



Ordinary Meeting of Council

Thursday 24 April 2025

4:00 PM

**Yass High School
Grampian Street, Yass**

PRAYER:

All Stand:

Mayor: *Let us be still and remember the presence of God. As we commence our meeting let us together pray for guidance and help.*

Join me in the prayer or take this moment to reflect:

Almighty God, we ask your blessing upon this Council.

Direct and prosper our deliberations to the true welfare of Australia and the people of Yass Valley Amen.

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Webcasting

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Acknowledgement of Country

Yass Valley Council recognises the Ngunnawal people, the Traditional Custodians of the land, water, and sky. We pay our respect to their Elders past, present and future emerging leaders. We extend our respect to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who live in the Yass Valley Local Government Area.

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Close of Meeting Time

Gayleen Burley
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



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Open Forum

Presentations to Council – Items on the Meeting Agenda

- **6.2 - Modification DA230374 – 34 Lot Rural Subdivision – 75 Isabel Drive, Murrumbateman**
Rowan Geddes (Teams)
Liz Densley
Peter Evans
- **5.1 - Mayoral Minute – Proposed Safety Improvements Intersection Stephens and Fitzroy Streets, Binalong**
Libby Elliott
- **5.2 – Mayoral Minute – Advocacy for COVID Vaccine Injured**
Orida Armour Lushmoor
Linn Armour
Kara Potter
Colleen Carruthers
- **6.1 - DA240276 – 29 Lot Subdivision - 2402 Sutton Road, Sutton**
Peter Evans
Liz Densley
Mark Burgess

Council Meeting - Mayor Jasmin Jones declared the meeting open at 5.13pm and advised that the meeting would be webcast live.

Present

Councillors Jasmin Jones, Mayor, in the chair, Cecil Burgess, Adrian Cameron, David Carter, Alvaro Charry, Fleur Flanery, Allan McGrath and David Rothwell

Also present were the Acting Chief Executive Officer – Julie Costa, Acting Director of Planning & Environment – Kate Baker, Director of Infrastructure & Assets – Nathan Cooke, Director of Corporate & Community – Peta Gardiner, Chief Financial Officer – Jason McGuire, Governance and Risk Officer – Tanya Whitmarsh and Executive Support Officer – Katie Yeo.

Acknowledgement of Country

1. Prayer

2. Apologies

That the leave of absence for Cr Kristin Butler be accepted.

(Flanery/Carter) 139

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, A Cameron, D Carter, A Charry, F Flanery, J Jones, A McGrath and D Rothwell

AGAINST: Nil

3. Declaration of Interest/Disclosures

Councillor Carter, declared a Non-Pecuniary-Less than Significant Interest and will remain in the meeting in Item 5.2 Mayoral Minute - Advocacy for Covid Vaccine Injured.

Reason: While unrelated, my brother in laws suffered a covid vaccine injury.

Councillor Rothwell, declared Non-Pecuniary-Less than Significant Interest and will remain in the meeting for Item 10.1 Tender Evaluation Report - NDRA Storm Damage Works Package 3 - YVC.IA.03.2025.

Reason: Cr Rothwell lives on the road.

4. Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 27 February 2025 covered by resolution numbers 96-138 inclusive, copies of which had been circulated to all Councillors, be taken as read and confirmed.

(McGrath/Rothwell) 140

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, A Cameron, D Carter, A Charry, F Flanery, J Jones, A McGrath and D Rothwell

AGAINST: Nil

5. Mayoral Minute

5.1 MAYORAL MINUTE - PROPOSED SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS INTERSECTION STEPHENS AND FITZROY STREETS, BINALONG

SUMMARY

Following a public meeting with the Binalong community on 17 March 2025 it is proposed that Council write to and seeks a meeting with the Minister for Roads and Minister for Regional Transport, the Hon. Jenny Aitchison addressing concerns and alternative traffic safety measures as proposed by the Binalong community in response to the TfNSW proposal to close Richmond Street.

RESOLVED that Council write to and seeks a meeting with the Minister for Roads and Minister for Regional Transport, the Hon. Jenny Aitchison addressing concerns and alternative traffic safety measures as proposed by the Binalong community in response to the unsupported TfNSW proposal to close Richmond Street.

(Jones/Rothwell) 141

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, A Cameron, D Carter, A Charry, F Flanery, J Jones, A McGrath and D Rothwell

AGAINST: Nil

5.2 MAYORAL MINUTE - ADVOCACY FOR COVID VACCINE INJURED

SUMMARY

Council has been requested to write to our local Federal and State members seeking a meeting with both to assist facilitate representation for two residents who have declared they are Covid vaccine injured.

RESOLVED that Council writes to our local Federal and State members seeking a meeting with both to assist facilitate representation for Mr and Mrs Armour-Lushmoor and other residents who have declared they are Covid vaccine injured.

(Jones/McGrath) 142

A point of order was raised by Councillor Carter citing an earlier active resolution of Council addressing the matter was on foot.

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The Mayor ruled that the Mayoral Minute should be admitted and put this ruling to the vote.

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, A Charry, F Flanery, J Jones, A McGrath and D Rothwell

AGAINST: Councillors A Cameron and D Carter

Motion CARRIED

A further point of order was raised by Councillor Cameron by reason of failure to meet the urgency criterion under Clause 9.9 of the Code of Meeting Practice.

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The Mayor ruled that the Mayoral Minute should be admitted and put this ruling to the vote.

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, A Charry, F Flanery, J Jones, A McGrath and D Rothwell

AGAINST: Councillors A Cameron and D Carter

Motion CARRIED

The Mayor permitted a further vote on the matter by hearing a motion of dissent moved by Councillor Carter to hear a supplementary argument on why the urgency provision of clause 9.9 of the Code should not apply.

(Carter/Cameron) 145

FOR: Councillors A Cameron, D Carter and F Flanery

AGAINST: Councillors C Burgess, A Charry, J Jones, A McGrath and D Rothwell

Motion LOST

Upon loss of the motion of dissent, debate of the Mayoral Minute resumed and was put to the vote.

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, A Charry, F Flanery, J Jones, A McGrath and D Rothwell

AGAINST: Councillors A Cameron and D Carter

MOTION WAS CARRIED

6. Reports to Council

6.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION NO. DA240276 - 29 LOT SUBDIVISION - 2402 SUTTON ROAD, SUTTON

SUMMARY

To present the assessment of Development Application No. DA240276 for the 29 lot subdivision of 2402 Sutton Road, Sutton. The application attracted 10 submissions and relevant concerns can be addressed. A voluntary planning agreement is also proposed in relation to dedication of open space and trails to council, as well as for the construction of a pedestrian bridge over McLaughlins Creek. Approval is recommended.

RESOLVED that conditional Development Consent be issued for development application no. DA240276 for the 29 lot subdivision of 2402 Sutton Road, Sutton, including conditions for the proposed voluntary planning agreement (VPA) for:

- 1. Conditional development consent be issued for Development Application No. DA240276 for the 29-lot subdivision at 2402 Sutton Road, Sutton.***
- 2. The development consent requires the design and construction of a permanent, all-weather pedestrian and cyclist footbridge over McLaughlins Creek, structurally rated for shared use in accordance with relevant Australian Standards for pedestrian and bicycle loading, dedication of trails and open space to council.***
- 3. The footbridge is to be completed no later than 12 months from the date of registration of a Subdivision Certificate.***
- 4. The Planning Agreement, pursuant to section 7.4 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (NSW), be amended to include the delivery of the footbridge as a specified public benefit item.***

(Charry/Carter) 146

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, D Carter, A Charry, F Flanery, J Jones, A McGrath and D Rothwell

AGAINST: Councillor A Cameron

6.2 MODIFICATION DEVELOPMENT CONSENT DA230374 - 34 LOT RURAL SUBDIVISION - 75 ISABEL DRIVE, MURRUMBATEMAN

SUMMARY

To present the assessment of a request to modify development consent DA230374 for the 34 lot subdivision of 75 Isabel Drive, Murrumbateman ("The Fields" stage 4). The request seeks to remove the requirement to construct a section of path connecting to Isabel Drive to the west of the site (required by council resolution), instead seeking to only dedicate the land for the path corridor as originally proposed. The request attracted 16 submissions. It is recommended that the path connection to Isabel Drive to the west not be required to be constructed at this time but that the land still be dedicated as proposed by the applicant, and for a modified consent to be issued.

RESOLVED that :

- 1. The application to modify Development Consent No. DA230374 under section 4.55(1A) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 be refused.***

2. *The removal of the pedestrian path condition is not in the public interest pursuant to section 4.15(1)(e) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (NSW) and would undermine strategic planning objectives that are represented in the Murrumbateman Structure Plan."*
3. *Request developer to investigate safety options at the interface of Isabel Drive to the satisfaction of council and details to be provided prior to the release of the subdivision works certificate. Works to be funded and installed by the developer, prior to the release of the sub division certificate.*

(Charry/Carter) 147

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, A Cameron, D Carter, A Charry, F Flanery, J Jones, A McGrath and D Rothwell

AGAINST: Nil

At 6.22 pm Councillor Cameron left the room.

6.3 YASS WATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADE - IMPLEMENTATION

SUMMARY

The Yass Water Treatment Plant Upgrade Project is a challenging and very high priority project for Council. This report provides an update on the progress of implementation.

RESOLVED that the updated report on the Yass Water Treatment Plant Upgrade Project be noted.

(Rothwell/Flanery) 148

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, D Carter, A Charry, F Flanery, J Jones, A McGrath and D Rothwell

AGAINST: Nil

At 6.26 pm Councillor Cameron returned to the room.

6.4 WORKPLACE CULTURE REVIEW

SUMMARY

This report provides an update with respect to the resolution made on 28 November 2024 to undertake a Workplace Culture Review.

RESOLVED that Council notes the proposed timeframes with respect to the delivery of the Workplace Culture Review.

(Charry/Rothwell) 149

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, A Cameron, D Carter, A Charry, F Flanery, J Jones, A McGrath and D Rothwell

AGAINST: Nil

6.5 INVESTMENT AND BORROWING REPORT

SUMMARY

In accordance with clause 212 *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005*, this report provides a summary of Council's investments for the period 1 to 28 February 2025. In accordance with paragraph (1) (b), it can be certified that the investments listed have been made in accordance with the Act, the Regulations and Council's Investment Policy.

RESOLVED that the Investment and Borrowings Reports, covering the period 1 to 28 February 2025 be noted.

(Carter/Rothwell) 150

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, A Cameron, D Carter, A Charry, F Flanery, J Jones, A McGrath and D Rothwell

AGAINST: Nil

6.6 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

SUMMARY

Council was advised at the November 2024 Council Meeting that a monthly report would be developed to update Council and the Office of Local Government (OLG) on the Council's financial performance. This report provides information about Council's financial position at the end of February 2025. The report also includes a variance analysis against the full-year budget and budget year to date (YTD). The Investment and Borrowing Report is a separate report.

RESOLVED that:

- 1. The Monthly Financial Report for February 2025 be noted.***
- 2. Council reviews its internally restricted funds for relevance and function. A report be presented to Council for consideration, with a view to determining what should be retained, what can be merged or used to offset qualifying projects or returned to general revenue if appropriate***

(Jones/Rothwell) 151

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, A Cameron, D Carter, A Charry, F Flanery, J Jones, A McGrath and D Rothwell

AGAINST: Nil

6.7 TENDER EVALUATION REPORT - NDRA STORM DAMAGE WORKS PACKAGE 3 - YVC.IA.03.2025

SUMMARY

This report provides advice and recommendations on the submissions received for the Natural Disaster Relief Assistance Storm Damage Works, YVC-IA-03-2025 tender.

