group to arrange a meeting to scope the project in quarter one and commencing work in quarter two. This will include secure storage for the gas bottles, update of the changerooms to be both male and female to meet with requirements and standards as well, updating of the Canteen area will also be included.

The users group asked whether the options for the entrance into Rotary Park was included in the funding? Council advised that at this stage no funding is available, as part of the Masterplan update, updated plans can be included in this document for furture funding opportunities.

Council has committed to $50,000.00 to Investigate options in relation to Basketball Stadium roof leaking and the types of ventilation available to fix the issue.

Council has also committed $50,000.00 in the capital budget for investigation works in relation to the grandstand, with considerations to WHS (handrails etc). Framing out of Stadium seating to ensure structural adequacy.

The next round of clubgrants will be open on 24 November 2025, and close 15 December 2025. If the user groups apply then they are eligible for 100% funding, if Councils apply for funding, they are required to pay a co contribution of 50% of what they are applying for. Council are planning on making a submission to increase the amount of funds it has already committed to.

Cr Shirlee Burge asked whether anyone had used Council Lodge a request System, The Wanderers Club have lodged a request for the toilets to be fixed in the clubrooms, which they have been, which is great feedback.

4. REPORTS

4.1. UPCOMING BOOKINGS AT ROTARY PARK

The user groups looked over the upcoming bookings for the facility and noted that the Stadium has the Victorian Table Tennis Championships being held on Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th August 2025.

The users' groups asked whether Council could reach out to the schools and advise them of the new process for booking sporting facilities. This was noted and Council will action.

4.2. ROTARY PARK USER GROUP MASTERPLAN

Recommendation

Council is providing user groups of these facilities with the opportunity to:
- Review the proposed directions and priorities for your facilities future use.
- Provide feedback on how well the plan reflects your facilities needs and expectations.
- Identify any gaps, opportunities, or concerns that may not have been captured. eg. Speed Limits

Feedback to be provided to Council by C.O.B. 13th August 2025 via Executive Assistance Infrastructure Jacinta.Goodear@edwardriver.nsw.gov.au

Discussion

The user group and Council will identify completed items and propose timelines for future works, considering both group-wide and individual outcomes. Discussions should include short, medium and long-term ideas or wishlists for each group and as a collective.

The current plan proposes reducing the number of fields from three to two. This is not yet confirmed groups are encouraged to submit their views.

Consideration is needed on whether fields should be dedicated to specific users or as one large, shared field with marked zones. The effectiveness of a single shared field setup should be evaluated. Proposed configuration includes two soccer pitches and one rugby pitch. Drainage requirements must be addressed especially if a single field is to be designed.

The current location of the main pitch is influenced by existing lighting infrastructure. Mark will engage with Council regarding potential upgrades to Rotary Park lighting, which has not yet been upgraded.

Renewable energy grants may be available to support lighting upgrades. Proposed lighting specification is approximately 150 lux.

The middle pitch currently does not meet Football Federation Australia (FFA) standards.

Once feedback has been received from the user groups, the masterplan document will be updated internally to reflect current discussions and decisions.

4.3. GENERAL BUSINESS

Manager Community & Economy

Mark Dalzell introduced and welcomed Julia Druitt to the user's group. Julia encouraged the Users to sign up to Council's GrantGuru Platform for daily updates on grants currently available. Further information can be found at https://www.edwardriver.nsw.gov.au/Community/Grants-and-Sponsorships/Edward-River-Grant-Finder

Julia also advised the groups that if they require a letter of support from Council, you can now request this through the website at https://www.edwardriver.nsw.gov.au/Community/Grants-and-Sponsorships/Letter-of-Support

Deniliquin Drovers Rugby Club

Rugby Union enquired whether or not Council has progressed any further with drinking fountains around town, and whether a drinking fountain could be installed as part of the funding allocated to Rotary Park this financial year. Council advised the user groups that one had recently been installed at Scotts Park and the cost for the fountain itself, and to date the installation cost had yet to be finalised.

Wanderers Soccer Club

The Deniliquin Wanderers advised the group that the NSW Office of Sport has a current grant open for grassroots clubs, with a closing date of Monday 18th August at 1pm. Further information can be found at https://www.sport.nsw.gov.au/grants/local-sport-grant-program
The Wanderers have secured funding for portable senior soccer goals to be used for matches and training when required, the plan is to secure them (chain and lock) at the far end of the first Rotary Park pitch when not in use.
The Wanderers regular season runs from April to mid September. We would like to request pitch maintenance begin as soon as possible after the playing season is done to ensure the pitch has time to recover. Context for this request, between the 2024 and 2025 seasons the main soccer pitch was top dressed late in the maintenance period (off season) requiring the closure by Council for an extended period of time and only opening a week out before the start of the season. We thank council and are appreciative of the work completed to ensure the pitch was playable for all users.
We also confirm the requests made by the Deniliquin District Soccer Club as areas that require attention.
- Reseeding required due to poor grass coverage on areas. Can Council explore the use of a grass that will grow in winter and to help with grass coverage and overall pitch strength after heavy use across the season.
- Ponding between the junior field and main pitch continues to be a safety issue, drainage solutions need to be investigated.

Deniliquin & District Soccer Club

The Soccer Club brought some maintenance that needs to happen on the in the off season, being:

- The field requires reseeding due to poor grass growth caused by water management issues. Reseeding needs to be planned for early spring/summer. Can Council look at a grass that will grow in winter and absorb the water, as they management of the watering has been a problem.

- Ponding between the two junior fields continues to be a safety issue, with further pooling expected over the weekend due to forecasted rain. Drainage solutions need to be investigated.

- Lights on the A-grade pitch are currently not functioning reported as pole 1 only 3 lights working, second pole 3 lights working, and third pole only 1 light working. Council has advised the Soccer Club to use the log a request system on the Council website or in person via Customer Service. https://www.edwardriver.nsw.gov.au/Council/About-Edward-River-Council/Lodge-a-Request

- A fence has been donated by to assist with managing junior soccer activities on a Saturday. It is unclear whether this will be a permanent installation, and more information will be provided to Council in relation to this.

- The club has funding ready to purchase Semi Permanent nets to be installed behind the center goals to assist with ball containment. Council is supportive but requires further details. Matt will provide design specifications to Council.

A shipping container (20ft or 40ft) has been donated to the soccer club to address storage needs. Discussions with Council regarding the below will need to be considered.

- Whether a Development Application (DA) is required.

- Compliance with colour requirements (e.g., heritage green).

- This is Crown Land which Council are the land manager.

Suggested placement is near the entrance adjacent to the B-grade pitch. The Soccer Club will provide location details, which Council will circulate to the user group for feedback.

Deniliquin Basketball Stadium

John Arthur on behalf of the Stadium committee provided a written report on activities at the stadium and discussed. The report has been attached to the minutes.

Leanne mentioned that little athletics have had a company from Wagga Wagga come and use a GPS System to line mark, and it looks was fantastic. Now that the initial set up of lines has been done the group will maintain them - Leanne to distribute details to group

Meeting closed 5:00pm.

Next meeting Wednesday 1st October 2025

Attachment 2 - Stadium Managers Report - June 2025

STADIUM MANAGERS REPORT JUNE 2025

Current Activities at the Stadium

Monday: Junior Basketball, Kurrajong, Junior Giants Basketball, Boxing, Badminton.

Tuesday: Junior Netball, Boxing, Pickleball, Table Tennis.

Wednesday: Boxing, Deniliquin High School, Junior Aussie Hoops Basketball, Men's Basketball, Junior Giants Basketball.

Thursday: Pickleball, Kurrajong, Boxing.

Friday: Kurrajong, Pickleball, Mayrung Primary School, Deniliquin High School Support Class.

Sunday: Pickleball, Junior Giants Training.

Activities over the Next 4 Weeks

- New season of Junior Basketball will start soon.
- Deniliquin/Table Tennis Victoria Tournament.
- Junior Netball has re-commenced. The numbers have doubled to 80 children. We now have 2 grades with 40 children in each.

General Comments

- The stadium hosted a Bruton Basketball Foundation workshop 10-13th June. The event was organised by the employment provider, APM, and attended by 30 people. The program is an engaging and fun motivational tool.
- Holiday Program was delivered on all 10 days (7-20th July) and was well attended.
- Junior Netball numbers have been outstanding. Numbers increased from 30 players to 80.
- Pickleball continues to grow with the addition of the Friday night competition (40 players registered). The new seasons of Tuesday and Thursday competitions have commenced with 50 players registered for each night. Friday morning averages between 20-25 players. We have had a Sunday Pairs Tournament with 40 players and several casual days.
- Council has delivered several projects with the $100,000 that was allocated to the stadium. The projects included the Winches, Roof Repairs, Stadium Carpark lighting (Entrance & Roof), Three phase generator plug and two new Scoreboards.
- Stadium Carpark lighting improvements. Feedback: Excellent feedback on the roof LED's. They really light up the carpark. The solar LED's at the front gate are probably not as effective as what we had hoped.
- Winches installed on Court 2. Feedback: Given the success of Pickleball and the Junior Netball, the ability to raise the basketball rings so quickly & easily has been a great time saver as well as removing the physical effort required.
- New LED lights on Court 2/Table Tennis area. Feedback: Noticeable difference on the brightness which has been appreciated by the Table Tennis players and indoor net users. Tyndall's installed the

newer kind of LED's which have a motion detecting function that dims the lights (less energy usage) when no one uses the area.

- Roof Repairs: Feedback: The contractors spent 3 weeks on the roof and at this stage appear to have done an effective job. I can report that there were no leaks with the rain on the 22/7/25. The contractors also did some work on the ridge capping.
- Scoreboards. Feedback: There is excitement amongst the players, umpires and coaches about the new scoreboards. The current scoreboards have been used for nearly 35 years but have been failing badly for the last 2 years. The scoreboards have been ordered form Blue Vane who are well known in the industry. The scoreboards take 7 weeks to manufacture and should arrive within the next few weeks.

DENILIQUIN STADIUM ATTENDANCE - JUNE 2025

Group/Activity	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	
	2-Jun	9-Jun	16-Jun	23-Jun	Mon 30/6	Comments
					Only Monday	
Junior Basketball	150	110	110	110	80	
Mixed Netball	0	0	45	45	45	
Junior Netball	30	30	30	30	0	
Pickleball Tuesday	40	40	40	40	0	
Pickleball Thursday	40	40	40	40	0	
Pickleball Friday AM	20	0	20	20	0	No Pb Fri 13/6 (APM Event)
Pickleball Sunday Doubles	0	0	40	0	0	22-Jun
Mens Basketball	0	0	42	42	0	
Badminton	25	0	25	25	15	No Badminton 9/6
Table Tennis	12	12	12	12	0	
Boxing	20	20	20	20	10	
Kurrajong	15	15	15	15	5	
High School	45	45	45	45	0	
High School Basketball Gala	0	0	0	0	0	
Birthday Party	0	0	30	30	0	22/6 and 29/6
Mayrung PS Sporting Schools	0	0	0	25	25	PICKLEBALL
Junior Giants	0	0	0	0	0	
School Holiday Program	0	0	0	0	0	
APM EVENT	0	100	0	0	0	
Riverina Cricket Academy	0	25	0	0	0	
Spectators	240	150	150	150	120	
TOTALS	637	587	664	649	300	

Improvements implemented

Date	Improvement	Action	Completed
04/04/24	Install basketball backboard	Sponsored by Ford paying $8,000 and we funded the remaining shortfall $2,931 ($1,993 boards and $998 installation)	Completed
19/9/24	Lighting Upgrade on Courts 1 and 2.	Project managed by Essena. Work carried out by Tyndall's.	Completed.
29/9/24	Power meter Upgrade.	Project managed by Origin Energy.	Completed
22/5/25	Install Winches on Court 2	Replace hand winches with motorised winches.	Completed.
22/5/25	LED Lighting on Court 2 – Table Tennis area.	Replace existing lights with new globes.	Completed.
23/5/25	Generator Three Phase Plug	Generator plug to be installed in the switchboard.	Completed.
2/6/25	Car park entrance Solar LED – Lighting on stadium exterior.	Install new lighting to make carpark safer at night.	Completed
20/6/25	Basketball Scoreboards	Order 2 new scoreboards.	Awaiting Delivery.
1/7/25	Stadium Roof Repairs	Extensive repairs including ridge capping.	Completed.

Maintenance Work Carried out

Date	Maintenance Concern	Reported to	Action	Resp	Status
Apr 25	Door lock on canteen	Paul Hussey	Waiting for PJ locksmiths to replace lock. Temporary fix by the manager.	Council	Completed
3/4/25	Stadium Gutters Cleaned	Paul Links	Gutters cleaned by Chris Fox	Council	Completed
14/8/24	Burst water pipe at the rear of building.	Paul Links	Repaired by Plumbers	Council	Completed

Safety Related incidents and near misses

Date	Incident	Action

User complaints

Date	Incident	Action

Medium Term 6 Months Goals.

- Solar System to lower Operating Costs.

Projects for 2025

- Grants. Solar System. Council letter of Support. UPDATE: John is doing designs and waiting on council support.
- Wally to prepare quotes for a Kitchen Upgrade.
- Grandstand. Painting and consideration given to safety improvements. UPDATE: Council has engaged a company to undertake safety and compliance checks.
- Table Tennis Championships in Deniliquin (August 16-17 2025).

General Comments

ROOF: See earlier comments. The roof repairs including ridge capping did not leak on 22/7/25. Very promising.

The new ridge capping was installed in April and has unfortunately not met our expectations. The roof, depending upon the wind direction, now leaks in the middle (ridge capping) for the entire length of the building. The Stadium still has leaks in several areas between the courts and on court 2. The stance of the executive is that this is dangerous for the players and umpires. The courts are very dusty everyday and I believe this to be a consequence of the style of ridge-capping. UPDATE: The committee would ask for more information on the roof situation, dates etc. ADDITIONAL --- Has engaged a company to undertake minor roof repairs to stop general leaks.

ELECTRICITY USE at ROTARY PARK: Tyndall's Electricians highlighted that we are paying the electricity for the sewer pump station. UPDATE: No feedback received from the Council.

SOLAR POWER: I believe a high priority project should be the "pad" solar system at the rear of the stadium. Batteries. 29kw system. John will follow this up shortly and consult with council. ONGOING.

CARPARK: UPDATE: Fewer rocks every week. Happy to remove this item.

The stadium carpark was resealed (end of April) with larger rocks and more asphalt. While definitely better, I am still picking up quite a few little rocks on the playing court each day. These rocks do scratch the floor. The carpark lines have not been painted as yet. Should the carpark ever be redone, we need it to be sealed with a Hot mix. UPDATE: LESS ROCKS IN THE STADIUM.

10.2. DRAFT MINUTES FROM THE LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITEE

Author: Executive Assistant

Authoriser: Director Infrastructure

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Accepts the minutes of the Edward River Council Local Traffic Committee meeting, held on 31 July 2025, and
2. Approves the Special Event application for the Deni Ute Muster, to be held from Thursday, 2 October 2025 to Sunday, 5 October 2025, based on the endorsement of the Special Event application by the Local Traffic Committee.

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

4. Economy: Strong, Diverse and Sustainable

4.6 Tourism and Visitor Economy

BACKGROUND

The Deni Ute Muster has applied to Council to hold a special Event in Deniliquin from Thursday 2nd October 2025 to Sunday 5th October 2025. Management of the event includes several traffic management plans, which have been presented to the Local Traffic Committee. The Committee have provided their endorsement of the traffic management plans as submitted.

PROPOSAL/DISCUSSION

A formal Resolution from Council is required under the guide to the delegation to Council for the regulation of traffic.

All voting members of the Committee voted to adopt the following resolution:
Local Traffic Committee endorses the traffic management plan for the 2025 Ute Muster Event. Operational issues will be discussed between all parties at the Event Readiness Meeting.

Other items of business where also discussed during the meeting regarding parking and pedestrian crossings matters throughout the Council area.

RISK AND IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Legislative and Policy

The special event application has been submitted in accordance with Council's requirements for these types of events.

6.2 Financial

Is this currently budgeted Yes

What is the proposed funding source?

'in kind budget'

6.3 Community Engagement/Consultation

This event has been completely organised via the Deni Ute Muster, and as part of the Special Event Application they have informed the local emergency services that they are planning on having this event.

6.4 Work Health and Safety

As part of the application, a Risk Assessment has been prepared in consultation with members of the Deni Ute Muster.

OFFICER'S CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

As the author of this report and in providing this advice to Council, I have no interests to disclose in relation to this report.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Draft Minutes of the Local Traffic Committee from Thursday 31st July 2025.
2. Deni Ute Muster - Special Event Application

Attachment 1 - Traffic Committee minutes 31 July 2025

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE OF THE EDWARD RIVER COUNCIL HELD AT THE EDWARD RIVER COUNCIL NORTH DEPOT, ON THURSDAY 31st JULY 2025 COMMENCING AT 1PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr Greg Minehan	Transport for NSW
Mr Russell Tait	Local Member Representative
Chief Inspector Michael Fuller	NSW Police
Sergeant Rob Mayo	NSW Police
Senior Constable Megan Mayo	NSW Police
Constable Matt Williamson	NSW Police

COUNCIL STAFF PRESENT:

Mr Mark Dalzell	Director Infrastructure
Mr Ken Spence	Road Safety Officer
Mr Damien Burton	Manager Transport

CHAIRMANSHIP OF MEETING:

The meeting was chaired by Mark Dalzell

DECLARATION OF MEETING OPEN

Mark Dalzell formally declared the meeting open at 1:00 pm.

APOLOGIES

Councillor Ken Bates	Edward River Council
Denise Crouch	Transport for NSW
Scott Trewhella	NSW Police

Moved: Greg Minehan
Second: Michael Fuller

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1. REPORT SUBJECT: **Special Event Application – Deni Play on the Plains Pty Ltd to hold the Deniliquin Ute Muster**

REPORT FROM: **ROAD SAFETY OFFICER**
Ken Spence

REPORT TO: **TRAFFIC COMMITTEE – 31/07/2025.**

DRAFT

DISCUSSION

1. Email was sent on Friday 18th July 2025, as per below
   Please find attached Special Events Application form from the Deni Play On The Plains Pty Ltd to hold the Deni Ute Muster from Thursday 2nd October 2025 Until Sunday 5th October 2025.

   Other Attached Documents to Support Event Application are:
   - Public Liability - Certificate of Insurance
   - Advise Letters
   - Traffic Management Plan including Traffic Control Plans

2. The committee reviewed the Traffic Management Plans and discussed traffic issues experienced during the last Ute Muster Event, noting the Muster is selling Saturday only tickets this year, and this isn't expected to create any traffic issues.
3. The committee requested that options be explored for managing traffic congestion along Davidson Street. Specifically, they suggested identifying trigger points at which Bluey's Paddock could be opened during the Bump in to facilitate traffic flow and ensure continued access for Emergency Services.
4. Russell informed the committee that the Ute Muster has purchased a line marker to assist with clearly marking parking and camping areas. This initiative is expected to help alleviate traffic congestion during the Bump in process.

MOTION
Local Traffic Committee endorses the traffic management plan for the 2025 Ute Muster Event. Operational issues will be discussed between all parties at the Event Readiness Meeting.

Second: Megan Mayo

The Ute Muster will provide further information on when the Event Readiness Meeting will be.

REPORT FROM: **SENIOR CONSTABLE Megan Mayo**

REPORT SUBJECT: **SOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOL PARKING**

REPORT TO: **TRAFFIC COMMITTEE – 31/07/2025.**

DISCUSSION

1. Senior Constable Megan Mayo informed the Committee that they receive multiple complaints about the parking at the South Public School, particularly around Hatch Street & Sloane Street. The residents would like to see parking bays. Senior Constable Megan Mayo would like Disabled Parking spot on Hatch Street.
2. Council suggested they can install 'No Stopping' signs at the Corner of Hatch & Sloane Street, and that they would also like to put in a dedicated disabled parking bay on the South Side of the school and create a verge for the safety of all passengers. Council will also do some line marking of the area to clearly mark parking areas.

MOTION
Local Traffic Committee endorses the installation of the no stopping signs in Hatch Street and Sloane Street adjacent to the South School. Noting the installation of the disabled parking in Sloane Street parallel parking and will be painted and marked up.

Second: Ken Spence.

REPORT FROM: **ROAD SAFETY OFFICER**
Ken Spence

REPORT SUBJECT: **Sanctuary Lane Parking**

REPORT TO: **TRAFFIC COMMITTEE – 31/07/2025.**

DISCUSSION

1. A customer request has been received to restrict parking at the Western end of Sanctuary Lane.

Road Safety Issues:
There is a possibility of cars entering Sanctuary Lane could collide with parked vehicles or pedestrians on the footpath.

2. Line Marking has been done in the area, and we have had no complaints for a while.

RECOMMENDATION
The committee notes the request and will keep an eye on it, and bring it back to the Forum if there is any further issues.

REPORT FROM: **ROAD SAFETY OFFICER**
Ken Spence

REPORT SUBJECT: **Edward River Village Pedestrian Crossing**

REPORT TO: **TRAFFIC COMMITTEE – 31/07/2025.**

DISCUSSION

1. The width should be blistered and narrowed. Bus lines use this to come from Hardinge Street to St Michaels School. It's not a pedestrian crossing
2. Blisters will shorten the loss of parking to 7m rather than 20m. Greg suggested a pedestrian refuge rather than pedestrian crossing. The committee agreed and Council will have the crossing designed to reflect these changes.

MOTION
Local Traffic Committee endorses the installation of a pedestrian refugee including blisters adjacent the Edward River Village

Second: Ken Spence.

GENERAL BUSINESS
Greg TfNSW
Formally issued this week, comes into effect tomorrow.
Local Traffic Committee does not exist anymore, same principles, no voting anymore. 4 people must come to agreement at the end.
Opened more autonomy on council network, training packs will come through. For Example, 'No stopping' signs don't have to be discuss with the elected members, Council can then discuss directly with Police or TfNSW and make a decision and then note it at the next forum. A Council can delegate the GM to make decisions.
Local traffic forum is not a committee of council
Impacts on public transport surfaces, public transport providers are to be invited to the forum of when that item is to be discussed.

Centre for road safety
Changed policy into the review of crashes on local roads, TfNSW will comes and assist council staff to help make remedy for road safety. Funding available.

Could Greg & Denise be notified when the Event Readiness for the Ute Muster is occurring, as they would like to attend. Ken advised there is a placeholder for Wednesday 20th August 2025 - no teams option, must attend in person.

Mark
Moving forward we will still have one meeting prior to the Ute Muster, then other business will go through emails.

Impact on state road must come to the forum.

Davidson street crossing - Ken no update on this.
Dangerous.
Doesn't meet the warrant (min numbers of pedestrians using crossing) any work of it will mean that it will be removed.
We need to do more education with pedestrians to use underpass.
Work on the lanes, should be 1.5 lanes rather than 3.

CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 1:59pm.

Attachment 2 - Special Event(1)

Edward River COUNCIL

Special Event Resources

Special Event Transport Management Plan Template

Refer to Chapter 7 of the Guide for a complete description of the Transport Management Plan

1 EVENT DETAILS

1.1 Event summary

Event Name: Deni Ute Muster

Event Location: Deniliquin Festival Site, 8235 Conargo Rd Deniliquin NSW 2710

Event Date: 2/10/2025 - 5/10/2025 Event Start Time: 8.00a.m. Event Finish Time: 12.00 midday

Event Setup Start Time: 8.00a.m. Event Packdown Finish Time: 12.00 midday

Event is ☐ off-street ☐ on-street moving ☐ on-street non-moving

☐ held regularly throughout the year (calendar attached)

1.2 Contact names

Event Organiser * Deni Play On The Plains Festival Ltd

Phone: 03 5881 3388 Fax: Mobile: 0448832104 E-mail: gm@deniutemuster.com.au

Event Management Company (if applicable)

Phone: Fax: Mobile: E-mail:

Police Chief Inspector Mick Fuller

Phone: 03 58819100 Fax: Mobile: 0456639017 E-mail: full2mic@police.nsw.gov

Council Edward River Council

Phone: 03 5898 3000 Fax: Mobile: E-mail:

Roads & Traffic Authority (if Class 1)

Phone: Fax: Mobile: E-mail:

**Note: The Event Organiser is the person or organisation in whose name the Public Liability Insurance is taken out.*

1.3 Brief description of the event (one paragraph)

Deni Ute Muster is an annual 2 day event est.1999. The event has been running every year annually except for 2020 and 2021 due to Covid. It provides significant economic, strategic and social benefits to the Southern Region of NSW. The event has one awards at local, regional, state and national tourism awards, generating significant community pride in Regional NSW. On average the amount spent in Deniliquin is $8,000,000 - $12,000,000 The purpose of the event is to enhance the social and economic capital of the community in both the Region and State.

2 RISK MANAGEMENT - TRAFFIC

CLASS 1 CLASS 2 CLASS 3

2.1 Occupational Health & Safety - Traffic Control

- [x] Risk assessment plan (or plans) attached

2.2 Public Liability Insurance

- [x] Public liability insurance arranged. Certificate of currency attached.

2.3 Police

- [x] Police written approval obtained

2.4 Fire Brigades and Ambulance

- [x] Fire brigades notified
- [x] Ambulance notified

3 TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT MANAGEMENT

CLASS 1 CLASS 2 CLASS 3

3.1 The route or location

- [x] Map attached

3.2 Parking

- [ ] Parking organised - details attached
- [ ] Parking not required

3.3 Construction, traffic calming and traffic generating developments

- [ ] Plans to minimise impact of construction activities, traffic calming devices or traffic-generating developments attached
- [ ] There are no construction activities, traffic calming devices or traffic-generating developments at the location/route or on the detour routes

3.4 Trusts, authorities or Government enterprises

- [ ] This event uses a facility managed by a trust, authority or enterprise; written approval attached
- [ ] This event does not use a facility managed by a trust, authority or enterprise

3.5 Impact on/of Public transport

- [x] Public transport plans created - details attached
- [ ] Public transport not impacted or will not impact event

3.6 Reopening roads after moving events

- [ ] This is a moving event - details attached.
- [ ] This is a non-moving event.

3.7 Traffic management requirements unique to this event

- [ ] Description of unique traffic management requirements attached
- [ ] There are no unique traffic requirements for this event

3.8 Contingency plans

- [x] Contingency plans attached

Class 1 Class 2

3.9 Heavy vehicle impacts

- ☐ Impacts heavy vehicles - RTA to manage
- ☐ Does not impact heavy vehicles

3.10 Special event clearways

- ☐ Special event clearways required - RTA to arrange
- ☐ Special event clearways not required

4 MINIMISING IMPACT ON NON-EVENT COMMUNITY & EMERGENCY SERVICES

CLASS 1 CLASS 2 CLASS 3

4.1 Access for local residents, businesses, hospitals and emergency vehicles

- ☐ Plans to minimise impact on non-event community attached
- ☐ This event does not impact the non-event community either on the main route (or location) or detour routes

4.2 Advertise traffic management arrangements

- ☐ Road closures or restrictions - advertising medium and copy of proposed advertisements attached
- ☐ No road closures or restrictions but special event clearways in place - advertising medium and copy of proposed advertisements attached
- ☐ No road closures, restrictions or special event clearways - advertising not required

4.3 Special event warning signs

- ☑ Special event information signs are described in the Traffic Control Plan/s
- ☐ This event does not require special event warning signs

4.4 Permanent Variable Message Signs

- ☐ Messages, locations and times attached
- ☐ This event does not use permanent Variable Message Signs

4.5 Portable Variable Message Signs

- ☐ The proposed messages and locations for portable VMS are attached
- ☐ This event does not use portable VMS

5 PRIVACY NOTICE

The "Personal Information" contained in the completed Transport Management Plan may be collected and held by the NSW Police, the NSW Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA), or Local Government.

I declare that the details in this application are true and complete. I understand that:

- The "personal information" is being collected for submission of the Transport Management Plan for the event described in Section 1 of this document.
- I must supply the information under the Road Transport Legislation (as defined in the *Road Transport (General) Act 1999*) and the *Roads Act 1993*.
- Failure to supply full details and to sign or confirm this declaration can result in the event not proceeding.
- The "personal information" being supplied is either my own or I have the approval of the person concerned to provide his/her "personal information".
- The "personal information" held by the Police, RTA or Local Government may be disclosed inside and outside of NSW to event managers or any other person or organisation required to manage or provide resources required to conduct the event or to any business, road user or resident who may be impacted by the event.
- The person to whom the "personal information" relates has a right to access or correct it in accordance with the provisions of the relevant privacy legislation.

6 APPROVAL

TMP Approved by: ..... Event Organiser 30/5/2025 Date

7 AUTHORISATION TO *REGULATE TRAFFIC

Council's traffic management requirements have been met. Regulation of traffic is therefore authorised for all non-classified roads described in the risk management plans attached to this TMP.

Regulation of traffic authorised by: ..... Council ..... Date

The RTA's traffic management requirements have been met. Regulation of traffic is therefore authorised for all classified roads described in the risk management plans attached to this TMP.

Regulation of traffic authorised by: ..... RTA ..... Date

* *"Regulate traffic" means restrict or prohibit the passage along a road of persons, vehicles or animals* (Roads Act, 1993). *Council and RTA require traffic to be regulated as described in the risk management plans with the layouts installed under the direction of a qualified person.*

Special Event Planning & Resource Matrix

Event Class	Description	Features	Examples	Lead Times for Agency Approvals	Police Fees	Council Fees	RTA Fees	Transport Mgt Plan	Risk Management Plans (Traffic Control) under OH&S ACT 2000	Advertise Transport Management Arrangements	Liability Insurance	Special Event Clearway, Heavy Vehicle Detours	Public Transport	Emergency Vehicle & Local Access	Parking	Contingency planning
1	A Class 1 event: • impacts major traffic and transport systems • disrupts the non-event community over a wide area • requires the involvement of Police, one or more Councils and the RTA • requires a detailed Transport Management Plan • requires advertising the event's traffic aspects to a wide audience.	A Class 1 event may: • be conducted on-road or in its own venue • involve trusts and authorities when using facilities managed by them • involve Transport NSW • involve the State Rail and State Transit Authorities • involve private bus and coach organisations • impact the road transport industry • require RTA to provide special event clearways • require RTA to provide heavy vehicle detour routes • require the RTA to adjust traffic signals • require RTA to manage Variable Message Signs • depending on the nature of the event, invoke the Police "User Pays" policy.	For example: • an event: that affects a principal transport route in Sydney, or • an event that reduces the capacity of the main highway through a country town, or • a bicycle race that involves the Sydney Harbour Bridge.	Minimum 4 months from first approach to Council to proposed start date. 6 months for vehicle races.	Charges apply where: *"it is deemed the services are specifically for the benefit of those organising and/or attending the event and not for the benefit of the public at large."*	As described in Council's Special Events Policy. Asset rentals: refer to Council.	Marginal costs apply where services are provided above those normally provided to the community. RTA provides quote. Asset rentals: refer to RTA.	TMP model recommended.	Traffic Control layouts drawn up by a qualified person and installed under the guidance of a qualified person recommended. Need to consider access for disabled persons.	28 days for all events that require regulation of traffic or where special event clearways in operation. Not required where there is no regulation of traffic.	Required with Council & Police (if Police User Pays in force) named on policy. Also RTA if using RTA asset. Certificate of currency required.	RTA arranges if required. RTA provides quote.	Promoted where practicable	Required. Refer to TMP.	May be required. Need to consider parking for disabled persons.	Recommended
2	A Class 2 event: • impacts local traffic and transport systems but does not impact major traffic and transport systems • disrupts the non-event community in the area around the event but not over a wide area • requires the involvement of Police and Local Council • requires a detailed Transport Management Plan • requires advertising the event's traffic aspects to the local community.	A Class 2 event may: • be conducted on-road or in its own venue • involve trusts and authorities when using facilities managed by them • involve State Rail and the State Transit Authority • involve private bus and coach organisations. • depending on the nature of the event, invoke the Police "User Pays" policy.	For example: • an event that blocks off the main street of a town or shopping centre but does not impact a principal transport route or a highway • a motor rally on local country roads.	Minimum 3 months. 3 months for vehicle races.	Charges apply where: *"it is deemed the services are specifically for the benefit of those organising and/or attending the event and not for the benefit of the public at large."*	As described in Council's Special Events Policy Asset rentals: refer to Council		TMP model recommended.	Traffic Control layouts drawn up by a qualified person and installed under the guidance of a qualified person recommended. Need to consider access for disabled persons.	28 days for all events that require regulation of traffic or where special event clearways in operation. Not required where there is no regulation of traffic.	Required with Council & Police (if Police User Pays in force) named on policy. Certificate of currency required.		Promoted where practicable	Required. Refer to TMP.	May be required. Need to consider parking for disabled persons.	Recommended
3	A Class 3 event: • does not impact local or major traffic and transport systems • disrupts the non-event community in the immediate area only • requires Local Council and Police consent • is conducted on-street in a very low traffic area such as a dead-end or cul-de-sac • requires Police agreement that event qualifies as Class 3 • is never used for vehicle races.	• A Class 3 event , depending on Local Council policy, may: • require a simplified Transport Management Plan • not be available in all Council areas. • depending on the nature of the event, invoke the Police "User Pays" policy. • require advertising the event's traffic aspects to the community.	For example: • an on-street neighbourhood Christmas party.	Minimum 6 weeks	Charges apply where: *"it is deemed the services are specifically for the benefit of those organising and/or attending the event and not for the benefit of the public at large."*	As described in Council's Special Events Policy Asset rentals: refer to Council		Council may require TMP	Traffic Control layouts drawn up by a qualified person and installed under the guidance of a qualified person recommended. Need to consider access for disabled persons.	28 days for all events that require regulation of traffic. Not required where there is no regulation of traffic.	Required with Council & Police (if Police User Pays in force) named on policy. Certificate of currency required.			Required. Refer to TMP.		
4	A Class 4 event is intended for small on street events and: • requires Police consent only • is within the capacity of the Police to manage on their own • is not a protest or demonstration • is always an on-street event • does not require RTA or Council consent • does not require advertising the event's traffic aspects to the community • does not require a TMP • does not require the involvement of other Government agencies.	A Class 4 event may: • be conducted on classified or unclassified roads • cause zero to considerable disruption to the non-event community • cross Police Local Area Commands (LACs) • cross Local Government Areas (LGAs) • require Council and RTA to assist when requested by Police • depending on the nature of the event, invoke the Police "User Pays" policy.	For example: • a small ANZAC Day march in a country town • a small parade conducted under Police escort.	Minimum 1 month	Charges apply where: *"it is deemed the services are specifically for the benefit of those organising and/or attending the event and not for the benefit of the public at large."*						Required if User Pays policy in force. Police named on policy. Certificate of currency required.					

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO HOLD A PUBLIC ASSEMBLY

Summary Offences Act 1988

To the Commissioner of Police

1 I, Vicky Lowry
of 211 Burchfield Ave Deniliquin NSW 2710
on behalf of Deni Play On The Plains Festival Ltd
notify the Commissioner of Police that on the Friday 3rd Oct and Saturday 4th October 2025

it is intended to hold:

(a) a public assembly, not being a procession, of approximately 21,500 persons which will assemble
at Deniliquin Festival Site, 8235 Conargo Road Deniliquin NSW 2710
at approximately 8.00am Thursday 2nd October 2025.
and disperse at approximately 9.00am Sunday 5th October 2025.

2 The purpose of the proposed assembly is the Deni Ute Muster.

3 The following special characteristics associated with the assembly would be useful for the Commissioner of Police to be aware of in regulating the flow of traffic or in regulating the assembly:

* (i) There will be 15,000 (number) of vehicles and/or* floats involved and their type and dimensions are as follows:

Utes, Sedans, Caravans and Trailers

* (ii) There will be 12 major and 15 minor bands, and 37 non music entertaining activations addressing the assembly

4 I take responsibility for organising and conducting the proposed public assembly.

5 Notices for the purposes of the *Summary Offences Act 1988* may be served on me at the following:

Address: Deniliquin Festival Site
8235 Conargo Road
Deniliquin
NSW 2710

Telephone: 03 5881 3388
0448 832 104

Signed:

Capacity/Title: General Manager

Date 5th May 2025

10.3. DRAFT MINUTES OF THE SALEYARDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Author: Executive Assistant

Authoriser: Director Infrastructure

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives the draft minutes of the Saleyards Advisory Committee meeting held on Thursday 31st July 2025 and notes the Committee's resolutions.

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

3. Built Environment: Liveable Built Environments

3.1 Infrastructure

3.3 Public Space and Community Facilities (including sports)

3.4 Heritage

4. Economy: Strong, Diverse and Sustainable

4.1 Agriculture and Industry Value

BACKGROUND

The Saleyards Advisory Committee advises Council on issues and matters relating to the operation of the Deniliquin Saleyards. The Committee is made up of representatives from commercial organisations operating with the users of the Saleyards as well as the Saleyards Operator.

PROPOSAL/DISCUSSION

The Committee were provided with an update from Council on the current action items.

The Committee also discussed the current Strategic Plan for the Saleyards and options they may like to go ahead with or change. The different representatives will come back to Council with what they would like to see included in the Masterplans.

Council provided the Committee with an update on the Amenities Block and how access will be provided to users. Council also discussed with the Committee the opportunity for Council to apply for funding to upgrade Saleyards Road through the Safe Local Roads and Infrastructure Program.

The Committee also asked whether the Cattle yards could be sold, and the proceeds be spent on the Sheepyards, including re-purposing the eID Scanners to the Sheepyards.

RISK AND IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Legislative and Policy

The Committee operates under the requirements of the *Local Government Act*.

6.2 Financial

Is this currently budgeted *Yes*

What is the proposed funding source?

Funding for the maintenance and operation of the Saleyards is provided by Council as part of the 2025/26 Operational Plan.

6.3 Community Engagement/Consultation

Level of Engagement	Stakeholder	Activity	Date, Location, etc	Outcome
Consult	Saleyards Users	Regular Meetings	Meetings held every three months	Information to Council to assist with the management of the Saleyards

6.4 Work Health and Safety

All Maintenance that is carried out as part of the operations plan by either Council staff or Contractors are to follow Councils Work Health & Safety Policy.

OFFICER'S CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

As the author of this report and in providing this advice to Council, I have no interests to disclose in relation to this report.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Draft Minutes for the Saleyards Advisory Committee meeting held on Thursday 31st July 2025.

Attachment 1 - Public Minutes for Saleyards Advisory Committee 4-30 PM - Thursday, 31 July 2025

MINUTES

Saleyards Advisory Committee

Thursday, 31 July 2025

I hereby give notice that an Saleyards Advisory Committee will be held on:

Date:	**Thursday, 31 July 2025**
Time:	**4:30 PM**
Location:	**180 Cressy Street, Deniliquin**

Jack Bond

Chief Executive Officer

Order of Business

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1. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Present:

Cr Ken Bates, Cr Linda Fawns, Cr Shirlee Burge, Amanda Barlow, Mark Braybon, Greg White (Saleyards Operator), Russell Walker, Steve Arentz, Ken Crossley

Council Staff:

Jack Bond (CEO), Mark Dalzell (Director Infrastructure), Nathan Holahan (Director Corporate Services) Jaymie Coleman (Manager Facilities & Open Spaces), Ellie Danckert (Grants Officer), Jacinta Goodear (Executive Assistant)

Observer: Cr Kellie Crossley

Apologies: John Fitzpatrick, Bill O'brien

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the previous Saleyards Advisory Committee Meeting held 3 April 2025 were tabled and read as a true and correct record.

3. ACTIONS ARISING

3.1. OUTSTANDING ACTION ITEMS

Director Infrastructure tabled the outstanding action items for discussion and update.

Action Ref	Outcomes/Decisions/Actions	Whom	When	Status
2022/09-02	Council to investigate large funding for new facilities	Mark Dalzell	As funding becomes available	Ongoing
2023/03-04	Report to Councillor Briefing regarding Truck Wash/Hub - The committee where updated that Council has committed in the 25/26 FY Budget to a major refurbishment of the truck wash pump and auger system, and safety requirements.	Mark Dalzell	Mark to update committee	In Progress

Action Ref	Outcomes/Decisions/Actions	Whom	When	Status
2023/11-02	Investigation into feeding travelling stock, which would also include cattle yards	Greg White	Greg still looking into this opportunity	Ongoing
2023/11-03	Ken Crossley suggested looking at a new site and using the saleyards land, noting that this was raised just after the merger of the former Councils. Mark Dalzell noted that this may be considered as part of the growth strategy plan.	Mark Dalzell	As funding becomes available	Ongoing.
2025/04-01	Information to be provided to the committee regarding the funding for the walkway and ramps project, and whether funds where still available. - The committee were advised that all funds have been expended, Council are unable to provide a list of funds as they are part of a commercial agreement. - The committee asked whether they could then have a breakdown of	Mark Dalzell		

Action Ref	Outcomes/Decisions/Actions	Whom	When	Status
	what funds were spent on walkways, ramps as they have a concern that it was not value for money, as not even half of the facility has been completed, and it is not safe. Once the acquittal has been completed for the funding bodies, Council will be able to provide more details on where the money has been spent. Council can look at getting more funding to complete the project. Council is going to the Saleyards next week for an inspection.			

4. REPORTS

4.1. SALEYARDS OPERATION & REFURBISHMENT

Saleyards Amenities Block

The Amenities are operational but still have a couple of finishing touches to be completed such as:

- Concrete Path from footpath to ramp and steps on Amenities block, this will have to meet Disability Inclusion Action Plan requirements.
- Security cage around Hot Water Service
- Security mesh for protection as a sun screen on front of Verandah

Avdata Keys

These will be used to access the facility, these can be obtained via Edward River Council's Customer Service, a deposit will be required. The committee asked whether the users will be charges to use the amenities? At the moment Greg White opens them the day before a sale and closes them a day after the sale. Stock carriers are responsible and keep it clean, whereas grain carriers aren't as respectful.

Avdata has the capacity to capture the use of the facility, and Council can review this data after 12 months and then make a decision about whether or not to charge for the use of the facility.

At the moment, Greg White provides cleaning and toilet paper at these facilities.

The Committee has asked Council to contact Billy from GrainCorp and discuss the facilities as they currently don't have any of their own onsite at GrainCorp.

The Committee asked whether Council had any plans in the future to build an area for a canteen area or space to sit and eat/drink? Should they be looking a funding for this? At this stage a Food Van comes out to the Sale days and caters for the Sale patrons.

Safe Local Roads and Infrastructure Program

Council staff are investigating grant funding (pending Council approval) for the reconstruction of Saleyards Road. Details below:

- 700m from Rice Mill Road to Abattoir Road.

-150m from Abattoir Road to the front of GrainCorp.

- Includes the apron in front of the new amenities building.

- Possibly the truck wash bay entrance.

Councils grant officer Ellie Danckert will reach out to everyone regarding consultation from the Advisory group and letters of support.

The Committee asked whether the area of the road that was ripped up in front of the Cattleyards, this was promised to be sealed over 20 years ago, it still hasn't been done and on sale days, it puts so much dust over the saleyards site.

The water outlets also need a bigger sign, as quiet often truck drivers sleep in this area.

The Committee asked whether the section of road between Saleyards Road and the entrance into GrainCorp could be better designed and made wider, as there is not enough turning space. Mark Dalzell noted to have it redesign to be a 4 lane road.

The committee asked whether work can be done to lower the roads for drainage purposes as the roads are now higher than the yards, and the yards become a dam.

4.2. DENILIQUIN SALEYARDS MASTERPLAN

Recommendation

Council is providing user groups of these facilities with the opportunity to:

- Review the proposed directions and priorities for your facilities future use.
- Provide feedback on how well the plan reflects your facilities needs and expectations.
- Identify any gaps, opportunities, or concerns that may not have been captured. eg. Speed Limits

Feedback to be provided to Council by C.O.B. 11th September 2025 via Executive Assistance Infrastructure Jacinta.Goodear@edwardriver.nsw.gov.au

Jaymie has offered to sit down with the Committee and go through everything and assist with putting together the feedback.

The Committee provided commentary on the previous Masterplan and would like to see the new one completed in a more organised manner. They would also like to understand why Council is always looking for Grant money for improvements, why doesn't the Saleyards have its own budget? The Committee said if you spend the money, the turnover will be better. Council will need to work this out moving forward when they have so many competing priorities.

Councillor Linda Fawns asked the Committee to actually dream of what they want at the Saleyards, and where they want it. Provide this feedback to the Council, that way they are able to work out whether it's worth spending the money on the current facility or whether they could spend the same amount on a new facility.

Councillor Kellie Crossley is keen to understand all the recommendations on page 43 of the current Masterplan. What investment has been made, as this will assist with future works. Eg. Pedestrian Safety, Water Pressure etc, and has any of it been addressed.

4.3. GENERAL BUSINESS

<u>New Facility</u>

Ken mentioned that with the review of the Masterplan it is a golden opportunity to move the facility to South of the Airport on High ground and have access straight off the highway.

<u>Cattleyards</u>

Is it possible to sell the Cattleyards and put the money into the Sheepyards? We could then re-purpose the Scanners in the Cattleyards to the Sheepyards.

<u>Sheepyards</u>
The yards need to be cleaned in a particular area. Greg White is unable to get his machine in to clean it out. The dirt is over the first rail and the sheep are jumping out and this is causing problems.

<u>eID Scanners</u>

The eID scanners are working ok, more are required. Portable ones are available; could Council look into these? They could then be moved around the yards where needed.

Meeting closed at 5:42pm

Next Meeting Thursday 6th November at 4:30pm

10.4. DRAFT MINUTES OF THE CONARGO HALL COMMITTEE

Draft Minutes of the Conargo Hall Committee

Author: Executive Assistant

Authoriser: Director Infrastructure

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

1. Receives the minutes of the Conargo Hall Committee meeting held on Wednesday 6th August, and endorses the recommendations from the Committee contained therein, specifically;

a) The acceptance of the content of the history walk project, and

b) The acceptance of the Annual General Meeting date being set for Wednesday, 22nd October 2025 at 6pm, followed by a general meeting.

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

1. Communities: Caring, healthy, connect, inclusive communities

1.4 Accessibility and Inclusion

3. Built Environment: Liveable Built Environments

3.1 Infrastructure

3.3 Public Space and Community Facilities (including sports)

4. Economy: Strong, Diverse and Sustainable

4.6 Tourism and Visitor Economy

5. Leadership: Accountable Civic Leaders

5.5 Communication and Engagement

5.6 Good Corporate Governance

BACKGROUND

The Conargo Memorial Hall and Recreation Ground Committee is responsible for the care, control and maintenance of the Conargo Hall and recreation grounds, on partnership with Council, as detailed in the adopted Instrument of Delegation and Terms of Reference.

PROPOSAL/DISCUSSION

At its 6th August 2025 Meeting, In summary the committee considered the following matters :

- The removal of the Sheep yards which will commence Monday 18th August 2025,
- The Committee discussed the progression of the potential projects to be funded by the Bob White Bequest, and agreed to leave the stalled projects until further due diligence has been undertaken,
- The Committee discussed moving forward with the Cenotaph Project and to request a quotation from David Hay to scope out the 'doing' stage of the Cenotaph project,

- The Committee discussed insurance coverage for events at the hall, this then prompted discussion around the Primary User Service Agreement and that it is still not in place yet. Council advised the newly appointed Director of Corporate Services is currently working on the agreement and a meeting with the all the villages will hopefully, happen soon,
- The Committee was updated on the upcoming bookings,
- The Committee discussed general business such as TransGrid Grant Application, creating a Facebook page for the Conargo Hall Committee, Friday Nights and new membership, and
- The Committee decided to lock in Christmas in Conargo on Saturday 6th December 2025.

RISK AND IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Legislative and Policy

The Conargo Hall Committee operates in accordance with the Local Government Act and Regulations.

6.2 Financial

As part of their responsibilities to Council, the Conargo Hall Committee provides Council with information regarding their financial status.

6.3 Consultation and Engagement

Engagement is through the Conargo Hall committee.

6.4 Work Health and Safety

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OFFICER'S CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

As the author of this report and in providing this advice to Council, I have no interests to disclose in relation to this report.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Draft Minutes of the Conargo Hall Committee Meeting Held on Wednesday 6th August 2025.
2. Profit & Loss - July 24 - June 25.
3. Balance Sheet - as of 30 June 2025.

Attachment 1 - General Meeting Minutes August 6^LLLLJ 2025

Conargo Hall Committee Inc

General Meeting Minutes – Wednesday August 6, 2025

TIME: 6.00 pm
DATE: Wednesday August 6 , 2025
LOCATION: Conargo Shire Hall/Live Stream
MINUTE TAKER: Secretary

ITEM NO.	AGENDA ITEM	SPEAKER	DETAILS & ATTACHMENTS
1	**Welcome**	Scott Fullerton (Chair)	Scott opened the meeting at 6.10 pm, welcoming ERC CEO Jak Bond and Cr Leanne Mulham. He acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the Lands within the Edward River Council area - the Wamba Wamba/Perrepa Perrepa Peoples – and paid his respects to elders, past, present, and emerging. He also recognised the diversity of different cultures and their contribution to our community.
2	**Apologies**	Chair	Marg Bull, Liz McNamara, Justin Luckel, Aileen Loader, Mick Loader, Kellie Crossley, Mark Dalzell, Jaymie Coleman **Moved:** Brett Rose **Second:** Christie Jervis Carried
3	**Attendees**	Chair	Scott Fullerton, Brett Jervis (phone), Ian Paton, Deb Stockton, Christie Jervis, Dave Woodhead, Alistair McNamara, Brett Rose, Allison Pearson, Karen Luckel (phone), Jack Bond, Cr Leanne Mulham.
4	**Declaration of Conflict of Interest**	Chair	None
5	**Acceptance of Minutes from General meeting April 30 & Special Meeting May 21, 2025**	Chair	**General meeting Minutes April 30, 2025** Minutes were reviewed and accepted. **Moved:** Allison Pearson **Second:** Alistair McNamara Carried Minutes were reviewed and accepted. **Special Meeting Minutes May 21, 2025** **Moved:** Christie Jervis **Second:** Ian Paton Carried

6	**Business Arising**	Scott Fullerton/ Mark Dalzell	6.1 Progress of the sheep yard removal – Email received from Jacinta Goodear on behalf of Mark Dalzell on Tuesday August 5, advising Deni Civil will begin the removal of the sheep yards the week beginning August 18, 2025.
		Scott Fullerton/ Deb Stockton	6.2 History Project developed over a number of years by Marg Bull in consultation with Ian Lea from the historical Society and local residents Dale and Phil Rose was reviewed. The project will be showcased on the metal stands installed along the walk in Conargo all the way to the Billabong Creek rest stop. The committee also thanked Cr Leanne Mulham who has continued to push for this project to be a priority of Council, and to see it come to fruition is a great outcome. Thanks also to ERC staffer Chloe Sztejman who has worked with Marg Bull over the past month or so to get the final draft out for consultation. The committee moved the following motion: **Motion: The Conargo Hall Committee endorses the content of the history walk project as presented by Chloe Sztejman and Marg Bull.** **Moved:** Dave Woodhead **Second:** Alistair McNamara Carried
		Dave Woodhead	6.3 Hall Extension – Daver advised he had had no further correspondence or communication from Council re the progress of the additional fire requirements. Jack Bond advised Mark Dalzell had communicated the Fire Services contractor was unable to provide the service Mark had requested and it was now in the hands of ERC staff to provide the required information and approvals. Jack requested Dave Woodhead meet with Council to discuss further.
		Scott Fullerton/ Deb Stockton All	6.4 Cenotaph – where to from here was discussed and what Council may require. The following motion was carried. **Motion: The Conargo Hall committee resolves to move forward with requesting David Hay to provide a quote for scoping out the 'doing' stage of the Cenotaph project.** **Moved:** Ian Paton **Second:** Brett Rose Carried

			6.5 Other projects stalled - Tennis court lights, generator and shed drew significant discussion. The merits of installing a solar battery system instead of a generator will be further investigated. The following motion was tabled and carried. **Motion: Leave the stalled projects of tennis court lighting, generator and shed stalled until further due diligence has been undertaken.** **Moved:** Dave Woodhead **Second:** Allison Pearson Carried 6.6 Riverina Field Days August 27 was confirmed to be taking place. The Field Day committee has approached ERC in regard to insurance coverage, and a response was tabled in the meeting from the Council's Insurers. It prompted discussion around the Primary User Service Agreement that is not yet in place and wanting further advice and confirmation around where the hall committee stands when running events. Jack advised the new Director of Corporate Services is currently working on the agreement and hopefully there will be a meeting of all villages to further discuss the framework and implementation.
7	**Chair Report**	Scott Fullerton	7.1 No report tabled.
8	**Secretary's Report**	Deb Stockton	8.1 Deb advised bookings had been received for July through to September for the following organisations: Hartwood Station, Transgrid, Riverina Field Days, Wood Park Ram Sale.
9	**Treasurers Report**	Ian Paton	9.1 Ian presented the financial reports as per attached. **Moved:** Ian Paton **Second:** Alistair McNamara Carried
10	**General Business**	Scott Fullerton	10.1 Conargo Hall Incorporated Sponsorships were discussed and how these may look moving forward. The conversation revolved around sponsoring our local whip crackers who hold national and state holders and who showcase our little village, not just by being residents, but through naming of original cracking moves after Conargo, the Billabong Creek and so on. The committee moved the following motion:

			Motion: Conargo Hall Committee Inc sponsor Conargo Whip Crackers ($1,000) to participate in the National Titles in Brisbane in the second week of August 2025. **Moved:** Alistair McNamara **Second:** Dave Woodhead Carried
		Scott Fullerton/ Deb Stockton	10.2 Primary User Agreement – see 6.6.
			10.3 Transgrid Grant Application due by next week, Deb working with Karen to complete and lodge.
		Deb Stockton	10.4 Christmas in Conargo – claiming the date December 6, 2025. Further discussion to take place in regard to raffles, costs etc at the next meeting.
		All	10.5 Conargo Hall Email Address has been established….conargohall@gmail.com. It is monitored by Deb. Creating a Facebook Page specifically for the hall was discussed and Brooke Jervis is willing to work with Karen to design and moderate. **Motion: Establish a Facebook Page for the Conargo Hall Committee Incorporated.** **Moved:** Christie Jervis **Second:** Karen Luckel
			10.6 Extension of Security Camera coverage quotation was put to the committee – cost is $3894.00. (Same company who installed the existing system) This will extend coverage to the front of the corner toilet complex and glassed history display, taking in the cenotaph area. **Motion: Accept quote from Top Security Albury to extend the existing security system as per the attached quote.** **Moved:** Allison Pearson **Second:** Ian Paton Carried

			10.7 Friday nights – Deb to send the roster out again to remind people of their rostered time. Raffles are not being conducted at this stage during winter due to longer than usual numbers attending. If you are rostered for a raffle, you get a reprieve. 10.8 Other business 10.1.1 Deb raised new memberships to the committee and the process we normally follow. Ian mentioned that under the new model rules, that process may differ so for the time being, new members will be encouraged to come along to the AGM in October. 10.1.2 Allison requested the date be set for the AGM. The 22nd of October, 2025 at 6.00 pm was agreed to by all members, with a General Meeting to follow. Notice of meeting will be posted on or before October 1, 2025. **In Committee Discussion** Incorporation Governance and Banking (Terms of Reference, Model Constitution etc) held over to the General Meeting to be held after the AGM in October.
11	**Close of meeting**	Chair	Meeting closed at : 7.59 pm Next Meeting date: AGM October 22, 2025 at 6.00 pm followed by a General Meeting.

Attachment 2 - 2025 Profit & Loss

Conargo Hall Committee
Profit & Loss
July 2024 through June 2025

	Jul 24 - Jun 25
Income	
Christmas Functions	
Bar	1,002.60
Major Draws	1,139.00
Total Christmas Functions	2,141.60
Functions	
Australia Day	400.00
Bar	906.70
BBQ	2,241.60
Total Functions	3,548.30
Interest Received	78,748.20
Raffles	247.20
Rent of Hall	1,323.00
Total Income	86,008.30
Expense	
Christmas Function	
Bar supplies	500.00
Catering costs	2,191.49
Major draws	1,990.53
Total Christmas Function	4,682.02
Donations	1,611.90
Function Costs	
Bar supplies	754.56
Catering	2,942.76
Total Function Costs	3,697.32
Gas	55.00
Hall improvements	115,264.11
Kitchen replacements	2,426.75
Pub raffle	
Meal	482.31
Meat Trays	110.00
Raffle books	65.10
Total Pub raffle	657.41
Sundry costs	1,305.19
Total Expense	129,699.70
Net Income	**-43,691.40**

Attachment 3 - 2025 Balance Sheet

Conargo Hall Committee
Balance Sheet
As of June 30, 2025

	Jun 30, 25
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
Bendigo Account	68,437.91
Commonwealth Cheque Account	102,364.13
Term Deposits	
Westpac - 4/5 -4/11/25 - 3.95%	510,339.32
Westpac 4/11 - 3/11/25 4.65%	1,941,625.88
Westpsc - 4/5 - 4/8/25 - 3.96%	253,305.01
Total Term Deposits	2,705,270.21
Total Chequing/Savings	2,876,072.25
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable	64.00
Total Accounts Receivable	64.00
Other Current Assets	
Cash on hand	650.00
Stock on hand	1,561.53
Total Other Current Assets	2,211.53
Total Current Assets	2,878,347.78
TOTAL ASSETS	**2,878,347.78**
LIABILITIES	**0.00**
NET ASSETS	**2,878,347.78**
EQUITY	
Opening Bal Equity	22,444.70
Retained Earnings	2,899,594.48
Net Income	-43,691.40
TOTAL EQUITY	**2,878,347.78**

11. REPORTS TO COUNCIL

11.1. COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM 2025-2026

Author: Grants Officer

Authoriser: Acting Manager Community and Economy

RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolves to;

1. Allocate the full $25,000 of 2025/26 Community Grants program as tabled in the proposal.
2. Allocate an additional $3,000 from the Water Fund reserves to cover Project 3, South School Water Bottle Refill Station.
3. Assist Deniliquin Soccer Club in sourcing a suitable refurbished Council laptop and printer.

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

1. Communities: Caring, healthy, connect, inclusive communities

1.1.3 Provide activities for aging residents to support their physical and mental health and wellbeing.

1.3.2 Deliver arts and cultural events that cater to a broad range of community interests.

1.3.5 Promote known events that take in all of the regions villages including markets, social dances, art and craft exhibitions and sporting competitions.

1.4.2 Promote sufficient space for children to engage in play and social interaction to promote healthy development.

1.6.1 Deliver services that enable all residents to be proactive in their own health care.

1.6.2 Advocate for services which promote young people's mental health and support them to be engaged in their community.

1.8.1 Facilitate all-ages participation in sport and other physical activities to promote healthy lifestyles.

3. Built Environment: Liveable Built Environments

3.3.3 Plan and maintain quality sporting facilities that meet needs of community now and into the future.

5. Communication and Engagement

5.5.1 Plan and foster community engagement strategies for the whole Edward River community.

BACKGROUND

Edward River Council coordinates an annual Community Grants Program where not-for-profit community organisations, community groups, sport clubs and associations are invited to apply for grants for projects, equipment, events or exhibitions which contribute positively to the Edward River community.

Funding allocated in the 2025/26 Budget is $25,000 with a program awarding grants up to a maximum value of $3,000.00 per application.

This year's program saw an increase of 21% in applications for a total of $46.910.00. Below is a summary of the past years applications and awarding for reference. It is worth noting that budgeted funding did change from $50,000 in 2022/23 to $25,000 in 2023/24 and has remained at $25,000.00 to date.

Program	Applications Received	Total Amount Sought	Budget
2025-26 Community Grants	17	$46,910	$25,000
2024-25 Community Grants	14	$40,118	$25,000
2023-24 Community Grants	15	$43,499	$25,000
2022-23 Community Grants	17	$66,598.84	$50,000
2021-22 Community Grants	25	$94,962	$50,000
2020-21 Community Grants	30	$116,041.80	$45,000

The grant program opened for applications on the 1st July 2025 and closed on the 1st August 2025. The Communications strategy included advertising in the Pastoral Times, public notices in the Finley and Hay newspapers. Along with features in the Community News within the Pastoral Times. A month long radio campaign was undertaken with ACE Radio across both the FM and AM frequencies. There was also a dedicated digital campaign across social media and email to community groups. Applicants were provided the opportunity to seek guidance on their application from the Council's Grants Officer in advance of their submission of which over 8 enquires were taken. All applications were considered upon final submission. All unsuccessful applicants will receive feedback via email on their submission.

Each application in the 2025-26 grant round was individually assessed by a panel of four - 2 Councillor’s, CEO and 1 Council Staff using the following assessment criteria:

Criteria	Description	Weighting
Community Benefit	There is a clearly identified and demonstrated local need for the project. The project addresses the social, economic, or environmental needs of residents in the Edward River area.	50%
Sustainability	The project benefits will be ongoing after the grant has been	10%

Criteria	Description	Weighting
	expended. No ongoing funding will be required from Edward River Council.	
Innovation	The project will solve an issue in a new or unique way. There are no similar projects or programs occurring within the Edward River LGA.	10%
Inclusivity	The applicant has considered the needs of community members who experience financial, social, or physical disability.	10%
Partnership	The applicant and/or another partner is participating in or contributing to the project (e.g. financial or in-kind support, letters of support, multiple project partners).	20%

The Committee discussed the Assessment Matrix, and it was suggested that the Community Benefit criteria weighting should be broken down weighting against the categories of social, economic and environmental to mirror in the application form.

PROPOSAL/DISCUSSION

Council received a total of 17 applications valued at $46,910.00 for the 2025-26 Community Grants Program.

The full allocation of the 2025-26 budget is recommended, being $24,999.

Applicant	Project Description	Funds Requested	Funding Recommendation	In Kind Contribution Recommended	Officer Notes
Care South	Health Hub for Children	$2,420	$2,420	Nil	
Pretty Pine Ground Committee	Children's entertainment and activities	$3,000	$3,000	Nil	Council contributes in-kind via transportation

Applicant	Project Description	Funds Requested	Funding Recommendation	In Kind Contribution Recommended	Officer Notes
	at Father's Day Market				of picnic tables from Ute Muster to and from the event annually which needs to be quantified.
Intereach	Free Community screening of the Parenting Film 'Seen' at the Town Hall	$2,270	$2,270	Nil	Town Hall usage to be provided for screenings at no cost. Attribute cost for any set up and clean to in-kind community budget.
Deniliquin Stadium	Purchase of Proper Pickleball Nets for Competition	$3,000	$3,000	Nil	
Deniliquin CWA Branch	"Spring Fling Event" at the 2025 Caulfield Cup Race Day at Deniliquin Race Course	$3,000	$3,000	Nil	
Deniliquin Mental Health Awareness Group	Any Where, Any Time Mental Health Community Poster Project	$3,000	$3,000	Nil	Recommendation for Applicant to consider other private venues apart from just public toilets to reach a wider section of the community and will also reduce vandalism. Note there will be an

Applicant	Project Description	Funds Requested	Funding Recommendation	In Kind Contribution Recommended	Officer Notes
					expectation for Council to maintain those posters housed in Council owned public facilities.
Rotary Club of Deniliquin	Sensory Garden around the Rotary Time Capsule.	$3,000	$3,000	Nil	There is an expectation from Rotary that Council will provide in-kind support with landscaping of garden. Also to be noted are the ongoing maintenance and water costs associated with the garden that Council will be expected to cover.
Deniliquin Boat Club	Purchase of new ski safety equipment for Ski School.	$2,109	$2,109	Nil	
Deniliquin Film Society	12 Month Film Program at the Town Hall	$3,000	$1.500	$1,500	Reduced package fee for 12 x monthly screening based on past year's job costing expense.
Deniliquin U3A	"Stars on the Stage"	$2,997	$1,700	Nil	

Applicant	Project Description	Funds Requested	Funding Recommendation	In Kind Contribution Recommended	Officer Notes
	Community Concert				
Deniliquin Soccer Club	Purchase of a laptop and printer for the Club	$1,777	0	Nil	
South School P & C	Water Bottle Refill Station in Playground	$3,000	0	Nil	Allocate an additional $3,000 from the Water Fund reserves to fund this project- CEO approval advised.
Deniliquin Rams Football Netball Clun	Purchase of Commercial BBQ	$3,000	0	Nil	
Deniliquin Pony Club	Completion of design and construction of Clubs Cross Country Course for accreditation after damaged from Floods	$3,000	0	Nil	
Murray to Moyne Deniliquin Hospital Fundraiser	Fund team participating in the Murray to Moyne Charity Ride with funds raised going towards the purchase of a new patient wheel chair for Emergency Department of the Hospital	$3,000	0	Nil	

Applicant	Project Description	Funds Requested	Funding Recommendation	In Kind Contribution Recommended	Officer Notes
Pretty Pine Hall Committee	Pretty Pine Annual Charity Ball	$3,000	0	Nil	
South West Music	New Instruments for The Musical Children in the community	$2,337.40	0	Nil	

RISK AND IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Legislative and Policy

Funding agreements will be signed by both parties clearly outlining the obligations of both Council and the grant recipient. Each grant recipient must ensure their project is compliant with any legislative requirements.
Council's Community Grants program is consistent with the strategic intent to develop community capacity among the communities of Edward River Council. The grants program focuses on supporting community organisations to provide programs and projects that respond to local needs and make a positive contribution to achieving community development outcomes.

6.2 Financial

Is this currently budgeted - *YES.*

If not, can it be funded within existing budget: No

What is the proposed funding source?

The facilitation of the program has resourcing impacts on staff which are funded through the existing 2025-26 operational plan and budget. $25,000 has been allocated for the 2025-26 Community Grants Program in Council's 2025-2026 operational budget.

Allocate an additional $3,000 from the Water Fund reserves to cover Project 3, South School Water Bottle Refill Station.

6.3 Community Engagement/Consultation

N/A

6.4 Work Health and Safety

N/A

OFFICER'S CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

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ATTACHMENTS

Community Grants Funding Guidelines and Policy

Attachment 1 - Community Grants Program 2025-26 Funding Guidelines

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Community Grants Program

2025/26

Funding Guidelines

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1 Introduction

Edward River Council's Community Grants Program provides grants up to $3,000 to not-for-profit community and cultural organisations, groups and associations for projects, equipment, events, exhibitions, or performances which contribute positively to the Edward River community cultural needs and aspirations.

Applications for Council's Community Grants Program close **5.00pm on Friday 1st August 2025.**

Before submitting an application for funding, applicants should read this Application Guide, which provides an overview of Council's Community Grants Program, as well as Edward River Council's Grants Policy and Grants Framework, both of which can be accessed from Council's website at www.edwardriver.nsw.gov.au or from Council's Customer Service Centre at 180 Cressy Street, Deniliquin.

In person inquiries are welcome by visiting the Customer Service Centre, where the Council's Grant Officer can assist you further.

2 Objectives

The Community Grants Program aims to:

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- Foster support across a range of pursuits and interest areas including health and welfare, education, arts and culture, sports and recreation, youth, ageing, environment and access and equity; and
- Assist Council to deliver identified objectives, priorities and strategies that align with the Community Strategic Plan.
- Be responsive to emerging themes, issues, and trends
- Support not-for-profit community groups to provide a range of opportunities for residents;
- Provide equitable opportunity for the community to seek funding assistance from council;
- Strengthen communities with local responses to identified community needs;
- Facilitate support for initiatives that strengthen the community through opportunities for participation, development, inclusion, and sustainability;

3 Funding Eligibility

Applicants seeking funding through the Community Grants Program must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Be submitted by not-for-profit community organisations, groups, and associations;
- Provide direct benefits to the residents of the Edward River Local Government Area (LGA);
- Be able to demonstrate financial viability;
- Have adequate public liability insurance and appropriate health and safety policies in accordance with the funding agreement;
- Be able to demonstrate a contribution in the form of funds, services, or in-kind support;
- Be based in the Edward River LGA or have significant benefit for Edward River LGA residents;
- Be able to plan effectively and be well organised;
- Have no outstanding grant acquittals or outstanding debts owing to council;
- Be submitted by the due date. Only one application can be submitted per funding round.

Applicants must:

- Apply on the appropriate application form,
- Demonstrate how funds will be used for the purpose of exercising Council's functions,
- Meet all specific eligibility requirements and criteria in the Grants Policy and Grants Framework,
- Sign and comply with the Funding Agreement accepting the conditions of funding, and
- Provide any required acquittals to Council for grant funding received, by the specified date.

Funding assistance **will not** be considered for the following:

- A group who has failed to acquit a previous community grant for a funded project by the due date;

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- Applications for retrospective funding;
- Recurrent costs, salaries, and on-costs;
- Insurance, such as (but not limited to) Public Liability insurance;
- Social excursions, e.g. bus trips or picnics;
- Applicants applying to another Council funding stream for a grant for the same activity;
- Late or incomplete applications;
- Production of newsletters;
- Activities that duplicate existing services;
- Individuals and parties for political purposes;
- Commercially (profit) based groups/organisations;
- Academic research, coursework or fee, or projects seeking financial support for research, studio work or activities that will be submitted for academic assessment;
- Projects that demonstrate a significant budget surplus; and
- Repayment of debt.

4 Funding Principles

As detailed in Council's Grants Framework, priority will be given to applications that respond to identified community needs and align with the vision, objectives, priorities and strategies as expressed in the Community Strategic Plan.

The Community Grants Program will prioritise support where:

- Applicants must be based in the Edward River Local Government Area (LGA) or the project must provide significant benefits for the residents of the Edward River LGA;
- The applicant is not already in receipt of substantial funding/in-kind support from Council;
- The proposed activity or project is innovative or unique for the Edward River LGA;
- The proposed activity incorporates collaboration/partnerships with other groups;
- The proposed activity maximises community benefit;
- The proposed activity or project meets any identified Council priorities; and
- The proposed activity demonstrates sustainability; and
- The proposed activity enables access and inclusion in accordance with Council's Disability Inclusion Action Plan.

5 Application Assessment

As detailed in Council's Grants Framework, all applications received for Council's Community Grants Program will be assessed against the following criteria:

Criterion	Description	Weighting
Community Benefit	There is a clearly identified and demonstrated local need for the project. The project addresses the social, economic, or environmental needs of residents in the Edward River area.	50%

Partnership	The applicant and/or another partner is participating in or contributing to the project (e.g. financial or in-kind support, letters of support, multiple project partners).	20%
Innovation	The project will solve an issue in a new or unique way. There are no similar projects or programs occurring within the Edward River LGA.	10%
Inclusivity	The applicant has considered the needs of community members who experience financial, social, or physical disability.	10%
Sustainability	The project benefits will be ongoing after the grant has been expended. No ongoing funding will be required from Edward River Council.	10%

6 Terms and Conditions

Organisations that are successful in obtaining funding through Council's Community Grants Program will be required to enter into a Funding Agreement with Council, which will outline the conditions under which the grant will be made available.

Council may make funding conditional and subject to specific conditions being met, including:

- Funds must be used for the purpose for which the assistance was granted, unless written permission for a variation has been obtained from Council prior to the activities being undertaken.
- You as project manager must obtain all appropriate permits, approvals, and insurance relating to the project.
- The assistance of Edward River Council must be acknowledged in all event related promotions. Council's logo must appear on all promotional material. Artwork featuring Council's logo must also be approved by Council's Governance and Communications Officer.
- Any events or functions celebrating the launch or implementation of the funding outcomes or project will need to involve Councillors or their representatives.
- A final report to Council post-event, including an event budget summary, must be produced for your project.

Failure to abide with the terms of conditions of the Funding Agreement will render an organisation ineligible for future funding.

7 Submission

Applications must be submitted on the approved form, which can be lodged online or downloaded from the Community Grants Page on Council's website at www.edwardriver.nsw.gov.au/grantsandsponsorships/communitygrants.

Hand delivered applications must be addressed to the Grant Manager, Edward River Council and submitted to Council by **5.00pm on Friday 1st August 20205** by:

- Online: www.edwardriver.nsw.gov.au/grantsandsponsorships/communitygrants

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- Email: council@edwardriver.nsw.gov.au
- Post: PO Box 270, Deniliquin NSW 2710

8 Enquiries

For further information regarding Council's Community Grants Program or for assistance in completing and submitting your application, contact Council's Grants Officer on (03) 5898 3000 or via email at council@edwardriver.nsw.gov.au.

9 Application Form

All had written applications must be completed using the approved Application Form. When completing the Application Form, please print clearly using BLOCK LETTERS in black pen and tick the appropriate boxes.

Applicants must complete all four parts of the Application Form:

- Part A: Applicant Details
- Part B: Project Details
- Part C: Project Budget
- Part D: Checklist and Certification

Attachment 2 - Community-Grants-Policy

POLICY OBJECTIVE

Edward River Council recognises the value and importance of the role that community groups and organisations play in building vibrant, inclusive, and healthy communities.

This policy, together with council's grants program framework document sets out Council's framework for considering the provision of grant funding to the community and provides information for Council and the community on the principles guiding the community grants program.

This policy specifically outlines Council's approach to making decisions in relation to grant requests.

SCOPE

This Policy applies to all grants provided by Edward River Council.

LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

Council can financially assist others under s356 of the Local Government Act 1993 (LGA), for the purpose of exercising its functions.

Financial assistance granted by Council must comply with s356.

Also, under s377(1A) of the LGA, Council may delegate its functions relating to the granting of financial assistance if:

(a) the financial assistance is part of a specified program, and

(b) the program is included in Council's draft operational plan for the year in which the financial assistance is proposed to be given, and

(c) the program's proposed budget for that year does not exceed 5 per cent of Council's proposed income from the ordinary rates levied for that year, and

(d) the program applies uniformly to all persons within Council's area or to a significant proportion of all the persons within Council's area.

Any financial assistance granted to offset or subsidise Council fees or charges is consistent with the requirements of s610E and s610F of the LGA.

POLICY STATEMENT

This policy applies to all financial assistance granted by Edward River Council to the community. Financial assistance can be in the form of cash, in-kind and the waiving of fees or charges subject to the requirements of Sec 610E of the Local Government Act 1993 which states;

Council may waive or reduce fees
(1) A council may waive payment of, or reduce, a fee (whether expressed as an actual or a maximum amount) in a particular case if the council is satisfied that the case falls within a category of hardship or any other category in respect of which the council has determined payment should be so waived or reduced.

(2) However, a council must not determine a category of cases under this section until it has given public notice of the proposed category in the same way as it is required to give public notice of the amount of a proposed fee under section 610F (2) or (3).

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It applies to all councillors and Council employees involved in the promotion, assessment and management of community grants that fall within the program framework.

This policy seeks to align community grants with Council's strategic objectives and community vision.

It establishes clear expectations around Council and community roles; provides Council with direction to develop community grants and funding programs; and sets out an accessible yet rigorous and robust approach to governance and accountability. This ensures the process of allocating and monitoring grants is fair, consistent, and transparent.

It also applies to managing relationships with organisations receiving Council funding, promoting grants to the community, assisting applicants with grant submissions, undertaking grant assessments, and overseeing the acquittal of grant recipients' funding obligations.

The objectives of the community grants program are to:

- Assist and increase residents' participation in their community,
- Provide assistance to community groups,
- Assist in the development of innovative solutions to local issues,
- assist groups and volunteers to develop skills and build capacity,
- encourage the sustainability and better governance of community organisations,

ASSOCIATED POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

NIL

DEFINITIONS

NIL

POLICY VERSION CONTROL

Title	Grants Policy			
ECM Doc Set ID	46857			
Date Adopted	19 April 2018			
Council Minute No.	2018/74			
Responsible Officer	General Manager			
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11.2. AUDIT RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE - INDEPENDENT MEMBER APPOINTMENT

Author: Bronte Hutchinson, Risk Coordinator

Authoriser: Nathan Holahan, Director Corporate Services

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Note the resignation of Theo Conias as an Independent Member from the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee, and
2. Resolves to appoint Shannon Buckley as the Independent Member for Council's Audit Risk and Improvement Committee for the remainder of the four-year term with the end date of June 2028.

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

5. Leadership: Accountable Civic Leaders

5.6 Good Corporate Governance

BACKGROUND

The Local Government Act 1993 (LGA), the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 (the Regulation) and the Guidelines for Risk Management and Internal Audit for Local Government in NSW (the Guidelines) require each council in NSW to have an Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC).

Council's ARIC terms of Reference, as prescribed document under Local Government Regulations and Section 23A Guidelines issued by the Office of Local Government, requires that the ARIC must be comprised of an independent chairperson and at least two independent members.

The ARIC Terms of Reference also state under Section 6. Tenure:

6.1. Independent members will be appointed for up to a four-year term unless they are appointed to fill a vacancy that occurs mid-term, in which case an appointment may be made for a shorter period, being the remainder of the term for the role that has been vacated.

PROPOSAL/DISCUSSION

At the end of May 2025, Theo Conias resigned from his position as Independent Member on Council's Audit Risk and Improvement Committee due to an increasing conflict of interest.

Council's ARIC Chair, Councillor Mulham and ERC CEO formed a recruitment committee and, in line with the ARIC Terms of Reference, agreed to review the applicant shortlist from the recruitment conducted in early 2024 and extend an invitation to interview applicants with the skills, knowledge and experience that the selection panel considered to be highly valuable to the Committee.

From the shortlisted applicants interviewed, the selection panel determined Mr Shannon Buckley to be the most suitable candidate for the Independent Member position.

Mr Buckley is highly qualified as a Certified Practicing Accountant (CPA), Certified Information System Auditor (CISA), Certified Information Security Manager (CISM), Certified Internal Auditor (CIA) and Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE) and brings 20+ years of Internal Audit, External Audit, IT and Cyber Security reviews and Fraud investigation experience. He currently serves as an

independent member of multiple audit committees in both the Health Sector (Maryborough Health District), Local Government in both Victoria and NSW (City of Hume, City of Bendigo, Riverina Water Authority, Snowy Monaro Regional Council), and Federal Government (Administrative Appeals Tribunal). Mr Buckley's resume will be shared with councillors outside of business papers.

The selection panel recommends that Council resolve to appoint Mr Buckley to the Edward River Council Audit Risk and Improvement Committee as an Independent Member for the remainder of the four-year term (to June 2028).

RISK AND IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Legislative and Policy

Local Government Amendment (Governance and Planning) Act 2016

- Section 428A - Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee

6.2 Financial

Is this currently budgeted?

ARIC Independent Member fees are budgeted for in the FY25/26 budget.

6.3 Community Engagement/Consultation

Nil

6.4 Work Health and Safety

Nil

OFFICER'S CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

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ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

11.3. EDWARD RIVER LIBRARY STRATEGIC PLAN 2025-2029

Author: Manager Customer Experience

Authoriser: Director Corporate Services

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the Edward River Library Strategic Plan 2025-2029.

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

1. Communities: Caring, healthy, connect, inclusive communities

1.1 Ageing

1.2 First Nations

1.3 Arts and Culture

1.4 Accessibility and Inclusion

1.5 Early through to Adult Education

3. Built Environment: Liveable Built Environments

3.3 Public Space and Community Facilities (including sports)

3.5 Digital Connectivity

4. Economy: Strong, Diverse and Sustainable

4.4 Activated CBD

BACKGROUND

The Edward River Library is keeping abreast with how society views libraries and the activation that is required. Libraries are now viewed as safe places, where people gather to connect, learn and enjoy activities.

PROPOSAL/DISCUSSION

The Strategic Plan provides a blueprint of where the library wants to be in the future, and the steps required to make this a reality.

RISK AND IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Legislative and Policy

Edward River Library is a member of the NSW Public Libraries Association, which is the peak body representing all NSW public Library services. Our network encourages and provides us with a collaborative forum and platform for the discussion and evaluation of the challenges and opportunities facing public libraries. Our peak body has and maintains key strategic relationships with the following key organizations and associations:

- State Library of NSW
- Australian Library and Information Association
- Public Libraries Australia

6.4 Work Health and Safety

The Library spaces will continue to be redesigned, rebuilt and refurbished to ensure that are welcoming, accessible and inclusive. Regular checks of the building ensure that these areas are fit for purpose.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Edward River Library Strategic Plan 2025-2029.

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Edward River Library Strategic Plan

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Introduction

Libraries have always been at the heart of the communities they serve and are an essential part of creating and maintaining an educated and literate population. But public libraries are at a turning point. The way we access and consume information has changed dramatically in the 21st century, and this presents major challenges and opportunities for public Library systems across the world. The advent of new technologies has changed some of our reading habits: but our need for shared, community-centered spaces to find information and connect with others is unlikely to change any time soon. To survive in the digital age and stay relevant, public libraries need to be flexible and innovative, embracing both the physical and virtual resources.

Edward River Library: Our Future Goals

By 2028/2029 financial year Edward River Library will continue to provide inclusive, welcoming, and well-designed physical spaces suitable for all users and a range of outreach services.

Library membership will be highly sought after, in both virtual and physical form. While still providing traditional and popular lending services, Library membership will also open access to a host of other services. These services and spaces will include a wide range which are relevant towards the community's needs: programs/events, meeting rooms, quiet spaces (for study, reading and reflection), outreach services, website access, high speed Internet and Wi-Fi, and access to a range of learning and support resources for the community. Edward River Library will have 1 member in each household by this time (1/3 of the population).

Our Library spaces will continue to be redesigned, rebuilt and refurbished to ensure we are a welcoming, accessible and inclusive. Importantly, we will design our space with the use of grant funding to provide multiple offices and classrooms for the Library users to access allowing for quiet spaces so our users to relax, reflect, study or engage with one another.

Through careful redesign the Library will be a diverse space that meets a wide range of needs - from quiet, contemplative and sensory aware spaces to active and noisy spaces. The Library will be more locally focused and will regularly engage with our users and community to assess our performance and to gain a better understanding of community needs. This will include input into service and program design.

The Library will be highly integrated with other cultural and community services including arts, heritage and Council - providing our members and other users with access to a wider range of services and experiences. The Library will continue to develop, provide and expand its range of learning, creative and recreational opportunities within and outside the bounds of the physical Library

Our Statement of Purpose

Edward River Library will continue to be a welcoming, relevant, accessible, and inclusive service that will educate, inspire, connect, reach out and engage.

Our services and programs of the future will be:

1. Accessible
2. Inclusive
3. Welcoming
4. Relevant and current
5. Innovative and creative

6. Community focused – creating a sense of ownership and belonging; and a place that creates opportunity for social connection.

The Library strategy is underpinned by Edward River Growth Strategy *2050 Project*:

1. Shaping the future
2. An open and connected community
3. Encouraging growth through partnerships
4. Delivering community assets and services
5. Accountable leadership and responsive administration

Our Workplace

Implementation of this strategy by Library staff will be underpinned by Council's Guiding Principles of:

- Equity
- Participation
- Access; and
- Rights

Edward River Council Corporate Values:

- Leadership
- Excellence
- Accountability
- Delivery

Our Peak Bodies

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Edward River Library Snapshot

The estimated population of Edward River Council from the 2021 Census was 8,857. The median age was 45, and couples with children 21%. Currently 11% of the people in the community hold a bachelor's degree level education or higher. ER local government area (LGA) consists of a TAFE, high school, 7 primary schools, as well as multiple early children learning centres.

July 2023- February 2024

Membership of ERL	Programs	Loans	People Counter
1,888 (21% ER LGA)	4 ongoing	26,808	12,405
92% Deniliquin postcode	2 new as of March 2024 (Fri/Sat Splat & School Holiday)	29% Digital	
2% Murray LGA	Total 6 programs	28% Adult Fiction	

1% Conargo LGA		10% Junior Fiction	

Current State and Future Focus

Where are we now?

Key Review Findings:

- The Library has recently updated indoor carpeting, movable shelving and fit for purpose furniture to created more distinguishable spaces for different age groups in the community.
- The council has hired a coordinator and upskilled a current team member who now holds a Diploma in Library and Information Services.
- Outreach services and programming are available via websites and brochure; however, they are underutilized, and we are working towards how we can share this information to better support the community.
- Library collections are of a good standard - including the selection and management of high demand materials; electronic collection materials are very popular, especially audio books.
- There are limited areas for groups and individuals to meet or conduct work/learning. However, we are looking to developing the areas further with an option to enclose a space as well as expand an area.
- External partnerships are currently being developed (or re-established) e.g., with local schools, Intereach, aged care facilities, with work to be done.
- Continual upskilling of the Library team needs to be organized and potentially looking at courses.
- The Library's communication to the community is currently through the council and Library website, as well as the council Facebook page. As of February 14th, 2024, the Library Facebook was shut down. We are re-establishing the e-newsletter to update our members directly via emails and physical newsletter. The Library webpage is user friendly and updated regularly. The organization of information and programs that are available online has room for improvement.
- Currently, we are seeing a steady increase in loans (+8%) from last year. Visitors' growth from last year is at (+2%). With introduction of new programs since January 2024 we are now seeing a (+%) growth from last year visitors. Prior, to January our visits were (-%) growth from July-December 2023. Usage of Library programs for community members is consistent for 0-5 years of age. Programs and events for youth, adults, and seniors are low with many gaps being filled by the local Intereach service and surrounding towns. There currently is not a budget towards events and programs. Below is a chart which breaks down our statistics from pre-Covid until now. Due to annually deleting inactive members of 3 years non-borrowing, we will update the Membership category at end of financial year.

Financial Year	Total Loan	Branch Loans	Digital Loans	Programs	People Counter	Membership	Inactive Membership
Pre-Covid 18/19	44351	88%	12%	5	31,453	2407	Nil
22/23	36196	75%	25%	4	16,397	2062	700 (25%)
23/24	40739	70%	30%	6 (prior 4 Jun-Feb)	20537	2017	450 (19%)

Where do we want to be?

In the future the Library will:

- Have become visible in the community through outreach with local schools and services currently offered in the town (Intereach, Orana, Navorina, organisations…etc).
- Prepare quarterly events based on the data collected from surveys. Advertise the events both in Library and Council space, as well as the schools and services.
- Be 'shovel ready' for when grants are available for the Library: create enclosed space, learning/work hub, mobile shelving, and outdoor space.
- Promote Maker's Space to be an area where local artists create and display their creations.
- Ensure annual budget includes funds for events and programs. In doing so the Library will be a Hub for the community similar to other modern 21st Century libraries.
- Develop clear, concise, and regularly reviewed Memorandums of Understanding with key groups and partners.
- Develop relationship with other libraries in our Zone to better work together.
- Encourage community to check out books, by having reviewed all fee structure, based on data for NSW libraries. Launch Click/Call & Collect to the community, whilst looking at solutions for communities residing in villages.
- Increase involvement in the greater NSW Public Libraries network - especially for advisory, collaboration and professional development.
- Will have a Library member in every household.
- Have stronger and more constructive collaborations with Council.
- Be Council's 'flagship' for sustainable practice, inclusion, and innovation.

How will we get there?

The Library needs to ensure that:

- We engage with the community to collect data on the gaps in services and programs needed for the Library to become a Hub. With the current Edward River Council Growth Strategy 2050 Project, ensure the programs and services align to help with the growth.
- Based on data collected our services, programs, and events will align with community needs and demands; and will better connect the Library to the community. More importantly, will provide opportunities for the community to connect with each other and grow. Have a commitment from the council to have allocated funds for services, programs, and events.
- Have a continued growth on visits and loans from last year. Continue to monitor and report trends collected from the data. Challenge ourselves by diving further into that data regarding memberships of those living in villages. Once we have regular reporting of all our Metrics, confirm (+/-%) for each category. We are aware 2024/2025-2025/2026 financial year we may see a higher increase than stated in the Metric chart prior. This will most likely be due to outreach currently happening in last half of 2023/2024 financial year.
- Grants already allocated need to be spent each financial year for the Library to become a Hub. Seek further grants or a budget bid from the council to expand the Library based on data collected from the community.
- Address the current demand to create a space for students of all ages to be able to learn, as well as a work from home. Being 'Shovel Ready' for when grants open will allow us to grow the Library to fit the needs of the community whilst being fiscally responsible.
- From 2018/2019 until 2023/2024 there has been an exponential growth in members using our Digital resources. We continue to think digitally and look at other options for members to utilize our resources without being in the Library. The second half of 2023/2024 financial year we are

introducing Call/Click & Collect as we know non-face to face service is becoming more of the norm for consumers.

- Below our measurable Metrics we will work to increase/decrease each category every financial year. Some categories the Library has started collecting data for this financial year 2023/2024 or are new categories that we cannot compare to last year. With inactive membership we are seeking data from similar populated libraries to discover what a healthy inactive membership decrease % should be. We will continue to collect data with ongoing monthly surveys. Asking simple questions…*'What brought you in today? Wifi/ Computer- borrow from collection- space to relax?* In doing so this will allow us to make informed decisions to better serve the community, in return see the below Metric meet.

Metric	Total Loans	People Counter	Programs	Events	Memberships	Inactive Membership
Increase	2%	5%	2-3 additional	4-6	2.5%	NA
Decrease	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	10%

5 years break down.
Below projections are based on doubling first ½ of 2023/24 financial year + % increase from above table. Will amend projections once 2023/2024 financial year is completed.

Financial Year	24/25	25/26	26/27	27/28	28/29	Total
Loans	40,979	41,798	42,633	43,485	44,354	2% inc. annually
People Counter	18,891	19,835	20,826	21,867	22,960	5% inc. annually
Programs	7	8-9	8-9	8-9	8-9	8-9
Events	1 a quarter	*	*	*	*	
Membership	2,178	2,468	2,758	3,048	3,338	30% of the community +290 members

**Awaiting Data from survey to confirm number of programs/ events the Library will annually offer the community.*

2024/2025

Implement programs/ events based on data collected from surveys. Actively applying for grants where applicable with 'shovel ready' mentality (work form home/learning hub, meeting space, events, and mobile shelving). Have received further budget from council for on-going programs and quarterly events. Receive feedback from launch of Call/Click & Collect from members of the community. Support further with outdoor lockers if needed. Outreach from last financial year to show with growth in members, people counter, and loan increase. Growth in Youth membership with laptop bars and annual presentations at Deniliquin Highschool. Programs and events to be full and sought after, continue to seek feedback from surveys.

2025/2026

Organisations and services to now be reaching out to us, to support them. Received and completed one grant for the Library physical space. Promote space and work towards

securing further grants to have all spaces completed by 2028/2029 financial year. Growth in Youth due to outreach/laptop bars. Be on track with memberships, and challenge ourselves if growth in villages is low. Look at other ways to promote our services digitally for those who cannot physically attend the Library.

2026/2027

Seek feedback from services in our town, to advise if the Library has better supported the members of the community with our additional space/furniture and programs/events. Receive and complete another grant for the Library physical space. Seek data from other branches in our zone to analyse if our Metrics are hitting the mark or need to be challenged. Have a steady decrease in inactive members, be at a healthy %, based on data received from other branches. For surrounding villages to have a growth in membership/loans and usage, due to better partnerships. Confirm which Library physical space projects are left to be completed. Gain further support to have remaining projects commence next financial year.

