



AGENDA

Ordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday, 18 March 2025

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

Date: Tuesday, 18 March 2025

Time: 10:00 AM

**Location: Council Chambers, Estates Building Cressy Street
Deniliquin**

**Jack Bond
Chief Executive Officer**

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4. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

6.1. PREVIOUS MINUTES 18 FEBRUARY 2025

Author: Executive Assistant

Authoriser: Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the draft minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held Tuesday 18 February 2025.

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

5. Accountable leadership and responsive administration

5.1 Collaborative and Engaged

BACKGROUND

PROPOSAL/DISCUSSION

RISK AND IMPLICATIONS

OFFICER'S CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

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

ATTACHMENTS

1. Draft Minutes Ordinary Council Meeting held 18 February 2025.

Attachment 1 - Minutes for Ordinary Council Meeting 2-00 PM - Tuesday, 18 February 2025(1)



MINUTES

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ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, 18 FEBRUARY 2025

1. OPENING MEETING

Meeting opened at 1.59pm

2. ATTENDANCE

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

In attendance: Interim Advisor, Director Infrastructure, Acting Director Corporate Services, Executive Assistant

Via Teams: Cr Linda Fawns

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

1. That the leave of absence request by Cr Ken Bates from the 22nd February 2025 to 1st March 2025 be accepted.
2. That the request by Cr Linda Fawns to join the February Ordinary Council Meeting via Teams be accepted.

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TUESDAY, 18 FEBRUARY 2025

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

6.1. PREVIOUS MINUTES 17 DECEMBER 2024

Moved: Cr Shirlee Burge

Seconded: Cr Ken Bates

RESOLUTION 2025/1802/6.1

That Council receive and note the draft minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held Tuesday 17 December 2024.

CARRIED

7. DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

11.5 Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Phase 4. Cr Leanne Mulham declared a Non-Pecuniary-Significant Disclosure and will leave the Chambers and not take part in any debate or voting on the issue.

8. MAYORAL MINUTE(S)

Nil

9. URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Nil

10. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

10.1. DRAFT MINUTES OF THE CONARGO HALL COMMITTEE

Moved: Cr Craig Druitt

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Cr Kellie Crossley

RESOLUTION 2025/1802/10.1

That Council:

1. Receives the minutes of the Conargo Hall Committee meeting held on 27 November 2024, and endorses the recommendations from the Committee contained therein, specifically;

a) The Committee requests Council to remove the sheep yards and level and remediate the site in a timely manner. This was agreed to be done via request for quotation, it will be advertised and will close 3 weeks after the beginning of the advertising campaign. Council will then advise the committee once a quote has been accepted. If no quotations received, then Council will undertake the work.

CARRIED

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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11. REPORTS TO COUNCIL

11.1. DRAFT COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Moved: Cr Leanne Mulham

Seconded: Cr Shirlee Burge

RESOLUTION 2025/1802/11.1

That Council:

1. Acknowledge the community feedback;
2. Approve the drafted responses to community submissions and enable the Acting Director of Corporate Services to provide formal responses to each submission;
3. Endorse the updated Community Strategic Plan as attached to this report and with the following changes:
 - a) Measure 5.5 correct baseline wording to say '6 consultations per year';
 - b) Insert new measure under 5.1 as follows:
 - Measure: Towards 2035 Population Growth Targets
 - Baseline: 8,430 in 2023
 - Target: Support growth 9,050 by 2028, Delivery growth 9,650 by 2028
 - Source: ABS
 - c) Insert new measure under 1.7 as follows:
 - Measure: Number of households
 - Baseline: 3,331 2021 Total Households
 - Target: 3,900 by 2028
 - Source: ABS

CARRIED

11.2. 2025 COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Moved: Cr Frank Schofield

Seconded: Cr Ken Bates

RESOLUTION 2025/1802/11.2

That Council adopt the proposed 2025 schedule of Ordinary Council Meetings which schedules meetings for the third Tuesday of each month between March and December 2025 to commence at 10.00am in the Deniliquin Council Chambers.

Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4
18 March 2025	15 April 2025	15 July 2025	21 October 2025
	20 May 2025	19 August 2025	18 November 2025
	17 June 2025	16 September 2025	16 December 2025

CARRIED

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**TUESDAY, 18 FEBRUARY 2025****11.3. COUNCILLOR APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES**

Moved: Cr Shannon Sampson

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Cr Kellie Crossley

RESOLUTION 2024/1802/11.3

That Council

1. Appoint the Councillors to the Committees as listed in Attachment 1.
2. The term of appointment to the Committees will be for the term of Council or a further resolution which changes the appointments.

CARRIED**11.4. NAMING OF NORTH DENILIQUN REST AREA**

Moved: Cr Shirlee Burge

Seconded: Cr Craig Druitt

RESOLUTION 2025/1802/11.4

That Council:

1. Adopt the name 'North Deniliquin Reserve' for Crown Reserve No. 46452, currently known as North Deniliquin Tennis Club reserve, for the purpose of submitting to the Geographical Names Board of NSW for approval,
2. Adopt the name 'Flo Allen Park' for the area of the former North Deniliquin tennis courts as defined in Attachment 1 of this report, for the purpose of submitting to the Geographical Names Board of NSW for approval, and
3. Undertakes further consultation regarding naming of other areas within the reserve.

CARRIED**11.5. LOCAL ROADS AND COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PHASE 4**

Cr Leanne Mulham left the Council Chambers at 2.19pm and took no part in the discussion

Moved: Cr Craig Druitt

Seconded: Cr Frank Schofield

RESOLUTION 2025/1802/11.5

That Council resolves to allocate the remaining funding amount of \$363,170 from Phase 4 of the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure program to the following projects:

1. Upgrades at the Deniliquin Basketball Stadium to the amount of \$100,000,
2. Refurbishment of Sextons Hut at the Deniliquin Cemetery to the amount of \$40,000,
3. Refurbishment of the VRA building in Charlotte Street to the amount of \$73,170, and
4. Electrical and infrastructure upgrades at the Deniliquin Saleyards to support electronic ID for sheep to the amount of \$150,000.

CARRIED

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Cr Leanne Mulham re-entered the Chambers at 2.22pm

11.6. AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE - LOCALLY BASED INDEPENDENT MEMBER

Moved: Cr Shannon Sampson

Seconded: Cr Craig Druitt

RESOLUTION 2025/1802/11.6

That Council:

1. Notes that Council did not receive any applications for the position of locally based independent member of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC).
2. Agrees to
 - a. Amend the ARIC Terms of Reference to remove the requirement for a locally based independent member.
3. Notes the ARIC Chair's advice that Council could be satisfied that Councillor Mulham, as the councillor member on ARIC, provides the necessary local experience and knowledge that a locally based independent member would provide.
4. Notes the risk that while the locally based independent member position remains vacant (and a formal part of the ARIC Terms of Reference), the ARIC will not be able to make a quorum in the event that one of the three current independent members is sick, or resigns.

CARRIED

11.7. LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW & AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION - KEY CONFERENCES 2025

Moved: Cr Shirlee Burge

Seconded: Cr Craig Druitt

RESOLUTION 2025/1802/11.7

That Council

1. Approves the attendance of the Mayor and the Chief Executive at
 - a. The Local Government NSW Rural and Regional Summit on Thursday 8 May 2025 in the State Library of NSW
 - b. The Australian Local Government Association 2025 National General Assembly 24 to 27 June 2025 at the National Convention Centre in Canberra
 - c. The Local Government NSW Annual Conference 23 to 25 November 2025 in Penrith.
2. Considers the attendance of other Councillors in line with the Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy and Councillor Training.

CARRIED

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11.8. QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW STATEMENT - DECEMBER 2024

Mayor Hall moved item 12.7 to 11.8 to be considered as an action report.

Moved: Cr Leanne Mulham

Seconded: Cr Frank Schofield

RESOLUTION 2025/1802/11.8

That Council:

1. Adopt the December 2024 Quarterly Budget Review Statement, inclusive of the Accounting Officer's report on the financial position of Council.
2. Approve the proposed adjustments resulting in the revised budget for the 2024/25 financial year;
 - a. Net operating result (including capital grants) of \$6.52 million surplus
 - b. Underlying net operating result (excluding capital grants) of \$238k deficit
 - c. Capital grant expenditure of \$19.8 million
3. Do not support the money put aside for Town Hall refurbishment, but rather a further report to come back to Council.

CARRIED

12. REPORTS FOR NOTING**12.1. PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT ORDER - COMPLIANCE REPORT**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Cr Kellie Crossley

Seconded: Cr Shirlee Burge

RESOLUTION 2025/1802/12.1

That Council receive and note Compliance Report 3 being the final report in accordance with the Performance Improvement Order issued on Edward River Council.

CARRIED

12.2. DELIVERY PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORT - JULY TO DECEMBER 2024

Moved: Cr Ken Bates

Seconded: Cr Shannon Sampson

RESOLUTION 2025/1802/12.2

That Council receive and note the six-monthly Delivery Program progress report for the period July to December 2024.

Questions taken on notice:

- 1.4.4.1 Undertake flood impact repairs at Yorkies Pitt (Deniliquin Landfill) - progressing behind schedule

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4.1.2.1 Develop and adopt a Masterplan for the Deniliquin Swim Centre precinct - progressing behind schedule

CARRIED**12.3. FUNDED PROJECTS UPDATE - JANUARY 2025**

Moved: Cr Frank Schofield

Seconded: Cr Craig Druitt

RESOLUTION 2025/1802/12.3

That Council notes the funded projects report for January 2025.

CARRIED**12.4. FREE WASTE DISPOSAL WEEKENDS**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Cr Kellie Crossley

Seconded: Cr Frank Schofield

RESOLUTION 2025/1802/12.4

That Council notes the following Free Waste Disposal weekends at the Deniliquin Landfill for the remainder of 2025:

1. 8th and 9th March 2025,
2. 14th and 15th June 2025,
3. 13th and 14th September 2025, and
4. 6th and 7th December 2025.

CARRIED**12.5. INVESTMENT REPORT - DECEMBER 2024**

Moved: Cr Frank Schofield

Seconded: Cr Leanne Mulham

RESOLUTION 2025/1802/12.5

That Council receive and note the Investment Report for December 2024.

CARRIED**12.6. INVESTMENT REPORT - JANUARY 2025**

Moved: Cr Leanne Mulham

Seconded: Cr Craig Druitt

RESOLUTION 2025/1802/12.6

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

CARRIED

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12.7. DEVELOPMENT SERVICES ACTIVITY REPORT

Moved: Cr Frank Schofield

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Cr Kellie Crossley

RESOLUTION 2025/1802/12.7

That Council receive and note the Development Services Report for December 24 and January 25

CARRIED

12.8. RESOLUTIONS OF COUNCIL AS AT 10 FEBRUARY 2025

Moved: Cr Craig Druitt

Seconded Cr Shannon Sampson

RESOLUTION 2025/1802/12.8

That Council note the information in the Resolutions of Council as at 10 February 2025.

CARRIED

13. NOTICES OF MOTIONS

Nil

14. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil

15. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Nil

16. CLOSE OF MEETING

The Meeting Closed at 12.51pm.

7. DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

8. MAYORAL MINUTE(S)

9. URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS

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

- a. a motion is passed to have the business considered at the meeting, and
- b. the business to be considered is ruled by the chairperson to be of great urgency on the grounds that it requires a decision by the council before the next scheduled ordinary meeting of the council.

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

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

10. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**10.1. DRAFT MINUTES OF THE CONARGO HALL COMMITTEE****Draft Minutes of the Conargo Hall Committee**

Author: Executive Assistant

Authoriser: Director Infrastructure

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receives the minutes of the Conargo Hall Committee meeting held on Wednesday 6th March 2025, and endorses the recommendations from the Committee contained therein, specifically;

a) That any profits generated from catering for the Rod Run will be donated to Can Assist on behalf of Conargo Hall, and

b) The acceptance of the up-to-date quotation for the supply of a Swing from A_Space, and previously accepted installation quote from Wes Heard as part of works funded from the Bob White Bequeathment Fund.

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN**1. Communities: Caring, healthy, connect, inclusive communities**

1.4 Accessibility and Inclusion

1.6 Health

3. Built Environment: Liveable Built Environments

3.1 Infrastructure

BACKGROUND

Section 355 (s355) committees of the Council play an important role in providing and managing council facilities. The Conargo Memorial Hall and Recreation Ground Committee was confirmed by council resolution in January 2022 (Resolution 220120/9.3). The Committee is responsible for the care, control and maintenance of the Conargo Hall and recreation grounds, as detailed in the adopted Instrument of Delegation and Terms of Reference.

PROPOSAL/DISCUSSION

At the meetings the Committee discussed updates to the projects in the Conargo area to be funded from the Bob White Bequest, noting that members of the Committee had undertaken research and investigation into the projects. It was noted at the meetings that, as a s355 committee, they could make recommendations to Council by way of a motion and resolution and that these motions would be raised with Council as a noted recommendation when the minutes from the Committee are presented to Council. This will provide greater transparency regarding the recommendations from the Committee and how they are managed by Council.

At its 6th March 2025 Meeting, in summary the committee considered the following matters:

- Confirmed the attendance of representatives from the RSL Subbranch, State Water, and Edward River Council at the Community Open Day on Sunday 9th March 2025.
- Received an update on the Sale of the Sheep Yards.

- Raised concerns that there had been no progress on the Proposed Framework for Community Groups since the Villages submitted a letter in response to the proposal in November 2024.
- Discussed the progression of the approved projects to be funded by the Bob White Bequest.
- Received an update on the upcoming bookings at the Conargo Hall.

RISK AND IMPLICATIONS**6.1 Legislative and Policy**

The Conargo Hall Committee, as a s355 committee, operates in accordance with the Local Government Act and Regulations.

6.2 Financial

As part of their responsibilities as a s355 committee, the Conargo Hall Committee provides Council with information regarding their financial status. Please see attached Treasures Report.

6.3 Community Engagement/Consultation

Engagement is through the Conargo Hall committee.