RESOLVED that item be classified CONFIDENTIAL in accordance with Section 10A(2)(di) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied the information. Discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest

(Burgess/Charry) 152

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, A Cameron, D Carter, A Charry, F Flanery, J Jones, A McGrath and D Rothwell

AGAINST: Nil

6.8 YASS VALLEY LIBRARY ROOF REPLACEMENT TENDER - YVC-PE-02-2025

SUMMARY

This report provides advice and recommendations on the submissions received for the Yass Valley Library Roof Replacement tender - YVC.PE.02.2025.

RESOLVED that item be classified CONFIDENTIAL in accordance with Section 10A(2)(di) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied the information. Discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest

(Burgess/Charry) 152

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, A Cameron, D Carter, A Charry, F Flanery, J Jones, A McGrath and D Rothwell

AGAINST: Nil

6.9 AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

SUMMARY

The Australian Local Government Association is the peak national body representing local councils across Australia. The 2025 National General Assembly of ALGA will be held in Canberra between 24 and 27 June 2025. The events commence with the Regional Cooperation and Development Forum on 24 June 2025. Council is proposing two motions to be submitted for consideration for inclusion in the Business Paper relating to the National Messaging System and Financial Assistance Grants.

RESOLVED that the motions on the National Messaging System and Financial Assistance Grants be forwarded to the Australian Local Government Association for consideration to include them

as motions in the Business Paper for the Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly 2025.

(McGrath/Rothwell) 153

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, A Cameron, D Carter, A Charry, F Flanery, J Jones, A McGrath and D Rothwell

AGAINST: Nil

6. Notice of Motion

Nil

7. Questions with Notice

8.1 CRAGO MILL PROJECT LOAN

Question

Councillor Cameron submitted the following Question with Notice:

What avenues have been explored to potentially refinance the \$50 million loan for the Crago Mill Project, and what have been the outcomes?

Response

Council entered into a Bank Bill Business Loan Agreement with the Westpac Banking Corporation (Westpac) with a Facility Limit of \$50 million and a Facility Term of 20 years, dated 27 June 2023. Entering into this agreement was agreed by a resolution of Council on 27 April 2023 (*Min No 84*).

In the first eight weeks working with Council, the Chief Finance Officer (CFO) has sought to gain an understanding of the Crago Mill Project as well as liaising with Westpac to gain an understanding of the loan agreement.

Whilst there have been discussions around exploring options to potentially refinance the \$50 million loan for the Crago Mill project, the CFO is of the view that at this stage of the Crago Mill Project, due for final completion in mid-2026, and that Council is in the process of improving its financial sustainability, it would be better placed to explore any re-financing options at the completion of the project, once the new asset is established.

The following provides further context around the Crago Mill Project and the loan agreement.

Summary of Crago Mill Project

The estimated total cost of the Crago Mill Project is \$51 million (GST exclusive) including design phase costs of \$2.1 million funded separately by council with the project delivery phase estimated to cost approximately \$49 million funded by the business loan. Please refer to table below:

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Project Cost Breakdown

Item	Business Case	Current	Difference	Commentary
<u>Design Phase</u>	\$2,145,502.73	\$2,145,502.73	\$-	
<u>Delivery Phase</u>			\$-	
Works Contractor	\$43,495,222.19	\$43,495,222.19	\$-	
Works Variations Forecast		\$1,837,453.80	\$-	Approved and forecasted variations.
Consultants/Other		\$1,269,688.97	\$-	Project Management and specialist consultants
Contingencies	\$3,045,000.00	\$1,264,899.95	-\$1,780,100.05	Drawdown on contingencies resultant of contractor and consultant variations. - Latent conditions - Design finalisation changes - Provisional sum adjustments
YVC internal costs – allocated contingency	\$900,000.00	\$450,000.00	-\$450,000.00	Restructure of budgets to better reflect known expenditure for p e.g. Consultants/Other.
Authorities and Permits – allocated contingency	\$1,500,000.00	\$622,957.28	-\$877,042.72	Restructure of budgets to better reflect known expenditure for p e.g. Consultants/Other.
Total ex. GST	\$51,085,724.92	\$51,085,724.92	\$-	
Total inc. GST	\$56,194,297.41	\$56,194,297.41	\$	

(Project cost breakdown is from Crago Mill Precinct Project – Project Community Update February 2025)

The current target completion dates for the Crago Mill Project follow:

- September 2025 - Completion of Stage 1 – Administration and Library Buildings
- April 2026 – Completion of Stage 2 – The Crago Mill and commercial building
- April 2026 – Project completion.

Bank Bill Business Loan Agreement

The Facility limit is \$50 million with the facility term of 20 years to June 2043.

At establishment the total indicative interest rate was 6.105 per cent, variable, made up of two components, a Base rate (3.935 per cent) and a Business loan margin of (2.17 per cent).

Repayment arrangements:

- Interest only and fees for the first two years
- Principal and Interest for the remaining term of the loan

Loan balances

- The current balance of loan facility is \$15.1 million as at the end of February 2025.
- Based on the current Project Cashflow, it is estimated that further funds will need to be drawn from the loan facility during April 2025.
- The loan facility is established to enable draw down the amount required at the time.
- Council will progressively draw down from the facility up until project completion.

Annual Review

Westpac is due to complete an annual review of the Loan Facility by 15 May 2025. The CFO is working with Westpac to enable completion of this review.

Motion

That Council seek a meeting with TCorp to ascertain if re-financing of the Crago Mill Development is a possibility. This meeting would include the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Financial Officer and the Mayor. A report on this meeting be provided to the May Council Meeting along with a comparison of the benefits of the Westpac loan facility.

(Cameron/Carter) 154

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, A Cameron, D Carter, A Charry, F Flanery, J Jones, A McGrath and D Rothwell

AGAINST: Nil

8.2 WORKERS ACCOMMODATION FOR HUMELINK EAST

Question

Councillor Cameron submitted the following Question with Notice:

- 1 Has there been discussions about workers accommodation for HumeLink East being potentially placed on land owned by Yass Valley Council, with the long-term view that this accommodation could later be passed onto Yass Valley Council to be used as emergency or social housing?
- 2 Has there been further consideration and advocacy for this and what decisions have now been made on the location of this accommodation and why?

Response

Question 1

With the changes in key personnel in Council, it is difficult to ascertain the extent of the discussions with HumeLink locating their workers accommodation on Council owned land. It appears that there was a conversation at some point with HumeLink but HumeLink had already determined to use a site on Faulder Avenue.

There have been internal discussions about this accommodation being a legacy project to assist with housing shortages within Yass Valley. However, with the changes in key personnel in Council, what discussions were had with the proponent on this matter cannot be confirmed.

Question 2

There has been no further consideration or advocacy that can be confirmed on this matter.

In terms of what decisions have now been made on the location of this accommodation and why, Council is not the approval authority for HumeLink. An Infrastructure Approval under section 5.19 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act was issued by the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces on 13 November 2024. You can view the assessment of this project [here](#) which provides information in relation to this matter.

Appendix 1 of the [Infrastructure Approval](#) (p.32) shows the location of the Yass accommodation facility and compound in Faulder Avenue. However, Council recently provided advice to the proponent on the relocation of the worker accommodation to the Yass Industrial Park (located opposite the Yass Service Centre). It is a matter for the approval authority to determine this matter.

HumeLink have issued a [factsheet](#) on the Yass accommodation facility and compound (November 2024) which provides additional information on this matter.

Cameron/McGrath) 155

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, A Cameron, D Carter, A Charry, F Flanery, J Jones, A McGrath and D Rothwell

AGAINST: Nil

8. Minutes and Recommendations of Council Committees

9.1 MINUTES OF THE CRJO JOINT AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 27 NOVEMBER 2024

REPORT

The minutes of the Canberra Region Joint Organisation (CRJO) Audit Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on 27 November 2024 are included in **Attachment A**.

From these minutes there are no items which covers a matter that:

- Requires expenditure not provided for in the current Operational Plan
- Involves a variation to a Council policy
- Is contrary to a previous decision or position of Council
- Relates to a matter which requires Council to form a view or adopt a position
- Deals with a matter of specific interest

Accordingly, the minutes are presented for information.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Canberra Region Joint Organisation Audit Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on 27 November 2024 be noted.

(Carter/Cameron) 156

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, A Cameron, D Carter, A Charry, F Flanery, J Jones, A McGrath and D Rothwell

AGAINST: Nil

9.2 MINUTES OF THE RESCUE AND LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON 14 NOVEMBER 2024

REPORT

The minutes of the Rescue and Local Emergency Operation Committee meeting held on 14 November 2024 are included in **Attachments A and B**.

From these minutes there are no items which covers a matter that:

- Requires expenditure not provided for in the current Operational Plan
- Involves a variation to a Council policy
- Is contrary to a previous decision or position of Council
- Relates to a matter which requires Council to form a view or adopt a position
- Deals with a matter of specific interest

Accordingly, the minutes are presented for information.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Rescue and Local Emergency Management Committee meetings held on 14 November 2024 be noted.

(McGrath/Flanery) 157

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, A Cameron, D Carter, A Charry, F Flanery, J Jones, A McGrath and D Rothwell

AGAINST: Nil

9.3 MINUTES OF THE CRAGO MILL PRECINCT PROJECT COMMITTEE HELD ON 13 MARCH 2025

REPORT

The minutes of the Crago Mill Precinct Project Committee meeting held on 13 March 2025 are included in **Attachment A**.

From these minutes there are no items which covers a matter that:

- Requires expenditure not provided for in the current Operational Plan
- Involves a variation to a Council policy
- Is contrary to a previous decision or position of Council
- Relates to a matter which requires Council to form a view or adopt a position
- Deals with a matter of specific interest

Accordingly, the minutes are presented for information.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Crago Mill Precinct Project Committee meeting held on 13 March 2025 and adopt the following recommendation:

That the Crago Mill Precinct Project Progress - Project Community Update February 2025 be noted.

(McGrath/Rothwell) 158

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, A Cameron, D Carter, A Charry, F Flanery, J Jones, A McGrath and D Rothwell

AGAINST: Nil

9. Confidential Matters

RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 10A of the Local Government Act, 1993 the following items on the agenda be classified as CONFIDENTIAL and considered in the Closed Meeting of Council in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act for the reasons as specified:

10.1 ***Tender Evaluation Report - NDRA Storm Damage Works Package 3 - YVC.IA.03.2025***
Item 10.1 is confidential in accordance with section s10(A)(2)(di) of the Local Government Act because it contains commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it and discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance contrary to the public interest and discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.

10.2 ***Yass Valley Library Roof Replacement tender - YVC-PE-02-2025***
Item 10.2 is confidential in accordance with section s10(A)(2)(di) of the Local Government Act because it contains commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it and discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance contrary to the public interest and discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.

(Flanery/Carter) 159

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, A Cameron, D Carter, A Charry, F Flanery, J Jones, A McGrath and D Rothwell

AGAINST: Nil

Closed Council commenced at 7.07pm.