2027/2028

Implement programs/ services which are achievable based on community/service providers feedback. Challenge ourselves with feedback received where bigger plans/research is needed to provide the services to the community. All Library physical space projects to be underway, investigating ways to promote new spaces for new financial year. Library metrics to be on course to achieve projected targets. Continually seek feedback and re-look at ways to have programs stay relevant.

2028/2029

Work with council to forward plan for 2030-2035 with projected population growth. Further investigate other digital/tech/programs/services we need to provide at the Library. Upskill Library team where need be, to be able to support the community with digital changes. All Library physical space projects to be completed: enclosed meeting space, learning/work, from home hub, mobile shelving, and outdoor space. Re-launch Library to the community with all completed projects. Continue seeking feedback from the community with surveys and Library metrics to be on target.

Our Strategic Outcomes Edward River 2050

Shaping the future

Protect and enhance both our natural and built environment as we grow.

The range of services, spaces and programs offered by a modern public Library continues to expand and change. Public libraries have gone from being passive providers of information, to places of active learning and connection i.e. places where the community can turn information into knowledge, meet, explore and create. Shaping our future community is an important role we play - serving both recreational and informational purposes. It is vital that future programming meets certain basic criteria i.e. Library programs:

- Foster social wellbeing and connection
- Facilitate lifelong learning, including digital inclusion programming
- Have spaces designated for our community to grow their knowledge
- Support community education e.g., children's, adult
- Support recreation, local heritage / culture, and the arts
- Be welcoming and inclusive.

An open and connected community

Build capacity and access to freight, transport, information and cultural links within and beyond our region.

Community connection can be facilitated and encouraged inside and outside the Library i.e. via programs, outreach, marketing, promotion and partnerships. It is also important to have efficient Library design / configuration to create spaces that are conducive to social connection and interaction. Library programming, events and activities also are active supporters and facilitators of community learning and connection. Edward River Library has the physical potential space and location to actively encourage new and maintain existing connections.

- Engage in the community and other services to better work together to create connections
- Create a space where information is gathered and shared both physically and digitally
- Have programs that reflect the community needs, as well as re-looking at the space to better design and promote

Encouraging growth through partnerships

Invest in, promote and celebrate living, working and visiting the Edward River experience

Creating a range of partnerships is essential if the Library wishes to continue to be relevant and viable in the future. Combining of skills and resources gives partners a greater capacity to deliver agreed upon goals than either party on its own. Partnerships can also be developed with community associations/groups, local schools, volunteers and Library supporters and advocates. Internally, the Library needs to build and maintain partnership with various areas of Council - especially those focusing on, for example, community development, media, culture, heritage, youth, seniors, and IT section.

- Create partnerships with local schools to promote facilities and gain a clearer understanding of programs and services the Library needs to offer their community.
- Work directly with Council team to better promote and organize events.
- Partner with neighbouring Library to share information and programs.
- Hold events in conjunction with Peppin Heritage Centre to promote local artists.

Delivering community assets and services

Develop and maintain public infrastructure that supports local businesses to grow and attract new investment.

Edward River Library can help increase its the range of services and programs by continuing to improve its facilities through current grants and seeking out other grants. Relooking at the facilities we currently have and deciding if we can better use them will help us forward plan. Having facilities that meet the community's long-term goals, will better establish the Library services. Those who use the Library services currently understand the importance of the services and the key role Library staff play in enhancing its usage and providing great customer service. Continuing to upskill the team will create a customer centric culture.

- Future projects to be ready for annal grant money received.
- Forward think of what facilities are needed and make plans to work with Council to achieve outcome through budgets or grants.
- Have a customer-centric culture with team, with training and expectations around our values.

Accountable leadership and responsive administration

Councillors are leaders in the community who are informed and responsive to the community's expectations.

Work within the governance framework set out by council, whilst upholding ourselves accountable by living our values. Create stronger relationships within our community by better communicating. Stay within our financial budget and seek further funding when needed to better serve our community. Continue to develop staff with their growth.

- Hold ourselves accountable to live our values.
- Follow through when working with our community.
- Have regularly meeting and development plans with team.

11.4. CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE STRATEGY AND CUSTOMER SERVICE CHARTER

Author: Manager Customer Experience

Authoriser: Director Corporate Services

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:-

1. Adopt the Customer Experience Strategy and Customer Service Charter.

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

5. Leadership: Accountable Civic Leaders

5.5 Communication and Engagement

5.6 Good Corporate Governance

BACKGROUND

Edward River Council is committed to accessibility and to:-

- Delivering the services needed by our community.
- Leading by example.
- Advocating to other levels of government.
- Facilitating and promoting interaction.

Customer experience is a vital part of any organisation, and each employee of Edward River Council (ERC) has a duty to provide its community members with not just a satisfactory experience, but an outstanding one.

Being sole service providers makes the customer experience even more critical as customers simply cannot go anywhere else to receive the services that Council provides.

PROPOSAL/DISCUSSION

By adopting this strategy Council will be shaping the way that customer service is handled throughout council.

This strategy is designed to enhance the experience of community members engaging with Council by harnessing data, community feedback, and proven best practices. This approach will guide our decision-making and help us prioritise initiatives that deliver the greatest value to our community.

RISK AND IMPLICATIONS

6.2 Financial

The Customer Experience Strategy and Customer Service Charter is currently in the budget.

OFFICER'S CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

As the author of this report and in providing this advice to Council, I have no interests to disclose in relation to this report.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Customer Experience Strategy

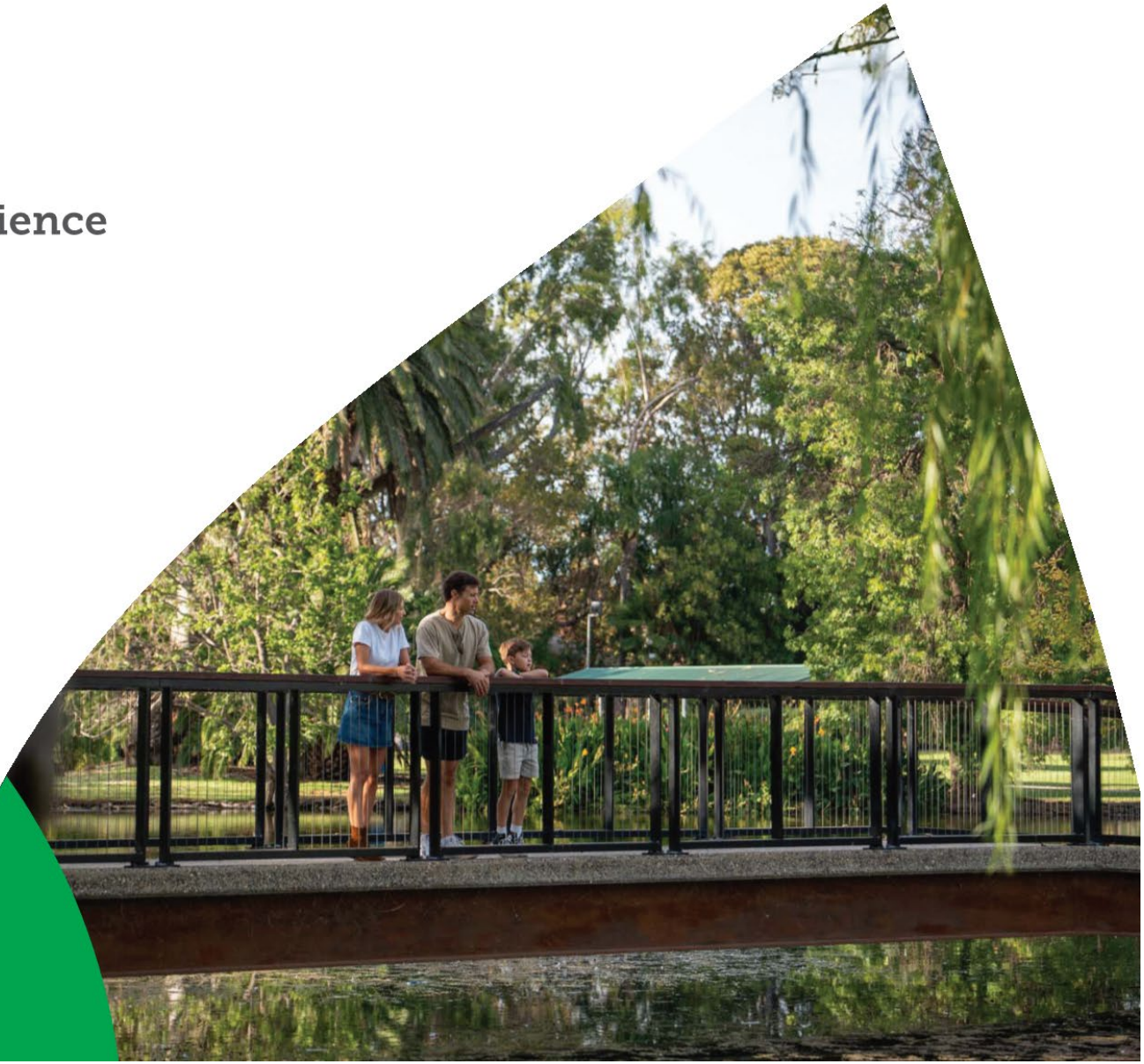
2. Customer Service Charter

Attachment 1 - ERC_CustomerExpStrategy25_V2

Edward River COUNCIL

Customer Experience Strategy

2026-2030



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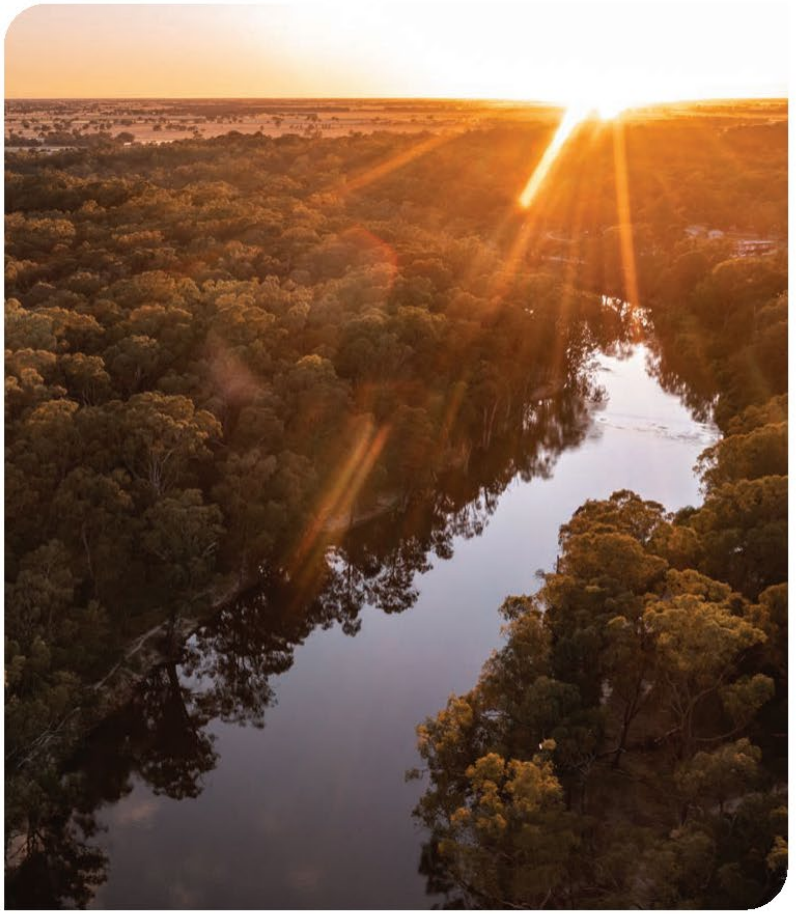
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Edward River Council acknowledges and embraces the Traditional Owners of the Lands within the Edward River Council area – the Wamba Wamba/Perrepa Perrepa Peoples – and pay our respects to their elders, past, present, and emerging. Edward River Council also recognises the diversity of different cultures within our community and their contribution.

Edward River Councils' Commitment to Accessibility

1. Deliver the services needed by our community within our responsibility and ensure that Council resources are responsibly managed
2. Lead by example and act as a role model for others through our own actions, strategic organisational responses, and our way of doing things
3. Advocate to other levels of government and key agencies to continue to improve services, facilities, and opportunities for our community
4. Facilitate and promote interaction between key stakeholders who can help us implement this DIAP



1. INTRODUCTION

Customer experience is a vital part of any organisation, and each employee of Edward River Council (ERC) has a duty to provide its community members with not just a satisfactory experience, but an outstanding one. Being sole service providers makes the customer experience even more critical as customers simply cannot go anywhere else to receive the services that Council provides.

Every time a customer uses one of our services or interacts with our organisation, it shapes their experience with Council. We understand that each customer has different expectations, and many factors can result in how an experience will be rated.

By focusing on improvements that make community and stakeholder interactions with Council easier and more effective, we can deliver cost-effective services which will increase the trust and confidence residents and visitors have with Edward River Council.

This Customer Experience Strategy represents a bold step forward in our journey toward building a more responsive, inclusive, and resident-focused organisation. By embracing the principles outlined in this Strategy and working collaboratively with our community, we are confident that we can achieve our shared vision of a vibrant, thriving, and resilient community where every voice is heard, and every need is met with care and compassion.

1.1 Customer experience vision

At Edward River Council, we are dedicated to providing accessible, responsive, consistent and compassionate customer service to every resident, business, investor and visitor. Our vision is to be the cornerstone of a thriving community, where each interaction reflects our commitment to transparency, integrity, and inclusivity. Through innovation, collaboration, and a dedication to continuous improvement, we aim to be a model of excellence in local government customer service, earning the trust and confidence of those we serve.

2. BACKGROUND & CONTEXT

2.1 Where are we now and what is our vision for the future of customer service?

As a council, we have historically been adept at addressing immediate issues and concerns brought forth by our community members. However, we recognise that this reactive approach often finds us in a cycle of playing catch up rather than proactively anticipating and addressing the evolving needs of our community.

This reactive mindset can hinder our ability to effectively serve our community in the long term. We risk missing opportunities to implement strategic solutions that could prevent issues from escalating in the first instance, which can strain resources, erode trust within the community and ultimately compromise our ability to deliver high quality services that meet the needs of our residents.

Moving forward, we are committed to breaking free from this cycle of reactivity and embracing a more proactive approach. This shift will require a fundamental change in mindset, processes, and organisational culture.

By adopting a proactive stance, we aim to not only better meet the current needs of our community but also anticipate and prepare for future challenges and opportunities. We will leverage data, community input, and best practices to inform our decision-making and prioritise initiatives that will be of the greatest benefit to our community.

2.2 Our services

Communities	Natural Environment	Built Environment	Economy	Leadership
• Support and advocacy for health services, education and training • Disaster response and resilience • Recreation facilities • Support Community Groups • Enabler of accessibility and inclusion • Foot safety inspections	• Tree management • Weed and pest management • Advocacy for local environmental issues • Sustainability • Waste collection and disposal	• Infrastructure development and maintenance • Road, footpath and cycle works • Local heritage • Town planning • Building compliance	• Economic development • Advocate for local business • Advocate for agriculture • Tourist and visitor information services • Tourism, marketing and promotion • Lead opportunities to develop a strong workforce	• Shared vision through Community Strategic Plan • Diverse leadership in decision making process • Provide opportunities to grow our own leaders • Communication and engagement • Corporate Governance

2.3 How Council engage with our community

Customer experience is the interface between Council and the community and the overall experience that they have with Council. Our customers can connect and interact with Council by various modes of communication including:

- Visiting us in person at our Customer Service desk
- By phone and email
- Council's website
- Engaging with Council Officers in the field
- Via the NSW Planning Portal
- Participating at Council meetings and forums
- Participating in face-to-face and online consultations
- Through our elected representatives

2.4 Responding to requests and how to lodge a complaint

We are committed to addressing requests promptly and fairly, Edward River Council value our communities feedback and are committed to improving our services. Community members and visitors are encouraged to provide feedback through the following channels:

1. **Completing an online feedback form:** this can be found on our website under 'Report an Issue'
2. **By phone:** call our customer service line on 03 5898 3000 where a team member will guide your through the process
3. **By email:** You can send an email detailing your concerns to council@edwardriver.nsw.gov.au
4. **In person:** You are welcome to visit our office at 180 Cressy Street, Deniliquin where a member of our staff will assist you in lodging your feedback
5. **By post:** You can send your detailed written feedback to our office, addressing it to Edward River Council, PO Box 270, Deniliquin NSW 2710

Once your feedback is received, a council representative will contact you to discuss the outcome within the timeframe outlined in the Service Level Agreement.

3. GUIDING PRINCIPLES

3.1 Focus areas – our customer first vision

Opportunities for customer service focus at Edward River Council:

1. Accessibility and Information Transparency

- Ensuring that information about our services, programs, plans and policies is readily available and easily accessible to all residents through their choice of channels.
- Promote a user-friendly website to disseminate information effectively that is regularly reviewed, updated and added to.
- Prioritising inclusivity and making services accessible to individuals with diverse needs and abilities.

2. Efficient Service Delivery and Process Improvement

- Streamlining processes to ensure efficiency and reduce bureaucratic red tape.
- Embracing technology to enhance service delivery and reduce response times.
- Regularly reviewing and improving internal processes based on feedback and changing community's needs.

3. Issue Resolution

- Streamline processes for quicker issue identification and resolution.
- Equip customer service representatives with the tools and training needed for efficient problem-solving.
- Implement self-service options to empower customers to resolve common issues independently through the development of a knowledge base aligned to council service.

4. Measuring our Performance

- Implementing mechanisms for collecting customer feedback.
- Analysing feedback to identify areas for improvement.
- Iteratively refining processes and services based on customer input whilst ensuring compliance to overarching obligations.

1. Accessibility and Information Transparency

What our commitment looks like to you:

- Ensure information is available and easily accessible through customer choice of channel.
- Promote a user-friendly website with accurate and up to date information that is regularly reviewed.
- Prioritise inclusivity and make services accessible to individuals with diverse needs and abilities.

What you can expect from us:

- A new improved and easy to navigate website.
- A second point of contact to provide one on one support at the Edward River Library.
- A multi-channel approach to disseminating information, such as:
  - Electronic rates & water notices.
  - Improved after hours services.
  - SMS reminders and alert messages to residents.

2. Efficient Service Delivery and Process Improvement

What our commitment looks like to you:

- Streamline processes to ensure efficiency and reduce bureaucratic red tape.
- Embrace technology to enhance service delivery and reduce response times.
- Regularly review and improve internal processes based on feedback and a changing community's needs.

What you can expect from us:

- Enhancing our e-business functions, such:
  - Online council facility booking system, subject to budget allocation.
  - Lodgement of service requests via out website with integration to create efficiencies.
  - Interactive web forms for ease of applications like fire permits, special events and road opening permits.
- Digitisation of our cemetery services and archived information.

3. Issue Resolution

What our commitment looks like to you:

- Streamline processes to ensure quicker issue identification and resolution.
- Equip customer service representatives with the tools and training needed for efficient problem solving.
- Implement self-service options to empower customer to resolve common issues independently through the development of a knowledge base.

What you can expect from us:

- Online FAQ's and knowledge bases for frequently asked questions accessible by all residents and visitors.
- Self-service platforms including knowledge base and digital forms.
- Information on all platforms is current and up to date.
- Enhancement of our capabilities to receive and monitor customer feedback and complaints.

4. Measuring our Performance

What our commitment looks like to you:

- Implement mechanisms for collecting customer feedback.
- Analyse feedback to identify areas for improvement.
- Iteratively refining processes and services based on customer input whilst ensuring compliance to overarching obligations.

What you can expect from us:

- Service Level Agreement outlining our timeframes for completion of a range of service requests.
- Customer Satisfaction Data Collection.

4. ACTION PLAN

1. Accessibility and Information Transparency						
Focus area	**Action**	**Benefit**	**Responsibility**	**When**	**Resources**	**Measure**
Ensure information is available and easily accessible	Implement a multi-channel approach to disseminating information. Incl: 1. Electronic delivery of rates and water notices; 2. Improved after hours call out services; 3. Lodgement of service requests via out website; 4. Introduce SMS reminders and alert messages to customers.	Internal and external customers	Coordinator Customer Service, Finance and ICT Coordinator	2027-2030	Existing staff and budget bid	1. 50% take up for electronic notices 2. Less than 5% of out-of-hours calls abandoned. (high) 3. 30% service requests through website 4. Implementation complete by 30/06/2028
	Tailor communication methods to preferences and accessibility needs.	Internal and external customers	Communications & Engagement Officer	2025-2026	Existing Staff and budget bid	Implementation complete by 30th July 2026
Promote a user-friendly website	Assign responsibility to specific staff members or teams to regularly review and update content to ensure accuracy and relevance.	Internal and external Customers	Website Project Manager & website content owners	Ongoing	Existing staff	Web content owners assigned and annually review by Comms completed. (high)
Prioritise inclusivity and make services accessible to individuals with diverse needs and abilities	Implement features such as alternative text for images, keyboard navigation, and adjustable font sizes to accommodate users with disabilities.	External customers	Website Project Manager and Economic Development	2025-2026	Website project manager and existing staff	Implementation complete by 30th July 2026
	Provide options for language translation to serve residents with limited English proficiency.	External customers	Coordinator Customer Service & ICT	2025-2026	Existing staff	Implementation complete 30th July 2025
	Establish a second point of contact to provide one-on-one support for elderly residents at the Library.	External customers	Coordinator customer support and Coordinator Library Services	2026-2027	New staff member and budget bid	Implementation complete by 30th June 2027. (high)

2. Efficient Service Delivery and Process Improvement						
Focus Area	**Action**	**Benefit**	**Who***	**When**	**Resources**	**Measure**
Streamline processes	Conduct a thorough review of existing customer service processes and CRM workflows.	Internal staff	Customer service, ICT and TechOne	2025-2029	Existing staff and TechOne	Process and workflow review completed by 31st December 2029
	Create Customer Service Guide to include step by step instructions for day-to-day responsibilities.	Internal staff	Customer service	2025-2026	Existing staff	Customer Service Guidebook complete and approved by 30 June 2026
Embrace technology to enhance service delivery	Invest in technology solutions such as workflow automation software, customer relationship management (CRM) systems, and online service portals to streamline service delivery processes.	Internal and external staff	Customer service and ICT	2025-2030	Existing staff and budget bid	Implementation and engagement metrics post-implementation to monitor uptake. (high)
Regularly review and improve internal processes	Create Customer Service Charter outlining service level agreement for response times and service quality metrics for different types of inquiries and requests.	Internal and external staff	Customer Service	2025-2026	Existing staff	Customer Service Charter adopted by council 30 June 2026. (high)
	Establish and implement mechanisms for collecting feedback from residents about their service experiences, such as surveys, feedback forms, or suggestion boxes.	Internal staff	Customer service, communications, and ICT	2026-2027	New initiative and budget bid	Implementation complete by 30.06.2026; Feedback report to Executive Management Team half-yearly
	Monitor CRM requests against service level agreements regularly and take corrective action as needed to ensure timely and efficient service delivery.	Internal staff	Customer service	2025 – ongoing	Existing staff	Service request past deadline below 10%. (high)

3. Issue Resolution						
Focus Area	**Action**	**Benefit**	**Who***	**When**	**Resources**	**Measure**
Streamline processes for quicker issue identification and resolution	Establish protocols for promptly addressing and escalating issues before they become a formal complaint.	Internal customers	Complaints Coordinator	2025-2026	Existing staff	Implementation complete by 30 March 2026
Equip customer service representatives with the tools and training needed for efficient problem-solving	Provide training to customer service representatives on effective problem-solving techniques, conflict resolution, and empathy.	Internal customers	Customer Service staff	2025-2026	New initiative and budget bid	Training complete by 30th June 2026
	Equip representatives with access to relevant resources, databases, and knowledge bases to assist them in resolving issues efficiently.	Internal customers	Coordinators for each department and customer service staff	2025-2026	Existing staff	Customer Service Guidebook complete and approved by 30 June 2026. First point resolution above 50%.
Implement self-service options to empower customers to resolve common issues independently	Service options such as online FAQs, knowledge bases and digital forms to empower customers to resolve common issues independently.	Internal and external customers	Coordinator customer service and ICT	2028-2029	New initiative and budget bid	Implementation complete by 30th June 2028
	Ensure that self-service platforms are user-friendly, easily accessible, and regularly updated with accurate information.	Internal and external customers	Coordinator customer service and ICT	2025-2029	New initiative and budget bid	Implementation complete by 30th June 2028

4. Measuring our Performance						
Focus Area	**Action**	**Benefit**	**Who***	**When**	**Resources**	**Measure**
Implement mechanisms for collecting customer feedback	Track the percentage of customer issues and complaints that are resolved satisfactorily on the first contact.	Internal customers	Coordinator customer service	2025-2026	Existing staff and CRM software	Report to Senior Leadership Team monthly
	Monitor response time metrics and set benchmarks for response time and strive to meet or exceed.	Internal customers	Coordinator customer service	2026-2027	Existing staff and CRM software	Service Level Agreement complete and approved 30 June 2027. Service requests past deadline below 10%.
	Prepare Service Level Agreement	Internal and external customers	Coordinator customer service	2026-2027	Existing staff	Completed and adopted by 30 June 2027
Analyse feedback to identify areas for improvement	Regularly conduct customer service satisfaction surveys to gauge satisfaction levels within the community.	Internal customers	Coordinator customer service	2027-2029	New initiative and budget bid	Survey complete by 30th June 2028. (high)
	Implement a system for collecting and implementing suggestions for improving customer service from both employees and residents.	Internal and external customers	Coordinator customer service and ICT	2027-2029	New initiative and budget bid	Implementation on 'Have Your Say' landing page complete by 30th June 2025. (high)

Management Practice Version Control

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Attachment 2 - Customer Service Charter - V4

CHARTING SUCCESS TOGETHER

Our Commitment to You

We will:

- Act in a way that reflects and upholds our core values of Leadership, Excellence, Accountability, and Delivery.
- Accessibility through various channels including phone, email, online, and in-person visits.
- Proactive communication of relevant information and updates to the public.
- Set clear expectations and deliver on those commitments.
- Train our staff to deliver on those commitments.
- Be professional, respectful and empathetic.
- Timely response to inquiries and concerns from residents.
- Actively measure and monitor our performance.

Help us to deliver better service

- Treat staff with respect and behave in a courteous manner.
- Provide accurate and complete information and documentation.
- Quote reference numbers when contacting about an existing application or query.
- Provide daytime telephone number or email address in your correspondence.
- Respect other customers and community property.
- Acknowledge that council is subject to strict governance and legislation that may result in decisions you do not agree with.

Our Services

Council offers a variety of services, which are organised into five core themes as outlined in our Community Strategic Plan:

- Communities
- Economy
- Natural Environment
- Leadership
- Built Environment

Handling Your Personal Information

Council is committed to protecting your privacy and complies with the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 and associated legislative obligations and will only release information where the legislative framework requires us to. You can seek access to your personal information by contacting Customer Service on 03 5898 300

Customer Satisfaction

Council is committed to being accessible and responsive to Customers. We welcome complaints, suggestions and compliments.

Compliments

Recognition of when we have done something well reminds us that our service is valued.

Complaints

Complaints are used as an opportunity for improving our service, we have a formal Complaints Handling Policy that outlines the standards and processes for addressing concerns promptly. This Policy is available on our website or by contacting our Customer Contact Centre at 03 5898 300 during business hours.

180 Cressy Street, Deniliquin www.edwardriver.nsw.gov.au council@edwardriver.nsw.gov.au

Our Commitment to you when you

Contact us by phone

- We will aim to answer your query without transferring the call.
- If we need to transfer your call, we will ensure you are transferred to the appropriate staff member.
- We will provide a 24 hour phone service for urgent after hours calls.

Write to us

- Respond in language that is clear, concise and easily understood.
- Respond to correspondence using appropriate channels and ensure that accurate records are maintained.

See us in the field

- Put your safety and that of our staff at the forefront of our actions.
- We will endeavour to assist you with your enquiry or provide guidance on the most appropriate path forward.

Lodge a feedback form

- Acknowledge receipt of your feedback and lodge a request in our system for a staff member to respond to your enquiry.
- Review your comments to identify areas for improvement.
- Use your input to enhance our services and the customer experience.

Visit our Customer Service Office

When you visit us, we will:

- Greet you with respect, courtesy, and dignity.
- Introduce ourselves so you know who you're speaking with.
- Connect you directly with the right staff member when possible.
- Aim to address your enquiry promptly.

If we can't resolve your issue immediately, we will:

- Forward your enquiry to the appropriate staff member, who will respond by the end of the next business day.
- If needed, arrange a convenient alternative meeting time.

11.5. ADOPTION OF PLANS OF MANAGEMENT

Author: Strategic Assets Coordinator

Authoriser: Director Infrastructure

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Adopts the Plans of Management noted below, pursuant to Section 40 of the Local Government Act 1993 and in accordance with 3.23(6) of the Crown Land Management Act 2016:
    - Plan of Management - (POM 11) Various incorporating Booroorban Sports Ground Reserve No 57705, North Conargo Reserve No 65114, Conargo Hall Reserve No65943, Pretty Pine Sports Ground Reserve No 85270, Blighty Hall & Football Ground Reserve No 88854, Booroorban Hall Reserve No 97439, Woodbury Woodlot Reserve No 150050,
    - Plan of Management - (POM 12) Various incorporating Waring Garden Reserve No 550028, McFaull Park Reserve No 550036, Harfleur St Boat Ramp (Mathews Park) No 1000443, J.P. Burchfield Park Reserve No 550034, Deniliquin Oval Reserve No 77085, Deniliquin Sports Park Reserve No 1500007, Deniliquin Swim Centre Reserve No 88772, Deniliquin Town Hall No 1000166, Deniliquin VRA Site Reserve 96339,
    - Plan of Management - (POM 13) Booroorban Cemetery Reserve No 86089,
    - Plan of Management - (POM 15) Edward River Reserve No 90112,
    - Plan of Management - (POM 16) Loy Reserve No 1001384, and
    - Plan of Management - (POM 17 Various incorporating Fish Park No 550035, Ute on Pole Site No 97120, Willoughby's Beach (Memorial Park Water Intake) No 91033.

2. Give public notice of the adoption of the Plans of Management in accordance with Section 40(2A) of the Local Government Act, 1993

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

1. Communities: Caring, healthy, connect, inclusive communities

1.2 First Nations

1.4 Accessibility and Inclusion

1.8 Sport

2. Natural environments: Respected and healthy natural environments

2.2 Pests and Weeds

2.5 Waste Management

3. Built Environment: Liveable Built Environments

3.3 Public Space and Community Facilities (including sports)

3.4 Heritage

4. Economy: Strong, Diverse and Sustainable

4.6 Tourism and Visitor Economy

5. Leadership: Accountable Civic Leaders

5.5 Communication and Engagement

5.6 Good Corporate Governance

BACKGROUND

Under the Crown Land Management Act 2016, Council has taken the following steps in the development and approval of the Plans of Management:

- Council resolved to endorse the draft Plan of Management,
- Council referred the draft Plan of Management to the Minister administering the Crown Land Management Act 2016 for approval. This approval has been received,
- Upon approval from the Minister, Council amended the draft Plan of Management as required and placed on public exhibition as per Section 38 of the Local Government Act 1993.

PROPOSAL/DISCUSSION

The draft Plans of Management (PoM's) were placed on public exhibition, following minor amendments, on approval of a delegate of the Minister administering the Crown Land Management Act 2016. The PoM's was advertised from the 20th June 2025 to 18th July 2025, a period of 29 days allowing an additional 15 days till the Friday 1st August 2025 to receive submissions as required under Section 378 of the Local Government Act 1993. No Submissions were received.

No submissions were received during the period for the below listed PoM's:

- Plan of Management - (POM 11) Various incorporating Booroorban Sports Ground Reserve No 57705, North Conargo Reserve No 65114, Conargo Hall Reserve No65943, Pretty Pine Sports Ground Reserve No 85270, Blighty Hall & Football Ground Reserve No 88854, Booroorban Hall Reserve No 97439, Woodbury Woodlot Reserve No 150050,
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- Plan of Management - (POM 13) Booroorban Cemetery Reserve No 86089,
- Plan of Management - (POM 15) Edward River Reserve No 90112,
- Plan of Management - (POM 16) Loy Reserve No 1001384, and
- Plan of Management - (POM 17) Various incorporating Fish Park No 550035, Ute on Pole Site No 97120, Willoughby's Beach (Memorial Park Water Intake) No 91033.

Council staff recommend that Council adopts the final PoM's in accordance with the *Crown Lands Management Act*.

RISK AND IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Legislative and Policy

Previously focused only on legislative, need to highlight any associated policy to set context of any recommendations, alignment to policy or deviation and why.

6.2 Financial

Is this currently budgeted Yes.

What is the proposed funding source?

Council received a grant of $78,890 from the NSW Government through the Plans of Management Funding Support Program in 2019 to assist. The funds have now been spent

6.3 Community Engagement/Consultation

Level of Engagement	Stakeholder	Activity	Date, Location, etc	Outcome
Consult	Community	Public Exhibition of draft plans seeking comment	Advertised the Pubic Exhibition in the Pastoral Times and on council website the exhibition from 20th June 2025 to 18th July 2025, seeking submissions up till 1st August 2025	Council received no submissions

OFFICER'S CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

As the author of this report and in providing this advice to Council, I have no interests to disclose in relation to this report.

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Six attachments

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Edward River COUNCIL

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NORTH CONARGO RESERVE - No. 65114

CONARGO HALL RESERVE- No. 65943

PRETTY PINE SPORTS GROUND RESERVE - No. 85270

BLIGHTY HALL & FOOTBALL GROUND RESERVE - No. 88854

BOOROORBAN HALL RESERVE - No. 97439

WOODBURY WOODLOT RESERVE - No. 150050

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1 KEY INFORMATION

This Plan of Management has been prepared by Edward River Council (Council) to provide direction regarding the use and management of the following reserves:

- Booroorban Sports Ground - Reserve no. 57705
- North Conargo Reserve - Reserve no. 65114
- Conargo Hall - Reserve no. 65943
- Pretty Pine Sports Ground - Reserve no. 85270
- Blighty Recreational Reserve - Reserve no. 88854
- Booroorban Hall - Reserve no. 97439
- Woodbury Woodlot - Reserve no. 150050

This Plan of Management is required in accordance with Section 3.23 of the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* and Section 36 of the *Local Government Act 1993* and outlines the way the reserve will be used and provides the framework for Council to follow in relation to the Leasing, Licensing and Permit processes for the land. The plan may be used to determine the allocation of resources and funds.

2 INTRODUCTION

2.1 Background

Edward River Council was proclaimed on 12 May 2016, following the amalgamation of the former Conargo Shire Council and Deniliquin Council into one strong, cohesive and dynamic organisation. Deniliquin is located approximately 725km southwest of Sydney and 285km northeast of Melbourne. The Council is situated within the Murray region of New South Wales and close to the Victorian border. It shares borders with Hay Shire to the north, Murrumbidgee Council to the east, Murray River Council to the south-west and Berrigan Council to south-east.

The Council provides services and support to a community of approximately 9,000 permanent residents across a region covering 8,881 square kilometres, including the town of Deniliquin and the six rural villages of Blighty, Booroorban, Conargo, Pretty Pine and Wanganella. A map of the local government area is shown below in **Figure 1**.

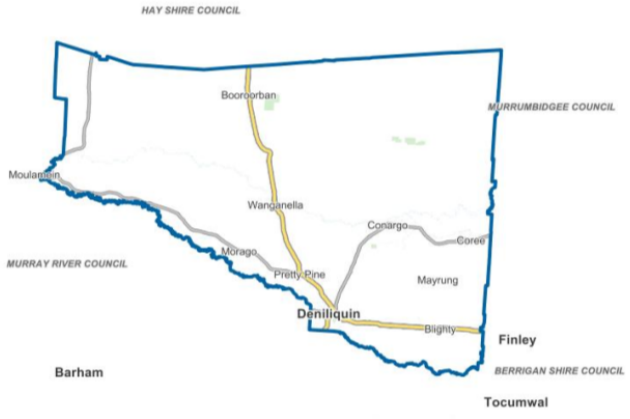

Figure 1 - Edward River Council Local Government Area

Edward River Council is responsible for care and control of many community land parcels. With the introduction of the Crown Land Management Act 2016, Council has been appointed the Crown Land Manager for many Crown reserves within its jurisdiction under the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

2.2 Strategic and Corporate Objectives

Edward River Council has set out several strategic objectives in the Community Strategic Plan, as shown below in **Figure 2**:

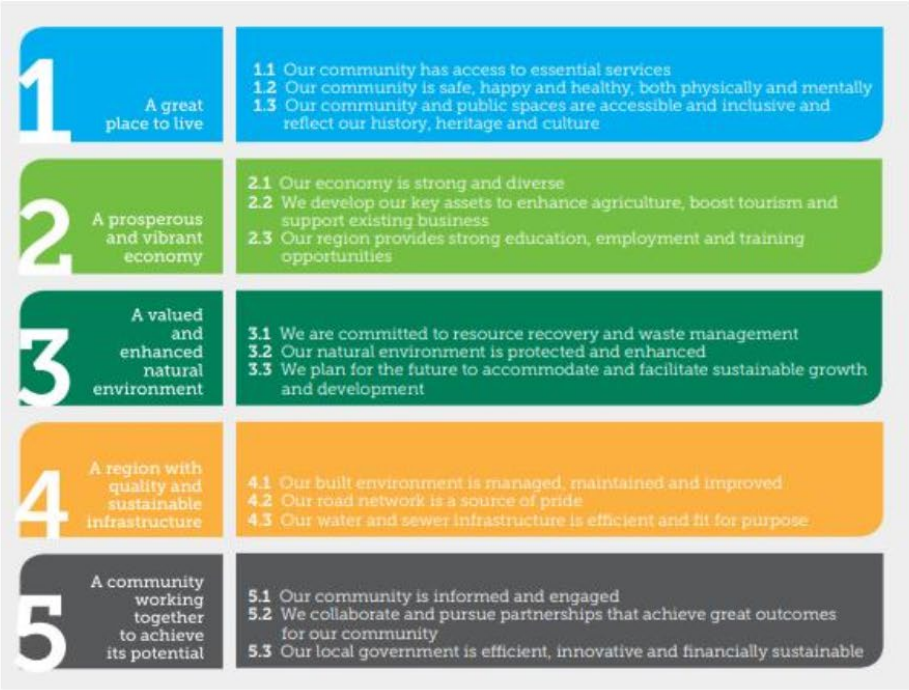

Figure 2 – Edward River Council's Strategic Objectives from the Community Strategic Plan

2.3 Land to Which this Plan Applies

The land details for each reserve to which this plan applies are shown in the relevant sections of **Appendices A** to **G**.

2.4 Land Ownership

The land ownership details for each reserve to which this plan applies are shown in the relevant sections of **Appendices A** to **G**.

2.5 Categorisation of the Reserve

Under Section 3.23(2) of the Crown Land management Act 2016, Council Crown Land managers must assign to all Crown Land under their management one or more initial categories of community land referred to in section 36 of the Local Government Act 1993.

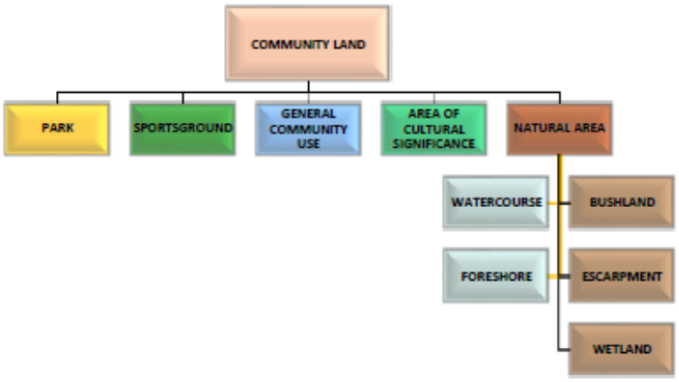

Figure 3 – Categories of Community Land referred to in Section 36 of the *Local Government Act 1993*

Council must assign a category that they consider to be most closely related to the purpose(s) that the land is dedicated or reserved.

The degree to which the reserve purpose relates to the assigned category of the land is important for ongoing management of the land. This is because Council must obtain Native Title Manager advice as to the validity of the activities that they wish to undertake on the land prior to dealing with it.

Both the Aboriginal Land Rights Act and the Native Title Act recognise the intent of the original reserve purpose of the land so that complying activities can be considered lawful or validated, particularly under Section J of the *Native Title Act 1993*.

The specific land categories for each reserve to which this plan applies are shown in the relevant sections of **Appendices A** to **G**.

Activities of the land will reflect the intent of the public purpose and will be assessed for compliance with relevant Local Government and Crown Lands legislation. This includes assessment of that activity under the *Native Title Act 1993* and registered claims under the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983.*

Use of the land for any activity is subject to the application and approval. Assessment will consider compliance with the objectives and relationship to that impact on the public purpose for the which the land was set aside. Other uses that do not comply with this Plan of Management or zoning of the land under Council's Local Environmental Plan will not be considered.

3 RELEVANT LEGISLATION, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

3.1 Local Government Act 1993 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021

Under section 36(1) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Plans of Management must be prepared for all community land. Community land is land which is kept for use of the general public. Clause 101(2) of the *Local Government General Regulation 2021* requires Council to have regard to the guidelines for categorisation of community land set out in Clauses 102 to 111 of that regulation.

This Plan of Management has been prepared in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993* using the land categories approved by the Minister administering the *Crown Land Management Act 2016*. The minimum requirements for a Plan of Management are set out under section 36(3) of the *Local Government Act 1993.*

A Plan of Management must identify

- the category of the land
- the objective and performance targets of the plan with respect to the land
- the means by which Council proposes to assess its performance with respect to the plan's objectives and performance targets

These conditions may require the approval of Council for the carrying out of any specified activity on the land.

Section 36 (3A) specifies that for Plans of Management that are specific to one area of land, must also describe

- the condition of the land as at the adoption of the plan
- the buildings on the land as at adoption, and
- the use of the buildings and the land as at adoption
  Additionally, the Plan must also state the purposes for which the land will be allowed to be used and the scale and intensity of that use.

Sections 36E – 36N of the *Local Government Act 1993* specifies the core objectives for the management of each category of community land.

3.2 Crown Land Management Act 2016

Division 3.6 of the *Crown Lands Management Act 2016* deals with the requirements that Council must meet in relation to Plans of Management and other Plans.

Section 3.23(6) of the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* requires Council to adopt a Plan of Management for any Crown reserve for which it is appointed Crown Land Manager, and that is classified as community land under the *Local Government Act 1993*.

3.3 Native Title Act 1993 (Federal)

The native title process must be considered for each activity on the land and a native title assessment must be undertaken. Almost all activities and public works carried out on the land will affect native title and require validation of the future act procedures in Division 3 of the *Native Title Act* by Council's Native Title Manager.

All activities on the land must address the issue of native title. Whilst a successful claim for native title will lead to official recognition of native title rights, native title rights are considered to pre-date such recognition. Native title can therefore be relevant to activities carried out on the land even if no native title claim has been made or registered.

3.4 Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983

In New South Wales, Aboriginal Land Rights sits alongside native title and allows Aboriginal Land Council's to claim 'claimable' Crown land.

Generally, the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act* is directed at allowing Council's to claim Crown land that is unlawfully used or occupied. If a claim is successful, the freehold estate of the land is transferred to the Land Council.

Council is mindful that any activity on Crown land is lawful in relation to the reserve purpose of the land and that it ensures that Crown land under its control is always lawfully used and occupied.

When planning an activity of the land such as the issue of a lease or licence or any public works, Council is expected to search to determine whether an Aboriginal Land Rights claim has been made in relation to the land. If a claim is registered, the activity must be postponed until the claim is resolved.

Strategies which allow Council to validly carry out a project or activity under the *Native Title Act* may not deal with project risks arising in relation to the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act*.

3.5 Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016

Council has legislative responsibility under this Act to appropriately manage Threatened Species Populations and Vulnerable or Endangered Ecological Communities and their habitats wherever they occur despite the categorisation of the land.

Where identified Council is bound by the Act to take any appropriate action necessary to implement measures and must not make decisions that are inconsistent with the provisions of any Threat Abatement or Recovery Plan.

3.6 Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979

The specific land use zoning for each reserve to which this plan applies are shown in the relevant sections of **Appendices A** to **G**.

3.7 Council Plans, Strategies, Policies and Procedures

This Plan of Management is to be used in conjunction with the appropriate Council plans, policies and procedures that govern the use and management of community land and any facilities located on the land.

Additional Council policies, plans and strategies adopted after the date of this plan that have relevance to the planning, use and management of community land will apply as though they were in force at the date of adoption of the Plan of Management.

3.8 Legislation and Statutory Control

This Plan of Management does not overrule existing legislation that also applies to the management of community land.

Other legislation and policies to be considered in the management process include, but are not limited to:

- *Public Works Act 1912* (as amended);
- *Local Land Services Act 2013;*
- *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016;*
- *Water Management Act 2000;*
- *Companion Animals Act 1998;*
- *Rural Fires Act 1997;*
- *Rural Fires and Environmental Assessment Legislation Amendment Act 2002;*
- *Biosecurity Act 2015;*
- *Pesticides Act 1999;*
- *State Environmental Planning Policies;*
- *Deniliquin Local Environmental Plan 2013;*
- *Conargo Local Environmental Plan 2013;*
- *Deniliquin Development Control Plans 2016;*
- *Guidelines supporting development control plans; and*
- *Council plans, strategies, policies, procedures and guidelines, generally, as amended.*

3.9 Reclassification of Reserves

From time to time certain parcels of Community land may be identified as surplus to the existing and future needs of the community. Section 3.21 of the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* outlines provisions of Management of dedicated or reserved Crown land within meaning of the *Local Government Act 1993.* Section 3.21 (2) advises that a Council manager is authorised to manage its dedicated or reserved Crown land as if it were community land or operational land but only as permitted or required by Division 3.4 of the *Crown Land Management Act 2016*.

3.10 Review of this Plan

The use and management of the listed reserves is regulated by this Plan of Management. Whilst the guidelines and principles outlined in the Plan may be suitable at present, the Plan should be reviewed from time to time, to confirm its relevance.

The review of this Plan of Management will take place within five (5) years of adoption of this plan.

3.11 Community Consultation

Consultation with the community is an important part of the preparation of this Plan of Management. Consultation gives Council a better understanding of the range of local issues affecting the use and enjoyment of the land to which this Plan of Management applies and gives all

sectors of the community the chance to have an input into the direction of policy development being undertaken by Council.

All stakeholders are given the opportunity to express their opinions and provide relevant information in relation to the planned management of the land, however, as the land is Crown land final approval for the Plan of Management rests with the Minister administering the Crown Lands Act 2016 as owner of the land.

Council is required to submit the draft Plan of Management to NSW Department of Planning Housing and Infrastructure, as representative of the owner of the land under section 39 of the Local Government Act. Section 3.23(7)(d) of the CLM Act states that, if the draft first Plan of Management alters the initial categories assigned, the council must obtain the Minister's consent if the re- categorisation would require an addition to the purposes for which the land is dedicated or reserved, and hold public hearings under section 40A of the Local Government Act 1993. The Minister cannot give consent under section 3.23(7)(d) if it is considered that the alteration is likely to materially harm the use of the land for its reserve purpose.

4 CULTURALLY SIGNIFICANT LAND

4.1 Aboriginal Significance

Deniliquin is in the country of the Wamba Wamba Perrepa Perrepa nation and members of the community are closely connected to the town and surrounding lands. The Wamba Wamba and Perrepa Perrepa people of this region developed a way of life over many generations which was in harmony with the land and its natural rhythms. They developed a sophisticated farming system based on the indigenous vegetation communities which supported large family groups. In Deniliquin a comparatively high number of people identified themselves as Aboriginal and / or Torres Strait Islanders (4.6%) compared to the average for NSW (2.9%).

Both the Deniliquin Local Environmental Plan 2013 and Conargo Local Environmental Plan 2013 describes places of Aboriginal Heritage significance as an area of land, the general location of which is identified in an Aboriginal heritage study adopted by the Council after public exhibition and that may be shown on the Heritage Map, that is:

- the site of one or more Aboriginal objects or a place that has the physical remains of pre-European occupation by, or is of contemporary significance to, the Aboriginal people. It may (but need not) include items and remnants of the occupation of the land by Aboriginal people, such as burial places, engraving sites, rock art, midden deposits, scarred and sacred trees and sharpening grooves, or
- a natural Aboriginal sacred site or other sacred feature. It includes natural features such as creeks or mountains of long-standing cultural significance, as well as initiation, ceremonial or story places or areas of more contemporary cultural significance.

In addition, an Aboriginal object means any deposit, object or other material evidence (not being a handicraft made for sale) relating to the Aboriginal habitation of an area of New South Wales, being habitation before or concurrent with (or both) the occupation of that area by persons of non-Aboriginal extraction and includes Aboriginal remains.

Information regarding the aboriginal significance of each reserve to which this plan applies are shown in the relevant sections of **Appendices A** to **G**.

4.2 Non-indigenous Significance

Information regarding the non-aboriginal significance of each reserve to which this plan applies are shown in the relevant sections of **Appendices A** to **G**.

5 DEVELOPMENT AND USE

5.1 Overview

One of the primary responsibilities of Local Government is to provide an acceptable level of service for public assets to its community within budgetary constraints. Council's ongoing commitment to the development and maintenance of these areas depend on financial resources and forward planning. The implementation of actions identified in this Plan of Management are consistent with Edward River Council's corporate objectives as detailed in the following strategic documents:

- Edward River Council 2035 Community Strategic Plan
- Edward River Council Combined Delivery Program 2024-25 and Operational Plan 2024-25
- Edward River Council Resource Strategy
- Edward River Open Space Strategy
- Deniliquin Public Space Strategy
- Deniliquin Masterplan

5.2 Community Strategic Plan

The Edward River 2030 Community Strategic Plan is the highest-level plan that Council prepares in accordance with the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework. The purpose of the Community Strategic Plan is to identify the community's main priorities and aspirations for the future and to plan strategies for achieving these goals. In doing this, the planning process considers the issues and pressures that may impact the community and the level of resources that will realistically be available to achieve its aspirations. At an operational level, the Community Strategic Plan is implemented through Council's Four Yearly Delivery Program and annual Operational Plans, which outline the activities and actions that are the responsibility of Council in achieving our shared vision. The relationship between these planning documents is shown below in **Figure 4**.

Figure 4 – Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework

In 2030, our community wants the Edward River region wants to achieve several strategic objectives which each council managed crown reserves will fit within:

1. A great place to live
2. A prosperous and vibrant economy
3. A valued and enhanced natural environment
4. A region with quality and sustainable infrastructure
5. A community working together to achieve its potential

The relevant outcomes from the Community Strategic Plan for the reserves to which this plan applies are shown in the relevant sections of **Appendices A** to **G**.

5.3 Open Space and Public Space Strategies

In addition to the Community Strategic Plan, the Edward River Open Space Strategy was developed as a forward-looking plan that provides direction to the provision and management of open space across the local government area. Open space, for the purposes of the Edward River Open Space Strategy, is defined as the range of public and private spaces that provide landscape and/or urban design features and are generally for rest, relaxation, recreation and sport activity, and for the preservation of the environment.

For the Edward River Open Space Strategy, areas such as recreation and formal parkland, conservation reserves, linkages, sporting reserves (public and private), public land set aside for specific recreation or sport purposes of a specialised nature and amenity parklands are relevant. This Strategy examines Edward River councils current and future demand for open space areas; improvements to existing parks and walkways, while being cognisant of Council's vision to have a high-quality open space system.

The Deniliquin Public Space Strategy focusses specifically on open and public spaces in Deniliquin and was developed in response to community requests to improve the appearance of the town, particularly the main Central Business District (CBD) streets, the town entries and the riverfront. The Deniliquin Masterplan was developed in response to the Deniliquin Public Space Strategy and provide an integrated masterplan, through a series of detailed landscape plans to allow project implementation and construction ready documentation for high priority elements.

Several objectives have been identified for the project including:

- Provide a structural change to the physical appearance of Deniliquin with a focus on the CBD, Riverfront, Lagoon networks and town entrances
- Improve the liveability, functionality and access to the CBD, Riverfront and Lagoon networks
- Consider both short term and long-term actions, along with ongoing Council asset management and servicing requirements − Consider ongoing ability to fund and implement works
- Consider the impacts of planning issues
- Maximise the Riverfront and its proximity, accessibility and links with the CBD
- Consider the needs of all stakeholders with focus on creating new private sector development opportunities where appropriate and supporting existing business

5.4 Condition of the Land and Structures on Adoption of the Plan of Management

Section 36(3A)(a) of the *Local Government Act* requires the plan to include a description of the condition of the land and structures on adoption of the plan.

Information regarding the structures located at each of the reserves to which this plan applies are shown in the relevant sections of **Appendices A** to **G**.

5.5 Use of the Land and Structures at the Date of Adoption of the Plan of Management

Information regarding the use of the land for each of the reserves to which this plan applies are shown in the relevant sections of **Appendices A** to **G**.

5.6 Permitted Use Strategic Objectives

Information regarding the permitted use strategy objectives for each reserve to which this plan applies are shown in the relevant sections of **Appendices A** to **G**.

Projects proposed by community groups and other users of the reserve must be in line with Council strategic plans and must align with the reserve purpose and core objectives for the Reserve.

Depending on the scope of the project Council may request a written proposal outlining the project and proposed location, estimated costs, scaled plans, justification for proposed works and future maintenance requirements.

5.7 Further Development

The priority for the reserve at present is to scope out ways to improve the reserve in line with the purposes for the reserve and relevant legislation such as the *Local Government Act 1993, Crown Land Management Act 2016*, *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983* and the *Native Title Act 1993*.

A comprehensive site development plan and a landscape management plan is recommended for larger projects to ensure a strategic approach to development.

5.8 Leases, Licences and other Estates

Leases, licences and other estates formalise the use of community land by groups such as sporting clubs and non-profit organisations, or by commercial organisations and individuals providing facilities and services for public use. Activities should be compatible with the zoning and reservation purpose of the land and provide benefits and services for facilities to the users of the land.

The Local Government Act 1993 (specifically section 46/47 of the Local Government Act – Leases/Licences) contains important restrictions on the ability of a council to grant leases, licences, and other estates over community land. This is coupled with requirements for public consultation to ensure that council take community views into account. The Act also outlines when a council must tender a proposed lease or licence. The Act allows a council to grant a lease, licence or other estate for a term of up to 30 years (including any renewal terms and holdover periods) in respect of community land for:

- the provision of public utilities (s 46(1)(a)); or
- for the purpose of providing pipes, conduits or other connections underground for the connection of premises adjoining the community land to a facility of the council or other public utility provider (s46(1)(a1)); or
- to allow a filming project to be carried out (s46(1)(c)); or
- in accordance with an express authorisation in the plan of management applying to the land (s46(1)(b)) for one of the purposes listed in section 46(1)(b) of the Act, provided that purpose is consistent with the core objectives of the categorisation of the land (s46(2)).

A council must first obtain the Minister for Local Government's consent to grant a proposed lease, licence or other estate in the following instances:

- The proposed term (including any renewal options and holdover periods) exceeds 21 years.
- The proposed term (including any renewal options and holdover periods) exceeds 5 years and a person makes a submission by way of an objection to the proposal during the submission period.
- The proposed term (including any renewal options and holdover periods) is 5 years or less and the Minister has "called in" the proposed lease, licence or other estate (s47A(2)(c)) and the Minister has determined that sections 47(5)-(9) of the Act are to apply to the proposal.

The Occupation of the land other than by lease or licence or other estate or for a permitted purpose listed in the *Local Government Regulations 2021* is prohibited. Council through express authorisation may issue short-term licences under Section 2.20 of the Crown Land Management Act 2016.

The terms of the authorisation for a lease licence or other estate should include Native Title assessment and validation under the Native Title Act 1993 and should include advice that the land is not subject to a claim under the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983. The authorisation should ensure the proper management and maintenance of the land and the interests of Council and the public are protected. A lease is normally issued where exclusive control of all or part of an area by a user is proposed. In all other instances a licence or short term licence or hire agreement will be issued.

Areas held under lease, licence or regular occupancy shall be maintained by the user. The user will be responsible for maintenance and outgoings as defined in the lease or licence or agreement for use.

Note: There are no current leases and/or licences over any of the reserves in this Plan of Management.

5.9 Native Title Assessment

The *Crown Land Management Act 2016* – Section 8.7 (1) (d) requires that Council, as Crown Land Manager, obtains the written advice of its Native Title Manager prior to its approval or submission for approval of a plan of management for the land that authorises or permits any kinds of dealings referred to in **Section 5.8**.

A copy of the Native Title Assessment for this reserve is included in **Appendix H.**

6 PLAN OF MANAGEMENT - OBJECTIVES AND ACTIONS

6.1 Plan of Management Objectives

The general objectives of this Plan of Management are shown below in **Table 1.**

Table 1 – Plan of Management Objectives

	Plan of Management Objectives
1.	To ensure that relevant legislation is complied with in relation to the land.
2.	To inform Council staff and the community of the way the land will be managed.
3.	To implement specific policies, guidelines and works identified in the plan of management.
4.	To progressively improve the values of the land and to minimize the long-term cost of maintenance to the Council
5.	To make provisions for appropriate leases, licences and agreements in respect to the land.
6.	To identify and recognise existing uses and improvements on the land.
7.	To set in place and administrative structure to ensure the achievement of land management objectives.
8.	To ensure that the management of the land is not likely to materially harm the use of the land for any of the purposes for which it is dedicated or reserved.

6.2 Action Plan

The Plan of Management specifies performance targets and priorities for actions to be taken in relation to the land to which the plan applies.

Assessment of achievement of the objectives of the plan is to be undertaken. A summary of indicators and targets for major objectives is outlined in the **Table 2** below.

Table 2 – Indictors and Targets for Plan of Management Objectives

OBJECTIVES AND PERFORMANCE TARGETS OF THE PLAN IN RESPECT TO THE LAND	MEANS BY WHICH THE COUNCIL PROPOSES TO ACHIEVE THE PLAN'S OBJECTIVES AND PERFORMANCE TARGETS	MANNER IN WHICH COUNCIL PROPOSES TO ASSESS ITS PERFORMANCE WITH RESPECT TO THE PLAN'S OBJECTIVES AND PERFORMANCE TARGETS
To ensure that relevant legislation is complied with in relation to preparation of Plans of Management.	The Plan is prepared in accordance with the Act. Native Title Manager advice is sought during the preparation of the Plan.	The Plan is reviewed by Council's Native Title Manager and Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure Crown Lands then exhibited and adopted by Council if there are no changes to the approved plan. If changes are made following exhibition the plan must again be approved by Department of Planning and Housing and Infrastructure Crown Lands.
To inform Council staff and the community of the way the land will be managed.	The Plan is exhibited in accordance with the Local Government Act.	The Plan is exhibited and adopted by Council.
To implement the specific policies, guidelines and works identified in the plan of management.	Ensure that the Plan is referenced to identify specific policies, guidelines and works.	All works are carried out in accordance with the Plan.
To progressively improve the values of the land to minimise the long term cost of maintenance to the Council.	Carry out all works identified in Council's long term plan.	All works are completed, and minimal maintenance of the improvements is required.

OBJECTIVES AND PERFORMANCE TARGETS OF THE PLAN IN RESPECT TO THE LAND	MEANS BY WHICH THE COUNCIL PROPOSES TO ACHIEVE THE PLAN'S OBJECTIVES AND PERFORMANCE TARGETS	MANNER IN WHICH COUNCIL PROPOSES TO ASSESS ITS PERFORMANCE WITH RESPECT TO THE PLAN'S OBJECTIVES AND PERFORMANCE TARGETS
To make provision for leases, licences and agreements in respect of the land.	The Plan of Management expressly authorises the provision of leases, licences and agreements where appropriate.	Any leases are prepared, exhibited and adopted in accordance with the provisions of the Local *Government Act 1993* and the *Crown Land Management Act 2016*. Native Title Manager advice and a check for a claim under the Aboriginal Land Rights Act is received for all proposed leases and licences.
To identify and recognise existing uses and improvements on the land.	Physical inspection.	The Plan is exhibited and adopted by Council.
To provide a reference and data bank in relation to information relevant to present and future management of the land.	Physical inspection and file research.	The Plan is exhibited and adopted by Council.
To set in place an administrative structure to ensure the achievement of land management objectives.	Ensure that all sections of Council are aware of the contents of the Plan.	All future works are carried out in accordance with the Plan.
To identify the major management issues applying to the land.	Consultation and staff discussions.	The Plan is exhibited and adopted by Council.
To simplify the process of management as far as possible.	Preparation of the Plan in accordance with the Act.	The Plan is exhibited and adopted by Council.

7 PLAN OF MANAGEMENT – MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE LAND

7.1 Management Authority

For the purposes of this plan, the management authority for the reserve is Edward River Council, in accordance with the provisions of the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* and the *Local Government Act 1993*. Where Council's responsibilities have been delegated, the provisions of this management plan continue to apply.

7.2 Management Issues

The management of the land must consider the reserve purpose(s) of the land and the purpose for which the land is classified and categorized.

7.3 Staff Resources

Council shall provide adequate staff resources for the management of the land in accordance with this Plan of Management. Staff shall have appropriate qualifications and/or experience.

7.4 Environmental Assessment of Activities

The environmental impact of activities carried out on the land will be assessed having regard to the requirements under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act.

7.5 Role of Other Activities

Other government authorities may have responsibilities or involvement in the management of the land or of immediately adjacent land. This will be considered and, where appropriate, consultation will take place with relevant authorities.

7.6 Activities Carried Out by Other Authorities

Where activities are carried out on the land by other authorities, Council will make the authorities aware of the provisions of this Plan of Management and will seek to ensure that any activities are compatible with the objectives and guidelines of this Plan of Management, and in in accordance with the provisions of the Crown Land Management Act 2016 and the Local Government Act 1993.

7.7 Principles for the Development of Adjoining Land

Council's development control practices recognise and endeavour to minimize the impacts upon adjoining land parcels. Council will consider the impacts of activities carried out on the reserve on adjoining land.

7.8 Community Involvement in Management

Where appropriate, Council will undertake community consultation subsequent to the making of this Plan of Management and may give community groups a role in management.

7.9 Contract and Volunteer Labour

In managing the land Council may use contract and volunteer labour but shall ensure that supervisors and staff have appropriate qualifications and/or experience and are made aware of the requirements of this plan.

7.10 Existing Assets

Existing assets on the land shall be identified and measures taken to maintain them in a satisfactory manner. Council may make arrangement for community groups and users to undertake maintenance for specific facilities on Council's behalf.

7.11 Public Liability Insurance

All users of the land, including lease and licence holders, must have public liability insurance coverage, incorporating the following:

- At least $20M coverage for any one instance; and
- Edward River Council named in the policy as an interested party.

A copy of the cover note for the insurance is to be provided to Council prior to use of the reserve. Where the use of the reserve is for longer than one year, as may be the case for leases and licences, up to date copies of the cover note shall be provided.

7.12 Commercial Activities

Commercial activities may be carried out on the land, provided that the activity is ancillary to the purpose of the land or for a purpose authorised under this Plan of Management. Any commercial activity is subject to prior Council consent.

7.13 Emergencies

This Plan of Management authorises necessary activities to be carried out during declared emergencies as may be decided by the General Manager or delegate. Following carrying out of any activities, periodic monitoring will be undertaken, and rehabilitation works undertaken if necessary.

7.14 Land Proposed for Future Development

Land proposed in any of Council's plans for future development for a specific purpose may be utilised for other purposes on an interim basis until required for that purpose.

7.15 Undeveloped Land

Land to which this Plan of Management applies that is undeveloped and unused for the purpose of the land may upon assessment, be used for any activity that does not prevent or inhibit future use for the purpose of the land, including tree planting and mowing.

7.16 Information Monitoring and Research

Monitoring and collection of information relating to the land to which the Plan of Management applies are important to enable good management. Where a demonstrated need has been identified, an educational programme shall be developed to encourage use appropriate to the purpose to all or part of the land to which this Plan of Management applies.

Management arrangements shall be implemented to regularly monitor the use of the land, environmental conditions and facilities. Surveys of visitation and/or satisfaction with the facilities may be undertaken to facilitate the management and use of the land.

7.17 Buildings and Amenities

Buildings and amenities may be provided where consistent with the need to facilitate the purpose of the land, provided that a Native Title assessment has been carried out by Council's Native Title Manager, the land is not subject to a claim under the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983* and the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993* and the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* have been complied with. Buildings and amenities are to be maintained in a safe condition for users and the public.

7.18 Infrastructure

Any necessary infrastructure to service the purpose of the land may be constructed provided that a Native Title assessment has been carried out by Council's Native Title Manager, the land is not subject to a claim under the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983*, and the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993* and the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* have been complied with.

7.19 General Maintenance

General maintenance will match the level and type of use and wherever possible users will be encouraged to help. Areas held under lease, licence or regular occupancy shall be maintained by the user where appropriate.

Existing assets on the land shall be identified and measures taken to maintain them in a satisfactory manner. The Council may decide for community groups to undertake maintenance for specific facilities on Council's behalf.

7.20 Development Activities

Development activities shall be undertaken in a way that minimizes the area, degree and duration of disturbance, and areas are to be restored to the greatest extent practicable.

7.21 Pollution Control

Management should seek to ensure that no pollution is generated on the land, and that adequate measures are taken to prevent adverse impacts from adjoining land.

7.22 Public Safety

Reasonable measures will be taken by Council to ensure and maintain the public safety of persons using the land.

7.23 Neighbours

Council shall endeavour to be a good neighbour and as far as possible shall consult with adjoining owners in respect of management and other activities which may affect them.

7.24 Trees, Vegetation and Landscape

Proper management of landscaping measures, trees and vegetation is important to provide a high degree of amenity on the land. Trees will be maintained, as will maintenance of appropriate growing conditions involving management of soil compaction and other encroachments, in accordance with Council's Tree Management Policy.

7.25 Weed Control

Weed control shall be by both taking preventative measures and active control measures. Prevention of weed infestation shall be by minimising actions that disturb the ground surface and discouraging the conditions that encourage weeds.

Measures shall be taken to prevent the dispersion of weeds by fill or the transport of seeds on machinery. Control measures which are acceptable include physical removal or slashing, accepted biological control techniques, bush regeneration, or chemical spraying where Council is satisfied that there will be no adverse residual effects and no adverse effect on human health.

APPENDIX A

SPECIFIC INFORMATION FOR RESERVE 57705

BOOROORBAN SPORTS GROUND

APPENDIX A – BOOROORBAN SPORTS GROUND RESERVE

A2 INTRODUCTION

A2.3 Land to Which this Plan Applies

The land to which this plan applies is Crown Reserve 57705 and is contained in Lot 7308 DP 1157228 Parish Booroorban County Townsend. The reserve is located within the Booroorban township west of the Cobb Highway. The land contains a total of 33,044.16 m2. The reserve for Booroorban Sports Ground was gazetted on 9 January 1925 and was set aside for Public Recreation. An aerial photograph, outlining the extents of the reserve, is shown below in **Figure A1.**

Figure A1 – Aerial Photograph of Booroorban Sports Ground (Reserve No. 57705)

A2.4 Land Ownership

Booroorban Sports Ground Reserve 57705 is owned by the Crown and is managed by Edward River Council as Crown Land Manager under the Land Management Act 2016.

A2.5 Categorisation of the Reserve

In the case of Booroorban Sports Ground, Council has requested and obtained initial categorisation of:

- **Park** for the purpose of **Public Recreation**.

The category was approved by the minister administering the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* in relation to the reserve. Council does not propose to alter the initial categories assigned by the Minister by this Plan of Management because the assigned categories most closely align with the reserved purposed of the of the land and its usage.

The core objectives for management of community land categorised as Park use are:

(a) to encourage, promote and facilitate recreational, cultural, social and educational pastimes and activities,
(b) to provide for passive recreational activities or pastimes and for the casual playing of games, and
(c) to improve the land in such a way as to promote and facilitate its use to achieve the other core objectives for its management.

A3 RELEVANT LEGISLATION, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

A3.6 Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979

The land is zoned as follows under the Conargo Local Environmental Plan 2013 (LEP):

- RU 1 Primary Production.

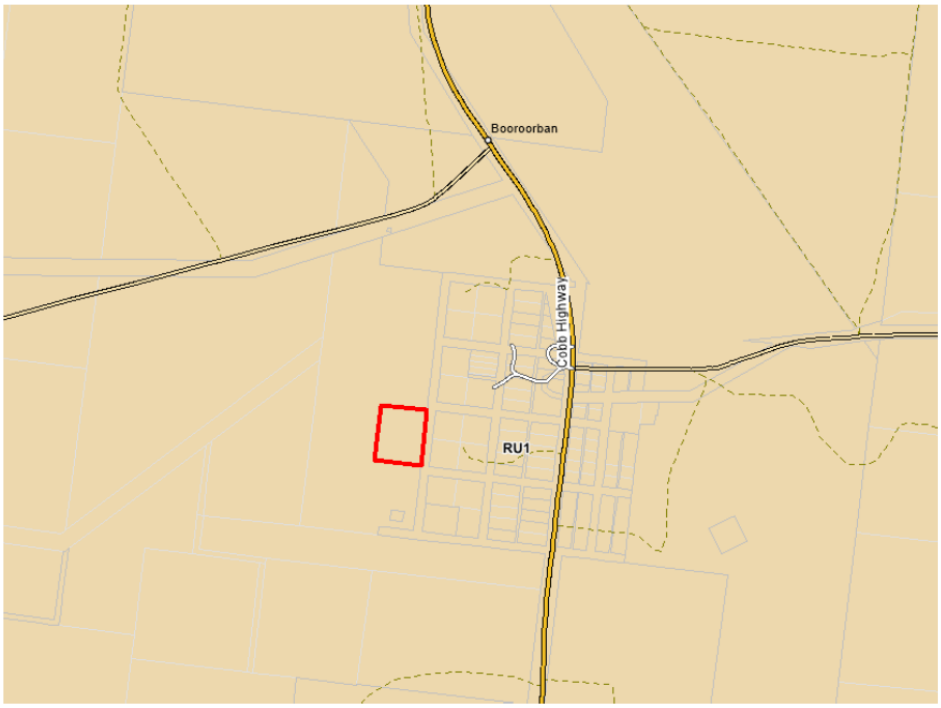

Figure A2 – Land Use Zones for Reserve No. 57705

The objectives of the land use zones are noted below in **Table A1**.

Table A1 – Objectives of Land Use Zones for Reserve No. 57705

Land Use Zone	Objectives
RU 1 – Primary Production	• To encourage sustainable primary industry production by maintaining and enhancing the natural resource base. • To encourage diversity in primary industry enterprises and systems appropriate for the area. • To minimise the fragmentation and alienation of resource lands. • To minimise conflict between land uses within this zone and land uses within adjoining zones. • To allow the development of non-agricultural land uses that are compatible with the character of the zone. • To encourage tourist and visitor accommodation that does not have an adverse impact on agricultural activities. • To allow for the development of non-agricultural land uses that are compatible with the character of the zone. • To permit small-scale rural tourism uses associated with primary production and environmental conservation that have minimal impact on primary production and the scenic amenity of the area. • To provide opportunities for employment-generating development that adds value to local agricultural production and integrates with tourism.

Details regarding permitted developments in these land use zones is included in the Conargo LEP 2013.

In addition to the Conargo LEP, the Deniliquin Development Control Plan was developed with the general aims to:

(a) Promote growth and development to support and enhance the vitality of the Central Business District.

(b) Encourage development that responds to the needs of the community.

(c) Encourage residential development of a high standard to improve the quality of the urban environment.

(d) Encourage development that respects and minimises the impacts on surrounding land and the wider environment.

(e) Encourage new development that will enhance streetscapes and vistas.

(f) Ensure that development incorporates safe, effective and convenient pedestrian, bicycle and vehicle access, movement and parking areas.

(g) Encourage energy efficiency in building design.

(h) Provide for effective and well-utilised open space with security and access for the community.

(i) Control and minimise the impact of stormwater run-off.

(j) Ensure that new development is fully integrated into Council's sewerage system wherever possible.

(k) Promote the orderly and efficient development of land to ensure that provision of services to that land is adequate.

A4 CULTURALLY SIGNIFICANT LAND

A4.1 Aboriginal Significance

Booroorban Sports Ground Reserve is not identified as having Aboriginal significance and is not declared under section 84 of the *National Park and Wildlife Act 1974*, however, any areas of Aboriginal significance that may be discovered are covered by this Plan of Management.

A4.2 Non-indigenous Significance

The reserve for Booroorban Sports Ground was gazetted on 9 January 1925 and was set aside for public recreation. Booroorban Sports Ground is not specifically listed under the Conargo Local Environment Plan 2013 but is represented in the plan under the zoning RU 1 Primary Production.

A5 DEVELOPMENT AND USE

A5.2 Outcome 1 – A great place to live

The direction for the Booroorban Sports Ground is captured within Outcome 1 – A great place to live

> *We love our strong sense of community, our willingness to help each other out, and the fact that our region provides an ideal environment in which to raise a family. Over the life of Edward River 2030, we want to keep our community safe, active and healthy and make sure that our public and open spaces – such as our sporting grounds, community halls, parks and gardens – provide social value and keep us connected.*

The Booroorban Sports Ground fits directly under Targets 1.2 – Our community is safe, happy and healthy, both physically and mentally, and Target 3 – Our community and public spaces are accessible and inclusive and reflect our history, heritage and culture.

A5.4 Condition of the Land and Structures on Adoption of the Plan of Management

Section 36(3A)(a) of the *Local Government Act* requires the plan to include a description of the condition of the land and structures on adoption of the plan. The condition of the infrastructure upon recent inspection is shown below in **Table A2.**

Table A2 – Condition of Council Assets Located on at Booroorban Sports Ground Reserve

BUILDING DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	CONDITION RATING 1 – Good 5 - Unserviceable
Watering System	Community Use	3
Fencing	Community Use	3
Grounds	Community Use	4

A5.5 Use of the Land and Structures at the Date of Adoption of the Plan of Management

Existing use of the reserve includes:

- Cricket Ground

Council is willing to work with existing and potential users to expand the usage of Booroorban Sports Ground and this Plan of Management will provide an operational and strategic framework to effectively take advantage of those opportunities.

A5.6 Permitted Use Strategic Objectives

As previously noted, the classification of Booroorban Sports Ground is Park with the intended purpose(s) of Public Recreation. These purposes and categories align with the reserve's past and future use and the values identified in this plan.

Projects proposed by community groups and other users of the reserve must be in line with Council strategic plans and must align with the reserve purpose and core objectives for the Reserve.

Depending on the scope of the project Council may request a written proposal outlining the project and proposed location, estimated costs, scaled plans, justification for proposed works and future maintenance requirements.

A7 PLAN OF MANAGEMENT – MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE LAND

A7.26 Alcohol

The infrequent sale of alcohol by a sporting committee, club or user group requires the approval of the NSW Office of Liquor Gaming and Racing through the issue of a Limited Licence. The Licence should be provided to Council in each instance. When making application for the use of a passive recreational area, if the sale of alcohol is intended, applicants are required to comply with any requirements of both the Office of Liquor Gaming and Racing and Council.

A7.27 Companion Animals

Domestic pets may use Booroorban Sports Ground reserve where authorised by signage if they are always under the control of a responsible person and do not cause loss of amenity to other users of the land.

Dogs are not permitted to be walked off leash unless they are within Council's designated off leash exercise areas. Dog clubs are required to seek Council permission to conduct dog obedience and training activities on all community land.

A7.28 Parking

Parking is available in designated parking areas around the sports ground. Signage is dedicated to showing where parking is permitted.

APPENDIX B

SPECIFIC INFORMATION FOR RESERVE 65114

NORTH CONARGO RESERVE

APPENDIX B – NORTH CONARGO RESERVE

B2 INTRODUCTION

B2.3 Land to Which this Plan Applies

The land to which this plan applies is Crown Reserve 65114 and is Lots 7003-7005 DP 1025255 Parish North Conargo County Townsend. The reserve is located on the Carrathool Rd, north of Conargo. The land contains a total of 92,791.93 m2. The reserve for North Conargo Reserve was gazetted on 1 March 1935 and was set aside for the purpose of Access; Plantation. An aerial photograph, outlining the extents of the reserve, is shown below in **Figure B1.**

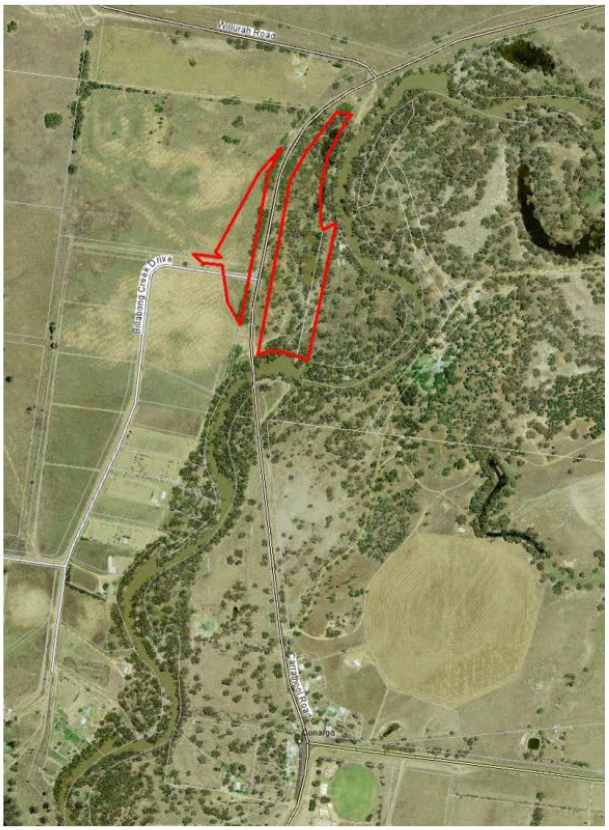

Figure B1 – Aerial Photograph of North Conargo Reserve (Reserve No. 65114)

B2.4 Land Ownership

North Conargo Reserve is owned by the Crown and is managed by Edward River Council as Crown Land Manager under the Land Management Act 2016.

B2.5 Categorisation of the Reserve

In the case of North Conargo Reserve, Council has requested and obtained initial categorisation of:

- **General Community Use** for the purpose of Access/Plantation.

The category was approved by the minister administering the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* in relation to the reserve. Council does not propose to alter the initial categories assigned by the Minister by this Plan of Management because the assigned categories most closely align with the reserved purpose of the of the land and its usage.

The core objectives for management of community land categorised as general community use are to promote, encourage and provide for the use of the land, and to provide facilities on the land, to meet the current and future needs of the local community and of the wider public:

(a) in relation to public recreation and the physical, cultural, social and intellectual welfare or development of individual members of the public, and
(b) in relation to purposes for which a lease, licence or other estate may be granted in respect of the land (other than the provision of public utilities and works associated with or ancillary to public utilities).

B3 RELEVANT LEGISLATION, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

B3.6 Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979

The land is zoned as follows under the Conargo Local Environmental Plan 2013 (LEP):

- RU 1 Primary Production

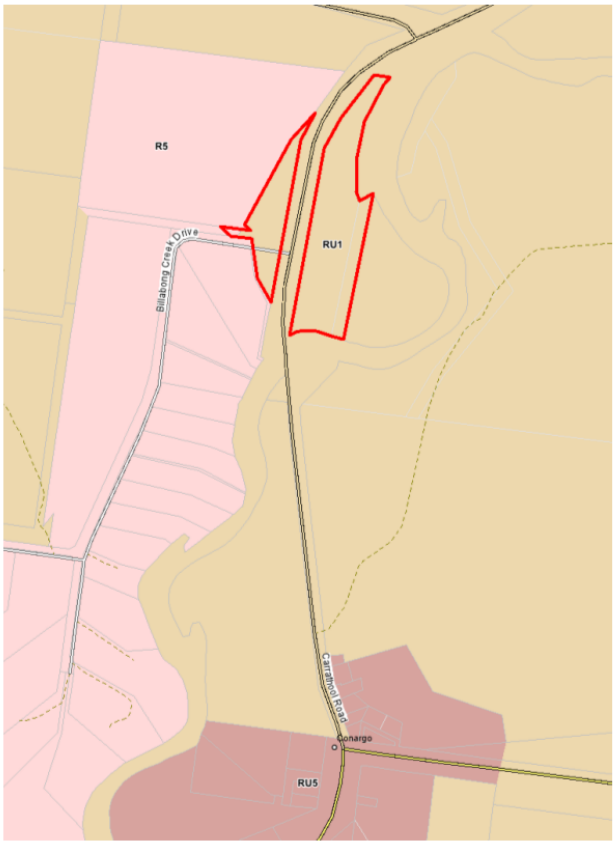

Figure B2 – Land Use Zones for Reserve No. 65114

The objectives of the land use zones are noted below in **Table B1**.

Table B1 – Objectives of Land Use Zones for Reserve No. 65114

Land Use Zone	Objectives
RU 1 – Primary Production	• To encourage sustainable primary industry production by maintaining and enhancing the natural resource base. • To encourage diversity in primary industry enterprises and systems appropriate for the area. • To minimise the fragmentation and alienation of resource lands. • To minimise conflict between land uses within this zone and land uses within adjoining zones. • To allow the development of non-agricultural land uses that are compatible with the character of the zone. • To encourage tourist and visitor accommodation that does not have an adverse impact on agricultural activities. • To allow for the development of non-agricultural land uses that are compatible with the character of the zone. • To permit small-scale rural tourism uses associated with primary production and environmental conservation that have minimal impact on primary production and the scenic amenity of the area. • To provide opportunities for employment-generating development that adds value to local agricultural production and integrates with tourism.

Details regarding permitted developments in the land use zone is included in the Conargo LEP 2013.

In addition to the Conargo LEP, the Deniliquin Development Control Plan was developed with the general aims to:

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(b) Encourage development that responds to the needs of the community.

(c) Encourage residential development of a high standard to improve the quality of the urban environment.

(d) Encourage development that respects and minimises the impacts on surrounding land and the wider environment.

(e) Encourage new development that will enhance streetscapes and vistas.

(f) Ensure that development incorporates safe, effective and convenient pedestrian, bicycle and vehicle access, movement and parking areas.

(g) Encourage energy efficiency in building design.

(h) Provide for effective and well-utilised open space with security and access for the community.

(i) Control and minimise the impact of stormwater run-off.

(j) Ensure that new development is fully integrated into Council's sewerage system wherever possible.

(k) Promote the orderly and efficient development of land to ensure that provision of services to that land is adequate.

B4 CULTURALLY SIGNIFICANT LAND

B4.1 Aboriginal Significance

North Conargo Reserve is not identified as having Aboriginal significance and is not declared under section 84 of the *National Park and Wildlife Act 1974*, however, any areas of Aboriginal significance that may be discovered are covered by this Plan of Management.

B4.2 Non-indigenous Significance

The reserve for North Conargo Reserve was gazetted on 1 March 1935 and was set aside for Access/Plantation. The North Conargo Reserve is not specifically listed under the Conargo Local Environment Plan 2013 but is represented in the plan under the zonings RU 1 Primary Production.

B5 DEVELOPMENT AND USE

B5.2 Community Strategic Plan - Outcome 1 – A great place to live

The direction for the North Conargo Reserve is captured within Outcome 1 – A great place to live

> *We love our strong sense of community, our willingness to help each other out, and the fact that our region provides an ideal environment in which to raise a family. Over the life of Edward River 2030, we want to keep our community safe, active and healthy and make sure that our public and open spaces – such as our sporting grounds, community halls, parks and gardens – provide social value and keep us connected.*

The North Conargo Reserve fits directly under Targets 1.2 – Our community is safe, happy and healthy, both physically and mentally, and Target 3 – Our community and public spaces are accessible and inclusive and reflect our history, heritage and culture. The Council's role is to promote healthy lifestyles and effectively manage community assets.

B5.4 Condition of the Land and Structures on Adoption of the Plan of Management

Section 36(3A)(a) of the *Local Government Act* requires the plan to include a description of the condition of the land and structures on adoption of the plan. The condition of the infrastructure on North Conargo Reserve upon recent inspection is shown below in **Table B2.**

Table B2 – Condition of Council Assets Located on at North Conargo Reserve

ASSET DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	CONDITION RATING 1 – Good 5 – Unserviceable
Fencing	Community Use	3

The North Conargo Reserve is functioning appropriately for the purposes of the area.

B5.5 Use of the Land and Structures at the Date of Adoption of the Plan of Management

Existing use of the reserve includes:

- Access; Plantation.

Council is willing to work with existing and potential users to expand the usage of North Conargo Reserve and this Plan of Management will provide an operational and strategic framework to effectively take advantage of those opportunities.

B5.6 Permitted Use Strategic Objectives

As previously noted, the classification of North Conargo Reserve is General Community Use with the intended purpose(s) of Access; Plantation. Under the Conargo LEP 2013, the different lots are zoned RU 1 – Primary Production. These purposes and categories align with the reserve's past and future use and the values identified in this plan.

Projects proposed by community groups and other users of the reserve must be in line with Council strategic plans and must align with the reserve purpose and core objectives for the Reserve.

Depending on the scope of the project Council may request a written proposal outlining the project and proposed location, estimated costs, scaled plans, justification for proposed works and future maintenance requirements.

B7 PLAN OF MANAGEMENT – MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE LAND

B7.26 Alcohol

Alcohol is permitted within the North Conargo Reserve at selected events if all the correct licencing procedures are followed and an application to Council is submitted and approved by whichever group.

B7.27 Companion Animals

Domestic pets may use the grounds where authorised by signage provided that they are under the control of a responsible person at all times and do not cause loss of amenity to other users of the land.

Dogs are not permitted to be walked off leash unless they are within Council's designated off leash exercise areas. Dog clubs are required to seek Council permission to conduct dog obedience and training activities on all community land.

B7.28 Parking

Parking is directly available within the North Conargo Reserve, however, no signage is dedicated to showing where parking is permitted.

APPENDIX C

SPECIFIC INFORMATION FOR RESERVE 65943

CONARGO HALL RESERVE

APPENDIX C – CONARGO HALL RESERVE

C2 INTRODUCTION

C2.3 Land to Which this Plan Applies

The land to which this plan applies is Crown Reserve 65943 and is contained in Lot 123 DP 756268, Lot 7003 DP 1025249 Parish Conargo County Townsend. The reserve is located on the Conargo Rd, North of Deniliquin. The land contains a total of 39,648.49 m2. The reserve for Conargo Hall was gazetted on 1 May 1936 and was set aside for the purpose of Public Recreation. An aerial photograph, outlining the extents of the reserve, is shown below in **Figure C1.**

Figure C1 – Aerial Photograph of Conargo Hall (Reserve No. 65943)

C2.4 Land Ownership

Conargo Hall is owned by the Crown and is managed by Edward River Council as Crown Land Manager under the Land Management Act 2016.

C2.5 Categorisation of the Reserve

In the case of Conargo Hall, Council has requested and obtained initial categorisation of:

- **Park** for the purpose of Public Recreation.

The category was approved by the minister administering the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* in relation to the reserve. Council does not propose to alter the initial categories assigned by the Minister by this Plan of Management because the assigned categories most closely align with the reserved purpose of the of the land and its usage.

The core objectives for management of community land categorised as Park use are:

(a) to encourage, promote and facilitate recreational, cultural, social and educational pastimes and activities,
(b) to provide for passive recreational activities or pastimes and for the casual playing of games, and
(c) to improve the land in such a way as to promote and facilitate its use to achieve the other core objectives for its management.

C3 RELEVANT LEGISLATION, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

C3.6 Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979

The land is zoned as follows under the Conargo Local Environmental Plan 2013 (LEP):

- RU 5 Village

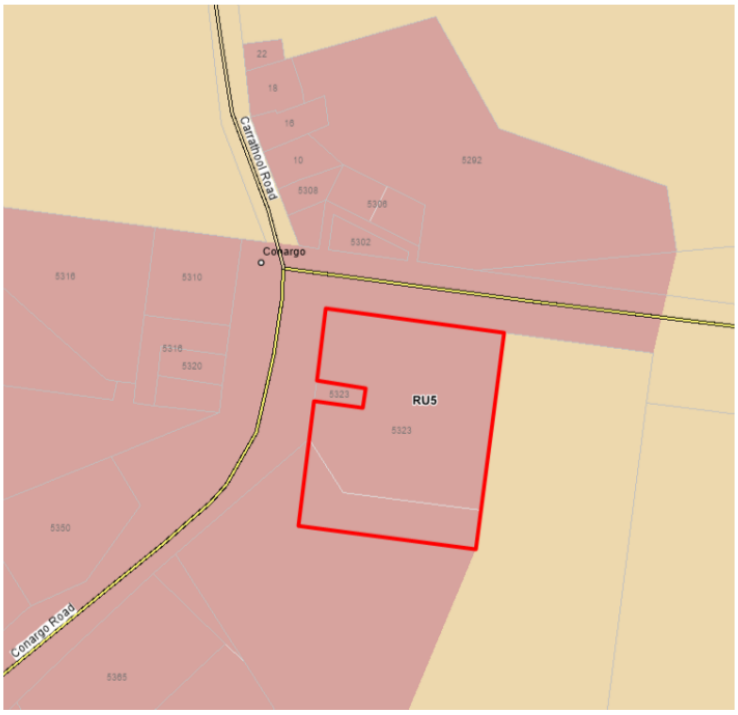

Figure C2 – Land Use Zones for Reserve No. 65943

The objectives of the land use zones are noted below in **Table C1**.

Table C1 – Objectives of Land Use Zones for Reserve No. 65943

Land Use Zone	Objectives
RU 5 – Village	• To provide for a range of land uses, services and facilities that are associated with a rural village. • To ensure that land uses are supported by satisfactory arrangements for water supply and effluent disposal. • To enable a range of housing forms and land uses that complement the character of each rural village. • To provide for land uses that support the role of the rural villages..

Details regarding permitted developments in the land use zone is included in the Conargo LEP 2013.

In addition to the Conargo LEP, the Deniliquin Development Control Plan was developed with the general aims to:

(a) Promote growth and development to support and enhance the vitality of the Central Business District.

(b) Encourage development that responds to the needs of the community.

(c) Encourage residential development of a high standard to improve the quality of the urban environment.

(d) Encourage development that respects and minimises the impacts on surrounding land and the wider environment.

(e) Encourage new development that will enhance streetscapes and vistas.

(f) Ensure that development incorporates safe, effective and convenient pedestrian, bicycle and vehicle access, movement and parking areas.

(g) Encourage energy efficiency in building design.

(h) Provide for effective and well-utilised open space with security and access for the community.

(i) Control and minimise the impact of stormwater run-off.

(j) Ensure that new development is fully integrated into Council's sewerage system wherever possible.

(k) Promote the orderly and efficient development of land to ensure that provision of services to that land is adequate.

C4 CULTURALLY SIGNIFICANT LAND

C4.1 Aboriginal Significance

Conargo Hall is not identified as having Aboriginal significance and is not declared under section 84 of the *National Park and Wildlife Act 1974*, however, any areas of Aboriginal significance that may be discovered are covered by this Plan of Management.