6.4 Work Health and Safety

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

OFFICER'S CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

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

ATTACHMENTS

1. Draft Minutes of the Conargo Hall Committee Meeting Held on Wednesday 6th April 2025.
2. Treasures Report March 2025.

Attachment 1 - General Meeting Minutes March 6^J 2025

Conargo Hall Committee

General Meeting Minutes – Wednesday March 6, 2025

TIME: 6.30 pm
DATE: Wednesday March 6, 2025
LOCATION: Conargo Shire Hall/Live Stream
MINUTE TAKER: Secretary

ITEM NO.	AGENDA ITEM	SPEAKER	DETAILS & ATTACHMENTS
1	Welcome	Scott Fullerton (Chair)	Scott opened the meeting at 6.36, and welcomed new ERC CEO Jack Bond, ERC Director Mark Dalzell, and Councillors Linda Fawns and Leanne Mulham. Jack acknowledged Traditional Owners of the Lands within the Edward River Council area and paid his respects to elders, past, present, and emerging. He also recognised the diversity of different cultures within our community and their contribution to our area.
2	Apologies	Chair	Liz McNamara, Allison Pearson, Cr Craig Druitt, Cr Shannon Samson, Cr Kellie Crossley, Alistair McNamara. Moved: Deb Stockton Second: Christie Jervis Carried
3	Attendees	Chair	Aileen Loader, Mick Loader, Karen Luckel, Justin Luckel (all via conference call), Christie Jervis, Brett Rose, Brett Jervis, Dave Woodhead, Mark Dalzell, Scott Fullerton, Ian Paton, Deb Stockton, Jack Bond, Leanne Mulham, Linda Fawns, Marg Bull.
4	Declaration of Conflict of Interest	Chair	Nil declared
5	Acceptance of Minutes from January 22, 2025	Chair	Scott called for any comments or revisions to the January 22, 2025 minutes. There were no alterations requested, and minutes were accepted. Moved: Dave Woodhead Second: Brett Jervis Carried
6	Business Arising	Deb Stockton	6.1 Community Open Day – Deb confirmed all was in place for Sunday. There would be attendees from the RSL Sub Branch, State Water, ERC and the Conargo Community. There would be morning tea, a sausage sizzle and the bar would be open. There would also be a display of project plans, the Bob White story, plans

			<p>for the Cenotaph and the RV Park. In addition, there would be a list of projects that are either in progress, about to begin, or have been completed.</p> <p>At the conclusion of morning tea, there will be a presentation to departing committee members, former chair Colin Bull, former vice chair, Michael Pisasale, and committee members Alan and Lyn Hardcastle, and Bronwyn Chappell.</p>
		<p>Scott Fullerton/ Mark Dalzell Karen Luckel</p>	<p>6.2 Progress of the sale of sheep yards - Mark advised the yards had gone back out to tender and the closing date was March 7, 2025. We will be advised if there is a successful tender winner at the next meeting.</p> <p>6.3 Poker Rod Run menu and costs were discussed by Karen Luckel. Karen will take on the co-ordination of the day and Deb will provide all contact details to Karen prior to the date.</p> <p>Motion: Any profits generated from catering for the Rod Run will be donated to Can Assist on behalf of the Conargo Hall.</p> <p>Moved: Karen Luckel Second: Dave Woodhead Carried</p>
		<p>Deb Stockton</p>	<p>6.4 Transgrid Meeting to be held on the 11th of Feb was unfortunately cancelled. Transgrid have provided a link with all the current information to Deb, and this has been distributed to committee members. Deb has undertaken to send the link to Jack and Mark for their information. A new meeting date will be announced shortly.</p>
		<p>Dave Woodhead</p>	<p>6.5 Dave discussed the meeting he had with Mark to finalise the plans and advised council were happy with things to date. Mark then spoke about the meeting he held with the building services department of ERC and advised there are a number of conditions that have to be met due to the size of the building and other requirements under the national building code. He will detail these requirements and send to Dave shortly. Council will then undertake to submit a DA for the works and it will go out to open tender.</p>
		<p>Scott Fullerton/ Deb Stockton</p>	<p>6.6 Proposed Framework for Community Groups was discussed and concerns raised there has yet to be an update from the governance people of council in response to the letter submitted by all villages in November of 2024. Committee members discussed the need for consultation with user groups before the framework went to council to ensure concerns raised with the initial framework had been worked</p>

			through in a consultative process. The committee expressed a willingness to work with council to get the framework finalised, so each party is clear on roles and responsibilities.
		Dave Woodhead	6.7 Patching of tennis courts – date to be set when works have been completed on the electrical trenching and installation of lights.
		Dave Woodhead	6.8 Rest stop progress – Dave spoke about his meeting with Mark Dalzell on site, the need to remove a couple of tree limbs, and levelling of the site. Dave advised the concreter has been booked for late April, he will peg the slab out as per the plan to council and the contractors will complete the concreting works. Dave will then install the pre-fabricated shelter structure.
		Deb Stockton	6.9 Community Foundation update from Deb outlined where Moulamein were up to and the options for Conargo Community going forward. Deb will work with Ian Bird from Community Foundations Australia in the coming weeks to determine the next step. A number of people outside the hall committee have expressed interest in board positions.
		Deb Stockton	6.10 Cenotaph Project progress – Deb advised plans have been finalised with David Hay and will be available for public comment on the open day. David is happy to appear via livestream at the next meeting to discuss the next steps. Mark is happy for the project to progress, with the committee keeping Mark informed through the provision of timelines, milestones, and simple reporting from the operational group of the committee. The Hall committee is running this project, supported by Council.
		Dave Woodhead	6.11 Toilet block update – Dave advised the toilet block is completed, and many of the committee and council staff toured the block prior to the meeting. Whilst the block is very basic, it has been freshly painted and new fittings, and corrugated iron walls installed have freshened up the block. It is clean and functional. The committee confirmed with Mark that existing cleaning arrangements would be extended to include cleaning of the refurbished block. Mark advised he will action.
		Deb Stockton	6.12 Bar door and venting of security system cupboard – Deb advised Dave had met with Paul Links on site and measured up the existing roller door to be replaced by a ventilated door. Paul is sourcing quotes for the door, and Dave will install a vented insert in the security system door.
		Deb Stockton	

		<p>Dave Woodhead</p> <p>Brett Jervis</p> <p>Scott Fullerton</p> <p>Deb Stockton</p>	<p>6.13 Display of Colin Bull memorabilia – Marg advised this is a work in progress and things are coming together albeit slowly.</p> <p>6.14 Tennis court lights, generator and shed – Dave has spoken to Terry Maher and he is preparing a new quote given the time lapse and approval of the existing one.</p> <p>6.15 Installation of a compliant swing in the park has been further investigated by Brett. Whilst the committee has already accepted the motion to install a swing to Australian standards, Brett provided the drawings and quote for installation. Quotes are attached. Motion: Accept the up-to-date quote for supply and install swing. (Installation of swing previously accepted in 2024) Moved: Marg Bull Second: Brett Jervis</p> <p>6.16 Installation of water filter – the filter arrived last week, and Dave installed. We now have drinking water available on tap. Deb to order cup holder and disposable cups.</p> <p>6.17 Installation of new dishwasher – Deb is in the process of sourcing quotes. One quote has been received, awaiting another two.</p>
7	Chair Report	Scott Fullerton	No report lodged.
8	Secretary's Report	Deb Stockton	<p>Deb advised of the following: Bookings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Day this Sunday • Wedding ceremony on Saturday March 22 (ceremony only, reception held elsewhere) • YACTAC AGM on Tuesday 25th March • NSW Water Group Thursday May 1 • Local lands Services Tuesday May 20 • Hay Cutters Rugby team cricket match versus Riverine club. They will use the rotunda for the day and it is hoped this will lead to further matches.

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Details given by Cr Mulham re Grant Guru and how to register for it as a community group.
9	Treasurers Report	Ian Paton	<p>9.0 As attached.</p> <p>Moved: Ian Paton Second: Aileen Loader Carried</p>
10	General Business	<p>Dave Woodhead</p> <p>Deb Stockton</p> <p>Scott Fullerton</p> <p>Deb Stockton</p> <p>Deb Stockton</p>	<p>10.1 Shower block plans were discussed by Dave. The original concept was to build accessible showers at the north end of the refurbished toilet block. However, with the inclusion of the RV park design, there are other suggestions and the committee determined to wait until the sheep yards have been cleared and the site is open before making a decision.</p> <p>10.2 Easter Function – Deb talked about the Easter function held on the Thursday prior to Good Friday. She advised she would be unavailable for the next eight weeks or so, and that others will have to take on the organisation and delivery of the celebration. Aileen has agreed to coordinate a range of activities and games for the kids and adults.</p> <p>10.3 Other items for discussion</p> <p>10.4 Scott generated discussion around a maintenance fund that would be used to fund the ongoing maintenance of improvements made to council owned buildings/facilities as a result of the Bob White bequest. Deb commented it had been previously discussed, and had always been the intention of the committee to have a sinking fund with a substantial amount of money (for example five hundred thousand dollars) put aside to maintain the legacy for generations to come. The committee agreed unanimously it was our responsibility to ensure ongoing maintenance.</p> <p>10.5 Deb drew everyone’s attention to the Blokes Night Out - to be held on Wednesday March 12th at the Golf Club, encouraging the men in the group to get together and support this great cause.</p> <p>10.6 Deb drew everyone’s attention to the Responsible Service of Alcohol course – Thursday 3rd April, 9.00 – 4.00 Virtual classroom Deniliquin Connected Learning Centre. \$185.00 Assessment on the day. At least three committee members required to obtain their RSA. Members were invited to nominate to Deb prior to the date.</p>

11	Close of meeting	Chair	Meeting closed at : 8.29 pm, with Scott thanking Councillors and ERC staff for attending. Next Meeting date: Wednesday April 9 th , 6.30 pm

Attachmen

t 2 - Financial Report March 2025

6:16 AM
05/03/25
Accrual Basis

Conargo Hall Committee Profit & Loss

July 1, 2024 through March 5, 2025
Jul 1, 24 - Mar 5, 25

Income	
Christmas Functions	
Bar	1,002.60
Major Draws	<u>1,139.00</u>
Total Christmas Functions	2,141.60
Functions	
Australia Day	400.00
Bar	50.00
BBQ	<u>373.92</u>
Total Functions	823.92
Interest Received	66,417.13
Rent of Hall	<u>1,131.00</u>
Total Income	70,513.65
Expense	
Christmas Function	
Bar supplies	500.00
Catering costs	2,191.49
Major draws	<u>1,910.57</u>
Total Christmas Function	4,602.06
Donations	611.90
Function Costs	
Bar supplies	329.56
Catering	<u>417.91</u>
Total Function Costs	747.47
Hall improvements	70,764.96
Kitchen replacements	2,343.62
Pub raffle	
Meal	71.30
Raffle books	<u>65.10</u>
Total Pub raffle	136.40
Sundry costs	<u>723.19</u>
Total Expense	<u>79,929.60</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-9,415.95</u></u>

6:14 AM
05/03/25
Accrual Basis

Conargo Hall Committee
Balance Sheet
As of March 5, 2025

ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
Bendigo Account	115,877.01
Commonwealth Cheque Account	105,562.15
Term Deposits	
Westpac - 4/11 - 4/5/25 - 4.17%	500,000.00
Westpac 4/11 - 3/11/25 4.65%	1,941,625.88
Westpac - 4/2 - 4/5/25	251,313.44
Total Term Deposits	<u>2,692,939.32</u>
Total Chequing/Savings	2,914,378.48
Other Current Assets	
Cash on hand	600.00
Stock on hand	1,441.80
Total Other Current Assets	<u>2,041.80</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>2,916,420.28</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>2,916,420.28</u>
LIABILITIES	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
Accounts Payable	4,960.05
Total Accounts Payable	<u>4,960.05</u>
Other Current Liabilities	
Bonds Held	-1,163.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>-1,163.00</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>3,797.05</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>3,797.05</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>2,912,623.23</u>
EQUITY	
Opening Bal Equity	22,444.70
Retained Earnings	2,899,594.48
Net Income	-9,415.95
TOTAL EQUITY	<u>2,912,623.23</u>

11. REPORTS TO COUNCIL

11.1. DENILQUIN CWA HALL - CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Author: Manager Facilities & Open Spaces

Authoriser: Director Infrastructure

RECOMMENDATION

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval to invite expressions of interest (EOI) for the use of the **CWA Hall/Building**, located at 355 Harrison Street, Deniliquin.

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

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

3. Built Environment: Liveable Built Environments

4. Economy: Strong, Diverse and Sustainable

5. Leadership: Accountable Civic Leaders

BACKGROUND

The Former CWA Building is a community facility that has historically been used for community gatherings, activities, events, health and educational programs.

In 2023, Edward River Council acquired the licence for the former CWA Building.

The facility is currently vacant with community event items being stored while restoration works are being completed.

In recent years, the demand for community spaces has increased, with various local organisations expressing interest in securing venues for meetings, activities, and events. Given the significance of the CWA Hall/Building as a community asset, it is appropriate for Council to seek expressions of interest to ensure the facility is activated in a manner that aligns with community needs and Council's strategic objectives.

PROPOSAL/DISCUSSION

It is recommended that Council initiate an EOI process to invite applications from individuals, businesses, and community groups interested in utilising the facility. The EOI will seek proposals that align with the following key objectives:

- Enhancing community engagement and participation
- Ensuring financial and operational sustainability of the facility
- Supporting activities that contribute to social, cultural, or economic benefits for the community

A structured assessment process will be established to evaluate submissions based on suitability, community benefit, and financial viability.

RISK AND IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Legislative and Policy

The EOI process and subsequent use of the CWA Hall/Building must comply with:

- **Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)** – ensuring transparency and fairness in the allocation of public assets.

- **Edward River Council's Asset Management Policy** – ensuring responsible use and maintenance of community facilities.
- **Community Strategic Plan** – aligning with Council's vision for community engagement and sustainable infrastructure.
- **Procurement and Leasing Policies** – ensuring due process in assessing and approving suitable applicants.

6.2 Financial

The facility will require necessary cleaning, maintenance and WHS inspections and condition assessments before occupancy.

Council may offer lease, license or user agreement, subject to negotiations with the successful applicant.

The selected user(s) will be required to demonstrate their ability to contribute to operational costs and maintain the facility appropriately.

6.3 Community Engagement/Consultation

Community stakeholders will be informed of the EOI process through local media, Council's website and social media platforms to ensure transparency and encourage broad participation.

Previous submissions will be invited to re-submit via EOI.

6.4 Work Health and Safety

A full facility condition and structural assessment will need to be completed.

OFFICER'S CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

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

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 - Draft ERC EOI - CWA Hall

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) – USE OF CWA HALL/BUILDING

Edward River Council invites expressions of interest (EOI) from individuals, community groups, businesses, or organisations interested in utilising the Former CWA Hall/Building located in Deniliquin, NSW

Purpose of EOI

The purpose of this EOI is to identify parties interested in using the Former CWA Hall/Building for activities that will benefit the community and align with Council's objectives. Council is seeking proposals that demonstrate appropriate and sustainable use of the facility.

