



Ordinary Meeting of Council

LATE REPORTS

Thursday 22 May 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.

FUTURE MEETINGS

June 2025

Thursday 26th

4:00 PM

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Gayleen Burley

GENERAL MANAGER

6.12 PETITION - MURRUMBATEMAN PLAYGROUND SITE DETERMINATION

SUMMARY

Tabling a petition lodged in response to Councils Murrumbateman All-Abilities Playground survey to determine the playground location.

RECOMMENDATION

That the petition for the preferred location for the Murrumbateman All-Abilities Playground be received and noted.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Council has \$165,313 in the 2024/25 Operational Plan for the site selection, community consultation, concept plans and detailed designs for an all-abilities playground in Murrumbateman. Of this, \$53,694.34 has been expended leaving a budget of \$111,618.66. Further expenditure from this budget has been detailed in the report however, the \$111,618.66 will provide contingency if any unforeseen costs are uncovered.

The following additional funding is committed to the construction of the playground:

- Investing in Our Communities Program - \$750,000 (Federal election promise).
- Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Grant (Phase 4) - \$116,000 (federal funding)
- Development Contributions Reserve - \$228,611.

The 2026/27 Operational Plan will need to include the yearly depreciation costs of \$70,000 for a 15-year period.

The annual maintenance costs are estimated to be \$4,000.

The 2026/27 Operational Plan will need to include the costs of the legal agreement a minimum of \$705 per year (to be increased with yearly rate pegging) until November 2049.

POLICY & LEGISLATION

- *Local Government Act 1993*
- *Yass Valley Open Space Strategy*
- *2017 Parks and Playground Strategy*
- *Everyone Can Play Guidelines.*
- *GM-CP-11 Petition Policy*

REPORT

The petition is in response to Council's Murrumbateman All-Abilities Playground survey which is to determine the location for the playground.

Council released a community survey on 9 April 2025 for a minimum period of 28 days presenting the two site options being 10 Hercules Street, Murrumbateman and the southern sand arena within the Murrumbateman Recreation Ground.

The basis for the petition is to urge Council to construct the Murrumbateman All-Abilities playground at 10 Hercules Street, Murrumbateman and reserve the southern sand arena site within the Murrumbateman Recreation Ground for a proposed pump track. The petition is also included within the report on this agenda regarding the location of the Murrumbateman Playground.

The petition will be tabled at the meeting.

Council's *Petition Policy* states in relation to the electronic petition that '*does not contain a statement by that person certifying that the statement identifying the subject matter, and the action requested as set out in the beginning of the petition has not been changed*'.

This information was requested from the organiser of the petition who has advised '*the online petition is on its own web page with the petition statement and action which immediately precedes the collection form for supporters to fill their name, address and mandatory tick box to confirm their agreement by electronic signature before the form can be submitted*'.

From a governance perspective, it is considered that this petition be presented to Council.

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	Construction of playground in Murrumbateman

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

6.13 2024/25 THIRD QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW STATEMENTS

SUMMARY

This report represents the 2024-25 Third Quarter Budget Review Statement (QBRs) for the period 1 January 2025 to 31 March 2025. This review demonstrates Council's projected year end Net Operating Result before Capital items remains negative and is predicted to be (\$2.6M), an increase in the deficit by \$0.3M compared to the budgeted deficit of (\$2.3M) from the Second Quarter Budget Review. Actuals as at 31 March 2025 show a surplus of \$1.3M due to rate and annual charges income recognised in July with expenses evenly spread across the year.

RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. *Note the 2024-25 Third Quarter Budget Review Statement.*
2. *Adjustments as detailed in the 2024-25 Third Quarter Budget Review Statement to be adopted.*
3. *In accordance with the Local Government (General) Regulation (NSW) Clause 203 (2)(a), Council's financial position at 31 March 2025 be noted as being satisfactory, having regard to revised projected estimates of income and expenditure from this review, and the Second Quarter budgeted income and expenditure.*
4. *Note that the 2024-25 Third Quarter Budget Review Statement be provided to the Office of Local Government.*

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The details of the Council's projected year end operating result and adjustment to capital expenditure for the 2024-25 financial year is contained in the 2024-25 Third Quarter Budget Review Statement, as attached.

POLICY & LEGISLATION

- *Local Government Act 1993*
- *Local Government General Regulation 2005*
- *Office of Local Government 2010 QBRs Guidelines.*

REPORT

This Quarterly Budget Review Statement (QBRs), attached, presents a summary of Council's financial position as at 31 March 2025 for the 2024-25 financial year.

Council is now forecasting a deficit in the **Net Operating Result before Capital items** of (\$2.6) for the 2024-25 Financial Year budget, an increase in the deficit by \$0.3M compared to the budgeted deficit of (\$2.3M) from the Second Quarter Budget Review. Noting though, the forecast deficit of (\$2.6M) is \$2.2M lower than the forecast deficit of (\$4.8M) reported in the First Quarter Budget Review.

Capital has an increase in expenditure of \$2.5M and an increase in capital grants and contributions of \$2.8M.

The 2024-25 Third Quarter Budget Review Statement provides further detail in respect to the Budget variations recommended for adoption by Council.

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. 2024-25 Third Quarter Budget Review Statement