10.1 TENDER EVALUATION REPORT - NDRA STORM DAMAGE WORKS PACKAGE 3 - YVC.IA.03.2025

SUMMARY

This report provides advice and recommendations on the submissions received for the Natural Disaster Relief Assistance Storm Damage Works Package 3, YVC-IA-03-2025 tender.

RESOLVED that the tender submitted by Rcon Civil Pty Ltd To under Contract NDRA Storm Damage Works Package 3 – YVC.IA.03.2025, be accepted for a total cost of \$759,195.00 (exc GST).

(Burgess/Cameron) 160

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, A Cameron, D Carter, A Charry, F Flanery, J Jones, A McGrath and D Rothwell

AGAINST: Nil

10.2 YASS VALLEY LIBRARY ROOF REPLACEMENT TENDER - YVC-PE-02-2025

SUMMARY

This report provides advice and recommendations on the submissions received for the Yass Valley Library Roof Replacement tender - YVC.PE.02.2025.

RESOLVED that the tender submitted by Murphy's Remedial Builders Pty Ltd under Contract Yass Valley Library Roof Replacement – YVC.PE.02.2025, be accepted for a total cost of \$310,233.71 (ex GST).

(McGrath/Burgess) 161

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, A Cameron, D Carter, A Charry, F Flanery, J Jones, A McGrath and D Rothwell

AGAINST: Nil

RESOLVED that the meeting move into Open Council.

(Charry/Rothwell) 162

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, A Cameron, D Carter, A Charry, F Flanery, J Jones, A McGrath and D Rothwell

AGAINST: Nil

Open Council resumed at 7.16pm.

Councillor Mayor Jones read out the recommendations of Closed Council.

The meeting closed at 7.17pm.

6.1 VICTORIA PARK CROWN RESERVE - ADDITIONAL PURPOSE AND RE-LOCATION OF YASSFM

SUMMARY

YassFM are currently occupying the 'pool house' at Victoria Park, Yass which is a Crown reserve. This building is not fit for purpose and is identified for demolition under the Victoria Park Masterplan should Council construct a new pool facility. The proposed location for YassFM will require the relocation of the existing cricket nets to another location at Victoria Park. In order to facilitate the relocation of YassFM, Council will need to request the Minister for Lands and Property to authorise an additional purpose of 'community facilities' for Victoria Park given that it is a Crown reserve.

RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. *The relocation of YassFM from the 'pool house' to the site of the existing cricket nets and the relocation of these cricket nets located in Victoria Park be supported.*
2. *The Minister for Lands and Property be requested to authorise an additional purpose of 'Community Facilities' for Victoria Park being Crown Reserve 530056 to facilitate the relocation of YassFM.*
3. *A further report be presented to Council if the additional purpose is approved for Victoria Park by the Minister for Lands and Property on proposed amendments to the Victoria Park Plan of Management to facilitate the relocation of YassFM.*

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Resources for this process are provided for in the current Operational Plan.

POLICY & LEGISLATION

- *Crown Land Management Act 2016*
- *Local Government Act 1993*
- *Victoria Park Masterplan (2021)*
- *Victoria Park Plan of Management (2023)*

REPORT

1. Background

At its meeting on 1 December 2021, Council resolved:

'Council agree the relocation of Yass FM in the immediate term for a period of no more than 12 months to the 'Pool Managers House'.

A nominal rental be \$50 per week.

Council agree the preferred future option for Yass FM Community Radio to relocate, pending successful Development Approval and lease notification requirements, to a site adjacent the Men's Shed on Council owned land' (Min No 266).

Following site investigations, it was determined that the site adjacent to the Men's Shed (being the Community Centre, 1428 Yass Valley Way, Yass) was not suitable for the relocation of YassFM.

Following a Notice of Motion at its meeting on 28 March 2024, Council resolved:

YassFM be permitted to continue leasing the Pool House on a 12 monthly basis with 6 monthly extensions until such time any construction for an Indoor Pool and upgrade of the Yass Memorial Pool has been scheduled.

YassFM be supported (subject to obtaining appropriate approvals) to make improvements to the current Pool House building with the grant funding they have received that will allow:

- *Access to building from the eastern side*
- *Improvements to the building to make it more suitable as a radio studio complex whilst not curtailing any future development planned for the pool.*

Discussions be held with YassFM over alternate sites including the possibility of the Victoria Park precinct prior to the commencement of the Expression of Interest process for the pool construction (Min No 59).

This report outlines the outcomes of discussions with YassFM about a site within Victoria Park for them to relocate to and how this can be achieved. **Attachment A** shows the location of Victoria Park, Yass.

2. YassFM Relocation

YassFM are currently located in the pool house which is not fit for purpose and in discussions with them, an alternate site has been identified being the current location of the cricket nets. The [Victoria Park Masterplan](#) (the Masterplan) (discussed below) indicates that the cricket nets will be realigned in their existing location, however in drafting the concept designs for Victoria Park upgrades it is not possible to realign the nets in their current location. Accordingly, a new location was selected for the new cricket nets which has been discussed with the Yass Cricket Club who do not have any objection to their relocation. It is recommended that the site of the existing cricket nets will be suitable for relocation of YassFM. **Attachment B** shows the location of the Pool House, the existing cricket nets and where they would be relocated to.

3. Victoria Park Masterplan

The Masterplan was adopted by Council in December 2021 and is the basis for the development of the [Victoria Park Plan of Management](#) (PoM). In order to facilitate the expansion of the Yass Pool, the pool house is required to be demolished and the existing cricket nets would be realigned (in addition to ancillary works of removing some trees which are overshadowing and provide a drinking fountain and general power outlet). These actions are identified as Action 11, Playing Field Upgrades, p30 and Action 9, Swimming Pool Expansion, p31 of the Masterplan (refer **Attachment C**).

The relocation of YassFM to Victoria Park and the existing cricket nets are not identified in the Masterplan. Whilst this proposal is inconsistent with the Masterplan it is considered that there are community benefits in accommodating YassFM (which is a community based group) in this location. It is not proposed to amend the Masterplan to incorporate the proposed use or relocation of the cricket nets given that no budget being allocated for this to occur.

4. Victoria Park Plan of Management

Victoria Park is Crown land managed by Council and when the Crown Reserve was dedicated in 1875, the purpose assigned was public recreation. However, Victoria Park is also currently used for community facilities including the Yass High School carpark, Yass Caravan Park and YassFM. This presents a risk to Council in the event of a Native Title claim on the reserve as it is not being used entirely in accordance with the assigned purpose being public recreation.

Crown Lands have provided the following advice to Council in relation to this matter:

Victoria Park is Crown Land managed by Council and there is an administrative process that must be followed to relocate YassFM. Council is also required to make application to the Minister administering the Crown Land Management Act, 2016 to include an additional permitted use of community use to the Crown Reserve. The adopted Plan of Management will then need to be amended to reflect the additional use of community use, the mapped location of that use and an authorisation for the lease of this area.

It is recommended to Council that make application to the Minister for Lands and Property (the Minister) to include the additional purpose of community use to the Crown Reserve which will cover current and future community use of Victoria Park.

The PoM currently allows for the lease/licence of the pool house (identified in the PoM as the former caretaker's house) for the purpose of a community facility (as defined in the PoM) until such time as demolition is scheduled. The maximum term for the lease/licence is 5 years.

If the application to include the additional purpose, amendments to the PoM will need to be done to reflect the relocation of YassFM and any future lease/licence required for their occupation. This will be the subject of a separate report to Council should the additional purpose be added to the Reserve.

5. Conclusion

It is recommended that Council support the relocation of YassFM to the location of the existing cricket nets, that the new cricket nets be relocated within Victoria Park and that Council request that the Minister approve the additional purpose of community use. If the Minister approves the additional purpose, it is proposed that the PoM be amended and presented to Council for further consideration.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION

CSP Theme	Our Infrastructure
CSP Strategy Objective	IN3: Our existing community infrastructure is maintained, and we plan for and support the development of infrastructure that meets community need
Strategies	IN3.2 - Our community infrastructure is accessible, adaptable and suitable for multiple user groups and fosters inclusive, healthy, and active recreation opportunities
Delivery Program Action	Complete the Victoria Park Plan of Management

ATTACHMENTS:	A. Location Map
	B. Location of Existing Facilities
	C. Extract - Victoria Park Masterplan

6.2 AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION - NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2025

SUMMARY

The Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) is the peak national body representing local councils across Australia. The 2025 National General Assembly (NGA) of ALGA will be held in Canberra between 24 and 27 June 2025. The events commence with the Regional Cooperation and Development Forum on 24 June 2025. It is proposed that the Mayor, one Councillor and the Chief Executive Officer attend the NGA including the Regional Cooperation and Development Forum.

RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. *The Mayor, Councillor (to be determined) and the Chief Executive Officer (or their delegate) attend the Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly 2025 incorporating the Regional Cooperation and Development Forum.*
2. *The Mayor is authorised to attend as Council's voting delegate.*
3. *That the June 2025 council meeting be brought forward to the 19 June 2025 at 4.00pm due to the conflict between the scheduled council meeting on the 26 June 2025 and the conference.*

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The 24/25 Operational Plan allocates \$40,000 for elected members expenses which covers a broad range of expenses including conference attendance. At the time of writing, \$23 947 has been expended. The 24/25 Operational Plan allocates \$7,000 for staff attendance at conferences and at the time of writing, \$920 has been expended.

Costs for attendance are as follows:

- NGA Registration early bird available until 23 May 2025 - \$979/person
- NGA Late Registration - \$1099/person
- Regional Cooperation and Development Forum registration- \$479/person (if only attending the forum)
- Regional Cooperation and Development Forum - \$279/person (if also attending the NGA)
- General Assembly Dinner - \$179/person (Thursday 26 June, 2025, 7pm -11pm)

Given that the NGA will be held in Canberra it is not proposed to book accommodation for this event. In terms of travel, transport to and from the event can be provided via carpooling with the Chief Executive Officer.

POLICY & LEGISLATION

The NGA is the key national agenda setting forum for local government with hundreds of delegates from across the country connecting to share their united voice to improve outcomes in the sector.

REPORT

1. Background

At its meeting on 27 March 2025, Council resolved:

'That the motions on the National Messaging System and Financial Assistance Grants be forwarded to the Australian Local Government Association for consideration to include them as motions in the Business Paper for the Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly 2025'.

These motions have been lodged for consideration for inclusion in the NGA.

Given that ALGA is the peak national body representing local councils across Australia and that the conference is held in Canberra, it is proposed that Council attend.

2. Conference

The theme for the NGA 'National Priorities Need Local Solutions' highlights the unique role Australia's 537 councils can play delivering local, place-based solutions that meet the needs of their communities, while addressing broader national priorities. It provides a platform for local government to address national issues and advocate to the federal government on critical issues facing our sector. The conference can be viewed [here](#).

At the time of writing this report, the agenda for the Regional Cooperation and Development Forum was not finalised but will include presentation on the state of the regions, driving efficiency through technology, creating vibrant communities, better mental health in regional communities and regional road infrastructure.