Facility Details

- **Location:** 355 Harrison Street, Deniliquin NSW
- **Facilities Available:** hall/office space, kitchen, amenities, parking
- **Intended Use:** Community events, office space, arts & culture, social gatherings, educational programs
- **Lease/License Terms:** TBA

Submission Requirements

Interested parties are required to submit an EOI including the following information:

- Name of the applicant/organisation
- Contact details (name, phone, email)
- Proposed use of the facility and alignment with community needs
- Frequency and duration of use (e.g., one-off, weekly, seasonal, permanent)
- Ability to contribute to the upkeep and maintenance of the facility (if applicable)
- Financial capacity or funding sources to support the proposed use
- Any additional information relevant to the proposal

Assessment Criteria

EOI submissions will be assessed based on:

- Community benefit and alignment with Council's objectives
- Suitability of proposed use for the facility
- Financial and operational sustainability of the proposal
- Capacity of the applicant to manage the facility responsibly

Submission Process

Interested parties must submit their EOI by **[Deadline Date TBD]** via **[Email/Post Address]**. For further information or to arrange a site inspection, please contact **[Contact Name]** at **[Phone/Email]**.

* Previously submitted submissions will be contacted and invited to re-submit interest.

6. Next Steps

Following the review of submissions, Council may:

- Request additional information or clarification
- Shortlist applicants for further discussions
- Proceed to formal lease/license negotiations with selected applicants

Edward River Council reserves the right to accept or reject any EOI submission and is not bound to proceed with any proposal received.

11.2. HARDINGE STREET PROJECT BUDGET REALLOCATION

Author: Manager Transport

Authoriser: Director Infrastructure

RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorses the reallocation of \$130,000 from the Hardinge Street Road Reconstruction Project to fund kerb and gutter replacement projects along Cressy Street, Russell Street, Burton Street and Wilkinson Street.

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

3. Built Environment: Liveable Built Environments

3.1 Infrastructure

3.2 Road network, and footpaths, cycleways (active transport)

4. Economy: Strong, Diverse and Sustainable

4.7 Transport Networks

BACKGROUND

As part of the 2024/25 Capital Work renewal program, Council has allocated \$954,000 for the renewal of kerb and gutter works and construction of the centre concrete median as part of the Hardinge Street Reconstruction Project. The kerb and gutter works for the Hardinge Street Road Reconstruction project will be undertaken in 2025/26 based on approval from Transport for NSW to proceed with the project being received in March 2025 and the need to then go out to tender for the work. It is noted that, due to the value of this work along Hardinge Street, no other kerb and gutter renewal projects were programmed for 2024/25. This means that funds originally proposed for the Hardinge Street Road Reconstruction project may be re-allocated in order to address other kerb and gutter issues.

Council has received multiple requests for kerb and gutter replacement works throughout Deniliquin. In response, Council staff have conducted further site inspections to assess the reported concerns. The inspection findings confirmed that the requests accurately reflect legitimate safety hazards that pose a risk to the community and that immediate remedial works are required to mitigate potential hazards.

PROPOSAL/DISCUSSION

Following a risk assessment of kerb and gutter, based on requests through Council's Customer Request System, Council staff determined that emergency kerb and gutter replacement works were required at the following locations:

- Cressy Street, between Russell Street and Butler Street,
- Russell Street, between Cressy Street and George Street,

- Burton Street, between Poitiers Street and Warren Drive, and
- Wilkinson Street, a section between Butler Street and Russell Street.

The estimated expenditure amount for this work is \$130,000 and Council staff request that Council reallocates \$130,000 from the kerb and gutter renewal budget for the Hardinge Street Road Reconstruction project, as these funds will not be spent in 2024/25. It is proposed that the remaining unspent funds for the Hardinge Street Road Reconstruction project will be returned to Council's reserves as part of the March QBRs, with works as part of the Hardinge Street Road Reconstruction project to be funded in the 2025/26 Capital Works program.

RISK AND IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Legislative and Policy

Work Health and Safety (WHS) Act 2023

NSW Roads Act 1993 No 33

6.2 Financial

Is this currently budgeted: No.

If not, can it be funded within existing budget: Yes - Budget reallocation - Hardinge Street Project.

What is the proposed funding source?

Budget reallocation - Hardinge Street Project.

6.3 Community Engagement/Consultation

Council staff have engaged with members of the community regarding requests and concerns that have been raised about sections of kerb and gutter.

6.4 Work Health and Safety

Council staff, following inspection of the sites of the kerb and gutter, determined that the replacement of the kerb and gutter was required immediately to address safety concerns.

OFFICER'S CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

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

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments to this report.

11.3. FILTERED WATER STANDPIPE CHARGES AMENDMENT

Author: Chief Executive Officer, Jack Bond

Authoriser: Chief Executive Officer, Jack Bond

RECOMMENDATION

That Council amend the fees and charges for "Standpipe water sales" for the remainder of the 2024 / 25 financial year from \$11.00 per kilolitre to \$4.00 per kilolitre.

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

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

1.4 Accessibility and Inclusion

1.6 Health

1.7 Housing

BACKGROUND

In the current 2024 / 25 financial year, Council charge \$11.00/kL (per kilolitre = 1,000 litres) for the supply of filter water at our standpipe locations for water carters to fill up and deliver to households not connected to the town pipe network. For those connected to the pipe network in town get charged Tier 1 rate \$1.17 / kL for the first 800kL and then \$1.67 / kL for anything above 800kL.

Standpipe costs are greater due to no annual charge, third party transaction management, maintenance of truck hard stand area and no developer / headwork charges.

Below table references the current charges of neighbouring Councils.

Council	\$/kL	Comment
Edward River	11.00	
Murray River	3.10	
Hay	5.00	Minimum 20kL or \$100 charge
Murrumbidgee	3.44	+ \$100 per transaction
Berrigan	3.75	

The difference in cost to the end users would be;

Item	\$ (current)	\$ (proposed)
30 kL water (30,000 litres)	330	120
Delivery	450	450
Total	780	570 (\$210 difference)

PROPOSAL/DISCUSSION

NIL

RISK AND IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Legislative and Policy

There is no legislative requirements in place for pricing.

6.2 Financial

This modification has not been budgeted for. In a typical financial year there is 3,000 kL drawn from the standpipe, which would result in a reduced income of \$21,000 at the new rate. It is hopeful that the reduced rate will encourage more use.

6.3 Community Engagement/Consultation

No community consultation has been completed

6.4 Work Health and Safety

This would have no impact on staff or third party regarding WHS issues.

OFFICER'S CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

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

ATTACHMENTS

NIL

11.4. KEY CONFERENCES 2025 - RURAL & REGIONAL SUMMIT 8 MAY 2025

Author: Executive Assistant

Authoriser: Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

1. Considers the attendance of Councillors at the Local Government NSW Rural and Regional Summit on Thursday 8 May 2025 in the State Library of New South Wales.
2. Take advantage of early-bird ticketing by securing tickets prior to 1 April 2025.

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

5. Leadership: Accountable Civic Leaders

5.1 Shared Vision

5.2 Diversity of Leadership

5.3 Inter-governmental Collaboration

5.4 Grow Our Own Leaders

5.5 Communication and Engagement

5.6 Good Corporate Governance

BACKGROUND

The February meeting of Council recommended the attendance of the Mayor and the Chief Executive Officer at three key conferences in 2025 and that consideration for additional Councillors be made in line with the Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy and Councillor Training.

The first of these Key Conferences is the Local Government of NSW Rural and Regional Summit taking place on Thursday 8 May 2025 in the State Library of NSW. This is a full one day program commencing at 8.15am and running through until 4pm, followed by networking opportunities.

PROPOSAL/DISCUSSION

The Resolution of 18 February 2025 provides the opportunity for a further two Councillors to attend if this is their area of interest. The following topics are on the agenda for discussion:-

- Government Response to Financial Sustainability Review Recommendations
- Building Reforms for Rural and Regional Areas

- Invasive Species
- Local Water Utilities
- Dealing with Disaster: Excellence in Recovery
- Dealing with Disaster: Working Across Government

RISK AND IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Legislative and Policy

Aligns with the Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy and Councillor Training.

6.2 Financial

Is this currently budgeted - Yes

What is the proposed funding source?

Councillor Training and Expenses.

OFFICER'S CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

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

ATTACHMENTS

1. Rural & Regional Summit Program

Attachment 1 - Rural_Regional_Summit_25



Program

Thursday 8 May 2025		
8.15am	Arrival Refreshments Registration Opens	
9.00am – 10.25am	Conference Commences	Michael Pascoe , Conference MC
	Welcome	Phyllis Miller OAM , LGNSW President
	Session 1	Hon Ron Hoenig MP , Minister for Local Government
	Session 2 - Government Response to Financial Sustainability Review Recommendations	Brett Whitworth , Deputy Secretary, Office of Local Government NSW
10.25am	Morning Tea Foyer	
11.05am – 12.10pm	Session 3 - Building Reforms for Rural & Regional Areas	James Sherrard , NSW Building Commissioner, Building Commission NSW
	Session 4 - Invasive Species	Dr Marion Healy PSM , NSW Independent Biosecurity Commissioner, Department Primary Industries and Regional Development NSW
	Partner Address	nbn Local
12.10pm	Lunch Break Foyer - Program partner nbn Local	
1.10pm – 4.00pm	Session 5 - Local Water Utilities	Hon Rose Jackson MLC , Minister for Water
	Session 6 - Dealing with a Disaster: Excellence in Recovery	Cr Phyllis Miller OAM , Mayor Forbes Shire Council & LGNSW President Cr Steven Kreig , Mayor Lismore Cr Mathew Hatcher , Mayor Eurobodalla Shire Council Cr Kevin Beatty , Mayor Cabonne Council
	Session 7 - Dealing with a Disaster: Working Across Government	Mal Lanyon APM , Acting Chief Executive Officer, NSW Reconstruction Authority Brendan Moon AM , Coordinator General, National Emergency Management Agency
	Session 8	Hon Wendy Tuckerman MP , Shadow Minister for Local Government
	Final comments	Michael Pascoe , Conference MC Phyllis Miller OAM , LGNSW President
4.00pm	Networking Cocktails Foyer	

* Program subject to change

11.5. UNCLAIMED LAND - OFFICE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

Author: Acting Chief Financial Officer

Authoriser: Acting Director Corporate Services

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Note the letter received from the Office of Local Government; and
2. Consider the preferred pathway in relation to the management of unpaid rates on unclaimed properties
 - a. Proceed with raising rates under the lower rate category and annually write off raised rates; or
 - b. Seek officers to:
 - i. Undertake physical inspections of all unclaimed properties
 - ii. Undertake costing of costs associated with sale/transfer
 - iii. Make recommendations as to the prioritisation of properties depending on their viability for sale versus transfer to Crown.

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

5. Leadership: Accountable civic leaders

5.6 Good Corporate Governance

BACKGROUND

In September 2023 Council approved the write-off of rates on forty-seven unclaimed properties. It was recommended that Council write to the Minister of the Office of Local Government, requesting that the Local Government Act 1993 section 556 (1) be amended to include unclaimed properties as land that is exempt from rates.

Most of the unclaimed properties were purchased in villages created and gazetted in the NSW Government Gazette for the purpose of Cobb & Co stopovers and horse changes, including the villages of Boooroban, Coree and Tuppal. Twenty-one of these properties have already been through the process of Sale of Land under section 713 *Local Government Act* by former Conargo Shire Council with no positive outcome. The remaining two unclaimed properties relate to the former Deniliquin Council and are laneways where the Sale of Land under section 713 would not be considered feasible.

In response to the previous resolution (2023/0919/12.7), Council Mayor (at the time) wrote to the Office of Local Government seeking amendments to the Local Government Act 1993 which would enable Council to cease rating of unclaimed properties.

PROPOSAL/DISCUSSION

The response from the Office of Local Government acknowledges Councils request for amendment to the Local Government Act 1993 section 556 (1). "The State

Development Committee of the Legislative Council has undertaken an inquiry into the sustainability of Council finances.” Stating that “one of the areas of interest has been the rating provision and whether there is need for further review...”. See Attachment – Unclaimed Land Response Letter.

The letter also states that “Council should continue to be guided by its own independent legal and valuation advice as to its options....”.

Currently, Council has created a farmland sub-category for the unclaimed properties giving them a lower ad-valorem and base rate, resulting in a lower yield. This will lessen the financial burden on Council. This option was implemented in the 2024/2025 financial year, resulting in a total of \$1,447.93 levied. This amount, through resolution of Council will need to be written-off each year to avoid the debt build up. This option was considered the most cost-effective way.

Alternatively, Council can seek legal, valuation and conveyancing advice to start either the sale of land process and/or the transfer of the unclaimed land to Crown Lands. An indicative quote given in previous financials years was estimating \$4,500 per property to undertake longer term solutions to remove these properties from our rate base.

In considering the alternative approach, although an initial expenditure is required to go through formal processes of either sale or transfer to Crown, it is worth considering the longer-term solution. To truly consider what the longer-term solution is, it would be recommended that each property be physically viewed on the ground to determine that the land can be located and whether it is accessible other than by directly adjoining property owners which would then restrict ability to sell on an open market.

Obviously the alternative pathway although it provides a true resolution to annual write offs does have a significant human resource allocation to undertake the individual inspections and then the anticipated expenditure to formally go through the sale/transfer process in accordance with the legislative framework.

RISK AND IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Legislative and Policy

NSW Local Government Act 1993

Local Government (General) Regulations 2021

6.2 Financial

The process of writing off unrecoverable rates and charges will reduce the amount of arrears of rates and charges payable to Council and improve cash collections. The process of selling and transferring the unclaimed land will need to be costed and for Council to approve the additional cost needed to clean up the rates register.

6.3 Community Engagement

N/A

6.4 Work Health and Safety

There are no Work Health and Safety issues identified with this report.