C4.2 Non-indigenous Significance

The reserve for Conargo Hall was gazetted on 1 May 1936 and was set aside for Public Recreation. The Conargo Hall is not specifically listed under the Conargo Local Environment Plan 2013 but is represented in the plan under the zonings RU 5 Village

C5 DEVELOPMENT AND USE

C5.2 Community Strategic Plan - Outcome 1 – A great place to live

The direction for the Conargo Hall is captured within Outcome 1 – A great place to live

> *We love our strong sense of community, our willingness to help each other out, and the fact that our region provides an ideal environment in which to raise a family. Over the life of Edward River 2030, we want to keep our community safe, active and healthy and make sure that our public and open spaces – such as our sporting grounds, community halls, parks and gardens – provide social value and keep us connected.*

The Conargo Hall fits directly under Targets 1.2 – Our community is safe, happy and healthy, both physically and mentally, and Target 3 – Our community and public spaces are accessible and inclusive and reflect our history, heritage and culture. The Council's role is to promote healthy lifestyles and effectively manage community assets.

C5.4 Condition of the Land and Structures on Adoption of the Plan of Management

Section 36(3A)(a) of the *Local Government Act* requires the plan to include a description of the condition of the land and structures on adoption of the plan. The condition of the infrastructure on Conargo Hall upon recent inspection is shown below in **Table C2.**

Table C2 – Condition of Council Assets Located on at Conargo Hall

ASSET DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	CONDITION RATING 1 – Good 5 – Unserviceable
Fencing	Community Use	2
Hall	Community Use	2
Sewer and water infrastructure	Community Use	2
Rubbish bins	Community Use	2
Roads	Community Use	2

The Conargo Hall is functioning appropriately for the purposes of the area.

C5.5 Use of the Land and Structures at the Date of Adoption of the Plan of Management

Existing use of the reserve includes:

- Community Hall.

Council is willing to work with existing and potential users to expand the usage of Conargo Hall and this Plan of Management will provide an operational and strategic framework to effectively take advantage of those opportunities.

It is noted that there currently is a Conargo Hall committee, comprising of local volunteers, that runs the day to day operations for the Hall and the reserve. The Committee works with Council regarding the Hall.

C5.6 Permitted Use Strategic Objectives

As previously noted, the classification of Conargo Hall is Park with the intended purpose(s) of Public Recreation. Under the Conargo LEP 2013, the different lots are zoned RU 5 – Village. These purposes and categories align with the reserve's past and future use and the values identified in this plan.

Projects proposed by community groups and other users of the reserve must be in line with Council strategic plans and must align with the reserve purpose and core objectives for the Reserve.

Depending on the scope of the project Council may request a written proposal outlining the project and proposed location, estimated costs, scaled plans, justification for proposed works and future maintenance requirements.

C7 PLAN OF MANAGEMENT – MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE LAND

C7.26 Alcohol

Alcohol is permitted within the Conargo Hall at selected events if all the correct licencing procedures are followed and an application to Council is submitted and approved by whichever group.

C7.27 Companion Animals

Domestic pets may use the grounds where authorised by signage provided that they are under the control of a responsible person at all times and do not cause loss of amenity to other users of the land.

Dogs are not permitted to be walked off leash unless they are within Council's designated off leash exercise areas. Dog clubs are required to seek Council permission to conduct dog obedience and training activities on all community land.

C7.28 Parking

Parking is directly available within the Conargo Hall grounds, with signage is dedicated to showing where parking is permitted.

APPENDIX D
SPECIFIC INFORMATION FOR RESERVE 85270
PRETTY PINE SPORTS GROUND RESERVE

APPENDIX D – PRETTY PINE SPORTS GROUND RESERVE

D2 INTRODUCTION

D2.3 Land to Which this Plan Applies

The land to which this plan applies is Crown Reserve 85270 and is contained in Whole: Lot 7007 DP 1023663 Parish Dahwilly County Townsend Part: Lot 7008 DP 1023663 Parish Dahwilly County Townsend. The reserve is located on the western side of the Cobb Highway at Pretty Pine. The land contains a total of 114,494.64 m2. The reserve for Pretty Pine Sports Ground was gazetted on 26 March 1965 and was set aside for the purpose of Public Recreation. An aerial photograph, outlining the extents of the reserve, is shown below in **Figure D1.**

Figure D1 – Aerial Photograph of Pretty Pine Sports Ground (Reserve No. 85270)

D2.4 Land Ownership

Pretty Pine Sports Ground reserve is owned by the Crown and is managed by Edward River Council as Crown Land Manager under the Land Management Act 2016.

D2.5 Categorisation of the Reserve

In the case of Pretty Pine Sports Ground, Council has requested and obtained initial categorisation of:

- Park for the purpose of Public Recreation.

The category was approved by the minister administering the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* in relation to the reserve. Council does not propose to alter the initial categories assigned by the Minister by this Plan of Management because the assigned categories most closely align with the reserved purposed of the of the land and its usage.

The core objectives for management of community land categorised as Park use are:

(a) to encourage, promote and facilitate recreational, cultural, social and educational pastimes and activities,
(b) to provide for passive recreational activities or pastimes and for the casual playing of games, and
(c) to improve the land in such a way as to promote and facilitate its use to achieve the other core objectives for its management.

D3 RELEVANT LEGISLATION, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

D3.6 Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979

The land is zoned as follows under the Conargo Local Environmental Plan 2013 (LEP):

- RU 1 Primary Production

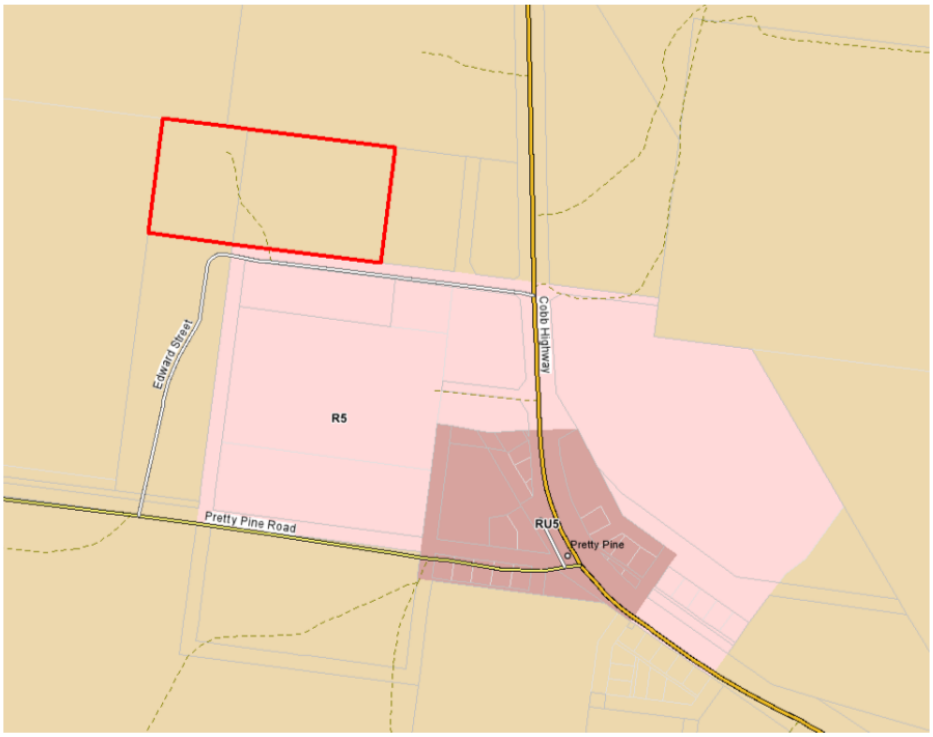

Figure D2 – Land Use Zones for Reserve No. 85270

The objectives of the land use zones are noted below in **Table D1**.

Table D1 – Objectives of Land Use Zones for Reserve No. 85270

Land Use Zone	Objectives
RU 1 – Primary Production	• To encourage sustainable primary industry production by maintaining and enhancing the natural resource base. • To encourage diversity in primary industry enterprises and systems appropriate for the area. • To minimise the fragmentation and alienation of resource lands. • To minimise conflict between land uses within this zone and land uses within adjoining zones. • To allow the development of non-agricultural land uses that are compatible with the character of the zone. • To encourage tourist and visitor accommodation that does not have an adverse impact on agricultural activities. • To allow for the development of non-agricultural land uses that are compatible with the character of the zone. • To permit small-scale rural tourism uses associated with primary production and environmental conservation that have minimal impact on primary production and the scenic amenity of the area. • To provide opportunities for employment-generating development that adds value to local agricultural production and integrates with tourism.

Details regarding permitted developments in these land use zones is included in the Conargo LEP 2013.

In addition to the Conargo LEP, the Deniliquin Development Control Plan was developed with the general aims to:

(a) Promote growth and development to support and enhance the vitality of the Central Business District.

(b) Encourage development that responds to the needs of the community.

(c) Encourage residential development of a high standard to improve the quality of the urban environment.

(d) Encourage development that respects and minimises the impacts on surrounding land and the wider environment.

(e) Encourage new development that will enhance streetscapes and vistas.

(f) Ensure that development incorporates safe, effective and convenient pedestrian, bicycle and vehicle access, movement and parking areas.

(g) Encourage energy efficiency in building design.

(h) Provide for effective and well-utilised open space with security and access for the community.

(i) Control and minimise the impact of stormwater run-off.

(j) Ensure that new development is fully integrated into Council's sewerage system wherever possible.

(k) Promote the orderly and efficient development of land to ensure that provision of services to that land is adequate.

D4 CULTURALLY SIGNIFICANT LAND

D4.1 Aboriginal Significance

Pretty Pine Sports Ground is not identified as having Aboriginal significance and is not declared under section 84 of the *National Park and Wildlife Act 1974*, however, any areas of Aboriginal significance that may be discovered are covered by this Plan of Management.

D4.2 Non-indigenous Significance

The reserve for Pretty Pine Sports Ground was gazetted on 26 March 1965 and was set aside for Public Recreation. The Pretty Pine Sports Ground is not specifically listed under the Conargo Local Environment Plan 2013 but is represented in the plan under the zonings RU 1 Primary Production.

D5 DEVELOPMENT AND USE

D5.2 Community Strategic Plan - Outcome 1 – A great place to live

The direction for the Pretty Pine Sports Ground reserve is captured within Outcome 1 – A great place to live

> *We love our strong sense of community, our willingness to help each other out, and the fact that our region provides an ideal environment in which to raise a family. Over the life of Edward River 2030, we want to keep our community safe, active and healthy and make sure that our public and open spaces – such as our sporting grounds, community halls, parks and gardens – provide social value and keep us connected.*

The Pretty Pine Sports Ground fits directly under Targets 1.2 – Our community is safe, happy and healthy, both physically and mentally, and Target 3 – Our community and public spaces are accessible and inclusive and reflect our history, heritage and culture.

D5.4 Condition of the Land and Structures on Adoption of the Plan of Management

Section 36(3A)(a) of the *Local Government Act* requires the plan to include a description of the condition of the land and structures on adoption of the plan. The condition of the infrastructure on Pretty Pine Sports Ground upon recent inspection is shown below in **Table D2.**

Table D2 – Condition of Council Assets Located on at Pretty Pine Sports Ground

ASSET DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	CONDITION RATING 1 – Good 5 – Unserviceable
Buildings	Community Use	3
Roads	Community Use	3
Water Infrastructure	Community Use	3
Grounds (lawns, gardens)	Community Use	3
Ovals	Community Use	3
Signage	Community Use	3
Fencing	Community Use	3

The Pretty Pine Sports Ground is functioning appropriately for the purposes of the area.

D5.5 Use of the Land and Structures at the Date of Adoption of the Plan of Management

Existing use of the reserve includes:

- Public Recreation.

Council is willing to work with existing and potential users to expand the usage of Pretty Pine Sports Ground and this Plan of Management will provide an operational and strategic framework to effectively take advantage of those opportunities.

D5.6 Permitted Use Strategic Objectives

As previously noted, the classification of Pretty Pine Sports Ground is Park with the intended purpose(s) of Community Purposes and an additional purpose of Rural Services. Under the Deniliquin LEP 2013, the different lots are zoned RU 1 – Primary Production. These purposes and categories align with the reserve's past and future use and the values identified in this plan.

Projects proposed by community groups and other users of the reserve must be in line with Council strategic plans and must align with the reserve purpose and core objectives for the Reserve.

Depending on the scope of the project Council may request a written proposal outlining the project and proposed location, estimated costs, scaled plans, justification for proposed works and future maintenance requirements.

D7 PLAN OF MANAGEMENT – MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE LAND

D7.26 Alcohol

Alcohol is permitted within the Pretty Pine Sports Ground reserve at selected events if all the correct licencing procedures are followed and an application to Council is submitted and approved by whichever group.

D7.27 Companion Animals

Domestic pets may use the grounds where authorised by signage provided that they are under the control of a responsible person at all times and do not cause loss of amenity to other users of the land.

Dogs are not permitted to be walked off leash unless they are within Council's designated off leash exercise areas. Dog clubs are required to seek Council permission to conduct dog obedience and training activities on all community land.

D7.28 Parking

Parking is directly available within the Pretty Pine Sports Ground, and signage is dedicated to showing where parking is permitted.

APPENDIX E

SPECIFIC INFORMATION FOR RESERVE 88854

BLIGHTY HALL & FOOTBALL GROUND RESERVE

APPENDIX E – BLIGHTY HALL & FOOTBALL GROUND

E2 INTRODUCTION

E2.3 Land to Which this Plan Applies

The land to which this plan applies is Crown Reserve 88854 and is contained Lots 67, 72 DP 756319 Parish Pungulgui County Townsend. The reserve is located on the Riverina Highway, east of Conargo. The land contains a total of 68,568.86 m2. The reserve for Blighty Hall & Football Ground was gazetted on 16 February 1973 and was set aside for the purpose of Public Hall; Public Recreation. An aerial photograph, outlining the extents of the reserve, is shown below in **Figure E1.**

Figure E1 – Aerial Photograph of Blighty Hall and Football Ground (Reserve No. 88854)

E2.4 Land Ownership

Blighty Recreational reserve is owned by the Crown and is managed by Edward River Council as Crown Land Manager under the Land Management Act 2016.

E2.5 Categorisation of the Reserve

In the case of Blighty Hall and Football Ground, Council has requested and obtained initial categorisation of:

- **General Community Use** for the purpose of Public Hall; Public Recreation.

The category was approved by the minister administering the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* in relation to the reserve. Council does not propose to alter the initial categories assigned by the Minister by this Plan of Management because the assigned categories most closely align with the reserved purposed of the of the land and its usage.

The core objectives for management of community land categorised as general community use are to promote, encourage and provide for the use of the land, and to provide facilities on the land, to meet the current and future needs of the local community and of the wider public:

(a) in relation to public recreation and the physical, cultural, social and intellectual welfare or development of individual members of the public, and
(b) in relation to purposes for which a lease, licence or other estate may be granted in respect of the land (other than the provision of public utilities and works associated with or ancillary to public utilities).

E3 RELEVANT LEGISLATION, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

E3.6 Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979

The land is zoned as follows under the Deniliquin Local Environmental Plan 2013 (LEP):

- RU 1 Primary Production

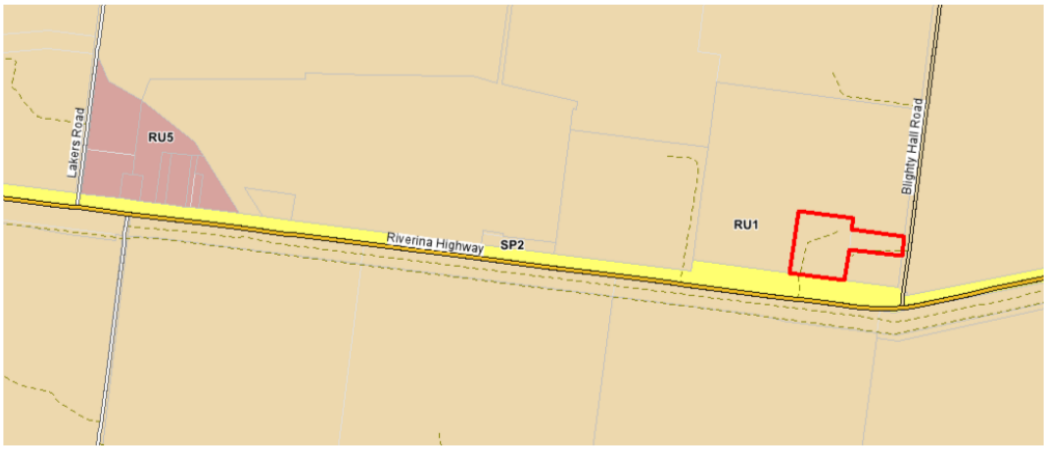

Figure E2 – Land Use Zones for Reserve No. 88854

The objectives of the land use zones are noted below in **Table E1**.

Table E1 – Objectives of Land Use Zones for Reserve No. 88854

Land Use Zone	Objectives
RU 1 – Primary Production	• To encourage sustainable primary industry production by maintaining and enhancing the natural resource base. • To encourage diversity in primary industry enterprises and systems appropriate for the area. • To minimise the fragmentation and alienation of resource lands. • To minimise conflict between land uses within this zone and land uses within adjoining zones. • To allow the development of non-agricultural land uses that are compatible with the character of the zone. • To encourage tourist and visitor accommodation that does not have an adverse impact on agricultural activities. • To allow for the development of non-agricultural land uses that are compatible with the character of the zone. • To permit small-scale rural tourism uses associated with primary production and environmental conservation that have minimal impact on primary production and the scenic amenity of the area. • To provide opportunities for employment-generating development that adds value to local agricultural production and integrates with tourism.

Details regarding permitted developments in these land use zones is included in the Conargo LEP 2013.

In addition to the Deniliquin LEP, the Deniliquin Development Control Plan was developed with the general aims to:

(a) Promote growth and development to support and enhance the vitality of the Central Business District.

(b) Encourage development that responds to the needs of the community.

(c) Encourage residential development of a high standard to improve the quality of the urban environment.

(d) Encourage development that respects and minimises the impacts on surrounding land and the wider environment.

(e) Encourage new development that will enhance streetscapes and vistas.

(f) Ensure that development incorporates safe, effective and convenient pedestrian, bicycle and vehicle access, movement and parking areas.

(g) Encourage energy efficiency in building design.

(h) Provide for effective and well-utilised open space with security and access for the community.

(i) Control and minimise the impact of stormwater run-off.

(j) Ensure that new development is fully integrated into Council's sewerage system wherever possible.

(k) Promote the orderly and efficient development of land to ensure that provision of services to that land is adequate.

E4 CULTURALLY SIGNIFICANT LAND

E4.1 Aboriginal Significance

Blighty Hall and Football Ground is not identified as having Aboriginal significance and is not declared under section 84 of the *National Park and Wildlife Act 1974*, however, any areas of Aboriginal significance that may be discovered are covered by this Plan of Management.

E4.2 Non-indigenous Significance

The reserve for Blighty Hall and Football Ground was gazetted on 16 February 1973 and was set aside for Public Hall; Public Recreation. The Blighty Hall and Football Ground is not specifically listed under the Conargo Local Environment Plan 2013 but is represented in the plan under the zoning RU 1 Primary Production.

E5 DEVELOPMENT AND USE

E5.2 Community Strategic Plan - Outcome 1 – A great place to live

The direction for the Blighty Recreational reserve is captured within Outcome 1 – A great place to live

> *We love our strong sense of community, our willingness to help each other out, and the fact that our region provides an ideal environment in which to raise a family. Over the life of Edward River 2030, we want to keep our community safe, active and healthy and make sure that our public and open spaces – such as our sporting grounds, community halls, parks and gardens – provide social value and keep us connected.*

The Blighty Hall and Football Ground fits directly under Targets 1.2 – Our community is safe, happy and healthy, both physically and mentally, and Target 3 – Our community and public spaces are accessible and inclusive and reflect our history, heritage and culture. The Council's role is to promote healthy lifestyles and effectively manage community halls and recreation reserves.

E5.4 Condition of the Land and Structures on Adoption of the Plan of Management

Section 36(3A)(a) of the *Local Government Act* requires the plan to include a description of the condition of the land and structures on adoption of the plan. The condition of the infrastructure on Blighty Hall and Football Ground upon recent inspection is shown below in **Table E2.**

Table E2 – Condition of Council Assets Located on at Blighty Hall and Football Ground

ASSET DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	CONDITION RATING 1 – Good 5 – Unserviceable
Buildings	Community Use	3
Roads	Community Use	2
Water Infrastructure	Community Use	2
Grounds (lawns, gardens)	Community Use	2
Ovals	Community Use	2
Signage	Community Use	2
Fencing	Community Use	2

The Blighty Hall and Football Ground is functioning appropriately for the purposes of the area.

E5.5 Use of the Land and Structures at the Date of Adoption of the Plan of Management

Existing use of the reserve includes:

- Public Hall
- Football Ground.

Council is willing to work with existing and potential users to expand the usage of Blighty Recreational reserve and this Plan of Management will provide an operational and strategic framework to effectively take advantage of those opportunities.

E5.6 Permitted Use Strategic Objectives

As previously noted, the classification of Blighty Recreational reserve is General Community Use with the intended purpose(s) of Community Centre. Under the Conargo LEP 2013, the different lots are zoned RU 1 – Primary Production. These purposes and categories align with the reserve's past and future use and the values identified in this plan.

Projects proposed by community groups and other users of the reserve must be in line with Council strategic plans and must align with the reserve purpose and core objectives for the Reserve.

Depending on the scope of the project Council may request a written proposal outlining the project and proposed location, estimated costs, scaled plans, justification for proposed works and future maintenance requirements.

E7 PLAN OF MANAGEMENT – MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE LAND

E7.26 Alcohol

Alcohol is permitted within the Blighty Hall and Football Ground at selected events if all the correct licencing procedures are followed and an application to Council is submitted and approved by whichever group.

E7.27 Companion Animals

Domestic pets may use the grounds where authorised by signage provided that they are under the control of a responsible person at all times and do not cause loss of amenity to other users of the land.

Dogs are not permitted to be walked off leash unless they are within Council's designated off leash exercise areas. Dog clubs are required to seek Council permission to conduct dog obedience and training activities on all community land.

E7.28 Parking

Parking is directly available along within the Blighty Recreational Reserve. Signage is dedicated to showing where parking is permitted.

APPENDIX F
SPECIFIC INFORMATION FOR RESERVE 97439
BOOROORBAN HALL RESERVE

APPENDIX F – BOOROORBAN HALL RESERVE

F2 INTRODUCTION

F2.3 Land to Which this Plan Applies

The land to which this plan applies is Crown Reserve 97439 and is contained Lot 11 Section 15 DP 758138, Lot 7306 DP 1157228 Parish Booroorban County Townsend. The reserve is located on the eastern side of Booroorban township. The land contains a total of 15,803.69 m2. The reserve for Booroorban Hall was gazetted on 21 September 1984 and was set aside for the purpose of Community Purposes, with the additional purpose of rural services (29 Mar 2018 (s121a). with an additional purpose of rural services. An aerial photograph, outlining the extents of the reserve, is shown below in **Figure F1.**

Figure F1 – Aerial Photograph of Booroorban Hall (Reserve No. 97439)

F2.4 Land Ownership

Booroorban Hall reserve is owned by the Crown and is managed by Edward River Council as Crown Land Manager under the Land Management Act 2016.

F2.5 Categorisation of the Reserve

In the case of Booroorban Hall, Council has requested and obtained initial categorisation of:

- **General Community Use** for the purpose of Community Purposes.

The category was approved by the minister administering the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* in relation to the reserve. Council does not propose to alter the initial categories assigned by the Minister by this Plan of Management because the assigned categories most closely align with the reserved purposed of the of the land and its usage.

The core objectives for management of community land categorised as general community use are to promote, encourage and provide for the use of the land, and to provide facilities on the land, to meet the current and future needs of the local community and of the wider public:

(a) in relation to public recreation and the physical, cultural, social and intellectual welfare or development of individual members of the public, and
(b) in relation to purposes for which a lease, licence or other estate may be granted in respect of the land (other than the provision of public utilities and works associated with or ancillary to public utilities).

F3 RELEVANT LEGISLATION, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

F3.6 Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979

The land is zoned as follows under the Conargo Local Environmental Plan 2013 (LEP):

- RU 1 Primary Production

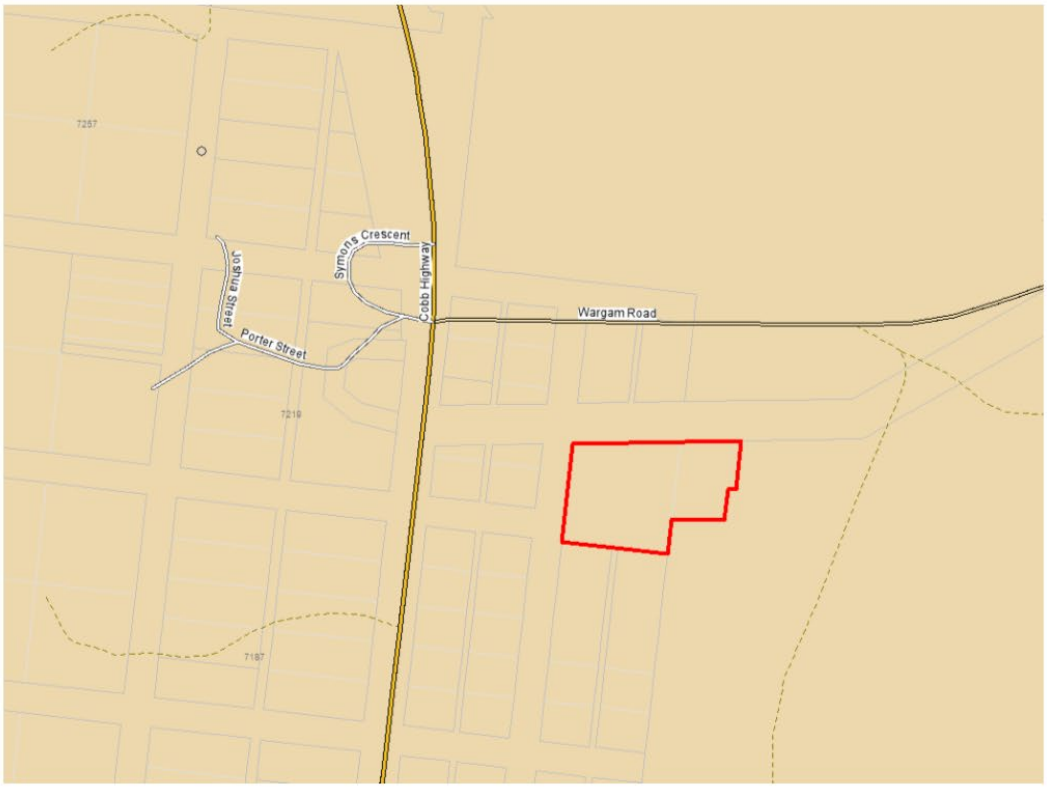

Figure F2 – Land Use Zones for Reserve No. 97439

The objectives of the land use zones are noted below in **Table F1**.

Table F1 – Objectives of Land Use Zones for Reserve No. 97439

Land Use Zone	Objectives
RU 1 – Primary Production	• To encourage sustainable primary industry production by maintaining and enhancing the natural resource base. • To encourage diversity in primary industry enterprises and systems appropriate for the area. • To minimise the fragmentation and alienation of resource lands. • To minimise conflict between land uses within this zone and land uses within adjoining zones. • To allow the development of non-agricultural land uses that are compatible with the character of the zone. • To encourage tourist and visitor accommodation that does not have an adverse impact on agricultural activities. • To allow for the development of non-agricultural land uses that are compatible with the character of the zone. • To permit small-scale rural tourism uses associated with primary production and environmental conservation that have minimal impact on primary production and the scenic amenity of the area. • To provide opportunities for employment-generating development that adds value to local agricultural production and integrates with tourism.

Details regarding permitted developments in these land use zones is included in the Conargo LEP 2013.

In addition to the Deniliquin LEP, the Deniliquin Development Control Plan was developed with the general aims to:

(a) Promote growth and development to support and enhance the vitality of the Central Business District.

(b) Encourage development that responds to the needs of the community.

(c) Encourage residential development of a high standard to improve the quality of the urban environment.

(d) Encourage development that respects and minimises the impacts on surrounding land and the wider environment.

(e) Encourage new development that will enhance streetscapes and vistas.

(f) Ensure that development incorporates safe, effective and convenient pedestrian, bicycle and vehicle access, movement and parking areas.

(g) Encourage energy efficiency in building design.

(h) Provide for effective and well-utilised open space with security and access for the community.

(i) Control and minimise the impact of stormwater run-off.

(j) Ensure that new development is fully integrated into Council's sewerage system wherever possible.

(k) Promote the orderly and efficient development of land to ensure that provision of services to that land is adequate.

F4 CULTURALLY SIGNIFICANT LAND

F4.1 Aboriginal Significance

Booroorban Hall is not identified as having Aboriginal significance and is not declared under section 84 of the *National Park and Wildlife Act 1974*, however, any areas of Aboriginal significance that may be discovered are covered by this Plan of Management.

F4.2 Non-indigenous Significance

The reserve for Booroorban Hall was gazetted on 21 September 1984 and was set aside for Community Purposes. The Booroorban Hall is not specifically listed under the Conargo Local Environment Plan 2013 but is represented in the plan under the zonings RU 1 Primary Production.

F5 DEVELOPMENT AND USE

F5.2 Community Strategic Plan - Outcome 1 – A great place to live

The direction for the Booroorban Hall reserve is captured within Outcome 1 – A great place to live

> *We love our strong sense of community, our willingness to help each other out, and the fact that our region provides an ideal environment in which to raise a family. Over the life of Edward River 2030, we want to keep our community safe, active and healthy and make sure that our public and open spaces – such as our sporting grounds, community halls, parks and gardens – provide social value and keep us connected.*

The Booroorban Hall fits directly under Targets 1.2 – Our community is safe, happy and healthy, both physically and mentally, and Target 3 – Our community and public spaces are accessible and inclusive and reflect our history, heritage and culture.

F5.4 Condition of the Land and Structures on Adoption of the Plan of Management

Section 36(3A)(a) of the *Local Government Act* requires the plan to include a description of the condition of the land and structures on adoption of the plan. The condition of the infrastructure on Booroorban Hall upon recent inspection is shown below in **Table F2.**

Table F2 – Condition of Council Assets Located on at Booroorban Hall

ASSET DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	CONDITION RATING 1 – Good 5 – Unserviceable
Buildings	Community Use	3
Roads	Community Use	4
Water Infrastructure	Community Use	3
Grounds (lawns, gardens)	Community Use	4
Signage	Community Use	3
Fencing	Community Use	2

The Booroorban Hall is functioning appropriately for the purposes of the area.

F5.5 Use of the Land and Structures at the Date of Adoption of the Plan of Management

Existing use of the reserve includes:

- Community Purposes.

Council is willing to work with existing and potential users to expand the usage of Booroorban Hall and this Plan of Management will provide an operational and strategic framework to effectively take advantage of those opportunities.

F5.6 Permitted Use Strategic Objectives

As previously noted, the classification of Booroorban Hall is General Community Use with the intended purpose(s) of Community Purposes and an additional purpose of Rural Services. Under the Deniliquin LEP 2013, the different lots are zoned RU 1 – Primary Production. These purposes and categories align with the reserve's past and future use and the values identified in this plan.

Projects proposed by community groups and other users of the reserve must be in line with Council strategic plans and must align with the reserve purpose and core objectives for the Reserve.

Depending on the scope of the project Council may request a written proposal outlining the project and proposed location, estimated costs, scaled plans, justification for proposed works and future maintenance requirements.

F7 PLAN OF MANAGEMENT – MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE LAND

F7.26 Alcohol

Alcohol is permitted within the Booroorban Hall reserve at selected events if all the correct licencing procedures are followed and an application to Council is submitted and approved by whichever group.

F7.27 Companion Animals

Domestic pets may use the grounds where authorised by signage provided that they are under the control of a responsible person at all times and do not cause loss of amenity to other users of the land.

Dogs are not permitted to be walked off leash unless they are within Council's designated off leash exercise areas. Dog clubs are required to seek Council permission to conduct dog obedience and training activities on all community land.

F7.28 Parking

Parking is directly available within the Booroorban Hall, however, no signage is dedicated to showing where parking is permitted.

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SPECIFIC INFORMATION FOR RESERVE 150050
WOODBURY WOODLOT

APPENDIX G – WOODBURY WOODLOT RESERVE

G2 INTRODUCTION

G2.3 Land to Which this Plan Applies

The land to which this plan applies is Crown Reserve 150050 and is contained in Lot 209 DP 756305 Parish Narrama County Townsend. The reserve is located on the Woodbury Rd. The land contains a total of 8,109.02 m2. The reserve for Woodbury Woodlot was gazetted on, 8 April 1993 and 24 April 1997 and was set aside for the purpose of Environmental Protection and Recreation. An aerial photograph, outlining the extents of the reserve, is shown below in **Figure G1.**

Figure G1 – Aerial Photograph of Woodbury Woodlot (Reserve No. 150050)

G2.4 Land Ownership

Woodbury Woodlot 150050 is owned by the Crown and is managed by Edward River Council as Crown Land Manager under the Land Management Act 2016.

G2.5 Categorisation of the Reserve

In the case of Woodbury Woodlot, Council has requested and obtained initial categorisation of:

- **Natural Area - Bushland** for the purpose of Environmental Protection.

The category was approved by the minister administering the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* in relation to the reserve. Council does not propose to alter the initial categories assigned by the Minister by this Plan of Management because the assigned categories most closely align with the reserved purpose of the of the land and its usage.

The core objectives for management of community land categorised as a natural area are:

(a) to conserve biodiversity and maintain ecosystem function in respect of the land, or the feature or habitat in respect of which the land is categorised as a natural area, and
(b) to maintain the land, or that feature or habitat, in its natural state and setting, and
(c) to provide for the restoration and regeneration of the land, and
(d) to provide for community use of and access to the land in such a manner as will minimise and mitigate any disturbance caused by human intrusion, and
(e) to assist in and facilitate the implementation of any provisions restricting the use and management of the land that are set out in a recovery plan or threat abatement plan prepared under the Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995 or the Fisheries Management Act 1994.

The core objectives for management of community land categorised as bushland are:

(a) to ensure the ongoing ecological viability of the land by protecting the ecological biodiversity and habitat values of the land, the flora and fauna (including invertebrates, fungi and micro-organisms) of the land and other ecological values of the land, and
(b) to protect the aesthetic, heritage, recreational, educational and scientific values of the land, and
(c) to promote the management of the land in a manner that protects and enhances the values and quality of the land and facilitates public enjoyment of the land, and to implement measures directed to minimising or mitigating any disturbance caused by human intrusion, and
(d) to restore degraded bushland, and
(e) to protect existing landforms such as natural drainage lines, watercourses and foreshores, and
(f) to retain bushland in parcels of a size and configuration that will enable the existing plant and animal communities to survive in the long term, and
(g) to protect bushland as a natural stabiliser of the soil surface.

G3 RELEVANT LEGISLATION, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

G3.6 Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979

The land is zoned as follows under the Conargo Local Environmental Plan 2013 (LEP):

- RU 1 Primary Production

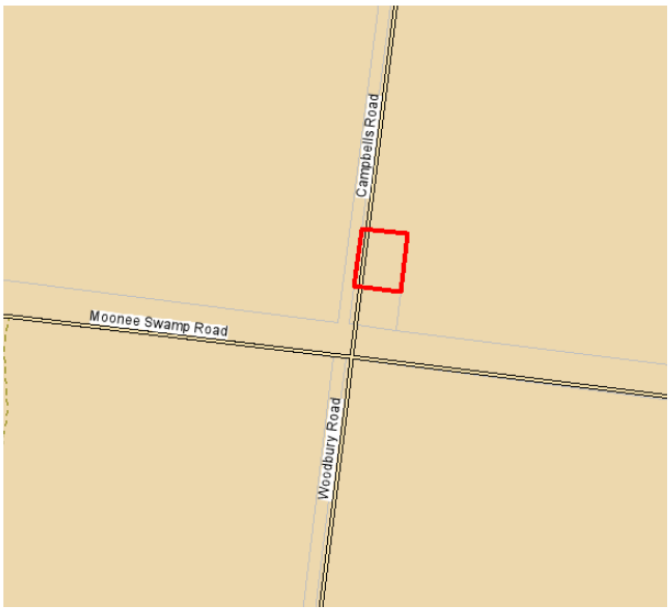

Figure G2 – Land Use Zones for Reserve No. 150050

The objectives of the land use zones are noted below in **Table G1**.

Table G1 – Objectives of Land Use Zones for Reserve No. 150050

Land Use Zone	Objectives
RU 1 – Primary Production	• To encourage sustainable primary industry production by maintaining and enhancing the natural resource base. • To encourage diversity in primary industry enterprises and systems appropriate for the area. • To minimise the fragmentation and alienation of resource lands. • To minimise conflict between land uses within this zone and land uses within adjoining zones. • To allow the development of non-agricultural land uses that are compatible with the character of the zone. • To encourage tourist and visitor accommodation that does not have an adverse impact on agricultural activities.

Land Use Zone	Objectives
	• To allow for the development of non-agricultural land uses that are compatible with the character of the zone. • To permit small-scale rural tourism uses associated with primary production and environmental conservation that have minimal impact on primary production and the scenic amenity of the area. • To provide opportunities for employment-generating development that adds value to local agricultural production and integrates with tourism.

Details regarding permitted developments in the land use zone is included in the Conargo LEP 2013.

In addition to the Conargo LEP, the Deniliquin Development Control Plan was developed with the general aims to:

(a) Promote growth and development to support and enhance the vitality of the Central Business District.

(b) Encourage development that responds to the needs of the community.

(c) Encourage residential development of a high standard to improve the quality of the urban environment.

(d) Encourage development that respects and minimises the impacts on surrounding land and the wider environment.

(e) Encourage new development that will enhance streetscapes and vistas.

(f) Ensure that development incorporates safe, effective and convenient pedestrian, bicycle and vehicle access, movement and parking areas.

(g) Encourage energy efficiency in building design.

(h) Provide for effective and well-utilised open space with security and access for the community.

(i) Control and minimise the impact of stormwater run-off.

(j) Ensure that new development is fully integrated into Council's sewerage system wherever possible.

(k) Promote the orderly and efficient development of land to ensure that provision of services to that land is adequate.

G4 CULTURALLY SIGNIFICANT LAND

G4.1 Aboriginal Significance

Woodbury Woodlot is not identified as having Aboriginal significance and is not declared under section 84 of the *National Park and Wildlife Act 1974*, however, any areas of Aboriginal significance that may be discovered are covered by this Plan of Management.

G4.2 Non-indigenous Significance

The reserve for Woodbury Woodlot was gazetted on 08 April 1993 and was set aside for Environmental Protection. The Woodbury Woodlot is not specifically listed under the Conargo Local Environment Plan 2013 but is represented in the plan under the zonings RU 1 Primary Production.

G5 DEVELOPMENT AND USE

G5.2 Outcome 1 – A great place to live

The direction for the Woodbury Woodlot is captured within Outcome 1 – A great place to live

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The Woodbury Woodlot fits directly under Targets 1.2 – Our community is safe, happy and healthy, both physically and mentally, and Target 3 – Our community and public spaces are accessible and inclusive and reflect our history, heritage and culture. The Council's role is to promote healthy lifestyles and effectively manage community assets.

G5.4 Condition of the Land and Structures on Adoption of the Plan of Management

Section 36(3A)(a) of the *Local Government Act* requires the plan to include a description of the condition of the land and structures on adoption of the plan. The condition of the infrastructure on Woodbury Woodlot upon recent inspection is shown below in **Table G2.**

Table G2 – Condition of Council Assets Located on at Woodbury Woodlot

ASSET DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	CONDITION RATING 1 – Good 5 – Unserviceable
Fencing	Community Use	3

The Woodbury Woodlot is functioning appropriately for the purposes of the area.

G5.5 Use of the Land and Structures at the Date of Adoption of the Plan of Management

Existing use of the reserve includes:

- Environmental Protection.

Council is willing to work with existing and potential users to expand the usage of Woodbury Woodlot and this Plan of Management will provide an operational and strategic framework to effectively take advantage of those opportunities.

G5.6 Permitted Use Strategic Objectives

As previously noted, the classification of Woodbury Woodlot is Natural Area – Bushland with the intended purpose(s) of Preservation of Fauna, Public Recreation. Under the Conargo LEP 2013, the different lots are zoned RU 1 – Primary Production. These purposes and categories align with the reserve's past and future use and the values identified in this plan.

Projects proposed by community groups and other users of the reserve must be in line with Council strategic plans and must align with the reserve purpose and core objectives for the Reserve.

Depending on the scope of the project Council may request a written proposal outlining the project and proposed location, estimated costs, scaled plans, justification for proposed works and future maintenance requirements.

G7 PLAN OF MANAGEMENT – MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE LAND

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Dogs are not permitted to be walked off leash unless they are within Council's designated off leash exercise areas. Dog clubs are required to seek Council permission to conduct dog obedience and training activities on all community land.

G7.28 Parking

Parking is not available within the Woodbury Woodlot, however, parking along the roadside is possible. No signage is dedicated to showing where parking is permitted.

APPENDIX H

NATIVE TITLE ASSESSMENT

The Crown Land Management Act 2016 – Section 8.7 (1) (d) requires that Council as Crown Land Manager obtains the written advice of its Native Title Manager prior to its approval or submission for approval of a plan of management for the land that authorises or permits any kinds of dealings referred to in Section 8.7.

1 The Land to which this report applies

The land to which the Plan of Management applies is shown below in **Table G1**.

Table G1 – Land to Which this Report Applies

Reserve Number	Reserve Description	Land Description	Reserve Gazettal Date
57705	Boorooban Sports Ground	Lot 7308 DP 1157228	9 January 1925
65114	North Conargo Reserve	Lots 7003-7005 DP 1025255	1 March 1935
65943	Conargo Hall	Lot 123 DP 756268, Lot 7003 DP 1025249	1 May 1936
85270	Pretty Pine Sports Ground	Whole: Lot 7007 DP 1023663, Part: Lot 7008 DP 1023663	26 March 1965
88854	Blighty Hall and Football Ground	Lots 67, 72 DP 756319	16 February 1973
97439	Boorooban Hall	Lot 11 Section 15 DP 758138, Lot 7306 DP 1157228	21 September 1984
150050	Woodbury Woodlot	Lot 209 DP 756305	8 April 1993, 24 April 1997

Edward River Council is the Crown Land Manager of the Land. The management and use of the and is subject to the provisions contained in the Crown Land Management Act 2016.

2. Details of activity on Crown Land

This Plan of Management has been prepared by Council and provides direction as to the use and management of the reserves included in the Plan.

The Plan of Management is required in accordance with Section 3.23 of the Crown Lands Management Act 2016 and Section 36 of the Local Government Act 1993.

The Plan of Management outlines the way the reserve will be used and provides the framework for Council to follow in relation to the Leasing, Licencing and Permit processes for the land.

The Plan of Management also provides for the granting of easements over the land and the further development of the land, buildings and infrastructure on the land.

The Plan of Management provides strict guidelines such that each activity requires a Native Title Assessment and validation under the Native Title Act 1993 to carried out by Council's Native Title Manager prior to the commencement or approval of that activity.

The Plan of Management is clear that the management of those activities that could be consider to a future act must consider the reserve purpose for the land.

Accordingly, the activities authorised under the Plan of Management could be validated under Subdivision J of the Native Title Act 1993.

2a. Is the activity a future act?

The Plan of Management provides authorisation for granting of leases, licences and other Estates over the land and the granting of easements and further development of the land, buildings and infrastructure on the land. These activities could be a future act within the meaning of Section 233 of the Native Title Act 1993.

2b. If it is, why? if it is not, why not?

The activities authorised under the Plan of Management could be a future act within the meaning of Section 233 of the Native Title Act 1993.

3. If the activity is a future act, which of the following subdivisions of the future act regime under the Native Title Act 1993 validate it?

The authorisation of the activities that could be considered a future act within the Plan of Management provides for the activity to be carried out in accordance with the reserve purpose of the land.

The Plan of Management does not provide authorisation for any activity that is not in accordance with the reserve purpose of the land.

Accordingly, the activities could be validated under Subdivision J of the Native Title Act 1993.

4. Requirements to notify any representative body.

The Plan of Management provides strict guidelines such that each activity requires a Native Title assessment and validation under the Native Title Act 1993 to be carried out by Council's Native Title Manager prior to the commencement or approval of that activity.

Notification will be assessed on a case by case basis and parties will be notifies when an activity is assessed.

As the Plan of Management authorises activities that could be future acts within the meaning of Section 233 of the Native Title Act 1993. Council will notify NTSCorp and the Deniliquin Aboriginal Land Council prior to adoption of the plan.

Requirement	Section 24JA	Requirement satisfied
The reservation was created on or before 23 December 1996; and	s.24JA(1)(a)	Yes
The reservation was valid; and	s.24JA(1)(b)	Yes
The creation of the reservation was done by the Crown (the Commonwealth or State); and	s.24JA(1)(c)	Yes
The whole or part of any land or waters under the reservation was to be used for a particular purpose; and	s.24JA(1)(d)	Yes
The issue of the licence is done in good faith under or in accordance with the reservation, or	s.24JA(1)(e)(i)	Yes
In the area covered by the reservation, so long as the act's impact on Native Title is no longer greater than the impact that any act that could have been done under or in accordance with the reservation would have had	s.24JA(1)(e)(ii)	Yes

Summary:

The Plan of Management authorises activities that could be considered as future acts within the meaning of Section 233 of the Native Title Act 1993.

The Plan of Management guidelines provide that those activities are only to be authorised if they are in accordance with the reserve purpose of the land.

Those activities that are consistent with the reserve purpose of the land may be validated under Subdivision J if the land was subject to a reservation created prior to 23 December 1996 and the reservation was done by the Crown.

Therefore, requirements of S24JA(1) (a)-(e) are met.

s.24JA(1)(a) is satisfied as the relevant land was subject to reservation created before 23 December 1996.

s.24JA(1)(b) is satisfied as the Reserve was notified in the Government Gazetted of 2 May 1986.

s.24JA(1)(c) is satisfied as the reservation was carried out by the Crown under the provision of the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, such reservation has been carried out by a statutory power, exercised by the minister on behalf of the Crown.

s.24JA(1)(d) is satisfied as the land was to be used for a specific purpose being a reservation under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act which reserved the land from sale for the purpose of Public Recreation.

s.24JA(1)(e) (ii) is satisfied as the adoption of a Plan of Management that authorises activities to be done in accordance with the reservation purpose in the area covered by the reservation, so long as the act's impact on native title is no longer greater than the impact that any act that could have been done under or in accordance with the reservation would have had.

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1 KEY INFORMATION

This Plan of Management has been prepared by Edward River Council (Council) to provide direction regarding the use and management of the following reserves:

- Waring Gardens - Reserve no. 550028
- McFaulls Park - Reserve no. 550036
- Harfleur St Boat Ramp (Mathews Park) - Reserve no. 1000443
- J.P. Burchfield Park - Reserve no. 550034
- Deniliquin Oval - Reserve no. 77085
- Deniliquin Sports Park - Reserve no. 150007
- Deniliquin Swimming Centre Reserve - Reserve no. 88772
- Deniliquin Town Hall - Reserve no. 1000166
- Deniliquin VRA Site - Reserve no. 96339

This Plan of Management is required in accordance with Section 3.23 of the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* and Section 36 of the *Local Government Act 1993* and outlines the way the reserve will be used and provides the framework for Council to follow in relation to the Leasing, Licensing and Permit processes for the land. The plan may be used to determine the allocation of resources and funds.

2 INTRODUCTION

2.1 Background

Edward River Council was proclaimed on 12 May 2016, following the amalgamation of the former Conargo Shire Council and Deniliquin Council into one strong, cohesive and dynamic organisation. Deniliquin is located approximately 725km southwest of Sydney and 285km northeast of Melbourne. The Council is situated within the Murray region of New South Wales and close to the Victorian border. It shares borders with Hay Shire to the north, Murrumbidgee Council to the east, Murray River Council to the south-west and Berrigan Council to south-east.

The Council provides services and support to a community of approximately 9,000 permanent residents across a region covering 8,881 square kilometres, including the town of Deniliquin and the six rural villages of Blighty, Booroorban, Conargo, Pretty Pine and Wanganella. A map of the local government area is shown below in **Figure 1**.

Figure 1 - Edward River Council Local Government Area

Edward River Council is responsible for care and control of many community land parcels. With the introduction of the Crown Land Management Act 2016, Council has been appointed the Crown Land Manager for many Crown reserves within its jurisdiction under the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

2.2 Strategic and Corporate Objectives

Edward River Council has set out several strategic objectives in the Community Strategic Plan, as shown below in **Figure 2**:

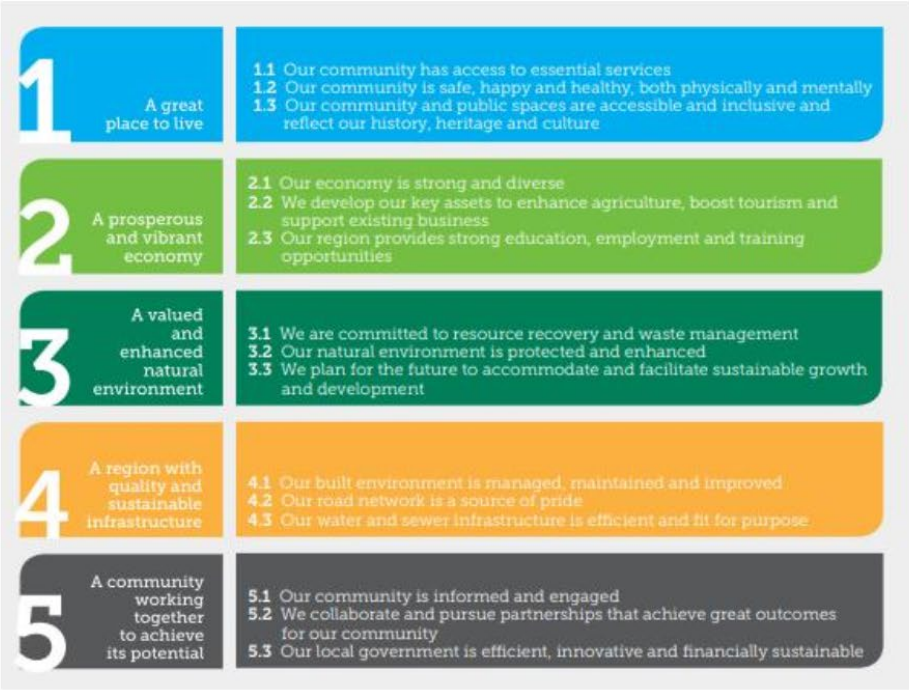

Figure 2 – Edward River Council's Strategic Objectives from the Community Strategic Plan

2.3 Land to Which this Plan Applies

The land details for each reserve to which this plan applies are shown in the relevant sections of **Appendices A** to **I**.

2.4 Land Ownership

The land ownership details for each reserve to which this plan applies are shown in the relevant sections of **Appendices A** to **I**.

2.5 Categorisation of the Reserve

Under Section 3.23(2) of the Crown Land management Act 2016, Council Crown Land managers must assign to all Crown Land under their management one or more initial categories of community land referred to in section 36 of the Local Government Act 1993.

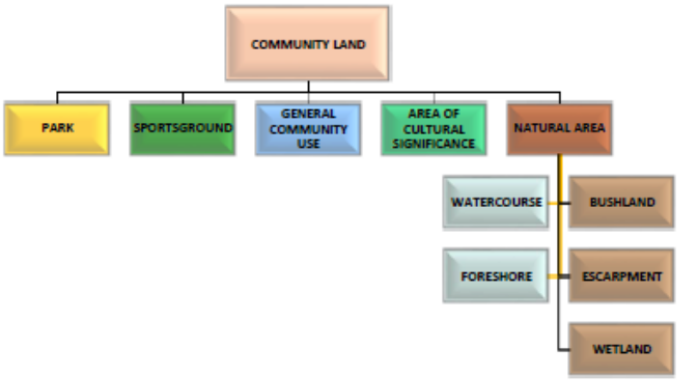

Figure 3 – Categories of Community Land referred to in Section 36 of the *Local Government Act 1993*

Council must assign a category that they consider to be most closely related to the purpose(s) that the land is dedicated or reserved.

The degree to which the reserve purpose relates to the assigned category of the land is important for ongoing management of the land. This is because Council must obtain Native Title Manager advice as to the validity of the activities that they wish to undertake on the land prior to dealing with it.

Both the Aboriginal Land Rights Act and the Native Title Act recognise the intent of the original reserve purpose of the land so that complying activities can be considered lawful or validated, particularly under Section J of the *Native Title Act 1993*.

The specific land categories for each reserve to which this plan applies are shown in the relevant sections of **Appendices A** to **I**.

Activities of the land will reflect the intent of the public purpose and will be assessed for compliance with relevant Local Government and Crown Lands legislation. This includes assessment of that activity under the *Native Title Act 1993* and registered claims under the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983.*

Use of the land for any activity is subject to the application and approval. Assessment will consider compliance with the objectives and relationship to that impact on the public purpose for the which the land was set aside. Other uses that do not comply with this Plan of Management or zoning of the land under Council's Local Environmental Plan will not be considered.

3 RELEVANT LEGISLATION, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

3.1 Local Government Act 1993 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021

Under section 36(1) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Plans of Management must be prepared for all community land. Community land is land which is kept for use of the general public. Clause 101(2) of the *Local Government General Regulation 2021* requires Council to have regard to the guidelines for categorisation of community land set out in Clauses 102 to 111 of that regulation.

This Plan of Management has been prepared in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993* using the land categories approved by the Minister administering the *Crown Land Management Act 2016*. The minimum requirements for a Plan of Management are set out under section 36(3) of the *Local Government Act 1993.*

A Plan of Management must identify

- the category of the land
- the objective and performance targets of the plan with respect to the land
- the means by which Council proposes to assess its performance with respect to the plan's objectives and performance targets

These conditions may require the approval of Council for the carrying out of any specified activity on the land.

Section 36 (3A) specifies that for Plans of Management that are specific to one area of land, must also describe

- the condition of the land as at the adoption of the plan
- the buildings on the land as at adoption, and
- the use of the buildings and the land as at adoption
  Additionally, the Plan must also state the purposes for which the land will be allowed to be used and the scale and intensity of that use.

Sections 36E – 36N of the *Local Government Act 1993* specifies the core objectives for the management of each category of community land.

3.2 Crown Land Management Act 2016

Division 3.6 of the *Crown Lands Management Act 2016* deals with the requirements that Council must meet in relation to Plans of Management and other Plans.

Section 3.23(6) of the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* requires Council to adopt a Plan of Management for any Crown reserve for which it is appointed Crown Land Manager, and that is classified as community land under the *Local Government Act 1993*.

3.3 Native Title Act 1993 (Federal)

The native title process must be considered for each activity on the land and a native title assessment must be undertaken. Almost all activities and public works carried out on the land will affect native title and require validation of the future act procedures in Division 3 of the *Native Title Act* by Council's Native Title Manager.

All activities on the land must address the issue of native title. Whilst a successful claim for native title will lead to official recognition of native title rights, native title rights are considered to pre-date such recognition. Native title can therefore be relevant to activities carried out on the land even if no native title claim has been made or registered.

3.4 Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983

In New South Wales, Aboriginal Land Rights sits alongside native title and allows Aboriginal Land Council's to claim 'claimable' Crown land.

Generally, the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act* is directed at allowing Council's to claim Crown land that is unlawfully used or occupied. If a claim is successful, the freehold estate of the land is transferred to the Land Council.

Council is mindful that any activity on Crown land is lawful in relation to the reserve purpose of the land and that it ensures that Crown land under its control is always lawfully used and occupied.

When planning an activity of the land such as the issue of a lease or licence or any public works, Council is expected to search to determine whether an Aboriginal Land Rights claim has been made in relation to the land. If a claim is registered, the activity must be postponed until the claim is resolved.

Strategies which allow Council to validly carry out a project or activity under the *Native Title Act* may not deal with project risks arising in relation to the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act*.

3.5 Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016

Council has legislative responsibility under this Act to appropriately manage Threatened Species Populations and Vulnerable or Endangered Ecological Communities and their habitats wherever they occur despite the categorisation of the land.

Where identified Council is bound by the Act to take any appropriate action necessary to implement measures and must not make decisions that are inconsistent with the provisions of any Threat Abatement or Recovery Plan.

3.6 Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979

The specific land use zoning for each reserve to which this plan applies are shown in the relevant sections of **Appendices A** to **I**.

3.7 Council Plans, Strategies, Policies and Procedures

This Plan of Management is to be used in conjunction with the appropriate Council plans, policies and procedures that govern the use and management of community land and any facilities located on the land.

Additional Council policies, plans and strategies adopted after the date of this plan that have relevance to the planning, use and management of community land will apply as though they were in force at the date of adoption of the Plan of Management.

3.8 Legislation and Statutory Control

This Plan of Management does not overrule existing legislation that also applies to the management of community land.

Other legislation and policies to be considered in the management process include, but are not limited to:

- *Public Works Act 1912* (as amended);
- *Local Land Services Act 2013;*
- *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016;*
- *Water Management Act 2000;*
- *Companion Animals Act 1998;*
- *Rural Fires Act 1997;*
- *Rural Fires and Environmental Assessment Legislation Amendment Act 2002;*
- *Biosecurity Act 2015;*
- *Pesticides Act 1999;*
- *State Environmental Planning Policies;*
- *Deniliquin Local Environmental Plan 2013;*
- *Conargo Local Environmental Plan 2013;*
- *Deniliquin Development Control Plans 2016;*
- *Guidelines supporting development control plans; and*
- *Council plans, strategies, policies, procedures and guidelines, generally, as amended.*

3.9 Reclassification of Reserves

From time to time certain parcels of Community land may be identified as surplus to the existing and future needs of the community. Section 3.21 of the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* outlines provisions of Management of dedicated or reserved Crown land within meaning of the *Local Government Act 1993.* Section 3.21 (2) advises that a Council manager is authorised to manage its dedicated or reserved Crown land as if it were community land or operational land but only as permitted or required by Division 3.4 of the *Crown Land Management Act 2016*.

3.10 Review of this Plan

The use and management of the listed reserves is regulated by this Plan of Management. Whilst the guidelines and principles outlined in the Plan may be suitable at present, the Plan should be reviewed from time to time, to confirm its relevance.

The review of this Plan of Management will take place within five (5) years of adoption of this plan.

3.11 Community Consultation

Consultation with the community is an important part of the preparation of this Plan of Management. Consultation gives Council a better understanding of the range of local issues affecting the use and enjoyment of the land to which this Plan of Management applies and gives all

sectors of the community the chance to have an input into the direction of policy development being undertaken by Council.

All stakeholders are given the opportunity to express their opinions and provide relevant information in relation to the planned management of the land, however, as the land is Crown land final approval for the Plan of Management rests with the Minister administering the Crown Lands Act 2016 as owner of the land.

Council is required to submit the draft Plan of Management to NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure as representative of the owner of the land under section 39 of the Local Government Act. Section 3.23(7)(d) of the CLM Act states that, if the draft first Plan of Management alters the initial categories assigned, the council must obtain the Minister's consent if the re- categorisation would require an addition to the purposes for which the land is dedicated or reserved and hold public hearings under section 40A of the Local Government Act 1993. The Minister cannot give consent under section 3.23(7)(d) if it is considered that the alteration is likely to materially harm the use of the land for its reserve purpose.

4 CULTURALLY SIGNIFICANT LAND

4.1 Aboriginal Significance

Deniliquin is in the country of the Wamba Wamba Perrepa Perrepa nation and members of the community are closely connected to the town and surrounding lands. The Wamba Wamba and Perrepa Perrepa people of this region developed a way of life over many generations which was in harmony with the land and its natural rhythms. They developed a sophisticated farming system based on the indigenous vegetation communities which supported large family groups. In Deniliquin a comparatively high number of people identified themselves as Aboriginal and / or Torres Strait Islanders (4.6%) compared to the average for NSW (2.9%).

Both the Deniliquin Local Environmental Plan 2013 and Conargo Local Environmental Plan 2013 describes places of Aboriginal Heritage significance as an area of land, the general location of which is identified in an Aboriginal heritage study adopted by the Council after public exhibition and that may be shown on the Heritage Map, that is:

- the site of one or more Aboriginal objects or a place that has the physical remains of pre-European occupation by, or is of contemporary significance to, the Aboriginal people. It may (but need not) include items and remnants of the occupation of the land by Aboriginal people, such as burial places, engraving sites, rock art, midden deposits, scarred and sacred trees and sharpening grooves, or
- a natural Aboriginal sacred site or other sacred feature. It includes natural features such as creeks or mountains of long-standing cultural significance, as well as initiation, ceremonial or story places or areas of more contemporary cultural significance.

In addition, an Aboriginal object means any deposit, object or other material evidence (not being a handicraft made for sale) relating to the Aboriginal habitation of an area of New South Wales, being habitation before or concurrent with (or both) the occupation of that area by persons of non-Aboriginal extraction and includes Aboriginal remains.

Information regarding the aboriginal significance of each reserve to which this plan applies are shown in the relevant sections of **Appendices A** to **I**.

4.2 Non-indigenous Significance

Information regarding the non-aboriginal significance of each reserve to which this plan applies are shown in the relevant sections of **Appendices A** to **I**.

5 DEVELOPMENT AND USE

5.1 Overview

One of the primary responsibilities of Local Government is to provide an acceptable level of service for public assets to its community within budgetary constraints. Council's ongoing commitment to the development and maintenance of these areas depend on financial resources and forward planning. The implementation of actions identified in this Plan of Management are consistent with Edward River Council's corporate objectives as detailed in the following strategic documents:

- Edward River Council 2035 Community Strategic Plan
- Edward River Council Combined Delivery Program 2024-25 and Operational Plan 2024-25
- Edward River Council Resource Strategy
- Edward River Open Space Strategy
- Deniliquin Public Space Strategy
- Deniliquin Masterplan

5.2 Community Strategic Plan

The Edward River 2030 Community Strategic Plan is the highest-level plan that Council prepares in accordance with the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework. The purpose of the Community Strategic Plan is to identify the community's main priorities and aspirations for the future and to plan strategies for achieving these goals. In doing this, the planning process considers the issues and pressures that may impact the community and the level of resources that will realistically be available to achieve its aspirations. At an operational level, the Community Strategic Plan is implemented through Council's Four Yearly Delivery Program and annual Operational Plans, which outline the activities and actions that are the responsibility of Council in achieving our shared vision. The relationship between these planning documents is shown below in **Figure 4**.

Figure 4 – Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework

In 2030, our community wants the Edward River region wants to achieve several strategic objectives which each council managed crown reserves will fit within:

1. A great place to live
2. A prosperous and vibrant economy
3. A valued and enhanced natural environment
4. A region with quality and sustainable infrastructure
5. A community working together to achieve its potential

The relevant outcomes from the Community Strategic Plan for the reserves to which this plan applies are shown in the relevant sections of **Appendices A** to **I**.

5.3 Open Space and Public Space Strategies

In addition to the Community Strategic Plan, the Edward River Open Space Strategy was developed as a forward-looking plan that provides direction to the provision and management of open space across the local government area. Open space, for the purposes of the Edward River Open Space Strategy, is defined as the range of public and private spaces that provide landscape and/or urban design features and are generally for rest, relaxation, recreation and sport activity, and for the preservation of the environment.

For the Edward River Open Space Strategy, areas such as recreation and formal parkland, conservation reserves, linkages, sporting reserves (public and private), public land set aside for specific recreation or sport purposes of a specialised nature and amenity parklands are relevant. This Strategy examines Edward River councils current and future demand for open space areas; improvements to existing parks and walkways, while being cognisant of Council's vision to have a high-quality open space system.

The Deniliquin Public Space Strategy focusses specifically on open and public spaces in Deniliquin and was developed in response to community requests to improve the appearance of the town, particularly the main Central Business District (CBD) streets, the town entries and the riverfront. The Deniliquin Masterplan was developed in response to the Deniliquin Public Space Strategy and provide an integrated masterplan, through a series of detailed landscape plans to allow project implementation and construction ready documentation for high priority elements.

Several objectives have been identified for the project including:

- Provide a structural change to the physical appearance of Deniliquin with a focus on the CBD, Riverfront, Lagoon networks and town entrances
- Improve the liveability, functionality and access to the CBD, Riverfront and Lagoon networks
- Consider both short term and long-term actions, along with ongoing Council asset management and servicing requirements − Consider ongoing ability to fund and implement works
- Consider the impacts of planning issues
- Maximise the Riverfront and its proximity, accessibility and links with the CBD
- Consider the needs of all stakeholders with focus on creating new private sector development opportunities where appropriate and supporting existing business

5.4 Condition of the Land and Structures on Adoption of the Plan of Management

Section 36(3A)(a) of the *Local Government Act* requires the plan to include a description of the condition of the land and structures on adoption of the plan.

Information regarding the structures located at each of the reserves to which this plan applies are shown in the relevant sections of **Appendices A** to **I**.

5.5 Use of the Land and Structures at the Date of Adoption of the Plan of Management

Information regarding the use of the land for each of the reserves to which this plan applies are shown in the relevant sections of **Appendices A** to **I**.

5.6 Permitted Use Strategic Objectives

Information regarding the permitted use strategy objectives for each reserve to which this plan applies are shown in the relevant sections of **Appendices A** to **I**.

Projects proposed by community groups and other users of the reserve must be in line with Council strategic plans and must align with the reserve purpose and core objectives for the Reserve.

Depending on the scope of the project Council may request a written proposal outlining the project and proposed location, estimated costs, scaled plans, justification for proposed works and future maintenance requirements.

5.7 Further Development

The priority for the reserve at present is to scope out ways to improve the reserve in line with the purposes for the reserve and relevant legislation such as the *Local Government Act 1993, Crown Land Management Act 2016*, *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983* and the *Native Title Act 1993*.

A comprehensive site development plan and a landscape management plan is recommended for larger projects to ensure a strategic approach to development.

5.8 Leases, Licences and other Estates

Leases, licences and other estates formalise the use of community land by groups such as sporting clubs and non-profit organisations, or by commercial organisations and individuals providing facilities and services for public use. Activities should be compatible with the zoning and reservation purpose of the land and provide benefits and services for facilities to the users of the land.

The Local Government Act 1993 (specifically section 46/47 of the Local Government Act – Leases/Licences) contains important restrictions on the ability of a council to grant leases, licences, and other estates over community land. This is coupled with requirements for public consultation to ensure that council take community views into account. The Act also outlines when a council must tender a proposed lease or licence. The Act allows a council to grant a lease, licence or other estate for a term of up to 30 years (including any renewal terms and holdover periods) in respect of community land for:

- the provision of public utilities (s 46(1)(a)); or
- for the purpose of providing pipes, conduits or other connections underground for the connection of premises adjoining the community land to a facility of the council or other public utility provider (s46(1)(a1)); or
- to allow a filming project to be carried out (s46(1)(c)); or
- in accordance with an express authorisation in the plan of management applying to the land (s46(1)(b)) for one of the purposes listed in section 46(1)(b) of the Act, provided that purpose is consistent with the core objectives of the categorisation of the land (s46(2)).

A council must first obtain the Minister for Local Government's consent to grant a proposed lease, licence or other estate in the following instances:

- The proposed term (including any renewal options and holdover periods) exceeds 21 years.
- The proposed term (including any renewal options and holdover periods) exceeds 5 years and a person makes a submission by way of an objection to the proposal during the submission period.
- The proposed term (including any renewal options and holdover periods) is 5 years or less and the Minister has "called in" the proposed lease, licence or other estate (s47A(2)(c)) and the Minister has determined that sections 47(5)-(9) of the Act are to apply to the proposal.

The Occupation of the land other than by lease or licence or other estate or for a permitted purpose listed in the *Local Government Regulations 2021* is prohibited. Council through express authorisation may issue short-term licences under Section 2.20 of the Crown Land Management Act 2016.

The terms of the authorisation for a lease licence or other estate should include Native Title assessment and validation under the Native Title Act 1993 and should include advice that the land is not subject to a claim under the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983. The authorisation should ensure the proper management and maintenance of the land and the interests of Council and the public are protected. A lease is normally issued where exclusive control of all or part of an area by a user is proposed. In all other instances a licence or short term licence or hire agreement will be issued.

Areas held under lease, licence or regular occupancy shall be maintained by the user. The user will be responsible for maintenance and outgoings as defined in the lease or licence or agreement for use.

Note: there are no current leases and/or licences over any of the reserves in this Plan of Management.

5.9 Native Title Assessment

The *Crown Land Management Act 2016* – Section 8.7 (1) (d) requires that Council, as Crown Land Manager, obtains the written advice of its Native Title Manager prior to its approval or submission for approval of a plan of management for the land that authorises or permits any kinds of dealings referred to in **Section 5.8**.

A copy of the Native Title Assessment for this reserve is included in **Appendix J.**

6 PLAN OF MANAGEMENT - OBJECTIVES AND ACTIONS

6.1 Plan of Management Objectives

The general objectives of this Plan of Management are shown below in **Table 1.**

Table 1 – Plan of Management Objectives

	Plan of Management Objectives
1.	To ensure that relevant legislation is complied with in relation to the land.
2.	To inform Council staff and the community of the way the land will be managed.
3.	To implement specific policies, guidelines and works identified in the plan of management.
4.	To progressively improve the values of the land and to minimize the long-term cost of maintenance to the Council
5.	To make provisions for appropriate leases, licences and agreements in respect to the land.
6.	To identify and recognise existing uses and improvements on the land.
7.	To set in place and administrative structure to ensure the achievement of land management objectives.
8.	To ensure that the management of the land is not likely to materially harm the use of the land for any of the purposes for which it is dedicated or reserved.

6.2 Action Plan

The Plan of Management specifies performance targets and priorities for actions to be taken in relation to the land to which the plan applies.

Assessment of achievement of the objectives of the plan is to be undertaken. A summary of indicators and targets for major objectives is outlined in the **Table 2** below.

Table 2 – Indictors and Targets for Plan of Management Objectives

OBJECTIVES AND PERFORMANCE TARGETS OF THE PLAN IN RESPECT TO THE LAND	MEANS BY WHICH THE COUNCIL PROPOSES TO ACHIEVE THE PLAN'S OBJECTIVES AND PERFORMANCE TARGETS	MANNER IN WHICH COUNCIL PROPOSES TO ASSESS ITS PERFORMANCE WITH RESPECT TO THE PLAN'S OBJECTIVES AND PERFORMANCE TARGETS
To ensure that relevant legislation is complied with in relation to preparation of Plans of Management.	The Plan is prepared in accordance with the Act. Native Title Manager advice is sought during the preparation of the Plan.	The Plan is reviewed by Council's Native Title Manager and Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure Crown Lands then exhibited and adopted by Council if there are no changes to the approved plan. If changes are made following exhibition the plan must again be approved by Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure Crown Lands.
To inform Council staff and the community of the way the land will be managed.	The Plan is exhibited in accordance with the Local Government Act.	The Plan is exhibited and adopted by Council.
To implement the specific policies, guidelines and works identified in the plan of management.	Ensure that the Plan is referenced to identify specific policies, guidelines and works.	All works are carried out in accordance with the Plan.
To progressively improve the values of the land to minimise the long term cost of maintenance to the Council.	Carry out all works identified in Council's long term plan.	All works are completed, and minimal maintenance of the improvements is required.

OBJECTIVES AND PERFORMANCE TARGETS OF THE PLAN IN RESPECT TO THE LAND	MEANS BY WHICH THE COUNCIL PROPOSES TO ACHIEVE THE PLAN'S OBJECTIVES AND PERFORMANCE TARGETS	MANNER IN WHICH COUNCIL PROPOSES TO ASSESS ITS PERFORMANCE WITH RESPECT TO THE PLAN'S OBJECTIVES AND PERFORMANCE TARGETS
To make provision for leases, licences and agreements in respect of the land.	The Plan of Management expressly authorises the provision of leases, licences and agreements where appropriate.	Any leases are prepared, exhibited and adopted in accordance with the provisions of the Local *Government Act 1993* and the *Crown Land Management Act 2016*. Native Title Manager advice and a check for a claim under the Aboriginal Land Rights Act is received for all proposed leases and licences.
To identify and recognise existing uses and improvements on the land.	Physical inspection.	The Plan is exhibited and adopted by Council.
To provide a reference and data bank in relation to information relevant to present and future management of the land.	Physical inspection and file research.	The Plan is exhibited and adopted by Council.
To set in place an administrative structure to ensure the achievement of land management objectives.	Ensure that all sections of Council are aware of the contents of the Plan.	All future works are carried out in accordance with the Plan.
To identify the major management issues applying to the land.	Consultation and staff discussions.	The Plan is exhibited and adopted by Council.
To simplify the process of management as far as possible.	Preparation of the Plan in accordance with the Act.	The Plan is exhibited and adopted by Council.

7 PLAN OF MANAGEMENT – MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE LAND

7.1 Management Authority

For the purposes of this plan, the management authority for the reserve is Edward River Council, in accordance with the provisions of the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* and the *Local Government Act 1993*. Where Council's responsibilities have been delegated, the provisions of this management plan continue to apply.

7.2 Management Issues

The management of the land must consider the reserve purpose(s) of the land and the purpose for which the land is classified and categorized.

7.3 Staff Resources

Council shall provide adequate staff resources for the management of the land in accordance with this Plan of Management. Staff shall have appropriate qualifications and/or experience.

7.4 Environmental Assessment of Activities

The environmental impact of activities carried out on the land will be assessed having regard to the requirements under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act.

7.5 Role of Other Activities

Other government authorities may have responsibilities or involvement in the management of the land or of immediately adjacent land. This will be considered and, where appropriate, consultation will take place with relevant authorities.

7.6 Activities Carried Out by Other Authorities

Where activities are carried out on the land by other authorities, Council will make the authorities aware of the provisions of this Plan of Management and will seek to ensure that any activities are compatible with the objectives and guidelines of this Plan of Management, and in in accordance with the provisions of the Crown Land Management Act 2016 and the Local Government Act 1993.

7.7 Principles for the Development of Adjoining Land

Council's development control practices recognise and endeavor to minimize the impacts upon adjoining land parcels. Council will consider the impacts of activities carried out on the reserve on adjoining land.

7.8 Community Involvement in Management

Where appropriate, Council will undertake community consultation subsequent to the making of this Plan of Management and may give community groups a role in management.

7.9 Contract and Volunteer Labour

In managing the land Council may use contract and volunteer labour but shall ensure that supervisors and staff have appropriate qualifications and/or experience and are made aware of the requirements of this plan.

7.10 Existing Assets

Existing assets on the land shall be identified and measures taken to maintain them in a satisfactory manner. Council may make arrangement for community groups and users to undertake maintenance for specific facilities on Council's behalf.

7.11 Public Liability Insurance

All users of the land, including lease and licence holders, must have public liability insurance coverage, incorporating the following:

- At least $20M coverage for any one instance; and
- Edward River Council named in the policy as an interested party.

A copy of the cover note for the insurance is to be provided to Council prior to use of the reserve. Where the use of the reserve is for longer than one year, as may be the case for leases and licences, up to date copies of the cover note shall be provided.

7.12 Commercial Activities

Commercial activities may be carried out on the land, provided that the activity is ancillary to the purpose of the land or for a purpose authorised under this Plan of Management. Any commercial activity is subject to prior Council consent.

7.13 Emergencies

This Plan of Management authorises necessary activities to be carried out during declared emergencies as may be decided by the General Manager or delegate. Following carrying out of any activities, periodic monitoring will be undertaken, and rehabilitation works undertaken if necessary.

7.14 Land Proposed for Future Development

Land proposed in any of Council's plans for future development for a specific purpose may be utilised for other purposes on an interim basis until required for that purpose.

7.15 Undeveloped Land

Land to which this Plan of Management applies that is undeveloped and unused for the purpose of the land may upon assessment, be used for any activity that does not prevent or inhibit future use for the purpose of the land, including tree planting and mowing.

7.16 Information Monitoring and Research

Monitoring and collection of information relating to the land to which the Plan of Management applies are important to enable good management. Where a demonstrated need has been identified, an educational programme shall be developed to encourage use appropriate to the purpose to all or part of the land to which this Plan of Management applies.

Management arrangements shall be implemented to regularly monitor the use of the land, environmental conditions and facilities. Surveys of visitation and/or satisfaction with the facilities may be undertaken to facilitate the management and use of the land.

7.17 Buildings and Amenities

Buildings and amenities may be provided where consistent with the need to facilitate the purpose of the land, provided that a Native Title assessment has been carried out by Council's Native Title Manager, the land is not subject to a claim under the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983* and the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993* and the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* have been complied with. Buildings and amenities are to be maintained in a safe condition for users and the public.

7.18 Infrastructure

Any necessary infrastructure to service the purpose of the land may be constructed provided that a Native Title assessment has been carried out by Council's Native Title Manager, the land is not subject to a claim under the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983*, and the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993* and the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* have been complied with.

7.19 General Maintenance

General maintenance will match the level and type of use and wherever possible users will be encouraged to help. Areas held under lease, licence or regular occupancy shall be maintained by the user where appropriate.

Existing assets on the land shall be identified and measures taken to maintain them in a satisfactory manner. The Council may decide for community groups to undertake maintenance for specific facilities on Council's behalf.

7.20 Development Activities

Development activities shall be undertaken in a way that minimizes the area, degree and duration of disturbance, and areas are to be restored to the greatest extent practicable.

7.21 Pollution Control

Management should seek to ensure that no pollution is generated on the land, and that adequate measures are taken to prevent adverse impacts from adjoining land.

7.22 Public Safety

Reasonable measures will be taken by Council to ensure and maintain the public safety of persons using the land.

7.23 Neighbours

Council shall endeavour to be a good neighbour and as far as possible shall consult with adjoining owners in respect of management and other activities which may affect them.

7.24 Trees, Vegetation and Landscape

Proper management of landscaping measures, trees and vegetation is important to provide a high degree of amenity on the land. Trees will be maintained, as will maintenance of appropriate growing conditions involving management of soil compaction and other encroachments, in accordance with Council's Tree Management Policy.

7.25 Weed Control

Weed control shall be by both taking preventative measures and active control measures. Prevention of weed infestation shall be by minimising actions that disturb the ground surface and discouraging the conditions that encourage weeds.

Measures shall be taken to prevent the dispersion of weeds by fill or the transport of seeds on machinery. Control measures which are acceptable include physical removal or slashing, accepted biological control techniques, bush regeneration, or chemical spraying where Council is satisfied that there will be no adverse residual effects and no adverse effect on human health.

APPENDIX A
SPECIFIC INFORMATION FOR RESERVE 550028
WARING GARDENS

APPENDIX A – WARING GARDENS RESERVE

A1 INTRODUCTION

A1.1 Land to Which this Plan Applies

The land to which this plan applies is Crown Reserve 550028 and is contained Lot 1 DP34649, Parish South Deniliquin County Townsend. The reserve is located on the western side of Deniliquin bordering Macauley, Whitelock and Hardinge streets, and backing onto Deniliquin Tafe. The land contains a total of 9,207.45 m2. The reserve for Waring Gardens was gazetted on 14/11/1879 and was set aside for the purpose of Public Recreation; Water Conservation. An aerial photograph, outlining the extents of the reserve, is shown below in **Figure A1.**

Figure A1 – Aerial Photograph of Waring Gardens (Reserve No. 550028)

A1.2 Land Ownership

Waring Gardens 550028 is owned by the Crown and is managed by Edward River Council as Crown Land Manager under the Land Management Act 2016.

A1.3 Categorisation of the Reserve

In the case of Waring Gardens, Council has requested and obtained initial categorisation of:

- **General Community Use** for the purpose of **Public Recreation** and **Water Conservation**.

The category was approved by the minister administering the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* in relation to the reserve. Council does not propose to alter the initial category assigned by the Minister by this Plan of Management because the assigned category most closely align with the reserved purposed of the of the land and its usage.

The core objectives for management of community land categorised as general community use are to promote, encourage and provide for the use of the land, and to provide facilities on the land, to meet the current and future needs of the local community and of the wider public:

(a) in relation to public recreation and the physical, cultural, social and intellectual welfare or development of individual members of the public, and
(b) in relation to purposes for which a lease, licence or other estate may be granted in respect of the land (other than the provision of public utilities and works associated with or ancillary to public utilities).

A2 RELEVANT LEGISLATION, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

A2.1 Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979

The land is zoned as follows under the Deniliquin Local Environmental Plan 2013 (LEP):

- RE 1 Public Recreation; Water Conservation

Figure A2 – Land Use Zones for Reserve No. 550028

The objectives of the land use zones are noted below in **Table A1**.

Table A1 – Objectives of Land Use Zones for Reserve No. 550028

Land Use Zone	Objectives
RE 1 – Public Recreation; Water Conservation	• To enable land to be used for public open space or recreational purposes. • To provide a range of recreational settings and activities and compatible land uses. • To protect and enhance the natural environment for recreational purposes.

Details regarding permitted developments in these land use zones is included in the Conargo LEP 2013.

In addition to the Deniliquin LEP, the Deniliquin Development Control Plan was developed with the general aims to:

(a) Promote growth and development to support and enhance the vitality of the Central Business District.

(b) Encourage development that responds to the needs of the community.

(c) Encourage residential development of a high standard to improve the quality of the urban environment.

(d) Encourage development that respects and minimises the impacts on surrounding land and the wider environment.

(e) Encourage new development that will enhance streetscapes and vistas.

(f) Ensure that development incorporates safe, effective and convenient pedestrian, bicycle and vehicle access, movement and parking areas.

(g) Encourage energy efficiency in building design.

(h) Provide for effective and well-utilised open space with security and access for the community.

(i) Control and minimise the impact of stormwater run-off.

(j) Ensure that new development is fully integrated into Council's sewerage system wherever possible.

(k) Promote the orderly and efficient development of land to ensure that provision of services to that land is adequate.

A3 CULTURALLY SIGNIFICANT LAND

A3.1 Aboriginal Significance

Waring Gardens reserve is not identified as having Aboriginal significance and is not declared under section 84 of the *National Park and Wildlife Act 1974*, however, any areas of Aboriginal significance that may be discovered are covered by this Plan of Management.

A3.2 Non-indigenous Significance

The reserve for Waring Gardens was gazetted on 14 November 1879 and was set aside for Public Recreation and Water Conservation. The Waring Gardens reserve is not specifically listed under the Deniliquin Local Environment Plan 2013 but is represented in the plan under the zonings RE 1 – Public Recreation; Water Conservation.

A4 DEVELOPMENT AND USE

A4.1 Community Strategic Plan - Outcome 4 – A region with quality and sustainable infrastructure

The direction for the Waring Gardens reserve is captured within Outcome 1 – A great place to live

> *We love our strong sense of community, our willingness to help each other out, and the fact that our region provides an ideal environment in which to raise a family. Over the life of Edward River 2030, we want to keep our community safe, active and healthy and make sure that our public and open spaces – such as our sporting grounds, community halls, parks and gardens – provide social value and keep us connected.*

The Waring Gardens fits directly under Targets 1.2 – Our community is safe, happy and healthy, both physically and mentally, and Target 3 – Our community and public spaces are accessible and inclusive and reflect our history, heritage and culture. The Council's role is to promote healthy lifestyles and Operate section 355 committees to effectively manage community halls and recreation reserves.

A4.2 Condition of the Land and Structures on Adoption of the Plan of Management

Section 36(3A)(a) of the *Local Government Act* requires the plan to include a description of the condition of the land and structures on adoption of the plan. The condition of the infrastructure on Waring Gardens upon recent inspection is shown below in **Table 2.**

Table A2 – Condition of Council Assets Located on at Waring Gardens

ASSET DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	CONDITION RATING 1 – Good 5 – Unserviceable
Buildings	Community Use	1
Paths	Community Use	2
Water Infrastructure	Community Use	2
Grounds (lawns, gardens)	Community Use	2
Bridge	Community Use	3
Rotundra	Community Use	3
Signage	Community Use	2
Fencing	Community Use	2

A4.3 Use of the Land and Structures at the Date of Adoption of the Plan of Management

Existing use of the reserve includes:

- Public Recreation; Water Conservation

Council is willing to work with existing and potential users to expand the usage of Waring Gardens reserve and this Plan of Management will provide an operational and strategic framework to effectively take advantage of those opportunities.

A4.4 Permitted Use Strategic Objectives

As previously noted, the categorisation of Waring Gardens is General Community Use with the intended purpose(s) of Public Recreation; Water Conservation. Under the Deniliquin LEP 2013, the different lots are zoned RE 1 – Public Recreation; Water Conservation. These purposes and category align with the reserve's past and future use and the values identified in this plan.

Projects proposed by community groups and other users of the reserve must be in line with Council strategic plans and must align with the reserve purpose and core objectives for the Reserve.

Depending on the scope of the project Council may request a written proposal outlining the project and proposed location, estimated costs, scaled plans, justification for proposed works and future maintenance requirements.

A5 PLAN OF MANAGEMENT – MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE LAND

A5.1 Alcohol

The infrequent sale of alcohol by a sporting committee, club or user group requires the approval of the NSW Office of Liquor Gaming and Racing through the issue of a Limited Licence. The Licence should be provided to Council in each instance. When making application for the use of a passive recreational area, if the sale of alcohol is intended, applicants are required to comply with any requirements of both the Office of Liquor Gaming and Racing and Council.

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A5.2 Companion Animals

Domestic pets may use the grounds where authorised by signage provided that they are under the control of a responsible person at all times and do not cause loss of amenity to other users of the land.

Dogs are not permitted to be walked off leash unless they are within Council's designated off leash exercise areas. Dog clubs are required to seek Council permission to conduct dog obedience and training activities on all community land.

A5.3 Parking

Parking is not directly available within the Waring Gardens but available surrounding the Gardens in designated parking areas on each street. Signage is dedicated to showing where parking is permitted.

APPENDIX B
SPECIFIC INFORMATION FOR RESERVE 550036
MCFAULLS PARK

APPENDIX B – MCFAULLS PARK RESERVE

B1 INTRODUCTION

B1.1 Land to Which this Plan Applies

The land to which this plan applies is Crown Reserve 550036 and is contained Lot 7035 DP 1023920 Parish South Deniliquin County Townsend. The reserve is located in the centre of Deniliquin bordering on Edwardes, Harrison and Wellington streets, and Civic Place backing onto the Edward River Council buildings. The land contains a total of 14,140.42 m2. The reserve for McFaull's Park was gazetted on 14/11/1879 and was set aside for the purpose of Public Recreation; Water Supply. An aerial photograph, outlining the extents of the reserve, is shown below in **Figure B1.**

Figure B1 – Aerial Photograph of McFaulls Park (Reserve No. 550036)

B1.2 Land Ownership

McFaull's Park 550036 is owned by the Crown and is managed by Edward River Council as Crown Land Manager under the Land Management Act 2016.

B1.3 Categorisation of the Reserve

In the case of McFaulls Park, Council has requested and obtained initial categorisation of:

- **General Community Use** for the purpose of **Public Recreation** and **Water Supply**.

The category was approved by the minister administering the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* in relation to the reserve. Council does not propose to alter the initial category assigned by the Minister by this Plan of Management because the assigned category most closely align with the reserved purposed of the of the land and its usage.

The core objectives for management of community land categorised as general community use are to promote, encourage and provide for the use of the land, and to provide facilities on the land, to meet the current and future needs of the local community and of the wider public:

(a) in relation to public recreation and the physical, cultural, social and intellectual welfare or development of individual members of the public, and
(b) in relation to purposes for which a lease, licence or other estate may be granted in respect of the land (other than the provision of public utilities and works associated with or ancillary to public utilities).

B2 RELEVANT LEGISLATION, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

B2.1 Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979

The land is zoned as follows under the Deniliquin Local Environmental Plan 2013 (LEP):

- RE 1 Public Recreation; Water Supply.

Figure B2 – Land Use Zones for Reserve No. 550036

The objectives of the land use zones are noted below in **Table B1**.

Table B1 – Objectives of Land Use Zones for Reserve No. 550036

Land Use Zone	Objectives
RE 1 – Public Recreation; Water Supply	• To enable land to be used for public open space or recreational purposes. • To provide a range of recreational settings and activities and compatible land uses. • To protect and enhance the natural environment for recreational purposes.

Details regarding permitted developments in these land use zones is included in the Deniliquin LEP 2013.

In addition to the Deniliquin LEP, the Deniliquin Development Control Plan was developed with the general aims to:

(a) Promote growth and development to support and enhance the vitality of the Central Business District.

(b) Encourage development that responds to the needs of the community.

(c) Encourage residential development of a high standard to improve the quality of the urban environment.

(d) Encourage development that respects and minimises the impacts on surrounding land and the wider environment.

(e) Encourage new development that will enhance streetscapes and vistas.

(f) Ensure that development incorporates safe, effective and convenient pedestrian, bicycle and vehicle access, movement and parking areas.

(g) Encourage energy efficiency in building design.

(h) Provide for effective and well-utilised open space with security and access for the community.

(i) Control and minimise the impact of stormwater run-off.

(j) Ensure that new development is fully integrated into Council's sewerage system wherever possible.

(k) Promote the orderly and efficient development of land to ensure that provision of services to that land is adequate.

B3 CULTURALLY SIGNIFICANT LAND

B3.1 Aboriginal Significance

McFaulls Park Reserve is not identified as having Aboriginal significance and is not declared under section 84 of the *National Park and Wildlife Act 1974*, however, any areas of Aboriginal significance that may be discovered are covered by this Plan of Management.

B3.2 Non-indigenous Significance

The reserve for McFaulls Park was gazetted on 14 November 1879 and was set aside for Public Recreation and Water Supply. McFaulls Park is not specifically listed under the Deniliquin Local Environment Plan 2013 but is represented in the plan under the zoning RE 1 Public Recreation; Water Supply.

B4 DEVELOPMENT AND USE

B4.1 Outcome 1 – A great place to live

The direction for the McFaulls Park is captured within Outcome 1 – A great place to live

We love our strong sense of community, our willingness to help each other out, and the fact that our region provides an ideal environment in which to raise a family. Over the life of Edward River 2030, we want to keep our community safe, active and healthy and make sure that our public and open spaces – such as our sporting grounds, community halls, parks and gardens – provide social value and keep us connected.

The McFaulls Park fits directly under Targets 1.2 – Our community is safe, happy and healthy, both physically and mentally, and Target 3 – Our community and public spaces are accessible and inclusive and reflect our history, heritage and culture. The Council's role is to promote healthy lifestyles and Operate section 355 committees to effectively manage community halls and recreation reserves.