It is proposed that Council support the attendance to the NGA of the Mayor, a Councillor and the Chief Executive Officer. It is also proposed that the Mayor be Council's voting delegate.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION

CSP Theme	Our Infrastructure
CSP Strategy Objective	IN3: Our existing community infrastructure is maintained, and we plan for and support the development of infrastructure that meets community need
Strategies	IN3.1 - Advocate to State and Federal Government agencies for infrastructure that meets the needs of all people in our communities
Delivery Program Action	Advocate, and support community groups to advocate, for community infrastructure not currently identified in existing programs

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

6.3 MODIFICATION OF DEVELOPMENT CONSENT DA230374 - CONSTRUCTION OF FOOPATH - 75 ISABEL DRIVE, MURRUMBATEMAN

SUMMARY

To present a report for reconsideration of the request to modify development consent DA230374 for the 34 lot subdivision of 75 Isabel Drive, Murrumbateman. The modification request sought to remove the requirement to construct a section of path connecting to Isabel Drive. Council resolved to refuse the modification application and to impose additional requirements. Additional requirements cannot be imposed beyond the original consent and therefore this part of the resolution is not valid.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council remove part (3) of its resolution for Item 6.2 of the 27 March 2025 Council meeting that the developer investigate safety options at the interface of Isabel Drive to the satisfaction of council and details to be provided prior to the release of the subdivision works certificate. Works to be funded and installed by the developer, prior to the release of the subdivision certificate.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- Resources for development assessment are provided for in the current Operational Plan.
- Ongoing maintenance liability associated with the footpath.

POLICY & LEGISLATION

Acts and Regulations

- Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979
- Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021
- Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016
- Biodiversity Conservation Regulation 2017
- Local Government Act 1993
- Roads Act 1993

State Environmental Planning Policies

- State Environmental Planning Policy (Resilience and Hazards) 2021
- State Environmental Planning Policy (Biodiversity and Conservation) 2021

Local Controls

- Yass Valley Local Environmental Plan 2013
- Yass Valley Development Control Plan 2024
- Yass Valley Development Contributions Plan 2018
- Yass Valley Community Engagement Strategy
- Yass Valley Settlement Strategy
- Yass Valley Bike Plan and Pedestrian Access Mobility Plan (PAMP) 2017
- Road Standards Policy RD-POL-9

REPORT

1. Application Details

Date Received	-	21 February 2025
Land	-	Lot 2 DP 1273257, 75 Isabel Drive, Murrumbateman
Area	-	75.66ha
Zoning	-	R5 Large Lot Residential

2. Background

At its meeting on 27 March 2025 Council considered a request to modify development consent DA230374 for the 34 lot subdivision of 75 Isabel Drive, Murrumbateman ("The Fields" stage 4). A locality plan is included as **Attachment A** and approved plans of subdivision are included as **Attachment B**.

The request sought to remove the requirement to construct a section of path connecting to Isabel Drive (required by resolution of Council in December 2023), instead seeking to dedicate the land for the path corridor only, as originally proposed.

Council resolved:

1. *The application to modify Development Consent No. DA230374 under section 4.55(1A) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 be refused.*
2. *The removal of the pedestrian path condition is not in the public interest pursuant to section 4.15(1)(e) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (NSW) and would undermine strategic planning objectives that are represented in the Murrumbateman Structure Plan."*
3. *Request developer to investigate safety options at the interface of Isabel Drive to the satisfaction of council and details to be provided prior to the release of the subdivision works certificate. Works to be funded and installed by the developer, prior to the release of the subdivision certificate. [Min No 147]*

3. Determination of Modification Application

A modification of consent can be determined by way of:

- (i) Approval
- (ii) Approval subject to conditions/amended conditions which relate to the aspects of the development being modified only or
- (iii) Refusal

Council determined the original development application in December 2023 with a requirement for the construction of the subject path. The conditions in the resulting development consent required engineering details of the path to be approved as part of the subdivision works certificate. Any concerns in relation to the path and conditions relating to additional safety measures needed to be considered and imposed at the time of determining the original application.

When a consent authority refuses a modification application, it essentially rejects the proposed changes to the original development consent and the development remains approved as originally granted. Therefore, Council's decision to refuse the modification and impose an additional condition beyond the original development consent is not valid. The modification application cannot be refused whilst also revisiting conditions.

4. Conclusion

It is clear Council intended to refuse the modification application and require the path to be constructed. To execute the determination (including through the NSW Planning Portal), Council must resolve to remove part (3) of the resolution for Item 6.2 of the 27 March 2025 Council meeting. Council can consider the safety of this path as a matter separate to the subdivision development through discussions with the applicant.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION

CSP Theme	Our Environment
CSP Strategy Objective	EN3: We have a robust planning framework that considers our rural character and natural landscapes
Strategies	EN3.1 - Develop sustainably, integrates environmental, social and economic factors which are in the best interests of the community and the region
Delivery Program Action	Complete the comprehensive development control plan

ATTACHMENTS: A. Locality Plan
 B. Approved Plans of Subdivision

6.4 APPLICATIONS UPDATE - FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2025

SUMMARY

To present details of applications that have been lodged, determined and are under assessment for February and March 2025 and to detail how council is performing against the expectations set by the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report on applications for February and March 2025 be noted.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

A fee is charged for each application in accordance with Council's Fees and Charges, with some fees being legislated and calculated accordingly.

POLICY & LEGISLATION

- *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*
- *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021*

REPORT

Details of applications that have been lodged, determined and are under assessment for February and March 2025 are included in **Attachment A**.

For the information of Councillors, a Ministerial Statement of Expectations Order was introduced in July 2024, which sets out the NSW Government's expectations for council performance in the areas of development assessment, planning proposals and strategic planning. The NSW Government has been monitoring the performance of all councils in meeting this Statement of Expectations.

Below is a table outlining how Council is performing against the expectations set by the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI).

	DPHI Expectation	Yass Valley Council Performance – Average days	Yass Valley Council % of applications meeting expectation	% of councils in NSW meeting expectation
Lodgement Days	14 days	8 days	88%	55%
Assessment Days	115 days	140 days	58%	52%

STRATEGIC DIRECTION

CSP Theme	Our Environment
CSP Strategy Objective	EN3: We have a robust planning framework that considers our rural character and natural landscapes
Strategies	EN3.1 - Develop sustainably, integrates environmental, social and economic factors which are in the best interests of the community and the region
Delivery Program Action	Complete the comprehensive development control plan

ATTACHMENTS: A. Applications Update - February and March 2025

6.5 INVESTMENT AND BORROWING REPORT

SUMMARY

In accordance with clause 212 *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005*, this report provides a summary of Council's investments for the period 1 to 31 March 2025. In accordance with paragraph (1) (b), it can be certified that the investments listed have been made in accordance with the Act, the Regulations and Council's Investment Policy.

RECOMMENDATION

That the investment and Borrowings Reports, covering the period 1 to 31 March be noted.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The investment portfolio assists with Council's cash flow and funding of projects identified in the Operational Plan and is in accordance with Council's Investment Policy.

POLICY & LEGISLATION

- s625 *Local Government Act 1993*
- Clause 212 *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005*
- Council's Investment Policy

REPORT

1. Council Loans

Council has five loans with a balance of \$27.48M owing on 31 March 2025. Council commenced drawing down funds for the Crago Mill project during October 2024. Refer to Table A for details.

Table A – Council Loans

General Loan	Principal as at	Interest rate	Comment
*Sewer - CBA Loan for Sewer Infrastructure	3,037,425.35	4.82%	20 years, repaid in 2035/36
*Water - NAB Westpac Dam Wall	7,634,879.13	5.36%	20 years amortisation, 10 years term Aug 2032
*Water - Yass to Murrumbateman water supply (Tcorp)	1,106,321.67	2.55%	10 years, full repaid in 2029
*Water main and pump station upgrades (Tcorp)	604,485.04	2.55%	10 years, full repaid in 2029
Crago Mill funding facility (Westpac)	15,100,000.00	6.52%	20 years, full repaid 2043 - Variable rate (2.17%+BBSR)
Total balance as at 31/03/2025	27,483,111.19		

*interest Rates are fixed

2. Summary of movements in Council Investments

Council Cash, Cash Equivalent, and Term Deposit Investments at 31 March 2025 are detailed in Table B.

Table B – Council Investments

Investment Type	Acc/Deal	Market Value \$	Credit rating	Date Lodged	Maturity date	Term (Days)	Rate
Cash Working Accounts	Ref.						
NAB Working Account1	082-939 51-	7,075,442.22	A1+/AA-	n/a	n/a	at call	
Tcorp Strategic Cash Facility	778	5,493,499.53	AAA	n/a	n/a	3 day call	
		12,568,941.75					
Term Deposits < 12 Months							
Investment Type	Acc/Deal	Market Value \$	Credit rating	Date Lodged	Maturity date	Term (Days)	Rate
AMP	CN081152	1,000,000.00	A2	03/01/25	04/04/25	91	4.90%
AMP	CN079200	1,500,000.00	A2	11/09/24	09/04/25	210	5.10%
NAB	10937537	1,000,000.00	A1+	11/12/24	10/04/25	120	5.05%
Bank of Queensland	CN068868	1,000,000.00	A2	09/10/24	16/04/25	189	4.95%
Bendigo	CN078929	1,000,000.00	A2	29/01/25	30/04/25	91	4.75%
AMP	CN080143	1,500,000.00	A2	06/11/24	05/05/25	180	4.80%
NAB	10939895	1,000,000.00	A1+	02/01/25	07/05/25	125	5.00%
Bank of Queensland	CN081279	1,000,000.00	A2	16/01/25	16/05/25	120	4.70%
NAB	10944715	1,500,000.00	A1+	03/02/25	21/05/25	107	4.90%
MyState Bank	CN080661	1,000,000.00	A2	05/12/24	03/06/25	180	5.00%
MyState Bank	CN080785	1,000,000.00	A2	11/12/24	10/06/25	181	5.00%
My State Bank	CN081025	1,000,000.00	A2	20/12/24	18/06/25	180	5.00%
NAB	10906670	1,000,000.00	A1+	03/07/24	03/07/25	365	5.00%
Judo Bank	CN076032	1,000,000.00	A2	03/07/24	03/07/25	365	5.10%
My State Bank	CN079005	1,000,000.00	A2	04/09/24	04/09/25	365	5.10%
NAB	10946302	1,000,000.00	A1+	17/02/25	19/05/25	91	4.85%
Judo Bank	CN081982	1,000,000.00	A2	26/02/25	28/05/25	91	4.65%
NAB	10948953	1,000,000.00	A1+	24/02/25	26/05/25	91	4.75%
NAB	10948951	1,000,000.00	A1+	24/02/25	26/05/25	91	4.75%
NAB	10948951	1,000,000.00	A1+	24/02/25	26/05/25	91	4.75%
NAB	10949173	1,200,000.00	A1+	04/03/25	02/06/25	90	4.70%
Bank of Queensland	CN082412	1,000,000.00	A2	11/03/25	08/09/25	193	4.60%
Great Southern Bank	CN082413	1,000,000.00	A2	11/03/25	07/10/25	210	4.69%
Great Southern Bank	CN082550	1,000,000.00	A2	17/03/25	13/10/25	210	4.64%
NAB	10953668	1,000,000.00	A1+	31/03/25	28/08/25	150	4.75%
		26,700,000.00					
Total Short Term		39,268,941.75					

* NAB Working Account interest rate is based on the RBA Cash Rate. The current interest rate for the Tcorp Cash Facility is 3.95%.