OFFICER'S CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

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

ATTACHMENTS

1. Unclaimed Land
2. Unclaimed Land Aerials

Attachment 1 - Unclaimed Land List

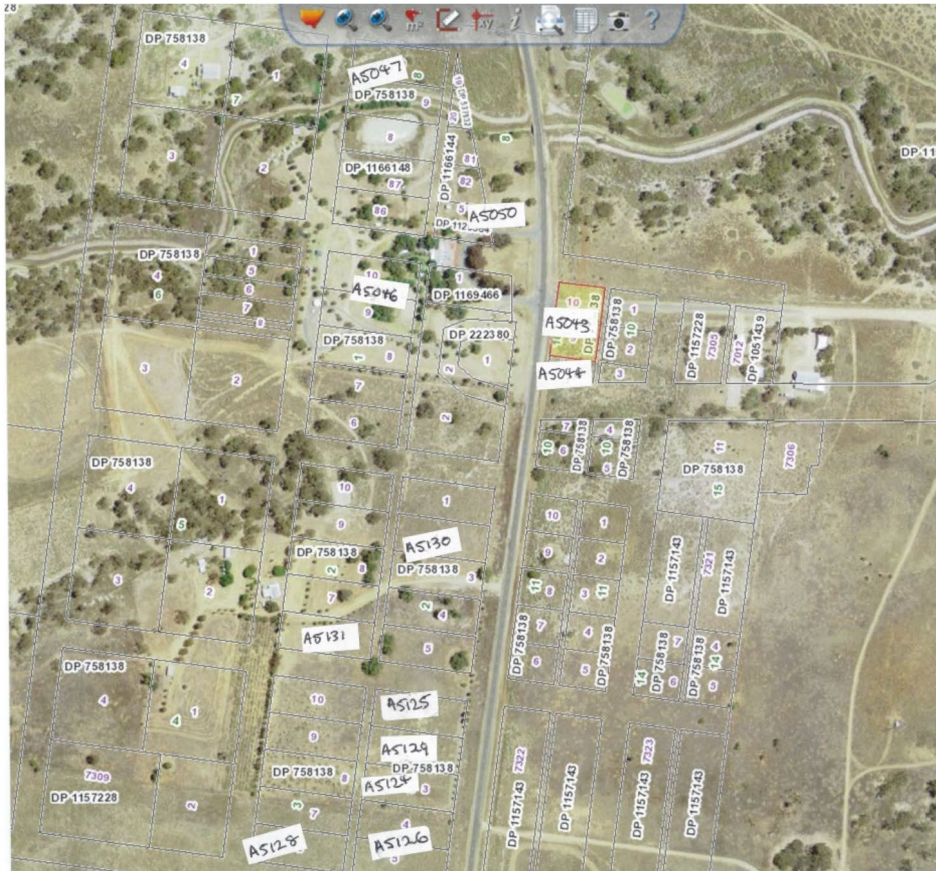
Unclaimed Land

Address	Property ID	Status	Legal Description	Land Value 2024 Baseline	Total Area
Finley Road DENILIQUIN NSW 2710	4371	Current	Lot F DP 405022	\$4,350	1.628 Ha
Cressy Street DENILIQUIN NSW 2710	4523	Current	Lot 1 DP 1149220	\$30,200	299 SqM
Conargo Road CONARGO NSW 2710	5017	Current	Lot 7 Sec 18 DP 758293	\$220	0.2 Ha
Conargo Road COREE NSW 2710	5018	Current	Lot 5 Sec 15 DP 758293	\$220	0.2 Ha
Conargo Road COREE NSW 2710	5019	Current	Lot 3 Sec 19 DP 758293	\$220	0.2 Ha
Conargo Road COREE NSW 2710	5020	Current	Lot 4 Sec 15 DP 758293	\$220	0.2 Ha
Conargo Road COREE NSW 2710	5022	Current	Lot 6 Sec 19 DP 758293	\$220	0.2 Ha
Gillops Road TUPPAL NSW 2714	5023	Current	Lot 2 Sec 15 DP 759006	\$8,810	1.13 Ha
Conargo Road COREE NSW 2710	5024	Current	Lot 8 Sec 14 DP 758293	\$220	0.11 Ha
Conargo Road COREE NSW 2710	5025	Current	Lot 4 Sec 18 DP 758293	\$220	0.2 Ha
Conargo Road COREE NSW 2710	5026	Current	Lot 8 Sec 15 DP 758293	\$220	0.2 Ha
Conargo Road COREE NSW 2710	5027	Current	Lot 2 Sec 19 DP 758293	\$220	0.2 Ha
Conargo Road COREE NSW 2710	5028	Current	Lot 8 Sec 19 DP 758293	\$220	0.2 Ha
Conargo Road COREE NSW 2710	5029	Current	Lot 3 Sec 15 DP 758293	\$220	0.2 Ha
Conargo Road COREE NSW 2710	5030	Current	Lot 2 Sec 15 DP 758293	\$220	0.2 Ha
Conargo Road COREE NSW 2710	5032	Current	Lot 1 Sec 15 DP 758293	\$220	0.2 Ha
Conargo Road COREE NSW 2710	5033	Current	Lot 7 Sec 14 DP 758293	\$220	0.2 Ha
Conargo Road COREE NSW 2710	5034	Current	Lot 5 Sec 19 DP 758293	\$220	0.2 Ha
Conargo Road COREE NSW 2710	5035	Current	Lot 4 Sec 19 DP 758293	\$220	0.2 Ha
Conargo Road COREE NSW 2710	5036	Current	Lot 10 Sec 19 DP 758293	\$220	0.2 Ha
Conargo Road COREE NSW 2710	5037	Current	Lot 9 Sec 19 DP 758293	\$220	0.2 Ha
Conargo Road COREE NSW 2710	5038	Current	Lot 5 Sec 18 DP 758293	\$220	0.2 Ha
Conargo Road COREE NSW 2710	5039	Current	Lot 1 Sec 19 DP 758293	\$220	0.2 Ha
Cobb Highway BOOROOBAN NSW 2710	5043	Current	Lot 10 Sec 10 DP 758138 Lot 9 Sec 10 DP 758138	\$740	0.4 Ha
Cobb Highway BOOROOBAN NSW 2710	5044	Current	Lot 8 Sec 10 DP 758138	\$740	1366 SqM
Cobb Highway BOOROOBAN NSW 2710	5045	Current	Lot 9 Sec 1 DP 758138 Lot 10 Sec 1 DP 758138	\$1,510	8094 SqM
Cobb Highway BOOROOBAN NSW 2710	5047	Current	Lot 9 Sec 8 DP 758138 Lot 10 Sec 8 DP 758138	\$1,510	2371 SqM
Cobb Highway BOOROOBAN NSW 2710	5050	Current	Lot 5 DP 1120364	\$740	4047 SqM
Conargo Road COREE NSW 2710	5091	Current	Lot 8 Sec 18 DP 758293 Lot 3 Sec 18 DP 758293	\$470	4047 SqM
Mayrung Road MAYRUNG NSW 2710	5110	Current	Lot 1 DP 904387	\$8,790	2024 SqM
Mayrung Road MAYRUNG NSW 2710	5112	Current	Lot 1 DP 904389	\$8,790	2024 SqM
Nesdale Road WANDOCK NSW 2710	5115	Current	Lot 1 DP 317630	\$15,000	4047 SqM
North Coree Road COREE NSW 2710	5116	Current	Lot 6 DP 252173 Lot 7 DP 252173 Lot 14 DP 583538 Lot 15 DP 583538 and 1 more	\$7,270	4,199 Ha
Lang Street WANGANELLA NSW 2710	5122	Current	Lot 10 Sec 9 DP 759045	\$17,600	639 SqM
Cobb Highway BOOROOBAN NSW 2710	5124	Current	Lot 3 Sec 3 DP 758138	\$740	4047 SqM
Cobb Highway BOOROOBAN NSW 2710	5125	Current	Lot 1 Sec 3 DP 758138	\$740	4047 SqM
Cobb Highway BOOROOBAN NSW 2710	5126	Current	Lot 4 Sec 3 DP 758138 Lot 5 Sec 3 DP 758138	\$1,510	8094 SqM
Cobb Highway BOOROOBAN NSW 2710	5128	Current	Lot 6 Sec 3 DP 758138	\$740	4047 SqM
Cobb Highway BOOROOBAN NSW 2710	5129	Current	Lot 2 Sec 3 DP 758138	\$740	4047 SqM
Cobb Highway BOOROOBAN NSW 2710	5130	Current	Lot 1 Sec 2 DP 758138 Lot 2 Sec 2 DP 758138 Lot 3 Sec 2 DP 758138 Lot 4 Sec 2 DP 758138 and 1 more	\$3,040	2,024 Ha
Cobb Highway BOOROOBAN NSW 2710	5131	Current	Lot 6 Sec 2 DP 758138 Lot 7 Sec 3 DP 758138 Lot 8 Sec 3 DP 758138 Lot 9 Sec 3 DP 758138 and 1 more	\$3,040	2,024 Ha
Lang Street WANGANELLA NSW 2710	5145	Current	Lot 5 Sec 20 DP 759045 Lot 6 Sec 20 DP 759045	\$6,090	4021 SqM
Pretty Pine Road BARRATTA NSW 2710	5161	Current	Lot 5 Sec 23 DP 758060	\$260	2023 SqM
Russells Road MAYRUNG NSW 2710	5166	Current	Lot 1 DP 558891	\$7,030	1,445 Ha
Martin Street COREE NSW 2710	5168	Current	Lot 6 Sec 18 DP 758293	\$220	2023 SqM
Oro Road MORAGO NSW 2710	5188	Current	Lot 2 DP 933893	\$33,000	3,468 Ha
Riverina Highway WARRAGOON NSW 2710	5676	Current	Lot 1 DP 665113	\$42,300	5.98 Ha

Attachment 2 - Unclaimed land aerals

Unclaimed land - aerials

Village of Boorooban – Unclaimed Properties



Description	Rates Bal	Property ID
Village of Boorooban	9,719.14	5043
Village of Boorooban	9,719.14	5044
Village of Boorooban	9,730.83	5046
Village of Boorooban	7,265.96	5129
Village of Boorooban	7,300.52	5130
Village of Boorooban	7,300.92	5131
Village of Boorooban	9,730.83	5047
Village of Boorooban	9,719.14	5050
Village of Boorooban	7,332.96	5124
Village of Boorooban	7,265.96	5125
Village of Boorooban	7,277.65	5126
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Village of Coree – Unclaimed Properties



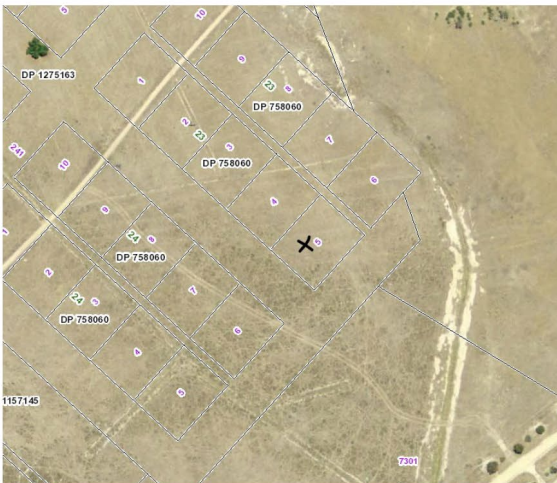
Village of Coree	4,784.37	5017
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Village of Coree	4,784.37	5022
Village of Coree	4,784.37	5024
Village of Coree	4,784.37	5025
Village of Coree	4,784.37	5026
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Village of Coree	4,784.37	5035
Village of Coree	4,784.37	5036
Village of Coree	4,784.37	5037
Village of Coree	4,784.37	5038
Village of Coree	4,784.37	5039
Village of Coree	4,788.24	5071
Village of Coree	4,152.76	5168

Property ID 5122 – Village of Wanganella - appears to have a dwelling on it but no response to any correspondence.

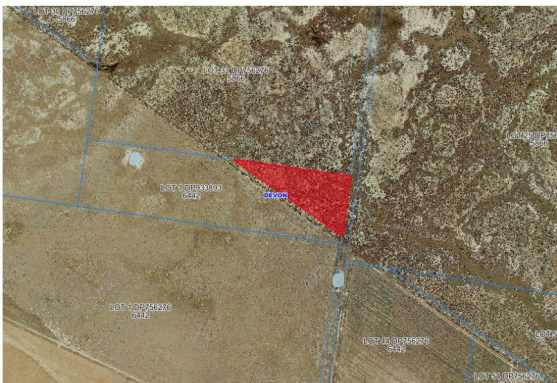
Property ID 5145 – Village of Wanganella - double block on vacant land



Property ID 5161 – Village of Barratta, balance of village now owned by FS Falkiner & Sons



Property ID 5188 – Land sitting on its own, possible left off past land schedule when ownership was transferred



Property ID 5023 – Village of Tuppall



Property ID 5115 – Long piece of land between Yanco Creek and along Wilson anabranch, company search showed owner Coree Pastoral Company Pty Ltd dissolved in 1986



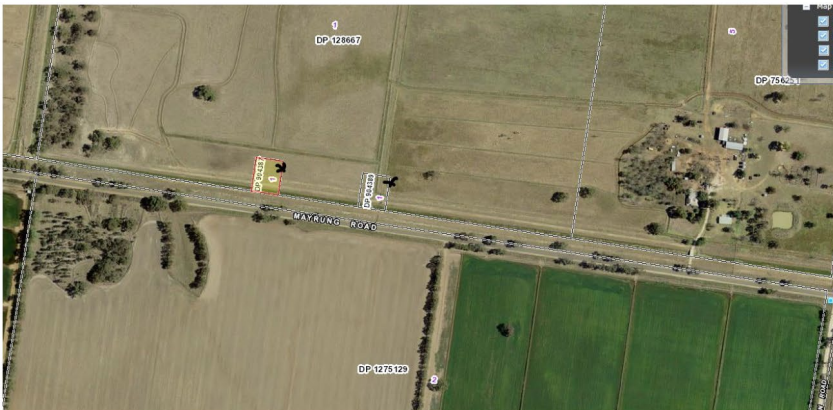
Property ID 5115 - land sitting on it's own, possibly not picked up in a land transfer historically, borders Mary Allitt's land



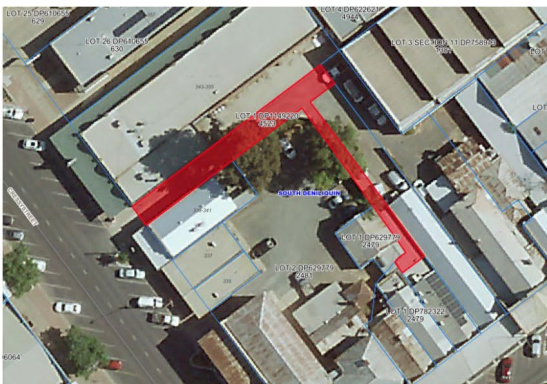
Property ID 5166 – Land, with the Mulwala Canal running through it (should be MIL), Valnet - easement for WV & EP Prentice (not existing owner)



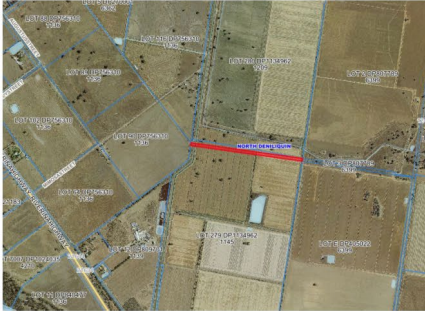
Property IDs 5110 & 5112 – two lots on Peter Thomson’s property, not sure of original purpose



Property ID 4523 – Elliots Riverine Brewer Aerated Waters & Milling Company Ltd - Land behind Federal Hotel-access laneway



Property ID 4371 – Laneway situated between two properties owned by TA Donaldson



Property ID 5676 – Road running between Riverina Highway & Middletons Road, between Strongs and Bill Holden



12. REPORTS FOR NOTING

12.1. INVESTMENT REPORT - FEBRUARY 2025

Author: Financial Accountant

Authoriser: Acting Chief Financial Officer

RECOMMENDATION

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

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

5. Accountable leadership and responsive administration

5.2 Financially sustainable

BACKGROUND

In accordance with clause 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 (the Regulation), the Responsible Accounting Officer (CFO) must provide council with a report setting out details of all money council has invested under section 625 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act).