B4.2 Condition of the Land and Structures on Adoption of the Plan of Management

Section 36(3A)(a) of the *Local Government Act* requires the plan to include a description of the condition of the land and structures on adoption of the plan. The condition of the infrastructure upon recent inspection is shown below in **Table B2.**

Table B2 – Condition of Council Assets Located on at McFaulls Park Reserve

BUILDING DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	CONDITION RATING 1 – Good 5 - Unserviceable
Skate Park	Community Use	3
Paths	Community Use	2
Water Infrastructure	Community Use	2
Grounds (lawns, gardens)	Community Use	3
Seating	Community Use	2
Lagoon	Community Use	2
Signage	Community Use	2
Bird Hide	Community Use	2
Barbecue	Community Use	2
Outdoor classroom	Community Use	2

B4.3 Use of the Land and Structures at the Date of Adoption of the Plan of Management

Existing use of the reserve includes:

- Public Recreation; Water Supply

Council is willing to work with existing and potential users to expand the usage of McFaulls Park and this Plan of Management will provide an operational and strategic framework to effectively take advantage of those opportunities.

B4.4 Permitted Use Strategic Objectives

As previously noted, the categorisation of McFaulls Park is General community use with the intended purpose(s) of Public Recreation; Water Supply. These purposes and category align with the reserve's past and future use and the values identified in this plan.

Projects proposed by community groups and other users of the reserve must be in line with Council strategic plans and must align with the reserve purpose and core objectives for the Reserve.

Depending on the scope of the project Council may request a written proposal outlining the project and proposed location, estimated costs, scaled plans, justification for proposed works and future maintenance requirements.

B5 PLAN OF MANAGEMENT – MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE LAND

B5.1. Alcohol

The infrequent sale of alcohol by a sporting committee, club or user group requires the approval of the NSW Office of Liquor Gaming and Racing through the issue of a Limited Licence. The Licence should be provided to Council in each instance. When making application for the use of a passive recreational area, if the sale of alcohol is intended, applicants are required to comply with any requirements of both the Office of Liquor Gaming and Racing and Council.

B5.2 Companion Animals

Domestic pets may use McFaulls Park reserve where authorised by signage if they are always under the control of a responsible person and do not cause loss of amenity to other users of the land.

Dogs are not permitted to be walked off leash unless they are within Council's designated off leash exercise areas. Dog clubs are required to seek Council permission to conduct dog obedience and training activities on all community land.

B5.3 Parking

Parking is available in designated parking areas around the park. Signage is dedicated to showing where parking is permitted.

APPENDIX C

SPECIFIC INFORMATION FOR RESERVE 1000443

HARFLEUR ST BOAT RAMP (MATHEWS PARK)

APPENDIX C – HARFLEUR ST BOAT RAMP (MATHEWS PARK)

C1 INTRODUCTION

C1.1 Land to Which this Plan Applies

The land to which this plan applies is Crown Reserve 1000443 and is contained Lot 7027 DP 1023779, Lot 7033 DP 1023953 Parish South Deniliquin County Townsend. The reserve located adjacent to Deniliquin Golf Course and Crispe and Harfleur streets. The land contains a total of 19,122.21 m2. The reserve for Harfleur St Boat Ramp (Mathews Park) was gazetted on 25/3/1887 and was set aside for the purpose of Public Park. An aerial photograph, outlining the extents of the reserve, is shown below in **Figure C1.**

Figure C1 – Aerial Photograph of Harfleur St Boat Ramp (Mathews Park) (Reserve No. 1000443)

C1.2 Land Ownership

Harfleur St Boat Ramp (Mathews Park) is owned by the Crown and is managed by Edward River Council as Crown Land Manager under the Land Management Act 2016.

C1.3 Categorisation of the Reserve

In the case of Harfleur St Boat Ramp (Mathews Park), Council has requested and obtained initial categorisation of:

- **Park** for the purpose of **Public Park**.

The category was approved by the minister administering the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* in relation to the reserve. Council does not propose to alter the initial category assigned by the Minister by this Plan of Management because the assigned category most closely align with the reserved purposed of the of the land and its usage.

The core objectives for management of community land categorised as Park use are:

(a) to encourage, promote and facilitate recreational, cultural, social and educational pastimes and activities,
(b) to provide for passive recreational activities or pastimes and for the casual playing of games, and
(c) to improve the land in such a way as to promote and facilitate its use to achieve the other core objectives for its management.

C2 RELEVANT LEGISLATION, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

C2.1 Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979

The land is zoned as follows under the Deniliquin Local Environmental Plan 2013 (LEP):

- RE 1 Public Recreation

Figure C2 – Land Use Zones for Reserve No. 1000443

The objectives of the land use zones are noted below in **Table C1**.

Table C1 – Objectives of Land Use Zones for Reserve No.1000443

Land Use Zone	Objectives
RE 1 – Public Recreation;	• To enable land to be used for public open space or recreational purpose. • To provide a range of recreational settings and activities and compatible land uses. • To protect and enhance the natural environment for recreational purpose.

Details regarding permitted developments in the land use zone is included in the Conargo LEP 2013.

In addition to the Deniliquin LEP, the Deniliquin Development Control Plan was developed with the general aims to:

(a) Promote growth and development to support and enhance the vitality of the Central Business District.

(b) Encourage development that responds to the needs of the community.

(c) Encourage residential development of a high standard to improve the quality of the urban environment.

(d) Encourage development that respects and minimises the impacts on surrounding land and the wider environment.

(e) Encourage new development that will enhance streetscapes and vistas.

(f) Ensure that development incorporates safe, effective and convenient pedestrian, bicycle and vehicle access, movement and parking areas.

(g) Encourage energy efficiency in building design.

(h) Provide for effective and well-utilised open space with security and access for the community.

(i) Control and minimise the impact of stormwater run-off.

(j) Ensure that new development is fully integrated into Council's sewerage system wherever possible.

(k) Promote the orderly and efficient development of land to ensure that provision of services to that land is adequate.

C3 CULTURALLY SIGNIFICANT LAND

C3.1 Aboriginal Significance

Harfleur St Boat Ramp (Mathews Park) is not identified as having Aboriginal significance and is not declared under section 84 of the *National Park and Wildlife Act 1974*, however, any areas of Aboriginal significance that may be discovered are covered by this Plan of Management.

C3.2 Non-indigenous Significance

The reserve for Harfleur St Boat Ramp (Mathews Park) was gazette on 25 March 1887 and was set aside for Public Park The lagoon has been restored to host a number of social and ecological values. The Harfleur St Boat Ramp (Mathews Park) is not specifically listed under the Deniliquin Local Environment Plan 2013 but is represented in the plan under the zonings RE 1 Public Recreation.

C4 DEVELOPMENT AND USE

C4.1 Community Strategic Plan - Outcome 1 – A great place to live

The direction for the Harfleur St Boat Ramp (Mathews Park) is captured within Outcome 1 – A great place to live

> *We love our strong sense of community, our willingness to help each other out, and the fact that our region provides an ideal environment in which to raise a family. Over the life of Edward River 2030, we want to keep our community safe, active and healthy and make sure that our public and open spaces – such as our sporting grounds, community halls, parks and gardens – provide social value and keep us connected.*

The Harfleur St Boat Ramp (Mathews Park) fits directly under Targets 1.2 – Our community is safe, happy and healthy, both physically and mentally, and Target 3 – Our community and public spaces are accessible and inclusive and reflect our history, heritage and culture. The Council's role is to promote healthy lifestyles and effectively manage community assets.

C4.2 Condition of the Land and Structures on Adoption of the Plan of Management

Section 36(3A)(a) of the *Local Government Act* requires the plan to include a description of the condition of the land and structures on adoption of the plan. The condition of the infrastructure on Harfleur St Boat Ramp (Mathews Park) upon recent inspection is shown below in **Table C2.**

Table C2 – Condition of Council Assets Located on at Harfleur St Boat Ramp (Mathews Park)

ASSET DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	CONDITION RATING 1 – Good 5 – Unserviceable
Paths	Community Use	2
Water Infrastructure	Community Use	2
Lagoon	Community Use	2

The Harfleur St Boat Ramp (Mathews Park) is functioning appropriately for the purposes of the area.

C4.3 Use of the Land and Structures at the Date of Adoption of the Plan of Management

Existing use of the reserve includes:

- Public Restoration.

Council is willing to work with existing and potential users to expand the usage of Harfleur St Boat Ramp (Mathews Park) and this Plan of Management will provide an operational and strategic framework to effectively take advantage of those opportunities.

C4.4 Permitted Use Strategic Objectives

As previously noted, the categorisation of Harfleur St Boat Ramp (Mathews Park) is Park with the intended purpose(s) of Public Park. Under the Deniliquin LEP 2013, the different lots are zoned RE 1 – Public Recreation. These purpose and category align with the reserve's past and future use and the values identified in this plan.

Projects proposed by community groups and other users of the reserve must be in line with Council strategic plans and must align with the reserve purpose and core objectives for the Reserve.

Depending on the scope of the project Council may request a written proposal outlining the project and proposed location, estimated costs, scaled plans, justification for proposed works and future maintenance requirements.

C5 PLAN OF MANAGEMENT – MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE LAND

C5.1 Alcohol

The infrequent sale of alcohol by a sporting committee, club or user group requires the approval of the NSW Office of Liquor Gaming and Racing through the issue of a Limited Licence. The Licence should be provided to Council in each instance. When making application for the use of a passive recreational area, if the sale of alcohol is intended, applicants are required to comply with any requirements of both the Office of Liquor Gaming and Racing and Council.

C5.2 Companion Animals

Domestic pets may use the grounds where authorised by signage provided that they are under the control of a responsible person at all times and do not cause loss of amenity to other users of the land.

Dogs are not permitted to be walked off leash unless they are within Council's designated off leash exercise areas. Dog clubs are required to seek Council permission to conduct dog obedience and training activities on all community land.

C5.3 Parking

Parking is directly available adjacent to the Harfleur St Boat Ramp (Mathews Park) Signage is dedicated to showing where parking is permitted.

APPENDIX D

SPECIFIC INFORMATION FOR RESERVE 550034

J.P. BURCHFIELD PARK

APPENDIX D – J.P. BURCHFIELD PARK RESERVE

D1 INTRODUCTION

D1.1 Land to Which this Plan Applies

The land to which this plan applies is Crown Reserve 550034 and is contained Lot 7Section 205 DP 758913, Lot 8 DP 1122669 Parish South Deniliquin County Townsend. The reserve is located in the central town district and borders business on the northern side and residential houses on the southern side of the park. The land contains a total of 8,320.96 m2. The reserve for J.P. Burchfield Park was gazette on 14/11/1879 and was set aside for the purpose of Public Recreation; Water Conservation. An aerial photograph, outlining the extents of the reserve, is shown below in **Figure D1.**

Figure D1 – Aerial Photograph of J.P. Burchfield Park (Reserve No. 550034)

D1.2 Land Ownership

J.P. Burchfield Park is owned by the Crown and is managed by Edward River Council as Crown Land Manager under the Land Management Act 2016.

D1.3 Categorisation of the Reserve

In the case of J.P. Burchfield Park, Council has requested and obtained initial categorisation of:

- **General Community Use** for the purpose of **Public Recreation** and **Water Conservation**.

The category was approved by the minister administering the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* in relation to the reserve. Council does not propose to alter the initial category assigned by the Minister by this Plan of Management because the assigned category most closely align with the reserved purposed of the of the land and its usage.

The core objectives for management of community land categorised as general community use are to promote, encourage and provide for the use of the land, and to provide facilities on the land, to meet the current and future needs of the local community and of the wider public:

(c) in relation to public recreation and the physical, cultural, social and intellectual welfare or development of individual members of the public, and

(d) in relation to purposes for which a lease, licence or other estate may be granted in respect of the land (other than the provision of public utilities and works associated with or ancillary to public utilities).

D2 RELEVANT LEGISLATION, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

D2.1 Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979

The land is zoned as follows under the Deniliquin Local Environmental Plan 2013 (LEP):

- RE 1 Public Recreation; Water Conservation

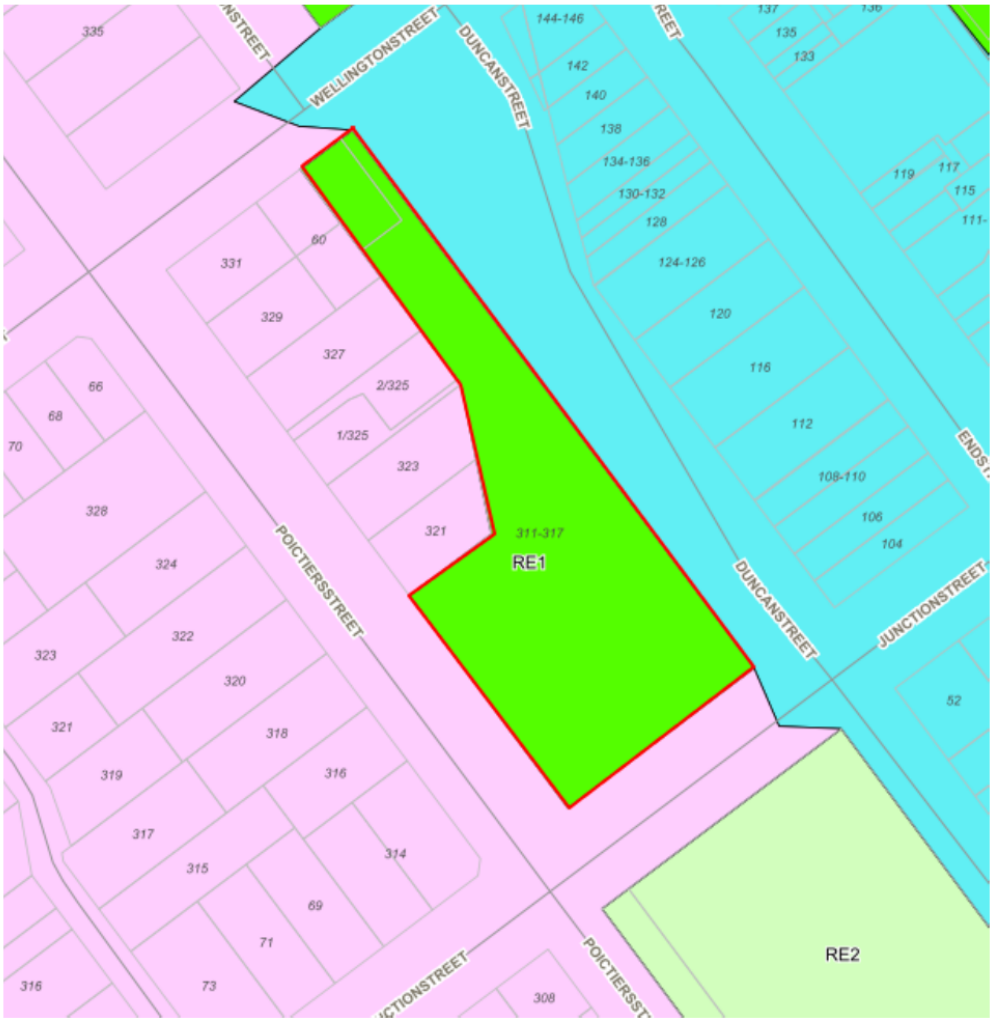

Figure D2 – Land Use Zones for Reserve No. 550034

The objectives of the land use zones are noted below in **Table D1**.

Table D1 – Objectives of Land Use Zones for Reserve No. 550034

Land Use Zone	Objectives
RE 1 – Public Recreation; Water Conservation	• To enable land to be used for public open space or recreational purposes. • To provide a range of recreational settings and activities and compatible land uses. • To protect and enhance the natural environment for recreational purposes.

Details regarding permitted developments in the land use zone is included in the Deniliquin LEP 2013.

In addition to the Deniliquin LEP, the Deniliquin Development Control Plan was developed with the general aims to:

(a) Promote growth and development to support and enhance the vitality of the Central Business District.

(b) Encourage development that responds to the needs of the community.

(c) Encourage residential development of a high standard to improve the quality of the urban environment.

(d) Encourage development that respects and minimises the impacts on surrounding land and the wider environment.

(e) Encourage new development that will enhance streetscapes and vistas.

(f) Ensure that development incorporates safe, effective and convenient pedestrian, bicycle and vehicle access, movement and parking areas.

(g) Encourage energy efficiency in building design.

(h) Provide for effective and well-utilised open space with security and access for the community.

(i) Control and minimise the impact of stormwater run-off.

(j) Ensure that new development is fully integrated into Council's sewerage system wherever possible.

(k) Promote the orderly and efficient development of land to ensure that provision of services to that land is adequate.

D3 CULTURALLY SIGNIFICANT LAND

D3.1 Aboriginal Significance

J.P. Burchfield Park is not identified as having Aboriginal significance and is not declared under section 84 of the *National Park and Wildlife Act 1974*, however, any areas of Aboriginal significance that may be discovered are covered by this Plan of Management.

D3.2 Non-indigenous Significance

The reserve for J.P. Burchfield Park was gazetted on 14 November 1879 and was set aside for Public Recreation and Water Conservation. The J.P. Burchfield Park is not specifically listed under the Deniliquin Local Environment Plan 2013 but is represented in the plan under the zonings RE 1 Public Recreation and Water Conservation.

D4 DEVELOPMENT AND USE

D4.1 Community Strategic Plan - Outcome 1 – A great place to live

The direction for the J.P. Burchfield Park is captured within Outcome 1 – A great place to live

> *We love our strong sense of community, our willingness to help each other out, and the fact that our region provides an ideal environment in which to raise a family. Over the life of Edward River 2030, we want to keep our community safe, active and healthy and make sure that our public and open spaces – such as our sporting grounds, community halls, parks and gardens – provide social value and keep us connected.*

The J.P. Burchfield Park fits directly under Targets 1.2 – Our community is safe, happy and healthy, both physically and mentally, and Target 3 – Our community and public spaces are accessible and inclusive and reflect our history, heritage and culture. The Council's role is to promote healthy lifestyles and effectively manage community assets.

D4.2 Condition of the Land and Structures on Adoption of the Plan of Management

Section 36(3A)(a) of the *Local Government Act* requires the plan to include a description of the condition of the land and structures on adoption of the plan. The condition of the infrastructure on J.P. Burchfield Park upon recent inspection is shown below in **Table D2.**

Table D2 – Condition of Council Assets Located on at J.P. Burchfield Park

ASSET DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	CONDITION RATING 1 – Good 5 – Unserviceable
Paths	Community Use	2
Water Infrastructure	Community Use	2
Grounds (lawns, gardens)	Community Use	2
Lagoon	Community Use	2
Signage	Community Use	2

The J.P. Burchfield Park is functioning appropriately for the purposes of the area.

D4.3 Use of the Land and Structures at the Date of Adoption of the Plan of Management

Existing use of the reserve includes:

- Public Recreation; Water Conservation.

Council is willing to work with existing and potential users to expand the usage of J.P. Burchfield Park and this Plan of Management will provide an operational and strategic framework to effectively take advantage of those opportunities.

It is noted that there currently is a J.P. Burchfield Park committee, comprising of local volunteers, that runs the day to day operations for the Hall and the reserve. The Committee works with Council regarding the Hall.

D4.4 Permitted Use Strategic Objectives

As previously noted, the categorisation of J.P. Burchfield Park is General Community Use with the intended purpose(s) of Public Recreation and Water Conservation. Under the Deniliquin LEP 2013, the different lots are zoned RE 1 – Public Recreation; Water Conservation. These purposes and category align with the reserve's past and future use and the values identified in this plan.

Projects proposed by community groups and other users of the reserve must be in line with Council strategic plans and must align with the reserve purpose and core objectives for the Reserve.

Depending on the scope of the project Council may request a written proposal outlining the project and proposed location, estimated costs, scaled plans, justification for proposed works and future maintenance requirements.

D5 PLAN OF MANAGEMENT – MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE LAND

D5.1 Alcohol

The infrequent sale of alcohol by a sporting committee, club or user group requires the approval of the NSW Office of Liquor Gaming and Racing through the issue of a Limited Licence. The Licence should be provided to Council in each instance. When making application for the use of a passive recreational area, if the sale of alcohol is intended, applicants are required to comply with any requirements of both the Office of Liquor Gaming and Racing and Council.

D5.2 Companion Animals

Domestic pets may use the grounds where authorised by signage provided that they are under the control of a responsible person at all times and do not cause loss of amenity to other users of the land.

Dogs are not permitted to be walked off leash unless they are within Council's designated off leash exercise areas. Dog clubs are required to seek Council permission to conduct dog obedience and training activities on all community land.

D5.3 Parking

Parking is directly available adjacent to the Park, with signage is dedicated to showing where parking is permitted.

APPENDIX E
SPECIFIC INFORMATION FOR RESERVE 77085
DENILIQUIN OVAL

APPENDIX E – DENILIQUIN OVAL RESERVE

E1 INTRODUCTION

E1.1 Land to Which this Plan Applies

The land to which this plan applies is Crown Reserve 77085 and is contained in Whole: Lot 1 DP 724430, Lot 7304 DP 1143172 Parish South Deniliquin County Townsend. The reserve is located on the western side of the Cobb Highway at Pretty Pine. The land contains a total of 114,494.64 m2. The reserve for Deniliquin Oval was gazetted on 15 October 1954 and was set aside for the purpose of Public Recreation. An aerial photograph, outlining the extents of the reserve, is shown below in **Figure E1.**

Figure E1 – Aerial Photograph of Deniliquin Oval (Reserve No. 77085)

E1.2 Land Ownership

Deniliquin Oval reserve is owned by the Crown and is managed by Edward River Council as Crown Land Manager under the Land Management Act 2016.

E1.3 Categorisation of the Reserve

In the case of Deniliquin Oval, Council has requested and obtained initial categorisation of:

- **Park** for the purpose of **Public Recreation**.

The category was approved by the minister administering the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* in relation to the reserve. Council does not propose to alter the initial category assigned by the Minister by this Plan of Management because the assigned category most closely align with the reserved purposed of the of the land and its usage.

The core objectives for management of community land categorised as Park use are:

(a) to encourage, promote and facilitate recreational, cultural, social and educational pastimes and activities,
(b) to provide for passive recreational activities or pastimes and for the casual playing of games, and
(c) to improve the land in such a way as to promote and facilitate its use to achieve the other core objectives for its management.

E2 RELEVANT LEGISLATION, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

E2.1 Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979

The land is zoned as follows under the Deniliquin Local Environmental Plan 2013 (LEP):

- RE 1 Public Recreation

Figure E2 – Land Use Zones for Reserve No. 77085

The objectives of the land use zones are noted below in **Table E1**.

Table E1 – Objectives of Land Use Zones for Reserve No. 77085

Land Use Zone	Objectives
RE 1 – Public Recreation	• To enable land to be used for public open space or recreational purpose. • To provide a range of recreational settings and activities and compatible land uses. • To protect and enhance the natural environment for recreational purpose.

Details regarding permitted developments in these land use zones is included in the Deniliquin LEP 2013.

In addition to the Deniliquin LEP, the Deniliquin Development Control Plan was developed with the general aims to:

(a) Promote growth and development to support and enhance the vitality of the Central Business District.

(b) Encourage development that responds to the needs of the community.

(c) Encourage residential development of a high standard to improve the quality of the urban environment.

(d) Encourage development that respects and minimises the impacts on surrounding land and the wider environment.

(e) Encourage new development that will enhance streetscapes and vistas.

(f) Ensure that development incorporates safe, effective and convenient pedestrian, bicycle and vehicle access, movement and parking areas.

(g) Encourage energy efficiency in building design.

(h) Provide for effective and well-utilised open space with security and access for the community.

(i) Control and minimise the impact of stormwater run-off.

(j) Ensure that new development is fully integrated into Council's sewerage system wherever possible.

(k) Promote the orderly and efficient development of land to ensure that provision of services to that land is adequate.

E3 CULTURALLY SIGNIFICANT LAND

E3.1 Aboriginal Significance

Deniliquin Oval is not identified as having Aboriginal significance and is not declared under section 84 of the *National Park and Wildlife Act 1974*, however, any areas of Aboriginal significance that may be discovered are covered by this Plan of Management.

E3.2 Non-indigenous Significance

The reserve for Deniliquin Oval was gazetted on 15 October 1954 and was set aside for Public Recreation. The Deniliquin Oval is not specifically listed under the Deniliquin Local Environment Plan 2013 but is represented in the plan under the zonings RE 1 Public Recreation.

E4 DEVELOPMENT AND USE

E4.1 Community Strategic Plan - Outcome 1 – A great place to live

The direction for the Deniliquin Oval reserve is captured within Outcome 1 – A great place to live

> *We love our strong sense of community, our willingness to help each other out, and the fact that our region provides an ideal environment in which to raise a family. Over the life of Edward River 2030, we want to keep our community safe, active and healthy and make sure that our public and open spaces – such as our sporting grounds, community halls, parks and gardens – provide social value and keep us connected.*

The Deniliquin Oval fits directly under Targets 1.2 – Our community is safe, happy and healthy, both physically and mentally, and Target 3 – Our community and public spaces are accessible and inclusive and reflect our history, heritage and culture. The Council's role is to promote healthy lifestyles and effectively manage community halls and recreation reserves and operate section 355 committees to effectively manage community halls and recreation reserves.

E4.2 Condition of the Land and Structures on Adoption of the Plan of Management

Section 36(3A)(a) of the *Local Government Act* requires the plan to include a description of the condition of the land and structures on adoption of the plan. The condition of the infrastructure on Deniliquin Oval upon recent inspection is shown below in **Table H2.**

Table E2 – Condition of Council Assets Located on at Deniliquin Oval

ASSET DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	CONDITION RATING 1 – Good 5 – Unserviceable
Buildings	Community Use	2
Roads	Community Use	2
Water Infrastructure	Community Use	2
Grounds (lawns, gardens)	Community Use	2
Ovals	Community Use	2
Signage	Community Use	2
Fencing	Community Use	2

The Deniliquin Oval is functioning appropriately for the purposes of the area.

E4.3 Use of the Land and Structures at the Date of Adoption of the Plan of Management

Existing use of the reserve includes:

- Public Recreation.

Council is willing to work with existing and potential users to expand the usage of Deniliquin Oval and this Plan of Management will provide an operational and strategic framework to effectively take advantage of those opportunities.

E4.4 Permitted Use Strategic Objectives

As previously noted, the categorisation of Deniliquin Oval is Park with the intended purpose(s) of public recreation. Under the Deniliquin LEP 2013, the different lots are zoned RE 1 – Public Recreation. These purpose and category align with the reserve's past and future use and the values identified in this plan.

Projects proposed by community groups and other users of the reserve must be in line with Council strategic plans and must align with the reserve purpose and core objectives for the Reserve.

Depending on the scope of the project Council may request a written proposal outlining the project and proposed location, estimated costs, scaled plans, justification for proposed works and future maintenance requirements.

E5 PLAN OF MANAGEMENT – MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE LAND

E5.1 Alcohol

The infrequent sale of alcohol by a sporting committee, club or user group requires the approval of the NSW Office of Liquor Gaming and Racing through the issue of a Limited Licence. The Licence should be provided to Council in each instance. When making application for the use of a passive recreational area, if the sale of alcohol is intended, applicants are required to comply with any requirements of both the Office of Liquor Gaming and Racing and Council.

E5.2 Companion Animals

Domestic pets may use the grounds where authorised by signage provided that they are under the control of a responsible person at all times and do not cause loss of amenity to other users of the land.

Dogs are not permitted to be walked off leash unless they are within Council's designated off leash exercise areas. Dog clubs are required to seek Council permission to conduct dog obedience and training activities on all community land.

E5.3 Parking

Parking is directly available within the Deniliquin Oval, and signage is dedicated to showing where parking is permitted.

APPENDIX F
SPECIFIC INFORMATION FOR RESERVE 150007
DENILIQUIN SPORTS PARK

APPENDIX F – DENILIQUIN SPORTS PARK RESERVE

F1 INTRODUCTION

F1.1 Land to Which this Plan Applies

The land to which this plan applies is Crown Reserve 150007 and is contained in Lot 519 DP 820164, Lots 2-3 DP 1235420 Parish South Deniliquin County Townsend. The reserve is located on the western side of Deniliquin off Cemetery Rd. The land contains a total of 128,153.23 m2. The reserve for Deniliquin Sports Park was gazette on 19/12/1986 and was set aside for the purpose of Public Recreation. An aerial photograph, outlining the extents of the reserve, is shown below in **Figure F1.**

Figure F1 – Aerial Photograph of Deniliquin Sports Park (Reserve No. 150007)

F1.2 Land Ownership

Deniliquin Sports Park is owned by the Crown and is managed by Edward River Council as Crown Land Manager under the Land Management Act 2016.

F1.2 Categorisation of the Reserve

In the case of Deniliquin Sports Park, Council has requested and obtained initial categorisation of:

- **Park** for the purpose of Public Recreation.

The category was approved by the minister administering the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* in relation to the reserve. Council does not propose to alter the initial category assigned by the Minister by this Plan of Management because the assigned category most closely align with the reserved purposed of the of the land and its usage.

The core objectives for management of community land categorised as Park use are:

(a) to encourage, promote and facilitate recreational, cultural, social and educational pastimes and activities,
(b) to provide for passive recreational activities or pastimes and for the casual playing of games, and
(c) to improve the land in such a way as to promote and facilitate its use to achieve the other core objectives for its management.

F2 RELEVANT LEGISLATION, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

F2.1 Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979

The land is zoned as follows under the Deniliquin Local Environmental Plan 2013 (LEP):

- RE 1 Public Recreation

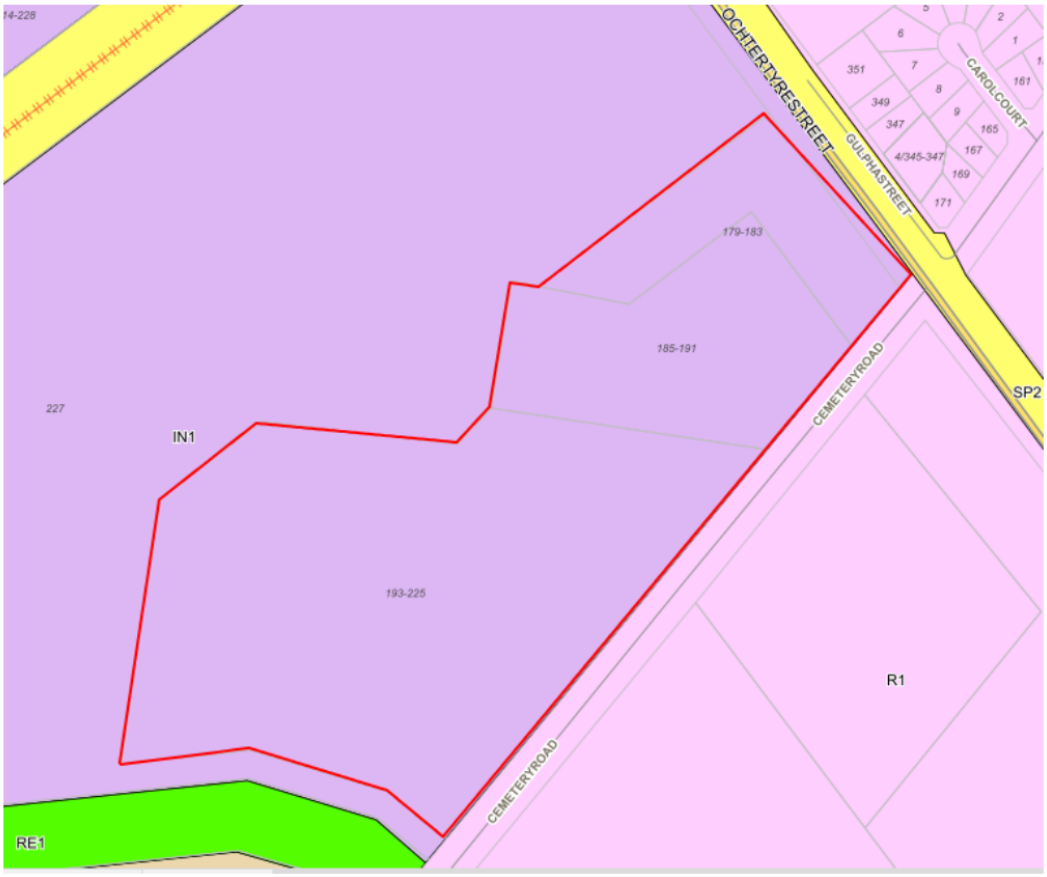

Figure F2 – Land Use Zones for Reserve No. 150007

The objectives of the land use zones are noted below in **Table F1**.

Table F1 – Objectives of Land Use Zones for Reserve No. 150007

Land Use Zone	Objectives
RE 1 – Public Recreation	• To enable land to be used for public open space or recreational purpose. • To provide a range of recreational settings and activities and compatible land uses. • To protect and enhance the natural environment for recreational purpose.

Details regarding permitted developments in these land use zones is included in the Deniliquin LEP 2013.

In addition to the Deniliquin LEP, the Deniliquin Development Control Plan was developed with the general aims to:

(a) Promote growth and development to support and enhance the vitality of the Central Business District.

(b) Encourage development that responds to the needs of the community.

(c) Encourage residential development of a high standard to improve the quality of the urban environment.

(d) Encourage development that respects and minimises the impacts on surrounding land and the wider environment.

(e) Encourage new development that will enhance streetscapes and vistas.

(f) Ensure that development incorporates safe, effective and convenient pedestrian, bicycle and vehicle access, movement and parking areas.

(g) Encourage energy efficiency in building design.

(h) Provide for effective and well-utilised open space with security and access for the community.

(i) Control and minimise the impact of stormwater run-off.

(j) Ensure that new development is fully integrated into Council's sewerage system wherever possible.

(k) Promote the orderly and efficient development of land to ensure that provision of services to that land is adequate.

F3 CULTURALLY SIGNIFICANT LAND

F3.1 Aboriginal Significance

Deniliquin Sports Park is not identified as having Aboriginal significance and is not declared under section 84 of the *National Park and Wildlife Act 1974*, however, any areas of Aboriginal significance that may be discovered are covered by this Plan of Management.

F3.2 Non-indigenous Significance

The reserve for Deniliquin Sports Park was gazetted on 19 December 1986 and was set aside for use as a Public Recreation. The Deniliquin Sports Park is not specifically listed under the deniliquin Local Environment Plan 2013 but is represented in the plan under the zonings RE 1 Public Recreation.

F4 DEVELOPMENT AND USE

F4.1 Outcome 1 – A great place to live

The direction for the Deniliquin Sports Park is captured within Outcome 1 – A great place to live

We love our strong sense of community, our willingness to help each other out, and the fact that our region provides an ideal environment in which to raise a family. Over the life of Edward River 2030, we want to keep our community safe, active and healthy and make sure that our public and open spaces – such as our sporting grounds, community halls, parks and gardens – provide social value and keep us connected.

The Deniliquin Sports Park fits directly under Target 3 – Our community and public spaces are accessible and inclusive and reflect our history, heritage and culture. The Council's role is to promote healthy lifestyles and Operate section 355 committees to effectively manage community halls and recreation reserves.

F4.2 Condition of the Land and Structures on Adoption of the Plan of Management

Section 36(3A)(a) of the *Local Government Act* requires the plan to include a description of the condition of the land and structures on adoption of the plan. The condition of the infrastructure on Deniliquin Sports Park upon recent inspection is shown below in **Table F2.**

Table F2 – Condition of Council Assets Located on at Deniliquin Sports Park

ASSET DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	CONDITION RATING 1 – Good 5 – Unserviceable
Buildings	Community Use	1
Roads	Community Use	2
Water Infrastructure	Community Use	2
Grounds (lawns, gardens)	Community Use	2
Ovals	Community Use	2
Signage	Community Use	2
Fencing	Community Use	2

The Deniliquin Sports Park is functioning appropriately for the purposes of the area.

F4.3 Use of the Land and Structures at the Date of Adoption of the Plan of Management

Existing use of the reserve includes:

- Public recreation.

Council is willing to work with the community to expand the usage of Deniliquin Sports Park and this Plan of Management provides an operational and strategic framework to effectively take advantage of those opportunities.

F4.4 Permitted Use Strategic Objectives

As previously noted, the categorisation of Deniliquin Sports Park is Park with the intended purpose(s) of Public Recreation. Under the Deniliquin LEP 2013, the different lots are zoned RE 1 – Public Recreation. These purpose and Category align with the reserve's past and future use and the values identified in this plan.

Projects proposed by community groups and other users of the reserve must be in line with Council strategic plans and must align with the reserve purpose and core objectives for the Reserve.

Depending on the scope of the project Council may request a written proposal outlining the project and proposed location, estimated costs, scaled plans, justification for proposed works and future maintenance requirements.

F5 PLAN OF MANAGEMENT – MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE LAND

F5.1 Alcohol

The infrequent sale of alcohol by a sporting committee, club or user group requires the approval of the NSW Office of Liquor Gaming and Racing through the issue of a Limited Licence. The Licence should be provided to Council in each instance.

When making application for the use of a passive recreational area, if the sale of alcohol is intended, applicants are required to comply with any requirements of both the Office of Liquor Gaming and Racing and Council.

F5.2 Companion Animals

Domestic pets may use the grounds where authorised by signage provided that they are under the control of a responsible person at all times and do not cause loss of amenity to other users of the land.

Dogs are not permitted to be walked off leash unless they are within Council's designated off leash exercise areas. Dog clubs are required to seek Council permission to conduct dog obedience and training activities on all community land.

F5.3 Parking

Parking is available within the Deniliquin Sports Park in designated parking areas at the front of the Sports s. Signage is dedicated to showing where parking is permitted.

APPENDIX G

SPECIFIC INFORMATION FOR RESERVE 88772

DENILIQUIN SWIMMING CENTRE

APPENDIX G – DENILIQUIN SWIMMING CENTRE

G1 INTRODUCTION

G1.1 Land to Which this Plan Applies

The land to which this plan applies is Crown Reserve 88772 and is contained in Lot 7026 DP 1023926 Parish South Deniliquin County Townsend. The reserve is located on the western side of Deniliquin off Harding St and Ochtertyre St. The land contains a total of 52,336.80 m2. The reserve for Deniliquin Swimming Centre was gazette on 17/11/1972 and was set aside for the purpose of Public Recreation; Public Baths. An aerial photograph, outlining the extents of the reserve, is shown below in **Figure G1.**

Figure G1 – Aerial Photograph of Deniliquin Swimming Centre (Reserve No. 88772)

G1.2 Land Ownership

Deniliquin Swimming Centre is owned by the Crown and is managed by Edward River Council as Crown Land Manager under the Land Management Act 2016.

G1.3 Categorisation of the Reserve

In the case of Deniliquin Swimming Centre, Council has requested and obtained initial categorisation of:

- **Park** for the purpose of Public Recreation; Public Baths.

The category was approved by the minister administering the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* in relation to the reserve. Council does not propose to alter the initial category assigned by the Minister by this Plan of Management because the assigned category most closely align with the reserved purposed of the of the land and its usage.

The core objectives for management of community land categorised as Park use are:

(a) to encourage, promote and facilitate recreational, cultural, social and educational pastimes and activities,
(b) to provide for passive recreational activities or pastimes and for the casual playing of games, and
(c) to improve the land in such a way as to promote and facilitate its use to achieve the other core objectives for its management.

G2 RELEVANT LEGISLATION, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

G2.1 Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979

The land is zoned as follows under the Deniliquin Local Environmental Plan 2013 (LEP):

- RE 1 Public Recreation; Public Baths

Figure G2 – Land Use Zones for Reserve No. 88772

The objectives of the land use zones are noted below in **Table G1**.

Land Use Zone	Objectives
RE 1 – Public Recreation; Public Baths	• To enable land to be used for public open space or recreational purposes. • To provide a range of recreational settings and activities and compatible land uses. • To protect and enhance the natural environment for recreational purposes.

Table G1 – Objectives of Land Use Zones for Reserve No. 88772

Details regarding permitted developments in these land use zones is included in the Deniliquin LEP 2013.

In addition to the Deniliquin LEP, the Deniliquin Development Control Plan was developed with the general aims to:

(a) Promote growth and development to support and enhance the vitality of the Central Business District.

(b) Encourage development that responds to the needs of the community.

(c) Encourage residential development of a high standard to improve the quality of the urban environment.

(d) Encourage development that respects and minimises the impacts on surrounding land and the wider environment.

(e) Encourage new development that will enhance streetscapes and vistas.

(f) Ensure that development incorporates safe, effective and convenient pedestrian, bicycle and vehicle access, movement and parking areas.

(g) Encourage energy efficiency in building design.

(h) Provide for effective and well-utilised open space with security and access for the community.

(i) Control and minimise the impact of stormwater run-off.

(j) Ensure that new development is fully integrated into Council's sewerage system wherever possible.

(k) Promote the orderly and efficient development of land to ensure that provision of services to that land is adequate.

G3 CULTURALLY SIGNIFICANT LAND

G3.1 Aboriginal Significance

Deniliquin Swimming Centre is not identified as having Aboriginal significance and is not declared under section 84 of the *National Park and Wildlife Act 1974*, however, any areas of Aboriginal significance that may be discovered are covered by this Plan of Management.

G3.2 Non-indigenous Significance

The reserve for Deniliquin Swimming Centre was gazetted on 17 November 1972 and was set aside for Public Recreation; Public Baths. The Deniliquin Swimming Centre is not specifically listed under the Deniliquin Local Environment Plan 2013 but is represented in the plan under the zoning RE 1 Public Recreation; Public Baths.

G4 DEVELOPMENT AND USE

G4.1 Community Strategic Plan - Outcome 1 – A great place to live

The direction for the Deniliquin Swimming Centre reserve is captured within Outcome 1 – A great place to live

> *We love our strong sense of community, our willingness to help each other out, and the fact that our region provides an ideal environment in which to raise a family. Over the life of Edward River 2030, we want to keep our community safe, active and healthy and make sure that our public and open spaces – such as our sporting grounds, community halls, parks and gardens – provide social value and keep us connected.*

The Deniliquin Swimming Centre fits directly under Targets 1.2 – Our community is safe, happy and healthy, both physically and mentally, and Target 3 – Our community and public spaces are accessible and inclusive and reflect our history, heritage and culture. The Council's role is to promote healthy lifestyles and effectively manage community halls and recreation reserves.

G4.2 Condition of the Land and Structures on Adoption of the Plan of Management

Section 36(3A)(a) of the *Local Government Act* requires the plan to include a description of the condition of the land and structures on adoption of the plan. The condition of the infrastructure on Deniliquin Swimming Centre upon recent inspection is shown below in **Table G2.**

Table G2 – Condition of Council Assets Located on at Deniliquin Swimming Centre

ASSET DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	CONDITION RATING 1 – Good 5 – Unserviceable
Buildings	Community Use	3
Pools	Community Use	2
Water Tower	Community Use	2
Play Equipment	Community Use	1
Bike mounds	Community Use	1
Roads	Community Use	2
Water Infrastructure	Community Use	2
Grounds (lawns, gardens)	Community Use	2
Ovals	Community Use	2

Signage	Community Use	2
Fencing	Community Use	2

G4.3 Use of the Land and Structures at the Date of Adoption of the Plan of Management

Existing use of the reserve includes:

- Public recreation
- Public Baths.

Council is willing to work with existing and potential users to expand the usage of Deniliquin Swimming Centre reserve and this Plan of Management will provide an operational and strategic framework to effectively take advantage of those opportunities.

G4.4 Permitted Use Strategic Objectives

As previously noted, the categorisation of Deniliquin Swimming Centre is Park with the intended purpose(s) of Public Recreation; Public Baths. Under the Deniliquin LEP 2013, the different lots are zoned RE 1 – Public Recreation; Public Baths. These purposes and category align with the reserve's past and future use and the values identified in this plan.

Projects proposed by community groups and other users of the reserve must be in line with Council strategic plans and must align with the reserve purpose and core objectives for the Reserve.

Depending on the scope of the project Council may request a written proposal outlining the project and proposed location, estimated costs, scaled plans, justification for proposed works and future maintenance requirements.

G5 PLAN OF MANAGEMENT – MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE LAND

D5.1 Alcohol

The infrequent sale of alcohol by a sporting committee, club or user group requires the approval of the NSW Office of Liquor Gaming and Racing through the issue of a Limited Licence. The Licence should be provided to Council in each instance.

When making application for the use of a passive recreational area, if the sale of alcohol is intended, applicants are required to comply with any requirements of both the Office of Liquor Gaming and Racing and Council.

G5.2 Companion Animals

Domestic pets may use the grounds where authorised by signage provided that they are under the control of a responsible person at all times and do not cause loss of amenity to other users of the land.

Dogs are not permitted to be walked off leash unless they are within Council's designated off leash exercise areas. Dog clubs are required to seek Council permission to conduct dog obedience and training activities on all community land.

G5.3 Parking

Parking is directly available adjacent to the Deniliquin Swimming Centre Reserve. Signage is dedicated to showing where parking is permitted.

APPENDIX H

SPECIFIC INFORMATION FOR RESERVE 1000166

DENILIQUIN TOWN HALL

APPENDIX H – DENILIQUIN TOWN HALL

H1 INTRODUCTION

H1.2 Land to Which this Plan Applies

The land to which this plan applies is Crown Reserve 1000166 and is contained in Lot 7 Section 21 DP 758913 Parish South Deniliquin County Townsend. The reserve is located in the Central Business District facing Cressy St and Civic Place at the rear of the building. The land contains a total of 1,031.22m2. The reserve for Deniliquin Town Hall was gazette on 15/8/1871 and was set aside for the purpose of Town Hall. An aerial photograph, outlining the extents of the reserve, is shown below in **Figure H1.**

Figure H1 – Aerial Photograph of Deniliquin Town Hall (Reserve No. 1000166)

H1.2 Land Ownership

Deniliquin Town Hall is owned by the Crown and is managed by Edward River Council as Crown Land Manager under the Land Management Act 2016.

H1.3 Categorisation of the Reserve

In the case of Deniliquin Town Hall, Council has requested the initial categorisation of:

- **General Community Use** for the purpose of Town Hall.

Council is requesting this categorisation to the minister administering the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* in relation to the reserve. Council believes the designation of this the assigned category most closely align with the reserved purposed of the of the land and its usage.

The core objectives for management of community land categorised as general community use are to promote, encourage and provide for the use of the land, and to provide facilities on the land, to meet the current and future needs of the local community and of the wider public:

(a) in relation to public recreation and the physical, cultural, social and intellectual welfare or development of individual members of the public, and
(b) in relation to purposes for which a lease, licence or other estate may be granted in respect of the land (other than the provision of public utilities and works associated with or ancillary to public utilities).

H2 RELEVANT LEGISLATION, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

H2.1 Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979

The land is zoned as follows under the Deniliquin Local Environmental Plan 2013 (LEP):

- SP 2 Infrastructure

Figure I2 – Land Use Zones for Reserve No. 1000166

The objectives of the land use zones are noted below in **Table H1**.

Table H1 – Objectives of Land Use Zones for Reserve No. 1000166

Land Use Zone	Objectives
SP 2 – Infrastructure	• To provide for infrastructure and related uses. • To prevent development that is not compatible with or that may detract from the provision of infrastructure.

Details regarding permitted developments in these land use zones is included in the Deniliquin LEP 2013.

In addition to the Deniliquin LEP, the Deniliquin Development Control Plan was developed with the general aims to:

(a) Promote growth and development to support and enhance the vitality of the Central Business District.

(b) Encourage development that responds to the needs of the community.

(c) Encourage residential development of a high standard to improve the quality of the urban environment.

(d) Encourage development that respects and minimises the impacts on surrounding land and the wider environment.

(e) Encourage new development that will enhance streetscapes and vistas.

(f) Ensure that development incorporates safe, effective and convenient pedestrian, bicycle and vehicle access, movement and parking areas.

(g) Encourage energy efficiency in building design.

(h) Provide for effective and well-utilised open space with security and access for the community.

(i) Control and minimise the impact of stormwater run-off.

(j) Ensure that new development is fully integrated into Council's sewerage system wherever possible.

(k) Promote the orderly and efficient development of land to ensure that provision of services to that land is adequate.

H3 CULTURALLY SIGNIFICANT LAND

H3.1 Aboriginal Significance

Deniliquin Town Hall is not identified as having Aboriginal significance and is not declared under section 84 of the *National Park and Wildlife Act 1974*, however, any areas of Aboriginal significance that may be discovered are covered by this Plan of Management.

H3.2 Non-indigenous Significance

The reserve for Deniliquin Town Hall was gazetted on 15 August 1972 and was set aside for Town Hall. The Deniliquin Town Hall is not specifically listed under the Deniliquin Local Environment Plan 2013 but is represented in the plan under the zonings SP 2 Infrastructure.

H4 DEVELOPMENT AND USE

H4.1 Community Strategic Plan - Outcome 1 – A great place to live

The direction for the Deniliquin Town Hall is captured within Outcome 1 – A great place to live

> *We love our strong sense of community, our willingness to help each other out, and the fact that our region provides an ideal environment in which to raise a family. Over the life of Edward River 2030, we want to keep our community safe, active and healthy and make sure that our public and open spaces – such as our sporting grounds, community halls, parks and gardens – provide social value and keep us connected.*

The Deniliquin Town Hall fits directly under Targets 1.2 – Our community is safe, happy and healthy, both physically and mentally, and Target 3 – Our community and public spaces are accessible and inclusive and reflect our history, heritage and culture. The Council's role is to promote healthy lifestyles and effectively manage community halls and recreation reserves and operate section 355 committees to effectively manage community halls and recreation reserves.

H4.2 Condition of the Land and Structures on Adoption of the Plan of Management

Section 36(3A)(a) of the *Local Government Act* requires the plan to include a description of the condition of the land and structures on adoption of the plan. The condition of the infrastructure on Deniliquin Town Hall upon recent inspection is shown below in **Table H2.**

Table H2 – Condition of Council Assets Located on at Deniliquin Town Hall

ASSET DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	CONDITION RATING 1 – Good 5 – Unserviceable
Buildings	Community Use	1
Footpaths	Community Use	1
Water Infrastructure	Community Use	1
Grounds (lawns, gardens)	Community Use	1
Fencing and Pergolas	Community Use	1

The Deniliquin Town Hall is functioning appropriately for the purposes of the area.

H4.3 Use of the Land and Structures at the Date of Adoption of the Plan of Management

Existing use of the reserve includes:

- Town Hall

Council is willing to work with existing and potential users to expand the usage of Deniliquin Town Hall and this Plan of Management will provide an operational and strategic framework to effectively take advantage of those opportunities.

H4.4 Permitted Use Strategic Objectives

As previously noted, the categorisation of Deniliquin Town Hall is General Community Use with the intended purpose(s) of Town Hall. Under the Deniliquin LEP 2013, the different lots are zoned SP 1 – Infrastructure. These purposes and category align with the reserve's past and future use and the values identified in this plan.

Projects proposed by community groups and other users of the reserve must be in line with Council strategic plans and must align with the reserve purpose and core objectives for the Reserve.

Depending on the scope of the project Council may request a written proposal outlining the project and proposed location, estimated costs, scaled plans, justification for proposed works and future maintenance requirements.

H5 PLAN OF MANAGEMENT – MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE LAND

H5.1 Alcohol

The infrequent sale of alcohol by a sporting committee, club or user group requires the approval of the NSW Office of Liquor Gaming and Racing through the issue of a Limited Licence. The Licence should be provided to Council in each instance.

When making application for the use of a passive recreational area, if the sale of alcohol is intended, applicants are required to comply with any requirements of both the Office of Liquor Gaming and Racing and Council.

H5.2 Companion Animals

Domestic pets may use the grounds where authorised by signage provided that they are under the control of a responsible person at all times and do not cause loss of amenity to other users of the land.

Dogs are not permitted to be walked off leash unless they are within Council's designated off leash exercise areas. Dog clubs are required to seek Council permission to conduct dog obedience and training activities on all community land.

H5.3 Parking

Parking is directly available adjacent to the Deniliquin Town Hall, and dedicated signage showing where parking is permitted.

APPENDIX I

SPECIFIC INFORMATION FOR RESERVE 96339

DENILIQUIN VRA SITE

APPENDIX I – DENILIQUIN VRA SITE RESERVE

I1 INTRODUCTION

I1.1 Land to Which this Plan Applies

The land to which this plan applies is Crown Reserve 96339 and is contained Lot 2 Section 206 DP 758913, Lot 7015 DP 1054027 Parish South Deniliquin County Townsend. The reserve is located on the western side of Deniliquin with access from Deniliquin VRA Site. The land contains a total of 2,172.37 m2. The reserve for Deniliquin VRA Site Reserve was gazette on 10/9/1982 and was set aside for the purpose of Rescue Station. An aerial photograph, outlining the extents of the reserve, is shown below in **Figure I1.**

Figure I1 – Aerial Photograph of Deniliquin VRA Site (Reserve No. 96339)

I1.2 Land Ownership

Deniliquin VRA Site reserve is owned by the Crown and is managed by Edward River Council as Crown Land Manager under the Land Management Act 2016.

I1.3 Categorisation of the Reserve

In the case of Deniliquin VRA Site, Council has requested and obtained initial categorisation of:

- **General Community Use** for the purpose of Rescue Station.

The category was approved by the minister administering the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* in relation to the reserve. Council does not propose to alter the initial category assigned by the Minister by this Plan of Management because the assigned category most closely align with the reserved purposed of the of the land and its usage.

The core objectives for management of community land categorised as general community use are to promote, encourage and provide for the use of the land, and to provide facilities on the land, to meet the current and future needs of the local community and of the wider public:

(a) in relation to public recreation and the physical, cultural, social and intellectual welfare or development of individual members of the public, and
(b) in relation to purposes for which a lease, licence or other estate may be granted in respect of the land (other than the provision of public utilities and works associated with or ancillary to public utilities).

I2 RELEVANT LEGISLATION, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

I2.1 Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979

The land is zoned as follows under the Deniliquin Local Environmental Plan 2013 (LEP):

- R1 General Residential

Figure I2 – Land Use Zones for Reserve No. 96339

The objectives of the land use zones are noted below in **Table I1**.

Table K1 – Objectives of Land Use Zones for Reserve No. 96339

Land Use Zone	Objectives
R1 – General Residential	• To provide for the housing needs of the community. • To provide for a variety of housing types and densities. • To enable other land uses that provide facilities or services to meet the day to day needs of residents.

Details regarding permitted developments in these land use zones is included in the Deniliquin LEP 2013.

In addition to the Deniliquin LEP, the Deniliquin Development Control Plan was developed with the general aims to:

(a) Promote growth and development to support and enhance the vitality of the Central Business District.

(b) Encourage development that responds to the needs of the community.

(c) Encourage residential development of a high standard to improve the quality of the urban environment.

(d) Encourage development that respects and minimises the impacts on surrounding land and the wider environment.

(e) Encourage new development that will enhance streetscapes and vistas.

(f) Ensure that development incorporates safe, effective and convenient pedestrian, bicycle and vehicle access, movement and parking areas.

(g) Encourage energy efficiency in building design.

(h) Provide for effective and well-utilised open space with security and access for the community.

(i) Control and minimise the impact of stormwater run-off.

(j) Ensure that new development is fully integrated into Council's sewerage system wherever possible.

(k) Promote the orderly and efficient development of land to ensure that provision of services to that land is adequate.

I3 CULTURALLY SIGNIFICANT LAND

I3.1 Aboriginal Significance

Deniliquin VRA Site is not identified as having Aboriginal significance and is not declared under section 84 of the *National Park and Wildlife Act 1974*, however, any areas of Aboriginal significance that may be discovered are covered by this Plan of Management.

I3.2 Non-indigenous Significance

The reserve for Deniliquin VRA Site was gazetted on 10 September 1982 and was set aside for Rescue Station. The Deniliquin VRA Site is not specifically listed under the Deniliquin Local Environment Plan 2013 but is represented in the plan under the zoning R1 General Residential

I4 DEVELOPMENT AND USE

I4.1 Community Strategic Plan - Outcome 1 – A great place to live

The direction for the Deniliquin VRA Site reserve is captured within Outcome 4 – A region with quality and sustainable infrastructure

> *As a community we are lucky to have well developed built infrastructure. In particular our sporting facilities and community halls are an area of immense pride. We see opportunity for improvement in our road, footpath and drainage networks and by taking a proactive approach to building maintenance.*

The Deniliquin VRA Site Reserve fits directly under Targets 1.2 – Our community is safe, happy and healthy, both physically and mentally, and Target 3 – Our community and public spaces are accessible and inclusive and reflect our history, heritage and culture. The Council's role is to promote healthy lifestyles and Operate section 355 committees to effectively manage community halls and recreation reserves.

I4.2 Condition of the Land and Structures on Adoption of the Plan of Management

Section 36(3A)(a) of the *Local Government Act* requires the plan to include a description of the condition of the land and structures on adoption of the plan. The condition of the infrastructure on Deniliquin VRA Site upon recent inspection is shown below in **Table I2.**

Table I2 – Condition of Council Assets Located on at Deniliquin VRA Site

ASSET DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	CONDITION RATING 1 – Good 5 – Unserviceable
Fencing	Community Use	2
Paths	Community Use	2
Water Infrastructure	Community Use	2
Buildings	Community Use	2
Gardens	Community Use	3

The Deniliquin VRA Site is functioning appropriately for the purposes of the area.

I4.3 Use of the Land and Structures at the Date of Adoption of the Plan of Management

Existing use of the reserve includes:

- Rescue Station

Council is willing to work with existing and potential users to expand the usage of Deniliquin VRA Site and this Plan of Management will provide an operational and strategic framework to effectively take advantage of those opportunities.

I4.3 Permitted Use Strategic Objectives

As previously noted, the categorisation of Deniliquin VRA Site is General Community Use with the intended purpose(s) of Rescue Station. Under the Deniliquin LEP 2013, the different lots are zoned R1 – General Residential. These purpose and category align with the reserve's past and future use and the values identified in this plan.

Projects proposed by community groups and other users of the reserve must be in line with Council strategic plans and must align with the reserve's purpose and core objectives for the Reserve.

Depending on the scope of the project Council may request a written proposal outlining the project and proposed location, estimated costs, scaled plans, justification for proposed works and future maintenance requirements.

I5 PLAN OF MANAGEMENT – MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE LAND

I5.1 Alcohol

The infrequent sale of alcohol by a sporting committee, club or user group requires the approval of the NSW Office of Liquor Gaming and Racing through the issue of a Limited Licence. The Licence should be provided to Council in each instance.

When making application for the use of a passive recreational area, if the sale of alcohol is intended, applicants are required to comply with any requirements of both the Office of Liquor Gaming and Racing and Council.

I5.2 Companion Animals

Domestic pets may use the grounds where authorised by signage provided that they are under the control of a responsible person at all times and do not cause loss of amenity to other users of the land.

Dogs are not permitted to be walked off leash unless they are within Council's designated off leash exercise areas. Dog clubs are required to seek Council permission to conduct dog obedience and training activities on all community land.

I5.3 Parking

Parking is directly available adjacent to the Deniliquin VRA Site. Signage is dedicated to showing where parking is permitted.

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Reserve No.'s 550028, 550036, 1000443, 550034, 77085, 150007, 88772, 1000166, 96339

APPENDIX J

NATIVE TITLE ASSESSMENT

The Crown Land Management Act 2016 – Section 8.7 (1) (d) requires that Council as Crown Land Manager obtains the written advice of its Native Title Manager prior to its approval or submission for approval of a plan of management for the land that authorises or permits any kinds of dealings referred to in Section 8.7.

1 The Land to which this report applies

The land to which the Plan of Management applies is shown below in **Table J1**.

Table J1 – Land to Which this Report Applies

Reserve Number	Reserve Description	Land Description	Reserve Gazettal Date
550028	Waring Gardens	Lot 1 DP34649	14 November 1879
550036	McFaulls Park	Lot 7035 DP 1023920	14 November 1879
1000443	Harfleur St Boat Ramp (Mathews Park)	Lot 7027 DP1023779 & Lot 7033 DP1023953	25 March 1887
550034	J.P. Burchfield Park	Lot 7 Section 205 DP 758913, Lot 8 DP 1122669	14 November 1879
77085	Deniliquin Oval	Lot 1 DP 724430, Lot 7304 DP 1143172	15 October 1954
150007	Deniliquin Sports Park	Lot 519 DP 820164, Lots 2-3 DP 1235420	19 December 1986
88772	Deniliquin Swimming Centre	Lot 7026 DP 1023926	17 November 1972
1000166	Deniliquin Town Hall	Lot 7 Section 21 DP 758913	15 August 1871
96339	Deniliquin VRA Site	Lot 2 Section 206 DP 758913, Lot 7015 DP 1054027	10 September 1982

Edward River Council is the Crown Land Manager of the Land. The management and use of the and is subject to the provisions contained in the Crown Land Management Act 2016.

2. Details of activity on Crown Land

This Plan of Management has been prepared by Council and provides direction as to the use and management of the reserves included in the Plan.

The Plan of Management is required in accordance with Section 3.23 of the Crown Lands Management Act 2016 and Section 36 of the Local Government Act 1993.

The Plan of Management outlines the way the reserve will be used and provides the framework for Council to follow in relation to the Leasing, Licencing and Permit processes for the land.

The Plan of Management also provides for the granting of easements over the land and the further development of the land, buildings and infrastructure on the land.

The Plan of Management provides strict guidelines such that each activity requires a Native Title Assessment and validation under the Native Title Act 1993 to carried out by Council's Native Title Manager prior to the commencement or approval of that activity.

The Plan of Management is clear that the management of those activities that could be consider to a future act must consider the reserve purpose for the land.

Accordingly, the activities authorised under the Plan of Management could be validated under Subdivision J of the Native Title Act 1993.

2a. Is the activity a future act?

The Plan of Management provides authorisation for granting of leases, licences and other Estates over the land and the granting of easements and further development of the land, buildings and infrastructure on the land. These activities could be a future act within the meaning of Section 233 of the Native Title Act 1993.

2b. If it is, why? if it is not, why not?

The activities authorised under the Plan of Management could be a future act within the meaning of Section 233 of the Native Title Act 1993.

3. If the activity is a future act, which of the following subdivisions of the future act regime under the Native Title Act 1993 validate it?

The authorisation of the activities that could be considered a future act within the Plan of Management provides for the activity to be carried out in accordance with the reserve purpose of the land.

The Plan of Management does not provide authorisation for any activity that is not in accordance with the reserve purpose of the land.

Accordingly, the activities could be validated under Subdivision J of the Native Title Act 1993.

4. Requirements to notify any representative body.

The Plan of Management provides strict guidelines such that each activity requires a Native Title assessment and validation under the Native Title Act 1993 to be carried out by Council's Native Title Manager prior to the commencement or approval of that activity.

Notification will be assessed on a case by case basis and parties will be notifies when an activity is assessed.

As the Plan of Management authorises activities that could be future acts within the meaning of Section 233 of the Native Title Act 1993. Council will notify NTSCorp and the Deniliquin Aboriginal Land Council prior to adoption of the plan.

Requirement	Section 24JA	Requirement satisfied
The reservation was created on or before 23 December 1996; and	s.24JA(1)(a)	Yes
The reservation was valid; and	s.24JA(1)(b)	Yes
The creation of the reservation was done by the Crown (the Commonwealth or State); and	s.24JA(1)(c)	Yes
The whole or part of any land or waters under the reservation was to be used for a particular purpose; and	s.24JA(1)(d)	Yes
The issue of the licence is done in good faith under or in accordance with the reservation, or	s.24JA(1)(e)(i)	Yes
In the area covered by the reservation, so long as the act's impact on Native Title is no longer greater than the impact that any act that could have been done under or in accordance with the reservation would have had	s.24JA(1)(e)(ii)	Yes

Summary:

The Plan of Management authorises activities that could be considered as future acts within the meaning of Section 233 of the Native Title Act 1993.

The Plan of Management guidelines provide that those activities are only to be authorised if they are in accordance with the reserve purpose of the land.

Those activities that are consistent with the reserve purpose of the land may be validated under Subdivision J if the land was subject to a reservation created prior to 23 December 1996 and the reservation was done by the Crown.

Therefore, requirements of S24JA(1) (a)-(e) are met.

s.24JA(1)(a) is satisfied as the relevant land was subject to reservation created before 23 December 1996.

s.24JA(1)(b) is satisfied as the Reserve was notified in the Government Gazetted of 2 May 1986.

s.24JA(1)(c) is satisfied as the reservation was carried out by the Crown under the provision of the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, such reservation has been carried out by a statutory power, exercised by the minister on behalf of the Crown.

s.24JA(1)(d) is satisfied as the land was to be used for a specific purpose being a reservation under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act which reserved the land from sale for the purpose of Public Recreation.

s.24JA(1)(e) (ii) is satisfied as the adoption of a Plan of Management that authorises activities to be done in accordance with the reservation purpose in the area covered by the reservation, so long as the act's impact on native title is no longer greater than the impact that any act that could have been done under or in accordance with the reservation would have had.

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BOOROORBAN CEMETERY RESERVE - No. 86089

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Appendix A Booroorban Cemetery

Appendix B Native Title Assessment

1 KEY INFORMATION

This Plan of Management has been prepared by Edward River Council (Council) to provide direction regarding the use and management of the following reserve:

- Booroorban Cemetery - Reserve no. 86089

This Plan of Management is required in accordance with Section 3.23 of the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* and Section 36 of the *Local Government Act 1993* and outlines the way the reserve will be used and provides the framework for Council to follow in relation to the Leasing, Licensing and Permit processes for the land. The plan may be used to determine the allocation of resources and funds.

2 INTRODUCTION

2.1 Background

Edward River Council was proclaimed on 12 May 2016, following the amalgamation of the former Conargo Shire Council and Deniliquin Council into one strong, cohesive and dynamic organisation. Deniliquin is located approximately 725km southwest of Sydney and 285km northeast of Melbourne. The Council is situated within the Murray region of New South Wales and close to the Victorian border. It shares borders with Hay Shire to the north, Murrumbidgee Council to the east, Murray River Council to the south-west and Berrigan Council to south-east.

The Council provides services and support to a community of approximately 9,000 permanent residents across a region covering 8,881 square kilometres, including the town of Deniliquin and the six rural villages of Blighty, Booroorban, Conargo, Pretty Pine and Wanganella. A map of the local government area is shown below in **Figure 1**.

Figure 1 - Edward River Council Local Government Area

Edward River Council is responsible for care and control of many community land parcels. With the introduction of the Crown Land Management Act 2016, Council has been appointed the Crown Land Manager for all Crown reserves within its jurisdiction under the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

2.2 Strategic and Corporate Objectives

Edward River Council has set out several strategic objectives in the Community Strategic Plan, as shown below in **Figure 2**:

Figure 2 – Edward River Council's Strategic Objectives from the Community Strategic Plan

2.3 Land to Which this Plan Applies

The land details for each reserve to which this plan applies are shown in the relevant sections of **Appendix A**.

2.4 Land Ownership

The land ownership details for each reserve to which this plan applies are shown in the relevant sections of **Appendix A.**

2.5 Categorisation of the Reserve

Under Section 3.23(2) of the Crown Land management Act 2016, Council Crown Land managers must assign to all Crown Land under their management one or more initial categories of community land referred to in section 36 of the Local Government Act 1993.

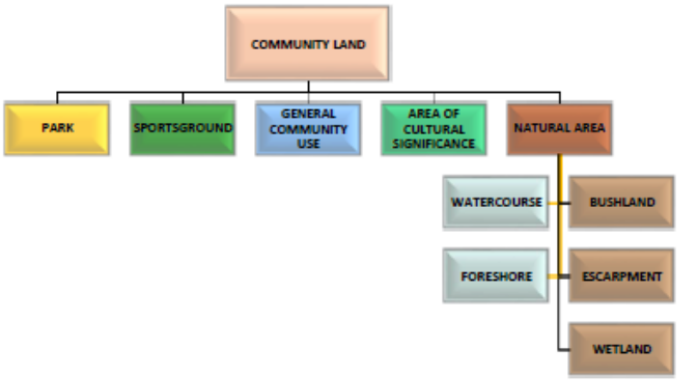

Figure 3 – Categories of Community Land referred to in Section 36 of the *Local Government Act 1993*

Council must assign a category that they consider to be most closely related to the purpose(s) that the land is dedicated or reserved. Multiple categories are assigned to Crown land where the Crown land is subject to multiple reservations and/or dedications.

The degree to which the reserve purpose relates to the assigned category of the land is important for ongoing management of the land. This is because Council must obtain Native Title Manager advice as to the validity of the activities that they wish to undertake on the land prior to dealing with it.

Both the Aboriginal Land Rights Act and the Native Title Act recognise the intent of the original reserve purpose of the land so that complying activities can be considered lawful or validated, particularly under Section J of the *Native Title Act 1993*.

The specific land categories for each reserve to which this plan applies are shown in the relevant sections of **Appendix A**.

Activities of the land will reflect the intent of the public purpose and will be assessed for compliance with relevant Local Government and Crown Lands legislation. This includes assessment of that activity under the *Native Title Act 1993* and registered claims under the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983.*

Use of the land for any activity is subject to the application and approval. Assessment will consider compliance with the objectives and relationship to that impact on the public purpose for the which the land was set aside. Other uses that do not comply with this Plan of Management or zoning of the land under Council's Local Environmental Plan will not be considered.

3 RELEVANT LEGISLATION, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

3.1 Local Government Act 1993 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021

Under section 36(1) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Plans of Management must be prepared for all community land. Community land is land which is kept for use of the general public. Clause 101(2) of the *Local Government General Regulation 2021* requires Council to have regard to the guidelines for categorisation of community land set out in Clauses 102 to 111 of that regulation.

This Plan of Management has been prepared in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993* using the land categories approved by the Minister administering the *Crown Land Management Act 2016*. The minimum requirements for a Plan of Management are set out under section 36(3) of the *Local Government Act 1993.*

A Plan of Management must identify

- the category of the land
- the objective and performance targets of the plan with respect to the land
- the means by which Council proposes to assess its performance with respect to the plan's objectives and performance targets

These conditions may require the approval of Council for the carrying out of any specified activity on the land.

Section 36 (3A) specifies that for Plans of Management that are specific to one area of land, must also describe

- the condition of the land as at the adoption of the plan
- the buildings on the land as at adoption, and
- the use of the buildings and the land as at adoption
  Additionally, the Plan must also state the purposes for which the land will be allowed to be used and the scale and intensity of that use.

Sections 36E – 36N of the *Local Government Act 1993* specifies the core objectives for the management of each category of community land.

3.2 Crown Land Management Act 2016

Division 3.6 of the *Crown Lands Management Act 2016* deals with the requirements that Council must meet in relation to Plans of Management and other Plans.

Section 3.23(6) of the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* requires Council to adopt a Plan of Management for any Crown reserve for which it is appointed Crown Land Manager, and that is classified as community land under the *Local Government Act 1993*.

3.3 Native Title Act 1993 (Federal)

All activities on the land must address the issue of native title. Whilst a successful claim for native title will lead to official recognition of native title rights, native title rights are considered to pre-date such recognition. Native title can therefore be relevant to activities carried out on the land even if no native title claim has been made or registered.

3.4 Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983

The native title process must be considered for each activity on the land and a native title assessment must be undertaken. Almost all activities and public works carried out on the land will affect native title and require validation of the future act procedures in Division 3 of the *Native Title Act* by Council's Native Title Manager.

In New South Wales, Aboriginal Land Rights sits alongside native title and allows Aboriginal Land Council's to claim 'claimable' Crown land.

Generally, the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act* is directed at allowing Council's to claim Crown land that is unlawfully used or occupied. If a claim is successful, the freehold estate of the land is transferred to the Land Council.

Council is mindful that any activity on Crown land is lawful in relation to the reserve purpose of the land and that it ensures that Crown land under its control is always lawfully used and occupied.

When planning an activity of the land such as the issue of a lease or licence or any public works, Council is expected to search to determine whether an Aboriginal Land Rights claim has been made in relation to the land. If a claim is registered, the activity must be postponed until the claim is resolved.

Strategies which allow Council to validly carry out a project or activity under the *Native Title Act* may not deal with project risks arising in relation to the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act*.

3.5 Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016

Council has legislative responsibility under this Act to appropriately manage Threatened Species Populations and Vulnerable or Endangered Ecological Communities and their habitats wherever they occur despite the categorisation of the land.

Where identified Council is bound by the Act to take any appropriate action necessary to implement measures and must not make decisions that are inconsistent with the provisions of any Threat Abatement or Recovery Plan.

3.6 Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979

The specific land use zoning for each reserve to which this plan applies are shown in the relevant sections of **Appendix A**.

3.7 Cemeteries and Crematoria Act 2013.

Council has legislative responsibility under this Act to make provision for and with respect to the management and operation of cemeteries and crematoria; and for other purposes.

3.8 Council Plans, Strategies, Policies and Procedures

This Plan of Management is to be used in conjunction with the appropriate Council plans, policies and procedures that govern the use and management of community land and any facilities located on the land.

Additional Council policies, plans and strategies adopted after the date of this plan that have relevance to the planning, use and management of community land will apply as though they were in force at the date of adoption of the Plan of Management.

3.9 Legislation and Statutory Control

This Plan of Management does not overrule existing legislation that also applies to the management of community land.

Other legislation and policies to be considered in the management process include, but are not limited to:

- *Public Works Act 1912* (as amended);
- *Local Land Services Act 2013;*
- *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016;*
- *Water Management Act 2000;*
- *Companion Animals Act 1998;*
- *Rural Fires Act 1997;*
- *Rural Fires and Environmental Assessment Legislation Amendment Act 2002;*
- *Biosecurity Act 2015;*
- *Pesticides Act 1999;*
- *State Environmental Planning Policies;*
- *Deniliquin Local Environmental Plan 2013;*
- *Conargo Local Environmental Plan 2013;*
- *Deniliquin Development Control Plans 2016;*
- *Guidelines supporting development control plans; and*
- *Council plans, strategies, policies, procedures and guidelines, generally, as amended.*

3.10 Reclassification of Reserves

From time to time certain parcels of Community land may be identified as surplus to the existing and future needs of the community. Section 3.21 of the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* outlines provisions of Management of dedicated or reserved Crown land within meaning of the *Local Government Act 1993.* Section 3.21 (2) advises that a Council manager is authorised to manage its dedicated or reserved Crown land as if it were community land or operational land but only as permitted or required by Division 3.4 of the *Crown Land Management Act 2016*.

3.11 Review of this Plan

The use and management of the listed reserves is regulated by this Plan of Management. Whilst the guidelines and principles outlined in the Plan may be suitable at present, the Plan should be reviewed from time to time, to confirm its relevance.

The review of this Plan of Management will take place within five (5) years of adoption of this plan.

3.12 Community Consultation

Consultation with the community is an important part of the preparation of this Plan of Management. Consultation gives Council a better understanding of the range of local issues affecting the use and enjoyment of the land to which this Plan of Management applies and gives all sectors of the community the chance to have an input into the direction of policy development being undertaken by Council.

All stakeholders are given the opportunity to express their opinions and provide relevant information in relation to the planned management of the land, however, as the land is Crown land final approval for the Plan of Management rests with the Minister administering the Crown Lands Act 2016 as owner of the land.

Council is required to submit the draft Plan of Management to NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure, as representative of the owner of the land under section 39 of the Local Government Act. Section 3.23(7)(d) of the CLM Act states that, if the draft first Plan of Management alters the initial categories assigned, the council must obtain the Minister's consent if the re- categorisation would require an addition to the purposes for which the land is dedicated or reserved, but it will not be required to hold a public hearing. The Minister cannot give consent under section 3.23(7)(d) if it is considered that the alteration is likely to materially harm the use of the land for its reserve purpose.

4 CULTURALLY SIGNIFICANT LAND

4.1 Aboriginal Significance

Deniliquin is in the country of the Wamba Wamba Perrepa Perrepa nation and members of the community are closely connected to the town and surrounding lands. The Wamba Wamba and Perrepa Perrepa people of this region developed a way of life over many generations which was in harmony with the land and its natural rhythms. They developed a sophisticated farming system based on the indigenous vegetation communities which supported large family groups. In Deniliquin a comparatively high number of people identified themselves as Aboriginal and / or Torres Strait Islanders (4.6%) compared to the average for NSW (2.9%).

Both the Deniliquin Local Environmental Plan 2013 and Conargo Local Environmental Plan 2013 describes places of Aboriginal Heritage significance as an area of land, the general location of which is identified in an Aboriginal heritage study adopted by the Council after public exhibition and that may be shown on the Heritage Map, that is:

- the site of one or more Aboriginal objects or a place that has the physical remains of pre-European occupation by, or is of contemporary significance to, the Aboriginal people. It may (but need not) include items and remnants of the occupation of the land by Aboriginal people, such as burial places, engraving sites, rock art, midden deposits, scarred and sacred trees and sharpening grooves, or
- a natural Aboriginal sacred site or other sacred feature. It includes natural features such as creeks or mountains of long-standing cultural significance, as well as initiation, ceremonial or story places or areas of more contemporary cultural significance.

In addition, an Aboriginal object means any deposit, object or other material evidence (not being a handicraft made for sale) relating to the Aboriginal habitation of an area of New South Wales,

being habitation before or concurrent with (or both) the occupation of that area by persons of non-Aboriginal extraction and includes Aboriginal remains.

Information regarding the aboriginal significance of each reserve to which this plan applies are shown in the relevant sections of **Appendix A**.

4.2 Non-indigenous Significance

Information regarding the non-aboriginal significance of each reserve to which this plan applies are shown in the relevant sections of **Appendix A**.

5 DEVELOPMENT AND USE

5.1 Overview

One of the primary responsibilities of Local Government is to provide an acceptable level of service for public assets to its community within budgetary constraints. Council's ongoing commitment to the development and maintenance of these areas depend on financial resources and forward planning. The implementation of actions identified in this Plan of Management are consistent with Edward River Council's corporate objectives as detailed in the following strategic documents:

- Edward River Council 2035 Community Strategic Plan
- Edward River Council Combined Delivery Program 2024-25 and Operational Plan 2024-25
- Edward River Council Resource Strategy
- Edward River Open Space Strategy
- Deniliquin Public Space Strategy
- Deniliquin Masterplan

5.2 Community Strategic Plan

The Edward River 2030 Community Strategic Plan is the highest-level plan that Council prepares in accordance with the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework. The purpose of the Community Strategic Plan is to identify the community's main priorities and aspirations for the future and to plan strategies for achieving these goals. In doing this, the planning process considers the issues and pressures that may impact the community and the level of resources that will realistically be available to achieve its aspirations. At an operational level, the Community Strategic Plan is implemented through Council's Four Yearly Delivery Program and annual Operational Plans, which outline the activities and actions that are the responsibility of Council in achieving our shared vision. The relationship between these planning documents is shown below in **Figure 4**.

Figure 4 – Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework

In 2030, our community wants the Edward River region wants to achieve several strategic objectives which each council managed crown reserves will fit within:

1. A great place to live
2. A prosperous and vibrant economy
3. A valued and enhanced natural environment
4. A region with quality and sustainable infrastructure
5. A community working together to achieve its potential

The relevant outcomes from the Community Strategic Plan for the reserves to which this plan applies are shown in the relevant sections of **Appendix A**.

5.3 Open Space and Public Space Strategies

In addition to the Community Strategic Plan, the Edward River Open Space Strategy was developed as a forward-looking plan that provides direction to the provision and management of open space across the local government area. Open space, for the purposes of the Edward River Open Space Strategy, is defined as the range of public and private spaces that provide landscape and/or urban design features and are generally for rest, relaxation, recreation and sport activity, and for the preservation of the environment.

For the Edward River Open Space Strategy, areas such as recreation and formal parkland, conservation reserves, linkages, sporting reserves (public and private), public land set aside for specific recreation or sport purposes of a specialised nature and amenity parklands are relevant. This Strategy examines Edward River councils current and future demand for open space areas; improvements to existing parks and walkways, while being cognisant of Council's vision to have a high-quality open space system.

The Deniliquin Public Space Strategy focusses specifically on open and public spaces in Deniliquin and was developed in response to community requests to improve the appearance of the town, particularly the main Central Business District (CBD) streets, the town entries and the riverfront. The Deniliquin Masterplan was developed in response to the Deniliquin Public Space Strategy and provide an integrated masterplan, through a series of detailed landscape plans to allow project implementation and construction ready documentation for high priority elements.

Several objectives have been identified for the project including:

- Provide a structural change to the physical appearance of Deniliquin with a focus on the CBD, Riverfront, Lagoon networks and town entrances
- Improve the liveability, functionality and access to the CBD, Riverfront and Lagoon networks
- Consider both short term and long-term actions, along with ongoing Council asset management and servicing requirements − Consider ongoing ability to fund and implement works
- Consider the impacts of planning issues
- Maximise the Riverfront and its proximity, accessibility and links with the CBD
- Consider the needs of all stakeholders with focus on creating new private sector development opportunities where appropriate and supporting existing business

5.4 Condition of the Land and Structures on Adoption of the Plan of Management

Section 36(3A)(a) of the *Local Government Act* requires the plan to include a description of the condition of the land and structures on adoption of the plan.

Information regarding the structures located at each of the reserves to which this plan applies are shown in the relevant sections of **Appendix A**.

5.5 Use of the Land and Structures at the Date of Adoption of the Plan of Management

Information regarding the use of the land for each of the reserves to which this plan applies are shown in the relevant sections of **Appendix A**.

5.6 Permitted Use Strategic Objectives

Information regarding the permitted use strategy objectives for each reserve to which this plan applies are shown in the relevant sections of **Appendix A**.

Projects proposed by community groups and other users of the reserve must be in line with Council strategic plans and must align with the reserve purpose and core objectives for the Reserve.

Depending on the scope of the project Council may request a written proposal outlining the project and proposed location, estimated costs, scaled plans, justification for proposed works and future maintenance requirements.

5.7 Further Development

The priority for the reserve at present is to scope out ways to improve the reserve in line with the purposes for the reserve and relevant legislation such as the *Local Government Act 1993, Crown Land Management Act 2016*, *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983* and the *Native Title Act 1993*.

A comprehensive site development plan and a landscape management plan is recommended for larger projects to ensure a strategic approach to development.

5.8 Leases, Licences and other Estates

Leases, licences and other estates formalise the use of community land by groups such as sporting clubs and non-profit organisations, or by commercial organisations and individuals providing facilities and services for public use. Activities should be compatible with the zoning and reservation purpose of the land and provide benefits and services for facilities to the users of the land.

The Local Government Act 1993 (specifically section 46/47 of the Local Government Act – Leases/Licences) contains important restrictions on the ability of a council to grant leases, licences, and other estates over community land. This is coupled with requirements for public consultation to ensure that council take community views into account. The Act also outlines when a council must tender a proposed lease or licence. The Act allows a council to grant a lease, licence or other estate for a term of up to 30 years (including any renewal terms and holdover periods) in respect of community land for:

- the provision of public utilities (s 46(1)(a)); or
- for the purpose of providing pipes, conduits or other connections underground for the connection of premises adjoining the community land to a facility of the council or other public utility provider (s46(1)(a1)); or
- to allow a filming project to be carried out (s46(1)(c)); or
- in accordance with an express authorisation in the plan of management applying to the land (s46(1)(b)) for one of the purposes listed in section 46(1)(b) of the Act, provided that purpose is consistent with the core objectives of the categorisation of the land (s46(2)).

A council must first obtain the Minister for Local Government's consent to grant a proposed lease, licence or other estate in the following instances:

- The proposed term (including any renewal options and holdover periods) exceeds 21 years.
- The proposed term (including any renewal options and holdover periods) exceeds 5 years and a person makes a submission by way of an objection to the proposal during the submission period.
- The proposed term (including any renewal options and holdover periods) is 5 years or less and the Minister has "called in" the proposed lease, licence or other estate (s47A(2)(c)) and the Minister has determined that sections 47(5)-(9) of the Act are to apply to the proposal.

The Occupation of the land other than by lease or licence or other estate or for a permitted purpose listed in the *Local Government Regulations 2021* is prohibited.

The terms of the authorisation for a lease licence or other estate should include Native Title assessment and validation under the Native Title Act 1993 and should include advice that the land is not subject to a claim under the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983. The authorisation should ensure the proper management and maintenance of the land and the interests of Council and the public are protected. A lease is normally issued where exclusive control of all or part of an area by a user is proposed. In all other instances a licence or short term licence or hire agreement will be issued.

Areas held under lease, licence or regular occupancy shall be maintained by the user. The user will be responsible for maintenance and outgoings as defined in the lease or licence or agreement for use.

5.9 Native Title Assessment

The *Crown Land Management Act 2016* – Section 8.7 (1) (d) requires that Council, as Crown Land Manager, obtains the written advice of its Native Title Manager prior to its approval or submission for approval of a plan of management for the land that authorises or permits any kinds of dealings referred to in **Section 5.8**.

A copy of the Native Title Assessment for this reserve is included in **Appendix B.**

6 PLAN OF MANAGEMENT - OBJECTIVES AND ACTIONS

6.1 Plan of Management Objectives

The general objectives of this Plan of Management are shown below in **Table 1.**

Table 1 – Plan of Management Objectives

	Plan of Management Objectives
1.	To ensure that relevant legislation is complied with in relation to the land.
2.	To inform Council staff and the community of the way the land will be managed.
3.	To implement specific policies, guidelines and works identified in the plan of management.
4.	To progressively improve the values of the land and to minimize the long-term cost of maintenance to the Council
5.	To make provisions for appropriate leases, licences and agreements in respect to the land.
6.	To identify and recognise existing uses and improvements on the land.
7.	To set in place and administrative structure to ensure the achievement of land management objectives.

8.	To ensure that the management of the land is not likely to materially harm the use of the land for any of the purposes for which it is dedicated or reserved.

6.2 Action Plan

The Plan of Management specifies performance targets and priorities for actions to be taken in relation to the land to which the plan applies.

Assessment of achievement of the objectives of the plan is to be undertaken. A summary of indicators and targets for major objectives is outlined in the **Table 2** below.

Table 2 – Indicators and Targets for Plan of Management Objectives

OBJECTIVES AND PERFORMANCE TARGETS OF THE PLAN IN RESPECT TO THE LAND	MEANS BY WHICH THE COUNCIL PROPOSES TO ACHIEVE THE PLAN'S OBJECTIVES AND PERFORMANCE TARGETS	MANNER IN WHICH COUNCIL PROPOSES TO ASSESS ITS PERFORMANCE WITH RESPECT TO THE PLAN'S OBJECTIVES AND PERFORMANCE TARGETS
To ensure that relevant legislation is complied with in relation to preparation of Plans of Management.	The Plan is prepared in accordance with the Act. Native Title Manager advice is sought during the preparation of the Plan.	The Plan is reviewed by Council's Native Title Manager and Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure Crown Lands then exhibited and adopted by Council if there are no changes to the approved plan. If changes are made following exhibition the plan must again be approved by Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure Crown Lands.
To inform Council staff and the community of the way the land will be managed.	The Plan is exhibited in accordance with the Local Government Act.	The Plan is exhibited and adopted by Council.
To implement the specific policies, guidelines and works identified in the plan of management.	Ensure that the Plan is referenced to identify specific policies, guidelines and works.	All works are carried out in accordance with the Plan.
To progressively improve the values of the land to minimise the long term cost of maintenance to the Council.	Carry out all works identified in Council's long term plan.	All works are completed, and minimal maintenance of the improvements is required.

OBJECTIVES AND PERFORMANCE TARGETS OF THE PLAN IN RESPECT TO THE LAND	MEANS BY WHICH THE COUNCIL PROPOSES TO ACHIEVE THE PLAN'S OBJECTIVES AND PERFORMANCE TARGETS	MANNER IN WHICH COUNCIL PROPOSES TO ASSESS ITS PERFORMANCE WITH RESPECT TO THE PLAN'S OBJECTIVES AND PERFORMANCE TARGETS
To make provision for leases, licences and agreements in respect of the land.	The Plan of Management expressly authorises the provision of leases, licences and agreements where appropriate.	Any leases are prepared, exhibited and adopted in accordance with the provisions of the Local *Government Act 1993* and the *Crown Land Management Act 2016*. Native Title Manager advice and a check for a claim under the Aboriginal Land Rights Act is received for all proposed leases and licences.
To identify and recognise existing uses and improvements on the land.	Physical inspection.	The Plan is exhibited and adopted by Council.
To provide a reference and data bank in relation to information relevant to present and future management of the land.	Physical inspection and file research.	The Plan is exhibited and adopted by Council.
To set in place an administrative structure to ensure the achievement of land management objectives.	Ensure that all sections of Council are aware of the contents of the Plan.	All future works are carried out in accordance with the Plan.
To identify the major management issues applying to the land.	Consultation and staff discussions.	The Plan is exhibited and adopted by Council.
To simplify the process of management as far as possible.	Preparation of the Plan in accordance with the Act.	The Plan is exhibited and adopted by Council.

7 PLAN OF MANAGEMENT – MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE LAND

7.1 Management Authority

For the purposes of this plan, the management authority for the reserve is Edward River Council, in accordance with the provisions of the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* and the *Local Government Act 1993*. Where Council's responsibilities have been delegated, the provisions of this management plan continue to apply.

7.2 Management Issues

The management of the land must consider the reserve purpose(s) of the land and the purpose for which the land is classified and categorized.

7.3 Staff Resources

Council shall provide adequate staff resources for the management of the land in accordance with this Plan of Management. Staff shall have appropriate qualifications and/or experience.

7.4 Environmental Assessment of Activities

The environmental impact of activities carried out on the land will be assessed having regard to the requirements under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act.

7.5 Role of Other Activities

Other government authorities may have responsibilities or involvement in the management of the land or of immediately adjacent land. This will be considered and, where appropriate, consultation will take place with relevant authorities.

7.6 Activities Carried Out by Other Authorities

Where activities are carried out on the land by other authorities, Council will make the authorities aware of the provisions of this Plan of Management and will seek to ensure that any activities are compatible with the objectives and guidelines of this Plan of Management, and in in accordance with the provisions of the Crown Land Management Act 2016 and the Local Government Act 1993.

7.7 Principles for the Development of Adjoining Land

Council's development control practices recognise and endeavour to minimize the impacts upon adjoining land parcels. Council will consider the impacts of activities carried out on the reserve on adjoining land.

7.8 Community Involvement in Management

Where appropriate, Council will undertake community consultation subsequent to the making of this Plan of Management and may give community groups a role in management.

7.9 Contract and Volunteer Labour

In managing the land Council may use contract and volunteer labour but shall ensure that supervisors and staff have appropriate qualifications and/or experience and are made aware of the requirements of this plan.

7.10 Existing Assets

Existing assets on the land shall be identified and measures taken to maintain them in a satisfactory manner. Council may make arrangement for community groups and users to undertake maintenance for specific facilities on Council's behalf.

7.11 Public Liability Insurance

All users of the land, including lease and licence holders, must have public liability insurance coverage, incorporating the following:

- At least $20M coverage for any one instance; and
- Edward River Council named in the policy as an interested party.

A copy of the cover note for the insurance is to be provided to Council prior to use of the reserve. Where the use of the reserve is for longer than one year, as may be the case for leases and licences, up to date copies of the cover note shall be provided.