The value of term deposits in March reduced by \$2,500,000 with the following movements:

- Six term deposits with a value of \$5,200,000 matured and were reinvested; and
- Two term deposits with a value of \$2,500,000 matured and were not reinvested, for these funds to be available for operating purposes.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION

CSP Theme	Our Civic Leadership
CSP Strategy Objective	CL2: Council is a financially sustainable organisation that can meet community needs
Strategies	CL2.1 - Manage resources in a responsible manner that supports the ongoing viability of Council
Delivery Program Action	Actively manage investments

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

6.6 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT

SUMMARY

Council was advised at the November 2024 Council Meeting that a monthly report would be developed to update Council and the Office of Local Government (OLG) on the Council's financial performance.

This report provides information about Council's financial position at the end of March 2025. The report also includes a variance analysis against the full-year budget and budget year to date (YTD).

Note that the Investment and Borrowing Report is a separate report.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Monthly Finance Report for March 2025 be noted.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

This report shows the council's year-to-date financial position as at the end of the reporting month.

POLICY & LEGISLATION

Local Government Act 1993.

REPORT

1. Consolidated Income Statement

Operating Result from Continuing Operations:

This result includes capital grants and contributions. The Actual Year to Date (YTD) result is \$11.1M surplus and is \$2.8M less (unfavourable) compared to the YTD budget.

Net Operating Result Before Capital Grants and Contributions:

This result does not include capital grants and contributions. The Actual YTD result is a \$1.3M surplus and is \$0.256M higher (favourable) when compared to the YTD budgeted surplus

Surplus results are shown due to the recognition of Rates and Annual Charges revenue for the full year. Calculating this revenue on a pro-rata basis to the end of March, the results would show a Net Operating Result Before Grants and Contributions as deficit of \$4.4M.

March 2025 Report - Consolidated								
Income Statement								
	QBR2 24-25	QBR2 24-25	Actual 24-25	QBR2 YTD x Actuals		QBR2 Full Year x Actuals		
Consolidated	Full Year	YTD		\$	%	\$	%	
Income from continuing operations	-56,375,787	-45,768,210	-41,182,320	4,585,890	-10.0%	15,193,467	-27.0%	
Rates and Annual charges	-22,929,352	-22,933,252	-22,972,560	-39,308	0.2%	-43,208	0.2%	
User charges and fees	-6,229,611	-4,625,029	-4,669,812	-44,783	1.0%	1,559,799	-25.0%	
Other revenues	-311,296	-168,746	-582,629	-413,883	245.3%	-271,333	87.2%	
Grants and contributions provided for operating purposes	-8,779,552	-4,011,094	-1,392,816	2,618,278	-65.3%	7,386,736	-84.1%	
Grants and contributions provided for capital purposes	-16,670,512	-12,888,239	-9,782,204	3,106,036	-24.1%	6,888,309	-41.3%	
Interest and investment income	-1,003,505	-802,880	-1,350,685	-547,805	68.2%	-347,180	34.6%	
Other income	-351,960	-263,970	-285,381	-21,411	8.1%	66,579	-18.9%	
Net gain/loss from the disposal of assets	-100,000	-75,000	-146,234	-71,234	95.0%	-46,234	46.2%	
Expenses from continuing operations	42,032,345	31,812,802	30,076,648	-1,736,154	-5.5%	-11,955,097	-28.4%	
Employee benefits and on-costs	13,526,649	10,178,421	10,114,567	-63,854	-0.6%	-3,412,083	-25.2%	
Materials and services	15,786,710	12,050,974	10,592,838	-1,458,136	-12.1%	-5,193,872	-32.9%	
Borrowing costs	1,559,796	1,169,847	1,004,976	-184,871	-14.1%	-554,820	-35.6%	
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment of non-financial assets	10,095,538	7,571,653	7,571,653	0	0.0%	-2,523,884	-25.0%	
Other Expenses	1,063,653	841,908	782,615	-49,293	-5.9%	-271,038	-25.5%	
Operating result from continuing operations	-14,343,442	-13,955,407	-11,105,672	2,849,735	-20.4%	3,237,770	-22.6%	
Net Operating Result Before Capital Grants and Contributions	2,327,070	-1,067,168	-1,323,469	-256,300	24.0%	-3,850,539	-156.9%	

All figures in this table are shown as they appear in the council's management accounting system. **Income is shown as negative**, and **expenses are shown as positive** numbers. The green figures indicate a favourable variance against the budget, while the red figures indicate an unfavourable variance against the budget. Note that favourable and unfavourable variances do not mean a change to the budget is required at this stage.

2. Income Statement Variance Analysis

2.1 Income

Operating Grants and Contributions is \$2.6M below the YTD budget primarily due to \$1.0M Transport grants budgeted but not yet received, and \$1.2M estimated to be received in emergency Disaster Recovery Funding (DRFA) funding for prior financial year works undertaken (identified during the Second Quarter Budget Review) not yet received. The DRFA claim has been provided to Transport for NSW and is currently going through their due diligence processes with funds expected in April or May. It should be noted that the claim will only amount to between \$800k to \$900k. This variation will be factored into the Third Quarter Budget Review.

Capital Grants and Contributions is \$3.1M below the YTD budget and is primarily due to \$4.5M in transport grants and \$483k in Water and Sewer grants that were budgeted but not received, offset by \$2.0M in Developer Contributions received in March. As a note, \$1.8M in Developer Contributions that were removed from the Budget during QBR2, these contributions were again invoiced and received in March 2025.

Interest and Investment Income is \$547k above the YTD budget primarily due to investment income being \$454k above budget.

Net gain/loss from disposal of assets is \$71k above the YTD budget. However, the actuals only include the proceeds from the sale of the council's vehicles; the calculation for the actual gain/loss will be updated in the coming months

2.2 Expenses

Employee benefits and on-costs are \$64k below the YTD budget due to vacant positions that have not been filled. However, contractors' expenses in Materials and Services have offset these savings.

Materials and Services are \$1.5M below YTD budget. Comprising \$1.5M that, whilst budgeted, has not yet been incurred or invoiced as per below:

- \$311k for Raw Materials
- \$392k for Repairs and Maintenance
- \$285k for Consultancy Costs
- \$175k for Election Expenses
- \$117k for Subscriptions
- \$106k for Training Costs

Borrowing Costs are \$164k below the YTD budget due to the timing of drawdowns of loans compared to the budgeted expectations. It is expected that borrowing costs will be below the full budget for the year.

Depreciation, amortisation, and impairment have been adjusted in QBR1 to match the actuals in the 2023-24 financial statements, plus forecast additional depreciation for new assets in the 2024-25 FY. The figures in the actual column are the same as the adjusted budget. The 2024-25 actual expenditure will be calculated when the council finalises its 2024-25 financial statements.

Other expenses are \$50k below the YTD budget primarily due to the timing of donations and grants to community groups (\$61k) but partially offset by a bad debt write-off of \$36k for unrecoverable debts from 2018 and earlier.

3. Income Statement by Fund

The following Income Statements are for each Council Fund.

3.1 General Fund



March 2025 Report - General Fund

Income Statement				QBR2 YTD x Actuals		QBR2 Full Year x Actuals	
	QBR2 24-25 Full Year	QBR2 24-25 YTD	Actual 24-25	\$	%	\$	%
General Fund							
Income from continuing operations	-43,504,666	-34,095,637	-28,093,960	6,001,677	-17.6%	15,410,707	-35.4%
Rates and Annual charges	-15,522,941	-15,522,941	-15,691,655	-168,713	1.1%	-168,713	1.1%
User charges and fees	-3,432,811	-2,699,677	-2,471,903	227,775	-8.4%	960,909	-28.0%
Other revenues	-311,096	-168,546	-581,523	-412,978	245.0%	-270,428	86.9%
Grants and contributions provided for operating purposes	-8,779,552	-4,011,094	-1,392,816	2,618,278	-65.3%	7,386,736	-84.1%
Grants and contributions provided for capital purposes	-14,195,302	-10,726,029	-6,173,539	4,552,490	-42.4%	8,021,763	-56.5%
Interest and investment income	-823,005	-637,380	-1,350,685	-713,305	111.9%	-527,680	64.1%
Other income	-339,960	-254,970	-285,605	-30,635	12.0%	54,355	-16.0%
Net gain/loss from the disposal of assets	-100,000	-75,000	-146,234	-71,234	95.0%	-46,234	46.2%
Expenses from continuing operations	31,500,700	24,206,157	22,760,930	-1,445,227	-6.0%	-8,739,770	-27.7%
Employee benefits and on-costs	10,974,430	8,289,953	8,135,342	-154,611	-1.9%	-2,839,088	-25.9%
Materials and services	11,364,906	9,001,012	7,866,486	-1,134,527	-12.6%	-3,498,420	-30.8%
Borrowing costs	948,518	711,388	604,593	-106,795	-15.0%	-343,924	-36.3%
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment of non-financial assets	7,149,193	5,361,895	5,361,895	0	0.0%	-1,787,298	-25.0%
Other Expenses	1,063,653	841,908	792,615	-49,293	-5.9%	-271,038	-25.5%
Operating result from continuing operations	-12,003,967	-9,889,480	-5,333,030	4,556,450	-46.1%	6,670,937	-55.6%
Net Operating Result Before Capital Grants and Contributions	2,191,335	836,549	840,510	3,961	0.5%	-1,350,825	-61.6%

3.2 Sewer Fund



March 2025 Report - Sewer

Income Statement				QBR2 YTD x Actuals		QBR2 Full Year x Actuals	
	QBR2 24-25 Full Year	QBR2 24-25 YTD	Actual 24-25	\$	%	\$	%
Sewer							
Income from continuing operations	-3,712,448	-3,661,398	-4,107,697	-446,299	12.2%	-395,249	10.6%
Rates and Annual charges	-2,753,353	-2,757,253	-2,753,302	3,951	-0.1%	51	0.0%
User charges and fees	-141,800	-104,850	-107,778	-2,928	2.8%	34,022	-24.0%
Other revenues	0	0	-974	-974		-974	
Grants and contributions provided for operating purposes	0	0	0				
Grants and contributions provided for capital purposes	-757,295	-754,295	-1,245,643	-491,348	65.1%	-488,348	64.5%
Interest and investment income	-60,000	-45,000	0	45,000	-100.0%	60,000	-100.0%
Other income	0	0	0				
Net gain/loss from the disposal of assets	0	0	0				
Expenses from continuing operations	2,557,604	1,887,227	1,565,476	-321,750	-17.0%	-992,128	-38.8%
Employee benefits and on-costs	663,143	484,690	279,882	-204,808	-42.3%	-383,261	-57.8%
Materials and services	851,134	620,042	522,872	-97,170	-15.7%	-328,263	-38.6%
Borrowing costs	154,882	116,162	96,389	-19,772	-17.0%	-58,493	-37.8%
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment of non-financial assets	888,445	666,333	666,333		0.0%	-222,111	-25.0%
Other Expenses	0	0	0				
Operating result from continuing operations	-1,154,844	-1,774,171	-2,542,220	-768,049	43.3%	-1,387,376	120.1%
Net Operating Result Before Capital Grants and Contributions	-397,549	-1,019,877	-1,296,578	-276,701	27.1%	-899,028	226.1%