The report must also include a certificate as to whether or not the investment has been made in accordance with the Act, the Regulations and the council's investment policies.

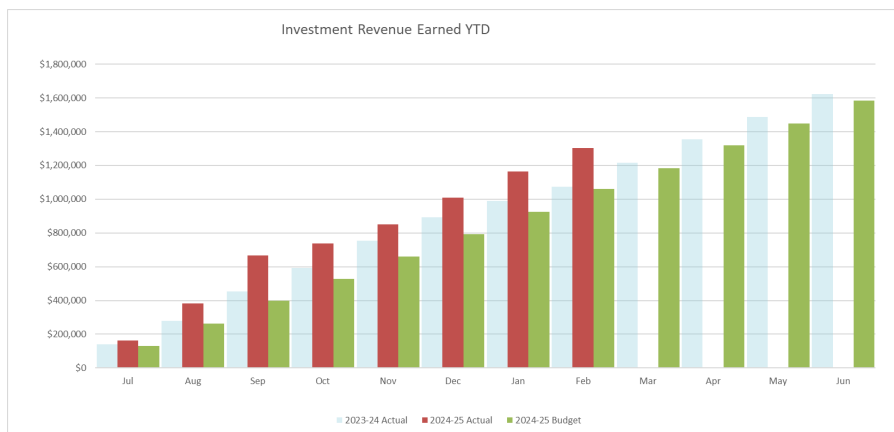
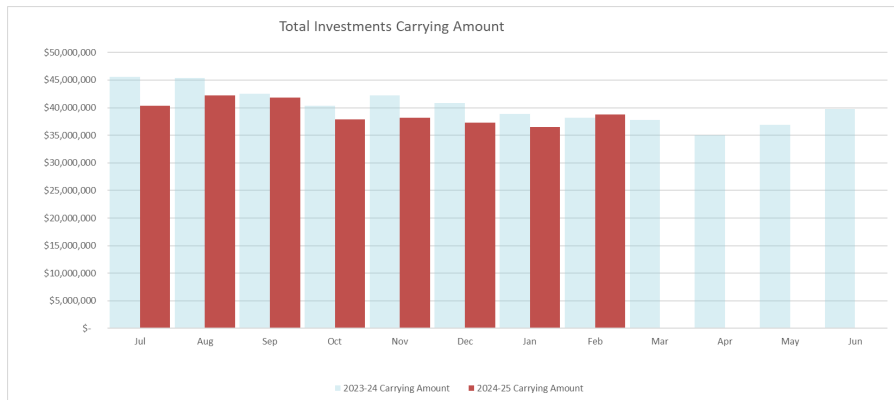
PROPOSAL/DISCUSSION

As at 28 February 2025, Council had a total of \$38,733,054 in term deposits and cash at bank exclusive of un-presented receipts or cheques. Councils' investments do not include the Conargo Hall Committee's Term Deposit.

Council's weighted average interest rate was 4.95%, which was 0.47% above the Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index implied one-year return of 4.48%. Total interest earned for the year to 28 February 2025 was \$1,304,579 compared to the budget of \$1,059,608 and previous year total of \$1,074,666.

The total cash and investments balance has increased by \$2.26m since January 2025 as Council has rates instalments fall due and grant funding claims received. This also includes seasonal fluctuations from month to month in line with Council's cashflow requirements.

The details of the investments are included in Attachment 1- Schedule of Investments - February 2025.



Council has engaged Arlo Advisory to provide ongoing investment advisory services. As part of this service, Arlo provides, among other services, a monthly investment review report which council uses to inform investment decisions. A copy of the report is attached in this report as Attachment 2 - Investment Review February 2025 - Arlo Advisory. Council continues to obtain financial benefits through accessing better rates through the Imperium Investment platform as well as efficiency savings in the investment process.

RISK AND IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Legislative and Policy

Local Government Act 1993

Local Government (General) Regulation 2021

Investment Policy

6.2 Financial

As at 28 February 2025, all investments were within the defined Investment Policy limits. Council’s investment portfolio consisted of term deposits (85%) and cash at bank/ on call (15%).

6.3 Community Engagement/Consultation

N/A

6.4 Work Health and Safety

There are no identified Work Health and Safety implications identified through this report.

Certification – Responsible Accounting Officer

I hereby certify that the investments listed in the Investment Report Attachment have been made in accordance with Section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993, and clause 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 and Council’s Investment Policy.

David Mead
Responsible Accounting Officer

OFFICER'S CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

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

ATTACHMENTS

1. Investment Review February 2025 - Arlo Advisory
2. Schedule of Investments - February 2025

Attachment 1 - Investment Review February 2025 - Arlo Advisory



Monthly Investment Review



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February 2025

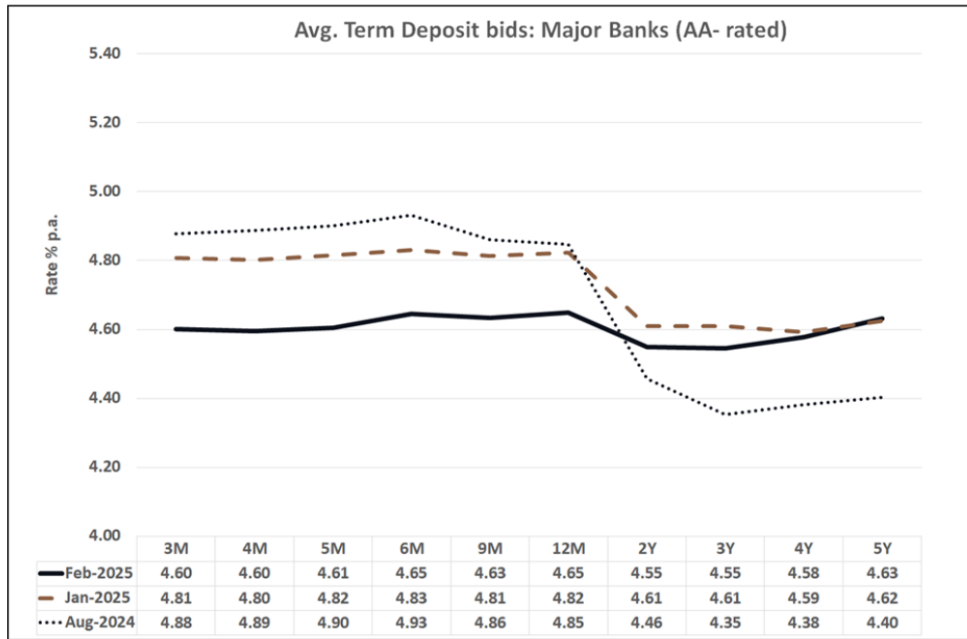
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Market Update Summary

Risk markets experienced a downturn over February on the back of tariff uncertainty (led by the US) and ongoing geopolitics in the middle east.

In the deposit market, over February, at the very short-end of the curve (less than 12 months), the average deposit rates offered by the major banks fell by around 15-20bp compared to where they were the previous month (January), in response to the RBA’s first rate cut this easing cycle. At the medium to longer-end of the curve (2-3 years), the average rates fell by around 5bp compared to where they were in January (and largely unchanged for 4-5 years).



Source: Imperium Markets

With additional rate cuts and a global economic downturn priced in over 2025, investors should consider diversifying and taking an ‘insurance policy’ against a potentially lower rate environment by investing across 1-5 year fixed deposits and locking in rates above 4½% p.a. (small allocation only).



Edward River Council’s Portfolio & Compliance

Asset Allocation

The portfolio is mainly directed to fixed term deposits (~85%), with the remainder of the portfolio (~15%) being held in various overnight cash accounts.

Senior FRNs are starting to become expensive on a historical basis, although new issuances should continue to be considered on a case by case scenario. In the interim, staggering a mix of fixed deposits between 12 months to 5 years remains a more optimal strategy to maximise returns over a longer-term cycle.

With additional rate cuts and a global economic downturn being priced in 2025, investors can choose to allocate a small proportion of longer-term funds and undertake an insurance policy against any potential future rate cuts by investing across 1-5 year fixed deposits, locking in and targeting yields above 4½% p.a. Should inflation be within the RBA’s target band of 2-3% over the longer-term, returns around 4½% p.a. or higher should outperform benchmark.



Term to Maturity

The portfolio remains highly liquid with around 82% maturing within 12 months. Where liquidity permits, we recommend investing surplus funds in the 1-2 year horizons to optimise the portfolio’s returns in the long-run. Where there is (counterparty) capacity to invest in attractive medium-longer term investments, we recommend this be allocated to medium-term fixed deposits (refer to respective sections below).

Compliant	Horizon	Invested (\$)	Invested (%)	Min. Limit (%)	Max. Limit (%)	Available (\$)
✓	0 – 90 days	\$9,733,054	25.13%	15%	100%	\$29,000,000
✓	91 – 365 days	\$22,000,000	56.80%	0%	100%	\$16,733,054
✓	1 – 2 years	\$4,000,000	10.33%	0%	70%	\$23,113,138
✓	2 – 5 years	\$3,000,000	7.75%	0%	50%	\$16,366,527
		\$38,733,054	100.00%			



Counterparty

Overall, the portfolio is lightly diversified across the investment grade credit spectrum, with no exposure to the unrated ADIs.

As at the end of the February, Council is within Policy limits to each individual ADI. We continue to encourage Council to diversify its investments with other ADIs as this will not only reduce concentration risk, but in all likelihood, this will increase the overall returns of the portfolio.

Compliant	Issuer	Rating [^]	Invested (\$)	Invested (%)	Max. Limit (%)	Available (\$)
✓	ANZ	AA-	\$4,000,000	10.33%	40.00%	\$11,493,222
✓	CBA	AA-	\$5,727,875	14.79%	40.00%	\$9,765,346
✓	NAB	AA-	\$13,000,000	33.56%	40.00%	\$2,493,222
✓	Macquarie Bank	A+	\$5,178	0.01%	25.00%	\$9,678,085
✓	ING	A	\$8,000,000	20.65%	25.00%	\$1,683,263
✓	BoQ	A-	\$2,000,000	5.16%	25.00%	\$7,683,263
✓	BankVic	BBB+	\$3,000,000	7.75%	15.00%	\$2,809,958
✓	Hume Bank	BBB+	\$3,000,000	7.75%	15.00%	\$2,809,958
			\$38,733,054	100.00%		

[^]Applying long-term ratings only.

On 31st July 2024, ANZ's takeover of Suncorp Bank was formalised, and ratings agency S&P upgraded Suncorp's long-term credit rating to that of its parent company immediately (now rated AA-). Investor's exposure to Suncorp is now reflected under the parent company being ANZ.

Credit Quality

The portfolio remains diversified from a credit ratings perspective. The entire long term portfolio is spread amongst the investment grade spectrum. All aggregate ratings categories were within the Policy limits at month-end:

Compliant	Credit Rating [^]	Invested (\$)	Invested (%)	Max. Limit (%)	Available (\$)
✓	AA Category	\$22,727,875	59%	100%	\$16,005,178
✓	A Category	\$10,005,178	26%	60%	\$13,234,654
✓	BBB Category	\$6,000,000	15%	35%	\$7,556,569
✓	Unrated Category	\$0	0%	5%	\$1,936,653
		\$38,733,054	100.00%		

[^] Applying long-term ratings only.



Performance

Council's performance (excluding cash holdings) for the month ending February 2025 is summarised as follows:

Performance (Actual)	1 month	3 months	6 months	FYTD	1 year
Official Cash Rate	0.31%	1.04%	2.12%	2.86%	4.33%
AusBond Bank Bill Index	0.34%	1.10%	2.21%	2.98%	4.48%
Council's T/D Portfolio [^]	0.40%	1.25%	2.52%	3.41%	4.98%
Outperformance	0.06%	0.15%	0.31%	0.43%	0.50%

[^]Total portfolio performance excludes Council's cash account holdings.

Performance (Annualised)	1 month	3 months	6 months	FYTD	1 year
Official Cash Rate	4.10%	4.27%	4.31%	4.32%	4.33%
AusBond Bank Bill Index	4.51%	4.54%	4.51%	4.51%	4.48%
Council's T/D Portfolio [^]	5.30%	5.18%	5.15%	5.17%	4.98%
Outperformance	0.79%	0.64%	0.64%	0.65%	0.50%

[^]Total portfolio performance excludes Council's cash account holdings.

For the month of February, the portfolio (excluding cash) provided a return of +0.40% (actual) or +5.30% p.a. (annualised), outperforming the benchmark AusBond Bank Bill Index return of +0.34% (actual) or +4.51% p.a. (annualised).



Recommendations for Council

Term Deposits

Going forward, the longer-term strategy would ideally be placing across 12-24 months terms as it is likely to earn up to ¼-½% p.a. higher compared to shorter tenors in a normal market environment. There is growing belief that additional interest rate cuts and a global economic downturn is imminent and so locking in rates above 4½% p.a. across 1-5 year tenors may provide some income protection against a lower rate environment.

As at the end of February 2025, Council's deposit portfolio was yielding 5.09% p.a. (down 3bp from the previous month), with a weighted average duration of around 292 days (~9½ months). **We recommend Council maintains this average duration over the longer-term to optimise returns.**

Please refer to the section below for further details on the Term Deposit market.

Securities

Primary (new) Senior **FRNs** (with maturities between 3-5 years) continue to be relatively appealing (particularly for those investors with portfolios skewed towards fixed assets) though becoming expensive on a historical basis, and should be considered on a case by case scenario. **Fixed Bonds** may also provide some attractive opportunities from new (primary) issuances.

Please refer to the sections below for further details on each market.



Term Deposit Market Review

Current Term Deposits Rates

As at the end of February, we see value in the following:

ADI	LT Credit Rating	Term	Rate % p.a.
ING Bank	A	5 years	4.82%
Hume Bank	BBB+	5 years	4.68%
Westpac	AA-	5 years	4.59%
ING Bank	A	4 years	4.70%
BoQ	A-	4 years	4.55%
Westpac	AA-	4 years	4.53%
Hume Bank	BBB+	4 years	4.52%
ING Bank	A	3 years	4.61%
Westpac	AA-	3 years	4.50%
BoQ	A-	3 years	4.50%
Hume Bank	BBB+	3 years	4.50%
ING Bank	A	2 years	4.60%
NAB	AA-	2 years	4.55%
Westpac	AA-	2 years	4.51%
BoQ	A-	2 years	4.50%

The above deposits are suitable for investors looking to maintain diversification and lock-in a slight premium compared to purely investing short-term.