7.12 Commercial Activities

Commercial activities may be carried out on the land, provided that the activity is ancillary to the purpose of the land or for a purpose authorised under this Plan of Management. Any commercial activity is subject to prior Council consent.

7.13 Emergencies

This Plan of Management authorises necessary activities to be carried out during declared emergencies as may be decided by the General Manager or delegate. Following carrying out of any activities, periodic monitoring will be undertaken, and rehabilitation works undertaken if necessary.

7.14 Land Proposed for Future Development

Land proposed in any of Council's plans for future development for a specific purpose may be utilised for other purposes on an interim basis until required for that purpose.

7.15 Undeveloped Land

Land to which this Plan of Management applies that is undeveloped and unused for the purpose of the land may upon assessment, be used for any activity that does not prevent or inhibit future use for the purpose of the land, including tree planting and mowing.

7.16 Information Monitoring and Research

Monitoring and collection of information relating to the land to which the Plan of Management applies are important to enable good management. Where a demonstrated need has been identified, an educational programme shall be developed to encourage use appropriate to the purpose to all or part of the land to which this Plan of Management applies.

Management arrangements shall be implemented to regularly monitor the use of the land, environmental conditions and facilities. Surveys of visitation and/or satisfaction with the facilities may be undertaken to facilitate the management and use of the land.

7.17 Buildings and Amenities

Buildings and amenities may be provided where consistent with the need to facilitate the purpose of the land, provided that a Native Title assessment has been carried out by Council's Native Title Manager, the land is not subject to a claim under the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983* and the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993* and the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* have been complied with. Buildings and amenities are to be maintained in a safe condition for users and the public.

7.18 Infrastructure

Any necessary infrastructure to service the purpose of the land may be constructed provided that a Native Title assessment has been carried out by Council's Native Title Manager, the land is not subject to a claim under the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983*, and the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993* and the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* have been complied with.

7.19 General Maintenance

General maintenance will match the level and type of use and wherever possible users will be encouraged to help. Areas held under lease, licence or regular occupancy shall be maintained by the user where appropriate.

Existing assets on the land shall be identified and measures taken to maintain them in a satisfactory manner. The Council may decide for community groups to undertake maintenance for specific facilities on Council's behalf.

7.20 Development Activities

Development activities shall be undertaken in a way that minimizes the area, degree and duration of disturbance, and areas are to be restored to the greatest extent practicable.

7.21 Pollution Control

Management should seek to ensure that no pollution is generated on the land, and that adequate measures are taken to prevent adverse impacts from adjoining land.

7.22 Public Safety

Reasonable measures will be taken by Council to ensure and maintain the public safety of persons using the land.

7.23 Neighbours

Council shall endeavour to be a good neighbour and as far as possible shall consult with adjoining owners in respect of management and other activities which may affect them.

7.24 Trees, Vegetation and Landscape

Proper management of landscaping measures, trees and vegetation is important to provide a high degree of amenity on the land. Trees will be maintained, as will maintenance of appropriate growing conditions involving management of soil compaction and other encroachments, in accordance with Council's Tree Management Policy.

7.25 Weed Control

Weed control shall be by both taking preventative measures and active control measures. Prevention of weed infestation shall be by minimising actions that disturb the ground surface and discouraging the conditions that encourage weeds.

Measures shall be taken to prevent the dispersion of weeds by fill or the transport of seeds on machinery. Control measures which are acceptable include physical removal or slashing, accepted biological control techniques, bush regeneration, or chemical spraying where Council is satisfied that there will be no adverse residual effects and no adverse effect on human health.

APPENDIX A
SPECIFIC INFORMATION FOR RESERVE 86089
BOOROORBAN CEMETERY RESERVE

APPENDIX A – BOOROORBAN CEMETERY RESERVE

A1 INTRODUCTION

A1.1 Land to Which this Plan Applies

The land to which this plan applies is Crown Reserve 86089 and is contained in Lot 7310 DP 1157228 Parish Booroorban County Townsend. The reserve is located on the western side of the Booroorban township. The land contains a total of 1,566,99 m2. The reserve for Booroorban Cemetery was gazetted on 2 December 1966 and was set aside for the purpose of Preservation of Graves. An aerial photograph, outlining the extents of the reserve, is shown below in **Figure A1.**

Figure A1 – Aerial Photograph of Booroorban Cemetery (Reserve No. 86089)

The Reserve's main purpose of Preservation of Graves is for the residents of Booroorban.

A1.2 Land Ownership

Booroorban Cemetery is owned by the Crown and is managed by Edward River Council as Crown Land Manager under the Land Management Act 2016.

A1.3 Categorisation of the Reserve

In the case of Booroorban Cemetery, Council has requested and obtained initial categorisation of:

- **Area of Cultural Significance** for the purpose of Preservation of Graves.

The category was approved by the minister administering the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* in relation to the reserve. Council does not propose to alter the initial categories assigned by the Minister by this Plan of Management because the assigned categories most closely align with the reserved purposed of the of the land and its usage.

1. The core objectives for management of community land categorised as an area of cultural significance are to retain and enhance the cultural significance of the area (namely its Aboriginal, aesthetic, archaeological, historical, technical or research or social significance) for past, present or future generations by the active use of conservation methods.
2. Those conservation methods may include any or all of the following methods:
   (a) the continuous protective care and maintenance of the physical material of the land or of the context and setting of the area of cultural significance,
   (b) the restoration of the land, that is, the returning of the existing physical material of the land to a known earlier state by removing accretions or by reassembling existing components without the introduction of new material,
   (c) the reconstruction of the land, that is, the returning of the land as nearly as possible to a known earlier state,
   (d) the adaptive reuse of the land, that is, the enhancement or reinforcement of the cultural significance of the land by the introduction of sympathetic alterations or additions to allow compatible uses (that is, uses that involve no changes to the cultural significance of the physical material of the area, or uses that involve changes that are substantially reversible or changes that require a minimum impact),
   (e) the preservation of the land, that is, the maintenance of the physical material of the land in its existing state and the retardation of deterioration of the land.
   (f) A reference in subsection (2) to land includes a reference to any buildings erected on the land.

A2 RELEVANT LEGISLATION, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

A1.1 Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979

The land is zoned as follows under the Conargo Local Environmental Plan 2013 (LEP):

- RU 1 Primary Production

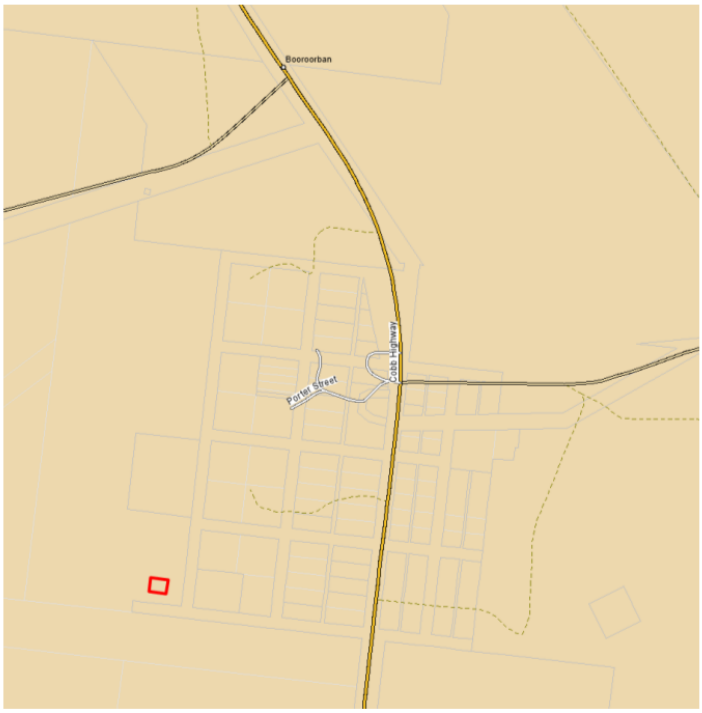

Figure A2 – Land Use Zones for Reserve No. 86089

The objectives of the land use zones are noted below in **Table A1**.

Table A1 – Objectives of Land Use Zones for Reserve No. 86089

Land Use Zone	Objectives
RU 1 – Primary Production	• To encourage sustainable primary industry production by maintaining and enhancing the natural resource base. • To encourage diversity in primary industry enterprises and systems appropriate for the area. • To minimise the fragmentation and alienation of resource lands. • To minimise conflict between land uses within this zone and land uses within adjoining zones. • To allow the development of non-agricultural land uses that are compatible with the character of the zone. • To encourage tourist and visitor accommodation that does not have an adverse impact on agricultural activities. • To allow for the development of non-agricultural land uses that are compatible with the character of the zone. • To permit small-scale rural tourism uses associated with primary production and environmental conservation that have minimal impact on primary production and the scenic amenity of the area. • To provide opportunities for employment-generating development that adds value to local agricultural production and integrates with tourism.

Details regarding permitted developments in these land use zones is included in the Conargo LEP 2013.

In addition to the Conargo LEP, the Deniliquin Development Control Plan was developed with the general aims to:

(a) Promote growth and development to support and enhance the vitality of the Central Business District.

(b) Encourage development that responds to the needs of the community.

(c) Encourage residential development of a high standard to improve the quality of the urban environment.

(d) Encourage development that respects and minimises the impacts on surrounding land and the wider environment.

(e) Encourage new development that will enhance streetscapes and vistas.

(f) Ensure that development incorporates safe, effective and convenient pedestrian, bicycle and vehicle access, movement and parking areas.

(g) Encourage energy efficiency in building design.

(h) Provide for effective and well-utilised open space with security and access for the community.

(i) Control and minimise the impact of stormwater run-off.

(j) Ensure that new development is fully integrated into Council's sewerage system wherever possible.

(k) Promote the orderly and efficient development of land to ensure that provision of services to that land is adequate.

A3 CULTURALLY SIGNIFICANT LAND

A3.1 Aboriginal Significance

Booroorban Cemetery is not identified as having Aboriginal significance and is not declared under section 84 of the *National Park and Wildlife Act 1974*, however, any areas of Aboriginal significance that may be discovered are covered by this Plan of Management.

A3.2 Non-indigenous Significance

The reserve for Booroorban Cemetery was gazetted on 2 December 1966 and was set aside for use as a Preservation of Graves. The Booroorban Cemetery is not specifically listed under the Conargo Local Environment Plan 2013 but is represented in the plan under the zonings RU 1 Primary Production.

A4 DEVELOPMENT AND USE

A4.1 Outcome 1 – A great place to live

The direction for the Booroorban Cemetery is captured within Outcome 1 – A great place to live

> *We love our strong sense of community, our willingness to help each other out, and the fact that our region provides an ideal environment in which to raise a family. Over the life of Edward River 2030, we want to keep our community safe, active and healthy and make sure that our public and open spaces – such as our sporting grounds, community halls, parks and gardens – provide social value and keep us connected.*

The Booroorban Cemetery fits directly under Target 3 – Our community and public spaces are accessible and inclusive and reflect our history, heritage and culture.

A4.2 Condition of the Land and Structures on Adoption of the Plan of Management

Section 36(3A)(a) of the *Local Government Act* requires the plan to include a description of the condition of the land and structures on adoption of the plan. The condition of the infrastructure on Booroorban Cemetery upon recent inspection is shown below in **Table A2.**

Table A2 – Condition of Council Assets Located on at Booroorban Cemetery

ASSET DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	CONDITION RATING 1 – Good 5 – Unserviceable
Fencing	Community Use	3

The Booroorban Cemetery is functioning appropriately for the purposes of the area.

A4.3 Use of the Land and Structures at the Date of Adoption of the Plan of Management

Existing use of the reserve includes:

- Preservation of Graves.

Council is willing to work with the community to expand the usage of Booroorban Cemetery and this Plan of Management provides an operational and strategic framework to effectively take advantage of those opportunities.

A4.4 Permitted Use Strategic Objectives

As previously noted, the classification of Booroorban Cemetery is Area of Cultural Significance with the intended purpose(s) of Preservation of Graves. Under the Conargo LEP 2013, the reserve is zoned RU 1 – Primary Production. These purposes and categories align with the reserve's past and future use and the values identified in this Plan.

Projects proposed by community groups and other users of the reserve must be in line with Council strategic plans and must align with the reserve purpose and core objectives for the Reserve.

Depending on the scope of the project Council may request a written proposal outlining the project and proposed location, estimated costs, scaled plans, justification for proposed works and future maintenance requirements.

A5 PLAN OF MANAGEMENT – MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE LAND

A5.1 Alcohol

Alcohol is not permitted within the Booroorban Cemetery.

A5.2 Companion Animals

Domestic pets are not permitted within the Booroorban Cemetery.

A5.3 Parking

Parking is available outside the Booroorban Cemetery.

APPENDIX B

NATIVE TITLE ASSESSMENT

The Crown Land Management Act 2016 – Section 8.7 (1) (d) requires that Council as Crown Land Manager obtains the written advice of its Native Title Manager prior to its approval or submission for approval of a plan of management for the land that authorises or permits any kinds of dealings referred to in Section 8.7.

1 The Land to which this report applies

The land to which the Plan of Management applies is shown below in **Table B1**.

Table L1 – Land to Which this Report Applies

Reserve Number	Reserve Description	Land Description	Reserve Gazettal Date
86089	Boorooban Cemetery	Lot 7310 DP 1157228	2 December 1966

Edward River Council is the Crown Land Manager of the Land. The management and use of the and is subject to the provisions contained in the Crown Land Management Act 2016.

2. Details of activity on Crown Land

This Plan of Management has been prepared by Council and provides direction as to the use and management of the reserves included in the Plan.

The Plan of Management is required in accordance with Section 3.23 of the Crown Lands Management Act 2016 and Section 36 of the Local Government Act 1993.

The Plan of Management outlines the way the reserve will be used and provides the framework for Council to follow in relation to the Leasing, Licencing and Permit processes for the land.

The Plan of Management also provides for the granting of easements over the land and the further development of the land, buildings and infrastructure on the land.

The Plan of Management provides strict guidelines such that each activity requires a Native Title Assessment and validation under the Native Title Act 1993 to carried out by Council's Native Title Manager prior to the commencement or approval of that activity.

The Plan of Management is clear that the management of those activities that could be consider to a future act must consider the reserve purpose for the land.

Accordingly, the activities authorised under the Plan of Management could be validated under Subdivision J of the Native Title Act 1993.

2a. Is the activity a future act?

The Plan of Management provides authorisation for granting of leases, licences and other Estates over the land and the granting of easements and further development of the land, buildings and infrastructure on the land. These activities could be a future act within the meaning of Section 233 of the Native Title Act 1993.

2b. If it is, why? if it is not, why not?

The activities authorised under the Plan of Management could be a future act within the meaning of Section 233 of the Native Title Act 1993.

3. If the activity is a future act, which of the following subdivisions of the future act regime under the Native Title Act 1993 validate it?

The authorisation of the activities that could be considered a future act within the Plan of Management provides for the activity to be carried out in accordance with the reserve purpose of the land.

The Plan of Management does not provide authorisation for any activity that is not in accordance with the reserve purpose of the land.

Accordingly, the activities could be validated under Subdivision J of the Native Title Act 1993.

4. Requirements to notify any representative body.

The Plan of Management provides strict guidelines such that each activity requires a Native Title assessment and validation under the Native Title Act 1993 to be carried out by Council's Native Title Manager prior to the commencement or approval of that activity.

Notification will be assessed on a case by case basis and parties will be notifies when an activity is assessed.

As the Plan of Management authorises activities that could be future acts within the meaning of Section 233 of the Native Title Act 1993. Council will notify NTSCorp and the Deniliquin Aboriginal Land Council prior to adoption of the plan.

Requirement	Section 24JA	Requirement satisfied
The reservation was created on or before 23 December 1996; and	s.24JA(1)(a)	Yes
The reservation was valid; and	s.24JA(1)(b)	Yes
The creation of the reservation was done by the Crown (the Commonwealth or State); and	s.24JA(1)(c)	Yes
The whole or part of any land or waters under the reservation was to be used for a particular purpose; and	s.24JA(1)(d)	Yes
The issue of the licence is done in good faith under or in accordance with the reservation, or	s.24JA(1)(e)(i)	Yes

In the area covered by the reservation, so long as the act's impact on Native Title is no longer greater than the impact that any act that could have been done under or in accordance with the reservation would have had	s.24JA(1)(e)(ii)	Yes

Summary:

The Plan of Management authorises activities that could be considered as future acts within the meaning of Section 233 of the Native Title Act 1993.

The Plan of Management guidelines provide that those activities are only to be authorised if they are in accordance with the reserve purpose of the land.

Those activities that are consistent with the reserve purpose of the land may be validated under Subdivision J if the land was subject to a reservation created prior to 23 December 1996 and the reservation was done by the Crown.

Therefore, requirements of S24JA(1) (a)-(e) are met.

s.24JA(1)(a) is satisfied as the relevant land was subject to reservation created before 23 December 1996.

s.24JA(1)(b) is satisfied as the Reserve was notified in the Government Gazetted of 2 December 1966.

s.24JA(1)(c) is satisfied as the reservation was carried out by the Crown under the provision of the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, such reservation has been carried out by a statutory power, exercised by the minister on behalf of the Crown.

s.24JA(1)(d) is satisfied as the land was to be used for a specific purpose being a reservation under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act which reserved the land from sale for the purpose of Public Recreation.

s.24JA(1)(e) (ii) is satisfied as the adoption of a Plan of Management that authorises activities to be done in accordance with the reservation purpose in the area covered by the reservation, so long as the act's impact on native title is no longer greater than the impact that any act that could have been done under or in accordance with the reservation would have had.

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1 KEY INFORMATION

This Plan of Management has been prepared by Edward River Council (Council) to provide direction regarding the use and management of the following reserve:

- Edward River Reserve - Reserve no. 90112

This Plan of Management is required in accordance with Section 3.23 of the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* and Section 36 of the *Local Government Act 1993* and outlines the way the reserve will be used and provides the framework for Council to follow in relation to the Leasing, Licensing and Permit processes for the land. The plan may be used to determine the allocation of resources and funds.

2 INTRODUCTION

2.1 Background

Edward River Council was proclaimed on 12 May 2016, following the amalgamation of the former Conargo Shire Council and Deniliquin Council into one strong, cohesive and dynamic organisation. Deniliquin is located approximately 725km southwest of Sydney and 285km northeast of Melbourne. The Council is situated within the Murray region of New South Wales and close to the Victorian border. It shares borders with Hay Shire to the north, Murrumbidgee Council to the east, Murray River Council to the south-west and Berrigan Council to south-east.

The Council provides services and support to a community of approximately 9,000 permanent residents across a region covering 8,881 square kilometres, including the town of Deniliquin and the six rural villages of Blighty, Booroorban, Conargo, Pretty Pine and Wanganella. A map of the local government area is shown below in **Figure 1**.

Figure 1 - Edward River Council Local Government Area

Edward River Council is responsible for care and control of many community land parcels. With the introduction of the Crown Land Management Act 2016, Council has been appointed the Crown Land Manager for many Crown reserves within its jurisdiction under the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

2.2 Strategic and Corporate Objectives

Edward River Council has set out several strategic objectives in the Community Strategic Plan, as shown below in **Figure 2**:

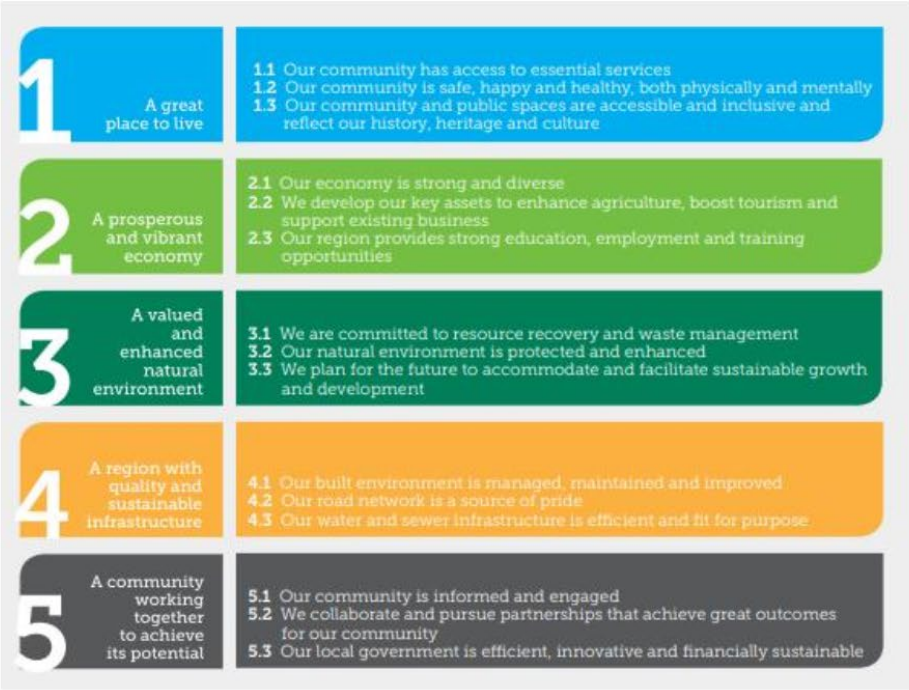

Figure 2 – Edward River Council's Strategic Objectives from the Community Strategic Plan

2.3 Land to Which this Plan Applies

The land details for each reserve to which this plan applies are shown in the relevant sections of **Appendix A**.

2.4 Land Ownership

The land ownership details for each reserve to which this plan applies are shown in the relevant sections of **Appendix A**.

2.5 Categorisation of the Reserve

Under Section 3.23(2) of the Crown Land management Act 2016, Council Crown Land managers must assign to all Crown Land under their management one or more initial categories of community land referred to in section 36 of the Local Government Act 1993.

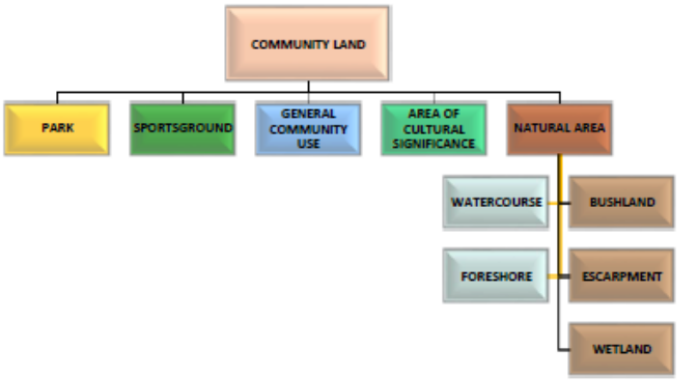

Figure 3 – Categories of Community Land referred to in Section 36 of the *Local Government Act 1993*

Council must assign a category that they consider to be most closely related to the purpose(s) that the land is dedicated or reserved.

The degree to which the reserve purpose relates to the assigned category of the land is important for ongoing management of the land. This is because Council must obtain Native Title Manager advice as to the validity of the activities that they wish to undertake on the land prior to dealing with it.

Both the Aboriginal Land Rights Act and the Native Title Act recognise the intent of the original reserve purpose of the land so that complying activities can be considered lawful or validated, particularly under Section J of the *Native Title Act 1993*.

The specific land categories for each reserve to which this plan applies are shown in the relevant sections of **Appendix A**.

Activities of the land will reflect the intent of the public purpose and will be assessed for compliance with relevant Local Government and Crown Lands legislation. This includes assessment of that activity under the *Native Title Act 1993* and registered claims under the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983.*

Use of the land for any activity is subject to the application and approval. Assessment will consider compliance with the objectives and relationship to that impact on the public purpose for the which the land was set aside. Other uses that do not comply with this Plan of Management or zoning of the land under Council's Local Environmental Plan will not be considered.

3 RELEVANT LEGISLATION, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

3.1 Local Government Act 1993 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021

Under section 36(1) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Plans of Management must be prepared for all community land. Community land is land which is kept for use of the general public. Clause 101(2) of the *Local Government General Regulation 2021* requires Council to have regard to the guidelines for categorisation of community land set out in Clauses 102 to 111 of that regulation.

This Plan of Management has been prepared in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993* using the land categories approved by the Minister administering the *Crown Land Management Act 2016*. The minimum requirements for a Plan of Management are set out under section 36(3) of the *Local Government Act 1993.*

A Plan of Management must identify

- the category of the land
- the objective and performance targets of the plan with respect to the land
- the means by which Council proposes to assess its performance with respect to the plan's objectives and performance targets

These conditions may require the approval of Council for the carrying out of any specified activity on the land.

Section 36 (3A) specifies that for Plans of Management that are specific to one area of land, must also describe

- the condition of the land as at the adoption of the plan
- the buildings on the land as at adoption, and
- the use of the buildings and the land as at adoption
  Additionally, the Plan must also state the purposes for which the land will be allowed to be used and the scale and intensity of that use.

Sections 36E – 36N of the *Local Government Act 1993* specifies the core objectives for the management of each category of community land.

3.2 Crown Land Management Act 2016

Division 3.6 of the *Crown Lands Management Act 2016* deals with the requirements that Council must meet in relation to Plans of Management and other Plans.

Section 3.23(6) of the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* requires Council to adopt a Plan of Management for any Crown reserve for which it is appointed Crown Land Manager, and that is classified as community land under the *Local Government Act 1993*.

3.3 Native Title Act 1993 (Federal)

The native title process must be considered for each activity on the land and a native title assessment must be undertaken. Almost all activities and public works carried out on the land will affect native title and require validation of the future act procedures in Division 3 of the *Native Title Act* by Council's Native Title Manager.

All activities on the land must address the issue of native title. Whilst a successful claim for native title will lead to official recognition of native title rights, native title rights are considered to pre-date such recognition. Native title can therefore be relevant to activities carried out on the land even if no native title claim has been made or registered.

3.4 Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983

In New South Wales, Aboriginal Land Rights sits alongside native title and allows Aboriginal Land Council's to claim 'claimable' Crown land.

Generally, the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act* is directed at allowing Council's to claim Crown land that is unlawfully used or occupied. If a claim is successful, the freehold estate of the land is transferred to the Land Council.

Council is mindful that any activity on Crown land is lawful in relation to the reserve purpose of the land and that it ensures that Crown land under its control is always lawfully used and occupied.

When planning an activity of the land such as the issue of a lease or licence or any public works, Council is expected to search to determine whether an Aboriginal Land Rights claim has been made in relation to the land. If a claim is registered, the activity must be postponed until the claim is resolved.

Strategies which allow Council to validly carry out a project or activity under the *Native Title Act* may not deal with project risks arising in relation to the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act*.

3.5 Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016

Council has legislative responsibility under this Act to appropriately manage Threatened Species Populations and Vulnerable or Endangered Ecological Communities and their habitats wherever they occur despite the categorisation of the land.

Where identified Council is bound by the Act to take any appropriate action necessary to implement measures and must not make decisions that are inconsistent with the provisions of any Threat Abatement or Recovery Plan.

3.6 Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979

The specific land use zoning for each reserve to which this plan applies are shown in the relevant sections of **Appendix A**.

3.7 Council Plans, Strategies, Policies and Procedures

This Plan of Management is to be used in conjunction with the appropriate Council plans, policies and procedures that govern the use and management of community land and any facilities located on the land.

Additional Council policies, plans and strategies adopted after the date of this plan that have relevance to the planning, use and management of community land will apply as though they were in force at the date of adoption of the Plan of Management.

3.8 Legislation and Statutory Control

This Plan of Management does not overrule existing legislation that also applies to the management of community land.

Other legislation and policies to be considered in the management process include, but are not limited to:

- *Public Works Act 1912* (as amended);
- *Local Land Services Act 2013;*
- *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016;*
- *Water Management Act 2000;*
- *Companion Animals Act 1998;*
- *Rural Fires Act 1997;*
- *Rural Fires and Environmental Assessment Legislation Amendment Act 2002;*
- *Biosecurity Act 2015;*
- *Pesticides Act 1999;*
- *State Environmental Planning Policies;*
- *Deniliquin Local Environmental Plan 2013;*
- *Conargo Local Environmental Plan 2013;*
- *Deniliquin Development Control Plans 2016;*
- *Guidelines supporting development control plans; and*
- *Council plans, strategies, policies, procedures and guidelines, generally, as amended.*

3.9 Reclassification of Reserves

From time to time certain parcels of Community land may be identified as surplus to the existing and future needs of the community. Section 3.21 of the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* outlines provisions of Management of dedicated or reserved Crown land within meaning of the *Local Government Act 1993.* Section 3.21 (2) advises that a Council manager is authorised to manage its dedicated or reserved Crown land as if it were community land or operational land but only as permitted or required by Division 3.4 of the *Crown Land Management Act 2016.*

3.10 Review of this Plan

The use and management of the listed reserves is regulated by this Plan of Management. Whilst the guidelines and principles outlined in the Plan may be suitable at present, the Plan should be reviewed from time to time, to confirm its relevance.

The review of this Plan of Management will take place within five (5) years of adoption of this plan.

3.11 Community Consultation

Consultation with the community is an important part of the preparation of this Plan of Management. Consultation gives Council a better understanding of the range of local issues affecting the use and enjoyment of the land to which this Plan of Management applies and gives all

sectors of the community the chance to have an input into the direction of policy development being undertaken by Council.

All stakeholders are given the opportunity to express their opinions and provide relevant information in relation to the planned management of the land, however, as the land is Crown land final approval for the Plan of Management rests with the Minister administering the Crown Lands Act 2016 as owner of the land.

Council is required to submit the draft Plan of Management to NSW Department of Planning Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure, as representative of the owner of the land under section 39 of the Local Government Act. Section 3.23(7)(d) of the CLM Act states that, if the draft first Plan of Management alters the initial categories assigned, the council must obtain the Minister's consent if the re- categorisation would require an addition to the purposes for which the land is dedicated or reserved, and hold public hearings under section 40A of the Local Government Act 1993. The Minister cannot give consent under section 3.23(7)(d) if it is considered that the alteration is likely to materially harm the use of the land for its reserve purpose.

4 CULTURALLY SIGNIFICANT LAND

4.1 Aboriginal Significance

Deniliquin is in the country of the Wamba Wamba Perrepa Perrepa nation and members of the community are closely connected to the town and surrounding lands. The Wamba Wamba and Perrepa Perrepa people of this region developed a way of life over many generations which was in harmony with the land and its natural rhythms. They developed a sophisticated farming system based on the indigenous vegetation communities which supported large family groups. In Deniliquin a comparatively high number of people identified themselves as Aboriginal and / or Torres Strait Islanders (4.6%) compared to the average for NSW (2.9%).

Both the Deniliquin Local Environmental Plan 2013 and Conargo Local Environmental Plan 2013 describes places of Aboriginal Heritage significance as an area of land, the general location of which is identified in an Aboriginal heritage study adopted by the Council after public exhibition and that may be shown on the Heritage Map, that is:

- the site of one or more Aboriginal objects or a place that has the physical remains of pre-European occupation by, or is of contemporary significance to, the Aboriginal people. It may (but need not) include items and remnants of the occupation of the land by Aboriginal people, such as burial places, engraving sites, rock art, midden deposits, scarred and sacred trees and sharpening grooves, or
- a natural Aboriginal sacred site or other sacred feature. It includes natural features such as creeks or mountains of long-standing cultural significance, as well as initiation, ceremonial or story places or areas of more contemporary cultural significance.

In addition, an Aboriginal object means any deposit, object or other material evidence (not being a handicraft made for sale) relating to the Aboriginal habitation of an area of New South Wales, being habitation before or concurrent with (or both) the occupation of that area by persons of non-Aboriginal extraction and includes Aboriginal remains.

Information regarding the aboriginal significance of each reserve to which this plan applies are shown in the relevant sections of **Appendix A**.

4.2 Non-indigenous Significance

Information regarding the non-aboriginal significance of each reserve to which this plan applies are shown in the relevant sections of **Appendix A**.

5 DEVELOPMENT AND USE

5.1 Overview

One of the primary responsibilities of Local Government is to provide an acceptable level of service for public assets to its community within budgetary constraints. Council's ongoing commitment to the development and maintenance of these areas depend on financial resources and forward planning. The implementation of actions identified in this Plan of Management are consistent with Edward River Council's corporate objectives as detailed in the following strategic documents:

- Edward River Council 2035 Community Strategic Plan
- Edward River Council Combined Delivery Program 2024-25 and Operational Plan 2024-25
- Edward River Council Resource Strategy
- Edward River Open Space Strategy
- Deniliquin Public Space Strategy
- Deniliquin Masterplan

5.2 Community Strategic Plan

The Edward River 2030 Community Strategic Plan is the highest-level plan that Council prepares in accordance with the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework. The purpose of the Community Strategic Plan is to identify the community's main priorities and aspirations for the future and to plan strategies for achieving these goals. In doing this, the planning process considers the issues and pressures that may impact the community and the level of resources that will realistically be available to achieve its aspirations. At an operational level, the Community Strategic Plan is implemented through Council's Four Yearly Delivery Program and annual Operational Plans, which outline the activities and actions that are the responsibility of Council in achieving our shared vision. The relationship between these planning documents is shown below in **Figure 4**.

Figure 4 – Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework

In 2030, our community wants the Edward River region wants to achieve several strategic objectives which each council managed crown reserves will fit within:

1. A great place to live
2. A prosperous and vibrant economy
3. A valued and enhanced natural environment
4. A region with quality and sustainable infrastructure
5. A community working together to achieve its potential

The relevant outcomes from the Community Strategic Plan for the reserves to which this plan applies are shown in the relevant sections of **Appendix A**.

5.3 Open Space and Public Space Strategies

In addition to the Community Strategic Plan, the Edward River Open Space Strategy was developed as a forward-looking plan that provides direction to the provision and management of open space across the local government area. Open space, for the purposes of the Edward River Open Space Strategy, is defined as the range of public and private spaces that provide landscape and/or urban design features and are generally for rest, relaxation, recreation and sport activity, and for the preservation of the environment.

For the Edward River Open Space Strategy, areas such as recreation and formal parkland, conservation reserves, linkages, sporting reserves (public and private), public land set aside for specific recreation or sport purposes of a specialised nature and amenity parklands are relevant. This Strategy examines Edward River councils current and future demand for open space areas; improvements to existing parks and walkways, while being cognisant of Council's vision to have a high-quality open space system.

The Deniliquin Public Space Strategy focusses specifically on open and public spaces in Deniliquin and was developed in response to community requests to improve the appearance of the town, particularly the main Central Business District (CBD) streets, the town entries and the riverfront. The Deniliquin Masterplan was developed in response to the Deniliquin Public Space Strategy and provide an integrated masterplan, through a series of detailed landscape plans to allow project implementation and construction ready documentation for high priority elements.

Several objectives have been identified for the project including:

- Provide a structural change to the physical appearance of Deniliquin with a focus on the CBD, Riverfront, Lagoon networks and town entrances
- Improve the liveability, functionality and access to the CBD, Riverfront and Lagoon networks
- Consider both short term and long-term actions, along with ongoing Council asset management and servicing requirements − Consider ongoing ability to fund and implement works
- Consider the impacts of planning issues
- Maximise the Riverfront and its proximity, accessibility and links with the CBD
- Consider the needs of all stakeholders with focus on creating new private sector development opportunities where appropriate and supporting existing business

5.4 Condition of the Land and Structures on Adoption of the Plan of Management

Section 36(3A)(a) of the *Local Government Act* requires the plan to include a description of the condition of the land and structures on adoption of the plan.

Information regarding the structures located at each of the reserves to which this plan applies are shown in the relevant sections of **Appendix A**.

5.5 Use of the Land and Structures at the Date of Adoption of the Plan of Management

Information regarding the use of the land for each of the reserves to which this plan applies are shown in the relevant sections of **Appendix A**.

5.6 Permitted Use Strategic Objectives

Information regarding the permitted use strategy objectives for each reserve to which this plan applies are shown in the relevant sections of **Appendix A**.

Projects proposed by community groups and other users of the reserve must be in line with Council strategic plans and must align with the reserve purpose and core objectives for the Reserve.

Depending on the scope of the project Council may request a written proposal outlining the project and proposed location, estimated costs, scaled plans, justification for proposed works and future maintenance requirements.

5.7 Further Development

The priority for the reserve at present is to scope out ways to improve the reserve in line with the purposes for the reserve and relevant legislation such as the *Local Government Act 1993, Crown Land Management Act 2016*, *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983* and the *Native Title Act 1993*.

A comprehensive site development plan and a landscape management plan is recommended for larger projects to ensure a strategic approach to development.

5.8 Leases, Licences and other Estates

Leases, licences and other estates formalise the use of community land by groups such as sporting clubs and non-profit organisations, or by commercial organisations and individuals providing facilities and services for public use. Activities should be compatible with the zoning and reservation purpose of the land and provide benefits and services for facilities to the users of the land.

The Local Government Act 1993 (specifically section 46/47 of the Local Government Act – Leases/Licences) contains important restrictions on the ability of a council to grant leases, licences, and other estates over community land. This is coupled with requirements for public consultation to ensure that council take community views into account. The Act also outlines when a council must tender a proposed lease or licence. The Act allows a council to grant a lease, licence or other estate for a term of up to 30 years (including any renewal terms and holdover periods) in respect of community land for:

- the provision of public utilities (s 46(1)(a)); or
- for the purpose of providing pipes, conduits or other connections underground for the connection of premises adjoining the community land to a facility of the council or other public utility provider (s46(1)(a1)); or
- to allow a filming project to be carried out (s46(1)(c)); or
- in accordance with an express authorisation in the plan of management applying to the land (s46(1)(b)) for one of the purposes listed in section 46(1)(b) of the Act, provided that purpose is consistent with the core objectives of the categorisation of the land (s46(2)).

A council must first obtain the Minister for Local Government's consent to grant a proposed lease, licence or other estate in the following instances:

- The proposed term (including any renewal options and holdover periods) exceeds 21 years.
- The proposed term (including any renewal options and holdover periods) exceeds 5 years and a person makes a submission by way of an objection to the proposal during the submission period.
- The proposed term (including any renewal options and holdover periods) is 5 years or less and the Minister has "called in" the proposed lease, licence or other estate (s47A(2)(c)) and the Minister has determined that sections 47(5)-(9) of the Act are to apply to the proposal.

The Occupation of the land other than by lease or licence or other estate or for a permitted purpose listed in the *Local Government Regulations 2021* is prohibited. Council through express authorisation may issue short-term licences under Section 2.20 of the Crown Land Management Act 2016.

The terms of the authorisation for a lease licence or other estate should include Native Title assessment and validation under the Native Title Act 1993 and should include advice that the land is not subject to a claim under the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983. The authorisation should ensure the proper management and maintenance of the land and the interests of Council and the public are protected. A lease is normally issued where exclusive control of all or part of an area by a user is proposed. In all other instances a licence or short term licence or hire agreement will be issued.

Areas held under lease, licence or regular occupancy shall be maintained by the user. The user will be responsible for maintenance and outgoings as defined in the lease or licence or agreement for use.

Note: There are no current leases and/or licences over any of the reserves in this Plan of Management

5.9 Native Title Assessment

The *Crown Land Management Act 2016* – Section 8.7 (1) (d) requires that Council, as Crown Land Manager, obtains the written advice of its Native Title Manager prior to its approval or submission for approval of a plan of management for the land that authorises or permits any kinds of dealings referred to in **Section 5.8**.

A copy of the Native Title Assessment for this reserve is included in **Appendix B.**

6 PLAN OF MANAGEMENT - OBJECTIVES AND ACTIONS

6.1 Plan of Management Objectives

The general objectives of this Plan of Management are shown below in **Table 1.**

Table 1 – Plan of Management Objectives

	Plan of Management Objectives
1.	To ensure that relevant legislation is complied with in relation to the land.
2.	To inform Council staff and the community of the way the land will be managed.
3.	To implement specific policies, guidelines and works identified in the plan of management.
4.	To progressively improve the values of the land and to minimize the long-term cost of maintenance to the Council
5.	To make provisions for appropriate leases, licences and agreements in respect to the land.
6.	To identify and recognise existing uses and improvements on the land.

7.	To set in place and administrative structure to ensure the achievement of land management objectives.
8.	To ensure that the management of the land is not likely to materially harm the use of the land for any of the purposes for which it is dedicated or reserved.

6.2 Action Plan

The Plan of Management specifies performance targets and priorities for actions to be taken in relation to the land to which the plan applies.

Assessment of achievement of the objectives of the plan is to be undertaken. A summary of indicators and targets for major objectives is outlined in the **Table 2** below.

Table 2 – Indicators and Targets for Plan of Management Objectives

OBJECTIVES AND PERFORMANCE TARGETS OF THE PLAN IN RESPECT TO THE LAND	MEANS BY WHICH THE COUNCIL PROPOSES TO ACHIEVE THE PLAN'S OBJECTIVES AND PERFORMANCE TARGETS	MANNER IN WHICH COUNCIL PROPOSES TO ASSESS ITS PERFORMANCE WITH RESPECT TO THE PLAN'S OBJECTIVES AND PERFORMANCE TARGETS
To ensure that relevant legislation is complied with in relation to preparation of Plans of Management.	The Plan is prepared in accordance with the Act. Native Title Manager advice is sought during the preparation of the Plan.	The Plan is reviewed by Council's Native Title Manager and Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure Crown Lands then exhibited and adopted by Council if there are no changes to the approved plan. If changes are made following exhibition the plan must again be approved by Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure Crown Lands.
To inform Council staff and the community of the way the land will be managed.	The Plan is exhibited in accordance with the Local Government Act.	The Plan is exhibited and adopted by Council.
To implement the specific policies, guidelines and works identified in the plan of management.	Ensure that the Plan is referenced to identify specific policies, guidelines and works.	All works are carried out in accordance with the Plan.

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To progressively improve the values of the land to minimise the long term cost of maintenance to the Council.	Carry out all works identified in Council's long term plan.	All works are completed, and minimal maintenance of the improvements is required.
To make provision for leases, licences and agreements in respect of the land.	The Plan of Management expressly authorises the provision of leases, licences and agreements where appropriate.	Any leases are prepared, exhibited and adopted in accordance with the provisions of the Local *Government Act 1993* and the *Crown Land Management Act 2016*. Native Title Manager advice and a check for a claim under the Aboriginal Land Rights Act is received for all proposed leases and licences.
To identify and recognise existing uses and improvements on the land.	Physical inspection.	The Plan is exhibited and adopted by Council.
To provide a reference and data bank in relation to information relevant to present and future management of the land.	Physical inspection and file research.	The Plan is exhibited and adopted by Council.
To set in place an administrative structure to ensure the achievement of land management objectives.	Ensure that all sections of Council are aware of the contents of the Plan.	All future works are carried out in accordance with the Plan.
To identify the major management issues applying to the land.	Consultation and staff discussions.	The Plan is exhibited and adopted by Council.
To simplify the process of management as far as possible.	Preparation of the Plan in accordance with the Act.	The Plan is exhibited and adopted by Council.

7 PLAN OF MANAGEMENT – MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE LAND

7.1 Management Authority

For the purposes of this plan, the management authority for the reserve is Edward River Council, in accordance with the provisions of the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* and the *Local Government Act 1993*. Where Council's responsibilities have been delegated, the provisions of this management plan continue to apply.

7.2 Management Issues

The management of the land must consider the reserve purpose(s) of the land and the purpose for which the land is classified and categorized.

7.3 Staff Resources

Council shall provide adequate staff resources for the management of the land in accordance with this Plan of Management. Staff shall have appropriate qualifications and/or experience.

7.4 Environmental Assessment of Activities

The environmental impact of activities carried out on the land will be assessed having regard to the requirements under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act.

7.5 Role of Other Activities

Other government authorities may have responsibilities or involvement in the management of the land or of immediately adjacent land. This will be considered and, where appropriate, consultation will take place with relevant authorities.

7.6 Activities Carried Out by Other Authorities

Where activities are carried out on the land by other authorities, Council will make the authorities aware of the provisions of this Plan of Management and will seek to ensure that any activities are compatible with the objectives and guidelines of this Plan of Management, and in in accordance with the provisions of the Crown Land Management Act 2016 and the Local Government Act 1993.

7.7 Principles for the Development of Adjoining Land

Council's development control practices recognise and endeavour to minimize the impacts upon adjoining land parcels. Council will consider the impacts of activities carried out on the reserve on adjoining land.

7.8 Community Involvement in Management

Where appropriate, Council will undertake community consultation subsequent to the making of this Plan of Management and may give community groups a role in management.

7.9 Contract and Volunteer Labour

In managing the land Council may use contract and volunteer labour but shall ensure that supervisors and staff have appropriate qualifications and/or experience and are made aware of the requirements of this plan.

7.10 Existing Assets

Existing assets on the land shall be identified and measures taken to maintain them in a satisfactory manner. Council may make arrangement for community groups and users to undertake maintenance for specific facilities on Council's behalf.

7.11 Public Liability Insurance

All users of the land, including lease and licence holders, must have public liability insurance coverage, incorporating the following:

- At least $20M coverage for any one instance; and
- Edward River Council named in the policy as an interested party.

A copy of the cover note for the insurance is to be provided to Council prior to use of the reserve. Where the use of the reserve is for longer than one year, as may be the case for leases and licences, up to date copies of the cover note shall be provided.

7.12 Commercial Activities

Commercial activities may be carried out on the land, provided that the activity is ancillary to the purpose of the land or for a purpose authorised under this Plan of Management. Any commercial activity is subject to prior Council consent.

7.13 Emergencies

This Plan of Management authorises necessary activities to be carried out during declared emergencies as may be decided by the General Manager or delegate. Following carrying out of any activities, periodic monitoring will be undertaken, and rehabilitation works undertaken if necessary.

7.14 Land Proposed for Future Development

Land proposed in any of Council's plans for future development for a specific purpose may be utilised for other purposes on an interim basis until required for that purpose.

7.15 Undeveloped Land

Land to which this Plan of Management applies that is undeveloped and unused for the purpose of the land may upon assessment, be used for any activity that does not prevent or inhibit future use for the purpose of the land, including tree planting and mowing.

7.16 Information Monitoring and Research

Monitoring and collection of information relating to the land to which the Plan of Management applies are important to enable good management. Where a demonstrated need has been identified, an educational programme shall be developed to encourage use appropriate to the purpose to all or part of the land to which this Plan of Management applies.

Management arrangements shall be implemented to regularly monitor the use of the land, environmental conditions and facilities. Surveys of visitation and/or satisfaction with the facilities may be undertaken to facilitate the management and use of the land.

7.17 Buildings and Amenities

Buildings and amenities may be provided where consistent with the need to facilitate the purpose of the land, provided that a Native Title assessment has been carried out by Council's Native Title Manager, the land is not subject to a claim under the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983* and the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993* and the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* have been complied with. Buildings and amenities are to be maintained in a safe condition for users and the public.

7.18 Infrastructure

Any necessary infrastructure to service the purpose of the land may be constructed provided that a Native Title assessment has been carried out by Council's Native Title Manager, the land is not subject to a claim under the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983*, and the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993* and the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* have been complied with.

7.19 General Maintenance

General maintenance will match the level and type of use and wherever possible users will be encouraged to help. Areas held under lease, licence or regular occupancy shall be maintained by the user where appropriate.

Existing assets on the land shall be identified and measures taken to maintain them in a satisfactory manner. The Council may decide for community groups to undertake maintenance for specific facilities on Council's behalf.

7.20 Development Activities

Development activities shall be undertaken in a way that minimizes the area, degree and duration of disturbance, and areas are to be restored to the greatest extent practicable.

7.21 Pollution Control

Management should seek to ensure that no pollution is generated on the land, and that adequate measures are taken to prevent adverse impacts from adjoining land.

7.22 Public Safety

Reasonable measures will be taken by Council to ensure and maintain the public safety of persons using the land.

7.23 Neighbours

Council shall endeavour to be a good neighbour and as far as possible shall consult with adjoining owners in respect of management and other activities which may affect them.

7.24 Trees, Vegetation and Landscape

Proper management of landscaping measures, trees and vegetation is important to provide a high degree of amenity on the land. Trees will be maintained, as will maintenance of appropriate growing conditions involving management of soil compaction and other encroachments, in accordance with Council's Tree Management Policy.

7.25 Weed Control

Weed control shall be by both taking preventative measures and active control measures. Prevention of weed infestation shall be by minimising actions that disturb the ground surface and discouraging the conditions that encourage weeds.

Measures shall be taken to prevent the dispersion of weeds by fill or the transport of seeds on machinery. Control measures which are acceptable include physical removal or slashing, accepted biological control techniques, bush regeneration, or chemical spraying where Council is satisfied that there will be no adverse residual effects and no adverse effect on human health.

APPENDIX A

SPECIFIC INFORMATION FOR RESERVE 90112

EDWARD RIVER RESERVE

APPENDIX A – EDWARD RIVER RESERVE

A2 INTRODUCTION

A2.3 Land to Which this Plan Applies

The land to which this plan applies is Crown Reserve 90112 and is contained in Lot 57 DP 756570 Parish Nullum County Wakool. The reserve is located on the eastern side of southern side of the Pretty Pine Road and borders the Edward River. The land contains a total of 133,849.53 m2. The reserve for Edward River Reserve was gazetted on 5 May 1972 and was set aside for the purpose of Access; Preservation of Trees. An aerial photograph, outlining the extents of the reserve, is shown below in **Figure A1.**

Figure A1 – Aerial Photograph of Edward River Reserve (Reserve No. 90112)

A2.4 Land Ownership

Edward River Reserve is owned by the Crown and is managed by Edward River Council as Crown Land Manager under the Land Management Act 2016.

A2.5 Categorisation of the Reserve

In the case of Edward River Reserve, Council has requested the initial categorisation of:

- **General Community Use** for the purpose of Access; Preservation of Trees.

Council is requesting this categorisation to the minister administering the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* in relation to the reserve. Council believes the designation of this the assigned categories most closely align with the reserved purposed of the of the land and its usage.

The core objectives for management of community land categorised as general community use are to promote, encourage and provide for the use of the land, and to provide facilities on the land, to meet the current and future needs of the local community and of the wider public:

(a) in relation to public recreation and the physical, cultural, social and intellectual welfare or development of individual members of the public, and
(b) in relation to purposes for which a lease, licence or other estate may be granted in respect of the land (other than the provision of public utilities and works associated with or ancillary to public utilities).

A3 RELEVANT LEGISLATION, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

A3.6 Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979

The land is zoned as follows under the Conargo Local Environmental Plan 2013 (LEP):

- RU 1 Primary Production

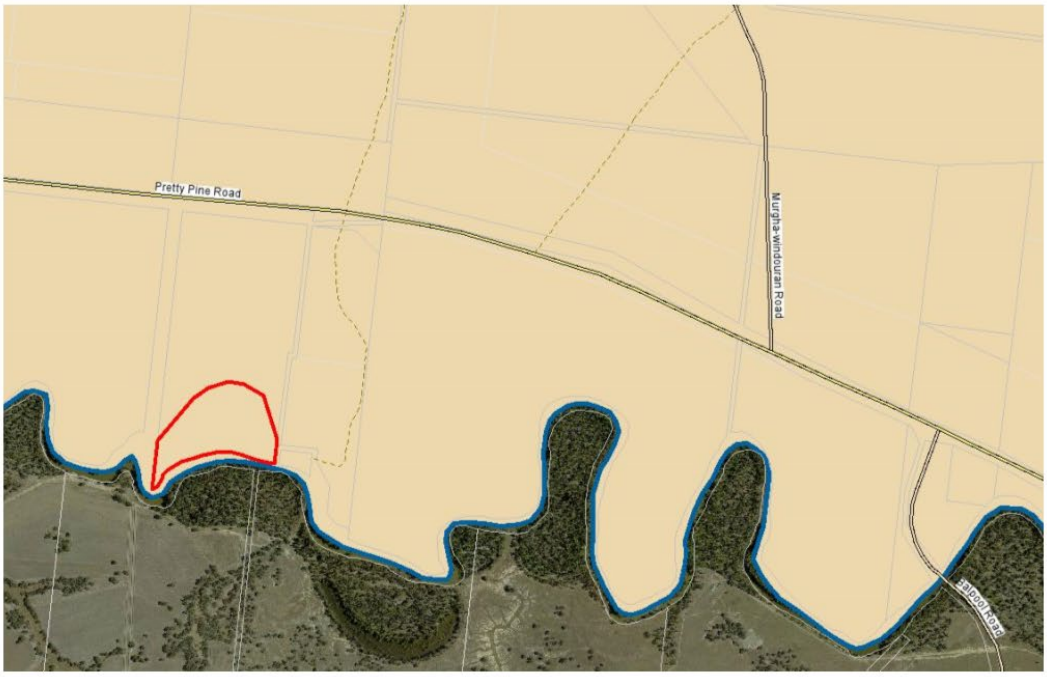

Figure A2 – Land Use Zones for Reserve No. 90112

The objectives of the land use zones are noted below in **Table A1**.

Table A1 – Objectives of Land Use Zones for Reserve No. 90112

Land Use Zone	Objectives
RU 1 – Primary Production	• To encourage sustainable primary industry production by maintaining and enhancing the natural resource base. • To encourage diversity in primary industry enterprises and systems appropriate for the area. • To minimise the fragmentation and alienation of resource lands. • To minimise conflict between land uses within this zone and land uses within adjoining zones. • To allow the development of non-agricultural land uses that are compatible with the character of the zone. • To encourage tourist and visitor accommodation that does not have an adverse impact on agricultural activities. • To allow for the development of non-agricultural land uses that are compatible with the character of the zone. • To permit small-scale rural tourism uses associated with primary production and environmental conservation that have minimal impact on primary production and the scenic amenity of the area. • To provide opportunities for employment-generating development that adds value to local agricultural production and integrates with tourism.

Details regarding permitted developments in these land use zones is included in the Conargo LEP 2013.

In addition to the Deniliquin LEP, the Deniliquin Development Control Plan was developed with the general aims to:

(a) Promote growth and development to support and enhance the vitality of the Central Business District.

(b) Encourage development that responds to the needs of the community.

(c) Encourage residential development of a high standard to improve the quality of the urban environment.

(d) Encourage development that respects and minimises the impacts on surrounding land and the wider environment.

(e) Encourage new development that will enhance streetscapes and vistas.

(f) Ensure that development incorporates safe, effective and convenient pedestrian, bicycle and vehicle access, movement and parking areas.

(g) Encourage energy efficiency in building design.

(h) Provide for effective and well-utilised open space with security and access for the community.

(i) Control and minimise the impact of stormwater run-off.

(j) Ensure that new development is fully integrated into Council's sewerage system wherever possible.

(k) Promote the orderly and efficient development of land to ensure that provision of services to that land is adequate.

A4 CULTURALLY SIGNIFICANT LAND

A4.1 Aboriginal Significance

Edward River Reserve is not identified as having Aboriginal significance and is not declared under section 84 of the *National Park and Wildlife Act 1974*, however, any areas of Aboriginal significance that may be discovered are covered by this Plan of Management.

A4.2 Non-indigenous Significance

The reserve for Edward River Reserve was gazetted on 5 May 1972 and was set aside for Access; Preservation of Trees. The Edward River Reserve is not specifically listed under the Conargo Local Environment Plan 2013 but is represented in the plan under the zonings RU 1 Primary Production.

A5 DEVELOPMENT AND USE

A5.2 Community Strategic Plan - Outcome 1 – A great place to live

The direction for the Edward River Reserve is captured within Outcome 1 – A great place to live

> *We love our strong sense of community, our willingness to help each other out, and the fact that our region provides an ideal environment in which to raise a family. Over the life of Edward River 2030, we want to keep our community safe, active and healthy and make sure that our public and open spaces – such as our sporting grounds, community halls, parks and gardens – provide social value and keep us connected.*

The Edward River Reserve fits directly under Targets 1.2 – Our community is safe, happy and healthy, both physically and mentally, and Target 3 – Our community and public spaces are accessible and inclusive and reflect our history, heritage and culture. The Council's role is to promote healthy lifestyles and effectively manage community halls and recreation reserves and operate section 355 committees to effectively manage community halls and recreation reserves.

A5.4 Condition of the Land and Structures on Adoption of the Plan of Management

Section 36(3A)(a) of the *Local Government Act* requires the plan to include a description of the condition of the land and structures on adoption of the plan. The condition of the infrastructure on Edward River Reserve upon recent inspection is shown below in **Table A2.**

Table A2 – Condition of Council Assets Located on at Edward River Reserve

ASSET DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	CONDITION RATING 1 – Good 5 – Unserviceable
Fencing	Community Use	3

The Edward River Reserve is functioning appropriately for the purposes of the area.

A5.5 Use of the Land and Structures at the Date of Adoption of the Plan of Management

Existing use of the reserve includes:

- Access
- Preservation of Trees

Council is willing to work with existing and potential users to expand the usage of Edward River Reserve and this Plan of Management will provide an operational and strategic framework to effectively take advantage of those opportunities.

A5.6 Permitted Use Strategic Objectives

As previously noted, the classification of Edward River Reserve is General Community Use with the intended purpose(s) of Preservation of Trees and Access. Under the Conargo LEP 2013, the different lots are zoned RU 1 – Primary Production. These purposes and categories align with the reserve's past and future use and the values identified in this plan.

Projects proposed by community groups and other users of the reserve must be in line with Council strategic plans and must align with the reserve's purpose and core objectives for the Reserve.

Depending on the scope of the project Council may request a written proposal outlining the project and proposed location, estimated costs, scaled plans, justification for proposed works and future maintenance requirements.

A7 PLAN OF MANAGEMENT – MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE LAND

A7.26 Alcohol

Alcohol is permitted within the Edward River Reserve at selected events if all the correct licencing procedures are followed and an application to Council is submitted and approved by whichever group.

A7.27 Companion Animals

Domestic pets may use the grounds where authorised by signage provided that they are under the control of a responsible person at all times and do not cause loss of amenity to other users of the land.

Dogs are not permitted to be walked off leash unless they are within Council's designated off leash exercise areas. Dog clubs are required to seek Council permission to conduct dog obedience and training activities on all community land.

A7.28 Parking

Parking is directly available within the Edward River Reserve, however, no signage is dedicated to showing where parking is permitted.

APPENDIX B

NATIVE TITLE ASSESSMENT

The Crown Land Management Act 2016 – Section 8.7 (1) (d) requires that Council as Crown Land Manager obtains the written advice of its Native Title Manager prior to its approval or submission for approval of a plan of management for the land that authorises or permits any kinds of dealings referred to in Section 8.7.

1 The Land to which this report applies

The land to which the Plan of Management applies is shown below in **Table B1**.

Table B1 – Land to Which this Report Applies

Reserve Number	Reserve Description	Land Description	Reserve Gazettal Date
90112	Edward River Reserve	Lot 57 DP 756570	5 May 1972

Edward River Council is the Crown Land Manager of the Land. The management and use of the and is subject to the provisions contained in the Crown Land Management Act 2016.

2. Details of activity on Crown Land

This Plan of Management has been prepared by Council and provides direction as to the use and management of the reserves included in the Plan.

The Plan of Management is required in accordance with Section 3.23 of the Crown Lands Management Act 2016 and Section 36 of the Local Government Act 1993.

The Plan of Management outlines the way the reserve will be used and provides the framework for Council to follow in relation to the Leasing, Licencing and Permit processes for the land.

The Plan of Management also provides for the granting of easements over the land and the further development of the land, buildings and infrastructure on the land.

The Plan of Management provides strict guidelines such that each activity requires a Native Title Assessment and validation under the Native Title Act 1993 to carried out by Council's Native Title Manager prior to the commencement or approval of that activity.

The Plan of Management is clear that the management of those activities that could be consider to a future act must consider the reserve purpose for the land.

Accordingly, the activities authorised under the Plan of Management could be validated under Subdivision J of the Native Title Act 1993.

2a. Is the activity a future act?

The Plan of Management provides authorisation for granting of leases, licences and other Estates over the land and the granting of easements and further development of the land, buildings and

infrastructure on the land. These activities could be a future act within the meaning of Section 233 of the Native Title Act 1993.

2b. If it is, why? if it is not, why not?

The activities authorised under the Plan of Management could be a future act within the meaning of Section 233 of the Native Title Act 1993.

3. If the activity is a future act, which of the following subdivisions of the future act regime under the Native Title Act 1993 validate it?

The authorisation of the activities that could be considered a future act within the Plan of Management provides for the activity to be carried out in accordance with the reserve purpose of the land.

The Plan of Management does not provide authorisation for any activity that is not in accordance with the reserve purpose of the land.

Accordingly, the activities could be validated under Subdivision J of the Native Title Act 1993.

4. Requirements to notify any representative body.

The Plan of Management provides strict guidelines such that each activity requires a Native Title assessment and validation under the Native Title Act 1993 to be carried out by Council's Native Title Manager prior to the commencement or approval of that activity.

Notification will be assessed on a case by case basis and parties will be notifies when an activity is assessed.

As the Plan of Management authorises activities that could be future acts within the meaning of Section 233 of the Native Title Act 1993. Council will notify NTSCorp and the Deniliquin Aboriginal Land Council prior to adoption of the plan.

Requirement	Section 24JA	Requirement satisfied
The reservation was created on or before 23 December 1996; and	s.24JA(1)(a)	Yes
The reservation was valid; and	s.24JA(1)(b)	Yes
The creation of the reservation was done by the Crown (the Commonwealth or State); and	s.24JA(1)(c)	Yes
The whole or part of any land or waters under the reservation was to be used for a particular purpose; and	s.24JA(1)(d)	Yes
The issue of the licence is done in good faith under or in accordance with the reservation, or	s.24JA(1)(e)(i)	Yes
In the area covered by the reservation, so long as the act's impact on Native Title is no longer greater than the impact that any act that could have been done under or in accordance with the reservation would have had	s.24JA(1)(e)(ii)	Yes

Summary:

The Plan of Management authorises activities that could be considered as future acts within the meaning of Section 233 of the Native Title Act 1993.

The Plan of Management guidelines provide that those activities are only to be authorised if they are in accordance with the reserve purpose of the land.

Those activities that are consistent with the reserve purpose of the land may be validated under Subdivision J if the land was subject to a reservation created prior to 23 December 1996 and the reservation was done by the Crown.

Therefore, requirements of S24JA(1) (a)-(e) are met.

s.24JA(1)(a) is satisfied as the relevant land was subject to reservation created before 23 December 1996.

s.24JA(1)(b) is satisfied as the Reserve was notified in the Government Gazetted of 5th May 1972.

s.24JA(1)(c) is satisfied as the reservation was carried out by the Crown under the provision of the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, such reservation has been carried out by a statutory power, exercised by the minister on behalf of the Crown.

s.24JA(1)(d) is satisfied as the land was to be used for a specific purpose being a reservation under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act which reserved the land from sale for the purpose of Preservation of Trees & Access.

s.24JA(1)(e) (ii) is satisfied as the adoption of a Plan of Management that authorises activities to be done in accordance with the reservation purpose in the area covered by the reservation, so long as the act's impact on native title is no longer greater than the impact that any act that could have been done under or in accordance with the reservation would have had.

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1 KEY INFORMATION

This Plan of Management has been prepared by Edward River Council (Council) to provide direction regarding the use and management of the following reserve:

- Loy Reserve - Reserve no. 1001384

This Plan of Management is required in accordance with Section 3.23 of the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* and Section 36 of the *Local Government Act 1993* and outlines the way the reserve will be used and provides the framework for Council to follow in relation to the Leasing, Licensing and Permit processes for the land. The plan may be used to determine the allocation of resources and funds.

2 INTRODUCTION

2.1 Background

Edward River Council was proclaimed on 12 May 2016, following the amalgamation of the former Conargo Shire Council and Deniliquin Council into one strong, cohesive and dynamic organisation. Deniliquin is located approximately 725km southwest of Sydney and 285km northeast of Melbourne. The Council is situated within the Murray region of New South Wales and close to the Victorian border. It shares borders with Hay Shire to the north, Murrumbidgee Council to the east, Murray River Council to the south-west and Berrigan Council to south-east.

The Council provides services and support to a community of approximately 9,000 permanent residents across a region covering 8,881 square kilometres, including the town of Deniliquin and the six rural villages of Blighty, Booroorban, Conargo, Pretty Pine and Wanganella. A map of the local government area is shown below in **Figure 1**.

Figure 1 - Edward River Council Local Government Area

Edward River Council is responsible for care and control of many community land parcels. With the introduction of the Crown Land Management Act 2016, Council has been appointed the Crown Land

Manager for many Crown reserves within its jurisdiction under the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

2.2 Strategic and Corporate Objectives

Edward River Council has set out several strategic objectives in the Community Strategic Plan, as shown below in **Figure 2**:

Figure 2 – Edward River Council's Strategic Objectives from the Community Strategic Plan

2.3 Land to Which this Plan Applies

The land details for each reserve to which this plan applies are shown in the relevant sections of **Appendix A**.

2.4 Land Ownership

The land ownership details for each reserve to which this plan applies are shown in the relevant sections of **Appendix A**.

2.5 Categorisation of the Reserve

Under Section 3.23(2) of the Crown Land management Act 2016, Council Crown Land managers must assign to all Crown Land under their management one or more initial categories of community land referred to in section 36 of the Local Government Act 1993.

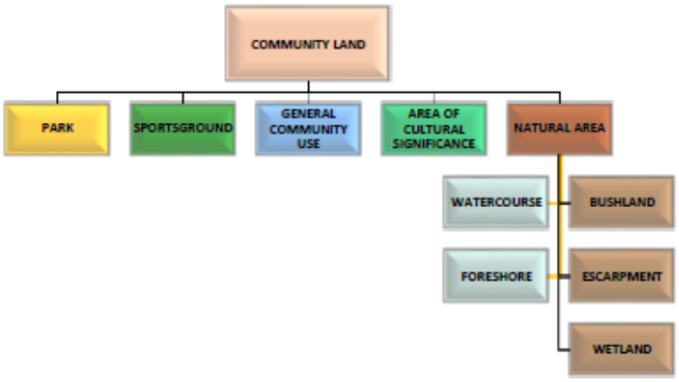


Figure 3 – Categories of Community Land referred to in Section 36 of the *Local Government Act 1993*

Council must assign a category that they consider to be most closely related to the purpose(s) that the land is dedicated or reserved.

The degree to which the reserve purpose relates to the assigned category of the land is important for ongoing management of the land. This is because Council must obtain Native Title Manager advice as to the validity of the activities that they wish to undertake on the land prior to dealing with it.

Both the Aboriginal Land Rights Act and the Native Title Act recognise the intent of the original reserve purpose of the land so that complying activities can be considered lawful or validated, particularly under Section J of the *Native Title Act 1993*.

The specific land categories for each reserve to which this plan applies are shown in the relevant sections of **Appendix A**.

Activities of the land will reflect the intent of the public purpose and will be assessed for compliance with relevant Local Government and Crown Lands legislation. This includes assessment of that activity under the *Native Title Act 1993* and registered claims under the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983.*

Use of the land for any activity is subject to the application and approval. Assessment will consider compliance with the objectives and relationship to that impact on the public purpose for the which the land was set aside. Other uses that do not comply with this Plan of Management or zoning of the land under Council's Local Environmental Plan will not be considered.

3 RELEVANT LEGISLATION, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

3.1 Local Government Act 1993 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021

Under section 36(1) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Plans of Management must be prepared for all community land. Community land is land which is kept for use of the general public. Clause 101(2) of the *Local Government General Regulation 2021* requires Council to have regard to the guidelines for categorisation of community land set out in Clauses 102 to 111 of that regulation.

This Plan of Management has been prepared in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993* using the land categories approved by the Minister administering the *Crown Land Management Act 2016*. The minimum requirements for a Plan of Management are set out under section 36(3) of the *Local Government Act 1993.*

A Plan of Management must identify

- the category of the land
- the objective and performance targets of the plan with respect to the land
- the means by which Council proposes to assess its performance with respect to the plan's objectives and performance targets

These conditions may require the approval of Council for the carrying out of any specified activity on the land.

Section 36 (3A) specifies that for Plans of Management that are specific to one area of land, must also describe

- the condition of the land as at the adoption of the plan
- the buildings on the land as at adoption, and
- the use of the buildings and the land as at adoption
  Additionally, the Plan must also state the purposes for which the land will be allowed to be used and the scale and intensity of that use.

Sections 36E – 36N of the *Local Government Act 1993* specifies the core objectives for the management of each category of community land.

3.2 Crown Land Management Act 2016

Division 3.6 of the *Crown Lands Management Act 2016* deals with the requirements that Council must meet in relation to Plans of Management and other Plans.

Section 3.23(6) of the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* requires Council to adopt a Plan of Management for any Crown reserve for which it is appointed Crown Land Manager, and that is classified as community land under the *Local Government Act 1993*.

3.3 Native Title Act 1993 (Federal)

The native title process must be considered for each activity on the land and a native title assessment must be undertaken. Almost all activities and public works carried out on the land will affect native title and require validation of the future act procedures in Division 3 of the *Native Title Act* by Council's Native Title Manager.

All activities on the land must address the issue of native title. Whilst a successful claim for native title will lead to official recognition of native title rights, native title rights are considered to pre-date such recognition. Native title can therefore be relevant to activities carried out on the land even if no native title claim has been made or registered.

3.4 Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983

In New South Wales, Aboriginal Land Rights sits alongside native title and allows Aboriginal Land Council's to claim 'claimable' Crown land.

Generally, the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act* is directed at allowing Council's to claim Crown land that is unlawfully used or occupied. If a claim is successful, the freehold estate of the land is transferred to the Land Council.

Council is mindful that any activity on Crown land is lawful in relation to the reserve purpose of the land and that it ensures that Crown land under its control is always lawfully used and occupied.

When planning an activity of the land such as the issue of a lease or licence or any public works, Council is expected to search to determine whether an Aboriginal Land Rights claim has been made in relation to the land. If a claim is registered, the activity must be postponed until the claim is resolved.

Strategies which allow Council to validly carry out a project or activity under the *Native Title Act* may not deal with project risks arising in relation to the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act*.

3.5 Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016

Council has legislative responsibility under this Act to appropriately manage Threatened Species Populations and Vulnerable or Endangered Ecological Communities and their habitats wherever they occur despite the categorisation of the land.

Where identified Council is bound by the Act to take any appropriate action necessary to implement measures and must not make decisions that are inconsistent with the provisions of any Threat Abatement or Recovery Plan.

3.6 Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979

The specific land use zoning for each reserve to which this plan applies are shown in the relevant sections of **Appendix A**.

3.7 Council Plans, Strategies, Policies and Procedures

This Plan of Management is to be used in conjunction with the appropriate Council plans, policies and procedures that govern the use and management of community land and any facilities located on the land.

Additional Council policies, plans and strategies adopted after the date of this plan that have relevance to the planning, use and management of community land will apply as though they were in force at the date of adoption of the Plan of Management.

3.8 Legislation and Statutory Control

This Plan of Management does not overrule existing legislation that also applies to the management of community land.

Other legislation and policies to be considered in the management process include, but are not limited to:

- *Public Works Act 1912* (as amended);
- *Local Land Services Act 2013;*
- *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016;*
- *Water Management Act 2000;*
- *Companion Animals Act 1998;*
- *Rural Fires Act 1997;*
- *Rural Fires and Environmental Assessment Legislation Amendment Act 2002;*
- *Biosecurity Act 2015;*
- *Pesticides Act 1999;*
- *State Environmental Planning Policies;*
- *Deniliquin Local Environmental Plan 2013;*
- *Conargo Local Environmental Plan 2013;*
- *Deniliquin Development Control Plans 2016;*
- *Guidelines supporting development control plans; and*
- *Council plans, strategies, policies, procedures and guidelines, generally, as amended.*

3.9 Reclassification of Reserves

From time to time certain parcels of Community land may be identified as surplus to the existing and future needs of the community. Section 3.21 of the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* outlines provisions of Management of dedicated or reserved Crown land within meaning of the *Local Government Act 1993.* Section 3.21 (2) advises that a Council manager is authorised to manage its dedicated or reserved Crown land as if it were community land or operational land but only as permitted or required by Division 3.4 of the *Crown Land Management Act 2016*.

3.10 Review of this Plan

The use and management of the listed reserves is regulated by this Plan of Management. Whilst the guidelines and principles outlined in the Plan may be suitable at present, the Plan should be reviewed from time to time, to confirm its relevance.

The review of this Plan of Management will take place within five (5) years of adoption of this plan.

3.11 Community Consultation

Consultation with the community is an important part of the preparation of this Plan of Management. Consultation gives Council a better understanding of the range of local issues affecting the use and enjoyment of the land to which this Plan of Management applies and gives all

sectors of the community the chance to have an input into the direction of policy development being undertaken by Council.

All stakeholders are given the opportunity to express their opinions and provide relevant information in relation to the planned management of the land, however, as the land is Crown land final approval for the Plan of Management rests with the Minister administering the Crown Lands Act 2016 as owner of the land.

Council is required to submit the draft Plan of Management to NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure, as representative of the owner of the land under section 39 of the Local Government Act. Section 3.23(7)(d) of the CLM Act states that, if the draft first Plan of Management alters the initial categories assigned, the council must obtain the Minister's consent if the re- categorisation would require an addition to the purposes for which the land is dedicated or reserved under section 40A of the Local Government Act 1993. Council is no longer required to hold a public hearing in relation to Crown Land. The Minister cannot give consent under section 3.23(7)(d) if it is considered that the alteration is likely to materially harm the use of the land for its reserve purpose.

4 CULTURALLY SIGNIFICANT LAND

4.1 Aboriginal Significance

Deniliquin is in the country of the Wamba Wamba Perrepa Perrepa nation and members of the community are closely connected to the town and surrounding lands. The Wamba Wamba and Perrepa Perrepa people of this region developed a way of life over many generations which was in harmony with the land and its natural rhythms. They developed a sophisticated farming system based on the indigenous vegetation communities which supported large family groups. In Deniliquin a comparatively high number of people identified themselves as Aboriginal and / or Torres Strait Islanders (4.6%) compared to the average for NSW (2.9%).

Both the Deniliquin Local Environmental Plan 2013 and Conargo Local Environmental Plan 2013 describes places of Aboriginal Heritage significance as an area of land, the general location of which is identified in an Aboriginal heritage study adopted by the Council after public exhibition and that may be shown on the Heritage Map, that is:

- the site of one or more Aboriginal objects or a place that has the physical remains of pre-European occupation by, or is of contemporary significance to, the Aboriginal people. It may (but need not) include items and remnants of the occupation of the land by Aboriginal people, such as burial places, engraving sites, rock art, midden deposits, scarred and sacred trees and sharpening grooves, or
- a natural Aboriginal sacred site or other sacred feature. It includes natural features such as creeks or mountains of long-standing cultural significance, as well as initiation, ceremonial or story places or areas of more contemporary cultural significance.

In addition, an Aboriginal object means any deposit, object or other material evidence (not being a handicraft made for sale) relating to the Aboriginal habitation of an area of New South Wales, being habitation before or concurrent with (or both) the occupation of that area by persons of non-Aboriginal extraction and includes Aboriginal remains.

Information regarding the aboriginal significance of each reserve to which this plan applies are shown in the relevant sections of **Appendix A**.

4.2 Non-indigenous Significance

Information regarding the non-aboriginal significance of each reserve to which this plan applies are shown in the relevant sections of **Appendix A**.

5 DEVELOPMENT AND USE

5.1 Overview

One of the primary responsibilities of Local Government is to provide an acceptable level of service for public assets to its community within budgetary constraints. Council's ongoing commitment to the development and maintenance of these areas depend on financial resources and forward planning. The implementation of actions identified in this Plan of Management are consistent with Edward River Council's corporate objectives as detailed in the following strategic documents:

- Edward River Council 2035 Community Strategic Plan
- Edward River Council Combined Delivery Program 2024-25 and Operational Plan 2024-25
- Edward River Council Resource Strategy
- Edward River Open Space Strategy
- Deniliquin Public Space Strategy
- Deniliquin Masterplan

5.2 Community Strategic Plan

The Edward River 2030 Community Strategic Plan is the highest-level plan that Council prepares in accordance with the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework. The purpose of the Community Strategic Plan is to identify the community's main priorities and aspirations for the future and to plan strategies for achieving these goals. In doing this, the planning process considers the issues and pressures that may impact the community and the level of resources that will realistically be available to achieve its aspirations. At an operational level, the Community Strategic Plan is implemented through Council's Four Yearly Delivery Program and annual Operational Plans, which outline the activities and actions that are the responsibility of Council in achieving our shared vision. The relationship between these planning documents is shown below in **Figure 4**.

Figure 4 – Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework

In 2030, our community wants the Edward River region wants to achieve several strategic objectives which each council managed crown reserves will fit within:

1. A great place to live
2. A prosperous and vibrant economy
3. A valued and enhanced natural environment
4. A region with quality and sustainable infrastructure
5. A community working together to achieve its potential

The relevant outcomes from the Community Strategic Plan for the reserves to which this plan applies are shown in the relevant sections of **Appendix A**.

5.3 Open Space and Public Space Strategies

In addition to the Community Strategic Plan, the Edward River Open Space Strategy was developed as a forward-looking plan that provides direction to the provision and management of open space across the local government area. Open space, for the purposes of the Edward River Open Space Strategy, is defined as the range of public and private spaces that provide landscape and/or urban design features and are generally for rest, relaxation, recreation and sport activity, and for the preservation of the environment.

For the Edward River Open Space Strategy, areas such as recreation and formal parkland, conservation reserves, linkages, sporting reserves (public and private), public land set aside for specific recreation or sport purposes of a specialised nature and amenity parklands are relevant. This Strategy examines Edward River councils current and future demand for open space areas; improvements to existing parks and walkways, while being cognisant of Council's vision to have a high-quality open space system.

The Deniliquin Public Space Strategy focusses specifically on open and public spaces in Deniliquin and was developed in response to community requests to improve the appearance of the town, particularly the main Central Business District (CBD) streets, the town entries and the riverfront. The Deniliquin Masterplan was developed in response to the Deniliquin Public Space Strategy and provide an integrated masterplan, through a series of detailed landscape plans to allow project implementation and construction ready documentation for high priority elements.

Several objectives have been identified for the project including:

- Provide a structural change to the physical appearance of Deniliquin with a focus on the CBD, Riverfront, Lagoon networks and town entrances
- Improve the liveability, functionality and access to the CBD, Riverfront and Lagoon networks
- Consider both short term and long-term actions, along with ongoing Council asset management and servicing requirements − Consider ongoing ability to fund and implement works
- Consider the impacts of planning issues
- Maximise the Riverfront and its proximity, accessibility and links with the CBD
- Consider the needs of all stakeholders with focus on creating new private sector development opportunities where appropriate and supporting existing business

5.4 Condition of the Land and Structures on Adoption of the Plan of Management

Section 36(3A)(a) of the *Local Government Act* requires the plan to include a description of the condition of the land and structures on adoption of the plan.

Information regarding the structures located at each of the reserves to which this plan applies are shown in the relevant sections of **Appendix A**.

5.5 Use of the Land and Structures at the Date of Adoption of the Plan of Management

Information regarding the use of the land for each of the reserves to which this plan applies are shown in the relevant sections of **Appendix A**.

5.6 Permitted Use Strategic Objectives

Information regarding the permitted use strategy objectives for each reserve to which this plan applies are shown in the relevant sections of **Appendix A**.

Projects proposed by community groups and other users of the reserve must be in line with Council strategic plans and must align with the reserve purpose and core objectives for the Reserve.

Depending on the scope of the project Council may request a written proposal outlining the project and proposed location, estimated costs, scaled plans, justification for proposed works and future maintenance requirements.

5.7 Further Development

The priority for the reserve at present is to scope out ways to improve the reserve in line with the purposes for the reserve and relevant legislation such as the *Local Government Act 1993, Crown Land Management Act 2016*, *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983* and the *Native Title Act 1993*.

A comprehensive site development plan and a landscape management plan is recommended for larger projects to ensure a strategic approach to development.

5.8 Leases, Licences and other Estates

Leases, licences and other estates formalise the use of community land by groups such as sporting clubs and non-profit organisations, or by commercial organisations and individuals providing facilities and services for public use. Activities should be compatible with the zoning and reservation purpose of the land and provide benefits and services for facilities to the users of the land.

The Local Government Act 1993 (specifically section 46/47 of the Local Government Act – Leases/Licences) contains important restrictions on the ability of a council to grant leases, licences, and other estates over community land. This is coupled with requirements for public consultation to ensure that council take community views into account. The Act also outlines when a council must tender a proposed lease or licence. The Act allows a council to grant a lease, licence or other estate for a term of up to 30 years (including any renewal terms and holdover periods) in respect of community land for:

- the provision of public utilities (s 46(1)(a)); or
- for the purpose of providing pipes, conduits or other connections underground for the connection of premises adjoining the community land to a facility of the council or other public utility provider (s46(1)(a1)); or
- to allow a filming project to be carried out (s46(1)(c)); or
- in accordance with an express authorisation in the plan of management applying to the land (s46(1)(b)) for one of the purposes listed in section 46(1)(b) of the Act, provided that purpose is consistent with the core objectives of the categorisation of the land (s46(2)).

A council must first obtain the Minister for Local Government's consent to grant a proposed lease, licence or other estate in the following instances:

- The proposed term (including any renewal options and holdover periods) exceeds 21 years.
- The proposed term (including any renewal options and holdover periods) exceeds 5 years and a person makes a submission by way of an objection to the proposal during the submission period.
- The proposed term (including any renewal options and holdover periods) is 5 years or less and the Minister has "called in" the proposed lease, licence or other estate (s47A(2)(c)) and the Minister has determined that sections 47(5)-(9) of the Act are to apply to the proposal.

The Occupation of the land other than by lease or licence or other estate or for a permitted purpose listed in the *Local Government Regulations 2021* is prohibited. Council through express authorisation may issue short-term licences under Section 2.20 of the Crown Land Management Act 2016.

The terms of the authorisation for a lease licence or other estate should include Native Title assessment and validation under the Native Title Act 1993 and should include advice that the land is not subject to a claim under the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983. The authorisation should ensure the proper management and maintenance of the land and the interests of Council and the public are protected. A lease is normally issued where exclusive control of all or part of an area by a user is proposed. In all other instances a licence or short term licence or hire agreement will be issued.

Areas held under lease, licence or regular occupancy shall be maintained by the user. The user will be responsible for maintenance and outgoings as defined in the lease or licence or agreement for use.

Note: There are no current leases and/or licences over any of the reserves in this Plan of Management.

5.9 Native Title Assessment

The *Crown Land Management Act 2016* – Section 8.7 (1) (d) requires that Council, as Crown Land Manager, obtains the written advice of its Native Title Manager prior to its approval or submission for approval of a plan of management for the land that authorises or permits any kinds of dealings referred to in **Section 5.8**.

A copy of the Native Title Assessment for this reserve is included in **Appendix B.**

6 PLAN OF MANAGEMENT - OBJECTIVES AND ACTIONS

6.1 Plan of Management Objectives

The general objectives of this Plan of Management are shown below in **Table 1.**

Table 1 – Plan of Management Objectives

	Plan of Management Objectives
1.	To ensure that relevant legislation is complied with in relation to the land.
2.	To inform Council staff and the community of the way the land will be managed.
3.	To implement specific policies, guidelines and works identified in the plan of management.
4.	To progressively improve the values of the land and to minimize the long-term cost of maintenance to the Council
5.	To make provisions for appropriate leases, licences and agreements in respect to the land.
6.	To identify and recognise existing uses and improvements on the land.

7.	To set in place and administrative structure to ensure the achievement of land management objectives.
8.	To ensure that the management of the land is not likely to materially harm the use of the land for any of the purposes for which it is dedicated or reserved.

6.2 Action Plan

The Plan of Management specifies performance targets and priorities for actions to be taken in relation to the land to which the plan applies.

Assessment of achievement of the objectives of the plan is to be undertaken. A summary of indicators and targets for major objectives is outlined in the **Table 2** below.

Table 2 – Indictors and Targets for Plan of Management Objectives

OBJECTIVES AND PERFORMANCE TARGETS OF THE PLAN IN RESPECT TO THE LAND	MEANS BY WHICH THE COUNCIL PROPOSES TO ACHIEVE THE PLAN'S OBJECTIVES AND PERFORMANCE TARGETS	MANNER IN WHICH COUNCIL PROPOSES TO ASSESS ITS PERFORMANCE WITH RESPECT TO THE PLAN'S OBJECTIVES AND PERFORMANCE TARGETS
To ensure that relevant legislation is complied with in relation to preparation of Plans of Management.	The Plan is prepared in accordance with the Act. Native Title Manager advice is sought during the preparation of the Plan.	The Plan is reviewed by Council's Native Title Manager and Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure Crown Lands then exhibited and adopted by Council if there are no changes to the approved plan. If changes are made following exhibition the plan must again be approved by Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure Crown Lands.
To inform Council staff and the community of the way the land will be managed.	The Plan is exhibited in accordance with the Local Government Act.	The Plan is exhibited and adopted by Council.
To implement the specific policies, guidelines and works identified in the plan of management.	Ensure that the Plan is referenced to identify specific policies, guidelines and works.	All works are carried out in accordance with the Plan.

OBJECTIVES AND PERFORMANCE TARGETS OF THE PLAN IN RESPECT TO THE LAND	MEANS BY WHICH THE COUNCIL PROPOSES TO ACHIEVE THE PLAN'S OBJECTIVES AND PERFORMANCE TARGETS	MANNER IN WHICH COUNCIL PROPOSES TO ASSESS ITS PERFORMANCE WITH RESPECT TO THE PLAN'S OBJECTIVES AND PERFORMANCE TARGETS
To progressively improve the values of the land to minimise the long term cost of maintenance to the Council.	Carry out all works identified in Council's long term plan.	All works are completed, and minimal maintenance of the improvements is required.
To make provision for leases, licences and agreements in respect of the land.	The Plan of Management expressly authorises the provision of leases, licences and agreements where appropriate.	Any leases are prepared, exhibited and adopted in accordance with the provisions of the Local *Government Act 1993* and the *Crown Land Management Act 2016*. Native Title Manager advice and a check for a claim under the Aboriginal Land Rights Act is received for all proposed leases and licences.
To identify and recognise existing uses and improvements on the land.	Physical inspection.	The Plan is exhibited and adopted by Council.
To provide a reference and data bank in relation to information relevant to present and future management of the land.	Physical inspection and file research.	The Plan is exhibited and adopted by Council.
To set in place an administrative structure to ensure the achievement of land management objectives.	Ensure that all sections of Council are aware of the contents of the Plan.	All future works are carried out in accordance with the Plan.
To identify the major management issues applying to the land.	Consultation and staff discussions.	The Plan is exhibited and adopted by Council.
To simplify the process of management as far as possible.	Preparation of the Plan in accordance with the Act.	The Plan is exhibited and adopted by Council.

7 PLAN OF MANAGEMENT – MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE LAND

7.1 Management Authority

For the purposes of this plan, the management authority for the reserve is Edward River Council, in accordance with the provisions of the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* and the *Local Government Act 1993*. Where Council's responsibilities have been delegated, the provisions of this management plan continue to apply.

7.2 Management Issues

The management of the land must consider the reserve purpose(s) of the land and the purpose for which the land is classified and categorised.

7.3 Staff Resources

Council shall provide adequate staff resources for the management of the land in accordance with this Plan of Management. Staff shall have appropriate qualifications and/or experience.

7.4 Environmental Assessment of Activities

The environmental impact of activities carried out on the land will be assessed having regard to the requirements under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act.

7.5 Role of Other Activities

Other government authorities may have responsibilities or involvement in the management of the land or of immediately adjacent land. This will be considered and, where appropriate, consultation will take place with relevant authorities.

7.6 Activities Carried Out by Other Authorities

Where activities are carried out on the land by other authorities, Council will make the authorities aware of the provisions of this Plan of Management and will seek to ensure that any activities are compatible with the objectives and guidelines of this Plan of Management, and in in accordance with the provisions of the Crown Land Management Act 2016 and the Local Government Act 1993.

7.7 Principles for the Development of Adjoining Land

Council's development control practices recognise and endeavour to minimize the impacts upon adjoining land parcels. Council will consider the impacts of activities carried out on the reserve on adjoining land.

7.8 Community Involvement in Management

Where appropriate, Council will undertake community consultation subsequent to the making of this Plan of Management and may give community groups a role in management.

7.9 Contract and Volunteer Labour

In managing the land Council may use contract and volunteer labour but shall ensure that supervisors and staff have appropriate qualifications and/or experience and are made aware of the requirements of this plan.

7.10 Existing Assets

Existing assets on the land shall be identified and measures taken to maintain them in a satisfactory manner. Council may make arrangement for community groups and users to undertake maintenance for specific facilities on Council's behalf.

7.11 Public Liability Insurance

All users of the land, including lease and licence holders, must have public liability insurance coverage, incorporating the following:

- At least $20M coverage for any one instance; and
- Edward River Council named in the policy as an interested party.

A copy of the cover note for the insurance is to be provided to Council prior to use of the reserve. Where the use of the reserve is for longer than one year, as may be the case for leases and licences, up to date copies of the cover note shall be provided.

7.12 Commercial Activities

Commercial activities may be carried out on the land, provided that the activity is ancillary to the purpose of the land or for a purpose authorised under this Plan of Management. Any commercial activity is subject to prior Council consent.

7.13 Emergencies

This Plan of Management authorises necessary activities to be carried out during declared emergencies as may be decided by the General Manager or delegate. Following carrying out of any activities, periodic monitoring will be undertaken, and rehabilitation works undertaken if necessary.

7.14 Land Proposed for Future Development

Land proposed in any of Council's plans for future development for a specific purpose may be utilised for other purposes on an interim basis until required for that purpose.

7.15 Undeveloped Land

Land to which this Plan of Management applies that is undeveloped and unused for the purpose of the land may upon assessment, be used for any activity that does not prevent or inhibit future use for the purpose of the land, including tree planting and mowing.

7.16 Information Monitoring and Research

Monitoring and collection of information relating to the land to which the Plan of Management applies are important to enable good management. Where a demonstrated need has been identified, an educational programme shall be developed to encourage use appropriate to the purpose to all or part of the land to which this Plan of Management applies.

Management arrangements shall be implemented to regularly monitor the use of the land, environmental conditions and facilities. Surveys of visitation and/or satisfaction with the facilities may be undertaken to facilitate the management and use of the land.

7.17 Buildings and Amenities

Buildings and amenities may be provided where consistent with the need to facilitate the purpose of the land, provided that a Native Title assessment has been carried out by Council's Native Title Manager, the land is not subject to a claim under the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983* and the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993* and the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* have been complied with. Buildings and amenities are to be maintained in a safe condition for users and the public.

7.18 Infrastructure

Any necessary infrastructure to service the purpose of the land may be constructed provided that a Native Title assessment has been carried out by Council's Native Title Manager, the land is not subject to a claim under the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983*, and the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993* and the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* have been complied with.

7.19 General Maintenance

General maintenance will match the level and type of use and wherever possible users will be encouraged to help. Areas held under lease, licence or regular occupancy shall be maintained by the user where appropriate.

Existing assets on the land shall be identified and measures taken to maintain them in a satisfactory manner. The Council may decide for community groups to undertake maintenance for specific facilities on Council's behalf.