3.3 Water Fund



March 2025 Report - Water

Income Statement				QBR2 YTD x Actuals		QBR2 Full Year x Actuals	
Water	QBR2 24-25 Full Year	QBR2 24-25 YTD	Actual 24-25	\$	%	\$	%
Income from continuing operations	-6,698,673	-5,551,175	-6,680,657	-1,129,483	20.3%	18,015	-0.3%
Rates and Annual charges	-2,193,057	-2,193,057	-2,227,597	-34,540	1.6%	-34,540	1.6%
User charges and fees	-2,655,000	-1,820,502	-2,090,131	-269,629	14.8%	564,869	-21.3%
Other revenues	-200	-200	-132	68	-34.0%	68	-34.0%
Grants and contributions provided for operating purposes	0	0	0				
Grants and contributions provided for capital purposes	-1,717,916	-1,407,916	-2,363,022	-955,106	67.8%	-645,106	37.6%
Interest and investment income	-120,500	-120,500	0	120,500	-100.0%	120,500	-100.0%
Other income	-12,000	-9,000	224	9,224	-102.5%	12,224	-101.9%
Net gain/loss from the disposal of assets	0	0	0				
Expenses from continuing operations	4,786,987	3,452,503	3,472,701	20,198	0.6%	-1,314,286	-27.5%
Employee benefits and on-costs	837,562	625,917	784,089	158,172	25.3%	-53,473	-6.4%
Materials and services	1,821,732	1,230,816	1,131,146	-99,670	-8.1%	-690,586	-37.9%
Borrowing costs	456,396	342,297	303,993	-38,304	-11.2%	-152,403	-33.4%
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment of non-financial assets	1,671,298	1,253,473	1,253,473	0	0.0%	-417,824	-25.0%
Other Expenses	0	0	0				
Operating result from continuing operations	-1,911,686	-2,098,672	-3,207,956	-1,109,284	52.9%	-1,296,271	67.8%
Net Operating Result Before Capital Grants and Contributions	-193,770	-690,756	-844,935	-154,179	22.3%	-651,165	336.1%

3.4 Stormwater Management Fund



March 2025 Report - Stormwater Management

Income Statement				QBR2 YTD x Actuals		QBR2 Full Year x Actuals	
Stormwater Management	QBR2 24-25 Full Year	QBR2 24-25 YTD	Actual 24-25	\$	%	\$	%
Income from continuing operations	-60,000	-60,000	-59,408	592	-1.0%	592	-1.0%
Rates and Annual charges	-60,000	-60,000	-59,408	592	-1.0%	592	-1.0%
User charges and fees	0	0	0				
Other revenues	0	0	0				
Grants and contributions provided for operating purposes	0	0	0				
Grants and contributions provided for capital purposes	0	0	0				
Interest and investment income	0	0	0				
Other income	0	0	0				
Net gain/loss from the disposal of assets	0	0	0				
Expenses from continuing operations	454,302	346,174	172,623	-173,551	-50.1%	-281,679	-62.0%
Employee benefits and on-costs	170,761	124,787	1,161	-123,625	-99.1%	-169,599	-99.3%
Materials and services	54,925	49,925	0	-49,925	-100.0%	-54,925	-100.0%
Borrowing costs	0	0	0				
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment of non-financial assets	228,616	171,462	171,462		0.0%	-57,154	-25.0%
Other Expenses	0	0	0				
Operating result from continuing operations	394,302	286,174	113,215	-172,958	-60.4%	-281,086	-71.3%
Net Operating Result Before Capital Grants and Contributions	394,302	286,174	113,215	-172,958	-60.4%	-281,086	-71.3%

3.5 Domestic Waste Management Fund



March 2025 Report - Domestic waste management

Income Statement				QBR2 YTD x Actuals		QBR2 Full Year x Actuals	
	QBR2 24-25 Full Year	QBR2 24-25 YTD	Actual 24-25	\$	%	\$	%
Domestic waste management							
Income from continuing operations	-2,400,000	-2,400,000	-2,240,598	159,402	-6.6%	159,402	-6.6%
Rates and Annual charges	-2,400,000	-2,400,000	-2,240,598	159,402	-6.6%	159,402	-6.6%
User charges and fees	0	0	0				
Other revenues	0	0	0				
Grants and contributions provided for operating purposes	0	0	0				
Grants and contributions provided for capital purposes	0	0	0				
Interest and investment income	0	0	0				
Other income	0	0	0				
Net gain/loss from the disposal of assets	0	0	0				
Expenses from continuing operations	2,732,752	1,920,742	2,104,917	184,175	9.6%	-627,835	-23.0%
Employee benefits and on-costs	880,754	653,075	914,093	261,018	40.0%	33,339	3.8%
Materials and services	1,694,012	1,149,178	1,072,335	-76,844	-6.7%	-621,678	-36.7%
Borrowing costs	0	0	0				
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment of non-financial assets	157,986	118,490	118,490	0	0.0%	-39,497	-25.0%
Other Expenses	0	0	0				
Operating result from continuing operations	332,752	-479,258	-135,681	343,576	-71.7%	-468,434	-140.8%
Net Operating Result Before Capital Grants and Contributions	332,752	-479,258	-135,681	343,576	-71.7%	-468,434	-140.8%

4. Statement of Financial Position

The council's consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 March 2025 shows the following;

- total cash and cash equivalents of \$12.3M,
- investments of \$26.7M
- and total borrowings of \$27.4M, which includes the \$15.1M loan for the Crago Mill Precinct project.

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Statement of Financial Position	Consolidated
Asset	663,797,775
Current assets	58,253,729
Cash and cash equivalents	12,309,049
Investments	26,700,053
Receivables	14,887,372
Contract assets and Contract cost assets	4,192,320
Inventories	164,935
Non-current assets	605,544,046
Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	598,529,880
Capital work in progress	34,310,366
Plant and equipment	3,943,473
Land	72,646,256
Infrastructure	485,975,999
Other assets	1,653,785
Reinstatement, rehabilitation and restoration as	0
Right of use assets	14,166
Investment properties	7,000,000
Liabilities	-42,081,149
Current liabilities	-12,090,423
Payables	-1,908,976
Borrowings	-122,947
Contract Liabilities	-7,273,984
Employee benefit provisions	-2,722,550
Provisions	0
Lease liabilities	-61,966
Non-current liabilities	-29,990,726
Borrowings	-27,291,949
Employee benefit provisions	-129,521
Provisions	-2,569,256
Lease liabilities	0
Net Assets	621,716,626
Equity	-621,716,626
Accumulated surplus	-324,962,241
IPPE revaluation reserve	-296,754,385

5. Reserve Balances

The reserves balance report shows the current balance for each of the council's reserves based on the best available information at the time of reporting. Some end-of-year adjustments might impact the final balance for the financial year.

Externally restricted reserves are those that are only available for specific use by the Council due to a restriction placed by legislation or third-party contractual agreement. Internally restricted reserves are internally allocated by the resolution or policy of the elected Council.

Total cash and investments decreased to \$39M in March from \$41.6M in the previous month. The total restricted reserves increased from \$33.9M to \$34.6M. The Crago Mill, established to hold excess funds drawn down from the loan, decreased from \$4.5M to \$3.3M. However, externally restricted, Crago Mill Reserve and internally restricted funds total more than the cash on hand.

Reserve	\$M
Externally restricted funds	\$34.6
Crago Mill Reserve	\$ 3.3
Internally Restricted funds	\$ 5.9
Total	\$44.0

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Reserves balance report	Balance	
	Jun-24	Mar-25
External restrictions	27,611,240	34,581,642
Domestic waste management	2,143,857	2,354,889
S64 Developer contributions – sewer fund	2,448,198	3,715,341
S64 Developer contributions – water fund	5,751,027	8,114,048
S7.11 Developer contributions – general	1,298,345	1,318,998
S7.12 Developer contributions – general	5,011,848	4,534,636
Sewer fund	4,282,897	5,162,755
Specific purpose unexpended grants – general fund	4,430,009	5,773,984
Stormwater Management	34,267	92,514
Water Fund	2,210,792	3,514,477
Crago Mill Reserve	0	3,362,455
Internal restrictions	9,350,104	5,936,470
Binalong pool	21,475	21,475
Carry over works	652,833	652,833
Comur street rehabilitation	20,362	20,362
Council elections	188,304	188,304
Electricity Savings Reserve	96,720	96,720
Employees leave entitlement	993,000	729,556
Land and assets	1,452,451	1,452,451
Murrumbateman Library School Ground	123,179	123,179
Plant and vehicle replacement	1,125,000	1,398,808
Quarry rehabilitation	689,729	689,729
Roads	44,818	44,818
Victoria Park	320,232	518,235
Financial Assistance Grant (received in advance)	3,622,000	0
External + Internal restriction + Crago Mill	36,961,344	43,880,567
Total cash, cash equivalents and investments	37,017,000	39,009,101
Unrestricted and unallocated cash, cash equivalents and investments	55,656	-4,871,466
External restriction + Crago Mill Reserve	27,611,240	37,944,097
Total cash, cash equivalents and investments less External restriction + Crago Mill Reserve	9,405,760	1,065,004

Total cash decreased with the total reserves balance remaining unchanged, as a result the council increased the use of its internally restricted funds for operations from \$2.5M at the end of February to \$4.8M at the close of March.

6. Capital Expenditure

The total capital expenditure (CAPEX) budgeted for the year is \$51.6M. The year-to-date (YTD) budget for March 2025 was \$33.5M, and the actual expenditure was \$20.2M, which is \$13.2 less than the YTD budget. This includes the Crago Mill project, with a total budget of \$28.0M for the year, a \$18.8M YTD budget and a \$11.5M actual expenditure.

The capital works are distributed over 91 projects; 60 have already started, and 31 are still to commence.