For terms under 12 months, we believe the strongest value is currently being offered by the following ADIs (*we stress that rates are indicative, dependent on daily funding requirements and different for industry segments*):



ADI	LT Credit Rating	Term	Rate % p.a.
ICBC Sydney	A	12 months	4.74%
Westpac	AA-	12 months	4.70%
ING Bank	A	12 months	4.67%
NAB	AA-	12 months	4.65%
ICBC Sydney	A	9 months	4.72%
BankVIC	BBB+	9 months	4.70%
NAB	AA-	9 months	4.65%
ING Bank	A	9 months	4.63%
Bank of Sydney	Unrated	6 months	4.78%
BankVIC	BBB+	6 months	4.75%
NAB	AA-	6 months	4.70%
Westpac	AA-	6 months	4.66%
Bank of Sydney	Unrated	3 months	4.79%
NAB	AA-	3 months	4.70%

For those investors that do not require high levels of liquidity and can stagger their investments longer term, they will be rewarded over a longer-term cycle if they roll for an average min. term of 12 months, with a spread of investments out to 5 years (this is where we see current value). In a normal market environment (upward sloping yield curve), investors could earn over a cycle, on average, up to ¼-½% p.a. higher compared to those investors that entirely invest in short-dated deposits.

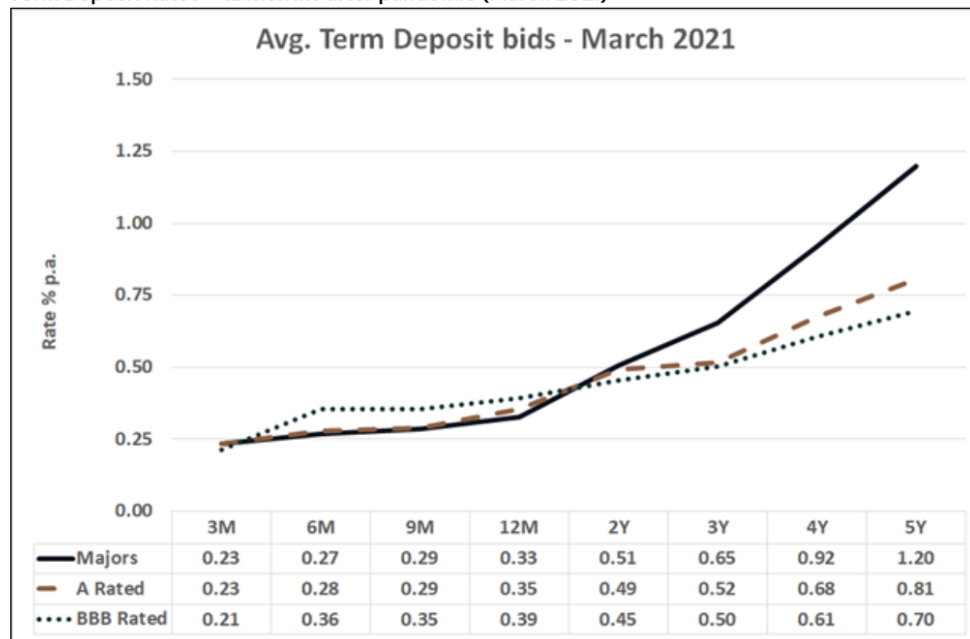
With additional rate cuts and a global economic downturn priced in over 2025, investors should consider allocating some longer-term surplus funds and undertake an insurance policy by investing across 1-5 year fixed deposits and locking in rates above 4½% p.a. This will provide some income protection if the RBA decides to continue cutting rates over 2025.



Term Deposits Analysis

Pre-pandemic (March 2020), a 'normal' marketplace meant the lower rated ADIs (i.e. BBB category) were offering higher rates on term deposits compared to the higher rated ADIs (i.e. A or AA rated). But due to the cheap funding available provided by the RBA via their Term Funding Facility (TFF) during mid-2020, allowing the ADIs to borrow as low as 0.10% p.a. fixed for 3 years, those lower rated ADIs (BBB rated) did not require deposit funding from the wholesale deposit. Given the higher rated banks had more capacity to lend (as they have a greater pool of mortgage borrowers), they subsequently were offering higher deposit rates. In fact, some of the lower rated banks were not even offering deposit rates at all. As a result, most investors placed a higher proportion of their deposit investments with the higher rated (A or AA) ADIs over the past three years.

Term Deposit Rates – 12 months after pandemic (March 2021)



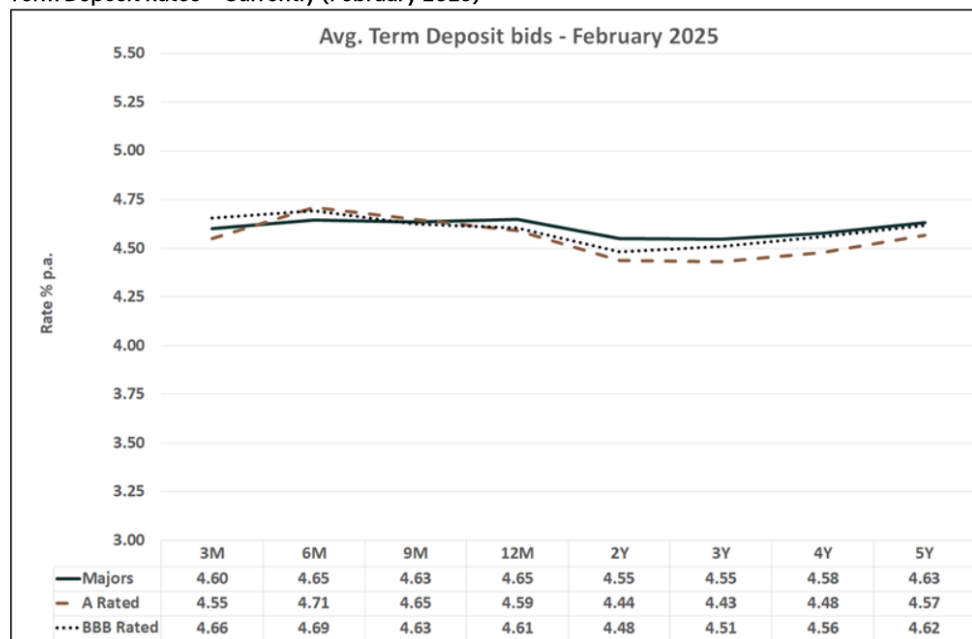
Source: Imperium Markets

The abnormal marketplace experienced during the pandemic is starting to reverse as the competition for deposits slowly increases, partially driven by the RBA’s term funding facility coming to an end. In recent months, we have started to periodically see some of the lower rated ADIs (“A” and “BBB” rated) offering slightly higher rates compared to the domestic major banks (“AA” rated) on different parts of the curve (i.e. pre-pandemic environment). Some of this has been attributed to lags in adjusting their deposit rates as some banks (mainly the lower rated ADIs) simply set their rates for the week.



Going forward, investors should have a larger opportunity to invest a higher proportion of its funds with the lower rated institutions (up to Policy limits), from which the majority are not lending to the Fossil Fuel industry or considered 'ethical'. We are slowly seeing this trend emerge, although the major banks always seem to react more quickly than the rest of the market during periods of volatility:

Term Deposit Rates – Currently (February 2025)



Source: Imperium Markets

Financial Stability of the Banking (ADI) Sector

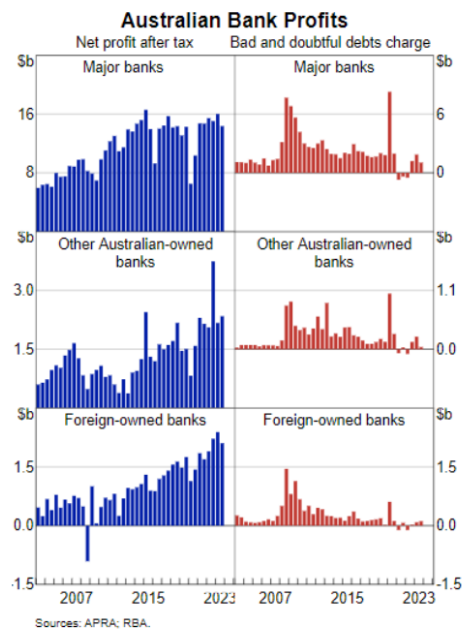
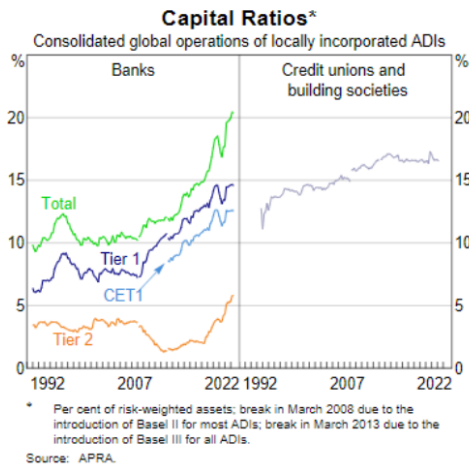
The RBA’s latest Financial Stability report of 2024 reaffirms the strong balance sheet across the ADI sector. They noted that the risk of widespread financial stress remains limited due to the generally strong financial positions of most (individual) borrowers. Very few mortgage borrowers are in negative equity, limiting the impact on lenders (ADIs) in the event of default and supporting their ability to continue providing credit to the economy. Most businesses that have entered insolvency are small and have little debt, limiting the broader impact on the labour market and thus household incomes, and on the capital position of lenders (ADIs).

Australian banks (collectively the APRA regulated ADIs) have maintained prudent lending standards and are well positioned to continue supplying credit to the economy. A deterioration in economic conditions or temporary disruption to funding markets is unlikely to halt lending activity. Banks have anticipated an



increase in loan arrears and have capital and liquidity buffers well above regulatory requirements (see *Capita Ratios chart below*). APRA’s mandate is to “protect depositors” and provide “financial stability”.

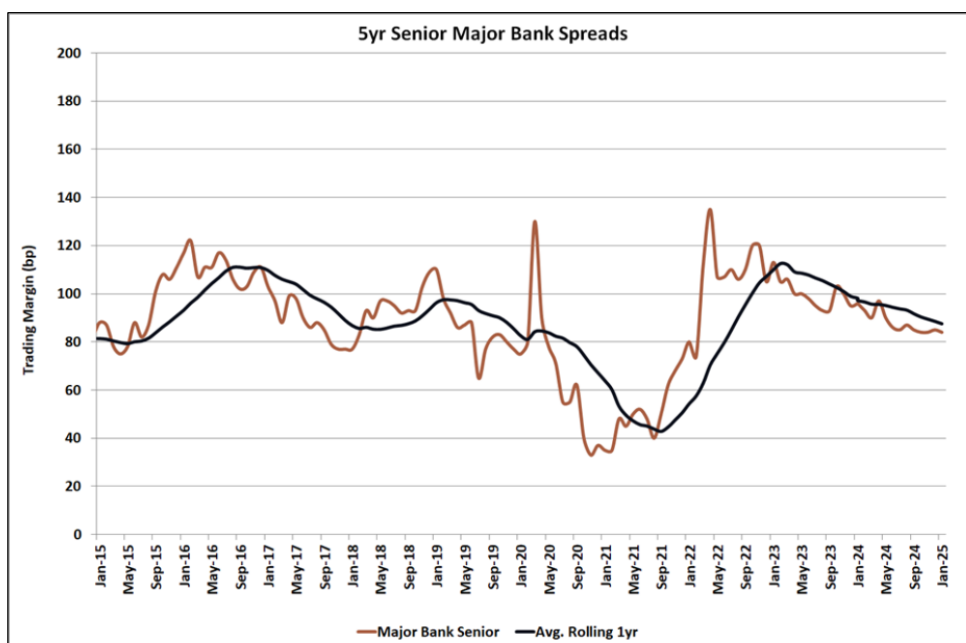
Over the past two decades, both domestic and international banks continue to operate and demonstrate high levels of profitability (see *Australian Bank Profits chart below*), which also includes two stress-test environments being the GFC (September 2008) and the COVID pandemic (March 2020):





Senior FRNs Market Review

Over February, amongst the senior major bank FRNs, physical credit securities tightened by up to 5bp at the longer-end of the curve. During the month, ANZ (AA-) issued a dual 3 and 5 year senior security +68bp and +81bp respectively. Long-term major bank senior securities are approaching the 'expensive' territory especially if the 5yr margin tightens towards +80bp.



Source: IBS Capital

Outside of ANZ (AA-), there was a few more notable primary deals:

- Rabobank (A+) 2½ and 5 year senior FRN at +65bp and +85bp respectively
- Mizuho (A) 3¼ year senior FRN at +72bp
- United Overseas Bank (AA-) 3 year senior FRN at +65bp
- MUFG (A) 3 year senior FRN at +67bp

Amongst the "A" and "BBB" rated sectors, the securities tightened by around 3–5bp at the longer-end of the curve. Overall, credit securities remain fair value on a historical basis without being overly exciting. FRNs will continue to play a role in investors' portfolios mainly based on their liquidity and the ability to roll down the curve and gross up returns over ensuing years (in a relatively stable credit environment), whilst also providing some diversification to those investors skewed towards fixed assets.



Senior FRNs (ADIs)	28/02/2025	31/01/2025
"AA" rated – 5yrs	+81bp	+84bp
"AA" rated – 3yrs	+65bp	+70bp
"A" rated – 5yrs	+90bp	+95bp
"A" rated – 3yrs	+72bp	+78bp
"BBB" rated – 3yrs	+115bp	+117bp

Source: IBS Capital

We now generally recommend switches ('benchmark' issues only) into new primary issues, out of the following senior FRNs that are maturing:

- On or before mid-2027 for the "AA" rated ADIs (domestic major banks);
- On or before mid-2026 for the "A" rated ADIs; and
- Within 6–9 months for the "BBB" rated ADIs (consider case by case).

Investors holding onto the above senior FRNs ('benchmark' issues only) in their last few years are now generally holding sub optimal investments and are not maximising returns by foregoing realised capital gains. In the current challenging economic environment, any boost in overall returns should be locked in when it is advantageous to do so, particularly as switch opportunities become available.



Senior Fixed Bonds – ADIs (Secondary Market)

With global inflation remaining elevated by historical standards, this has seen a lift in longer-term bond yields over the past 3 years (valuations have fallen) as markets have reacted sharply.