7.20 Development Activities

Development activities shall be undertaken in a way that minimizes the area, degree and duration of disturbance, and areas are to be restored to the greatest extent practicable.

7.21 Pollution Control

Management should seek to ensure that no pollution is generated on the land, and that adequate measures are taken to prevent adverse impacts from adjoining land.

7.22 Public Safety

Reasonable measures will be taken by Council to ensure and maintain the public safety of persons using the land.

7.23 Neighbours

Council shall endeavour to be a good neighbour and as far as possible shall consult with adjoining owners in respect of management and other activities which may affect them.

7.24 Trees, Vegetation and Landscape

Proper management of landscaping measures, trees and vegetation is important to provide a high degree of amenity on the land. Trees will be maintained, as will maintenance of appropriate growing conditions involving management of soil compaction and other encroachments, in accordance with Council's Tree Management Policy.

7.25 Weed Control

Weed control shall be by both taking preventative measures and active control measures. Prevention of weed infestation shall be by minimising actions that disturb the ground surface and discouraging the conditions that encourage weeds.

Measures shall be taken to prevent the dispersion of weeds by fill or the transport of seeds on machinery. Control measures which are acceptable include physical removal or slashing, accepted biological control techniques, bush regeneration, or chemical spraying where Council is satisfied that there will be no adverse residual effects and no adverse effect on human health.

APPENDIX A

SPECIFIC INFORMATION FOR RESERVE 1001384

LOY RESERVE

APPENDIX A – LOY RESERVE

A1 INTRODUCTION

A1.1 Land to Which this Plan Applies

The land to which this plan applies is Crown Reserve 1001384 and is contained in Lot 9 DP 1176349 Parish North Deniliquin County Townsend. The reserve is located on the North side of Deniliquin and borders the Edward River. The land contains a total of 75,923.07 m2. The reserve for Loy Reserve was gazetted on 21 August 1998 and was set aside for the purpose of Access; Public Recreation. An aerial photograph, outlining the extents of the reserve, is shown below in **Figure A1.**

Figure A1 – Aerial Photograph of Loy Reserve (Reserve No. 1001384)

A1.2 Land Ownership

Loy Reserve is owned by the Crown and is managed by Edward River Council as Crown Land Manager under the Land Management Act 2016.

A1.3 Categorisation of the Reserve

In the case of Loy Reserve, Council has requested the initial categorisation of:

- **Natural Area** for the purpose of Access; Public Recreation.

Council is requesting this categorisation to the minister administering the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* in relation to the reserve. Council believes the designation of this the assigned categories most closely align with the reserved purposed of the of the land and its usage.

The core objectives for management of community land categorised as a natural area are:

(a) to conserve biodiversity and maintain ecosystem function in respect of the land, or the feature or habitat in respect of which the land is categorised as a natural area, and
(b) to maintain the land, or that feature or habitat, in its natural state and setting, and
(c) to provide for the restoration and regeneration of the land, and
(d) to provide for community use of and access to the land in such a manner as
(e) will minimise and mitigate any disturbance caused by human intrusion, and to assist in and facilitate the implementation of any provisions restricting the use and management of the land that are set out in a recovery plan or threat abatement plan prepared under the Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995 or the Fisheries Management Act 1994.

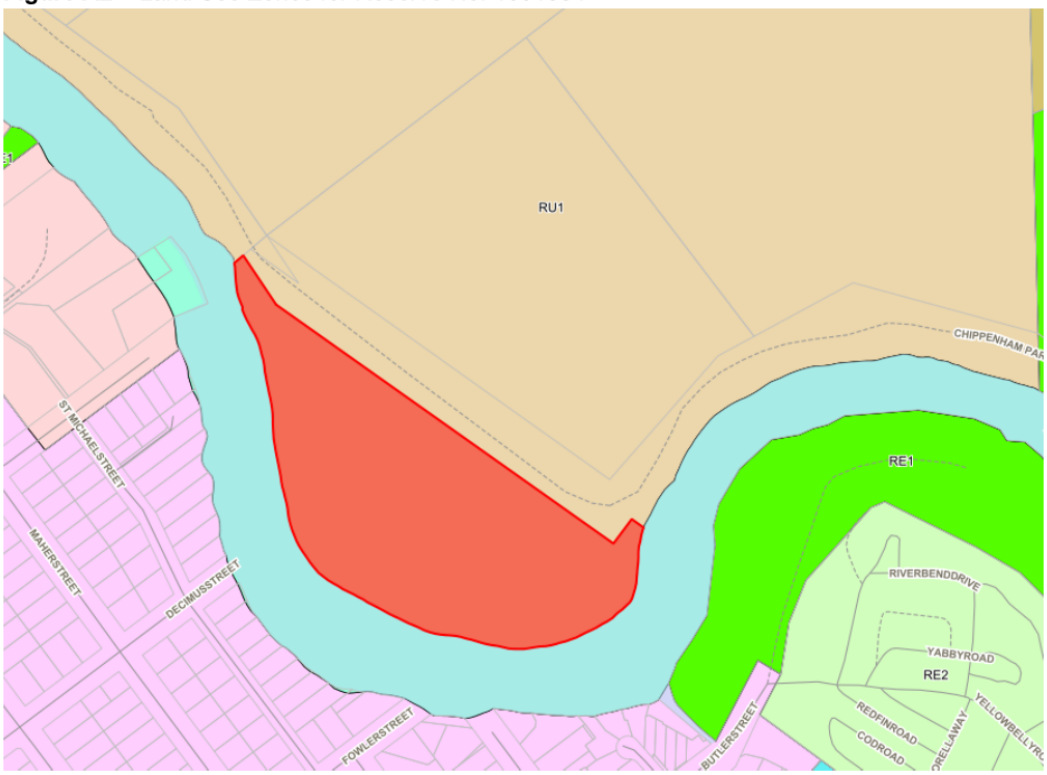
A2 RELEVANT LEGISLATION, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

A2.1 Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979

The land is zoned as follows under the Deniliquin Local Environmental Plan 2013 (LEP):

- RU 1 Primary Production

Figure A2 – Land Use Zones for Reserve No. 1001384



The objectives of the land use zones are noted below in **Table A1**.

Table H1 – Objectives of Land Use Zones for Reserve No. 1001384

Land Use Zone	Objectives
RU 1 – Primary Production	• To encourage sustainable primary industry production by maintaining and enhancing the natural resource base. • To encourage diversity in primary industry enterprises and systems appropriate for the area. • To minimise the fragmentation and alienation of resource lands. • To minimise conflict between land uses within this zone and land uses within adjoining zones. • To allow the development of non-agricultural land uses that are compatible with the character of the zone. • To encourage tourist and visitor accommodation that does not have an adverse impact on agricultural activities.

Land Use Zone	Objectives
	• To allow for the development of non-agricultural land uses that are compatible with the character of the zone. • To permit small-scale rural tourism uses associated with primary production and environmental conservation that have minimal impact on primary production and the scenic amenity of the area. • To provide opportunities for employment-generating development that adds value to local agricultural production and integrates with tourism.

Details regarding permitted developments in these land use zones is included in the Deniliquin LEP 2013.

In addition to the Deniliquin LEP, the Deniliquin Development Control Plan was developed with the general aims to:

(a) Promote growth and development to support and enhance the vitality of the Central Business District.

(b) Encourage development that responds to the needs of the community.

(c) Encourage residential development of a high standard to improve the quality of the urban environment.

(d) Encourage development that respects and minimises the impacts on surrounding land and the wider environment.

(e) Encourage new development that will enhance streetscapes and vistas.

(f) Ensure that development incorporates safe, effective and convenient pedestrian, bicycle and vehicle access, movement and parking areas.

(g) Encourage energy efficiency in building design.

(h) Provide for effective and well-utilised open space with security and access for the community.

(i) Control and minimise the impact of stormwater run-off.

(j) Ensure that new development is fully integrated into Council's sewerage system wherever possible.

(k) Promote the orderly and efficient development of land to ensure that provision of services to that land is adequate.

A3 CULTURALLY SIGNIFICANT LAND

A3.1 Aboriginal Significance

Loy Reserve is not identified as having Aboriginal significance and is not declared under section 84 of the *National Park and Wildlife Act 1974*, however, any areas of Aboriginal significance that may be discovered are covered by this Plan of Management.

A3.2 Non-indigenous Significance

The reserve for Loy Reserve was gazetted on 21 August 1998 and was set aside for Access; Public Recreation. The Loy Reserve is not specifically listed under the Deniliquin Local Environment Plan 2013 but is represented in the plan under the zonings RU 1 Primary Production.

A4 DEVELOPMENT AND USE

A4.1 Community Strategic Plan - Outcome 1 – A great place to live

The direction for the Loy Reserve is captured within Outcome 1 – A great place to live

> *We love our strong sense of community, our willingness to help each other out, and the fact that our region provides an ideal environment in which to raise a family. Over the life of Edward River 2030, we want to keep our community safe, active and healthy and make sure that our public and open spaces – such as our sporting grounds, community halls, parks and gardens – provide social value and keep us connected.*

The Loy Reserve fits directly under Targets 1.2 – Our community is safe, happy and healthy, both physically and mentally, and Target 3 – Our community and public spaces are accessible and inclusive and reflect our history, heritage and culture. The Council's role is to promote healthy lifestyles and effectively manage community halls and recreation reserves and operate section 355 committees to effectively manage community halls and recreation reserves.

A4.2 Condition of the Land and Structures on Adoption of the Plan of Management

Section 36(3A)(a) of the *Local Government Act* requires the plan to include a description of the condition of the land and structures on adoption of the plan. The condition of the infrastructure on Loy Reserve upon recent inspection is shown below in **Table A2.**

Table A2 – Condition of Council Assets Located on at Loy Reserve

ASSET DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	CONDITION RATING 1 – Good 5 – Unserviceable
Fencing	Community Use	3

The Loy Reserve is functioning appropriately for the purposes of the area.

A4.3 Use of the Land and Structures at the Date of Adoption of the Plan of Management

Existing use of the reserve includes:

- Access
- Public Recreation

Council is willing to work with existing and potential users to expand the usage of Loy Reserve and this Plan of Management will provide an operational and strategic framework to effectively take advantage of those opportunities.

A4.4 Permitted Use Strategic Objectives

As previously noted, the categorisation of Loy Reserve is a Natural Area – Bushland with the intended purpose(s) of Community purposes and rural services with public access. Under the Deniliquin LEP 2013, the different lots are zoned RU 1 – Primary Production. This purpose and category align with the reserve's past and future use and the values identified in this plan.

Projects proposed by community groups and other users of the reserve must be in line with Council strategic plans and must align with the reserve purpose and core objectives for the Reserve.

Depending on the scope of the project Council may request a written proposal outlining the project and proposed location, estimated costs, scaled plans, justification for proposed works and future maintenance requirements.

A5 PLAN OF MANAGEMENT – MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE LAND

A5.1 Alcohol

Alcohol is permitted within the Loy Reserve at selected events if all the correct licencing procedures are followed and an application to Council is submitted and approved by whichever group.

A5.2 Companion Animals

Domestic pets may use the grounds where authorised by signage provided that they are under the control of a responsible person at all times and do not cause loss of amenity to other users of the land.

Dogs are not permitted to be walked off leash unless they are within Council's designated off leash exercise areas. Dog clubs are required to seek Council permission to conduct dog obedience and training activities on all community land.

A5.3 Parking

Parking is directly available within the Loy Reserve, however, no signage is dedicated to showing where parking is permitted.

APPENDIX B

NATIVE TITLE ASSESSMENT

The Crown Land Management Act 2016 – Section 8.7 (1) (d) requires that Council as Crown Land Manager obtains the written advice of its Native Title Manager prior to its approval or submission for approval of a plan of management for the land that authorises or permits any kinds of dealings referred to in Section 8.7.

1 The Land to which this report applies

The land to which the Plan of Management applies is shown below in **Table B1**.

Table B1 – Land to Which this Report Applies

Reserve Number	Reserve Description	Land Description	Reserve Gazettal Date
1001384	Loy Reserve	Lot 9 DP 1176349	21 August 1998

Edward River Council is the Crown Land Manager of the Land. The management and use of the and is subject to the provisions contained in the Crown Land Management Act 2016.

2. Details of activity on Crown Land

This Plan of Management has been prepared by Council and provides direction as to the use and management of the reserves included in the Plan.

The Plan of Management is required in accordance with Section 3.23 of the Crown Lands Management Act 2016 and Section 36 of the Local Government Act 1993.

The Plan of Management outlines the way the reserve will be used and provides the framework for Council to follow in relation to the Leasing, Licencing and Permit processes for the land.

The Plan of Management also provides for the granting of easements over the land and the further development of the land, buildings and infrastructure on the land.

The Plan of Management provides strict guidelines such that each activity requires a Native Title Assessment and validation under the Native Title Act 1993 to carried out by Council's Native Title Manager prior to the commencement or approval of that activity.

The Plan of Management is clear that the management of those activities that could be consider to a future act must consider the reserve purpose for the land.

Accordingly, the activities authorised under the Plan of Management could be validated under Subdivision J of the Native Title Act 1993.

2a. Is the activity a future act?

The Plan of Management provides authorisation for granting of leases, licences and other Estates over the land and the granting of easements and further development of the land, buildings and

infrastructure on the land. These activities could be a future act within the meaning of Section 233 of the Native Title Act 1993.

2b. If it is, why? if it is not, why not?

The activities authorised under the Plan of Management could be a future act within the meaning of Section 233 of the Native Title Act 1993.

3. If the activity is a future act, which of the following subdivisions of the future act regime under the Native Title Act 1993 validate it?

The authorisation of the activities that could be considered a future act within the Plan of Management provides for the activity to be carried out in accordance with the reserve purpose of the land.

The Plan of Management does not provide authorisation for any activity that is not in accordance with the reserve purpose of the land.

Accordingly, the activities could be validated under Subdivision J of the Native Title Act 1993.

4. Requirements to notify any representative body.

The Plan of Management provides strict guidelines such that each activity requires a Native Title assessment and validation under the Native Title Act 1993 to be carried out by Council's Native Title Manager prior to the commencement or approval of that activity.

Notification will be assessed on a case by case basis and parties will be notifies when an activity is assessed.

As the Plan of Management authorises activities that could be future acts within the meaning of Section 233 of the Native Title Act 1993. Council will notify NTSCorp and the Deniliquin Aboriginal Land Council prior to adoption of the plan.

Requirement	Section 24JA	Requirement satisfied
The reservation was created on or before 23 December 1996; and	s.24JA(1)(a)	No
The reservation was valid; and	s.24JA(1)(b)	Yes
The creation of the reservation was done by the Crown (the Commonwealth or State); and	s.24JA(1)(c)	Yes
The whole or part of any land or waters under the reservation was to be used for a particular purpose; and	s.24JA(1)(d)	Yes
The issue of the licence is done in good faith under or in accordance with the reservation, or	s.24JA(1)(e)(i)	Yes
In the area covered by the reservation, so long as the act's impact on Native Title is no longer greater than the impact that any act that could have been done under or in accordance with the reservation would have had	s.24JA(1)(e)(ii)	Yes

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Reserve No., 1001384

Summary:

The Plan of Management authorises activities that could be considered as future acts within the meaning of Section 233 of the Native Title Act 1993.

The Plan of Management guidelines provide that those activities are only to be authorised if they are in accordance with the reserve purpose of the land.

Those activities that are consistent with the reserve purpose of the land may be validated under Subdivision J if the land was subject to a reservation created prior to 23 December 1996 and the reservation was done by the Crown.

Therefore, requirements of S24JA(1) (a)-(e) are met.

s.24JA(1)(a) is not satisfied as the relevant land was not subject to reservation created before 23 December 1996, however, no change of category is proposed.

s.24JA(1)(b) is satisfied as the Reserve was notified in the Government Gazetted of 21 August 1998.

s.24JA(1)(c) is satisfied as the reservation was carried out by the Crown under the provision of the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, such reservation has been carried out by a statutory power, exercised by the minister on behalf of the Crown.

s.24JA(1)(d) is satisfied as the land was to be used for a specific purpose being a reservation under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act which reserved the land from sale for the purpose of Public Recreation.

s.24JA(1)(e) (ii) is satisfied as the adoption of a Plan of Management that authorises activities to be done in accordance with the reservation purpose in the area covered by the reservation, so long as the act's impact on native title is no longer greater than the impact that any act that could have been done under or in accordance with the reservation would have had.

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PLAN OF MANAGEMENT

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N/A (UTE ON POLE) No. 97120

WILLOUGHBYS BEACH (Memorial Park Water intake) – No. 91033

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1 KEY INFORMATION

This Plan of Management has been prepared by Edward River Council (Council) to provide direction regarding the use and management of the following reserve:

- N/A (Fish Park) – no. 550035
- N/A (Ute on Pole) – no. 97120
- Willoughby's Beach (Memorial Park water intake) – no. 91033

This Plan of Management is required in accordance with Section 3.23 of the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* and Section 36 of the *Local Government Act 1993* and outlines the way the reserve will be used and provides the framework for Council to follow in relation to the Leasing, Licensing and Permit processes for the land. The plan may be used to determine the allocation of resources and funds.

2 INTRODUCTION

2.1 Background

Edward River Council was proclaimed on 12 May 2016, following the amalgamation of the former Conargo Shire Council and Deniliquin Council into one strong, cohesive and dynamic organisation. Deniliquin is located approximately 725km southwest of Sydney and 285km northeast of Melbourne. The Council is situated within the Murray region of New South Wales and close to the Victorian border. It shares borders with Hay Shire to the north, Murrumbidgee Council to the east, Murray River Council to the south-west and Berrigan Council to south-east.

The Council provides services and support to a community of approximately 9,000 permanent residents across a region covering 8,881 square kilometres, including the town of Deniliquin and the six rural villages of Blighty, Booroorban, Conargo, Pretty Pine and Wanganella. A map of the local government area is shown below in **Figure 1**.

Figure 1 - Edward River Council Local Government Area

Edward River Council is responsible for care and control of many community land parcels. With the introduction of the Crown Land Management Act 2016, Council has been appointed the Crown Land Manager for many Crown reserves within its jurisdiction under the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

2.2 Strategic and Corporate Objectives

Edward River Council has set out several strategic objectives in the Community Strategic Plan, as shown below in **Figure 2**:

Figure 2 – Edward River Council's Strategic Objectives from the Community Strategic Plan

2.3 Land to Which this Plan Applies

The land details for each reserve to which this plan applies are shown in the relevant sections of **Appendices A** to **D**.

2.4 Land Ownership

The land ownership details for each reserve to which this plan applies are shown in the relevant sections of **Appendices A** to **D**.

2.5 Categorisation of the Reserve

Under Section 3.23(2) of the Crown Land management Act 2016, Council Crown Land managers must assign to all Crown Land under their management one or more initial categories of community land referred to in section 36 of the Local Government Act 1993.

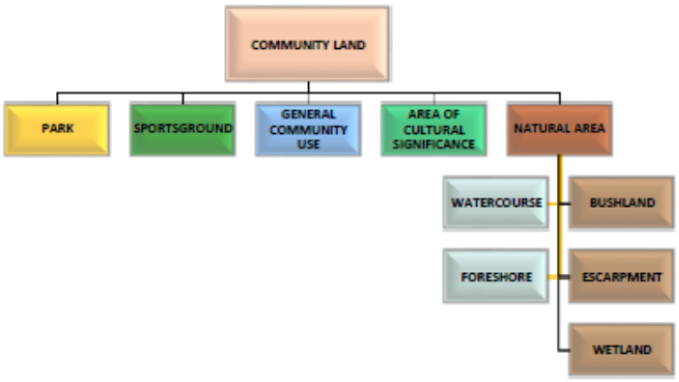

Figure 3 – Categories of Community Land referred to in Section 36 of the *Local Government Act 1993*

Council must assign a category that they consider to be most closely related to the purpose(s) that the land is dedicated or reserved.

The degree to which the reserve purpose relates to the assigned category of the land is important for ongoing management of the land. This is because Council must obtain Native Title Manager advice as to the validity of the activities that they wish to undertake on the land prior to dealing with it.

Both the Aboriginal Land Rights Act and the Native Title Act recognise the intent of the original reserve purpose of the land so that complying activities can be considered lawful or validated, particularly under Section J of the *Native Title Act 1993*.

The specific land categories for each reserve to which this plan applies are shown in the relevant sections of **Appendices A** to **D**.

Activities of the land will reflect the intent of the public purpose and will be assessed for compliance with relevant Local Government and Crown Lands legislation. This includes assessment of that activity under the *Native Title Act 1993* and registered claims under the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983.*

Use of the land for any activity is subject to the application and approval. Assessment will consider compliance with the objectives and relationship to that impact on the public purpose for the which the land was set aside. Other uses that do not comply with this Plan of Management or zoning of the land under Council's Local Environmental Plan will not be considered.

3 RELEVANT LEGISLATION, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

3.1 Local Government Act 1993 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021

Under section 36(1) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Plans of Management must be prepared for all community land. Community land is land which is kept for use of the general public. Clause 101(2) of the *Local Government General Regulation 2021* requires Council to have regard to the guidelines for categorisation of community land set out in Clauses 102 to 111 of that regulation.

This Plan of Management has been prepared in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993* using the land categories approved by the Minister administering the *Crown Land Management Act 2016*. The minimum requirements for a Plan of Management are set out under section 36(3) of the *Local Government Act 1993.*

A Plan of Management must identify

- the category of the land
- the objective and performance targets of the plan with respect to the land
- the means by which Council proposes to assess its performance with respect to the plan's objectives and performance targets

These conditions may require the approval of Council for the carrying out of any specified activity on the land.
Section 36 (3A) specifies that for Plans of Management that are specific to one area of land, must also describe

- the condition of the land as at the adoption of the plan
- the buildings on the land as at adoption, and
- the use of the buildings and the land as at adoption

  Additionally, the Plan must also state the purposes for which the land will be allowed to be used and the scale and intensity of that use.

Sections 36E – 36N of the *Local Government Act 1993* specifies the core objectives for the management of each category of community land.

3.2 Crown Land Management Act 2016

Division 3.6 of the *Crown Lands Management Act 2016* deals with the requirements that Council must meet in relation to Plans of Management and other Plans.
Section 3.23(6) of the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* requires Council to adopt a Plan of Management for any Crown reserve for which it is appointed Crown Land Manager, and that is classified as community land under the *Local Government Act 1993*.

3.3 Native Title Act 1993 (Federal)

The native title process must be considered for each activity on the land and a native title assessment must be undertaken. Almost all activities and public works carried out on the land will affect native title and require validation of the future act procedures in Division 3 of the *Native Title Act* by Council's Native Title Manager.
All activities on the land must address the issue of native title. Whilst a successful claim for native title will lead to official recognition of native title rights, native title rights are considered to pre-date such recognition. Native title can therefore be relevant to activities carried out on the land even if no native title claim has been made or registered.

3.4 Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983

In New South Wales, Aboriginal Land Rights sits alongside native title and allows Aboriginal Land Council's to claim 'claimable' Crown land.
Generally, the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act* is directed at allowing Council's to claim Crown land that is unlawfully used or occupied. If a claim is successful, the freehold estate of the land is transferred to the Land Council.
Council is mindful that any activity on Crown land is lawful in relation to the reserve purpose of the land and that it ensures that Crown land under its control is always lawfully used and occupied.
When planning an activity of the land such as the issue of a lease or licence or any public works, Council is expected to search to determine whether an Aboriginal Land Rights claim has been made in relation to the land. If a claim is registered, the activity must be postponed until the claim is resolved.
Strategies which allow Council to validly carry out a project or activity under the *Native Title Act* may not deal with project risks arising in relation to the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act*.

3.5 Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016

Council has legislative responsibility under this Act to appropriately manage Threatened Species Populations and Vulnerable or Endangered Ecological Communities and their habitats wherever they occur despite the categorisation of the land.
Where identified Council is bound by the Act to take any appropriate action necessary to implement measures and must not make decisions that are inconsistent with the provisions of any Threat Abatement or Recovery Plan.

3.6 Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979

The specific land use zoning for each reserve to which this plan applies are shown in the relevant sections of **Appendices A** to **D**.

3.7 Council Plans, Strategies, Policies and Procedures

This Plan of Management is to be used in conjunction with the appropriate Council plans, policies and procedures that govern the use and management of community land and any facilities located on the land.
Additional Council policies, plans and strategies adopted after the date of this plan that have relevance to the planning, use and management of community land will apply as though they were in force at the date of adoption of the Plan of Management.

3.8 Legislation and Statutory Control

This Plan of Management does not overrule existing legislation that also applies to the management of community land.
Other legislation and policies to be considered in the management process include, but are not limited to:

- *Public Works Act 1912* (as amended);
- *Local Land Services Act 2013;*
- *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016;*
- *Water Management Act 2000;*
- *Companion Animals Act 1998;*
- *Rural Fires Act 1997;*
- *Rural Fires and Environmental Assessment Legislation Amendment Act 2002;*
- *Biosecurity Act 2015;*
- *Pesticides Act 1999;*
- *State Environmental Planning Policies;*
- *Deniliquin Local Environmental Plan 2013;*
- *Conargo Local Environmental Plan 2013;*
- *Deniliquin Development Control Plans 2016;*
- *Guidelines supporting development control plans; and*
- *Council plans, strategies, policies, procedures and guidelines, generally, as amended.*

3.9 Reclassification of Reserves

From time to time certain parcels of Community land may be identified as surplus to the existing and future needs of the community. Section 3.21 of the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* outlines provisions of Management of dedicated or reserved Crown land within meaning of the *Local Government Act 1993.* Section 3.21 (2) advises that a Council manager is authorised to manage its dedicated or reserved Crown land as if it were community land or operational land but only as permitted or required by Division 3.4 of the *Crown Land Management Act 2016*.

3.10 Review of this Plan

The use and management of the listed reserves is regulated by this Plan of Management. Whilst the guidelines and principles outlined in the Plan may be suitable at present, the Plan should be reviewed from time to time, to confirm its relevance.
The review of this Plan of Management will take place within five (5) years of adoption of this plan.

3.11 Community Consultation

Consultation with the community is an important part of the preparation of this Plan of Management. Consultation gives Council a better understanding of the range of local issues affecting the use and enjoyment of the land to which this Plan of Management applies and gives all sectors of the community the chance to have an input into the direction of policy development being undertaken by Council.

All stakeholders are given the opportunity to express their opinions and provide relevant information in relation to the planned management of the land, however, as the land is

Crown land final approval for the Plan of Management rests with the Minister administering the Crown Lands Act 2016 as owner of the land.

Council is required to submit the draft Plan of Management to NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure, as representative of the owner of the land under section 39 of the Local Government Act. Section 3.23(7)(d) of the CLM Act states that, if the draft first Plan of Management alters the initial categories assigned, the council must obtain the Minister's consent if the re-categorisation would require an addition to the purposes for which the land is dedicated or reserved under section 40A of the Local Government Act 1993. Council is no longer required to hold a public hearing in relation to Crown Land. The Minister cannot give consent under section 3.23(7)(d) if it is considered that the alteration is likely to materially harm the use of the land for its reserve purpose.

4 CULTURALLY SIGNIFICANT LAND

4.1 Aboriginal Significance

Deniliquin is in the country of the Wamba Wamba Perrepa Perrepa nation and members of the community are closely connected to the town and surrounding lands. The Wamba Wamba and Perrepa Perrepa people of this region developed a way of life over many generations which was in harmony with the land and its natural rhythms. They developed a sophisticated farming system based on the indigenous vegetation communities which supported large family groups. In Deniliquin a comparatively high number of people identified themselves as Aboriginal and / or Torres Strait Islanders (4.6%) compared to the average for NSW (2.9%).
Both the Deniliquin Local Environmental Plan 2013 and Conargo Local Environmental Plan 2013 describes places of Aboriginal Heritage significance as an area of land, the general location of which is identified in an Aboriginal heritage study adopted by the Council after public exhibition and that may be shown on the Heritage Map, that is:

- the site of one or more Aboriginal objects or a place that has the physical remains of pre-European occupation by, or is of contemporary significance to, the Aboriginal people. It may (but need not) include items and remnants of the occupation of the land by Aboriginal people, such as burial places, engraving sites, rock art, midden deposits, scarred and sacred trees and sharpening grooves, or
- a natural Aboriginal sacred site or other sacred feature. It includes natural features such as creeks or mountains of long-standing cultural significance, as well as initiation, ceremonial or story places or areas of more contemporary cultural significance.

In addition, an Aboriginal object means any deposit, object or other material evidence (not being a handicraft made for sale) relating to the Aboriginal habitation of an area of New South Wales, being habitation before or concurrent with (or both) the occupation of that area by persons of non-Aboriginal extraction and includes Aboriginal remains.

Information regarding the aboriginal significance of each reserve to which this plan applies are shown in the relevant sections of **Appendices A** to **D**.

4.2 Non-indigenous Significance

Information regarding the non-aboriginal significance of each reserve to which this plan applies are shown in the relevant sections of **Appendices A** to **D**.

5 DEVELOPMENT AND USE

5.1 Overview

One of the primary responsibilities of Local Government is to provide an acceptable level of service for public assets to its community within budgetary constraints. Council's ongoing commitment to the development and maintenance of these areas depend on financial resources and forward planning. The implementation of actions identified in this Plan of Management are consistent with Edward River Council's corporate objectives as detailed in the following strategic documents:

- Edward River Council 2035 Community Strategic Plan
- Edward River Council Combined Delivery Program 2024-25 and Operational Plan 2024-25
- Edward River Council Resource Strategy
- Edward River Open Space Strategy
- Deniliquin Public Space Strategy
- Deniliquin Masterplan

5.2 Community Strategic Plan

The Edward River 2030 Community Strategic Plan is the highest-level plan that Council prepares in accordance with the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework. The purpose of the Community Strategic Plan is to identify the community's main priorities and aspirations for the future and to plan strategies for achieving these goals. In doing this, the planning process considers the issues and pressures that may impact the community and the level of resources that will realistically be available to achieve its aspirations. At an operational level, the Community Strategic Plan is implemented through Council's Four Yearly Delivery Program and annual Operational Plans, which outline the activities and actions that are the responsibility of Council in achieving our shared vision. The relationship between these planning documents is shown below in **Figure 4**.

Figure 4 – Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework

In 2030, our community wants the Edward River region wants to achieve several strategic objectives which each council managed crown reserves will fit within:

1. A great place to live
2. A prosperous and vibrant economy
3. A valued and enhanced natural environment
4. A region with quality and sustainable infrastructure
5. A community working together to achieve its potential

The relevant outcomes from the Community Strategic Plan for the reserves to which this plan applies are shown in the relevant sections of **Appendices A** to **C**.

5.3 Open Space and Public Space Strategies

In addition to the Community Strategic Plan, the Edward River Open Space Strategy was developed as a forward-looking plan that provides direction to the provision and management of open space across the local government area. Open space, for the purposes of the Edward River Open Space Strategy, is defined as the range of public and private spaces that provide landscape and/or urban design features and are generally for rest, relaxation, recreation and sport activity, and for the preservation of the environment. For the Edward River Open Space Strategy, areas such as recreation and formal parkland, conservation reserves, linkages, sporting reserves (public and private), public

land set aside for specific recreation or sport purposes of a specialised nature and amenity parklands are relevant. This Strategy examines Edward River councils current and future demand for open space areas; improvements to existing parks and walkways, while being cognisant of Council's vision to have a high-quality open space system.
The Deniliquin Public Space Strategy focusses specifically on open and public spaces in Deniliquin and was developed in response to community requests to improve the appearance of the town, particularly the main Central Business District (CBD) streets, the town entries and the riverfront. The Deniliquin Masterplan was developed in response to the Deniliquin Public Space Strategy and provide an integrated masterplan, through a series of detailed landscape plans to allow project implementation and construction ready documentation for high priority elements.
Several objectives have been identified for the project including:

- Provide a structural change to the physical appearance of Deniliquin with a focus on the CBD, Riverfront, Lagoon networks and town entrances
- Improve the liveability, functionality and access to the CBD, Riverfront and Lagoon networks
- Consider both short term and long-term actions, along with ongoing Council asset management and servicing requirements − Consider ongoing ability to fund and implement works
- Consider the impacts of planning issues
- Maximise the Riverfront and its proximity, accessibility and links with the CBD
- Consider the needs of all stakeholders with focus on creating new private sector development opportunities where appropriate and supporting existing business

5.4 Condition of the Land and Structures on Adoption of the Plan of Management

Section 36(3A)(a) of the *Local Government Act* requires the plan to include a description of the condition of the land and structures on adoption of the plan.

Information regarding the structures located at each of the reserves to which this plan applies are shown in the relevant sections of **Appendices A** to **C**.

5.5 Use of the Land and Structures at the Date of Adoption of the Plan of Management

Information regarding the use of the land for each of the reserves to which this plan applies are shown in the relevant sections of **Appendices A** to **C**.

5.6 Permitted Use Strategic Objectives

Information regarding the permitted use strategy objectives for each reserve to which this plan applies are shown in the relevant sections of **Appendices A** to **C**.

Projects proposed by community groups and other users of the reserve must be in line with Council strategic plans and must align with the reserve purpose and core objectives for the Reserve.
Depending on the scope of the project Council may request a written proposal outlining the project and proposed location, estimated costs, scaled plans, justification for proposed works and future maintenance requirements.

5.7 Further Development

The priority for the reserve at present is to scope out ways to improve the reserve in line with the purposes for the reserve and relevant legislation such as the *Local Government Act 1993, Crown Land Management Act 2016*, *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983* and the *Native Title Act 1993*.
A comprehensive site development plan and a landscape management plan is recommended for larger projects to ensure a strategic approach to development.

5.8 Leases, Licences and other Estates

Leases, licences and other estates formalise the use of community land by groups such as sporting clubs and non-profit organisations, or by commercial organisations and individuals providing facilities and services for public use. Activities should be compatible with the zoning and reservation purpose of the land and provide benefits and services for facilities to the users of the land.
The Local Government Act 1993 (specifically section 46/47 of the Local Government Act – Leases/Licences) contains important restrictions on the ability of a council to grant leases, licences, and other estates over community land. This is coupled with requirements for public consultation to ensure that council take community views into account. The Act also outlines when a council must tender a proposed lease or licence. The Act allows a council to grant a lease, licence or other estate for a term of up to 30 years (including any renewal terms and holdover periods) in respect of community land for:

- the provision of public utilities (s 46(1)(a)); or
- for the purpose of providing pipes, conduits or other connections underground for the connection of premises adjoining the community land to a facility of the council or other public utility provider (s46(1)(a1)); or
- to allow a filming project to be carried out (s46(1)(c)); or
- in accordance with an express authorisation in the plan of management applying to the land (s46(1)(b)) for one of the purposes listed in section 46(1)(b) of the Act, provided that purpose is consistent with the core objectives of the categorisation of the land (s46(2)).

A council must first obtain the Minister for Local Government's consent to grant a proposed lease, licence or other estate in the following instances:

- The proposed term (including any renewal options and holdover periods) exceeds 21 years.
- The proposed term (including any renewal options and holdover periods) exceeds 5 years and a person makes a submission by way of an objection to the proposal during the submission period.
- The proposed term (including any renewal options and holdover periods) is 5 years or less and the Minister has "called in" the proposed lease, licence or other estate (s47A(2)(c)) and the Minister has determined that sections 47(5)-(9) of the Act are to apply to the proposal.

The Occupation of the land other than by lease or licence or other estate or for a permitted purpose listed in the *Local Government Regulations 2021* is prohibited. Council through express authorisation may issue short-term licences under Section 2.20 of the Crown Land Management Act 2016.
The terms of the authorisation for a lease licence or other estate should include Native Title assessment and validation under the Native Title Act 1993 and should include advice that the land is not subject to a claim under the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983. The authorisation should ensure the proper management and maintenance of the land and the

interests of Council and the public are protected. A lease is normally issued where exclusive control of all or part of an area by a user is proposed. In all other instances a licence or short term licence or hire agreement will be issued.
Areas held under lease, licence or regular occupancy shall be maintained by the user. The user will be responsible for maintenance and outgoings as defined in the lease or licence or agreement for use.

Note: There are no current leases and/or licences over any of the reserves in this Plan of Management

5.9 Native Title Assessment

The *Crown Land Management Act 2016* – Section 8.7 (1) (d) requires that Council, as Crown Land Manager, obtains the written advice of its Native Title Manager prior to its approval or submission for approval of a plan of management for the land that authorises or permits any kinds of dealings referred to in **Section 5.8**.
A copy of the Native Title Assessment for this reserve is included in **Appendix D.**

6 PLAN OF MANAGEMENT - OBJECTIVES AND ACTIONS

6.1 Plan of Management Objectives

The general objectives of this Plan of Management are shown below in **Table 1.**
Table 1 – Plan of Management Objectives

	Plan of Management Objectives
1.	To ensure that relevant legislation is complied with in relation to the land.
2.	To inform Council staff and the community of the way the land will be managed.
3.	To implement specific policies, guidelines and works identified in the plan of management.
4.	To progressively improve the values of the land and to minimize the long-term cost of maintenance to the Council
5.	To make provisions for appropriate leases, licences and agreements in respect to the land.
6.	To identify and recognise existing uses and improvements on the land.
7.	To set in place and administrative structure to ensure the achievement of land management objectives.
8.	To ensure that the management of the land is not likely to materially harm the use of the land for any of the purposes for which it is dedicated or reserved.

6.2 Action Plan

The Plan of Management specifies performance targets and priorities for actions to be taken in relation to the land to which the plan applies.
Assessment of achievement of the objectives of the plan is to be undertaken. A summary of indicators and targets for major objectives is outlined in the **Table 2** below.
Table 2 – Indicators and Targets for Plan of Management Objectives

OBJECTIVES AND PERFORMANCE TARGETS OF THE PLAN IN RESPECT TO THE LAND	MEANS BY WHICH THE COUNCIL PROPOSES TO ACHIEVE THE PLAN'S OBJECTIVES AND PERFORMANCE TARGETS	MANNER IN WHICH COUNCIL PROPOSES TO ASSESS ITS PERFORMANCE WITH RESPECT TO THE PLAN'S OBJECTIVES AND PERFORMANCE TARGETS
To ensure that relevant legislation is complied with in relation to preparation of Plans of Management.	The Plan is prepared in accordance with the Act. Native Title Manager advice is sought during the preparation of the Plan.	The Plan is reviewed by Council's Native Title Manager Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure Crown Lands then exhibited and adopted by Council if there are no changes to the approved plan. If changes are made following exhibition the plan must again be approved by Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure Crown Lands.
To inform Council staff and the community of the way the land will be managed.	The Plan is exhibited in accordance with the Local Government Act.	The Plan is exhibited and adopted by Council.
To implement the specific policies, guidelines and works identified in the plan of management.	Ensure that the Plan is referenced to identify specific policies, guidelines and works.	All works are carried out in accordance with the Plan.
To progressively improve the values of the land to minimise the long term cost of maintenance to the Council.	Carry out all works identified in Council's long term plan.	All works are completed, and minimal maintenance of the improvements is required.
To make provision for leases, licences and agreements in respect of the land.	The Plan of Management expressly authorises the provision of leases, licences and agreements where appropriate.	Any leases are prepared, exhibited and adopted in accordance with the provisions of the Local *Government Act 1993* and the *Crown Land Management Act 2016*. Native Title Manager advice and a check for a claim under the Aboriginal Land Rights Act is received for all proposed leases and licences.
To identify and recognise existing uses and improvements on the land.	Physical inspection.	The Plan is exhibited and adopted by Council.

OBJECTIVES AND PERFORMANCE TARGETS OF THE PLAN IN RESPECT TO THE LAND	MEANS BY WHICH THE COUNCIL PROPOSES TO ACHIEVE THE PLAN'S OBJECTIVES AND PERFORMANCE TARGETS	MANNER IN WHICH COUNCIL PROPOSES TO ASSESS ITS PERFORMANCE WITH RESPECT TO THE PLAN'S OBJECTIVES AND PERFORMANCE TARGETS
To provide a reference and data bank in relation to information relevant to present and future management of the land.	Physical inspection and file research.	The Plan is exhibited and adopted by Council.
To set in place an administrative structure to ensure the achievement of land management objectives.	Ensure that all sections of Council are aware of the contents of the Plan.	All future works are carried out in accordance with the Plan.
To identify the major management issues applying to the land.	Consultation and staff discussions.	The Plan is exhibited and adopted by Council.
To simplify the process of management as far as possible.	Preparation of the Plan in accordance with the Act.	The Plan is exhibited and adopted by Council.

7 PLAN OF MANAGEMENT – MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE LAND

7.1 Management Authority

For the purposes of this plan, the management authority for the reserve is Edward River Council, in accordance with the provisions of the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* and the *Local Government Act 1993*. Where Council's responsibilities have been delegated, the provisions of this management plan continue to apply.

7.2 Management Issues

The management of the land must consider the reserve purpose(s) of the land and the purpose for which the land is classified and categorized.

7.3 Staff Resources

Council shall provide adequate staff resources for the management of the land in accordance with this Plan of Management. Staff shall have appropriate qualifications and/or experience.

7.4 Environmental Assessment of Activities

The environmental impact of activities carried out on the land will be assessed having regard to the requirements under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act.

7.5 Role of Other Activities

Other government authorities may have responsibilities or involvement in the management of the land or of immediately adjacent land. This will be considered and, where appropriate, consultation will take place with relevant authorities.

7.6 Activities Carried Out by Other Authorities

Where activities are carried out on the land by other authorities, Council will make the authorities aware of the provisions of this Plan of Management and will seek to ensure that any activities are compatible with the objectives and guidelines of this Plan of Management, and in in accordance with the provisions of the Crown Land Management Act 2016 and the Local Government Act 1993.

7.7 Principles for the Development of Adjoining Land

Council's development control practices recognise and endeavour to minimize the impacts upon adjoining land parcels. Council will consider the impacts of activities carried out on the reserve on adjoining land.

7.8 Community Involvement in Management

Where appropriate, Council will undertake community consultation subsequent to the making of this Plan of Management and may give community groups a role in management.

7.9 Contract and Volunteer Labour

In managing the land Council may use contract and volunteer labour but shall ensure that supervisors and staff have appropriate qualifications and/or experience and are made aware of the requirements of this plan.

7.10 Existing Assets

Existing assets on the land shall be identified and measures taken to maintain them in a satisfactory manner. Council may make arrangement for community groups and users to undertake maintenance for specific facilities on Council's behalf.

7.11 Public Liability Insurance

All users of the land, including lease and licence holders, must have public liability insurance coverage, incorporating the following:

- At least $20M coverage for any one instance; and
- Edward River Council named in the policy as an interested party.

A copy of the cover note for the insurance is to be provided to Council prior to use of the reserve. Where the use of the reserve is for longer than one year, as may be the case for leases and licences, up to date copies of the cover note shall be provided.

7.12 Commercial Activities

Commercial activities may be carried out on the land, provided that the activity is ancillary to the purpose of the land or for a purpose authorised under this Plan of Management. Any commercial activity is subject to prior Council consent.

7.13 Emergencies

This Plan of Management authorises necessary activities to be carried out during declared emergencies as may be decided by the General Manager or delegate. Following carrying out of any activities, periodic monitoring will be undertaken, and rehabilitation works undertaken if necessary.

7.14 Land Proposed for Future Development

Land proposed in any of Council's plans for future development for a specific purpose may be utilised for other purposes on an interim basis until required for that purpose.

7.15 Undeveloped Land

Land to which this Plan of Management applies that is undeveloped and unused for the purpose of the land may upon assessment, be used for any activity that does not prevent or inhibit future use for the purpose of the land, including tree planting and mowing.

7.16 Information Monitoring and Research

Monitoring and collection of information relating to the land to which the Plan of Management applies are important to enable good management. Where a demonstrated need has been identified, an educational programme shall be developed to encourage use appropriate to the purpose to all or part of the land to which this Plan of Management applies.
Management arrangements shall be implemented to regularly monitor the use of the land, environmental conditions and facilities. Surveys of visitation and/or satisfaction with the facilities may be undertaken to facilitate the management and use of the land.

7.17 Buildings and Amenities

Buildings and amenities may be provided where consistent with the need to facilitate the purpose of the land, provided that a Native Title assessment has been carried out by Council's Native Title Manager, the land is not subject to a claim under the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983* and the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993* and the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* have been complied with. Buildings and amenities are to be maintained in a safe condition for users and the public.

7.18 Infrastructure

Any necessary infrastructure to service the purpose of the land may be constructed provided that a Native Title assessment has been carried out by Council's Native Title Manager, the land is not subject to a claim under the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983*, and the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993* and the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* have been complied with.

7.19 General Maintenance

General maintenance will match the level and type of use and wherever possible users will be encouraged to help. Areas held under lease, licence or regular occupancy shall be maintained by the user where appropriate.
Existing assets on the land shall be identified and measures taken to maintain them in a satisfactory manner. The Council may decide for community groups to undertake maintenance for specific facilities on Council's behalf.

7.20 Development Activities

Development activities shall be undertaken in a way that minimizes the area, degree and duration of disturbance, and areas are to be restored to the greatest extent practicable.

7.21 Pollution Control

Management should seek to ensure that no pollution is generated on the land, and that adequate measures are taken to prevent adverse impacts from adjoining land.

7.22 Public Safety

Reasonable measures will be taken by Council to ensure and maintain the public safety of persons using the land.

7.23 Neighbours

Council shall endeavour to be a good neighbour and as far as possible shall consult with adjoining owners in respect of management and other activities which may affect them.

7.24 Trees, Vegetation and Landscape

Proper management of landscaping measures, trees and vegetation is important to provide a high degree of amenity on the land. Trees will be maintained, as will maintenance of appropriate growing conditions involving management of soil compaction and other encroachments, in accordance with Council's Tree Management Policy.

7.25 Weed Control

Weed control shall be by both taking preventative measures and active control measures. Prevention of weed infestation shall be by minimising actions that disturb the ground surface and discouraging the conditions that encourage weeds.

Measures shall be taken to prevent the dispersion of weeds by fill or the transport of seeds on machinery. Control measures which are acceptable include physical removal or slashing, accepted biological control techniques, bush regeneration, or chemical spraying where Council is satisfied that there will be no adverse residual effects and no adverse effect on human health.

APPENDIX A
SPECIFIC INFORMATION FOR RESERVE 550035
N/A (Fish Park)

APPENDIX A – N/A (Fish Park)

A1 INTRODUCTION

A1.1 Land to Which this Plan Applies

The land to which this plan applies is Crown Reserve 550035 and is contained in Lot 1 DP 1147530 Parish South Deniliquin County Townsend. The reserve is located in the centre district of Deniliquin bordering the ANSW Tafe on the corners of Hardinge and Whitelock streets. The land contains a total of 12,799.10 m2. The reserve for N/A (Fish park) Reserve was gazetted on 14 November 1879 and was set aside for the purpose of Public Recreation - Water Conservation. An aerial photograph, outlining the extents of the reserve, is shown below in **Figure A1.**

Figure A1 – Aerial Photograph of N/A (Fish park) Reserve (Reserve No. 90112)

A1.2 Land Ownership

N/A (Fish park) is owned by the Crown and is managed by Edward River Council as Crown Land Manager under the Land Management Act 2016.

A1.3 Categorisation of the Reserve

In the case of N/A (Fish Park), Council has requested the initial categorisation of:

- **General Community Use** for the purpose of Public Recreation - Water Conservation.

Council is requesting this categorisation to the minister administering the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* in relation to the reserve. Council believes the designation of this the assigned categories most closely align with the reserved purposed of the of the land and its usage.

The core objectives for management of community land categorised as general community use are to promote, encourage and provide for the use of the land, and to provide facilities on the land, to meet the current and future needs of the local community and of the wider public:

(a) in relation to public recreation and the physical, cultural, social and intellectual welfare or development of individual members of the public, and

(b) in relation to purposes for which a lease, licence or other estate may be granted in respect of the land (other than the provision of public utilities and works associated with or ancillary to public utilities).

A2 RELEVANT LEGISLATION, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

A2.1 Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979

The land is zoned as follows under the Deniliquin Local Environmental Plan 2013 (LEP):

- RE 1 Public Recreation

Figure A2 – Land Use Zones for Reserve No. 550035

The objectives of the land use zones are noted below in **Table A1**.

Table A1 – Objectives of Land Use Zones for Reserve No. 550035

Land Use Zone	Objectives
RE 1 – Public Recreation	• To enable land to be used for public open space or recreational purposes. • To provide a range of recreational settings and activities and compatible land uses. • To protect and enhance the natural environment for recreational purposes.

Details regarding permitted developments in these land use zones is included in the Deniliquin LEP 2013.
In addition to the Deniliquin LEP, the Deniliquin Development Control Plan was developed with the general aims to:

(a) Promote growth and development to support and enhance the vitality of the Central Business District.
(b) Encourage development that responds to the needs of the community.
(c) Encourage residential development of a high standard to improve the quality of the urban environment.
(d) Encourage development that respects and minimises the impacts on surrounding land and the wider environment.
(e) Encourage new development that will enhance streetscapes and vistas.
(f) Ensure that development incorporates safe, effective and convenient pedestrian, bicycle and vehicle access, movement and parking areas.
(g) Encourage energy efficiency in building design.
(h) Provide for effective and well-utilised open space with security and access for the community.
(i) Control and minimise the impact of stormwater run-off.
(j) Ensure that new development is fully integrated into Council's sewerage system wherever possible.
(k) Promote the orderly and efficient development of land to ensure that provision of services to that land is adequate.

A3 CULTURALLY SIGNIFICANT LAND

A3.1 Aboriginal Significance

N/A (Fish Park) Reserve is not identified as having Aboriginal significance and is not declared under section 84 of the *National Park and Wildlife Act 1974*, however, any areas of Aboriginal significance that may be discovered are covered by this Plan of Management.

A3.2 Non-indigenous Significance

The reserve for N/A (Fish Park) was gazetted on 14 November 1879 and was set aside for Public Recreation - Water Conservation. The N/A (Fish Park) Reserve is not specifically listed under the Deniliquin Local Environment Plan 2013 but is represented in the plan under the zonings RE 1 Public Recreation.

A4 DEVELOPMENT AND USE

A4.1 Community Strategic Plan - Outcome 1 – A great place to live

The direction for the N/A (Fish Park) is captured within Outcome 1 – A great place to live

> *We love our strong sense of community, our willingness to help each other out, and the fact that our region provides an ideal environment in which to raise a family. Over the life of Edward River 2030, we want to keep our community safe, active and healthy and make sure that our public and open spaces – such as our sporting grounds, community halls, parks and gardens – provide social value and keep us connected.*

The N/A (Fish Park) fits directly under Targets 1.2 – Our community is safe, happy and healthy, both physically and mentally, and Target 3 – Our community and public spaces are accessible and inclusive and reflect our history, heritage and culture. The Council's role is to promote healthy lifestyles and effectively manage community halls and recreation reserves and operate section 355 committees to effectively manage community halls and recreation reserves.

A4.2 Condition of the Land and Structures on Adoption of the Plan of Management

Section 36(3A)(a) of the *Local Government Act* requires the plan to include a description of the condition of the land and structures on adoption of the plan. The condition of the infrastructure on N/A (Fish Park) upon recent inspection is shown below in **Table A2.**

Table A2 – Condition of Council Assets Located on at N/A (Fish Park)

ASSET DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	CONDITION RATING 1 – Good 5 – Unserviceable
Gardens	Community Use	2
Ute on Pole	Community Use	1
Parking Bays	Community Use	2

The N/A (Fish park) Reserve is functioning appropriately for the purposes of the area.

A4.3 Use of the Land and Structures at the Date of Adoption of the Plan of Management

Existing purposes of the reserve includes:

- Public Recreation
- Water Conservation

Council is willing to work with existing and potential users to expand the usage of N/A (Fish Park) and this Plan of Management will provide an operational and strategic framework to effectively take advantage of those opportunities.

A4.4 Permitted Use Strategic Objectives

As previously noted, the categorisation of N/A (Fish Park) Reserve is General Community Use with the intended purpose(s) of Public Recreation – Water Conservation. Under the Deniliquin LEP 2013, the different lots are zoned RE 1 – Public Recreation. These purposes and categories align with the reserve's past and future use and the values identified in this plan.
Projects proposed by community groups and other users of the reserve must be in line with Council strategic plans and must align with the reserve purpose and core objectives for the Reserve.
Depending on the scope of the project Council may request a written proposal outlining the project and proposed location, estimated costs, scaled plans, justification for proposed works and future maintenance requirements.

A5 PLAN OF MANAGEMENT – MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE LAND

A5.1 Alcohol

Alcohol is permitted within the N/A (Fish Park) Reserve at selected events if all the correct licencing procedures are followed and an application to Council is submitted and approved by whichever group.

A5.2 Companion Animals

Domestic pets may use the grounds where authorised by signage provided that they are under the control of a responsible person at all times and do not cause loss of amenity to other users of the land.
Dogs are not permitted to be walked off leash unless they are within Council's designated off leash exercise areas. Dog clubs are required to seek Council permission to conduct dog obedience and training activities on all community land.

A5.3 Parking

Parking is directly available on adjoining streets to the N/A (Fish park) Reserve, with signage dedicated to showing where parking is permitted.

APPENDIX B
SPECIFIC INFORMATION FOR RESERVE 97120
(Ute on pole)

APPENDIX B – N/A (Ute on pole)

B1 INTRODUCTION

B1.1 Land to Which this Plan Applies

The land to which this plan applies is Crown Reserve 97120 and is contained in Lot 7010 DP 1126536 Parish South Deniliquin County Townsend. The reserve is located along Charlotte Street bordering the Edward River. The land contains a total of 4,902.70 m2. The reserve was gazetted on 30 December 1983 and was set aside for the purpose of Public Recreation. An aerial photograph, outlining the extents of the reserve, is shown below in **Figure B1.**

Figure B1 – Aerial Photograph of (Reserve No. 97120).

B1.2 Land Ownership

The reserve is owned by the Crown and is managed by Edward River Council as Crown Land Manager under the Land Management Act 2016.

B1.3 Categorisation of the Reserve

In the case of reserve (97120), Council has requested and obtained initial categorisation of:

- **Park** for the purpose of **Public Recreation**.

The category was approved by the minister administering the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* in relation to the reserve. Council does not propose to alter the initial categories assigned because the assigned categories most closely align with the reserved purposed of the of the land and its usage.

The core objectives for management of community land categorised as general community use are to promote, encourage and provide for the use of the land, and to provide facilities on the land, to meet the current and future needs of the local community and of the wider public:

a) in relation to public recreation and the physical, cultural, social and intellectual welfare or development of individual members of the public, and
b) in relation to purposes for which a lease, licence or other estate may be granted in respect of the land (other than the provision of public utilities and works associated with or ancillary to public utilities).

B2 RELEVANT LEGISLATION, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

B2.1 Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979

The land is zoned as follows under the Deniliquin Local Environmental Plan 2013 (LEP):

- RE 1 Public Recreation

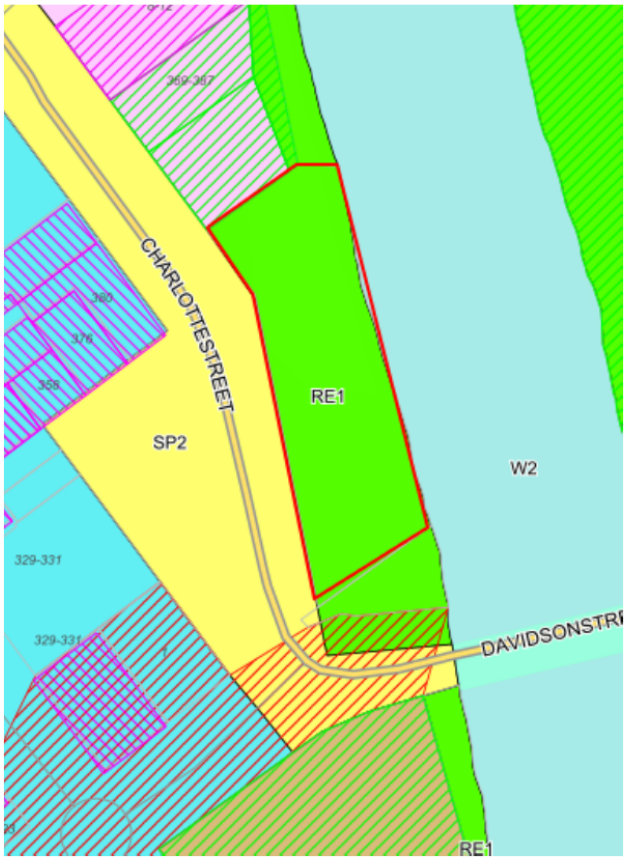

Figure B2 – Land Use Zones for Reserve No. 97120.

The objectives of the land use zones are noted below in **Table B1**.

Table B1 – Objectives of Land Use Zones for Reserve No. 97120

Land Use Zone	Objectives
RE 1 – Public Recreation	• To enable land to be used for public open space or recreational purposes. • To provide a range of recreational settings and activities and compatible land uses. • To protect and enhance the natural environment for recreational purposes.

Details regarding permitted developments in these land use zones is included in the Deniliquin LEP 2013.
In addition to the Deniliquin LEP, the Deniliquin Development Control Plan was developed with the general aims to:

(a) Promote growth and development to support and enhance the vitality of the Central Business District.

(b) Encourage development that responds to the needs of the community.
(c) Encourage residential development of a high standard to improve the quality of the urban environment.
(d) Encourage development that respects and minimises the impacts on surrounding land and the wider environment.
(e) Encourage new development that will enhance streetscapes and vistas.
(f) Ensure that development incorporates safe, effective and convenient pedestrian, bicycle and vehicle access, movement and parking areas.
(g) Encourage energy efficiency in building design.
(h) Provide for effective and well-utilised open space with security and access for the community.
(i) Control and minimise the impact of stormwater run-off.
(j) Ensure that new development is fully integrated into Council's sewerage system wherever possible.
(k) Promote the orderly and efficient development of land to ensure that provision of services to that land is adequate.

B3 CULTURALLY SIGNIFICANT LAND

B3.1 Aboriginal Significance

Reserve (97120) is not identified as having Aboriginal significance and is not declared under section 84 of the *National Park and Wildlife Act 1974*, however, any areas of Aboriginal significance that may be discovered are covered by this Plan of Management.

B3.2 Non-indigenous Significance

The reserve was gazetted on 30 December 1983 and was set aside for Public recreation. The reserve is not specifically listed under the Deniliquin Local Environment Plan 2013 but is represented in the plan under the zoning RU 1 Primary Production

B4 DEVELOPMENT AND USE

B4.1 Community Strategic Plan - Outcome 1 – A great place to live

The direction for the reserve is captured within Outcome 4 – A region with quality and sustainable infrastructure

As a community we are lucky to have well developed built infrastructure. In particular our sporting facilities and community halls are an area of immense pride. We see opportunity for improvement in our road, footpath and drainage networks and by taking a proactive approach to building maintenance.
The Reserve fits directly under Targets 4.1 – Our built environment is managed, maintained and improved. The Council's role is to Where appropriate upgrade existing or provide new infrastructure and maximise funding opportunities to renew and upgrade-built infrastructure.

B4.2 Condition of the Land and Structures on Adoption of the Plan of Management

Section 36(3A)(a) of the *Local Government Act* requires the plan to include a description of the condition of the land and structures on adoption of the plan. The condition of the infrastructure on the reserve upon recent inspection is shown below in **Table B2.**

Table B2 – Condition of Council Assets Located on reserve (97120)

ASSET DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	CONDITION RATING 1 – Good 5 – Unserviceable
Fencing	Community Use	3
Roads	Community Use	2
Grounds	Community Use	2
Buildings	Community Use	3
Irrigation	Community Use	2

The reserve is functioning appropriately for the purposes of the area.

B4.3 Use of the Land and Structures at the Date of Adoption of the Plan of Management

Existing use of the reserve includes:

- Public Recreation

Council is willing to work with existing and potential users to expand the usage of reserve (97120) and this Plan of Management will provide an operational and strategic framework to effectively take advantage of those opportunities.

B4.4 Permitted Use Strategic Objectives

As previously noted, the categorisation of Reserve 97120 is General Community Use with the intended purpose(s) of Public Recreation. Under the Deniliquin LEP 2013, the different lots are zoned RE 1 – Public Recreation. These purposes and categories align with the reserve's past and future use and the values identified in this plan.
Projects proposed by community groups and other users of the reserve must be in line with Council strategic plans and must align with the reserve purpose and core objectives for the Reserve.
Depending on the scope of the project Council may request a written proposal outlining the project and proposed location, estimated costs, scaled plans, justification for proposed works and future maintenance requirements.

B5 PLAN OF MANAGEMENT – MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE LAND

B5.1 Alcohol

The infrequent sale of alcohol by a sporting committee, club or user group requires the approval of the NSW Office of Liquor Gaming and Racing through the issue of a Limited Licence. The Licence should be provided to Council in each instance. When making application for the use of a passive recreational area, if the sale of alcohol is intended, applicants are required to comply with any requirements of both the Office of Liquor Gaming and Racing and Council.

B5.2 Companion Animals

Domestic pets may use the Reserve where authorised by signage if they are always under the control of a responsible person and do not cause loss of amenity to other users of the land.
Dogs are not permitted to be walked off leash unless they are within Council's designated off leash exercise areas. Dog clubs are required to seek Council permission to conduct dog obedience and training activities on all community land.

B5.3 Parking

Parking is directly available within the reserve. Signage is dedicated to showing where parking is permitted.

APPENDIX C
SPECIFIC INFORMATION FOR RESERVE 91033
Willoughby's Beach (Memorial Park Water intake)

APPENDIX C – Willoughby's Beach (Memorial park water intake)

C2 INTRODUCTION

C1.1 Land to Which this Plan Applies

The land to which this plan applies is Crown Reserve 91033 and is contained in Lot 411 DP 756325 Parish South Deniliquin County Townsend. The reserve is located along Memorial drive bordering the Edward River. The land contains a total of 8,603.24 m2. The reserve for Willoughby's Beach was gazetted on 10 February 1978 and was set aside for the purpose of Public Recreation and Water supply. An aerial photograph, outlining the extents of the reserve, is shown below in **Figure C1.**

Figure C1 – Aerial Photograph of Willoughby's Beach (Memorial Park Water intake) (Reserve No. 91033).

C1.2 Land Ownership

Willoughby's Beach (Memorial Park Water intake)reserve is owned by the Crown and is managed by Edward River Council as Crown Land Manager under the Land Management Act 2016.

C1.3 Categorisation of the Reserve

In the case of Willoughby's Beach (Memorial Park Water intake), Council has requested and obtained initial categorisation of:

- **General Community Use** for the purpose of **Public Recreation** and **Water supply**.

The category was approved by the minister administering the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* in relation to the reserve. Council does not propose to alter the initial categories assigned by the Minister by this Plan of Management because the assigned categories most closely align with the reserved purposed of the of the land and its usage.

The core objectives for management of community land categorised as general community use are to promote, encourage and provide for the use of the land, and to provide facilities on the land, to meet the current and future needs of the local community and of the wider public:

(a) in relation to public recreation and the physical, cultural, social and intellectual welfare or development of individual members of the public, and

(b) in relation to purposes for which a lease, licence or other estate may be granted in respect of the land (other than the provision of public utilities and works associated with or ancillary to public utilities).

C3 RELEVANT LEGISLATION, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

C1.1 Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979

The land is zoned as follows under the Deniliquin Local Environmental Plan 2013 (LEP):

- RE 1 Public Recreation and Water supply

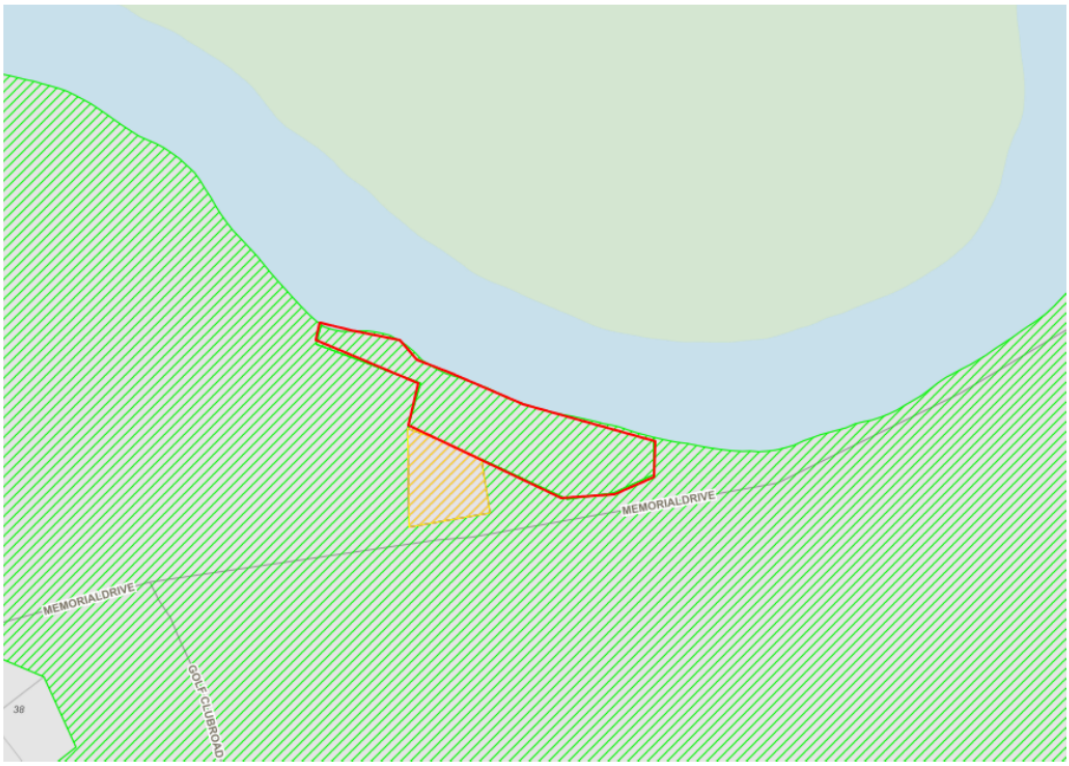

Figure C2 – Land Use Zones for Reserve No. 91033

The objectives of the land use zones are noted below in **Table C1**.

Table C1 – Objectives of Land Use Zones for Reserve No. 91033

Land Use Zone	Objectives
RE 1 – Public Recreation and Water supply	• To enable land to be used for public open space or recreational purposes. • To provide a range of recreational settings and activities and compatible land uses. • To protect and enhance the natural environment for recreational purposes.

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In addition to the Deniliquin LEP, the Deniliquin Development Control Plan was developed with the general aims to:

(a) Promote growth and development to support and enhance the vitality of the Central Business District.
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C3.1 Aboriginal Significance

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C4 DEVELOPMENT AND USE

C4.1 Community Strategic Plan - Outcome 1 – A great place to live

The direction for the Willoughby's Beach reserve is captured within Outcome 4 – A region with quality and sustainable infrastructure

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C4.2 Condition of the Land and Structures on Adoption of the Plan of Management

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ASSET DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	CONDITION RATING 1 – Good 5 – Unserviceable
Fencing	Community Use	3
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Grounds	Community Use	2
Buildings	Community Use	3
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The Willoughby's Beach is functioning appropriately for the purposes of the area.

C4.2 Use of the Land and Structures at the Date of Adoption of the Plan of Management

Existing use of the reserve includes:

- Public Recreation
- Water supply

Council is willing to work with existing and potential users to expand the usage of Willoughby's Beach and this Plan of Management will provide an operational and strategic framework to effectively take advantage of those opportunities.

C4.3 Permitted Use Strategic Objectives

As previously noted, the categorisation of Willoughby's Beach is General Community Use with the intended purpose(s) of Public Recreation, Water supply. Under the Deniliquin LEP

2013, the different lots are zoned RE 1 – Public Recreation. These purposes and categories align with the reserve's past and future use and the values identified in this plan.
Projects proposed by community groups and other users of the reserve must be in line with Council strategic plans and must align with the reserve purpose and core objectives for the Reserve.
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C5.3 Parking

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APPENDIX D
NATIVE TITLE ASSESSMENT

The Crown Land Management Act 2016 – Section 8.7 (1) (d) requires that Council as Crown Land Manager obtains the written advice of its Native Title Manager prior to its approval or submission for approval of a plan of management for the land that authorises or permits any kinds of dealings referred to in Section 8.7.

1 The Land to which this report applies

The land to which the Plan of Management applies is shown below in **Table 1**.

Table E1 – Land to Which this Report Applies

Reserve Number	Reserve Description	Land Description	Reserve Gazettal Date
550035	N/A (Fish Park)	Lot 1 DP 1147530	14 November 1879
97120	N/A (Ute on Pole)	Lot 7010 DP 1126536	30 December 1983
91033	Willoughby's Beach (Memorial park water intake)	Lot 411 DP 756325	10 February 1978

Edward River Council is the Crown Land Manager of the Land. The management and use of the and is subject to the provisions contained in the Crown Land Management Act 2016.

2. Details of activity on Crown Land

This Plan of Management has been prepared by Council and provides direction as to the use and management of the reserves included in the Plan.
The Plan of Management is required in accordance with Section 3.23 of the Crown Lands Management Act 2016 and Section 36 of the Local Government Act 1993.
The Plan of Management outlines the way the reserve will be used and provides the framework for Council to follow in relation to the Leasing, Licencing and Permit processes for the land.
The Plan of Management also provides for the granting of easements over the land and the further development of the land, buildings and infrastructure on the land.
The Plan of Management provides strict guidelines such that each activity requires a Native Title Assessment and validation under the Native Title Act 1993 to carried out by Council's Native Title Manager prior to the commencement or approval of that activity.
The Plan of Management is clear that the management of those activities that could be consider to a future act must consider the reserve purpose for the land.
Accordingly, the activities authorised under the Plan of Management could be validated under Subdivision J of the Native Title Act 1993.

2a. Is the activity a future act?

The Plan of Management provides authorisation for granting of leases, licences and other Estates over the land and the granting of easements and further development of the land, buildings and infrastructure on the land. These activities could be a future act within the meaning of Section 233 of the Native Title Act 1993.

2b. If it is, why? if it is not, why not?

The activities authorised under the Plan of Management could be a future act within the meaning of Section 233 of the Native Title Act 1993.

3. If the activity is a future act, which of the following subdivisions of the future act regime under the Native Title Act 1993 validate it?

The authorisation of the activities that could be considered a future act within the Plan of Management provides for the activity to be carried out in accordance with the reserve purpose of the land.
The Plan of Management does not provide authorisation for any activity that is not in accordance with the reserve purpose of the land.
Accordingly, the activities could be validated under Subdivision J of the Native Title Act 1993.

4. Requirements to notify any representative body.

The Plan of Management provides strict guidelines such that each activity requires a Native Title assessment and validation under the Native Title Act 1993 to be carried out by Council's Native Title Manager prior to the commencement or approval of that activity. Notification will be assessed on a case by case basis and parties will be notifies when an activity is assessed.
As the Plan of Management authorises activities that could be future acts within the meaning of Section 233 of the Native Title Act 1993. Council will notify NTSCorp and the Deniliquin Aboriginal Land Council prior to adoption of the plan.

Requirement	Section 24JA	Requirement satisfied
The reservation was created on or before 23 December 1996; and	s.24JA(1)(a)	Yes
The reservation was valid; and	s.24JA(1)(b)	Yes
The creation of the reservation was done by the Crown (the Commonwealth or State); and	s.24JA(1)(c)	Yes
The whole or part of any land or waters under the reservation was to be used for a particular purpose; and	s.24JA(1)(d)	Yes
The issue of the licence is done in good faith under or in accordance with the reservation, or	s.24JA(1)(e)(i)	Yes
In the area covered by the reservation, so long as the act's impact on Native Title is no longer greater than the impact that any act that could have been done under or in accordance with the reservation would have had	s.24JA(1)(e)(ii)	Yes

Summary:

The Plan of Management authorises activities that could be considered as future acts within the meaning of Section 233 of the Native Title Act 1993.

The Plan of Management guidelines provide that those activities are only to be authorised if they are in accordance with the reserve purpose of the land.

Those activities that are consistent with the reserve purpose of the land may be validated under Subdivision J if the land was subject to a reservation created prior to 23 December 1996 and the reservation was done by the Crown.

Therefore, requirements of S24JA(1) (a)-(e) are met.

s.24JA(1)(a) is satisfied as the relevant land was subject to reservation created before 23 December 1996.

s.24JA(1)(b) is satisfied as the Reserve was notified in the Government Gazetted of 2 May 1986.

s.24JA(1)(c) is satisfied as the reservation was carried out by the Crown under the provision of the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, such reservation has been carried out by a statutory power, exercised by the minister on behalf of the Crown.

s.24JA(1)(d) is satisfied as the land was to be used for a specific purpose being a reservation under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act which reserved the land from sale for the purpose of Public Recreation.

s.24JA(1)(e) (ii) is satisfied as the adoption of a Plan of Management that authorises activities to be done in accordance with the reservation purpose in the area covered by the reservation, so long as the act's impact on native title is no longer greater than the impact that any act that could have been done under or in accordance with the reservation would have had.

12. REPORTS FOR NOTING

12.1. MAJOR PROJECTS - JULY 2025

Author: Projects Coordinator

Authoriser: Director Infrastructure

RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes the funded projects report for July 2025.

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

3. Built Environment: Liveable Built Environments

3.1 Infrastructure

3.2 Road network, and footpaths, cycleways (active transport)

3.3 Public Space and Community Facilities (including sports)

3.4 Heritage

3.5 Digital Connectivity

BACKGROUND

Project Management Framework

Under Council's Project Management Framework, projects are categorised as being of high, medium or low complexity. This categorisation is based on several factors including scope of works, value of the project, timeframe to complete the project, funding sources and risk assessment and mitigation. Projects categorised as having a high complexity are report to Council on a monthly basis as part of this Major Projects report. Projects categorised as having a medium or low complexity are reported Council on a quarterly basis,

A breakdown of the current high complexity projects is shown below, along with the total project estimate and funding sources.

A breakdown of current funding for active projects is as follows:

Project Details	Total Project Estimate	Council Funding	External Funding	Funding Body
Part A - Lighting Deni and Blighty Reserves, VRA Building, Saleyards Amenities, Basketball Stadium Part B - Local Road Rehabilitation	$1,518,748		$963,710 $555,038	Local Roads and Community Infrastructure - Phase 4 (Federal Funding)

Project Details	Total Project Estimate	Council Funding	External Funding	Funding Body
Town Hall Revitalisation - Regional Theatre Peppin Heritage Centre - Masterplan Implementation (Museum Refurbishment)	$939,885		$225,885 $714,000	Stronger Country Communities - Round 5 (State Funding)
Flood Recovery - Local Roads	$7,001,855		$7,001,855	Regional Emergency Road Repair Fund (State Funding)
Essential Public Asset Restoration	$1,067,688		$1,067,688	Disaster Funding Recovery Assistance - ARGN 1086
Hardinge Street Reconstruction	$13,714,613	$5,975,775	$7,738,838	Transport for NSW
Deniliquin Major Overland Flood Study (funding ratio 6:1) North Deniliquin Levee Upgrade - Construction (funding ratio 6:1)	$150,858 $1,782,000	$25,143 $297,000	$125,715 $1,485,000	Floodplain Management Program
North Deniliquin Levee Upgrade (funding 50/50)	$1,458,492	$729,246	$729,246	Disaster Recovery Funding R2
Deniliquin South Levee Wall Repairs	$1,268,991		$1,268,991	Natural Disaster Essential Public Asset Restoration Grant (NSW Public Works)

PROPOSAL/DISCUSSION

Included in Attachment 1 to this report is a list of high complexity projects, identifying initial budgets, financial status and delivery status of the work currently being undertaken by Council.

Following is a brief project update by project.

Hardinge Street Reconstruction

Stage 1 - Watermains - Wood St-Harfleur St are complete. Procurement is underway for Stage 2 - Watermains - Ochtertyre St - Wood St. Procurement for Civil Works is ready to go out to tender, however Council is waiting to finalise a funding agreement with TfNSW in order to proceed with this tender.

Reconstruction Stage 1 works and costs will be complete over the 25/26 FY and Stage 2 works and costs will be undertaken in the 26/27 FY. Work to be completed by June 2027. The estimate shown in the previous section is for the total project, including both Council's and TfNSW's contributions. It is noted that TfNSW's portion of the works will be delivered by TfNSW themselves and therefore does not form part of Council's Capital Works program. This information is provided to give a complete picture of the project.

Peppin Heritage Centre - Masterplan Implementation - Museum Refurbishment

Development Application for construction of the Museum refurbishment has been lodged and is progressing. Procurement for a graphic designer to work with Council staff and the curator is under assessment. Construction is due to commence in November 2025.

This funding is due for completion in January 2026.

Town Hall Revitalisation

Procurement is underway for this project to enhance the kitchen area, illuminated signage, gallery wall hanging infrastructure and upgrading technology for the new Council Chambers.

This funding is due for completion in January 2026.

Regional Emergency Road Repair Fund (RERRF) - Road Works

Locations for repair and rehabilitation work to be completed as part of the 25/26 RERRF Program include:

- Campbells Road,
- Carrathool Road,
- Cemetery Road,
- Cowans Road,
- Martins Road,
- Mokanger Road,
- Murga-Windouran Road,
- Nesbits Road,
- Rice Mill Road,
- Tuppal Road,
- Wandook Road,
- Warragoon Road, and
- Woodbury Road.

The value of this program in 25/26 is approximately $1.78M and will be delivered using Council construction crews, supported by contractors where needed. Construction works at these locations have yet to commence.

This funding is due for completion in October 2027.

Disaster Recovery Funding Assistance - Emergency Road Works

Funding has been approved for AGRN 1086, and the agreement signed 1 July 2025. Works under this agreement will include:

Description	Progress [%]
DRFA - Butler Street	0%
DRFA - Cemetery Road	0%
DRFA - Fowler Street	0%
DRFA - Henry Street	0%
DRFA - Jameson Street	0%
DRFA - Napier Street	0%
DRFA - Noyes Street	0%
DRFA - Poictiers Street	0%
DRFA - Racecourse Road	0%
DRFA - Riverview Road	0%
DRFA - Russell Road	0%
DRFA - Macauley Street	0%
DRFA - Ricemill Road	0%

Works are due to commence in November 2025.

This funding is due for completion January 2027.

Floodplain Management Program & Disaster Ready Fund R2

Both these funding streams have been received for the North Deni Levee Bank Construction. Council is reviewing a way forward to undertake project development and steps to be undertaken prior to tendering for construction.

This funding is due for completion in February and June 2027.

NSW Public Works

This funding has been received as a result of the NSW Flooding from 14 September 2022 - ARGN 1034 and is to be used to repair the South levee wall in the vicinity of St Michael's Street and a section at McLeans Beach. The Project Manager has commenced consultation, planning approvals for review of environmental factors and developing procurement documentation for survey, Geotech and design. This is a protracted process but necessary prior to commencement of design and construction.

This funding is due for completion in May 2027.

RISK AND IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Legislative and Policy

Projects funded through these programs include costs for the design, documentation, and supervision for each project.

6.2 Financial

Is this currently budgeted: Yes - through various approved funding allocations.

6.3 Community Engagement/Consultation

Level of Engagement	Stakeholder	Activity	Date, Location, etc	Outcome
Inform and Consult	Targeted to user groups and the broader community.	Media release, social media, meetings.	Varies for each project as announced.	Awareness of funded project opportunities for the community.

6.4 Work Health and Safety

Council WHS policy and procedures apply to all projects carried out from funding allocations.

OFFICER'S CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

As the author of this report and in providing this advice to Council, I have no interests to disclose in relation to this report.

ATTACHMENTS

1: Project Status report for July 2025.

Attachment 1 - Capital Works Report - July 2025

Capital Works Complex Projects - July 2025

Funding Source	Project Title	Total Budget	Council Contribution	Actual Expenses	Project Delivery % Complete	Financial spend % complete
Local Roads and Community Infrastructure R4		**$ 1,518,748**		**$ 1,159,646**		**76%**
	Part A - Lighting Deni and Blighty Reserves, VRA Building, Saleyards Amenities, Basketball Stadium	$ 963,170		$ 904,063	76%	94%
	Part 2 -K&G, Shoulder and drainage works urban roads	$ 555,578		$ 255,583	94%	46%
Stronger Country Communities R5		**$ 939,885**		**$ 188,717**		**20%**
	Peppin Heritage Centre - Masterplan Implementation	$ 714,000		$ 166,623	20%	23%
	Town Hall Revitalisation Project - Regional Theatre	$ 225,885		$ 22,094	23%	10%
Regional Emergency Road Repair Funding - TfNSW		**$ 7,001,855**		**$ 6,537,810**		**93%**
(combined with RLRRP to form RERRF)	Emergency Road Repair	$ 7,001,855		$ 6,537,810	45%	93%
Flood Plain Management Program		**$ 1,932,858**		**$ 9,068**		**0%**
Funding ratio: 6:1	Deniliquin Major Overland Flow Flood Study	$ 150,858	$ 25,143	$ 9,068	6%	0%
Funding ratio: 6:1	North Deniliquin Levee Upgrade - construction	$ 1,782,000	$ 297,000	$ -	0%	0%
TfNSW		**$ 13,714,613**		**$ 658,816**		**5%**
	Hardinge St Reconstruction	$ 13,714,613	$ 5,975,775	$ 658,816	5%	5%
Natural Disaster Essential Public Asset Restoration Grant		**$ 1,268,991**		**$ 59,712**		**5%**
	Deniliquin South Levee Wall	$ 1,268,991		$ 59,712	5%	5%
Disaster Recovery Fund - Round 2		**$ 1,458,492**		**$ 18,000**		**1%**
Funding ratio 50/50	North Deniliquin Levee Bank	$ 1,458,492	$ 729,246	$ 18,000	1%	1%
Essential Public Asset Reconstruction		**$ 1,067,688**		**$ 210,946**		**20%**
DFRA - TfNSW Administer - AGRN 1086	Essential Asset Repair	$ 1,067,688		$ 210,946	20%	20%
ERC Capital Works Program		**$ 595,000**				**0%**
	Cressy Street reconstruction	$ 595,000	$ 595,000	$ -	0%	0%
	Total Current Funding	**$ 29,498,130**	**$ 7,622,164**	**$ 8,842,715**	**70%**	**30%**

12.2. DEVELOPMENT SERVICES ACTIVITY REPORT

Author: Manager Development Services

Authoriser: Director Infrastructure

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Development Services Report for July 2025.

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

1. Communities: Caring, healthy, connect, inclusive communities

1.7 Housing

3. Built Environment: Liveable Built Environments

3.1 Infrastructure

3.4 Heritage

4. Economy: Strong, Diverse and Sustainable

4.4 Activated CBD

4.5 Land Use Planning

BACKGROUND

Council reports on Development Services activities on a monthly basis in order to provide the community with information on what is occurring.

PROPOSAL/DISCUSSION

The Development services report for July 2025 included in Attachment 1.

RISK AND IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Legislative and Policy

The management of development activities is undertaken in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act, Environmental Planning and Assessment Act and associated regulations made thereunder.

6.2 Financial

Is this currently budgeted Yes

6.3 Community Engagement/Consultation

There are no community engagement or consultation activities relating to this matter.

6.4 Work Health and Safety

There are no work health and safety issues relating to this matter.

OFFICER'S CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

As the author of this report and in providing this advice to Council, I have no interests to disclose in relation to this report.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Monthly report for July 2025

Attachment 1 - 7 July 2025

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Development Activity					
Applications received – July 2025					
Application	**Property Description**	**Proposal**	**Date Received**	**Date Approved**	**Status**
DA2025/0049	Lot 13 DP 1295329, 281 Wakool Road, Deniliquin	Install a Transportable Dwelling	2/7/25	18/7/25	Approved
DA2025/0050 CC2025/0029	Lot 60 DP 257592, 280 Noyes Street, Deniliquin	Garage	4/7/25	21/7/25	Approved
DA2025/0051	Lot 1 DP 784936, 362 Poictiers Street, Deniliquin	Alterations and Additions to Dwelling	8/7/25	-	Under assessment
DA2025/0052	Lot 12 DP 112214, 304 Noyes Street, Deniliquin	Dual Occupancy	8/7/25	-	Under assessment
CC2025/0030	Lot 3 Sec 42 DP 758913, 276 Duncan Street, Deniliquin	Dwelling House with Attached Carport	11/7/25	9/7/25	Private Certifier
DA2025/0053	Lot 40 DP 749636, 9 Ballantyne Crescent, Deniliquin	Dwelling House	11/7/25	-	Under assessment
DA2025/0054	Lot 2 DP 850530, 156-160 Napier Street, Deniliquin	Wash Bay	18/7/25	30/7/25	Approved
DA2025/0055 CC2025/0031	Lot 87 DP 756268, 5326 Conargo Road, Conargo	Residential Shed	18/7/25	-	Under assessment
DA2025/0056	Lot 473 DP 46236, 2-14 Napier Street, Deniliquin	Museum Upgrade	21/7/25	-	Under assessment

DA2025/0057 CC2025/0032	Lot 2 DP 527384, 73 Maws Road, Deniliquin	Demolish Existing Dwelling and Construct New Dwelling House	25/7/25	-	Under assessment
DA2025/0058	Lot 1 & 2 DP 393726 and Lot 3a DP 394464, 130-136 End Street, Deniliquin	Change of Use to Health Facility	30/7/5	-	Under assessment
DA2025/0059 CC2025/0033	Lot 1 DP 831715, 265-267 Saleyards Road, Deniliquin	Industrial Shed	30/7/25	-	Under assessment
Complying Development Certificates					
PC CDC2025/0007	Lot 1 DP 722026, 107 Racecourse Road, Deniliquin	Inground Swimming Pool	30/7/25	20/3/25	Private Certifier
S68 Applications					
LG2025/0024	Lot 13 DP 1295329, 281 Wakool Road, Deniliquin	Transportable Dwelling	2/7/25	18/7/25	Approved
LG2025/0025	Lot 13 DP 1295329, 281 Wakool Road, Deniliquin	Carry out Water Supply, Sewer Supply and Stormwater Supply Works	2/7/25	22/7/25	Approved
LG2025/0026	Lot 5 DP 264653, 42 Burton Street, Deniliquin	Install a Solid Fuel Heater	4/7/25	7/7/25	Approved
LG2025/0027	Lot 1 DP 784936, 362 Poictiers Street, Deniliquin	Carry out Water and Sewer Supply Works	8/7/25	-	Under assessment
LG2025/0028	Lot 40 DP 749636, 9 Ballantyne Crescent, Deniliquin	Carry out Water and Sewer Supply Works	16/7/25	-	Under assessment

LG2025/0029	Lot 14 DP 719544, 97 Phylands Lane, Deniliquin	Install a Septic Tank	21/7/25	28/7/25	Approved
LG2025/0030	Lot 2 DP 527384, 73 Maws Road, Deniliquin	Carry out Water and Sewer Supply Works	25/7/25	-	Under assessment

Development Applications Received by Type for July 2025						
Development Type	**New Dwellings**	**Dwelling Alts/Additions/sheds**	**Commercial/Industrial**	**Other**	**Subdivision**	**No of lots resulting**
Number	6	3	3	1	-	-
Totals 2025	**16**	**30**	**10**	**19**	**2**	**10**

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Applications Determined – July 2025		
Application	**Property Description**	**Development Type**
DA2025/0045	Lot 1 Sec 200 DP 758913, 131 Napier Street, Deniliquin	Storage Premise with Ancillary Office
DA2025/0044	Lot 122 DP 1111183, 161 Cobb Highway, Deniliquin	Residential Shed
DA2025/0048	Lot 11 DP 1315511, 333-343 Albert Street, Deniliquin	Construction of Self-Storage Units (Storage Premises) and Associated Site Works
DA2025/0038	Lot 6 DP 668426, Lot 6 DP 667946, Lot X DP 410447, Lot 1 DP 1173376, Lot Y DP 410447, Lot 9 DP 662508, 180 Cressy Street, Deniliquin	Boundary Adjustment
DA2025/0050	Lot 60 DP 257592, 280 Noyes Street, Deniliquin	Garage
DA2025/0049	Lot 13 DP 1295329, 281 Wakool Road, Deniliquin	Install a Transportable Dwelling
DA2025/0046	Lot 1 DP 732827, 81 Edwardes Street, Deniliquin	Demolition and Erection of New Dwelling
DA2025/0054	Lot 2 DP 850530, 156-160 Napier Street, Deniliquin	Construct Wash Bay and Associated Site Works
PC CDC2025/0007	Lot 1 DP 722026, 107 Racecourse Road, Deniliquin	Inground Swimming Pool

Processing Times for July 2025		
Application Type	*** Mean Gross Days**	**** Mean Net Days**
DA	22	22
Mod (S4.55) of DA & DA/CC	-	-
CDC	-	-
CC	6	6
S68 Applications	15	15

*** Mean gross days = Total days from lodgment to determination ** Mean Net Days = Total days less Stop the Clock days**

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Value and Number of Applications Determined 2024 and 2025										
Month	DA 2024	DA 2025	CDC 2024	CDC 2025	CC 2024	CC 2025	LG 2024	LG 2025	Value DA 2024	Value DA 2025
January	5	4	0	1	20	3	3	1	$172,000.00	$2,838,650.00
February	12	11	2	0	4	4	3	4	$4,079,530.00	$4,187,970.00
March	8	5	1	2	4	6	2	6	$4,032,720.00	$1,464,254.00
April	5	5	2	0	3	3	8	5	$1,877,535.00	$1,453,500.00
May	10	7	0	2	6	5	4	4	$1,837,680.00	$512,507.00
June	15	13	1	1	5	5	7	3	$2,118,742.00	$3,724,823.00
July	5	8	1	1	3	5	2	5	$1,408,390.00	$1,280,416.00
August	7		4		5		4		$2,021,102.00	
September	4		1		5		9		$216,388.00	
October	9		1		7		7		$2,511,285.00	
November	6		0		3		9		$5,011,589.00	
December	9		0		4		2		$2,100,176.00	
TOTALS	95	50	13	7	52	31	60	28	$27,387,137.00	$15,462,120.00
Note: Value of application determined does not include the value of work for Construction Certificates and s68 applications.										

Section 10.7 Certificates/Sewerage Drainage Diagrams	
Planning certificates	17
Sewerage drainage diagrams	13
Average processing time	0
Maximum time for processing	2 days

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Inspections														
Site	Footing / Pier	Slab	Frame	Hot & Cold	Sewer / Septic	Storm Water	Final	Wet Area	Public Health	Food / Vans	Trade Waste Site Visit	Meetings	Murrumbidgee Council	Total
18	4	10	6	4	8	9	8	5	0	0	0	16	0	88

Swimming Pool Inspection Program				
Month	1st Inspection	2nd Inspection	3rd Inspection	TOTAL 2025
July	1	0	0	24

Animal Control /Ranger Activities

Ranger's Report

Companion Animals

Seized / Surrendered / abandoned	Released to Owner prior to impoundment	**In Pound**	Released to Owner after impounded	Re-Homed	Euthanised		Escaped/ Stolen	Still In Pound	Declared Dangerous Menacing **Restricted**	Micro Chipped	Registered	Fines Issued
					Cats	Dogs						
7	3	**4**	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	14	8	5

Note: The figures contained in this report relate to animal control activities carried out in the current month being reported on. Rehoming/Return to owner etc may occur in a subsequent month and are therefore not captured in this reporting period.