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Capital Expenditure (CAPEX)	QBR2 24-25		QBR2 24-25		QBR2 YTD x Actuals		QBR2 Full Year x Actuals	
	Full Year	YTD	Actual 24-25		\$	%	\$	%
Capital work in progress	51,600,581	33,528,075	20,236,045		-13,292,030	-39.6%	-31,364,536	-60.8%
- Land & Buildings	29,433,058	19,968,838	11,537,952		-8,430,885	-42.2%	-17,895,105	-60.8%
1101007 - Crago Mill Precinct	28,007,928	18,781,360	11,453,465		-7,327,895	-39.0%	-16,554,463	-59.1%
5014006 - Sports Stadium	19,401	19,401	0		-19,401	-100.0%	-19,401	-100.0%
5014024 - Old sale yard remediation	250,000	250,000	0		-250,000	-100.0%	-250,000	-100.0%
5014028 - Yass Valley Community Centre Upgrade SCOF5 0232 Buildings	277,841	219,841	0		-219,841	-100.0%	-277,841	-100.0%
5014029 - Buildings Roof Resheeting Yass memorial LRCIP3	83,057	83,057	81,851		-1,206	-1.5%	-1,206	-1.5%
5014032 - Cemeteries strategic plan	0	0	0		0	0.0%	0	0.0%
5014033 - Buildings Roof Resheeting Yass Liabary LRCI P4	560,000	432,500	0		-432,500	-100.0%	-560,000	-100.0%
6310003 - Goodradigbee Centre Subdivision	0	0	0		0	0.0%	0	0.0%
6310005 - Solar Panel Installation	14,055	14,055	2,636		-11,419	-81.2%	-11,419	-81.2%
6310016 - Discovery Drive Subdivision	72,000	59,500	0		-59,500	-100.0%	-72,000	-100.0%
6310017 - Old Gas Works EPA monitoring as per VMP & 2 extra wells	98,776	71,624	0		-71,624	-100.0%	-98,776	-100.0%
6310018 - Annual Fire Safety Statements	50,000	37,500	0		-37,500	-100.0%	-50,000	-100.0%
- Roads, Bridges, Footpaths	13,113,655	6,878,682	6,010,049		-868,633	-12.6%	-7,103,606	-54.2%
4910008 - Yass Valley Rail Trail Detailed Design	698,323	698,323	241,002		-457,321	-65.5%	-457,321	-65.5%
4910009 - Bowning Village Active Circuit	650,000	650,000	273,562		-376,438	-57.9%	-376,438	-57.9%
4910012 - Pettit/Shaw Street pathways	0	0	10,413		10,413	100.0%	10,413	100.0%
5010013 - Yass River Bridge Replacement	2,976,146	74,576	2,082,305		2,007,730	2692.2%	-893,840	-30.0%
5010014 - Murrumbateman Creek Bridge Replacement	1,490,020	124,769	79,590		-45,179	-36.2%	-1,410,430	-94.7%
5010015 - Back Creek Road Bridge Replacement	439,829	439,829	422,015		-17,814	-4.1%	-17,814	-4.1%
5020104 - Back Creek Road Sealing - stage 2 Local Roads	2,255,894	2,255,894	2,046,560		-209,334	-9.3%	-209,334	-9.3%
5020116 - Detailed Design - Pedestrian \$125K Cycling \$40K	7,415	7,415	0		-7,415	-100.0%	-7,415	-100.0%
5020117 - Bus Shelter upgrades	13,275	13,275	13,275		0.00	0.0%	0.00	0.0%
5020118 - RERF Local Road Programme	873,880	655,410	0		-655,410	-100.0%	-873,880	-100.0%
5020119 - 2024-25 - Block Grant - Traffic Island - Yass	0	0	1,100		1,100	100.0%	1,100	100.0%
5020540 - Bus shelter Upgrades - \$4.5K	13,388	13,388	13,388		0.00	0.0%	0.00	0.0%
5021024 - RERF Regional Road Program	312,120	234,090	0		-234,090	-100.0%	-312,120	-100.0%
5021029 - 2024-25 - Block Grant - Resealing Program - Regional Roads	0	0	10,250		10,250	100.0%	10,250	100.0%
5021030 - LGRG (Roads Delivery component)	380,000	285,000	0		-285,000	-100.0%	-380,000	-100.0%
5021031 - BLOCK Grant Capital Works FY24-25	500,000	375,000	0		-375,000	-100.0%	-500,000	-100.0%
5021542 - Regional Roads - Block Grant - Sutton Rd Design Project	300,000	220,000	71,188		-148,812	-67.6%	-228,812	-76.3%
5021543 - Sutton Road Safety Works	0	0	413		413	100.0%	413	100.0%
5021544 - Murrumbateman Safety Works	0	0	27,428		27,428	100.0%	27,428	100.0%
6012002 - Flood event Oct 22 Emergency Task or Special Events	0	0	13,198		13,198	100.0%	13,198	100.0%
6012003 - DM01005 Burrinjuck Rd S24 Embankment erosion/slip	0	0	6,560		6,560	100.0%	6,560	100.0%
6012004 - DM01326 Cavan Rd S10 Undermined Irge gabion wingwall 1700dia	138,167	138,167	48,063		-90,104	-65.2%	-90,104	-65.2%
6012005 - DM01327 Cavan R S8 Erosion underme structure out/inlet bick	154,791	154,791	57,568		-97,223	-62.8%	-97,223	-62.8%
6012006 - DM01328 Cavan Rd S8 Outlets scour inlet debris us erosion/slip	118,637	118,637	79,253		-39,384	-33.2%	-39,384	-33.2%
6012007 - DM01132 Dicks Creek Road S2 Shoulder & embankment washout	122,175	7,005	39,274		32,269	460.7%	-82,901	-67.9%
6012008 - DM01112 Fifeshire Rd S2 Landslip lost culvert concrete prot	271,557	0	38,220		38,220	100.0%	-233,337	-85.9%
6012009 - DM01358 Henderson Ln S1 Bridge Damage - scour of approaches	313,552	10,000	92,309		82,309	823.1%	-221,243	-70.6%
6012011 - DM01023 Illalong Road Seg 5 washed out	84,886	84,886	57,008		-27,878	-32.8%	-27,878	-32.8%
6012012 - DM00980 Mc Carthy Rd Seg 2 land slip Council - Emergency Task	185,241	6,209	92,976		86,767	1397.5%	-92,265	-49.8%
6012014 - DM01324 Wee Jasper Road Seg 11 Landslip Emergency task	415,115	10,000	59,245		49,245	492.4%	-355,870	-85.7%
6012015 - DM01313 Wee Jasper Rd Seg 51 Landslip - Emergency	77,508	77,508	55,774		-21,734	-28.0%	-21,734	-28.0%
6012016 - DM01312 Wee Jasper Road Seg 53 Erosion of batter	38,081	38,081	24,543		-13,539	-35.6%	-13,539	-35.6%
6012019 - DM01004 - Burrinjuck Road - Seg 18	107,226	10,000	0		-10,000	-100.0%	-107,226	-100.0%
6012046 - AGRN 1034 - Fifeshire Road - Seg 4,5	168,507	168,507	28,920		-139,587	-82.8%	-139,587	-82.8%
6012076 - AGRN 1034 - DM01377 - Shingle Hill Way	7,922	7,922	0		-7,922	-100.0%	-7,922	-100.0%
No project Number	0	0	24,649		24,649	100.0%	24,649	100.0%

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Capital Expenditure (CAPEX)				QBR2 YTD x Actuals		QBR2 Full Year x Actuals	
	QBR2 24-25	QBR2 24-25					
	Full Year	YTD	Actual 24-25	\$	%	\$	%
- Other Assets	36,000	33,000	194,785	161,785	490.3%	158,785	441.1%
4910008 - Yass Valley Rail Trail Detailed Design	0	0	485	485		485	
4910009 - Bowning Village Active Circuit	0	0	9,239	9,239		9,239	
5010014 - Murrumbateman Creek Bridge Replacement	0	0	185,061	185,061		185,061	
5015013 - Yass Lawn CemeteryImprovement and Expansion works	36,000	33,000	0	-33,000	-100.0%	-36,000	-100.0%
5015014 - Murrumbateman Cemetery Improvement and Expansion works	0	0	0				
5015015 - Villages CemeteryImprovement works	0	0	0				
- Other Open Space/Recreational Assets	2,264,427	2,036,927	645,448	-1,391,479	-68.3%	-1,618,979	-71.5%
4920001 - 20-21 Murrumbateman Sand Arena Stabilisation	0	0	2,300	2,300		2,300	
4920002 - Murrumbateman Rec grounds Dog park	10,038	10,038	10,038	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
4920006 - 20-21 Murrumbateman Rec Ground Amenities	1,361,485	1,361,485	276,600	-1,084,885	-79.7%	-1,084,885	-79.7%
4920015 - Wee Jasper Reserve Carpark Upgrade Recreational Assets	185,654	185,654	55,198	-130,456	-70.3%	-130,456	-70.3%
4920018 - Murrumbateman Sports Field Irrigation Installation SCCF 0232	0	0	0				
4920019 - Victoria Park Field Lighting Upgrade Recreational Assets	237,761	237,761	222,178	-15,583	-6.6%	-15,583	-6.6%
5012006 - 4 Cabin Replacements (32,34,3,4)	30,000	30,000	0	-30,000	-100.0%	-30,000	-100.0%
5012007 - Caravan Park Masterplan	0	0	0				
5013018 - Yass Pool Relocatable Shade/Seating	9,000	9,000	8,775	-225	-2.5%	-225	-2.5%
5016019 - Public Amenities - Gundaroo Amenities Building Construction	0	0	825	825		825	
5019010 - Village Ovals - Bore Water Investigations	0	0	0				
5019018 - Signage Replacement - Sporting Facilities & Park Reserves	0	0	2,310	2,310		2,310	
5019025 - Murrumbateman Adventure Playground	390,313	165,313	37,048	-128,265	-77.6%	-353,265	-90.5%
5019027 - 2024-25 - CRIF - Cricket Pitch & Covers	30,176	30,176	30,176	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
5019031 - Stage 1 'Signage as remote Supervision'	10,000	7,500	0	-7,500	-100.0%	-10,000	-100.0%
- Plant & Equipment	1,824,499	1,274,499	727,981	-546,519	-42.9%	-1,096,519	-60.1%
PACQNEW - Plant Acquisition - New & Upgrade Assets	24,499	24,499	24,499	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
PACQRENEW - Plant Acquisition - Renew & Replace Assets	1,800,000	1,250,000	703,482	-546,519	-43.7%	-1,096,519	-60.9%
- Sewerage Network	2,025,000	1,550,000	768,434	-781,566	-50.4%	-1,256,566	-62.1%
5022001 - Yass STP	0	0	30,744	30,744		30,744	
5022013 - Sewer Main Upgrade Program (Capital)	75,000	0	26,977	26,977		-48,023	-64.0%
5022021 - Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan - Sewer (Capital)	60,000	60,000	10,000	-50,000	-83.3%	-50,000	-83.3%
5022026 - Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Program (Capital)	75,000	25,000	29,585	4,585	18.3%	-45,415	-60.6%
5022027 - Wastewater Pump Station Upgrade Program (Capital)	1,015,000	760,000	63,525	-696,475	-91.6%	-951,475	-93.7%
5022028 - Telemetry Upgrade Sewer (Capital)	100,000	40,000	54,758	14,758	36.9%	-45,242	-45.2%
5022029 - Laidlaw Street SPS - decommissioning	50,000	20,000	32,211	12,211	61.1%	-17,789	-35.6%
5022030 - Yass STP Augmentation (Capital)	100,000	95,000	0	-95,000	-100.0%	-100,000	-100.0%
5022031 - Murrumbateman STP Irrigation System (Capital)	550,000	550,000	520,633	-29,367	-5.3%	-29,367	-5.3%
- Stormwater	560,000	280,000	0	-280,000	-100.0%	-560,000	-100.0%
5023520 - Yass Flood Warning System Stage 2 - install infrastructure	560,000	280,000	0	-280,000	-100.0%	-560,000	-100.0%
- Waste	304,504	257,691	0	-257,691	-100.0%	-304,504	-100.0%
5025126 - Murrumbateman Landfill Closure Stage 2	104,504	91,441	0	-91,441	-100.0%	-104,504	-100.0%
5026013 - Landfill Closure	50,000	43,750	0	-43,750	-100.0%	-50,000	-100.0%
5026014 - Murrumbateman Landfill Closure	0	0	0	0	-100.0%	0	-100.0%
5026018 - Transfer Station Improvements Yass and Murrumbateman	150,000	122,500	0	-122,500	-100.0%	-150,000	-100.0%
- Water Supply Network	2,039,439	1,248,439	351,396	-897,043	-71.9%	-1,688,043	-82.8%
5022028 - Telemetry Upgrade Sewer (Capital)	0	0	12,090	12,090		12,090	
5027013 - Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan - Water (Capital)	149,439	149,439	10,540	-138,899	-92.9%	-138,899	-92.9%
5027015 - Village Water Main Extensions (Capital)	1,000	0	0			-1,000	-100.0%
5027017 - Water Pump Station Upgrade Program (Capital)	700,000	350,000	153,886	-196,114	-56.0%	-546,114	-78.0%
5027018 - WTP Improve ment (Capital)	100,000	50,000	58,602	8,602	17.2%	-41,398	-41.4%
5027025 - Developer Servicing Plan (DSP) (Capital)	1,000	1,000	0	-1,000	-100.0%	-1,000	-100.0%
5027026 - Telemetry System Upgrade Upgrade - Water (Capital)	108,000	48,000	101,962	53,963	112.4%	-6,037	-5.6%
5027028 - Water Reservoir Upgrade Program (Capital)	100,000	0	3,583	3,583		-96,417	-96.4%
5027029 - Water Reticulation Upgrade Program (Capital)	200,000	100,000	1,545	-98,455	-98.5%	-198,455	-99.2%
5027032 - Smart Water Meter	0	0	0				
5027033 - Morton Low Level Reservoir Repair	180,000	180,000	4,923	-175,077	-97.3%	-175,077	-97.3%
5027035 - WTP Upgrade Pre-Design and Tender Management	500,000	370,000	4,265	-365,735	-98.8%	-495,735	-99.1%
Total Capital Expenditure	51,600,581	33,528,075	20,236,045	-13,292,030	-39.6%	-31,364,536	-60.8%