This has resulted in some opportunities in the secondary market. We currently see value in the following fixed bond lines, with the some now being marked at a significant discount to par (please note supply in the secondary market may be limited on any day):

ISIN	Issuer	Rating	Capital Structure	Maturity Date	~Remain. Term (yrs)	Fixed Coupon	Indicative Yield
AU3CB0278174	UBS	A+	Senior	26/02/2026	1.00	1.10%	4.41%
AU3CB0280030	BoQ	A-	Senior	06/05/2026	1.19	1.40%	4.64%
AU3CB0299337	Bendigo	A-	Senior	15/05/2026	1.21	4.70%	4.52%
AU3CB0296168	BoQ	A-	Senior	27/01/2027	1.92	4.70%	4.68%



Economic Commentary

International Market

Risk markets experienced a downturn over February on the back of tariff uncertainty (led by the US) and ongoing geopolitics in the middle east.

Across equity markets, the US S&P 500 Index fell -1.42%, whilst the NASDAQ lost -3.97%. Europe's main indices bucked the trend, with gains in Germany's DAX (+3.77%), France's CAC (+2.03%) and UK's FTSE (+1.57%).

US President Trump postponed the tariff increases on Canada and Mexico to early April, whilst the 10% additional tariffs on China have gone ahead. Canada, Mexico and China have all said they would retaliate, while Trump's Executive Order also includes a clause that would allow the US to increase the scope of duties in the event of retaliation.

In the US, headline payrolls came in at 143k, below the 175k consensus. The unemployment rate fell 0.1% to 4.0% (consensus 4.1%). Headline US CPI grew at +0.5% m/m in January and the core ex-food and energy measure at +0.3% m/m. Rate cut expectations have been pared, with just 25bp of cuts now priced this year.

Canadian employment data was stronger than expected, with employment rising 76k vs 25k expected and the unemployment rate falling 0.1% to 6.6% (6.8% expected). Headline CPI was as expected at +1.9% y/y but core measures was around 0.2% higher than expected.

The Bank of England (BoE) cuts Bank Rate by 25bp to 4.50% as expected. The vote was 7:2 with 2 dissenters preferring a 50bp cut. The unemployment rate in the UK was steady at 4.4% compared to an expected pickup to 4.5%. UK January CPI rose to +3.0% from +2.5%, above the +2.8% expected.

The RBNZ cut rates by 50bp to 3.75%. Governor Orr said he anticipated the cash rate will be around 3.00% by year-end but that the Bank needs to be a bit more cautious depending on inflation prints (positioning 25bp cuts the remainder of this year).

Chinese CPI was +0.5% vs +0.4% expected. The core measure rose to +0.6% from +0.4%, its fourth straight rise.

The MSCI World ex-Aus Index fell -0.75% for the month of February:

Index	1m	3m	1yr	3yr	5yr	10yr
S&P 500 Index	-1.42%	-1.29%	+16.84%	+10.83%	+15.05%	+10.96%
MSCI World ex-AUS	-0.75%	+2.67%	+14.29%	+8.67%	+12.36%	+8.11%
S&P ASX 200 Accum. Index	-3.79%	-2.56%	+9.94%	+9.24%	+8.87%	+7.51%

Source: S&P, MSCI



Domestic Market

The RBA cut rates by 25bp to 4.10% as widely expected. The post-Meeting Statement stated that “some of the upside risks to inflation appear to have eased and there are signs that disinflation might be occurring a little more quickly than earlier expected”. However, risks were seen as two sided and the post-meeting commentary was seen as hawkish – if policy is “eased too much too soon, disinflation could stall, and inflation would settle above the midpoint”.

The RBA’s trimmed mean inflation is now forecast to return to the 2–3% target band six months earlier, however it flatlines at 2.7% from mid-2025. The RBA also lowered its projection of the unemployment rate by 0.3%, seeing unemployment peaking at 4.2% in June-2025 from a prior peak of 4.5% by December 2025.

The January Monthly CPI Indicator printed close to consensus at +2.5% y/y vs. +2.6% expected. The monthly core measures of inflation came in largely as expected at +2.8%–2.9% y/y.

The wage price index (WPI) rose +0.7% q/q in Q4 and +3.2% y/y. The consensus and RBA forecasts were for +0.8%/+3.2%. Wages growth has moderated substantially from its peak of +4.2% y/y over 2023 as the labour market has rebalanced.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by 0.1% to 4.1% in January. Employment rose +44k, following a bump of +56k a month prior.

Retail sales in December was strong, falling just –0.1% m/m in December (consensus –0.7% m/m).

The Australian dollar fell around –0.18%, finishing the month at US62.14 cents (from US62.25 cents the previous month).

Credit Market

The global credit indices remained relatively flat during the month. They remain near the levels seen in early 2022 (prior to the rate hike cycle from most central banks):

Index	February 2025	January 2025
CDX North American 5yr CDS	50bp	48bp
iTraxx Europe 5yr CDS	53bp	53bp
iTraxx Australia 5yr CDS	65bp	66bp

Source: Markit



Fixed Interest Review

Benchmark Index Returns

Index	February 2025	January 2025
Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index (0+YR)	+0.34%	+0.38%
Bloomberg AusBond Composite Bond Index (0+YR)	+0.93%	+0.19%
Bloomberg AusBond Credit FRN Index (0+YR)	+0.47%	+0.47%
Bloomberg AusBond Credit Index (0+YR)	+0.79%	+0.44%
Bloomberg AusBond Treasury Index (0+YR)	+0.90%	+0.14%
Bloomberg AusBond Inflation Gov't Index (0+YR)	+0.72%	-0.23%

Source: Bloomberg

Other Key Rates

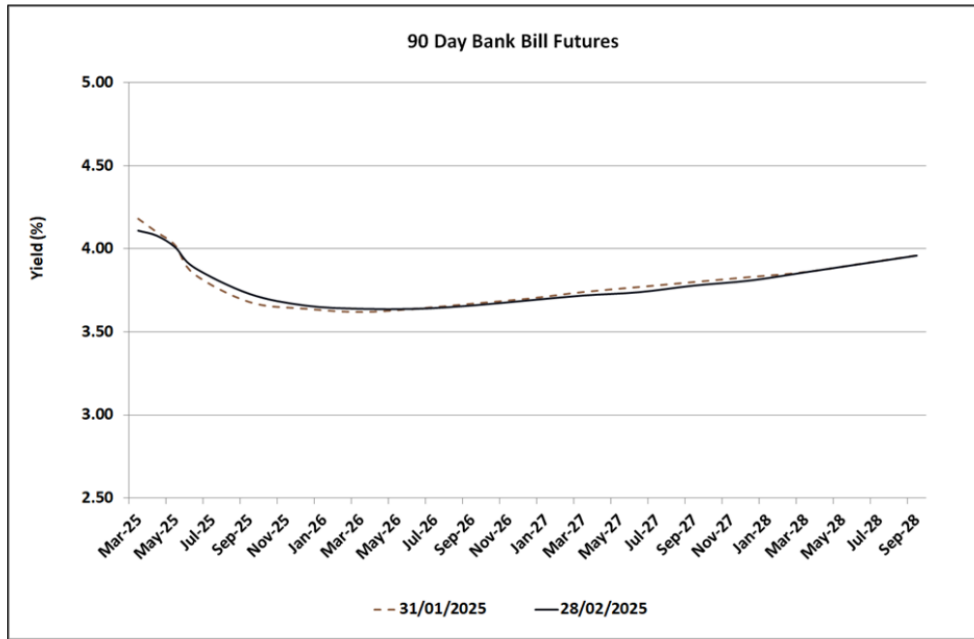
Index	February 2025	January 2025
RBA Official Cash Rate	4.10%	4.35%
90 Day (3 month) BBSW Rate	4.12%	4.25%
3yr Australian Government Bonds	3.75%	3.80%
10yr Australian Government Bonds	4.30%	4.43%
US Fed Funds Rate	4.25%-4.50%	4.25%-4.50%
2yr US Treasury Bonds	3.99%	4.22%
10yr US Treasury Bonds	4.24%	4.58%

Source: RBA, ASX, US Department of Treasury



90 Day Bill Futures

Bill futures remained relatively flat this month after the RBA delivered its first rate cut and downplayed expectations of the markets timing of additional rate cuts:



Source: ASX

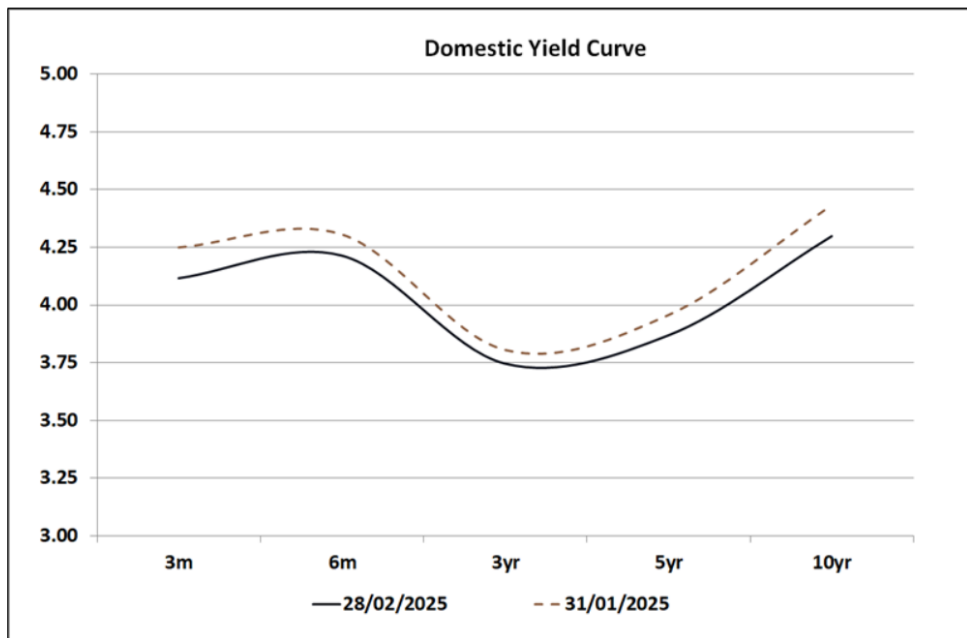


Fixed Interest Outlook

US Fed Chair Powell’s recently confirmed the Fed is going to be much more cautious in 2025 and they “do not need to be in a hurry to adjust our policy stance”, reflective of sticky inflation combined with President-elect Trump’s proposed economic policies (which is expected to exacerbate price pressures). The futures market is now only pricing in two rate cuts in the US over 2025.

Domestically, RBA Governor Bullock reinforced the hawkish framing after their first cut. She explicitly pushed back on the additional 50bp of rate cuts underpinning their forecasts given they only forecast trimmed mean CPI flatlining at 2.70% from mid-2025. The Governor said, “the board needs more evidence that inflation is continuing to decline before making decisions about the future path of interest rates”. She noted the RBA wants to see easing wage costs, disinflation in market services and housing inflation continuing to ease.

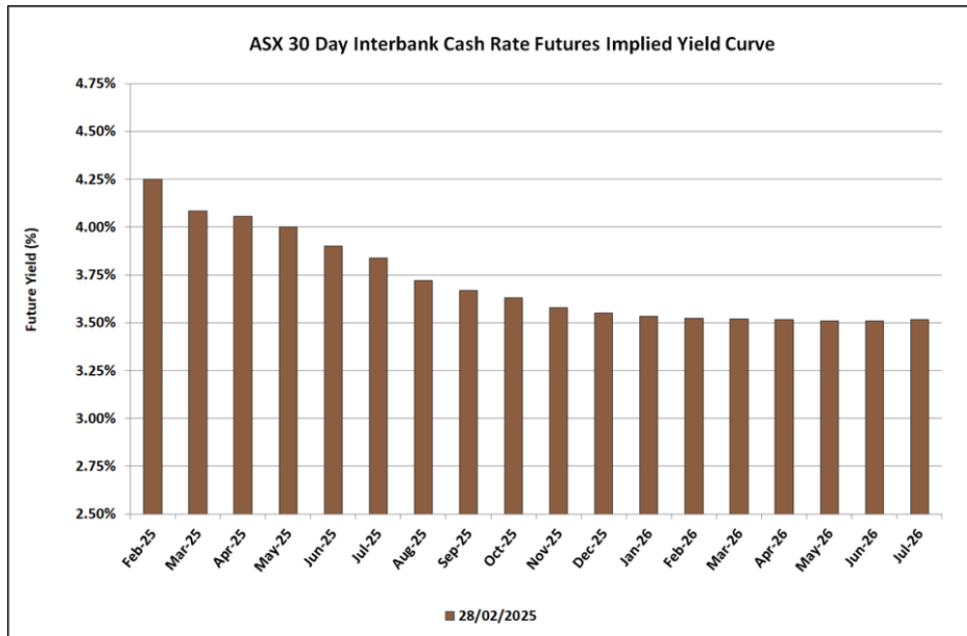
Yields remained fell up to 13bp across the short and long-end of the curve, adjusting to the RBA’s first rate cut.