Clean Up			**Parking**		**Impoundment**		
Notices Sent	Illegal Dumping	Fines	Patrols	Fines	Vehicles	Live stock	Euthanised (other)
1	2	0	4	0	1	0	3 injured kangaroos

Dog Attacks		
Date	Details	Outcome
July	n/a	

Planning/ Building & Public Health Activities	
Details *Planning, Building and Health Servicers Officer*	
DEPA/Riverina Group Regional Workshop	Staff attended Regional Workshop in Corowa
Water Sampling	Weekly Routine drinking water sampling undertaken as part of NSW Health Program.
Food Activity Premises inspection Report	Submitted to NSW Food Authority

12.3. INVESTMENT REPORT - JULY 2025

Author: Manager Finance

Authoriser: Director Corporate Services

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council receive and note the Investment Report for July 2025

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

5. Leadership: Accountable Civic Leaders

5.6 Good Corporate Governance

BACKGROUND

In accordance with clause 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 (the Regulation), the Responsible Accounting Officer must provide council with a report setting out details of all money council has invested under section 625 of the Act).

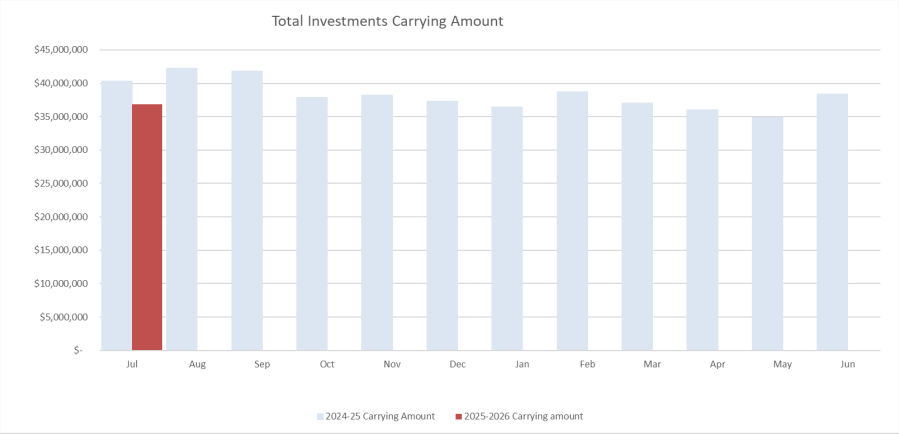
The report must also include a certificate as to whether or not the investment has been made in accordance with the Act, the Regulations and the council's investment policies.

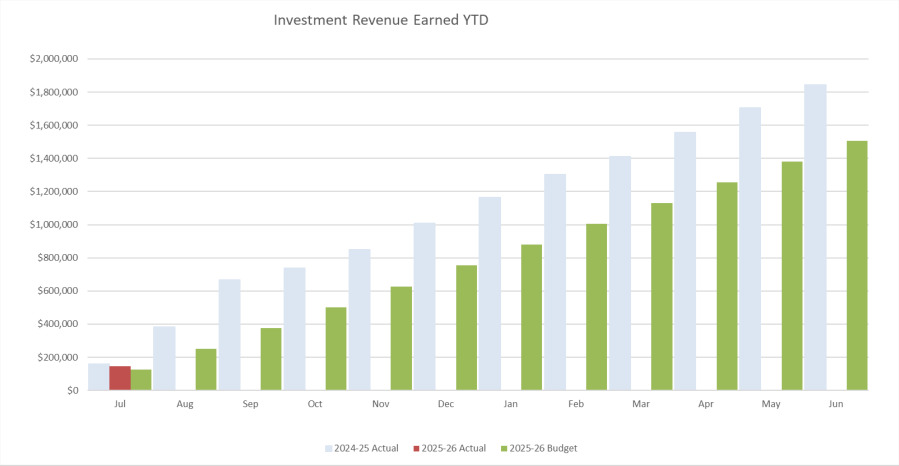
PROPOSAL/DISCUSSION

As at 31 July 2025, Council had a total of $36,862,158 in term deposits and cash at bank exclusive of unpresented receipts or cheques.

Council's weighted average interest rate was 4.61%, which was 0.30% above the Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index implied one-year return of 4.31%. Total interest earned for the year to 31 July 2025 was $148,912 compared to the budget of $125,566 and previous year total of $140,324.

The total cash and investments balance has reduced by $1.50m since June 2025 as Council has been successfully completing capital projects. This also includes seasonal fluctuations from month to month in line with Council's cashflow requirements.





The details of the investments are included in Attachment 1 - Investment Register as at 31 July 2025.

Council has engaged Arlo Advisory to provide ongoing investment advisory services. As part of this service, Arlo provides, among other services, a monthly investment review report which council uses to inform investment decisions. A copy of the report is attached in this report as Attachment 2 - Investment Review July 2025 - Arlo Advisory. Council continues to obtain financial benefits through accessing better rates through the Imperium Investment platform as well as efficiency savings in the investment process.

RISK AND IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Legislative and Policy

Local Government Act 1993

Local Government (General) Regulation 2021

Investment Policy

6.2 Financial

As at 31 July 2025, all investments were within the defined Investment Policy limits. Council's investment portfolio consisted of term deposits (87%) and cash at bank/ on call (13%).

6.3 Community Engagement/Consultation

N/A

6.4 Work Health and Safety

There are no identified Work Health and Safety implications identified through this report.

Certification - Responsible Accounting Officer

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

David Mead

Responsible Accounting Officer

OFFICER'S CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

As the author of this report and in providing this advice to Council, I have no interests to disclose in relation to this report.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 - Investment Register as at 31 July 2025

Attachment 2 - Investment Review July 2025 - Arlo Advisory

Attachment 1 - Investment Register as at 31 July 2025

Edward River COUNCIL

Schedule of Investments

This Report is at date: **31-July-2025**

Description	Type	Rating at EOM (S&P)	Date Invested	Maturity Date	Days	Rate	Face Value Amount
Commonwealth Bank General Fund	Oncall/ CMT	A1+	N/a	N/a	365	3.65%	3,703,557
Commonwealth Bank Business On Line Saver	Oncall/ CMT	A1+	N/a	N/a	365	3.70%	1,158,601
Total Oncall/ CMT Accounts							**4,862,158**
Term Deposits							
National Australia Bank	TD	A1+	30-Jul-24	06-Aug-25	372	5.30%	1,000,000
National Australia Bank	TD	A1+	30-Jul-24	13-Aug-25	379	5.30%	1,000,000
National Australia Bank	TD	A1+	16-Jul-24	19-Aug-25	399	5.31%	1,000,000
National Australia Bank	TD	A1+	12-Sep-23	16-Sep-25	735	4.90%	2,000,000
National Australia Bank	TD	A1+	14-Aug-24	27-Aug-25	378	5.08%	1,000,000
National Australia Bank	TD	A1+	30-Aug-24	28-Aug-25	363	5.00%	1,000,000
National Australia Bank	TD	A1+	05-Sep-24	09-Sep-25	369	4.95%	1,000,000
National Australia Bank	TD	A1+	12-Sep-24	12-Mar-26	546	4.70%	1,000,000
National Australia Bank	TD	A1+	10-Dec-24	10-Dec-25	365	5.05%	1,000,000
National Australia Bank	TD	A1+	02-Jul-25	21-May-26	323	4.10%	1,000,000
National Australia Bank	TD	A1+	02-Jul-25	02-Jul-26	365	4.10%	1,000,000
Suncorp Bank	TD	A1+	03-Apr-25	07-Apr-26	369	4.60%	1,000,000
ING Direct	TD	A1	13-Mar-25	11-Mar-26	363	4.70%	1,000,000
ING Direct	TD	A1	20-Mar-24	20-Mar-29	1826	5.06%	1,000,000
ING Direct	TD	A1	02-Jul-24	02-Jul-26	730	5.35%	1,000,000
ING Direct	TD	A1	30-Aug-24	31-Aug-27	1096	4.54%	1,000,000
ING Direct	TD	A1	12-Sep-24	15-Sep-26	733	4.59%	1,000,000
ING Direct	TD	A1	27-Feb-25	26-Feb-26	364	4.75%	1,000,000
ING Direct	TD	A1	16-Jul-25	18-Jul-30	1828	4.50%	1,000,000
ING Direct	TD	A1	02-Jul-25	29-Jun-27	727	3.90%	1,000,000
Bank of Queensland	TD	A2	26-Mar-24	28-Mar-28	1463	4.95%	1,000,000
Bank of Queensland	TD	A2	30-Nov-23	27-Nov-25	728	5.35%	1,000,000
Bank of Queensland	TD	A2	05-Mar-25	05-Mar-26	365	4.69%	1,000,000
BankVic	TD	A2	27-Feb-25	27-Jan-26	334	4.65%	1,000,000
BankVic	TD	A2	25-Jun-25	16-Apr-26	295	4.30%	1,000,000
Hume Bank	TD	A2	12-Sep-24	11-Sep-25	364	4.92%	1,000,000
Hume Bank	TD	A2	10-Dec-24	10-Nov-25	335	5.02%	1,000,000
Hume Bank	TD	A2	13-Jun-24	15-Jun-26	732	5.14%	1,000,000
My State Bank	TD	BBB	25-Jun-25	28-Apr-26	307	4.20%	1,000,000
My State Bank	TD	BBB	25-Jun-25	25-Jun-26	365	4.20%	1,000,000
My State Bank	TD	BBB	12-Jun-25	11-Jun-26	364	4.20%	1,000,000
Total Term Deposits							**32,000,000**
				Weighted Average Interest Rate		4.61%	**36,862,158**

Attachment 2 - Investment Review July 2025 - Arlo Advisory

Monthly Investment Review

Edward River COUNCIL

July 2025

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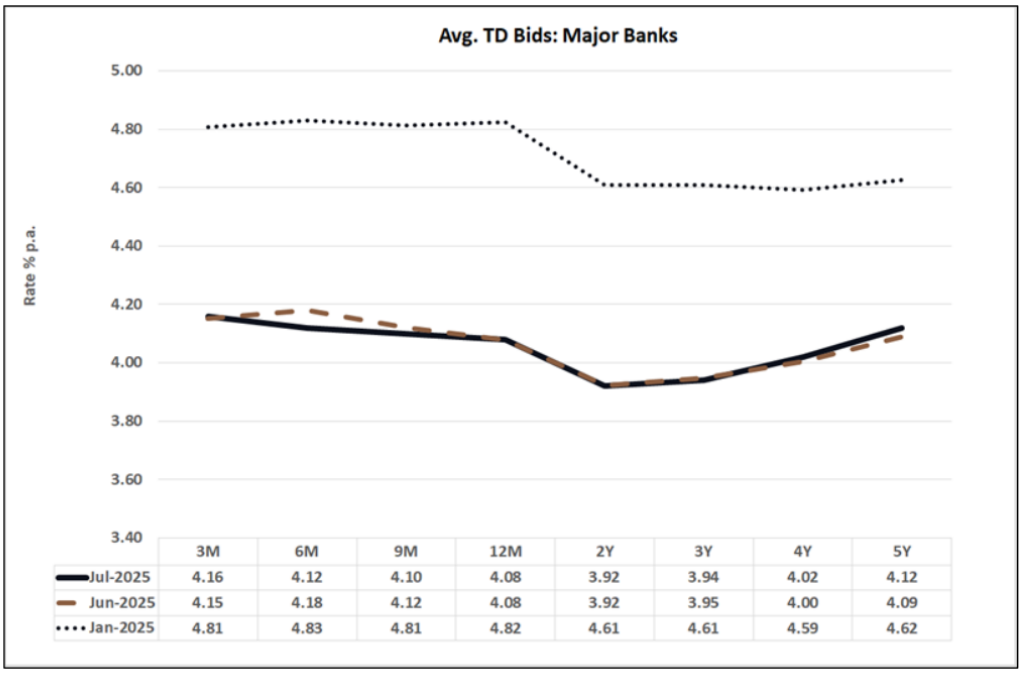
Market Update Summary

Global equity markets continue to set all-time highs in July. Despite the ongoing uncertainty surrounding the tariff wars, inflation appears to be trending lower, unemployment remains low, and with interest rates expected to ease further, this is providing support to global growth.

In the deposit market, over July, across the curve (short and long-end), the average deposit rates offered by the domestic major banks remained relatively flat compared to the previous month (June) after the RBA unexpectedly kept official interest rates unchanged. The market continues to price in additional rate cuts over the next few months and if delivered, this should see the deposit curve drop further.



	3M	6M	9M	12M	2Y	3Y	4Y	5Y
Jul-2025	4.16	4.12	4.10	4.08	3.92	3.94	4.02	4.12
Jun-2025	4.15	4.18	4.12	4.08	3.92	3.95	4.00	4.09
Jan-2025	4.81	4.83	4.81	4.82	4.61	4.61	4.59	4.62

Source: Imperium Markets

With additional rate cuts and a global economic downturn priced in over the next 6-12 months, investors should consider diversifying and taking an 'insurance policy' against a potentially lower rate environment by investing across 1-5 year fixed deposits and locking in rates close to or above 4% p.a. (small allocation only).

Edward River Council's Portfolio & Compliance

Asset Allocation

The portfolio is mainly directed to fixed term deposits (~87%), with the remainder of the portfolio (~13%) being held in various overnight cash accounts.

Senior FRNs are currently considered 'expensive' on a historical basis but new issuances should continue to be considered on a case by case scenario. In the interim, staggering a mix of fixed deposits between 12 months to 5 years remains a more optimal strategy to maximise returns over a longer-term cycle.

With additional interest rate cuts and a global economic downturn being priced in 2025, investors can choose to allocate a small proportion of longer-term funds and undertake an insurance policy against additional rate cuts by investing across 1-5 year fixed deposits, locking in and targeting yields above 4% p.a. Should inflation be within the RBA's target band of 2-3% over the longer-term, returns around 4% p.a. or higher should outperform benchmark.

Term to Maturity

The portfolio remains highly liquid with around 84% maturing within 12 months. Where liquidity permits, we recommend investing surplus funds in the 1-2 year horizons to optimise the portfolio's returns in the long-run. Where there is (counterparty) capacity to invest in attractive medium-longer term investments, we recommend this be allocated to medium-term fixed deposits (refer to respective sections below).

Compliant	Horizon	Invested ($)	Invested (%)	Min Limit (%)	Max Limit (%)	Available ($)
✓	0 - 90 days	$13,862,158	37.61%	15%	100%	$23,000,000
✓	91 - 365 days	$17,000,000	46.12%	0%	100%	$19,862,158
✓	1 - 2 years	$2,000,000	5.43%	0%	70%	$23,803,511
✓	2 - 5 years	$4,000,000	10.85%	0%	50%	$14,431,079
		$36,862,158	**100.00%**			

Counterparty

Overall, the portfolio is lightly diversified across the investment grade credit spectrum, with no exposure to the unrated ADIs.

As at the end of the July, Council is within Policy limits to each individual ADI. We continue to encourage Council to diversify its investments with other ADIs as this will not only reduce concentration risk, but in all likelihood, this will increase the overall returns of the portfolio.

Compliant	Issuer	Rating^	Invested ($)	Invested (%)	Max Limit (%)	Available ($)
✓	ANZ	AA-	$1,000,000	2.71%	40.00%	$13,744,863
✓	CBA	AA-	$4,862,158	13.19%	40.00%	$9,882,705
✓	NAB	AA-	$12,000,000	32.55%	40.00%	$2,744,863
✓	ING	A	$8,000,000	21.70%	25.00%	$1,215,539
✓	BOQ	A-	$3,000,000	8.14%	25.00%	$6,215,539
✓	BankVic	BBB+	$2,000,000	5.43%	15.00%	$3,529,324
✓	Hume	BBB+	$3,000,000	8.14%	15.00%	$2,529,324
✓	MyState Bank	BBB	$3,000,000	8.14%	15.00%	$2,529,324
			$36,862,158	**100.00%**		

^Applying long-term ratings only.

On 31st July 2024, ANZ's takeover of Suncorp Bank was formalised, and ratings agency S&P upgraded Suncorp's long-term credit rating to that of its parent company immediately (now rated AA-). Investor's exposure to Suncorp is now reflected under the parent company being ANZ.

Credit Quality

The portfolio remains diversified from a credit ratings perspective. The entire long term portfolio is spread amongst the investment grade spectrum. All aggregate ratings categories were within the Policy limits at month-end:

Compliant	Credit Rating^	Invested ($)	Invested (%)	Max Limit (%)	Available ($)
✓	AA Category	$17,862,158	48%	100%	$19,000,000
✓	A Category	$11,000,000	30%	60%	$11,117,295
✓	BBB Category	$8,000,000	22%	35%	$4,901,755
✓	Unrated Category	$0	0%	5%	$1,843,108
		$36,862,158	**100%**		

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Applying long-term ratings only.

Performance

Council's performance (excluding cash holdings) for the month ending July 2025 is summarised as follows:

Performance (Actual)	1 month	3 months	6 months	FYTD	1 year
Official Cash Rate	0.32%	0.96%	1.95%	0.32%	4.16%
AusBond Bank Bill Index	0.30%	0.97%	2.02%	0.30%	4.31%
Council's T/D Portfolio^	0.41%	1.24%	2.47%	0.41%	5.08%
Outperformance	0.11%	0.27%	0.45%	0.11%	0.76%

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

Performance (Annualised)	1 month	3 months	6 months	FYTD	1 year
Official Cash Rate	3.85%	3.85%	3.97%	3.85%	4.16%
AusBond Bank Bill Index	3.60%	3.89%	4.11%	3.60%	4.31%
Council's T/D Portfolio^	4.95%	5.01%	5.05%	4.95%	5.08%
Outperformance	1.35%	1.12%	0.93%	1.35%	0.76%

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

For the month of July, the portfolio (excluding cash) provided a return of +0.41% (actual) or +4.95% p.a. (annualised), outperforming the benchmark AusBond Bank Bill Index return of +0.30% (actual) or +3.60% p.a. (annualised).

Recommendations for Council

Term Deposits

Going forward, the longer-term strategy would ideally be placing across 12-24 months terms as it is likely to earn up to ¼-½% p.a. higher compared to shorter tenors in a normal market environment. There is growing belief that additional interest rate cuts and a global economic downturn is forthcoming and so locking in rates close to or above 4% p.a. across 1-5 year tenors may provide some income protection against a lower rate environment.

As at the end of July 2025, Council's deposit portfolio was yielding 4.76% p.a. (down 14bp from the previous month), with a weighted average duration of around 324 days (~11 months). **We recommend Council maintains the weighted average duration between 9-12 months over the longer-term to optimise returns.**

Please refer to the section below for further details on the Term Deposit market.

Securities

Primary (new) **FRNs** (with maturities between 3-5 years) are now 'fair value' again and remain appealing (particularly for those investors with portfolios skewed towards fixed assets) and should be considered on a case by case scenario. **Fixed Bonds** may also provide attractive opportunities from new (primary) issuances.

Please refer to the section below for further details on the FRN market.

Arlo Advisory

Term Deposit Market Review

Current Term Deposits Rates

As at the end of July, we see value in the following:

ADI	LT Credit Rating	Term	Rate % p.a.
ING Bank	A	5 years	4.35%
Westpac	AA-	5 years	4.19%
Hume Bank	BBB+	5 years	4.18%
NAB	AA-	5 years	4.15%
ING Bank	A	4 years	4.20%
Hume Bank	BBB+	4 years	4.08%
Westpac	AA-	4 years	4.07%
NAB	AA-	4 years	4.05%
ING Bank	A	3 years	4.05%
Hume Bank	BBB+	3 years	4.00%
Westpac	AA-	3 years	3.99%
BOQ	A-	3 years	3.94%
ING Bank	A	2 years	4.02%
Regional Aust. Bank	BBB+	2 years	4.00%
State Bank of India	BBB-	2 years	4.00%
Hume Bank	BBB+	2 years	3.95%

The above deposits are suitable for investors looking to maintain diversification and lock-in a slight premium compared to purely investing short-term.

For terms under 12 months, we believe the strongest value is currently being offered by the following ADIs (*we stress that rates are indicative, dependent on daily funding requirements and different for industry segments*):

ADI	LT Credit Rating	Term	Rate % p.a.
ICBC Sydney Branch	A	12 months	4.19%
Westpac	AA-	12 months	4.17%
Regional Aus. Bank	BBB+	12 months	4.16%
State Bank of India	BBB-	12 months	4.15%
NAB	AA-	12 months	4.10%
Australian Unity Bank	BBB+	12 months	4.10%
State Bank of India	BBB-	9 months	4.30%
Regional Aus. Bank	BBB+	9 months	4.20%
Westpac	AA-	9 months	4.15%
NAB	AA-	9 months	4.15%
BankVIC	BBB+	6 months	4.25%
AMP Bank	BBB+	6 months	4.25%
State Bank of India	BBB-	6 months	4.25%
Bank of Sydney	Unrated	6 months	4.25%
NAB	AA-	6 months	4.20%
State Bank of India	BBB-	3 months	4.30%
NAB	AA-	3 months	4.25%
AMP Bank	BBB+	3 months	4.20%
Bank of Sydney	Unrated	3 months	4.20%

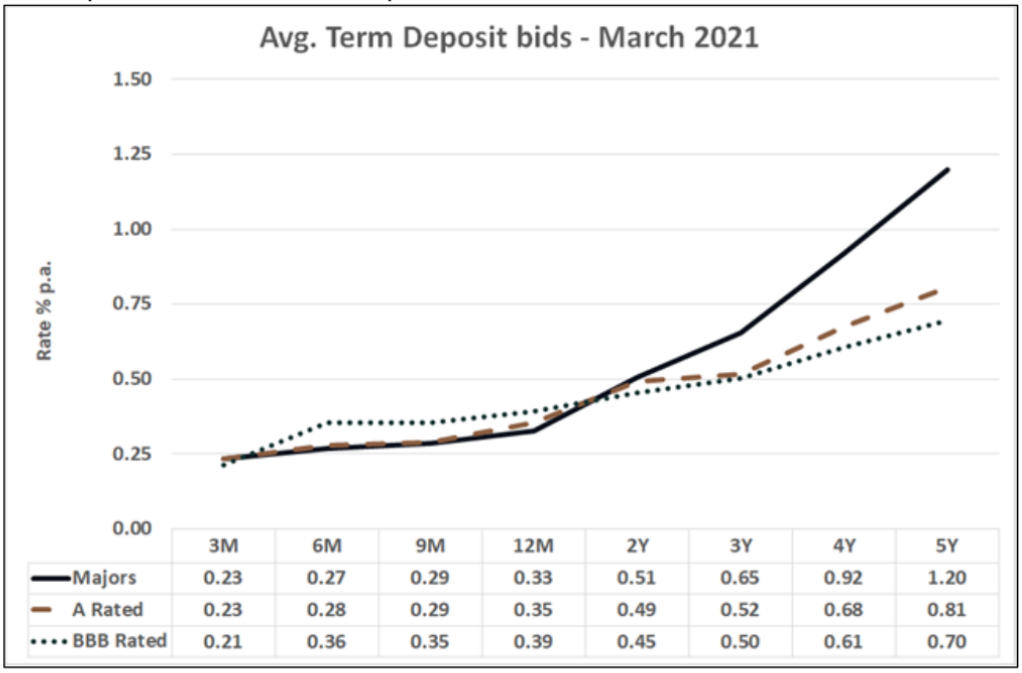
For those investors that do not require high levels of liquidity and can stagger their investments longer term, they will be rewarded over a longer-term cycle if they roll for an average min. term of 12 months, with a spread of investments out to 5 years (this is where we see current value). In a normal market environment (upward sloping yield curve), investors could earn over a cycle, on average, up to ¼-½% p.a. higher compared to those investors that entirely invest in short-dated deposits.

With additional rate cuts and a global economic downturn priced in over the next 6-12 months, investors should consider allocating some longer-term surplus funds and undertake an insurance policy by investing across 1-5 year fixed deposits and locking in rates close to or above 4% p.a. This will provide some income protection if the RBA decides to continue cutting rates over 2025 and into 2026.

Term Deposits Analysis

Pre-pandemic (March 2020), a 'normal' marketplace meant the lower rated ADIs (i.e. BBB category) were offering higher rates on term deposits compared to the higher rated ADIs (i.e. A or AA rated). But due to the cheap funding available provided by the RBA via their Term Funding Facility (TFF) during mid-2020, allowing the ADIs to borrow as low as 0.10% p.a. fixed for 3 years, those lower rated ADIs (BBB rated) did not require deposit funding from the wholesale deposit. Given the higher rated banks had more capacity to lend (as they have a greater pool of mortgage borrowers), they subsequently were offering higher deposit rates. In fact, some of the lower rated banks were not even offering deposit rates at all. As a result, most investors placed a higher proportion of their deposit investments with the higher rated (A or AA) ADIs over the past three years.

Term Deposit Rates – 12 months after pandemic (March 2021)



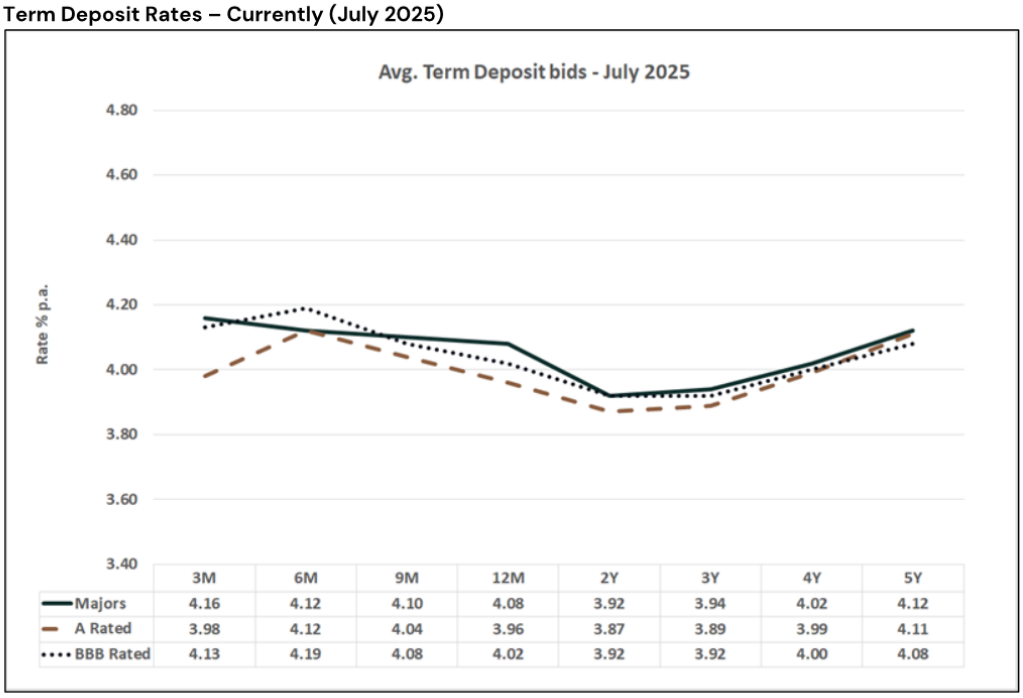
	3M	6M	9M	12M	2Y	3Y	4Y	5Y
Majors	0.23	0.27	0.29	0.33	0.51	0.65	0.92	1.20
A Rated	0.23	0.28	0.29	0.35	0.49	0.52	0.68	0.81
BBB Rated	0.21	0.36	0.35	0.39	0.45	0.50	0.61	0.70

Source: Imperium Markets

The abnormal marketplace experienced during the pandemic is starting to reverse as the competition for deposits slowly increases, partially driven by the RBA's term funding facility coming to an end. In recent months, we have started to periodically see some of the lower rated ADIs ("A" and "BBB" rated) offering slightly higher rates compared to the domestic major banks ("AA" rated) on different parts of the curve (i.e. pre-pandemic environment). Some of this has been attributed to lags in adjusting their deposit rates as some banks (mainly the lower rated ADIs) simply set their rates for the week.

Going forward, investors should have a larger opportunity to invest a higher proportion of its funds with the lower rated institutions (up to Policy limits), from which the majority are not lending to the Fossil Fuel industry or considered 'ethical'. We are slowly seeing this trend emerge, although the major banks always seem to react more quickly than the rest of the market during periods of volatility:

Term Deposit Rates – Currently (July 2025)



	3M	6M	9M	12M	2Y	3Y	4Y	5Y
Majors	4.16	4.12	4.10	4.08	3.92	3.94	4.02	4.12
A Rated	3.98	4.12	4.04	3.96	3.87	3.89	3.99	4.11
BBB Rated	4.13	4.19	4.08	4.02	3.92	3.92	4.00	4.08

Source: Imperium Markets

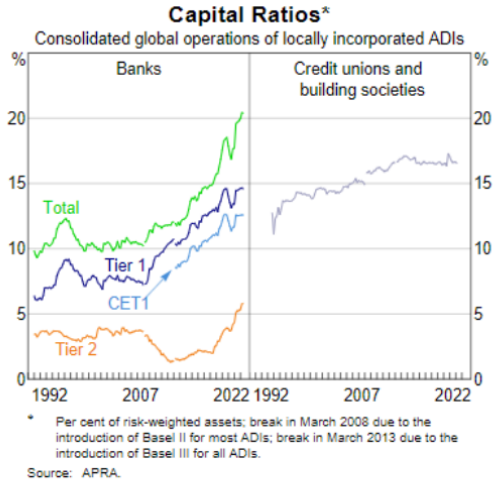
Financial Stability of the Banking (ADI) Sector

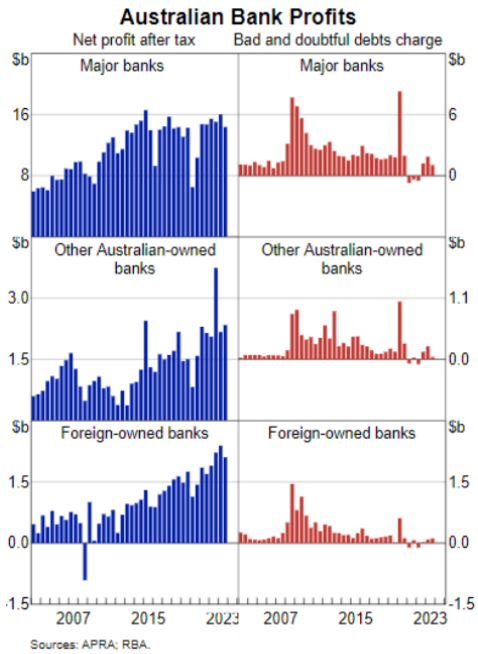
The RBA's latest Financial Stability report of 2024 reaffirms the strong balance sheet across the ADI sector. They noted that the risk of widespread financial stress remains limited due to the generally strong financial positions of most (individual) borrowers. Very few mortgage borrowers are in negative equity, limiting the impact on lenders (ADIs) in the event of default and supporting their ability to continue providing credit to the economy. Most businesses that have entered insolvency are small and have little debt, limiting the broader impact on the labour market and thus household incomes, and on the capital position of lenders (ADIs).

Australian banks (collectively the APRA regulated ADIs) have maintained prudent lending standards and are well positioned to continue supplying credit to the economy. A deterioration in economic conditions or temporary disruption to funding markets is unlikely to halt lending activity. Banks have anticipated an

increase in loan arrears and have capital and liquidity buffers well above regulatory requirements (*see Capita Ratios chart below*). APRA's mandate is to "*protect depositors*" and provide "*financial stability*".

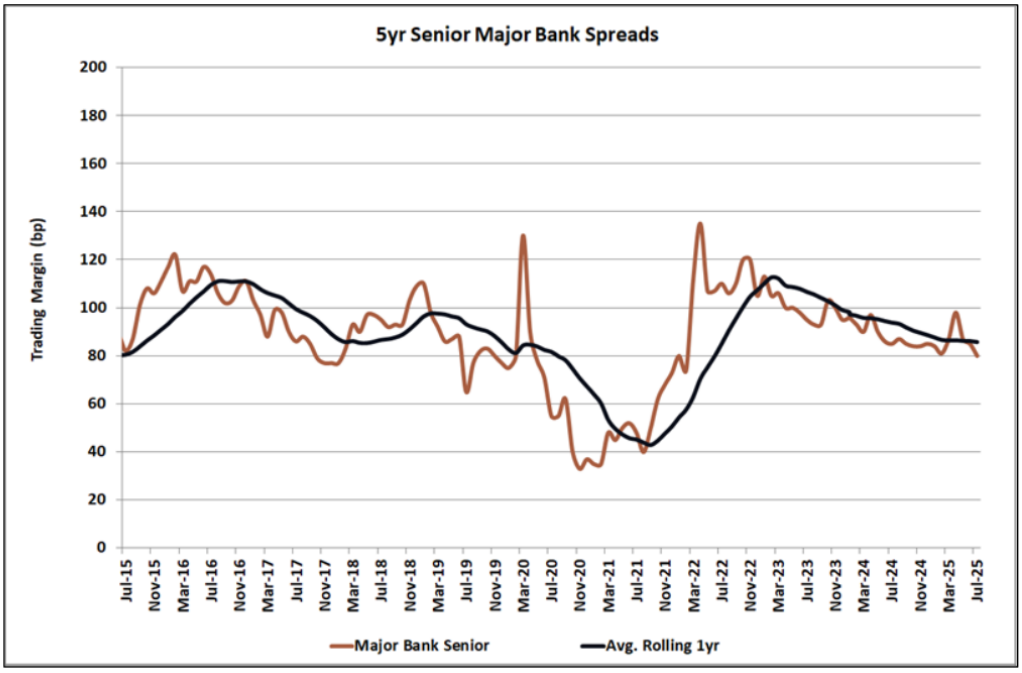
Over the past two decades, both domestic and international banks continue to operate and demonstrate high levels of profitability (*see Australian Bank Profits chart below*), which also includes two stress-test environments being the GFC (September 2008) and the COVID pandemic (March 2020):





Senior FRNs Market Review

Over July, amongst the senior major bank FRNs, physical credit securities tightened up to 5bp at the long-end of the curve. Long-term major bank senior securities are looking slightly expensive on a historical basis, noting the 5yr margin has averaged around the +95-100bp range over a cycle (currently around +80bp).



Source: IBS Capital

During the month, there were a handful of new (primary) issuances, from which all were well over-subscribed:

- Suncorp (AA-) 1 year senior FRN at +44bp
- Suncorp (AA-) 3 year senior security at +73bp
- Rabobank (A+) 5 year senior security at +86bp
- Macquarie Bank (A+) 5 year senior security at +82bp
- CIB (AAA) 3 year covered security at +65bp

Amongst the "A" and "BBB" rated sectors, the securities also tightened by up to 5bp at the longer-end of the curve.

Overall, credit securities are slightly expensive on a historical basis but remain a good option for diversification purposes. FRNs will continue to play a role in investors' portfolios mainly based on their liquidity and the ability to roll down the curve and gross up returns over ensuing years (in a relatively stable credit environment), whilst also providing some diversification to those investors skewed towards fixed assets.

Senior FRNs (ADIs)	31/07/2025	30/06/2025
"AA" rated – 5yrs	+80bp	+85bp
"AA" rated – 3yrs	+65bp	+68bp
"A" rated – 5yrs	+90bp	+95bp
"A" rated – 3yrs	+75bp	+80bp
"BBB" rated – 3yrs	+125bp	+130bp

Source: IBS Capital

We now generally recommend switches ('benchmark' issues only) into new primary issues, out of the following senior FRNs that are maturing:

- On or before early-2028 for the "AA" rated ADIs (domestic major banks);
- On or before 2026 for the "A" rated ADIs; and
- Within 6-9 months for the "BBB" rated ADIs (consider case by case).

Investors holding onto the above senior FRNs ('benchmark' issues only) in their last few years are now generally holding sub optimal investments and are not maximising returns by foregoing realised capital gains. In the current challenging economic environment, any boost in overall returns should be locked in when it is advantageous to do so, particularly as switch opportunities become available.

Senior Fixed Bonds – ADIs (Secondary Market)

With global inflation softening and official interest rates starting to drop progressively, investors may look at some opportunities in the secondary market. We currently see value in the following fixed bond lines (please note supply in the secondary market may be limited on any day):

ISIN	Issuer	Rating	Capital Structure	Maturity Date	~Remain. Term (yrs)	Fixed Coupon	Indicative Yield
AU3CB0314763	Bendigo	A-	Senior	24/10/2028	3.24	4.79%	4.28%
AU3CB0308955	BoQ	A-	Senior	30/04/2029	3.75	5.30%	4.40%
AU3CB0319879	Nova Sco.	A-	Senior	21/03/2030	4.64	5.23%	4.85%

Economic Commentary

International Market

Global equity markets continue to set all-time highs in July. Despite the ongoing uncertainty surrounding the tariff wars, inflation appears to be trending lower, unemployment remains low, and with interest rates expected to ease further, this is providing support to global growth.

Across equity markets, the US S&P 500 Index rose +2.17%, whilst the NASDAQ gained +3.70%. Europe's main indices also rose, with gains across UK's FTSE (+4.24%), France's CAC (+1.38%) and Germany's DAX (+0.65%).

US payrolls for June printed much stronger than the consensus (payrolls +147k vs. +106k expected; unemployment rate 4.1% vs. 4.3% expected).

Headline US CPI rose by +0.3% m/m as expected in June, but +2.7% y/y, up from +2.4% in May and 0.1% above the consensus. Core CPI was +0.2% as expected, with the annual rate up to +2.9% from +2.8%, in line with expectations.

In Canada, June employment was much stronger than expected. Employment was +83k vs flat expected, and the unemployment rate fell 0.1% to 6.9%. Canada's CPI data were broadly in line with expectations, with annual headline inflation ticking up 0.2% to +1.9% as expected.

UK CPI was 0.2% higher than consensus on both the headline and core measure, which rose to +3.6% and +3.7% respectively in June. Services CPI was also stronger than expected, steady at +4.7%. Meanwhile, BoE Governor Bailey hinted at deeper rate cuts if the labour market deteriorates further.

The ECB left rates unchanged as the market had expected, with the Deposit Rate at 2% after 200bp of cuts since the peak. ECB President Lagarde repeated a line from the June meeting that with headline inflation at the 2% target, the ECB was "*in a good place*".

The RBNZ held rates as expected and reintroduced an easing bias into their communication, noting that if things progress as anticipated, it "*expects to lower the Official Cash Rate further*".

China's CPI rose +0.1% y/y in June after -0.1% the previous month, and above consensus for -0.1%. The core measure (ex-food and energy) ticked higher to +0.7%.

The MSCI World ex-Aus Index rose +1.70% for the month of July:

Index	1m	3m	1yr	3yr	5yr	10yr
S&P 500 Index	+2.17%	+13.83%	+14.80%	+15.35%	+14.15%	+11.65%
MSCI World ex-AUS	+1.70%	+12.10%	+16.70%	+14.40%	+12.30%	+8.90%
S&P ASX 200 Accum. Index	+2.36%	+8.17%	+11.81%	+12.33%	+12.26%	+8.65%

Source: S&P, MSCI

Domestic Market

The RBA surprised markets by holding the cash rate at 3.85% in its meeting in July. The Board is "*looking for confirmation we are still on the path*" but this is a "*decision on timing but not direction*". The RBA has seemingly shifted their approach from 'cautious and predictable' to 'cautious and gradual', taking the option to wait and see how the 50bp of cuts is flowing through the economy, and gather further information on the June quarter CPI, the labour force and global developments.

The June quarterly headline CPI came in at +0.7% q/q and +2.1% y/y (slightly below consensus of +0.8%/+2.2%). The quarterly trimmed mean came in +0.6% q/q and +2.7% y/y (consensus +0.7%/+2.7%). The Monthly Inflation Indicator also came in softer at +1.9% y/y and the monthly trimmed mean was +2.1% y/y.

The unemployment rate rose 0.2% to 4.3% in June, the highest since November 2021. This comes after months of remarkably little change in the unemployment rate. The labour market has shown some gradual cooling that was not fully reflected in the steady unemployment rate in recent months.

Retail sales for May disappointed, coming in at just +0.2% mm (consensus +0.5%), cooling to +3.3% y/y.

Dwelling prices for June rose +0.6% m/m, further sustaining the turnaround seen since February. Price growth had slowed into April (ahead of the 3 May election), but with the election firmly in the rear vision mirror and further RBA cash rate cuts on the horizon, price growth has picked. On a three-month annualised basis, dwelling price growth is running at a +5.8% y/y pace.

Residential building approvals for May rose +3.2% m/m, rebounding after April's -4.1% m/m, and broadly in line with the consensus of +4.0% m/m.

The Australian dollar fell around -1.24%, finishing the month at US64.69 cents (from US65.50 cents the previous month).

Credit Market

The global credit indices tightened again this month in the risk-on environment. They remain near the levels seen in early-mid 2022 (prior to the rate hike cycle from most central banks):

Index	July 2025	June 2025
CDX North American 5yr CDS	51bp	54bp
iTraxx Europe 5yr CDS	53bp	57bp
iTraxx Australia 5yr CDS	69bp	76bp

Source: Markit

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Fixed Interest Review

Benchmark Index Returns

Index	July 2025	June 2025
Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index (0+YR)	+0.30%	+0.32%
Bloomberg AusBond Composite Bond Index (0+YR)	-0.04%	+0.75%
Bloomberg AusBond Credit FRN Index (0+YR)	+0.43%	+0.38%
Bloomberg AusBond Credit Index (0+YR)	+0.26%	+0.62%
Bloomberg AusBond Treasury Index (0+YR)	-0.23%	+0.77%
Bloomberg AusBond Inflation Gov't Index (0+YR)	+0.03%	+0.80%

Source: Bloomberg

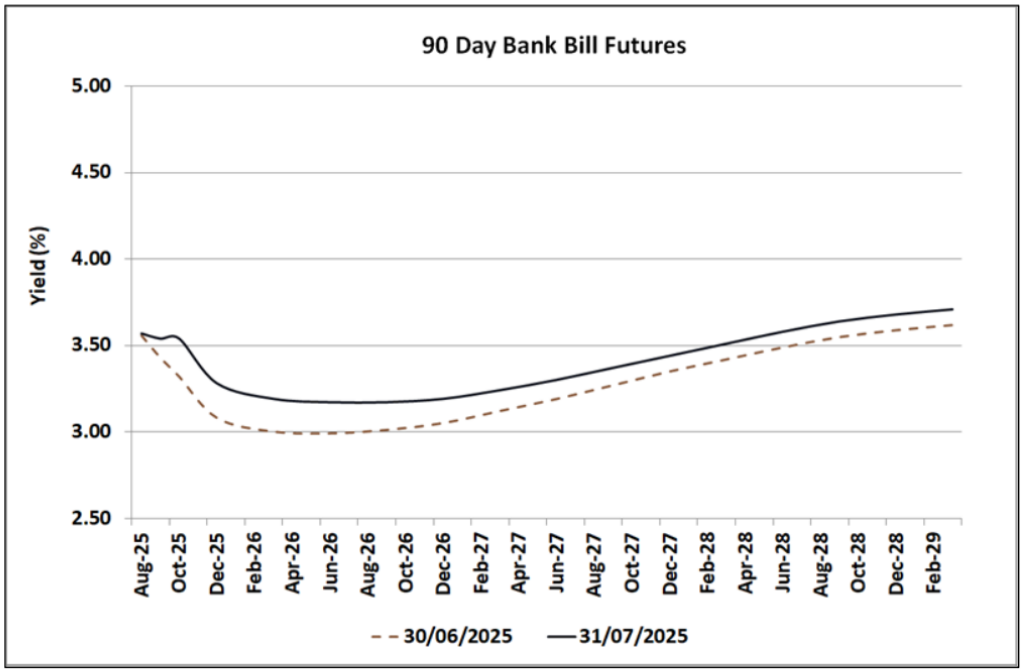
Other Key Rates

Index	July 2025	June 2025
RBA Official Cash Rate	3.85%	3.85%
90 Day (3 month) BBSW Rate	3.68%	3.60%
3yr Australian Government Bonds	3.39%	3.25%
10yr Australian Government Bonds	4.25%	4.14%
US Fed Funds Rate	4.25%-4.50%	4.25%-4.50%
2yr US Treasury Bonds	3.94%	3.72%
10yr US Treasury Bonds	4.37%	4.24%

Source: RBA, ASX, US Department of Treasury

90 Day Bill Futures

Bill futures rose across the curve this month, after the RBA unexpectedly kept rates unchanged (market was fully factoring in a rate cut):



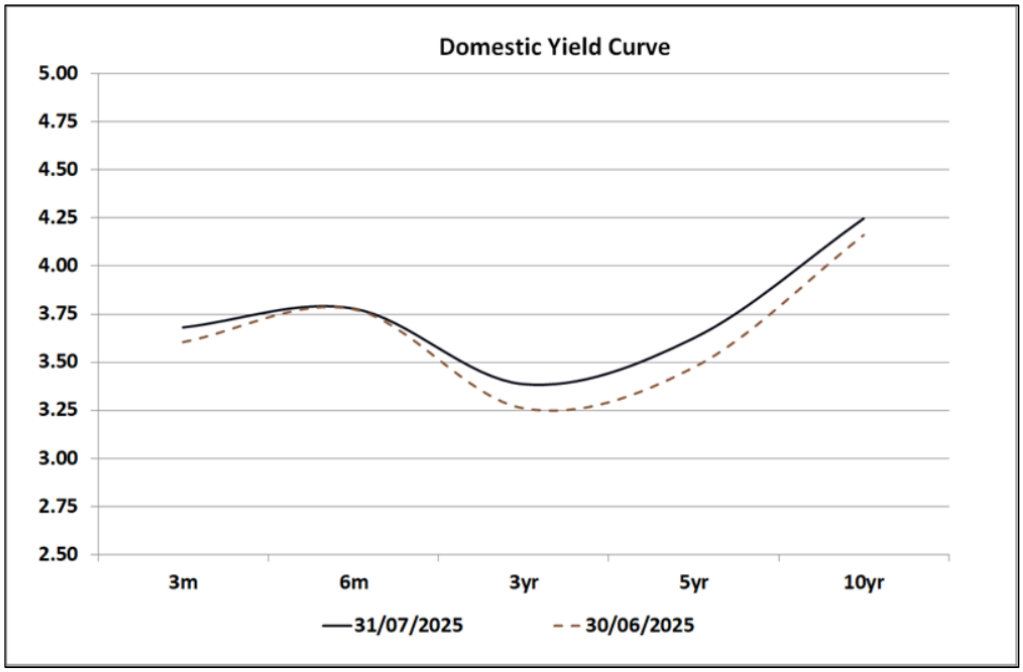
Source: ASX

Fixed Interest Outlook

US Fed Chair Powell reiterated a cautious stance noting that the Fed would have cut rates further this year if not for tariff uncertainty. He did not rule out a July rate cut (29-30th), emphasising a data-dependent approach. The market continues to factor up to two rate cuts by the US Fed for the remainder of 2025.

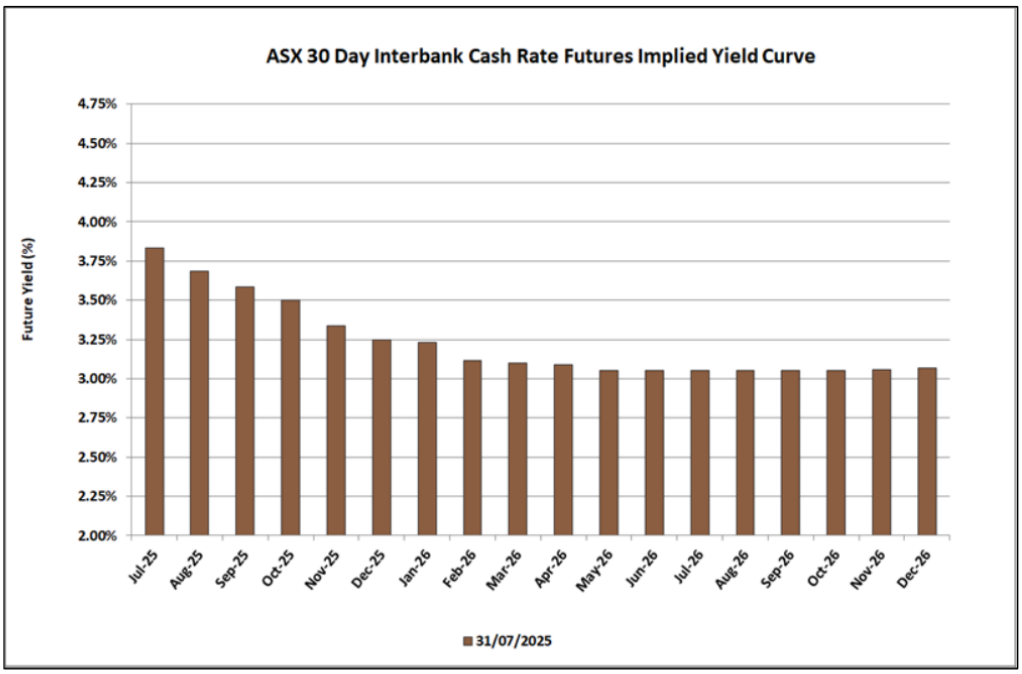
After keeping rates unchanged in July, Governor Bullock emphasised in the press conference that the decision to hold was about timing rather than direction. The Monetary Policy Board's more cautious approach in normalising policy reflects "*the heightened level of uncertainty about both aggregate demand and supply*", citing the ongoing strength in unit labour costs growth, weak productivity growth and the tight starting point for the labour market. Importantly, the RBA's decision was about "*timing not direction*", and that "*we are on a path to easing further*". Governor Bullock re-emphasises a continued "*measured and gradual approach*" to further policy easing.

Yields rose up to 15bp at the longer-end of the curve:



Source: ASX, RBA

Financial markets are factoring up to three (3) additional rate cuts by early 2026:



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12.4. DELIVERY PLAN PROGRESS REPORT 2024-25 - QUARTER 4

Author: EA Corporate Services

Authoriser: Director Corporate Services

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Delivery Program Progress Report 2024-25 for April to June 2025.

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

This report contributes to Council's commitment to the following Community Strategic Plan objective:

5. Accountable leadership and responsive administration.

BACKGROUND

Council's Delivery Program and annual Operational Plans are prepared under the five themes established in the Community Strategic Plan:

1. Shaping the future
2. An open and connected community
3. Encouraging growth through partnerships
4. Delivering community assets and services
5. Accountable leadership and responsive administration

The attached report provides Council with an update on the progress made to the 2024/25 Operational Plan commitments.

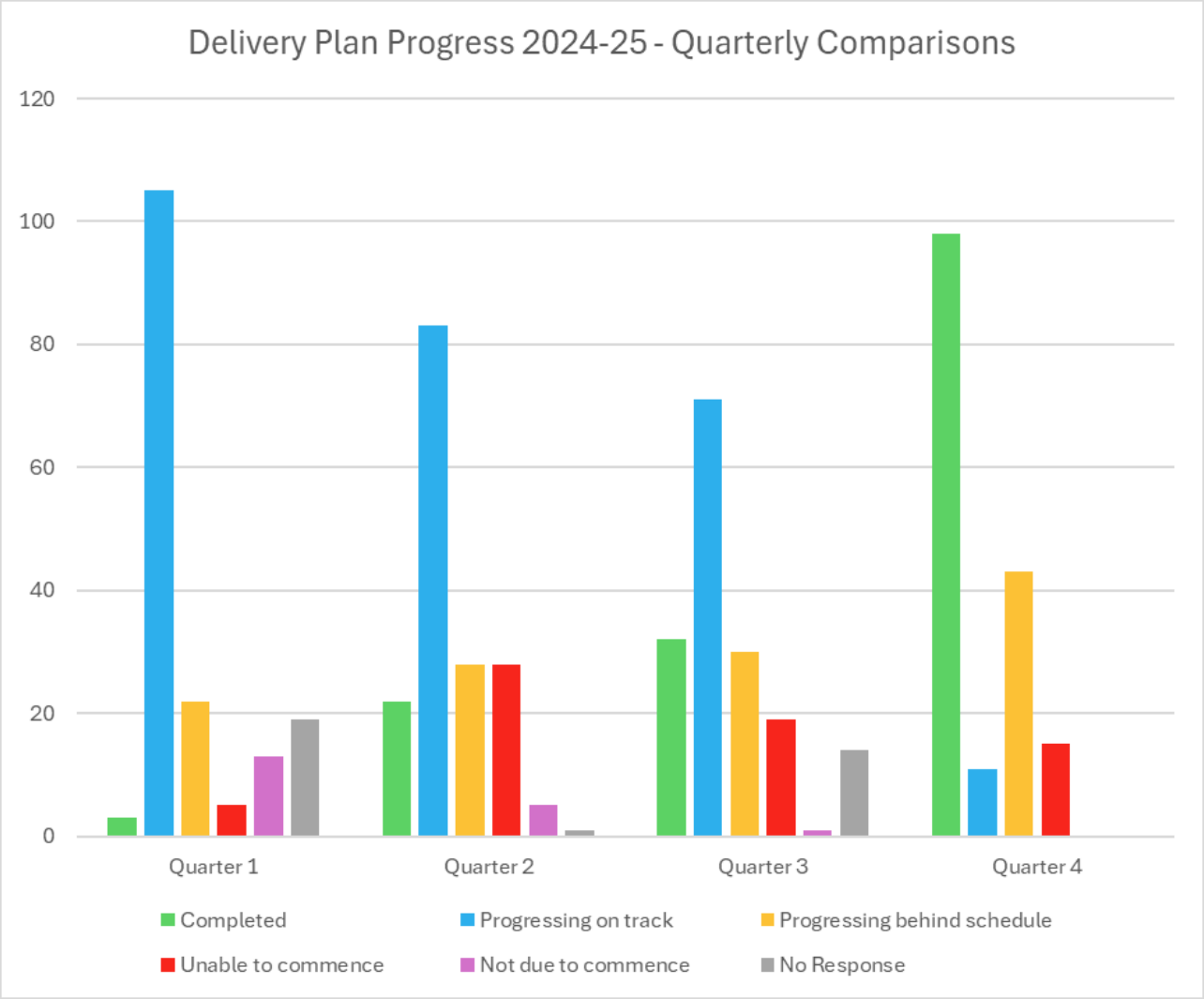
PROPOSAL/DISCUSSION

The purpose of the quarterly review is to provide Council with an opportunity to monitor the progress of achieving Delivery Program commitments.

Quarter 4 Report is the final Delivery Program Progress Report that accounts on how well we performed across the allocated actions for the Operational Plan 2024-2025.

The next Delivery Program Progress Report will be reporting against actions, measures and targets on the Delivery Program 2025-2029 and Operational Plan 2025-2026, both adopted in June 2025. The new progress reports will align with the updated five themes resulting from the freshly updated Community Strategic Plan, endorsed February 2025.

Some statistics from the attached report show the following outcomes as at the end of June: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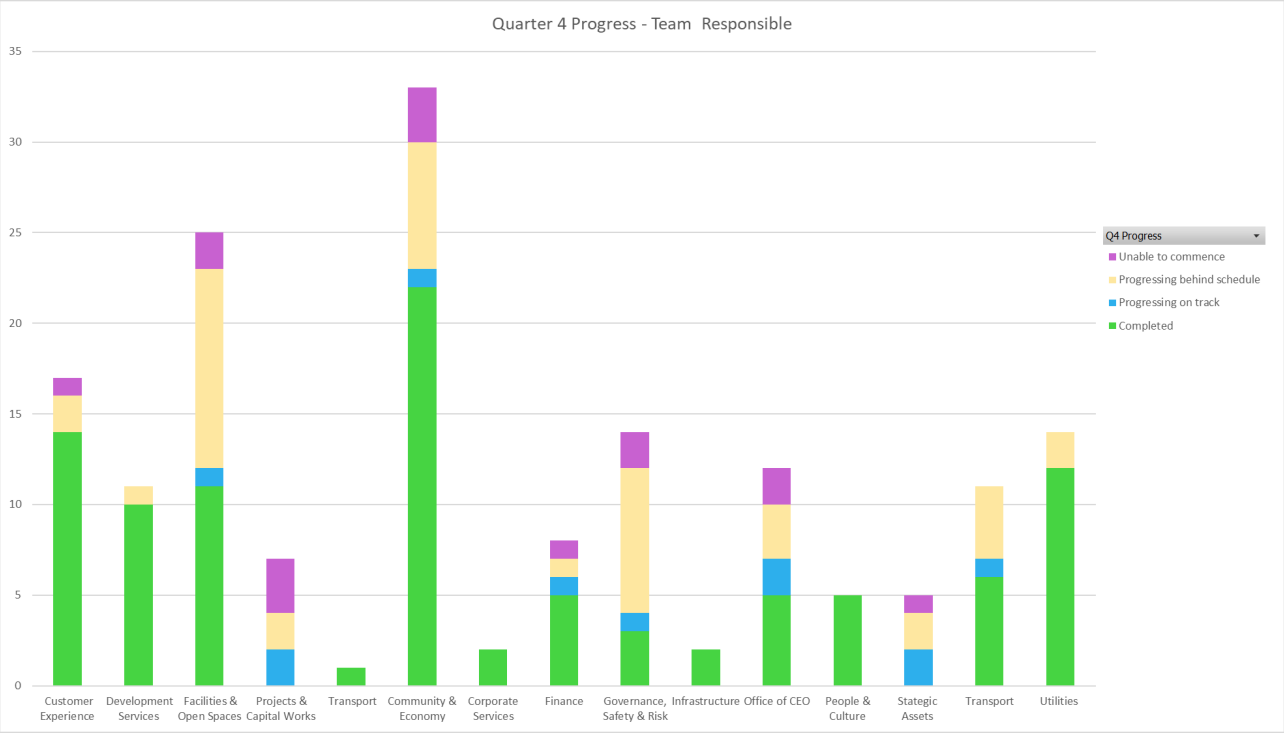
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Finance
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Infrastructure
Office of CEO
People & Culture
Stategic Assets
Transport
Utilities
Q4 Progress
Unable to commence
Progressing behind schedule
Progressing on track
Completed

RISK AND IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Legislative and Policy

This report meets Council's obligations under the Integrated Planning & Reporting framework of the NSW *Local Government Act 1993*.

6.2 Financial

There are no financial implications as a result of this report.

6.4 Work Health and Safety

There are no identified work health and safety issues identified with this report.

Level of Engagement	Stakeholder	Activity	Date, Location, etc	Outcome
Inform	Council	Reporting	Two six monthly reports per year	Report on how we did for the year, did we achieve our goals?

OFFICER'S CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

As the author of this report and in providing this advice to Council, I have no interests to disclose in relation to this report.

ATTACHMENTS

Delivery Plan Progress Report - April to June 2025
Delivery Plan Progress Report - January to March 2025

Attachment 1 - Delivery Program Progress Report 2024-25 Q4

Delivery Program Progress Report - 4

OP ref	2024-25 action	Measure	Target	Q4 Progress	Q4 Comment	Responsibility

Delivery Program Progress Report - 4

OP ref	2024-25 action	Measure	Target	Q4 Progress	Q4 Comment	Responsibility
1.1.1.1	Continue to implement the Edward River Weed Action Plan	% of scheduled actions completed	At least 90%	Completed	Program objectives as per approved plan. Completion report due Q1-25/26 and will be available for the Annual Report.	Open Spaces
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1.1.2.1	Deliver the annual golden perch and Murray cod fish re-stocking program at Billabong Creek	Annual restocking completed	By January 2025	Completed	Council's contribution to the River restocking program managed by Department of Primary Industries - NSW. Fingerlings entered at various locations along Billabong Creek completed January 2025	Open Spaces
1.1.3.1	Participate in the procurement process of the Power Purchasing Agreement in partnership with Hunter Joint Organisation and RAMJO.	Procurement commenced	By March 2025	Completed	Edward River Council entered into agreement as delegated. Edward River Council, one of seven RAMJO Councils to secure a renewable electricity supply agreement through to the end of 2030, as part of a buyer's group facilitating a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA). The agreement secures supply of over 390 gigawatt hours of electricity to 163 large council sites and streetlighting across regional NSW.	Open Spaces
1.2.1.1	Work in partnership with key internal stakeholder to deliver and report on progress of the 2024-25 scheduled, funded actions of the Disability Inclusion Action Plan	% of funded actions completed	At least 90%	Progressing behind schedule	39% of Actions Funded Completed	Community Development & Events

Delivery Program Progress Report - 4

OP ref	2024-25 action	Measure	Target	Q4 Progress	Q4 Comment	Responsibility
1.2.1.1 2023/24 Carry Forward	Deliver a consolidated Edward River Local Environmental Plan (LEP)	LEP gazetted by December 2024	100%	Completed	The Edward River Local Environmental Plan came into force on 4 April 2025. Plan was published on the NSW Legislation site on this day. The Edward River LEP repeals the former Deniliquin LEP 1997, Deniliquin LEP 2013 and Conargo LEP 2013.	Planning & Development
1.2.1.2	Deliver the Rural Tree Scheme for 2024-25	No of tube stock trees sold	At least 2,000	Completed	Tree Collection activity at Works depot completed 30/05/2025. Total trees ordered and distributed - 2695	Open Spaces
1.2.1.3 2023/24 Carry Forward	Engage local communities in refreshing Village Plans to inform future Council planning and investment	6 village forums held; Revised Village Plans endorsed by March 2024	100%	Unable to commence	Progress has been temporarily paused whilst a comprehensive review is undertaken by the CEO and Director of Infrastructure	Strategic Asset Management
1.2.2.1	Assess and determine: - complying development applications - construction certificate applications - local activities applications	Assessments determined within statutory or Council timeframes	>80%	Completed	CDC - 100%, CC - 93% S68 - 85% Approved within Statutory /Council time frames	Health & Building
1.2.2.10	Administer the Local Heritage Grants Program to support the maintenance of heritage in the community	% of grant-funded projects completed; Amount of grant expended	100% $20,000	Completed	Project accepted for Funding - 3 Projects completed - 2 Value of projects completed $10,500 Note: Project not completed - Disabled Access Ramp to a Heritage listed building . Unable to be undertaken due to inability to construct the ramp wholly within the property and in accordance with required standards	Planning & Development
1.2.2.2	Assess and determine Development Applications	Assessments determined within statutory timeframes	>80%	Completed	84% Development Applications approved within Statutory time frames	Planning & Development

Delivery Program Progress Report - 4

OP ref	2024-25 action	Measure	Target	Q4 Progress	Q4 Comment	Responsibility
1.2.2.3	Provide Planning Certificates (10.7) and sewerage and drainage certificates for property sales	% of certificates issued within 5 days of request	90%	Completed	100% Planning Certificates (10.7 certs)completed within 5 days of request 100% of Sewer Drainage Diagrams completed within 5 days of request	Planning & Development
1.2.2.4	Undertake backyard swimming pool inspections	No. of inspections completed	At least 35 per annum	Completed	38 Swimming Pool inspected	Health & Building
1.2.2.5	Undertake inspections of food and skin penetration premises	% of premises inspected	100%	Completed	100% Food Premises Annual inspections completed	Health & Building
1.2.2.6	Undertake water sampling in line with Council's Memorandum of Understanding with NSW Health	% of required sampling completed	100%	Completed	100% of required weekly water samples undertaken.	Health & Building
1.2.2.7	Undertake arbovirus monitoring program	% of scheduled program completed	100%	Completed	Arbovirus monitoring program completed for 2024/25	Health & Building
1.2.2.8	Implement the Companion Animals program, including: - microchipping program - desexing program	No. of animals microchipped; No. of animals desexed	15 15	Completed	Microchipping Program numbers achieved - 19 Companion Animals microchipped Desexing Program fully subscribed for 2024/25 - 18 Companion Animals desexed	Ranger Services
1.2.2.9	Prepare an Edward River Council Development Control Plan (DCP) following finalisation of Local Environment Plan (LEP)	DCP adopted	Jun-25	Progressing behind schedule	Following The Local Environmental Plan finalisation in April 2025 , work has commenced on the content of Edward River l Development Control Plan. Projected completion date March 26.	Planning & Development

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OP ref	2024-25 action	Measure	Target	Q4 Progress	Q4 Comment	Responsibility
1.2.3.1	Complete arrangements related to future of Edward River Village, including planning for Stage 3 (including the Community Centre)	% of tasks completed	at least 80%	Unable to commence	Executive management continue to consider options.	Edward River Village
1.2.3.2	Council to consider tender for construction of nine Stage 2 dwellings	Contract tabled for consideration	by May 2025	Unable to commence	Executive management continue to consider options.	Project Management Office
1.2.3.3	Council to determine whether Stage 3 (community centre) is constructed based on successful sales of Stage 1	Contract tabled for consideration	by May 2025	Unable to commence	Executive management continue to consider options.	Project Management Office
1.3.1.1	Inspect, repair, maintain and renew playgrounds, parks and gardens, public amenities and passive recreation areas	% of scheduled playground inspections completed	100%	Completed	Completion report due Q1-25/26 and will be available for the Annual Report.	Open Spaces
1.3.1.2	Install an interpretive sign at the North Deniliquin rest stop explaining the history of the area, in consultation with the Historical Society	Installation complete	By June 2025	Unable to commence	Item deferred until decision made on name-change. Due to commence 25/26	Open Spaces
1.3.1.3 2023/24 Carry Forward	Complete upgrade to Memorial Park (grant-funded project)	Upgrade completed by June 2024	100%	Completed	New Cricket/Netball Clubrooms - Project closure/completion due with handover, yet to be completed. User agreements to coincide with new facility/asset.	Open Spaces

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OP ref	2024-25 action	Measure	Target	Q4 Progress	Q4 Comment	Responsibility
1.3.2.1	Deliver a Road Safety program for the Edward River community, including: - On the road 65+ - Helping learner drivers become safe drivers - Drink driving prevention campaigns at Deni Ute Muster & Southern 80 Ski Race	No. of initiatives delivered; Total no. of participants	At least 4; At least 250	Progressing behind schedule	(1) Road Safety Officer meeting with Murrumbidgee Local Health District - Deniliquin Community Health to schedule in and deliver the Road Safety Program, forecasted for delivery late May 2025 - due to timing with Murrumbidgee LHD the On the Roads +65 was deferred to the start of FY2025/26. (2) Drink Driving Prevention - Deni Ute Muster completed, with the Southern 80 cancelled.	Road Safety
1.4.1.1	Provide a weekly kerbside collection of residential, commercial and public space domestic waste bins delivered through JR Richards contract	Contamination rates for yellow (recycling) and green (organic waste) bins	<10% for yellow bins; <4% for green bins	Completed	Goal met for 24/25 financial year but still ongoing to maintain low contamination levels.1.63 % of yellow lidded bins and 0.27% of green lidded bins have been contaminated. Reporting period to April 30 2025 - JR RICHARDS Report	Resource Recovery
1.4.1.2	Operate waste management services efficiently and effectively by reducing the proportion of waste that ends up in landfill	% of total waste collected in landfill	reduce by 20%	Completed	Goal met for 24/25 FY but still ongoing to maintain reduced waste collected in landfill. Reduced by estimated 60% at 30 April 2025 - JR Richards 2024 Report	Resource Recovery
1.4.2.1	Operate landfills in Deniliquin, Blighty, Wanganella and Booroorban, and transfer stations in Conargo and Pretty Pine	% compliance with EPA licence conditions	100%	Completed	All landfills are fully functioning and complying with EPA guidelines	Resource Recovery
1.4.2.2	Report illegal dumping through 'RID Online', as required by the EPA	% of illegal dumping reported to Council captured in RID Online	100%	Completed	All illegal dumping is currently reported to RID Online	Resource Recovery
1.4.2.3	Implement the Liquid Trade Waste Management Policy	% compliance with EPA licence conditions	100%	Completed	Implemented 100% of policy as from Nov 2024	Sewer

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OP ref	2024-25 action	Measure	Target	Q4 Progress	Q4 Comment	Responsibility
1.4.3.1	Deliver community engagement activities to promote recycling	No of community initiatives delivered	at least 4	Completed	Completed for 24/25 but ongoing. 1. Paid Radio advertisement on repeat until end January and replayed until mid March 2. Homes Out West meetings face to face and over phone 3. Visited several real estate agents 4. 13 house visits engaging with residents and occasional neighbours 5. 2 commercial property visits 6. Approximately 9 Facebook posts 7. 4 Community News posts 8. Mayors talking points for radio x1 edition Appearance at library x 12 Intereach staff and volunteers Gardening Club Salvation Army ERC staff St Vinnies staff and volunteers Peppin volunteers and staff	Resource Recovery
1.4.4.1	Undertake flood impact repairs at Yorkies Pit (Deniliquin Landfill)	Repairs commenced	by January 2025	Completed	Repairs completed as at 28 March 2025	Resource Recovery
2.1.1.1	Advocate to Government for funding to support the development of a logistics/freight hub in partnership with industry	Value of grant funding received	$4,000,000	Progressing on track	Discussions continue with industry. No grant funding received to date.	Mayor & Councillors
2.1.2.1	Complete work on airport hangars upgrade (refurbishing Bellman hangar doors x2)	% of work completed	100%	Progressing behind schedule	Hangar apron and safe access to hangers was installed. Hangar door scope was completed and will be undertaken as part of 25/26 capital program.	Project Management Office
2.1.2.2	Continue to advocate to Government for investment in the airport runway extension	Amount of funding secured	$4 million	Completed	Funding successful for extension and other associated upgrades	Mayor & Councillors

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OP ref	2024-25 action	Measure	Target	Q4 Progress	Q4 Comment	Responsibility
2.1.2.3	Install runway lighting if external funding becomes available	Funding secured; Lighting installed	By June 2025	Unable to commence	Potential to deliver with recently announced government funding to contribute to the extention of the runway. Funding confirmation announcements due in August 2026 from NSW State Government	Facilities
2.2.1.1	Continue to participate in the Riverina and Murray Joint Organisation (RAMJO) Telecommunications Working Group	No. of meetings attended	2	Unable to commence	Meetings have not been scheduled in this space. Other working groups have met and meetings attended.	Leadership & Executive Support
2.2.2.1	Finalise Council's ICT Strategy and implement funded Year 1 actions	% of Year 1 actions delivered	100%	Completed	ICT Strategy adopted in May	Information Communication Technology
2.2.2.2	Work with service leaders to better utilise their primary Tech One modules to enhance integration of business processes and improve efficiency	No of Tech One modules reviewed	2	Progressing behind schedule	The 2 modules with integrations have been reviewed and a new process is in place, we are currently requiring some manual interventions form the IT team that will be resolved in the next 6 weeks	Business Systems
2.2.2.2 2023/24 Carry Forward	Implement priority Technology One modules to enhance the integration of business processes and improve efficiencies, including: - Full deployment of the Human Resource Planning module - A mobile field app for outdoor staff		100%	Completed	We have implemented the field app but will require review of current work order processes as part of our continues improvement program The Human resources modules this has been implemented and is currently in production	Business Systems
2.2.3.1	Develop a Big Screen Christmas promotions campaign in collaboration with local businesses and events	No of promoters signed up for Christmas period	At least 15	Completed	30 Businesses participated during Christmas 2024.	Economic Development
2.2.3.1 2023/24 Carry Forward	As part of the development of the ICT Strategy, consider how data can support corporate and community planning and reporting	Strategy completed by March 2024	100%	Completed	Strategy adopted in the May meeting	Information Communication Technology

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OP ref	2024-25 action	Measure	Target	Q4 Progress	Q4 Comment	Responsibility
2.2.3.2	Develop a review schedule and policy register for all ICT policies for service delivery	Policy register completed and approved; % of policies scheduled for review updated and approved by 30 June 2025	by October 2024; 100%	Progressing behind schedule	Final draft of the policies will be available at the end of June with final executive\council approval in July\August	Information Communication Technology
2.2.3.3	Undertake new Information Technology security review with Cyber NSW	Review completed and outcomes report received	by 31 March 2025	Completed	Cyber NSW have been granted access to our systems to complete the penetration testing, we will receive the final report in August.	Information Communication Technology
2.2.3.4	Review Disaster Recovery Plan, including: - update - test and outcomes report	DRP review completed; Test and outcomes report completed	by 31 March 2025; by 30 June 2025	Completed	Testing has been completed and our updated internal procedure for disaster recovery has been completed	Information Communication Technology
2.2.3.5	Provide reliable, secure and available technology to support effective and efficient service delivery	% uptime of physical hardware; % uptime of network; % of support requests resolved to user satisfaction	100%; 100% 100%	Completed	Completed and all KPI's met	Information Communication Technology
2.2.3.6	Coordinate technology fleet replacement in accordance with schedule	% of scheduled replacements completed	100%	Completed	Fleet replacement complete	Information Communication Technology
2.2.3.7	Deliver key ICT system improvements: a) move the Active directory to Azure environment a) continue the implementation of Microsoft security suite	Improvements completed	100% by 30 June 2025	Unable to commence	Quotes from external providers where drastically outside of our scope and we are investigating alternatives to complete this work.	Information Communication Technology

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OP ref	2024-25 action	Measure	Target	Q4 Progress	Q4 Comment	Responsibility
2.3.1.1	Facilitate the Aboriginal Liaison Committee	No. of meetings held	4	Progressing behind schedule	Best practice and key contacts being developed. No meetings held.	Leadership & Executive Support
2.3.2.1	Provide a Library service to the Edward River community which continues to provide opportunities for the community to come together	No of events held; No of Library visitors; No of loans; No of Library program participants; % of collection less than 5 years	at least 4; 5% increase (to >16,725); 2% increase (to >36,160); 5% increase (to >2,100); <25%	Completed	Events- # Q1-Q4 - 13 - 325% Visitors- #Q1-Q4 -25,340 - 123% Loans – # Q1-Q4 – 39,705 - 132% (excluding Hoopla- info provided later in month from Vendor) Closed 1 Week in August 2024 Program participation # 1,808 - 86% Q1-Q4 (Note we have stopped counting 8-10 school visits as programs, Friday genealogy and Fri/Sat Splat Finely/Hay- Chess Club , Blighty School, Fiber & Textile Group-all reserved Maker's Space Q4	Library Services
2.3.2.2	Adopt and implement (the funded activities of) a Library Strategy including consideration of library engagement and event planning to increase utilisation and participation	% scheduled actions completed by June 2025	90%	Completed	2- Genealogy Events- Joy and Peter 1-Special Storytime- Nutrition Louise Mace 1- Waste Week April School Holiday Activities Monthly Scrabble Club	Library Services

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OP ref	2024-25 action	Measure	Target	Q4 Progress	Q4 Comment	Responsibility
2.3.2.3	Provide a quality gallery experience through a program of relevant exhibitions	No of exhibitions; Exhibition attendance rates	More than 2; Greater than 10% increase on 2023-24 rates	Completed	No exhibitions for entire year: 8 Visitors – Q1 – Q4 – 25,340 – 23% No of exhibitions for whole year = 8 Melange- Anthony Breslin Bald Archy's Sculpture Muster High Art - DHS Beyond Threads Art Life - Kurrajong Stories of Fashion Anne Frank Exhibition attendance rate 22% increase YoY - More than double the increase goal	Visitor Services, Gallery and Museum
2.3.2.4	Collaborate with industry and organisers to promote and produce an online events calendar: '*What's On*'	No of external calendar contributors	at least 20 unique event organisers	Completed	2- Seniors Festivals – CBA- Stay Save Online (Gary Davis Author Talk was for Seniors Festival)	Community Development & Events
3.1.1.1	If successful in the Study Hubs funding round, assist the Country Universities Centre Riverina to establish the Board and commence construction	Board Established; Project construction commenced	by March 2025; by June 2025	Unable to commence	Waiting on funding	Leadership & Executive Support
3.1.2.1	Develop and deliver programs and activities that facilitate skills development for the business community in partnership with the Business Chamber and government	Number of events delivered; Number of participants	At least 2; 30	Completed	Grants Workshop Skill development evening held in May 2025 Unlocking Business Growth in the Visitor Economy event held June 2025 - C&E Cross dept event; collab with Business Chamber & Key Business stakeholders Total participants across both events = 65	Economic Development

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OP ref	2024-25 action	Measure	Target	Q4 Progress	Q4 Comment	Responsibility
3.1.2.1 2023/24 Carry Forward	Generate awareness, support and participation for the Country University Centre	No.of community meetings held, No.of letters of support from local industry, No.of CUC Development meetings held	2 6 3	Progressing on track	Edward River Council took lead in the Sustainable Communities funding application for the Country University Centre in Deniliquin and Finley.	Office of the CEO
3.2.1.1	Finalise and commence implementation of funded actions of the Edward River Growth Strategy	% of scheduled funded actions completed	at least 90%	Unable to commence	0% No funded actions Growth Strategy yet to be adopted	Economic Development
3.2.2.1	Provide business support for new and existing businesses through information, advice, advocacy and programs and undertake investment attraction and economic growth activities in line with the adopted Growth Strategy	No of new business enquiries supported	At least 5	Completed	Business Enquiries Supported YTD: 25	Economic Development
3.2.3.1	Facilitate Agribusiness Masterplan industry delivery of Plan actions consistent with the Growth Strategy recommendations	No of industry engagements	4	Progressing behind schedule	Council utilized space for Hardinge Street and Tourism support with new website.	Economic Development
3.3.1.1	Continue to provide sponsorship (cash and in-kind) support to local events through formalised sponsorship arrangements (eg Play on the Plains, Deni Ute Muster, annual Art Show)	% formal sponsorship agreements in place	100% for existing arrangements	Progressing behind schedule	New resource commenced April 29th 2025 - Suite of sponsoship documents developed and soon to be endorsed by the Executive Management Team.	Community Development & Events

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OP ref	2024-25 action	Measure	Target	Q4 Progress	Q4 Comment	Responsibility
3.3.1.2	Seek funding to support and enhance the delivery of existing Council-delivered events	Amount of funding secured	at least $5,000	Completed	Successfully applied for Aus Day Funding of $10,000 Successfully applied for Seniors Week Funding of $5,000 Successfully applied for Youth Week funding of $3412.00 All funding for 2024-2025 Council Events completed.	Community Development & Events
3.3.1.3	Present the Australia Day event	No of nominees in each award category	at least 2	Completed	Nominees in each award category: Citizen of the Year - 4 Young Citizen of the Year - 2 Environmental Citizen of the Year - 1 Community Group of the Year - 2 Sports Award - 2 Junior Sports Award - 2 Arts & Culture Award - 3 Junior Arts & Culture Award - 4 Community Event or Initiative of the Year - 5	Community Development & Events
3.3.1.4	Coordinate citizenship ceremonies, as requested	% of requests for citizenship ceremonies delivered	100%	Completed	Successful Citizenship Ceremony held 10 June 2025.	Leadership & Executive Support
3.3.2.1	Finalise delivery of funded works at Peppin Heritage Centre, including signage and accessibility improvement and upgrades to exhibition infrastructure	% funded works completed by 30 June 2025	60%	Progressing on track	Museum design has been approved final object selections are being shortlisted. Curator is working with Heritage advisor to prepare section 60 and integrated development applications. Heritage advisor preparing Statement of Heritage Impact. Revised scope of works has been prepaired for AC & Electrical Services Design to be issued to a nominated engineering services firm to determine electrical/lighting requirements.	Visitor Services, Gallery and Museum

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OP ref	2024-25 action	Measure	Target	Q4 Progress	Q4 Comment	Responsibility
3.3.2.2	Finalise the delivery of the Stronger Country Communities Round 5 grant-funded projects to support the operation of the Town Hall	% of funded projects completed	100%	Progressing behind schedule	**Digital Billboard** - commitee want to change scope and do 3 x Backlit poster boards - P Davies get Exec approval / **Stage Lighting** - Geoff been asked to investigate winch system for stage lights / **Dishwasher** - waiting for Confirmation to purchase, this request may be changed to new oven / **Gallery Lighting** - Delivered and stored in front office in Town Hall - need to be told where it is required for installation	Cultural Development
3.3.2.3	Facilitate and support the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee	No of meetings held	at least 4	Progressing behind schedule	No. of meetings held: 1 Re-establishment of ACAC to be undertaken by Manager Community and Economy once position filled.	Cultural Development
3.3.2.4	Deliver funded activities and events that connect community and develop community capacity in partnership with others, including: - International Women's Day - Youth Week activities - Seniors Week - Community Christmas party	No of event participants; % of post-event evaluations conducted and reported	5% increase (to > 1,575); 100% of Council events	Completed	Total No Participants:1,390 % Post Event Evaluations Conducted and Reported: 100% - Christmas Party 600 - IWD 180 - Seniors Week 220 - Australia Day 350 - Youth Week 40	Community Development & Events

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OP ref	2024-25 action	Measure	Target	Q4 Progress	Q4 Comment	Responsibility
3.3.3.1	Deliver scheduled and funded actions of the *Visit Deni* Tourism Development Plan and Murray Regional Tourism Local Area Action Plan	% of scheduled actions completed	at least 90%	Completed	Windows to History' Shop Window project - to activate empty shops completed. Town Hall activations supported - Film Society, Motherland, Museum and Galley workshop, Tourism event etc. Incorporated Island Sanctuary Upgrade into OP/DP Bookable product encouragement - delievred by Karen Oliver Tourism Social media marketing plan activated at least 90% of actions complete where budget and resouces available - updated strategy required	Tourism Development & Promotion
3.3.3.2	Facilitate opportunities and events for the tourism industry to network and collaborate	No of initiatives and events delivered; No of operator e-newsletters issued	At least 2; At least 4	Completed	No of initiatives and events delivered: 3 (tourism Operator Breakfast - October 2024 & Business event June 2025) ATDW Outreach - B2B consultation No of operator e-newsletters issued: 9	Tourism Development & Promotion
3.3.3.3	Deliver customer experience training to frontline Visitor Information Centre staff and volunteers	% of frontline staff trained	100%	Unable to commence	No funding in 24-25 budget for frontlline staff training	Visitor Services, Gallery and Museum
3.3.3.4	Seek out opportunities to host *journalist famils* to support regional promotion	No of *journalist famils* hosted	at least 1	Completed	- 2 journalist famils completed (via Destination Rivera Murray and Murray River Tourism)	Tourism Development & Promotion

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OP ref	2024-25 action	Measure	Target	Q4 Progress	Q4 Comment	Responsibility
3.3.3.5	Position and market the Edward River region as a visitor destination by leveraging the Visit Deni brand	No of unique visitors to the Visit Deni website Annual visitation statistics	5% increase to 12,600 96,000+ overnight visitors	Completed	Visit Deni website completed June 2025 - **visitdeni.com** Customer / Visitor Count (all out of region visitors spending money in town) to end Q4 = 300,500 (21% increase YTD) 'Tourist Count' (Day trip and Overnight) = 174,500	Tourism Development & Promotion
3.3.3.5 2023/24 Carry Forward	Initiate discussions with the Deniliquin Business Chamber to re-establish the Tourism Industry Group (TIG) and consider providing funding to support aligned initiatives to develop tourism in Edward River	TIG re-established by December 2023	100%	Unable to commence	Planned for 2025/26 FY reestablishment. Have been unable to commence during this year due to lack of resources.	Tourism Development & Promotion
3.3.3.6	Provide quality visitor facilities, services, and products through the Peppin Heritage Centre Visitor Information Centre	Value of merchandise sold; Annual visitors from VIC	5% increase to $63,000 in sales; 10% increase to >13,139 in annual visitors from VIC	Completed	more than 5% increase to date Sales to end Q4 = $79,500 5.7% increase to date. Visitaton from VIC to end Q4 = 13,898	Visitor Services, Gallery and Museum
3.3.3.7	Deliver a *Visit Deni* activation at the annual Moomba Festival in partnership with industry	No of new subscribers to the *Visit Deni* newsletter via Moomba opt-in competition; No of tourism operator partners	at least 600; at least 4	Completed	- New subscrobers = 572 to Visit Deni Enews Link to most recent e-News letter https://mailchi.mp/visitdeni/rrrrroad-trip-time Or SIGN UP to e-News at www.visitdeni.com 'Tourism Operator Partners: 4 (buy in) plus 2 additional volunteers (Boat Club & Coach House)	Tourism Development & Promotion

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3.4.2.1	Support local doctors and nurses with financial assistance when moving to the Edward River region	Support provided to local health professionals	At least two health professionals supported up to $10,000	Completed	3 individuals supported . $10,000 Total.	Community Development & Events
3.4.3.1	Contribute to the Rural Doctors' Network's Bush Bursary program to place medical students in Deniliquin	No. of students supported	2	Completed	3 students (2 Placements)	Community Development & Events
4.1.1.1	Undertake asset revaluation program	% of scheduled program completed	at least 90%	Progressing on track	70% Completed. Draft revaluation report has been received for Open Space & Recreation and Building assets which is currently being reviewed internally. Final report due early July 2025	Asset Management
4.1.1.2	Update Asset Management Plans in line with the Strategic Asset Management Plan	No. of AM Plans updated	6	Progressing behind schedule	70% Plans have been amended to reflect LTFP and are in draft form for review. Asset Management Plans have been drafted and will be finalised in July 2025.	Asset Management
4.1.1.3	Deliver the scheduled activities of the Asset Management Strategy Improvement Plan, including: - review of configuration of asset information - review componentisation and useful life assumptions for asset valuation - plan to improve quality of asset condition data	% of scheduled activities completed	100%	Progressing on track	Completed a Assets Maturity Assessment (NAMS) which will be included in the Assets Strategy. We are on target to achieve a "core" status in the next 12 months	Asset Management
4.1.2.1	Develop and adopt a Masterplan for the Deniliquin Swim Centre precinct	Masterplan adopted	By June 2025	Progressing behind schedule	Carried forward to 25/26 for further consultation and development with Community engagement expected Q3-25/26	Facilities

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OP ref	2024-25 action	Measure	Target	Q4 Progress	Q4 Comment	Responsibility
4.1.2.1 2023/24 Carry Forward	Review and update user agreements for Council facilities, including consideration of financial and in-kind support	(90% of user agreements updated 2023/24) by June 2025	90% of user agreements updated	Progressing behind schedule	Facility User and Committee Agreement framework in intial stage of draft. User and Committee Groups engaged and working with Council. Draft agreements due for feedback and formalisation Q4-25/26	Facilities
4.1.2.2	Undertake a Service Review for the Open Space service area	Review completed	by March 2025	Progressing behind schedule	Service Level Plan in draft, currently sitting with Open Space team in review. Due for summary and endorsement Q1-25/26	Facilities
4.1.2.3	Develop service level plans to support priority service delivery	Service levels confirmed	by June 2025	Progressing behind schedule	There is a body of work required to update and formalise the service level plans, and it may require further resourse to meet timeline	Strategic Asset Management
4.1.3.1	Complete construction of new plinths at Deniliquin Lawn Cemetery	Construction complete	by December 2024	Completed	Desktops and plinths have been completed for 24/25 - Cemetery Operations will continue to maintain and identify further implementation.	Facilities
4.1.3.10	Top dress Rotary Park	Top dressing completed	by June 2025	Completed	Capital Upgrade Program for Open Spaces - Top Dressing of Rotary Park pitches - Completed December 2024	Open Spaces
4.1.3.11	Deliver upgrades to Deniliquin Basketball Stadium, if grant funding becomes available	Funding secured; Upgrade commenced	by June 2025	Progressing on track	Local Roads and Community Infratructure (LRCI) grant funds were allocated to this project in March 2025. Upgrades to Deniliquin Stadium completed as follows: new winches for scoreboard usage, new scoreboards, repairs to roof leaks, lighting upgrade, electrical board upgraded to allow for off-mains power in times of emergency and future solar, external lighting installed and assessment of grandstand for compliance standards.	Facilities

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OP ref	2024-25 action	Measure	Target	Q4 Progress	Q4 Comment	Responsibility
4.1.3.2	Complete upgrade of Cemetery amenities block if grant funding becomes available	Funding secured; Upgrade commenced	by June 2025	Progressing behind schedule	Local Roads and Community Infratructure (LRCI) was allocated to this project in March 2025. Procurement complete and awarded. Due for completion Q1-24/25	Facilities
4.1.3.3	Replace the emulsion tank at Council's Depot	Tank replacement completed	by 30 June 2025	Progressing behind schedule	Procurement has been completed, however pricing is slightly above budget. Evaluation and recommendation prepared. Location confirmed as part of Depot approved DA, for updating and delivery 25/26.	Facilities
4.1.3.4	Inspect and maintain local boat ramps and associated parking areas in preparation for the summer season	% of scheduled inspection and maintenance program completed	100%	Completed	All boat ramp inspections did not meet the minimal standards. Additional funding allocated in FY2025/26 budget to work towards compliance . Additionally, maintenance work at McLean Beach was completed late May 2025 - improved pedestrian access, safety bollard at boat launching area. The regulation of boat ramps in NSW involves a combination of planning, environmental, and maritime safety legislation. Key Acts include the EP&A Act 1979, Marine Safety Act 1998, Roads Act 1993, Local Government Act 1993, and Fisheries Management Act 1994. Compliance with the NSW Boat Ramp Facility Guidelines and relevant Australian Standards is also essential.	Boat Ramps
4.1.3.5	Deliver funded major works program (including Airport residence, Multi-Arts Centre and building security review and upgrade, 2023/24 Carry Forward)	% scheduled works completed; % of grant acquittal requirements met	at least 90% 100%	Progressing on track	Airport residence is 90% Complete Multi Arts Centre is 100% Complete SUnday School concrete complete	Project Management Office

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OP ref	2024-25 action	Measure	Target	Q4 Progress	Q4 Comment	Responsibility
4.1.3.6	Deliver the asset rehabilitation and flood recovery program, including the Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets (REPA) under disaster recovery funding arrangements	% scheduled works completed; % grant acquittal requirements met	at least 90% 100%	Progressing on track	Regional Emergency Road Repair Fund (RERRF) 98% of schedules works are complete. Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) 100% of scheduled complete.	Project Management Office
4.1.3.6 2023/24 Carry Forward	Deliver the Crispe Street tree upgrade	Upgrade completed by November 2023	100%	Completed	Crispe Street Tree Installation complete. Maintenance program to be managed by Parks & Gardens Service as part of ERC Tree Management (strategy planned for 25/26).	Open Spaces
4.1.3.7	Upgrade the amenities at the Deniliquin Saleyards (Complete the Deniliquin Saleyards refurbishment activities arising from the safety report 2023/24)	Upgrade completed	by June 2025	Progressing behind schedule	Completion report due Q1-25/26 and will be available for the Annual Report.	Facilities
4.1.3.8	Deliver sheep e-ID project at Deniliquin Saleyards if grant funding becomes available	Funding secured; Project commenced	by June 2025	Completed	Installation of sheep/goat electronic identification scanners and system has been completed at the Deniliquin Saleyards as part of regulatory changes to the Department of Primary Industries stock identification and management.	Facilities
4.1.3.9	Re-sheet the carpark at Rotary Park	Re-sheet completed	by June 2025	Completed	Completed in Q3 as per scope and design.	Roads and Kerb and Gutter
4.1.4.1	Deliver drainage works associated with local road reconstruction program	% of scheduled program completed	at least 90%	Completed	Completed in Q3 as per scope and design.	Flood mitigation and Drainage