7. Crago Mill Progress Report

Please see Attachment A.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION

CSP Theme	Our Civic Leadership
CSP Strategy Objective	CL2: Council is a financially sustainable organisation that can meet community needs
Strategies	CL2.1 - Manage resources in a responsible manner that supports the ongoing viability of Council
Delivery Program Action	Abide by Accounting Standards and Office of Local Government accounts regulations

ATTACHMENTS: A. Crago Mill Progress Report

6.7 COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

SUMMARY

Following Council's resolution in February 2025, the Yass Valley Community Strategic Plan (CSP) 2042 was placed on public exhibition. Public feedback has been received and considered. There were minor changes made to the CSP as a result of the public feedback.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. *Adopt the attached version of the Yass Valley Community Strategic Plan 2042.*
2. *Endorse Council to review the approach adopted for the community engagement for the revision of the Yass Valley Community Strategic Plan 2042.*

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Expenses relating to the implementation of the CSP are considered in the Delivery Program and Operational Plan.

POLICY & LEGISLATION

- *Local Government Act 1993*
- Integrated Planning and Reporting (IPR) Framework

REPORT

1. Background

In 2021, the Canberra Region Joint Organisation (CRJO) and seven member Councils resolved to collaborate to review their current Community Strategic Plans (CSPs) and apply a regional lens to identify the region's challenges and opportunities.

The seven Councils who participated in the Regional Community Strategic Plan, included:

- Yass Valley Council
- Bega Valley Shire Council
- Snowy Monaro Regional Council
- Snowy Valleys Council
- Goulburn Mulwaree Council
- Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council
- Upper Lachlan Shire Council

The Regional Community Strategic Plan (RCSP) project was established with an outlook to 2042 and publicly named Towards 2042. As part of the CRJO collaborative project the group worked with consultants to develop and implement a broad community engagement strategy that saw more than 6,700 community members participate in a range of engagement methods.

In June 2024 Council were provided a report about the Regional Community Strategic Plan for Community Engagement for community consultation being undertaken for revisions to the Yass Valley Community Strategic Plan 2042.

Community engagement occurred through February/March 2024 using a variety of mechanisms, with nearly 800 people participated in the engagement process.

2. Community Engagement

In February 2025, Council determined to place a revised Yass Valley Community Engagement Strategy 2042 on Public Exhibition for 28 days and adopt if no significant submissions were received.

The revised CSP was place on public exhibition in March 2025.

Three submissions were received (refer **Attachment A, Attachment B, Attachment C**).

The submissions provided feedback which suggested:

- Suggestions of minor adjustments
- Minor corrections to some grammar
- Highlighting Council's non-compliance with respect to the State of the City report
- Concerns relating to the amount and quality of Community Engagement undertaken by the consultants to inform the review
- Opinion about the 'group/regional' approach adopted by Council with respect to the development of the CSP.
- General Comment and suggested improvements

As a result of the Community Engagement, Council have made a small number of minor changes to the Yass Valley Community Strategic Plan. Council believe that these changes enhance the coverage of the document to include 'regional' aspects. These changes are highlighted in Red in the attached document.

Council confirms that the drafting of the 'State of the City' is currently underway.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION

CSP Theme	Our Civic Leadership
CSP Strategy Objective	CL3: Our community is informed and engaged in decision making
Strategies	CL3.4 - We vlaue the voice of our community, and their input informs our decisions
Delivery Program Action	Increased promotion of community input when items are put out for pubic comment and submissions

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. CSP Community Engagement Submission A
- B. CSP Community Engagement Submission C
- C. CSP Community Engagement Submission B
- D. Yass Valley Community Strategic Plan 2042

8.1 MURRUMBATEMAN PLAYGROUND

Question

Councillor Charry submitted the following Questions with Notice:

1. What internal planning or legal advice has been sought regarding the implications of delivering public infrastructure on privately owned land?
2. What quality control measures were implemented by staff to ensure the integrity of responses to the online survey (e.g. IP tracking, one-response limits, residential verification)?
3. Has there been any assessment of how the survey data will be interpreted or weighted in Council decision-making?
4. Why were survey respondents not provided with a comparative summary of the two proposed sites, including relevant site constraints, risks, and cost considerations?
5. What are the projected delivery and operational risks associated with the Hercules Street site compared to the Recreation Grounds location?
6. Has Council received legal advice on the governance and liability risks associated with delivering public assets on privately owned land?

Response

1. **What internal planning or legal advice has been sought regarding the implications of delivering public infrastructure on privately owned land?**

Council staff have undertaken preliminary discussions with the landowners receiving in principle support for renegotiating the current lease of privately owned land negating the need for legal advice. Council already has infrastructure on this land and a lease agreement with the owner.

2. **What quality control measures were implemented by staff to ensure the integrity of responses to the online survey (e.g. IP tracking, one-response limits, residential verification)?**

Council staff chose survey monkey platform and set the parameters for one-off responses based off IP tracking.

3. **Has there been any assessment of how the survey data will be interpreted or weighted in Council decision-making?**

Council have developed a two option survey which will indicate respondent's preferred playground location.

4. **Why were survey respondents not provided with a comparative summary of the two proposed sites, including relevant site constraints, risks, and cost considerations?**

The survey responds to Council's decision in relation to item 6.2 on 28 November 2024 [Min No 42].

The survey includes a preliminary comparative summary of the two proposed sites. This information aligns with the delivery of a category one all-abilities playground.

Survey includes site specific considerations to incorporate the adopted detailed design.

See Attachment A.

5. What are the projected delivery and operational risks associated with the Hercules Street site compared to the Recreation Grounds location?

<i>Hercules Street Site</i>	<i>Murrumbateman Recreation Grounds</i>
<i>Finalisation of any lease arrangements with the owner</i>	<i>Management of user groups during construction</i>
<i>Completion of review of environmental factors (noting mature trees on site)</i>	<i>Completion of review of environmental factors</i>
<i>Formed carpark on Hercules Street would not be available during construction as it would be used for construction set up, parking etc</i>	<i>Extension of water source to playground site for bubblers (required for a category 1 playground)</i>
<i>Neighbourhood disruption during construction</i>	<i>Revisit final design for this site (current design is for the Murrumbateman Old School House site)</i>
<i>Revisit final design for this site (current design is for the Murrumbateman Old School House site)</i>	<i>Unforeseen site constraints</i>
<i>Unforeseen site constraints</i>	<i>Delivery within budget</i>
<i>Delivery within budget</i>	<i>Grant provider rejects amendment to site location</i>
<i>Grant provider rejects amendment to site location</i>	<i>Project would need to be completed prior to 2026 Murrumbateman Field Day</i>
<i>Weather</i>	<i>Weather</i>
	<i>Outcome from stormwater investigations and impact on site design</i>
	<i>Impact on equestrian users from playground users – interim measures may be required</i>
	<i>Disposal of sand from site</i>

Council not making a decision on the location of playground in a timely manner may impact councils ability to meet grant conditions.

6. Has Council received legal advice on the governance and liability risks associated with delivering public assets on privately owned land?

No legal advice has been obtained as Council understands its obligations constructing public assets on private land.

ATTACHMENTS: A. Murrumbateman Playground Survey

8.2 BUILDING CERTIFICATION

Question

Councillor Cameron submitted the following Question with Notice:

What is the likely direct and indirect impact, especially financial of YVC using private certifiers, rather than dealing with these matters in-house; and will this move to private certifications possibly lead to serious variability in the quality of our built environment in Yass Valley; and why was this change in the structure of the council not discussed with councillors before this decision was made, in keeping with the Local Government Act?

Response

1 What is the likely direct and indirect impact, especially financial of Council using private certifiers rather than dealing with these matters in-house?

Council will not be engaging private certifiers to complete the certification work on behalf of applicants. Instead applicants are being advised of the pausing of Council's building certification services and moving to private certifiers to undertake their work. Where Council is able to assist in this process, we have been doing so. There are a number of legacy issues that Council is currently trying to resolve.

Council will be undertaking a service review in the near future to determine whether to continue to provide the service and if so, in what format.

In terms of financial impacts, pausing the service will reduce Council's income from fees and expenditure on certification (mostly salaries and vehicles).

2 Will this move to private certifications possibly lead to serious variability in the quality of our built environment in the Yass Valley?

All building work is subject to compliance with the National Construction Code 2022 irrespective of the employment status of the certifiers. There is already a number of private certifiers operating in the Yass Valley. Certifiers are independently accredited (including those employed with Council) and are governed by the requirements of the Building and Development Certifiers Act 2018.

3 Why was this change in the structure of the Council not discussed with councillors before this decision was made, in keeping with the Local Government Act?

The pausing of the building certification service has not resulted in any changes to the organisational structure. Those positions remain in the organisational structure. However, a service review will be conducted to determine whether Council should provide this service and if so, in what format.

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

8.3 CRAGO MILL - SUSTAINABILITY IN DESIGN ISSUES

Question

At its meeting of February 22, 2024, YVC unanimously passed the following motion re Crago Mill - Sustainability in Design Issues [Motion 36];

That the Council communicate to the Yass Valley community:

1. Whether the redesigned Crago Mill Precinct is fully responding to the recommendations made in the Climate Change and Natural Disaster Risk Assessment; and
2. How the adopted changes to the design - including amendments to lighting, ceilings, landscaping, roof and subfloor specifications - may or may not impact on the environmental standards of the buildings, and the project's overall environmental sustainability.

Response

The communication of this resolution will be communicated to the Yass Valley Community via the next Crago Mill Precinct Monthly update.

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

9.1 MINUTES OF THE MURRUMBATEMAN RECREATION GROUND FOCUS GROUP HELD ON 24 MARCH 2025

REPORT

The minutes of the Murrumbateman Recreation Ground Focus Group meeting held on 24 March 2025 are included in **Attachment A**.

From these minutes there are items that may require expenditure not provided for in the current Operational Plan. Any adjustment to the Operational Plan or Budget relating to actions identified in the Murrumbateman Recreational Ground minutes will be considered as part of usual budget process.

Accordingly, the minutes are presented for information.

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Murrumbateman Recreation Ground Focus Group meeting held on 24 March 2025 be noted.

ATTACHMENTS: A. Minutes of the Murrumbateman Recreation Ground Focus Group