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OP ref	2024-25 action	Measure	Target	Q4 Progress	Q4 Comment	Responsibility
4.1.4.10	Deliver kerb and gutter renewal program, including: - George St (Russell to Butler) - Henry St (Edward to Napier) - Hetherington St (Norris to Dick) - Packenham St - Hardinge St (Ochtetyre to Harfleur)	% of scheduled program completed	at least 90%	Completed	Works completed - Cressy Street (Butler to Russell). Russell Street (Cressy to George). Burton street (Poictiers to Warren Drive), Wilkinson street, Napier/George to IGA entrance.	Roads and Kerb and Gutter
4.1.4.11	Deliver water infrastructure projects, as described in the Capital Works program, including High Lift Pump replacement at the Water Treatment Plan, (Upgrade telemetry (SCADA) system - Carried forward, 2023/24.)	% of scheduled projects completed	at least 90%	Progressing behind schedule	Delay of pumps delivery, project expected to be completed by 31 August 2025	Water Supply
4.1.4.12	Deliver sewer infrastructure projects, as described in the Capital Works program	% of scheduled projects completed	at least 90%	Completed	100% of sewer Infrastructure projects delivered	Sewer Supply
4.1.4.13	Deliver waste management infrastructure projects, as described in the Capital Works program	% of scheduled projects completed	at least 90%	Completed	Next stage for Council to start saving for the Closure of Tip	Resource Recovery
4.1.4.2	Deliver Town Levee refurbishment program	% of scheduled program completed	at least 90%	Progressing behind schedule	Funding has been secured for McLeans Beach and St Michael Street Levee wall repairs, designs are being completed, consultation in progress, in planning phase for permits and approvals.	Flood mitigation and Drainage
4.1.4.3	Deliver flood mitigation and drainage works, including: - levee bank refurbishment - stormwater drainage (as part of Hardinge St upgrade) - River Street drainage improvements	% of scheduled program completed	at least 90%	Progressing behind schedule	Transport for NSW have endorsed the final road design, with construction forecasted for July 2026. Mainswater relocation forecasted commenced late April 2025.	Flood Mitigation and Drainage

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OP ref	2024-25 action	Measure	Target	Q4 Progress	Q4 Comment	Responsibility
4.1.4.4	Install automated weir and pump system for the lagoon stormwater system	Installation complete	by 30 June 2025	Progressing behind schedule	Wick Street automation complete. Wyatt Street automation on hold waiting for approval of grant funding associated with the South Deni Levee. Wyatt Street requires a sigficant repairs/ redesign to increase the the combination of flow rate and head at which the pump will operate most efficiently and significantly reduce the surcharging of the drainage network. Wick Street completed as per scope and design, with addition vegetation maintenance scheduled in for FY2025/26.	Flood Mitigation and Drainage
4.1.4.5	Deliver the footpath renewal program	% of scheduled program completed	at least 90%	Completed	In-line with program. Macauley (between Ochtertyre & Sloane Street) original footpath asset was physically unsound and beyond rehabilitation and required replacement. Utilising available remaining budget allocations, asset was replaced with a compacted gravel pathway to immediately mitigate WHS concerns within in this low volume pedestrain area. Pathway will be placed on future capital program for sealing.	Footpaths and Pathways
4.1.4.5 2023/24 Carry Forward	Undertake a Service Review for the Roads & Transport service area	Review completed by March 2024	100%	Progressing behind schedule	This will be tied in with the current level of service project (4.1.2.3)	Strategic Asset Management
4.1.4.6	Deliver the scheduled actions of the Pedestrian Access Management Plan replacement program	% of scheduled program completed	at least 90%	Completed	In-line with program. Audit completed, priority PAMP's scheduled for renewal in paraell footpath renewal programme.	Footpaths and Pathways

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OP ref	2024-25 action	Measure	Target	Q4 Progress	Q4 Comment	Responsibility
4.1.4.7	Complete scoping and design of roads reconstruction works to support efficient implementation of the road construction program	Roads reconstruction scoping and design complete	By June 2025	Progressing on track	Fowler Street and Charlotte Street designs completed. Cressy Street design on track. Charlotte Street design completed based on budget bid. Cressy Street design fast tracked to match change in Council priority.	Transport
4.1.4.8	Deliver regional road program, including: - Blighty Hall Rd reconstruction - Main Road 296 (Pretty Pine) - resealing program in response to condition assessment prioritisation	% of scheduled program completed	at least 90%	Completed	Completed in Q3 - consistent with detailed design and budget.	Roads and Kerb and Gutter
4.1.4.9	Deliver local road program, including: - Blighty Hall Rd bridge approaches - Blighty Hall Rd from Malones Rd - Flanagans Rd intersection with Moonee Swamp - Fowler - Wakool Rd to Sloane - Hardinge St - Ochtertyre to Harfleur - Mayrung Rd - Murgha Windouran bridge approaches	% of scheduled program completed	at least 90%	Progressing behind schedule	(1) Fowlers street remains on hold - due to ongoing drainage legacy challenges - full drainage design proposal currently being developed. Design proposal forecasted for completion mid- April 2025. Upon endorsement will require full detailed design, costing and budgetary approval. Fowler street road detailed design completed. (2) Tfnsw have endorsed final road design with construction forecasted for July 2026. Mainswater forecasted for commencement late April 2025. (3) Murgah /Windouran bridge - some delay in obtaining sufficient quotes. Evaluation now complete with delivery programmed by 30/08/25. (4) All other projects completed.	Roads and Kerb and Gutter
4.2.1.1	Scope the refurbishment and upgrade for the electrical systems at the Sewerage Treatment Plant	Scoping study completed (to inform tender process)	by December 2024	Completed	Refurbishments and upgrades for 24/25 FY completed	Sewer Supply

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OP ref	2024-25 action	Measure	Target	Q4 Progress	Q4 Comment	Responsibility
4.2.1.2 2023/24 Carry Forward	Finalise the Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan	IWCM adopted by December 2023	100%	Completed	Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan finalised and adopted, progressing to the next stage 25/26 FY. DPIE to determine what the next stage will be.	Water Supply
4.2.2.1	Undertake daily water sampling in compliance with the regulations	Compliance rate	100%	Completed	100% compliance rate	Water Supply
4.3.1.1	Continue to implement customer experience improvements, including: - Customer Request Management System - centralised knowledge database and Frequently Asked Question resources - after hours and overflow telephony - expansion of online self-service options	Knowledge database complete; No of FAQ resources published on website; No of online self-service options introduced on website	100%; >10; >1	Completed	Knowledge database complete; 100% No of FAQ resources published on website; 100% No of online self-service options introduced on website 100%	Customer Services
4.3.2.1	Provide front line customer service support	% of customer requests resolved at first point of contact	>50%	Completed	Year to date first call resolution (calls resolved at customer service with no followup action required) Calls total for the year 18,579 - 61.2% of all calls resolved at first point of contact . Only 7204 calls for the year were referred to other Council staff for resolution. 3,046 forwards 4,158 CRM's	Customer Services
4.3.2.2	Implement scheduled and funded actions from Customer Service Strategy	% of scheduled actions completed by 30 June	100%	Completed	Customer service charter scheduled to be presented at the August workshop	Customer Services

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OP ref	2024-25 action	Measure	Target	Q4 Progress	Q4 Comment	Responsibility
5.1.1.1	Undertake a review and update of communication and engagement policies and procedures as part of the policy review initiative	% of policies updated by June 2025	100%	Completed	Policies and procedures were reviewed and the rephased Communications and Community Engagement Strategy adopted 17th December (100%)	Communications & Engagement
5.1.1.10	Implement the scheduled, funded findings of the Risk Management Framework review	% of actions completed	80%	Progressing on track	Risk Framework due to be presented to Council at August 2025 Meeting. Operation Risk Registers have been completed for each Department, and reporting dashboard developed and presented through ARIC for comment. (95% complete pending Council adoption in August 2025)	Risk Management
5.1.1.11	Implement the requirements of the Office of Local Government's Risk Management and Internal Audit Framework	% of actions completed	90%	Progressing behind schedule	Will be finalised by end of Q1 FY2026 once presented to Councillors at August 2025 Council Meeting.	Risk Management
5.1.1.12	Facilitate and participate in interagency meetings, including: - Local Emergency Management Committee - Rural Fire Service Bushfire Management Committee	No of LEMC meetings attended; No. of RFS BMC meetings attended	3 2	Completed	Attended 1 Local Emergency Management Committee Meeting in Deniliquin on 17.10.2025, 20.02.2025 & 19.06.2025 Attended 2 Bush Fire Management Committee Meetings 27.03.2025 & 26.06.2025	Emergency Management
5.1.1.13	Review and update Emergency Management Plan	Update completed	by October 2024	Completed	Mid Murray Emergency Management Plan was signed off at the July, Regional Emergency Management Committee Meeting. New Plan is available on ERC website.	Emergency Management
5.1.1.14	Prepare and deliver a councillor induction program for newly elected Council	Induction program delivered	by March 2025	Completed	Induction program completed with Professional Development ongoing.	Mayor & Councillors

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OP ref	2024-25 action	Measure	Target	Q4 Progress	Q4 Comment	Responsibility
5.1.1.15	In consultation with incoming Council, prepare a professional development program for each councillor	% of councillors with a professional development plan	100% by March 2025	Progressing behind schedule	Professional Development is the focus for the next six month period. 50% completed.	Mayor & Councillors
5.1.1.2	Deliver annual Operational Plan and Annual Report	% of statutory obligations met	100%	Completed	Annual Report inclusive of financials adopted at Dec 2024 meeting, lodged with OLG and published on website. 2024/25 Operational Plan adopted at June meeting following public exhibition for community feedback and a Councillor workshop. It is published on Council's website.	Corporate Performance & Strategy
5.1.1.3	In consultation with the community, deliver the next suite of Integrated Planning & Reporting documents to guide the incoming Council's term, including: - State of the Region Report - Community Strategic Plan - Delivery Program - Resourcing Strategy	SotR Report published; New suite of IP&R documents endorsed/ adopted	by October 2024; by end June 2025	Completed	State of Region - Adopted and published Community Strategic Plan - endorsed Feb 2024 Ordinary Meeting Delivery Program and Annual Operational Plan were adopted at the June meeting following public exhibition for community feedback and a Councillor workshop. The Workforce Management Plan was also adopted at the June meeting, all documents are on Council's website. Asset Management Plans and Strategy to be completed by August.	Corporate Performance & Strategy
5.1.1.3 2023/24 Carry Forward	Finalise Plans of Management for all Council-controlled Crown Land	100% of PoM completed	100%	Progressing behind schedule	Coinciding with user agreements and committee reviews of Council's lease and licence framework development. Currently in draft.	Open Spaces

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OP ref	2024-25 action	Measure	Target	Q4 Progress	Q4 Comment	Responsibility
5.1.1.4	Implement records management activities as outlined in the Information Management Framework	% of scheduled activities completed	100% of scheduled actions completed	Completed	Developed a new records framework, normal administrative procedures policy, Bring Your Own Device policy and other related policies to comply with the actions outlined in the audit	Information Management (Records)
5.1.1.5	Implement funded Year 1 recommendations of the Records Management Internal Audit	% of Year 1 actions delivered	100%	Completed	All Year one actions addressed and completed	Information Management (Records)
5.1.1.6	Implement the online delegation system	Implementation commenced by June 2024	by 31 March 2025	Unable to commence	Due to insufficient resources, this task will be deferred for the future financial year.	Governance
5.1.1.7	Complete development and implementation of the Corporate Governance Framework	Framework adopted	by December 2024	Progressing behind schedule	Records Policy and procedure (Data Governance) presented to EMT June 2025.	Governance
5.1.1.8	Review and update the statutory policies required for adoption by the incoming Council	Policies adopted	by March 2025	Progressing behind schedule	Code of Conduct, Councillor and Staff Interaction Policy completed. Code of Meeting Practice, Media and Social Media and Councillor Expenses all delayed due to resourcing constraints.	Governance
5.1.1.9	Develop and implement a fraud prevention framework	Framework adopted	by December 2024	Completed	Fraud Prevention Framework developed and Adopted by Council .	Risk Management

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OP ref	2024-25 action	Measure	Target	Q4 Progress	Q4 Comment	Responsibility
5.1.2.1	Implement scheduled funded actions of the Communications and Community Engagement Strategy including: a) Further development of the communications content calendar b) Audit and rationalisation of ERC social media accounts in alignment with Social Media Policy c) Develop community engagement and communication resources for council projects and events d) Deliver content management training to website content owners e) Implement the online engagement hub to increase accessibility and participation	% of scheduled actions completed	100%	Completed	a) Communications Planner/Tracker being used on a weekly basis for over a year. 100% completed, with ongoing review. b) Audit of ERC social media complete. c) Checklist tool in progress - 20% d) 100% - ongoing support and training as required. e) 100% implemented.	Communications & Engagement
5.1.2.1 2023/24 Carry Forward	Audit and update Council's website content	Audit completed by December 2023	100%	Completed	Incorporated the library website in December 2024. (100%)	Communications & Engagement
5.1.2.2	Coordinate a media campaign and candidate information sessions to generate interest and attract candidates for the local government elections	No of candidate information activities held; No of candidates	At least 2; More than 9	Completed	2 Councillor information sessions held More than 9 candidates stood for election	Governance
5.1.2.3	In consultation with the NSW Electoral Commission, coordinate activities to support the local government election scheduled for 14 September 2024	Election held in accordance with legislative requirements	by 30 September 2024	Completed	Election held in accordance with legislative requirements.	Governance

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OP ref	2024-25 action	Measure	Target	Q4 Progress	Q4 Comment	Responsibility
5.1.2.4	Provide communication and engagement activities that promote the work of Council	No of media releases issued; No of visits to website homepage; No of social media posts	At least 25; 2% increase to 98,000; Total users 23-24 = 29K. Suggest metric should be '2% increase in users to website to 29,600' at least 3 per week	Completed	Total No of media releases to date: **53 (17 in Q4)**. Target exceeded. No of visits/users to website in **Q4: 7.6K** Q3: 8.1K Q2: 8K Q1: 9K **YTD: 32.7k** (Target exceeded) No of social media posts: **145 in Q4 (557 total YTD)**. 11 per week average. Target exceeded.	Communications & Engagement
5.1.2.5	Represent Council and the Edward River community at: - Country Mayors Association - ALGA Annual Conference - LGNSW Annual Conference	Participation rate	100%	Completed	100% successful to date and all events going forward.	Mayor & Councillors
5.1.2.6	Refurbish and hang old Council honour boards, and establish new honour boards for Edward River Council	Old honour boards hung; New ERC honour boards hung	By March 2025 By June 2025	Progressing behind schedule	Quotes sought for updating previous honour board and establishing an Edward River Council honour board.	Leadership & Executive Support
5.1.3.1	Complete implementation of recommendations arising from Council Committees review	% of Committees with current ToR by 30 June 2025	100%	Progressing behind schedule	User Agreements being developed and then meetings with groups will be scheduled.	Governance
5.2.1.1	Establish a Grants Management Framework for Council	Framework adopted	by June 2025	Progressing behind schedule	Framework and process mapping on track for presentation to Executive Management Team by first quarter of 25/26	Grants Management

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OP ref	2024-25 action	Measure	Target	Q4 Progress	Q4 Comment	Responsibility
5.2.1.10	Deliver the annual Council-funded grants program	No of community grant applications received; % total funding pool allocated	16 100%	Completed	Applications Received: 14 100% total funding pool allocated	Grants Management
5.2.1.2	Contribute to Council project development initiation through grant applications	% of grant applications successfully funded;	at least 50%;	Completed	Applications Submitted:3 Applications awaiting result:1 Applications Successful: 1 (Airport upgrade)	Grants Management
5.2.1.2 2023/24 Carry Forward	Implement the scheduled improvement actions arising from the Plant & Fleet Service Review	100% of scheduled actions completed	100%	Progressing behind schedule	Asset Steering committee to be established. Implementation plan to be developed. Fleet Replacement Program to be finalised.	Plant & Fleet
5.2.1.3	Prepare annual budget and implement scheduled activities of the long-term financial plan, including a review of fees and charges	Budget prepared; % of activities completed	by June 2025 100%	Completed	Approved by Council 17.06.2025	Finance Services
5.2.1.4	Continue to implement the scheduled actions of the Financial Sustainability Review	% of scheduled actions completed	100%	Progressing behind schedule	78% of actions have commenced. Of the 27 actions under the 9 strategies: 10 have been completed, 11 are underway, but behind schedule, 5 are delayed (Growth Strategy and ERV) while the SRV application is on hold	Finance Services
5.2.1.5	Work with Council service leaders to identify savings and further efficiencies to reduce expenditure to achieve a balanced year-end result	Operating Performance Ratio	>0.00%	Progressing on track	Final year end result will not be known until the Financial Statements are complete and audited(completion by 31 Oct). The March QBRS revised budget projected a (0.13%) deficit.	Finance Services

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OP ref	2024-25 action	Measure	Target	Q4 Progress	Q4 Comment	Responsibility
5.2.1.6	Commence modelling and community consultation regarding options for increasing revenue in the future.	Community consultation undertaken	by 30 June 2025	Unable to commence	Limited options are available to Council, including parking meters and user pays fees and charges	Finance Services
5.2.1.7	Update all finance policies that are due for review	% of finance policies reviewed and updated by June 2025	100%	Completed	All Finance Policies, due for review have been completed.	Finance Services
5.2.1.8	Maintain and renew Council's plant and fleet in accordance with the maintenance schedule and adopted Plant Replacement Program and outcomes of the Plant & Fleet Review	% of scheduled maintenance & renewal actions completed	100%	Progressing behind schedule	Small plant and fleet purchases finalised and awaiting delivery Q2-25/26. Heavy Plant procurement due Q2-25/26	Plant & Fleet
5.2.1.9	Continue implementation of the Project Management Framework (including training staff in its application)	% of projects delivered using the PMF; % staff trained in PMF	100% 100%	Progressing behind schedule	100% Completed. Report provided to EMT Further staff training once adopted by EMT	Project Management Office
5.2.2.1	Provide procurement business support and advice across Council, including in relation to Purchase Orders, Tenders and Requests for Quotes.	% of all Purchase Orders that comply with Procurement Policy; % tender compliance with legislation	100% 100%	Completed	Processes are in play and ongoing compliance monitoring and support will continue.	Procurement
5.2.2.1 2023/24 Carry Forward	Implement actions arising from the Procurement Audit	100% of actions addressing high and extreme risk completed	100%	Completed	Commodity codes have been integrated into production in Tech one to allow for efficient reporting to identify and manage areas of risk in relation to s55 tendering requirements and strategic opportunities. This will be monitored as part of the monthly procurement compliance checks	Procurement

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OP ref	2024-25 action	Measure	Target	Q4 Progress	Q4 Comment	Responsibility
5.2.2.2	Update procurement guides and templates and provide training to staff	Guides and templates published; % of staff trained who undertake procurement	by December 2024; 100%	Completed	Now at BAU (business as usual) delivery and continuous monitoring and updating as required.	Procurement
5.2.2.3	Continue to review and update Council's policies in line with legislative compliance and organisation priorities, including Council's donations, grants and sponsorship program and policy	% of ERC Policies which are out of date	less than 30%	Progressing behind schedule	New Policy Register being developed to better identify overdue, obsolete or outdated policies for review. New Policies being developed will be gradually added as they are approved by EMT or Council moving forward.	Governance
5.2.2.4	Prepare, distribute and publish Council Meeting Agendas	% of Agendas published within statutory timeframes	100%	Completed	100% completed.	Leadership & Executive Support
5.2.3.1	Facilitate the activities of the Audit, Risk & Improvement Committee and Internal Audit function, including: - develop annual workplan - implementation of the revised Risk Management & Internal Audit Framework - recruitment and induction of new Committee - coordinate 2 internal audits as per annual Internal Audit Plan (emergency preparedness including business continuity and tax compliance)	No. of ARIC meetings held; % of scheduled internal audits completed; No. of service reviews completed; new Committee in place; internal audits completed	at least 4 100% at least 1 by 30 Sept 2024 by June 2025	Progressing behind schedule	4 ARIC meetings held YTD - Sept, Nov, Feb & May Business Continuity Plan and Libraries Service Review Scheduled for June 2025. Potential to continue past June. Procurement for new audit provider underway. ARIC member resigned. Recruitment for 3rd member underway.	Risk Management
5.3.1.1	Continue to implement actions arising from the Safety Culture audit	% of scheduled actions completed	at least 90%	Progressing behind schedule	Resource constraints impacting capacity to proceed forward	Safety

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OP ref	2024-25 action	Measure	Target	Q4 Progress	Q4 Comment	Responsibility
5.3.1.2	Update WH&S contractor management system	System updated and in use; % contractor using system by 30 June 2025	by 31 March 2025; 100%	Unable to commence	Due to insufficient resources, this task will be deferred for the future financial year.	Safety
5.3.1.3	Provide operational support to enable Council to fulfil its obligations under the Work Health & Safety Act (the Act) and partner with service leaders in developing a safe and healthy workplace	Lost time to injury/incident rate; % of incident Investigations completed within 14 days; No of WHS training sessions delivered; No of emergency response drills held per facility	decrease to <4 per 100 employees; 100% 15 at least 1	Progressing behind schedule	Updated WHS Reporting template Investigations are being actioned relevant to the incident. Incident Management process to be reviewed and workshopped to include reasonable timeframes and agreed accountabilities. 6 x Staff 1 x Contractor Inductions occurring as WHS Officer advised of new staff/contractors 0 Drills - Emergency Drill will likely not occur this financial year. Emergency Preparedness Internal Audit will provide further actions.	Safety
5.3.1.4	Instal GPS and dash cam technology into Council's vehicle fleet	% of identified vehicles upgraded with GPS and dashcam	100% by June 2025	Progressing behind schedule	Delays to the plant & fleet replacement program have affected the delivery of this project. Approximately 100 ERC vehicles to be fitted with GPS technology to collect usage data for maintenance, utilisation and safety & compliance purposes. Due to commence Q2 - 25/26	Plant & Fleet

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OP ref	2024-25 action	Measure	Target	Q4 Progress	Q4 Comment	Responsibility
5.3.2.1	Implement the scheduled and funded activities of the Workforce Management Plan	% of scheduled activities completed	at least 90%	Completed	The Workforce Management Strategy 2025–2029 was formally adopted at the June Council meeting. The Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Management Plan was also endorsed at the June Executive meeting, with some actions rescheduled to the 2025–2026 year. Although EEO training was initially planned for 2024–2025, it has been deferred to 2025–2026 to align with the updated EEO Management Plan, which was revised and will be implemented in accordance with legislative requirements.	People & Culture
5.3.2.2	Deliver Council's Employee Health Program	No of activities delivered; % staff participation	at least 2; at least 85%	Completed	People & Culture delivered a range of employee health and wellbeing initiatives this year, demonstrating our ongoing commitment to supporting our workforce. Key programs included R U OK? Day, Ovarian Cancer Awareness, free flu vaccinations, and on-site hearing checks—most achieving over 85% staff participation. In addition, we promoted our Employee Assistance Program (EAP) through two targeted webinars focused on raising awareness of the service and providing practical support around cost-of-living pressures, with over 30% of staff attending.	People & Culture
5.3.2.3	Deliver an efficient and accurate Payroll Service	% of pays processed on time; No of errors requiring correction in pay run	100% 0	Completed	100% of pays completed on time 5 pays requiring a correction pay this quarter with a total of 7 for the year.	People & Culture
5.3.2.4	Coordinate Council's workers compensation and return-to-work management	% of injured workers on Recover-at- Work plans	100%	Completed	100% of injured Workers on Return to Work Plans	People & Culture

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OP ref	2024-25 action	Measure	Target	Q4 Progress	Q4 Comment	Responsibility
5.3.3.1	Support Councillor and CEO advocacy efforts for regional growth through the provision of information and research to identify strategic advocacy priorities for the 2024-28 Council term	Advocacy priorities confirmed	Advocacy priorities articulated in new Delivery Program	Progressing behind schedule	Delivery Program adopted at 17 June Council Meeting. Advocacy plan priorities to be identified in 25/26 FY	Economic Development
5.3.4.1	Support Council's Leadership Team to undertake annual staff appraisals	% of staff who have been appraised by target date of 31 August 2024	at least 90%	Completed	All required Performance and Development Reviews have now been completed. While the initial target date was not met, every staff member has been provided the opportunity to participate in a meaningful review with their direct supervisor.	People & Culture

Attachment 2 - Delivery Program Progress Report January to March 2025

Delivery Program Progress Report - January to March 2025

OP ref	2024-25 action	Measure	Target	Q3 Progress	Q3 Comment	Responsibility
1.1.1.1	Continue to implement the Edward River Weed Action Plan	% of scheduled actions completed	At least 90%	Progressing on track	Program objectives as per approved plan. Report will be added to final operations - Q4	Open Spaces
1.1.2.1	Deliver the annual golden perch and Murray cod fish re-stocking program at Billabong Creek	Annual restocking completed	By January 2025	Completed	Fingerlings entered at various locations along Billabong Creek completed January 2025	Open Spaces
1.1.3.1	Participate in the procurement process of the Power Purchasing Agreement in partnership with Hunter Joint Organisation and RAMJO.	Procurement commenced	By March 2025	Completed	Edward River Council entered into agreement as delegated	Open Spaces
1.2.1.1 2023/24 Carry Forward	Deliver a consolidated Edward River Local Environmental Plan (LEP)	LEP gazetted by December 2024	100%	Progressing on track	Notification received that the Plan (Consolidated LEP) has been made and will be published on the NSW Legislation site. The LEP will operate from the day it is published on the Legislation website. (expected timeframe early April 2025).	Planning & Development
1.2.1.2	Deliver the Rural Tree Scheme for 2024-25	No of tube stock trees sold	At least 2,000	Completed	Collection completed May 2024 - Total Trees ordered/distributed - 2695 EOI for 24/25 delivery completed September 24	Open Spaces
1.2.1.3 2023/24 Carry Forward	Engage local communities in refreshing Village Plans to inform future Council planning and investment	6 village forums held; Revised Village Plans endorsed by March 2024	100%	Unable to commence	Progress has been temporarily paused whilst a comprehensive review is undertaken by the CEO and Director of Infrastructure	Strategic Asset Management

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OP ref	2024-25 action	Measure	Target	Q3 Progress	Q3 Comment	Responsibility
1.2.2.1	Assess and determine: - complying development applications - construction certificate applications - local activities applications	Assessments determined within statutory or Council timeframes	>80%	Progressing on track	CDC - Nil received , CCs - 100% determined in statutory timeframe, S68 - 86% determined in statutory timeframe	Health & Building
1.2.2.10	Administer the Local Heritage Grants Program to support the maintenance of heritage in the community	% of grant-funded projects completed; Amount of grant expended	100% $20,000	Progressing on track	The Local Heritage fund is 75% complete as at 31 March 2025. Projects are due for completion 30 April 25	Planning & Development
1.2.2.2	Assess and determine Development Applications	Assessments determined within statutory timeframes	>80%	Progressing on track	90% DA's determined within statutory timeframe	Planning & Development
1.2.2.3	Provide Planning Certificates (10.7) and sewerage and drainage certificates for property sales	% of certificates issued within 5 days of request	90%	Progressing on track	100% Planning Certificates issued within 5 days, of request, 100% Sewerage Drainage Diagrams issued within 5 days of request	Planning & Development
1.2.2.4	Undertake backyard swimming pool inspections	No. of inspections completed	At least 35 per annum	Progressing on track	27 Swimming Pool inspections undertaken as at 31 March 2025	Health & Building
1.2.2.5	Undertake inspections of food and skin penetration premises	% of premises inspected	100%	Progressing on track	Inspections will commence in Q4.	Health & Building

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OP ref	2024-25 action	Measure	Target	Q3 Progress	Q3 Comment	Responsibility
1.2.2.6	Undertake water sampling in line with Council's Memorandum of Understanding with NSW Health	% of required sampling completed	100%	Progressing on track	100% of required weekly sampling undertaken as at 31 March 2025	Health & Building
1.2.2.7	Undertake arbovirus monitoring program	% of scheduled program completed	100%	Progressing on track	Program extended. Will continue into Q4	Health & Building
1.2.2.8	Implement the Companion Animals program, including: - microchipping program - desexing program	No. of animals microchipped; No. of animals desexed	15 15	Progressing on track	As at 31 March 2025: 18 Companion Animals Microchipped 15 Companion Animals Desexed	Ranger Services
1.2.2.9	Prepare an Edward River Council Development Control Plan (DCP) following finalisation of Local Environment Plan (LEP)	DCP adopted	Jun-25	Unable to commence	LEP is expected to be finalised early April 25. Work can commence on DCP when LEP is finalised.	Planning & Development
1.2.3.1	Complete arrangements related to future of Edward River Village, including planning for Stage 3 (including the Community Centre)	% of tasks completed	at least 80%	Unable to commence	Review is continuing.	Edward River Village
1.2.3.2	Council to consider tender for construction of nine Stage 2 dwellings	Contract tabled for consideration	by May 2025	Unable to commence	Executive management continue to consider options.	Project Management Office

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OP ref	2024-25 action	Measure	Target	Q3 Progress	Q3 Comment	Responsibility
1.2.3.3	Council to determine whether Stage 3 (community centre) is constructed based on successful sales of Stage 1	Contract tabled for consideration	by May 2025	Unable to commence	Executive management continue to consider options.	Project Management Office
1.3.1.1	Inspect, repair, maintain and renew playgrounds, parks and gardens, public amenities and passive recreation areas	% of scheduled playground inspections completed	100%	Progressing on track	Qualified Training planned for 24/25 Q4 - Completion of Inspection Schedule for 25/26 due Q1-25	Open Spaces
1.3.1.2	Install an interpretive sign at the North Deniliquin rest stop explaining the history of the area, in consultation with the Historical Society	Installation complete	By June 2025	Not due to commence	Item deferred until decision made on name-change.	Open Spaces
1.3.1.3 2023/24 Carry Forward	Complete upgrade to Memorial Park (grant-funded project)	Upgrade completed by June 2024	100%	Completed	Project closure/completion due with handover, yet to be completed. User agreements to coincide with new facility/asset.	Open Spaces
1.3.2.1	Deliver a Road Safety program for the Edward River community, including: - On the road 65+ - Helping learner drivers become safe drivers - Drink driving prevention campaigns at Deni Ute Muster & Southern 80 Ski Race	No. of initiatives delivered; Total no. of participants	At least 4; At least 250			Road Safety

Delivery Program Progress Report - January to March 2025

OP ref	2024-25 action	Measure	Target	Q3 Progress	Q3 Comment	Responsibility
1.4.1.1	Provide a weekly kerbside collection of residential, commercial and public space domestic waste bins delivered through JR Richards contract	Contamination rates for yellow (recycling) and green (organic waste) bins	<10% for yellow bins; <4% for green bins	Progressing on track	1.63 % of yellow lidded bins and 0.27% of green lidded bins have been contaminated. Reporting period to Jan 31st 2025 - JR RICHARDS Report	Resource Recovery
1.4.1.2	Operate waste management services efficiently and effectively by reducing the proportion of waste that ends up in landfill	% of total waste collected in landfill	reduce by 20%	Progressing on track	Reduced by estimated 60% at 31.01.2025 - JR Richards Jan 2024 Report	Resource Recovery

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OP ref	2024-25 action	Measure	Target	Q3 Progress	Q3 Comment	Responsibility
1.4.2.1	Operate landfills in Deniliquin, Blighty, Wanganella and Booroorban, and transfer stations in Conargo and Pretty Pine	% compliance with EPA licence conditions	100%	Progressing on track	All landfills are fully functioning and complying with EPA guidelines	Resource Recovery
1.4.2.2	Report illegal dumping through 'RID Online', as required by the EPA	% of illegal dumping reported to Council captured in RID Online	100%	Progressing on track	All illegal dumping is currently reported to RID Online	Resource Recovery
1.4.2.3	Implement the Liquid Trade Waste Management Policy	% compliance with EPA licence conditions	100%	Completed	Implemented 100% of policy as from Nov 2024	Sewer
1.4.3.1	Deliver community engagement activities to promote recycling	No of community initiatives delivered	at least 4	Progressing on track	1. Paid Radio advertisement on repeat until end January and replayed until mid March 2. Homes Out West meetings face to face and over phone 3. Visited several real estate agents 4. 13 house visits engaging with residents and occasional neighbours 5. 2 commercial property visits 6. Approximately 9 Facebook posts 7. 4 Community News posts 8. Mayors talking points for radio x1 edition Appearance at library x 12 Intereach staff and volunteers Gardening Club Salvation Army ERC staff St Vinnies staff and volunteers Peppin volunteers and staff	Resource Recovery
1.4.4.1	Undertake flood impact repairs at Yorkies Pit (Deniliquin Landfill)	Repairs commenced	by January 2025	Completed	Repairs completed as at 28 March 2025	Resource Recovery

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2.1.1.1	Advocate to Government for funding to support the development of a logistics/freight hub in partnership with industry	Value of grant funding received	$4,000,000	Progressing on track	Face to face meetings with Port of Melbourne and VicTrac held. Advocacy is continuing.	Mayor & Councillors
2.1.2.1	Complete work on airport hangars upgrade (refurbishing Bellman hangar doors x2)	% of work completed	100%	Progressing on track	15% As previously reported, condition of the Bellman hangars indicates refurbishment is not required. Condition assessments commenced & completed. Executive continue to consider alternative airport related project options.	Project Management Office
2.1.2.2	Continue to advocate to Government for investment in the airport runway extension	Amount of funding secured	$4 million	Progressing on track	Council to formally apply for invitation only grant. Conversations continue with Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development	Mayor & Councillors
2.1.2.3	Install runway lighting if external funding becomes available	Funding secured; Lighting installed	By June 2025	Unable to commence	Seeking external funding	Facilities
2.2.1.1	Continue to participate in the Riverina and Murray Joint Organisation (RAMJO) Telecommunications Working Group	No. of meetings attended	2	Unable to commence	Meetings have not been scheduled by RAMJO.	Leadership & Executive Support
2.2.2.1	Finalise Council's ICT Strategy and implement funded Year 1 actions	% of Year 1 actions delivered	100%	Progressing on track	Reviewing IT strategy and the actions outlined, Next step is to get final approval in Q4	Information Communication Technology

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2.2.2.2	Work with service leaders to better utilise their primary Tech One modules to enhance integration of business processes and improve efficiency	No of Tech One modules reviewed	2	Progressing on track		Business Systems
2.2.2.2 2023/24 Carry Forward	Implement priority Technology One modules to enhance the integration of business processes and improve efficiencies, including: - Full deployment of the Human Resource Planning module - A mobile field app for outdoor staff	Modules implemented by March 2024	100%	Completed	The focus this year has been on delivering a number of major upgrades We have implemented the field app but will require review of current work order processes to roll this out to the field staff As for Human resources modules this has been implemented and we are scoping up what will be needed in a possible phase 2 project	Business Systems
2.2.3.1	Develop a Big Screen Christmas promotions campaign in collaboration with local businesses and events	No of promoters signed up for Christmas period	At least 15	Completed	30 Businesses participated.	Economic Development
2.2.3.1 2023/24 Carry Forward	As part of the development of the ICT Strategy, consider how data can support corporate and community planning and reporting	Strategy completed by March 2024	100%	Progressing on track	Final report received and is being reviewed before presenting to Council for adoption.	Information Communication Technology

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2.2.3.2	Develop a review schedule and policy register for all ICT policies for service delivery	Policy register completed and approved; % of policies scheduled for review updated and approved by 30 June 2025	by October 2024; 100%	Progressing behind schedule	ICT have engaged an external contractor to assist with the development of the most critical ICT policies to be completed in Q4	Information Communication Technology
2.2.3.3	Undertake new Information Technology security review with Cyber NSW	Review completed and outcomes report received	by 31 March 2025	Unable to commence	We have engaged Cyber NSW to schedule a time to externally test our cyber security, This will most likely be in next financial year due to the demand for the service at the department	Information Communication Technology
2.2.3.4	Review Disaster Recovery Plan, including: - update - test and outcomes report	DRP review completed; Test and outcomes report completed	by 31 March 2025; by 30 June 2025	Progressing on track	Our procedures are up to date and we are testing our recovery plan in May	Information Communication Technology
2.2.3.5	Provide reliable, secure and available technology to support effective and efficient service delivery	% uptime of physical hardware; % uptime of network; % of support requests resolved to user satisfaction	100%; 100% 100%	Progressing on track	All KPI's are currently on track with no outages 75% complete.	Information Communication Technology
2.2.3.6	Coordinate technology fleet replacement in accordance with schedule	% of scheduled replacements completed	100%	Progressing on track	Fleet replacement continuing as per schedule- 50% completed	Information Communication Technology

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2.2.3.7	Deliver key ICT system improvements: a) move the Active directory to Azure environment a) continue the implementation of Microsoft security suite	Improvements completed	100% by 30 June 2025	Progressing on track	Scoping for the Active directory migration is underway - approximately 35% completed	Information Communication Technology
2.3.1.1	Facilitate the Aboriginal Liaison Committee	No. of meetings held	4	Unable to commence	Updated Terms of Reference to be established prior to setting first meeting with the new Council.	Leadership & Executive Support
2.3.2.1	Provide a Library service to the Edward River community which continues to provide opportunities for the community to come together	No of events held; No of Library visitors; No of loans; No of Library program participants; % of collection less than 5 years	at least 4; 5% increase (to >16,725); 2% increase (to >36,160); 5% increase (to >2,100); <25%	Progressing on track	Events- 9 Q1-Q3 - 225% Visitors- 17,715 Q1-Q3 - 106% Loans – 30,000 Q1-Q3 - 82.9% Program participation 1,181 Q1-Q3 - 56% (Note we have stopped counting 8-10 school visits as programs, Friday genealogy and Fri/Sat Splat)	Library Services

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2.3.2.2	Adopt and implement (the funded activities of) a Library Strategy including consideration of library engagement and event planning to increase utilisation and participation	% scheduled actions completed by June 2025	90%	Progressing on track	2- Author Talks- Darry Fraser and Gary Davis 2- Seniors Festivals – CBA- Stay Save Online (Gary Davis Author Talk was for Seniors Festival) January School Holiday Activities Scrabble Club has seen increased interest from Orana and positive feedback	Library Services
2.3.2.3	Provide a quality gallery experience through a program of relevant exhibitions	No of exhibitions; Exhibition attendance rates	More than 2; Greater than 10% increase on 2023-24 rates	Progressing on track	No of exhibitions to end Q3: 7 Beyond Threads ArtLife Exhibition attendance rates currently 7.5% approx. increase YTD	Visitor Services, Gallery and Museum
2.3.2.4	Collaborate with industry and organisers to promote and produce an online events calendar: '*What's On* '	No of external calendar contributors	at least 20 unique event organisers	Completed	2- Seniors Festivals – CBA- Stay Save Online (Gary Davis Author Talk was for Seniors Festival)	Community Development & Events
3.1.1.1	If successful in the Study Hubs funding round, assist the Country Universities Centre Riverina to establish the Board and commence construction	Board Established; Project construction commenced	by March 2025; by June 2025	Unable to commence		Leadership & Executive Support

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3.1.2.1	Develop and deliver programs and activities that facilitate skills development for the business community in partnership with the Business Chamber and government	Number of events delivered; Number of participants	At least 2; 30	Unable to commence	No. Events - 0 No. Participants - 0 With Coordinator Economic Development currently undertaking role of acting Manager Community and Economy this is on hold. Will reconvene once position of Manager Community and Economy is filled and resourcing for Renewable Energy Coordination determined.	Economic Development
3.1.2.1 2023/24 Carry Forward	Generate awareness, support and participation for the Country University Centre	No.of community meetings held, No.of letters of support from local industry, No.of CUC Development meetings held	2 6 3	Unable to commence	The Southern Riverina Steering Committee is continuing to apply for capital works funding through the NSW Sustainable Communities Program. Applications opened on 13 March 2025.	Office of the CEO
3.2.1.1	Finalise and commence implementation of funded actions of the Edward River Growth Strategy	% of scheduled funded actions completed	at least 90%	Unable to commence	0% No funded actions Growth Strategy yet to be adopted	Economic Development

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3.2.2.1	Provide business support for new and existing businesses through information, advice, advocacy and programs and undertake investment attraction and economic growth activities in line with the adopted Growth Strategy	No of new business enquiries supported	At least 5	Progressing on track	Business Enquiries Supported YTD: 22	Economic Development
3.2.3.1	Facilitate Agribusiness Masterplan industry delivery of Plan actions consistent with the Growth Strategy recommendations	No of industry engagements	4	Progressing behind schedule	With Coordinator Economic Development currently undertaking role of acting Manager Community and Economy this is on hold. Will reconvene once position of Manager Community and Economy is filled and resourcing for Renewable Energy Coordination determined.	Economic Development
3.3.1.1	Continue to provide sponsorship (cash and in-kind) support to local events through formalised sponsorship arrangements (eg Play on the Plains, Deni Ute Muster, annual Art Show)	% formal sponsorship agreements in place	100% for existing arrangements	Unable to commence	2024 - 2027 Play on the Plains/Ute Muster - New arrangement in place October 2024. Support and sponsorship tracker has been developed. Currently preparing schedule for review of existing arrangements and agreements. Resourcing has affected the ability to complete this action to date. Will need to re-commence associated tasks in 2025-2026.	Community Development & Events

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3.3.1.2	Seek funding to support and enhance the delivery of existing Council-delivered events	Amount of funding secured	at least $5,000	Completed	Successfully applied for Aus Day Funding of $10,000 Successfully applied for Seniors Week Funding of $5,000 Successfully applied for Youth Week funding of $3412.00 All funding for 2024-2025 Council Events completed.	Community Development & Events
3.3.1.3	Present the Australia Day event	No of nominees in each award category	at least 2	Completed	Nominees in each award category: Citizen of the Year - 4 Young Citizen of the Year - 2 Environmental Citizen of the Year - 1 Community Group of the Year - 2 Sports Award - 2 Junior Sports Award - 2 Arts & Culture Award - 3 Junior Arts & Culture Award - 4 Community Event or Initiative of the Year - 5	Community Development & Events
3.3.1.4	Coordinate citizenship ceremonies, as requested	% of requests for citizenship ceremonies delivered	100%	Progressing on track	No further requests have been received from the Department of Home Affairs. 100% of requests delivered.	Leadership & Executive Support

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OP ref	2024-25 action	Measure	Target	Q3 Progress	Q3 Comment	Responsibility
3.3.2.1	Finalise delivery of funded works at Peppin Heritage Centre, including signage and accessibility improvement and upgrades to exhibition infrastructure	% funded works completed by 30 June 2025	60%	Progressing behind schedule	During March 25, 3D Projects presented to the Councillors the proposed design for the Museum refurbishment and future concept drawings for the entire Heritage Centre. A Heritage advisor has now been appointed to work with 3D Projects on design and heritage implications. Funding is being sourced for HVAC installation requirements. 10-15% funded works will be completed by 30 June 2025	Visitor Services, Gallery and Museum
3.3.2.2	Finalise the delivery of the Stronger Country Communities Round 5 grant-funded projects to support the operation of the Town Hall	% of funded projects completed	100%	Progressing behind schedule	This project is 15% complete and is a multi-year project with a completion date in January 2026. Progress has been affected by several scope changes, however delivery in line with grant funding requirements is still anticipated. A further revised scope has been agreed with Executive Management. Pricing to support estimates is being conducted to confirm the budget and supply timeframes.	Cultural Development
3.3.2.3	Facilitate and support the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee	No of meetings held	at least 4	Progressing behind schedule	No. of meetings held: 1 Re-establishment of ACAC to be undertaken by Manager Community and Economy once position filled.	Cultural Development

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3.3.2.4	Deliver funded activities and events that connect community and develop community capacity in partnership with others, including: - International Women's Day - Youth Week activities - Seniors Week - Community Christmas party	No of event participants; % of post-event evaluations conducted and reported	5% increase (to > 1,575); 100% of Council events	Progressing on track	Total No Participants:1,390 % Post Event Evaluations Conducted and Reported: 100% - Christmas Party 600 - IWD 180 - Seniors Week 220 - Australia Day 350 - Youth Week 40	Community Development & Events
3.3.3.1	Deliver scheduled and funded actions of the *Visit Deni* Tourism Development Plan and Murray Regional Tourism Local Area Action Plan	% of scheduled actions completed	at least 90%	Progressing on track	- Incorporated Island Sanctuary in marketing material - Marketing material and website update in progress. Completed Actions: 70%	Tourism Development & Promotion
3.3.3.2	Facilitate opportunities and events for the tourism industry to network and collaborate	No of initiatives and events delivered; No of operator e-newsletters issued	At least 2; At least 4	Progressing on track	No of initiatives and events delivered: 2 (tourism Operator Breakfast - October 2024) ATDW Outreach - B2B consultation No of operator e-newsletters issued: 7	Tourism Development & Promotion
3.3.3.3	Deliver customer experience training to frontline Visitor Information Centre staff and volunteers	% of frontline staff trained	100%	Progressing on track	Seeking trainer / specialist to deliver	Visitor Services, Gallery and Museum
3.3.3.4	Seek out opportunities to host *journalist famils* to support regional promotion	No of *journalist famils* hosted	at least 1	Completed	- 2 journalist famils completed (via Destination Rivera Murray and Murray River Tourism)	Tourism Development & Promotion

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3.3.3.5	Position and market the Edward River region as a visitor destination by leveraging the Visit Deni brand	No of unique visitors to the Visit Deni website Annual visitation statistics	5% increase to 12,600 96,000+ overnight visitors	Progressing on track	Visit Deni website is being developed - will reume reporting in Q1 of 2026 Waiting on March Commbank IQ data for Q3 visitation	Tourism Development & Promotion
3.3.3.5 2023/24 Carry Forward	Initiate discussions with the Deniliquin Business Chamber to re-establish the Tourism Industry Group (TIG) and consider providing funding to support aligned initiatives to develop tourism in Edward River	TIG re-established by December 2023	100%	Unable to commence	Unable to commence due to current lack of resources.	Tourism Development & Promotion
3.3.3.6	Provide quality visitor facilities, services, and products through the Peppin Heritage Centre Visitor Information Centre	Value of merchandise sold; Annual visitors from VIC	5% increase to $63,000 in sales; 10% increase to >13,200 in annual visitors from VIC	Progressing on track	more than 5% increase to date Sales to end Q3 = $61,531 10% increase to date. Visitaton from VIC to end Q3 = 10,260	Visitor Services, Gallery and Museum

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3.3.3.7	Deliver a *Visit Deni* activation at the annual Moomba Festival in partnership with industry	No of new subscribers to the *Visit Deni* newsletter via Moomba opt-in competition; No of tourism operator partners	at least 600; at least 4	Completed	- Tourism Operator Partners: 4 (buy in) plus 2 additional volunteers (Boat Club & Coach House) - New subscrobers = 572 to Visit Deni ENews	Tourism Development & Promotion
3.4.2.1	Support local doctors and nurses with financial assistance when moving to the Edward River region	Support provided to local health professionals	At least two health professionals supported up to $10,000	Completed	3 individuals supported . $10,000 Total.	Community Development & Events
3.4.3.1	Contribute to the Rural Doctors' Network's Bush Bursary program to place medical students in Deniliquin	No. of students supported	2	Completed	3 students (2 Placements)	Community Development & Events
4.1.1.1	Undertake asset revaluation program	% of scheduled program completed	at least 90%	Progressing on track	70% Completed. Draft revaluation report has been received for Open Space & Recreation and Building assets which is currently being reviewed internally	Asset Management
4.1.1.2	Update Asset Management Plans in line with the Strategic Asset Management Plan	No. of AM Plans updated	6	Progressing behind schedule	70% Plans have been amended to reflect LTFP and are in draft form for review	Asset Management

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4.1.1.3	Deliver the scheduled activities of the Asset Management Strategy Improvement Plan, including: - review of configuration of asset information - review componentisation and useful life assumptions for asset valuation - plan to improve quality of asset condition data, including through use of drone technology for inspections - progress maturity of asset management planning to 'Core' status	% of scheduled activities completed	100%	Progressing behind schedule	This work has been to be prioritised : -Data is currently being cleaned for Sewer & Water assets whch will be configerated to intergrate with Tech 1 and Intramaps (GIS) -Condition data will be amended as it comes to hand	Asset Management
4.1.2.1	Develop and adopt a Masterplan for the Deniliquin Swim Centre precinct	Masterplan adopted	By June 2025	Progressing behind schedule	pre-draft awaiting consultation	Facilities
4.1.2.1 2023/24 Carry Forward	Review and update user agreements for Council facilities, including consideration of financial and in-kind support	(90% of user agreements updated 2023/24) by June 2025	90% of user agreements updated	Progressing behind schedule	Current consultation with individual user/s groups. Draft agreements due Q4.	Facilities
4.1.2.2	Undertake a Service Review for the Open Space service area	Review completed	by March 2025	Progressing behind schedule	Service Level Plan in draft, due for consultation and final Q4	Open Spaces
4.1.2.3	Develop service level plans to support priority service delivery	Service levels confirmed	by June 2025	Progressing behind schedule	There is a body of work required to update and formalise the service level plans, and it may require further resourse to meet timeline	Strategic Asset Management

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4.1.3.1	Complete construction of new plinths at Deniliquin Lawn Cemetery	Construction complete	by December 2024	Completed	Desktops have been ordered and plinths have been completed	Facilities
4.1.3.10	Top dress Rotary Park	Top dressing completed	by June 2025	Completed	Completed December 2024	Open Spaces
4.1.3.11	Deliver upgrades to Deniliquin Basketball Stadium, if grant funding becomes available	Funding secured; Upgrade commenced	by June 2025	Progressing behind schedule	Local Roads and Community Infratructure (LRCI) grant funds were allocated to this project in March 2025. It is unlikely that all of the project scope, which is not well defined can be accommodated prior to 30 June 2025.	Facilities
4.1.3.2	Complete upgrade of Cemetery amenities block if grant funding becomes available	Funding secured; Upgrade commenced	by June 2025	Progressing behind schedule	Local Roads and Community Infratructure (LRCI) was allocated to this project in March 2025. Procurement has commenced, however completion prior to 30 June 2025, is at risk.	Facilities
4.1.3.3	Replace the emulsion tank at Council's Depot	Tank replacement completed	by 30 June 2025	Progressing behind schedule	Procurement has been completed, however pricing is slightly above budget. Evaluation and recommendation prepared. Location to be confirmed. Completion by 30 June 2025 may be delayed.	Facilities
4.1.3.4	Inspect and maintain local boat ramps and associated parking areas in preparation for the summer season	% of scheduled inspection and maintenance program completed	100%			Boat Ramps

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4.1.3.5	Deliver funded major works program (including Airport residence, Multi-Arts Centre and building security review and upgrade, 2023/24 Carry Forward)	% scheduled works completed; % of grant acquittal requirements met	at least 90% 100%	Progressing behind schedule	Airport residence project is 20% complete and expected to be at least 90% completed by 30 June. Multi Arts is complete. Sunday School concrete works will be completed in April 2025.	Project Management Office
4.1.3.6	Deliver the asset rehabilitation and flood recovery program, including the Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets (REPA) under disaster recovery funding arrangements	% scheduled works completed; % grant acquittal requirements met	at least 90% 100%	Progressing on track	Regional Emergency Road Repair Fund (RERRF) 85% complete. Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) Southern Unsealed Road Package 35% complete.	Project Management Office
4.1.3.6 2023/24 Carry Forward	Deliver the Crispe Street tree upgrade	Upgrade completed by November 2023	100%	Completed	Project complete. Maintenance to be added to P&G Service Plan. Review of service levels required.	Open Spaces
4.1.3.7	Upgrade the amenities at the Deniliquin Saleyards (Complete the Deniliquin Saleyards refurbishment activities arising from the safety report 2023/24)	Upgrade completed	by June 2025	Progressing on track	RFT/RFQ complete. Project due for completion as per target.	Facilities
4.1.3.8	Deliver sheep e-ID project at Deniliquin Saleyards if grant funding becomes available	Funding secured; Project commenced	by June 2025	Completed	Scanners in full operation.	Facilities
4.1.3.9	Re-sheet the carpark at Rotary Park	Re-sheet completed	by June 2025	Completed		Roads and Kerb and Gutter
4.1.4.1	Deliver drainage works associated with local road reconstruction program	% of scheduled program completed	at least 90%	Progressing on track		Flood mitigation and Drainage

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4.1.4.10	Deliver kerb and gutter renewal program, including: - George St (Russell to Butler) - Henry St (Edward to Napier) - Hetherington St (Norris to Dick) - Packenham St - Hardinge St (Ochtetyre to Harfleur)	% of scheduled program completed	at least 90%			Roads and Kerb and Gutter
4.1.4.11	Deliver water infrastructure projects, as described in the Capital Works program, including High Lift Pump replacement at the Water Treatment Plan, (Upgrade telemetry (SCADA) system - Carried forward, 2023/24.)	% of scheduled projects completed	at least 90%	Progressing on track	Design finalised, pumps to be delivered in May.	Water Supply
4.1.4.12	Deliver sewer infrastructure projects, as described in the Capital Works program	% of scheduled projects completed	at least 90%	Progressing on track	Design finalised, construction/installation to be done by end of May 2025	Sewer Supply
4.1.4.13	Deliver waste management infrastructure projects, as described in the Capital Works program	% of scheduled projects completed	at least 90%	Completed	Conceptual designs completed, will be presented to Council for future budget request	Resource Recovery
4.1.4.2	Deliver Town Levee refurbishment program	% of scheduled program completed	at least 90%			Flood mitigation and Drainage

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4.1.4.3	Deliver flood mitigation and drainage works, including: - levee bank refurbishment - stormwater drainage (as part of Hardinge St upgrade) - River Street drainage improvements	% of scheduled program completed	at least 90%			Flood Mitigation and Drainage
4.1.4.4	Install automated weir and pump system for the lagoon stormwater system	Installation complete	by 30 June 2025			Flood Mitigation and Drainage
4.1.4.5	Deliver the footpath renewal program	% of scheduled program completed	at least 90%			Footpaths and Pathways
4.1.4.5 2023/24 Carry Forward	Undertake a Service Review for the Roads & Transport service area	Review completed by March 2024	100%	Progressing behind schedule	This will be tied in with the current level of service project (4.1.2.3)	Strategic Asset Management
4.1.4.6	Deliver the scheduled actions of the Pedestrian Access Management Plan replacement program	% of scheduled program completed	at least 90%			Footpaths and Pathways
4.1.4.7	Complete scoping and design of roads reconstruction works to support efficient implementation of the road construction program	Roads reconstruction scoping and design complete	By June 2025			Transport
4.1.4.8	Deliver regional road program, including: - Blighty Hall Rd reconstruction - Main Road 296 (Pretty Pine) - resealing program in response to condition assessment prioritisation	% of scheduled program completed	at least 90%			Roads and Kerb and Gutter

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4.1.4.9	Deliver local road program, including: - Blighty Hall Rd bridge approaches - Blighty Hall Rd from Malones Rd - Flanagans Rd intersection with Moonee Swamp - Fowler - Wakool Rd to Sloane - Hardinge St - Ochtertyre to Harfleur - Mayrung Rd - Murgha Windouran bridge approaches	% of scheduled program completed	at least 90%			Roads and Kerb and Gutter
4.2.1.1	Scope the refurbishment and upgrade for the electrical systems at the Sewerage Treatment Plant	Scoping study completed (to inform tender process)	by December 2024	Progressing on track	Design finalised, construction/installation to be done by end of May 2025	Sewer Supply
4.2.1.2 2023/24 Carry Forward	Finalise the Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan	IWCM adopted by December 2023	100%	Progressing on track	To be finalised on 30 April 2025 with Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPIE)	Water Supply
4.2.2.1	Undertake daily water sampling in compliance with the regulations	Compliance rate	100%	Progressing on track	100% compliance rate	Water Supply

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4.3.1.1	Continue to implement customer experience improvements, including: - Customer Request Management System - centralised knowledge database and Frequently Asked Question resources - after hours and overflow telephony - expansion of online self-service options	Knowledge database complete; No of FAQ resources published on website; No of online self-service options introduced on website	100%; >10; >1	Progressing on track	Knowledge database complete; 70% No of FAQ resources published on website; 40% No of online self-service options introduced on website 100%	Customer Services
4.3.2.1	Provide front line customer service support	% of customer requests resolved at first point of contact	>50%	Progressing on track	Year to date first call resolution (calls resolved at customer service with no followup action required) 1890 calls- 65.64% of total volume	Customer Services
4.3.2.2	Implement scheduled and funded actions from Customer Service Strategy	% of scheduled actions completed by 30 June	100%	Progressing on track	Draft customer service charter yet to be adopted - 75% complete	Customer Services
5.1.1.1	Undertake a review and update of communication and engagement policies and procedures as part of the policy review initiative	% of policies updated by June 2025	100%	Completed	Policies and procedures were reviewed and the rephased Communications and Community Engagement Strategy adopted 17th December (100%)	Communications & Engagement
5.1.1.10	Implement the scheduled, funded findings of the Risk Management Framework review	% of actions completed	80%	Progressing on track	Risk Appetite Statements presented to Councillors, Operational Risk Registers coming to completion, ARIC reviewed Policy and Plan,	Risk Management
5.1.1.11	Implement the requirements of the Office of Local Government's Risk Management and Internal Audit Framework	% of actions completed	90%	Progressing on track	Compliance will now be by end of financial year.	Risk Management

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5.1.1.12	Facilitate and participate in interagency meetings, including: - Local Emergency Management Committee - Rural Fire Service Bushfire Management Committee	No of LEMC meetings attended; No. of RFS BMC meetings attended	3 2	Completed	Attended 1 Local Emergency Management Committee Meeting in Deniliquin 20.02.2025 Attended 1 Bush Fire Management Committee meeting 27.03.2025	Emergency Management
5.1.1.13	Review and update Emergency Management Plan	Update completed	by October 2024	Completed	Mid Murray Emergency Management Plan was signed off at the July, Regional Emergency Management Committee Meeting. New Plan is available on ERC website.	Emergency Management
5.1.1.14	Prepare and deliver a councillor induction program for newly elected Council	Induction program delivered	by March 2025	Progressing behind schedule	Councillors to have a one to one meeting with the Chief Executive Officer to identify key learing priorities and ongoing professional development preferences.	Mayor & Councillor Services
5.1.1.15	In consultation with incoming Council, prepare a professional development program for each councillor	% of councillors with a professional development plan	100% by March 2025	Progressing behind schedule	Further discussion required to lock down each Councillors Plan including Conference attendance.	Mayor & Councillor Services
5.1.1.2	Deliver annual Operational Plan and Annual Report	% of statutory obligations met	100%	Progressing on track	Annual Report inclusive of financials adopted at Dec 2024 meeting, lodged with OLG and published on website. 2024/25 Operational Plan reporting progressing.	Corporate Performance & Strategy

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OP ref	2024-25 action	Measure	Target	Q3 Progress	Q3 Comment	Responsibility
5.1.1.3	In consultation with the community, deliver the next suite of Integrated Planning & Reporting documents to guide the incoming Council's term, including: - State of the Region Report - Community Strategic Plan - Delivery Program - Resourcing Strategy	SotR Report published; New suite of IP&R documents endorsed/ adopted	by October 2024; by end June 2025	Progressing on track	State of Region - Adopted and published Community Strategic Plan - endorsed Feb 2024 Ordinary Meeting Delivery Program and Annual Operational Plan scheduled for April Ordinary Meeting for endorsement for public exhibition	Corporate Performance & Strategy
5.1.1.3 2023/24 Carry Forward	Finalise Plans of Management for all Council-controlled Crown Land	100% of PoM completed	100%	Progressing behind schedule	Coinciding with user agreements and committee reviews of Council's lease and licence framework development	Open Spaces
5.1.1.4	Implement records management activities as outlined in the Information Management Framework	% of scheduled activities completed	100% of scheduled actions completed	Progressing on track	Applied feedback to the framework before approval - 80% completed	Information Management (Records)
5.1.1.5	Implement funded Year 1 recommendations of the Records Management Internal Audit	% of Year 1 actions delivered	100%	Progressing on track	within the Records Management Strategy - 100% Records Policy and procedure - 90% Bring your own device Policy - 0% Normal Administrative Practices (NAP) Policy 90% Records Management Framework and Strategy 90% Formal training plan developed for existing and new staff 75%	Information Management (Records)

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OP ref	2024-25 action	Measure	Target	Q3 Progress	Q3 Comment	Responsibility
5.1.1.6	Implement the online delegation system	Implementation commenced by June 2024	by 31 March 2025	Unable to commence	Due to resources, this task may be deferred for the future year.	Governance
5.1.1.7	Complete development and implementation of the Corporate Governance Framework	Framework adopted	by December 2024	Progressing behind schedule	Records Policy and procedure - 90%	Governance
5.1.1.8	Review and update the statutory policies required for adoption by the incoming Council	Policies adopted	by March 2025	Progressing behind schedule	Code of Meeting Practice, Media and Social Media and Councillor Expenses all duet o be reviewed by end of financial year. Code of Conduct, Councillor and Staff Interaction Policy completed.	Governance
5.1.1.9	Develop and implement a fraud prevention framework	Framework adopted	by December 2024	Completed	Bring your own device Policy - 0%	Risk Management

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OP ref	2024-25 action	Measure	Target	Q3 Progress	Q3 Comment	Responsibility
5.1.2.1	Implement scheduled funded actions of the Communications and Community Engagement Strategy including: a) Further development of the communications content calendar b) Audit and rationalisation of ERC social media accounts in alignment with Social Media Policy c) Develop community engagement and communication resources for council projects and events d) Deliver content management training to website content owners e) Implement the online engagement hub to increase accessibility and participation	% of scheduled actions completed	100%	Progressing on track	a) Communications Planner/Tracker being used on a weekly basis for over a year. 100% completed, with ongoing review. b) Audit of ERC social media complete. c) Checklist tool in progress - 10% d) 100% - ongoing support and training as required. e) online engagement hub is being used regularly as an information dissemination tool. Limited 2-way engagement occuring, including information and feedback on Community Strategic Plan. More 2-way engagement to come in Qtr 4.	Communications & Engagement
5.1.2.1 2023/24 Carry Forward	Audit and update Council's website content	Audit completed by December 2023	100%	Completed	Incorporated the library website in December 2024. (100%)	Communications & Engagement
5.1.2.2	Coordinate a media campaign and candidate information sessions to generate interest and attract candidates for the local government elections	No of candidate information activities held; No of candidates	At least 2; More than 9	Completed	2 Councillor information sessions held More than 9 canndidates stood for election	Governance

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OP ref	2024-25 action	Measure	Target	Q3 Progress	Q3 Comment	Responsibility
5.1.2.3	In consultation with the NSW Electoral Commission, coordinate activities to support the local government election scheduled for 14 September 2024	Election held in accordance with legislative requirements	by 30 September 2024	Completed	Records Management Framework and Strategy 90%	Governance
5.1.2.4	Provide communication and engagement activities that promote the work of Council	No of media releases issu	At least 25; 2% increase to 98,000; Total users 23-24 = 29K. Suggest metric should be '2% increase in users to website to 29,600' at least 3 per week	Progressing on track	No of media releases to date: 36. Exceeded target. No of visits/users to website in Q3: 8.1K Q2: 8K Q1: 9K YTD: 25.1k No of social media posts: 157 in Q3 (412 total YTD). 12 per week average. Exceeding target.	Communications & Engagement

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OP ref	2024-25 action	Measure	Target	Q3 Progress	Q3 Comment	Responsibility
5.1.2.5	Represent Council and the Edward River community at: - Country Mayors Association - ALGA Annual Conference - LGNSW Annual Conference	Participation rate	100%	Progressing on track	Mayor and Chief Executive Officer attended Country Mayors in March 2025. Will be attending the next meeting in May and the Rural and Regional Summit 2025. 100% attendance each event.	Mayor & Councillor Services
5.1.2.6	Refurbish and hang old Council honour boards, and establish new honour boards for Edward River Council	Old honour boards hung; New ERC honour boards hung	By March 2025 By June 2025	Progressing behind schedule	Unable to commence until late April. Will be completed by June 2025.	Leadership & Executive Support
5.1.3.1	Complete implementation of recommendations arising from Council Committees review	% of Committees with current ToR by 30 June 2025	100%	Progressing behind schedule	User Agreements being developed and then meetings with groups will be scheduled.	Governance
5.2.1.1	Establish a Grants Management Framework for Council	Framework adopted	by June 2025	Progressing on track	Framework and process mapping on track for presentation to Exc and EMT by EOFY.	Grants Management
5.2.1.10	Deliver the annual Council-funded grants program	No of community grant applications received; % total funding pool allocated	16 100%	Completed	Applications Received: 14 100% total funding pool allocated	Grants Management

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OP ref	2024-25 action	Measure	Target	Q3 Progress	Q3 Comment	Responsibility
5.2.1.2	Contribute to Council project development initiation through grant applications	% of grant applications successfully funded;	at least 50%;	Progressing behind schedule	Applications Submitted:1 Applications awaiting result:1 Applications Successful: This reporting only includes funding applications applied for by the Grants Officer, with that position being filled in February 2025.	Grants Management
5.2.1.2 2023/24 Carry Forward	Implement the scheduled improvement actions arising from the Plant & Fleet Service Review	100% of scheduled actions completed	100%	Progressing behind schedule	Working group terms of reference in draft. Fleet Policy in draft.	Plant & Fleet
5.2.1.3	Prepare annual budget and implement scheduled activities of the long-term financial plan, including a review of fees and charges	Budget prepared; % of activities completed	by June 2025 100%	Progressing on track	Draft annual budget, draft Fees & Charges reviewed by Council and ready for public exhibition	Finance Services
5.2.1.4	Continue to implement the scheduled actions of the Financial Sustainability Review	% of scheduled actions completed	100%	Progressing on track	78% of actions have commenced. Of the 27 actions under the 9 strategies: 10 have been completed, 11 are underway, but behind schedule, 5 are delayed (Growth Strategy and ERV) while the SRV application is on hold	Finance Services
5.2.1.5	Work with Council service leaders to identify savings and further efficiencies to reduce expenditure to achieve a balanced year-end result	Operating Performance Ratio	>0.00%	Progressing on track	This is incorporated into the new monthly management reporting and review process with savings included in the updated quarterly report through the QBRS budget reviews	Finance Services
5.2.1.6	Commence modelling and community consultation regarding options for increasing revenue in the future.	Community consultation undertaken	by 30 June 2025	Unable to commence	Limited options are availabe to Council, incuding parking meters and user pays fees and charges	Finance Services

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OP ref	2024-25 action	Measure	Target	Q3 Progress	Q3 Comment	Responsibility
5.2.1.7	Update all finance policies that are due for review	% of finance policies reviewed and updated by June 2025	100%	Completed	All Finance Policies,due for review have been completed.	Finance Services
5.2.1.8	Maintain and renew Council's plant and fleet in accordance with the maintenance schedule and adopted Plant Replacement Program and outcomes of the Plant & Fleet Review	% of scheduled maintenance & renewal actions completed	100%	Progressing on track	Small plant and fleet items purchased. Heavy plant tender due for release Q4	Plant & Fleet
5.2.1.9	Continue implementation of the Project Management Framework (including training staff in its application)	% of projects delivered using the PMF; % staff trained in PMF	100% 100%	Progressing behind schedule	50% Complete for Planning and design Phase	Project Management Office

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OP ref	2024-25 action	Measure	Target	Q3 Progress	Q3 Comment	Responsibility
5.2.2.1	Provide procurement business support and advice across Council, including in relation to Purchase Orders, Tenders and Requests for Quotes.	% of all Purchase Orders that comply with Procurement Policy; % tender compliance with legislation	100% 100%	Completed	Processes are in play and ongoing compliance monitoring and support will continue.	Procurement
5.2.2.1 2023/24 Carry Forward	Implement actions arising from the Procurement Audit	100% of actions addressing high and extreme risk completed	100%	Progressing on track	Quarter 3 progress on audit recommendations. High risk areas have been identified and plans to mitigate are at execution phase. Testing in TechOne is being undertaken to provide efficient cateory management reporting and risk area identification. Wil be moved to EMT approval stage and go live during Quarter 4.	Procurement
5.2.2.2	Update procurement guides and templates and provide training to staff	Guides and templates published; % of staff trained who undertake procurement	by December 2024; 100%	Completed	Now at BAU (business as usual) delivery and continuous monitoring and updating as required.	Procurement
5.2.2.3	Continue to review and update Council's policies in line with legislative compliance and organisation priorities, including Council's donations, grants and sponsorship program and policy	% of ERC Policies which are out of date	less than 30%	Progressing behind schedule	Working with organisation to review policies and ensure accuracy and reliance. Currently 146 policies identified, 93 (64%) have not been reviewed since 2019.	Governance
5.2.2.4	Prepare, distribute and publish Council Meeting Agendas	% of Agendas published within statutory timeframes	100%	Progressing on track	All Council Meeting Agendas distributed and published within statutory timeframes. 100%	Leadership & Executive Support

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OP ref	2024-25 action	Measure	Target	Q3 Progress	Q3 Comment	Responsibility
5.2.3.1	Facilitate the activities of the Audit, Risk & Improvement Committee and Internal Audit function, including: - develop annual workplan - implementation of the revised Risk Management & Internal Audit Framework - recruitment and induction of new Committee - coordinate 2 internal audits as per annual Internal Audit Plan (emergency preparedness including business continuity and tax compliance)	No. of ARIC meetings held; % of scheduled internal audits completed; No. of service reviews completed; new Committee in place; internal audits completed	at least 4 100% at least 1 by 30 Sept 2024 by June 2025	Progressing on track	3 ARIC meetings held YTD - Sept, Nov and Feb Tax Compliance Audit commenced, Emergency Preparedness inc BCP scheduled for April Service Review to be scheduled 3 Members appointed, Feb 2025 Council approved change to ToR	Risk Management
5.3.1.1	Continue to implement actions arising from the Safety Culture audit	% of scheduled actions completed	at least 90%	Progressing behind schedule	Resource constraints impacting capacity to proceed forward	Safety
5.3.1.2	Update WH&S contractor management system	System updated and in use; % contractor using system by 30 June 2025	by 31 March 2025; 100%	Unable to commence	Defer for 2025-2026	Safety

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OP ref	2024-25 action	Measure	Target	Q3 Progress	Q3 Comment	Responsibility
5.3.1.3	Provide operational support to enable Council to fulfil its obligations under the Work Health & Safety Act (the Act) and partner with service leaders in developing a safe and healthy workplace	Lost time to injury/incident rate; % of incident Investigations completed within 14 days; No of WHS training sessions delivered; No of emergency response drills held per facility	decrease to <4 per 100 employees; 100% 15 at least 1	Progressing on track	Updated WHS Reporting template has been approved - presented to Leadership and EMT Investigations are being actioned relevant to the incident Inductions occuring as WHS Officer advised of new staff/contractors Emergency Drill will more than likely not occur, insufficient awareness with responder network	Safety
5.3.1.4	Instal GPS and dash cam technology into Council's vehicle fleet	% of identified vehicles upgraded with GPS and dashcam	100% by June 2025	Unable to commence		Plant & Fleet
5.3.2.1	Implement the scheduled and funded activities of the Workforce Management Plan	% of scheduled activities completed	at least 90%	Progressing on track	Workforce Management Plan Draft gone to Council March 2025. EEO Management & Diversity Plan in review stage and will be completed by June 2025. This is final action to be completed for 2025	People & Culture
5.3.2.2	Deliver Council's Employee Health Program	No of activities delivered; % staff participation	at least 2; at least 85%	Completed	**Flu Vacs** are booked in for April/May Ovarian Cancer initiative was completed with an uptake in the participation rate with over 70% of Staff and Councillors involved.	People & Culture

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OP ref	2024-25 action	Measure	Target	Q3 Progress	Q3 Comment	Responsibility
5.3.2.3	Deliver an efficient and accurate Payroll Service	% of pays processed on time; No of errors requiring correction in pay run	100% 0	Progressing on track	100% of pays completed on time 2 pays requiring a correction pay this quarter	People & Culture
5.3.2.4	Coordinate Council's workers compensation and return-to-work management	% of injured workers on Recover-at- Work plans	100%	Progressing on track	100% Workers on RTW Plans	People & Culture

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OP ref	2024-25 action	Measure	Target	Q3 Progress	Q3 Comment	Responsibility
5.3.3.1	Support Councillor and CEO advocacy efforts for regional growth through the provision of information and research to identify strategic advocacy priorities for the 2024-28 Council term	Advocacy priorities confirmed	Advocacy priorities articulated in new Delivery Program	Progressing behind schedule	0% - Advocacy Plan to be prepared upon adoption of Delivery Program.	Economic Development
5.3.4.1	Support Council's Leadership Team to undertake annual staff appraisals	% of staff who have been appraised by target date of 31 August 2024	at least 90%	Progressing behind schedule	89.5% of staff reviews are completed. All outstanding reviews are from the same directorate. P&C have continualy chased these with no success at this stage.	People & Culture
5.3.4.2	In partnership with Council's Leadership Team, prepare and deliver Council's annual training and development program	Annual Training Plan developed; % of staff overdue for mandatory training; % of staff who have completed scheduled program	by 30 September 2024; 0% 100%	Progressing on track	Training plan developed for mandatory training. 4 staff overdue due to leave while course was on. Makeup course will be held before EOF. Training for a number of mandatory courses are scheduled for this last quarter due to a quieter period coming into winter.	People & Culture
5.3.4.3	Coordinate delivery of cyber security training to workforce	% workforce trained	100%	Progressing on track	The IT team have been working with the People and Culture team finalising a cyber security training module in the Elmo training system, this will be rolled out in Q4 as a mandatory training module for all staff- 60% completed	Information Communication Technology

12.5. RESOLUTIONS OF COUNCIL AS AT 11 AUGUST 2025

Author: Executive Assistant

Authoriser: Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the information in the Resolutions of Council as at 11 August 2025.

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

5. Leadership: Accountable Civic Leaders

5.6 Good Corporate Governance

BACKGROUND

The attached report details the status of open Resolutions of Council.

- Total Resolutions of Council for the 2024/2025 Financial Year - 167
- Total Closed Resolutions of Council for the 2024/2025 Financial Year - 157
- Total Resolutions of Council for the 2025/2026 Financial Year - 17
- Total Closed Resolutions of Council for the 2025/2026 Financial Year - 14

PROPOSAL/DISCUSSION

Monthly report to update Councillors and the community on the progress of Council Resolutions.

RISK AND IMPLICATIONS

6.3 Community Engagement/Consultation

Information report.

OFFICER'S CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

As the author of this report and in providing this advice to Council, I have no interests to disclose in relation to this report.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Council meeting resolutions as at 11 August 2025.

Attachment 1 - Council Meeting Resolutions 11 August 2025(1)

Council Meeting Resolutions as at 11 August 2025

15 July 2025	Ordinary Council Meeting	Responsibility	Status	Expected Date of Completion
2025/1507/9.1	Renewable Energy Resource Funding That Council approve the expenditure of $250,000 received from EnergyCo under the Letter of Agreement for Council activities associated with the South West Renewable Energy Zone.	Chief Executive Officer		Closed
2025/1507/11.1	Naming of the North Deni Rest Stop That Council: 1. Endorse the name 'Legends Rest Area' for the area of the North Deniliquin Reserve adjacent to Davidson Street, 2. Call for submissions from the public regarding the proposed name 'Legends Rest Area' for a period of not less than 28 days, and 3. If no submissions are received, submit the name 'Legends Rest Area' to the Geographic Names Board of NSW for the area of the North Deniliquin Reserve adjacent to Davidson Street. 4. Develop a policy for the naming of parks and facilities.	Director Infrastructure	On Public Exhibition through to August 15. Policy will be developed and discussed and will return to the August 2025 Council meeting.	August 2025
2025/1507/11.2	DA2025/0038-Consolidation and Subdivision of Edward River Council Civic Precinct. That Council resolves to: - 1. APPROVE the development application DA2025/0038 for the consolidation and two (2) lot subdivision of the Edward River Council Civic Precinct, on Lot 1 DP1173376, Lot 9 DP662508, Lot X DP410447, Lot Y DP410447, Lot 6 DP667946 and Lot 6 DP668426, at 180 Cressy Street, Deniliquin, dated 29/05/2025 as shown on plan numbered 11539-21-22 Existing Titles and 11539-21-22/1009 Deniliquin Civic Place and described in details accompanying the Development Application, in accordance with section 4.16 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and subject to the following reasons: i. The development seeks to rectify the encroachment of the Town Hall verandah on Council-owned land.	Director Infrastructure		Closed

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	ii. The application generally complied with the applicable planning controls and has demonstrated to have a satisfactory effect on the environment. iii. The application is generally compliant with the key planning provisions contained within the ERLEP 2013 and the Deniliquin Development Control Plan 2016. iv. The proposal is consistent with the zone and desired future character of the area. v. The proposal is appropriate on the site given the existing character of the area. vi. The development will have no significant adverse impacts on the heritage, natural or built environments. 2. Impose the following conditions on DA2025/0038 within Attachment 1.			
2025/1507/11.3	Public Library Infrastructure Grant and Country Public Transport Infrastructure Scheme Grant That Council approve expenditure of grant funds for the following successful funding applications; 1. Library Infrastructure Improvements under the Public Library Infrastructure Grant 2024-25 for the value of $185,000, and 2. New and Upgrade Bus Shelters under the Country Public Transport Infrastructure Grant Scheme for the value of $93,500. 3. Further discussion to come to Council regarding the location of the Bus Shelters.	Director Infrastructure	Discussion regarding locations will come back to Council.	August 2025
2025/1507/11.4	Conferences/Councillor Professional Development Opportunities That Council approves the attendance of the following Councillors/Chief Executive Officer at three important Local Government Conferences:-	Executive Assistant	1. Cr Mulham booking confirmed for ALGWA NSW Conference.	September 2025

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	1. ALGWA NSW Conference 2025 - Griffith 'Taste the Inspiration' - Griffith NSW Thursday 4th to Saturday 6th September 2025 Cr Leanne Mulham. 2. The Regions Rising National Summit 2025 Canberra 7 October to 8 October 2025 Cr Frank Schofield, Cr Shirlee Burge and Deputy Mayor Cr Kellie Crossley 3. 2025 LGNSW Annual Conference Sunday 23 November to Tuesday 25 November 2025 Mayor Cr Ashley Hall, Cr Shirlee Burge, Cr Shannon Sampson and the Chief Executive Officer. 4. Note that motions for the LGNSW Annual Conference are open and remain open until 26 October 2025. 5. That Edward River Council's voting delegate at the LGNSW Annual Conference will be the Mayor, if unavailable will be Deputy Mayor or if unavailable will be a Councillor as delegated by the Mayor.			
15 July 2025	**Questions Taken On Notice**	**Responsibility**	**Response**	
2025/1507/10.1	Draft Minutes Audit Risk & Improvement Committee 22 May 2025 That Council receive the draft minutes of the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee meeting, held 22 May 2025 with those in attendance to include Mayor Cr Ashley Hall and Manager Customer Experience.	Acting Manager Governance Risk and Safety	Minutes have been updated.	Closed
2025/1507/10.2	Airport Advisory Committee Are there any vacant hangars and if so how are they advertised as available? The LPG Fuel Tank is this now up and running?	Director Infrastructure	There are no vacant hangars, however there is land available. The fuel bowser is operational. Pending service agreements, filling and operations will commence. Anticipated full operations mid-September.	Closed

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2025/1507/10.3	Mayrung Village Committee Ongoing comments from the Hall Committee regarding maintenance can we have assurance that this is being following up. Governance around AGM which should be held annually, financial report and clarification of when the next meeting will be. Mayrung references a fee for the hall, which is not included in our fees and charges.	Executive Assistant	All maintenance items have been logged and noted. Correspondence sent to Committee. Governance items will be resolved.	Closed
2025/1507/10.4	Memorial Park Users Group Minutes Review of minutes regarding cleaning of fence and proposed working bee – to be updated prior to next meeting.	Executive Assistant	Fence requires cleaning with a chemical solution. Council will take oversight of this.	Directive given. Closed.
2025/1507/12.1 **2025/1507/12.2**	Media Policy and Social Media Policy should be on the same Edward River Council Template.	Executive Assistant	Risk Assessment table has been updated to reflect the same rating language.	Closed
2025/1507/12.5	Report template to be updated to include when funds need to be expended, further information on project, example Town Hall Finalisation Program, use of acronyms.	Director Infrastructure	Report template reviewed and updated.	Closed
2025/1507/12.6	Development Services report – Page 193 references Murrumbidgee	Director Infrastructure	Edward River Council assists Murrumbidgee Council in undertaking building inspections in Jerilderie and, when their building inspector is not available across the Murrumbidgee Council area. Murrumbidgee Council is charged	Closed

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			a per hour rate plus travel costs.	
2025/1507/12.7	Resolutions of Council Page 204 Flood Mitigation/Page 2025 Growth Strategy Finalisation	Executive Team	Both items will be brought to Council on 5 August 2025.	Closed
17 June 2025	**Ordinary Council Meeting**	**Responsibility**	**Status**	**Expected Date of Completion**
2025/1706/12.1	End Street Trees Removal That Council engage further independent technical expertise to provide further information regarding the trees located at 142-144 End Street, Deniliquin and bring this report back to Council prior to any decision being made.	Director Infrastructure	Document out. Closes Thursday 7 August 2025. Report will be brought to Council once completed.	August 2025
20 May 2025	**Ordinary Council Meeting**	**Responsibility**	**Status**	**Expected Date of Completion**
2025/2005/10.2	Draft Minutes of the Conargo Hall Committee That Council receives the minutes of the Conargo Hall Committee meeting held on Wednesday 30th April 2025, and endorses the recommendations from the Committee contained therein, specifically; 1 The acceptance of the quotation from Deni Civil & Construction for $30,000.00 plus GST for the complete removal of the sheep yards, loading ramps and remediation of the site. This is to be funded by the Bob White Bequest fund, and 2 Considers the Committee's request for the Conargo Hall Committee to become an incorporated association.	Manager Facilities and Open Spaces	1.Letter of acceptance sent to Deni Civil & Construction. 2.Committee status to be reviewed as part of Committees Framework.	Closed September 2025
2025/2005/11.3	Airstrip Improvements in Rural and Remote NSW Program That Council endorse the submission of a funding application to the Airstrips Improvements in Rural and Remote NSW Program up to an estimated project cost of $4.575M.	Director Infrastructure	Submission lodged. Submission successful. Media release will be distributed once	Closed

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			the funding body gives approval.	
2025/2005/11.4	CWA Hall Expressions of Interest General Report That the lease of the CWA Hall be given to the Deni Youth Initiative with the initial option of a two year lease followed by two + two+ two.	Director Infrastructure	Lease signed.	Closed
2025/2005/15.1	C2025/17 Barham Road – Precast Concrete Box Culverts Supply & Delivery. That Council 1. Accepts the Schedule of Rates contract pricing amounting to $125,000 + GST submitted by Civilcast Pty Ltd for Contract C2025/17 Barham Road – Precast Concrete Box Culverts Supply and Delivery, 2. Authorises the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to sign and affix Council's seal to the contract documentation for Contract C2025/17 Barham Road – Precast Concrete Box Culverts Supply and Delivery, and 3. Authorises the Contract Superintendent to approve variations to the purchase order up to a maximum value of 10%. 4. The CEO and Director will review the calculations with approval for an additional budget figure of $25,000 if required.	Director Infrastructure	1. Order of units to be sent by end of June. 4.Calculations have been approved.	June 2025
15 April 2025	**Ordinary Council Meeting**	**Responsibility**	**Status**	**Expected Date of Completion**
2025/1504/11.3	Draft Plans of Management That Council following approval from the Minister Administering the Crown Land Management Act 2016, Council places it on public exhibition as per Section 38 of the Local Government Act 1993, the draft Plans of Management: 1.Plan of Management - (POM 11) Various incorporating Booroorban Sports Ground Reserve No 57705, North Conargo Reserve No 65114, Conargo Hall Reserve No65943, Pretty Pine Sports Ground Reserve No 85270, Blighty Hall &	Strategic Assets Coordinator	On Public Exhibition until 1 August 2025.	August 2025

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	Football Ground Reserve No 88854, Booroorban Hall Reserve No 97439, Woodbury Woodlot Reserve No 150050, 2.Plan of Management - (POM 12) Various incorporating Waring Garden Reserve No 550028, McFaull Park Reserve No 550036, Harfleur St Boat Ramp (Mathews Park) No 1000443, J.P. Burchfield Park Reserve No 550034, Deniliquin Oval Reserve No 77085, Deniliquin Sports Park Reserve No 1500007, Deniliquin Swim Centre Reserve No 88772, Deniliquin Town Hall No 1000166, Deniliquin VRA Site Reserve 96339, 3.Plan of Management - (POM 13) Booroorban Cemetery Reserve No 86089, 4.Plan of Management - (POM 15) Edward River Reserve No 90112, 5.Plan of Management - (POM 16) Loy Reserve No 1001384, and 6.Plan of Management - (POM 17 Various incorporating Fish Park No 550035, Ute on Pole Site No 97120, Willoughby's Beach (Memorial Park Water Intake) No 91033.			
15 April 2025	**Questions on Notice**			
2025/1504/10.2	Draft Minutes of the Memorial Park Users Group **Question:** Some of the items addressed within the Masterplan – could they be implemented, especially considering the Rovers will be hosting the Picola League Grand Final this year? **Response:** F&OS is working with Rovers to address the masterplan items not yet complete, as well as normal operational maintenance in preparation for this years grand final. Discussions so far have addressed the netball changerooms, carparking and drainage as areas of focus. F&OS will have a draft of agreed works by end of April and will look to finalise scopes of work by end of May. This will be made available and reported to the Memorial Park User Committee.	Manager Facilities and Open Spaces	Draft agreed works now due end of June. This will include any maintenance work completed to date.	30 June 2025

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	Additionally the F&OS Manager followed up with Josh Bode post the council meeting, and was advised the decking as noted in the Masterplan was not a priority at this time.			
2025/1504/10.3	Draft Minutes of the Airport Advisory Committee **Replanting of Trees around Proposed Sky Park** **Question:** What is the status of this project? **Response:** F&OS have requested 2011 Airport masterplan from Advisory Committee to address outstanding items such as landscaping and trees. These items will be scoped and reported back to the Committee.	Manager Facilities and Open Spaces	Status of this project is on hold while realigning scope with original Airport Masterplan incorporated landscaping plan and working with Advisory Committee takes place. Due for resumption FY25/26	30 June 2025
18 March 2025	**Ordinary Council Meeting**	**Responsibility**	**Status**	**Expected Date of Completion**
2025/1803/11.5	Unclaimed Land – Office of Local Government Response That Council: Defer consideration of this matter until a later date when Councillors have been more informed via Workshop.	Acting Director Corporate Services	Further report will be tabled at the August 2025 Council Meeting.	August 2025
18 February 2025	**Ordinary Council Meeting**	**Responsibility**	**Status**	**Expected Date of Completion**
2025/1802/11.8	Quarterly Budget Review Statement – December 2024 That Council: 1. Adopt the December 2024 Quarterly Budget Review Statement, inclusive of the Accounting Officer's report on the financial position of Council. 2. Approve the proposed adjustments resulting in the revised budget for the 2024/25 financial year;	Executive Team Members	Further report to Council regarding Town Hall refurbishment will be tabled at the August Council meeting.	August 2025

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	a. Net operating result (including capital grants) of $6.52 million surplus b. Underlying net operating result (excluding capital grants) of $238k deficit c. Capital grant expenditure of $19.8 million 3. Do not support the money put aside for Town Hall refurbishment, but rather a further report to come back to Council.			
17 December 2024	**Ordinary Council Meeting**	**Responsibility**	**Status**	**Expected Date of Completion**
2024/1712/11.2	Flood Plans and Mitigation Works for Davidson Street Area That Council adopt the final report into Data Collection and Analysis of the November 2022 Flood Event Davidson Street and North Deniliquin, prepared by WMA Water. Council will be provided with further recommendations following investigation into the proposed options.	Director Infrastructure	Letter has been sent to Davidson Street Residents to advise them of the Report being completed. Further report will follow with recommendations.	June 2025
16 July 2024	**Ordinary Council Meeting**	**Responsibility**	**Status**	**Expected Date of Completion**
2024/1607/11.	1. Growth Strategy – Project Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes 2. That Council receive the draft minutes of the Growth Strategy Project Advisory Committee meeting held on 25 June 2024 and endorse the committee's recommendations and resolutions contained therein, specifically that: 3. Changes to the strategy in response to feedback made in the following areas: a. early childhood; b. First Nations;	Manager Community & Economy	Minor Strategy Amendments underway will the final document being presented to September Council Meeting.	~~August 2025~~ September 2025.

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	c. accommodation; d. consideration of all investment and governance models; e. river health and erosion; f. river health and lagoon system; g. use of Gazetted name of the river; h. poverty and homelessness; i. digital connectivity and renewable energy; j. that feedback will inform project development; k. animal health and livestock; l. waste; m. Island Sanctuary, 4. The time frame for delivery of the final strategy be amended for the purpose of targeted, relevant consultation.			
17 June 2024	**Ordinary Council Meeting**	**Responsibility**	**Status**	**Expected Date of Completion**
2024/1706/13.1	Notice of Motion – Multi Arts Centre & Sunday School Building That Council: 1.Resolve to enter into a peppercorn lease with Edward River Art Society (ERAS) for the occupancy of the Multi Arts Centre and shared occupancy of the Sunday School building for a period of up to one year; and 2.Authorises the Interim CEO to enter into negotiations with ERAS for the permanent use of the Multi Arts Centre and Sunday School building and to bring a report back to Council for consideration.	Interim Chief Executive Officer	Lease agreement is in draft, due for finalisation Quarter One 25/26	August 2025
19 September 2023	**Ordinary Council Meeting**	**Responsibility**	**Status**	**Expected Date of Completion**
2023/0919/12.7	Unrecoverable Rates That Council: 1. Notes the unrecoverable rates for 47 unclaimed properties in the Edward River Council LGA and approves the write-off of $291,582.40 under reg 131(4)(d) of *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* as per attachment one.	Acting Chief Financial Officer	Letter received from OLG. Update will be provided. Will go to	August 2025

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	2. Notes that the rates or charges written off under that regulation does not prevent council from taking legal proceedings to recover the amounts owed. 3. Agrees to write to the Minister of Local Government and the Treasurer, requesting that the *Local Government Act 1993* section 556 (1) be amended to include unclaimed properties as land that is exempt from rates 4. Investigates potential solutions to this issue.		August Council meeting.	

13. NOTICES OF MOTIONS

14. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

15. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

16. CLOSE OF MEETING