Source: ASX, RBA



Financial markets continue to price in up to two additional rate cuts in 2025, despite Governor Bullock’s jawboning against such expectations:



Source: ASX

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Attachment 2 - Schedule of Investments - February 2025(1)



Schedule of Investments							
						This Report is at date: 28-February-2025	
Description	Type	Rating at EOM (S&P)	Date Invested	Maturity Date	Days	Rate	Face Value Amount
Commonwealth Bank General Fund	Oncall/ CMT	A1+	N/a	N/a	365	4.15%	4,587,721
Commonwealth Bank Business On Line Saver	Oncall/ CMT	A1+	N/a	N/a	365	4.20%	1,140,155
Macquarie Bank - Rates	Oncall/ CMT	A1	N/a	N/a	365	0.00%	3,079
Macquarie Bank - Water	Oncall/ CMT	A1	N/a	N/a	365	0.00%	2100
Total Oncall/ CMT Accounts							5,733,054
Term Deposits							
National Australia Bank	TD	A1+	30-Jul-24	30-Jul-25	365	5.30%	1,000,000
National Australia Bank	TD	A1+	30-Jul-24	06-Aug-25	372	5.30%	1,000,000
National Australia Bank	TD	A1+	30-Jul-24	13-Aug-25	379	5.30%	1,000,000
National Australia Bank	TD	A1+	02-Jul-24	02-Jul-25	365	5.45%	1,000,000
National Australia Bank	TD	A1+	16-Jul-24	16-Jul-25	365	5.35%	1,000,000
National Australia Bank	TD	A1+	16-Jul-24	19-Aug-25	399	5.31%	1,000,000
National Australia Bank	TD	A1+	12-Sep-23	16-Sep-25	735	4.90%	2,000,000
National Australia Bank	TD	A1+	14-Aug-24	27-Aug-25	378	5.08%	1,000,000
National Australia Bank	TD	A1+	30-Aug-24	28-Aug-25	363	5.00%	1,000,000
National Australia Bank	TD	A1+	05-Sep-24	09-Sep-25	369	4.95%	1,000,000
National Australia Bank	TD	A1+	12-Sep-24	12-Mar-26	546	4.70%	1,000,000
National Australia Bank	TD	A1+	10-Dec-24	10-Dec-25	365	5.05%	1,000,000
Suncorp Bank	TD	A1+	30-May-24	30-May-25	365	5.27%	1,000,000
Suncorp Bank	TD	A1+	04-Jun-24	03-Apr-25	303	5.21%	2,000,000
Suncorp Bank	TD	A1+	13-Jun-24	13-Mar-25	273	5.25%	1,000,000
ING Direct	TD	A1	22-Mar-23	25-Mar-25	734	4.50%	1,000,000
ING Direct	TD	A1	29-Jun-23	30-Jun-25	732	5.55%	2,000,000
ING Direct	TD	A1	20-Mar-24	20-Mar-29	1826	5.06%	1,000,000
ING Direct	TD	A1	02-Jul-24	02-Jul-26	730	5.35%	1,000,000
ING Direct	TD	A1	30-Aug-24	31-Aug-27	1096	4.54%	1,000,000
ING Direct	TD	A1	12-Sep-24	15-Sep-26	733	4.59%	1,000,000
ING Direct	TD	A2	27-Feb-25	26-Feb-26	364	4.75%	1,000,000
Bank of Queensland	TD	A2	26-Mar-24	28-Mar-28	1463	4.95%	1,000,000
Bank of Queensland	TD	A2	30-Nov-23	27-Nov-25	728	5.35%	1,000,000
BankVic	TD	A2	13-Jun-24	12-Jun-25	364	5.29%	2,000,000
BankVic	TD	A2	27-Feb-25	27-Jan-26	334	4.65%	1,000,000
Hume Bank	TD	A2	12-Sep-24	11-Sep-25	364	4.92%	1,000,000
Hume Bank	TD	A2	10-Dec-24	10-Nov-25	335	5.02%	1,000,000
Hume Bank	TD	A2	13-Jun-24	15-Jun-26	732	5.14%	1,000,000
Total Term Deposits							33,000,000
						Weighted Average Interest Rate	4.95%
							38,733,054

12.2. DEVELOPMENT SERVICES ACTIVITY REPORT

Author: Maddison Gunter, Acting Manager Development Services

Authoriser: Mark Dalzell, Director Infrastructure

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Development Services Report for February 2025

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

1. Shaping the Future

1.1 Pristine natural environment

1.2 Quality built environment

BACKGROUND

Council reports on development activity on a monthly basis in order to provide the community with information on what is occurring in the area.

PROPOSAL/DISCUSSION

The Development Services Report for February is included in Attachment 1

RISK AND IMPLICATIONS**6.1 Legislative and Policy**

The management of development activities is undertaken in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act, Environmental Planning and Assessment Act and associated regulations made thereunder.

6.2 Financial

Is this currently budgeted. Yes. Reporting on the development activities in the Council area is included in the 2024/25 Operational Plan

6.3 Community Engagement/Consultation

The inclusion of this report into the business paper is part of Council's communication and engagement regarding development activities.

6.4 Work Health and Safety

There are no work health and safety issues relating to this matter

OFFICER'S CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

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

ATTACHMENTS

1. Monthly Report

Attachment 1 - Development Services Report



Development Activity					
Applications received – February 2025					
Application	Property Description	Proposal	Date Received	Date Approved	Status
DA2025/0008 CC2025/0004	Lot 1 DP 1142624, 8235 Conargo Road, Deniliquin	Extension to Building used as the Kitchen (Ute Muster)	3/2/25	14/2/25	Approved
DA2025/0009	Lot 126 DP 756353, 2926 Tuppal Road, Pine Lodge	2 Farm Sheds	5/2/25	10/2/25	Approved
DA2025/0010	Lot 9 DP 658823, 140 End Street, Deniliquin	Alterations and Additions	5/2/25	-	Under assessment
DA2025/0011	Lot 1 DP 1027437, 440 Harfleur Street, Deniliquin	2 Lot Subdivision	7/2/25	-	Under assessment
DA2025/0012	Lot 11 DP 1186525, 128 Savages Road, Tuppal	New Dwelling	7/2/25	-	Under assessment
DA2025/0013	Lot 1 Sec 5 DP 758913, 444 Charlotte Street, Deniliquin	Residential Shed	10/2/25	20/2/25	Approved
DA2025/0014	Lot 11 Sec 111 DP 758782, 208 Wanderer Street, Deniliquin	Inground Swimming Pool	11/2/25	-	Under assessment
CC2025/0005	Lot 7 DP 285499, 25 Pee Parade, Deniliquin	Residential Shed	14/2/25	-	Under assessment
DA2025/0015	Lot 141 DP 1045258, 392-394 Hay Road, Deniliquin	2 Carports (Yarkuwa)	17/2/25	-	Under assessment



DA2025/0016	Lot 17 Sec 26 DP 758913, 449 Maher Street, Deniliquin	Demolition	27/2/25	-	Under assessment
Complying Development Certificates					
-	-	-	-	-	-
S68 Applications					
LG2025/0003	Lot 1 DP 1142624, 8235 Conargo Road, Deniliquin	Carry out water/sewer/stormwater supply works & connect sewer	3/2/25	14/2/25	Approved
LG2025/0004	Lot 1 DP 1142624, 8235 Conargo Road, Deniliquin	Trade Waste connection to sewer	3/2/25	17/2/25	Approved
LG2025/0005	Lot 11 DP 1186525, 128 Savages Road, Tuppal	Carry out water/sewer/stormwater supply works & connect sewer	7/5/25	-	Under assessment
LG2025/0006	Lot 11 DP 1186525, 128 Savages Road, Tuppal	Install an AWTS	7/5/25	-	Under assessment
LG2025/0007	Lot 1 DP 1132408 (Site 115), 1 Butler Street, Deniliquin	Carport	25/2/25		



Development Applications Received by Type for February 2025						
Development Type	New Dwellings	Dwelling Alts/Additions/sheds	Commercial/Industrial	Other	Subdivision	No of lots resulting
Number	1	5	0	3	1	2
Totals 2025	1	9	0	7	1	9

Applications Determined – February 2025		
Application	Property Description	Development Type
DA2024/0062 CC2024/0041	Lot 1 DP 196389, 300 Wick Street, Deniliquin	Inground Swimming Pool
DA2025/0002 CC2025/0001	Lot 15 DP 38670, 521 St Michael Street, Deniliquin	Residential Shed
DA2025/0009	Lot 126 DP 756353, 2926 Tuppal Road, Pine Lodge	2 x Farm Sheds
DA2025/0004	Lot 238 DP 1227396, 481 Cemetery Road, Deniliquin	Construction to Extension of Existing Yard Cover – Roof Only
DA2025/0003	Lot 1 DP 1213955, 503 Barham Road, Deniliquin	Removal of shed from Lot 413 DP 756325 and Construction of two (2) Grain Storage Sheds, Weighbridge and Associated Site Works (Rural Industry) at Lot 1 DP 1213955
DA2025/0006	Lot 7 DP 285499, 25 Pee Parade, Deniliquin	Residential Shed
DA2025/0008 CC2025/0004	Lot 1 DP 1142624, 8235 Conargo Road, Deniliquin	Kitchen Additions to Function Centre
DA2025/0013	Lot 1 Sec 5 DP 758913, 444 Charlotte Street, Deniliquin	Residential Shed
DA2025/0014	Lot 11 Dec 111 DP 758782, 208 Wanderer Street, Deniliquin	Inground Swimming Pool
DA2025/0007 CC2025/0003	Lot 12 Sec 82 DP 758913, 211 Waring Street, Deniliquin	Residential Shed
DA2025/0015	Lot 141 DP 1045258, 392-394 Hay Road, Deniliquin	Carport



MOD2025/0001	Lots 21, 22 and 23 DP 310, 340 Jefferson Street, Deniliquin	Modification to DA2023/0093
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Processing Times for February 2025		
Application Type	* Mean Gross Days	** Mean Net Days
DA	28	16
Mod (S4.55) of DA & DA/CC	25	25
CDC	-	
CC	1	1
S68 Applications	24	24

* Mean gross days = Total days from lodgment to determination ** Mean Net Days = Total days less Stop the Clock days

Value and Number of Applications Determined 2024 and 2025										
Month	DA 2024	DA 2025	CDC 2024	CDC 2025	CC 2024	CC 2025	LG 2024	LG 2025	Value DA 2024	Value DA 2025
January	5	4	0	1	20	3	3	1	\$172,000.00	\$2,838,650.00
February	12	11	2	0	4	04	3	4	\$4,079,530.00	\$4,187,970.00
March	8		1		4		2		\$4,032,720.00	
April	5		2		3		8		\$1,877,535.00	
May	10		0		6		4		\$1,837,680.00	
June	15		1		5		7		\$2,118,742.00	
July	5		1		3		2		\$1,408,390.00	
August	7		4		5		4		\$2,021,102.00	
September	4		1		5		9		\$216,388.00	
October	9		1		7		7		\$2,511,285.00	



November	6		0		3		9		\$5,011,589.00	
December	9		0		4		2		\$2,100,176.00	\$7,026,620
TOTALS	95	15	13	1	52	7	60	5	\$27,387,137.00	

Note: Value of application determined does not include the value of work for Construction Certificates and s68 applications.

Section 10.7 Certificates/Sewerage Drainage Diagrams

Planning certificates	31
Sewerage drainage diagrams	22
Average processing time	0
Maximum time for processing	3

Inspections for February

Site	Footing / Pier	Slab	Frame	Hot & Cold	Sewer / Septic	Storm Water	Final	Wet Area	Public Health	Food / Van	Trade Waste Site Visit	Meetings	Murrumbidgee Council	Total
31	3	5	6	2	6	4	7	2	1	0	0	13	0	80

Swimming Pool Inspection Program

Month	1 st Inspection	2 nd Inspection	3 rd Inspection	TOTAL 2025
February	6	-	-	9



Animal Control /Ranger Activities

Ranger's Report – February 2025

Companion Animals

Seized / Surrendered / abandoned	Released to Owner prior to impoundment	In Pound	Released to Owner after impounded	Re-Homed	Euthanised		Escaped/ Stolen	Still In Pound	Declared Dangerous Menacing	Micro Chipped	Registered	Fines Issued
					Cats	Dogs						
17	3	14	4	3	5	0	0	2	0	4	12	3

Note: The figures contained in this report relate to animal control activities carried out in the current month being reported on. Rehoming/Return to owner etc may occur in a subsequent month and are therefore not captured in this reporting period.

Clean Up			Parking		Impoundment		
Notices Sent	Illegal Dumping	Fines	Patrols	Fines	Vehicles	Live stock	Euthanised (other)
6	6	1	10	1	1	0	0



Dog Attacks		
Date	Details	Outcome
February	n/a	

Public Health Activities	
Details	
Food Premises	Food Authority workshop attended by Council Officer
Water Sampling	Routine drinking water sampling undertaken as part of NSW Health Program.
Arbovirus (Mosquito) Monitoring Program	Program commenced to run from Nov – April in line with memorandum of understanding NSW Public Health

12.3. FUNDED PROJECTS UPDATE - FEBRUARY 2025**Author: Projects Coordinator****Authoriser: Director Infrastructure****RECOMMENDATION**

That Council notes the funded projects report for February 2025.

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

4. Delivering community assets and services

4.1 Vibrant villages and towns

4.2 Reliable Water and Sewerage

BACKGROUND

A breakdown of current funding for active projects is as follows:

Funding Body	Total Funding Amount	Project Details
Local Roads and Community Infrastructure - Phase 4 (Federal Funding)	\$1,518,748	Part A - Lighting Deni and Blighty Reserves. Awaiting approval of additional projects from LRCI Part B - K&G and Drainage - Hardinge Street Reconstruction
Local Roads and Community Infrastructure - Phase 3 (Federal Funding)	\$1,926,340	Refurbishment of Deniliquin Saleyards, Airport Precinct, Urban Footpath Renewal, Basketball Stadium Carpark, River Street drainage, McLean Beach Caravan Park Amenities & Kiosk, Whitelock Street Car Parking, Peppin Heritage Centre Museum Floor replacement & Re-sheet Tocumwal Road
Stronger Country Communities - Round 5	\$939,885	Town Hall Revitalisation - Regional Theatre

Funding Body	Total Funding Amount	Project Details
(State Funding)		Peppin Heritage Centre - Masterplan Implementation
Regional Emergency Road Repair Fund (State Funding)	\$7,001,855	Flood Recovery - local roads
Disaster Funding Recovery Assistance (Administered by TfNSW)	\$11,535,909	Road Network Repair
Floodplain Management Program Funding Ratio 6:1 (Dept of Climate Change Energy, The Environment and Water)	\$150,858 \$1,782,000	Deniliquin Major Overland Flow Flood Study North Deniliquin Levee Upgrade - construction
Natural Disaster Essential Public Asset Restoration Grant (NSW Public Works)	\$1,268,991	Deniliquin South Levee Wall
Disaster Ready Fund Round 2 Funding Ratio 50:50	\$1,458,492	North Deniliquin Levee Upgrade

PROPOSAL/DISCUSSION

Included in Attachment 1 to this report is a list of major grant funded projects, identifying initial budgets, financial status and delivery status of the work currently being undertaken by Council.

Following is a brief project update by Project.

Peppin Heritage Centre - Masterplan Implementation

The curator will present to Council the exhibition design for the museum space in April 2025.

This funding is due for completion in January 2026 and Council will have opportunities for input into this project throughout 2025.

Saleyards Refurbishment

To complete this project, Council will be installing an additional walkway and replace damaged draft shelters which will complete this project on-time by end of March 2025.

Town Hall Revitalisation

Staff have confirmed revised scope removing storage facility and additional video conferencing to the proposed Council Chambers at the Town Hall. PMO staff have requested a scope variation with the funding body and are awaiting approval.

This funding is due for completion in January 2026.

Regional Emergency Road Repair Fund - Road Works

The following roads are included in this program of works:

Road Name	% Complete
Stud Park Road (sections)	100
Maude Road	100
Booroorban-Tchelery	100
Millears Road	98
Blighty Hall Road	100
Carrathool Road	88
Tocumwal Road	39
Moonee Swamp Road	100
Mayrung Road	88
Aratula South Road	25
Aratula North Road	22

Disaster Recovery Funding Assistance - Emergency Road Works

The following roads and status of works are included in this program of works:

Works Completed on Maude Road.

Package	Upper Grant Limit (\$)	Progress (%)
DRFA - Drainage	253,737	17
DRFA - Unsealed - Southern Package (New)	656,271	0
DRFA - Sealed - Package 1	1,534,114	100

Package	Upper Grant Limit (\$)	Progress (%)
DFRA - Sealed - Package 2	1,205,194	100
DRFA - Sealed & Unsealed	2,527,916	96
DRFA - Sealed - Package 3	1,018,004	100
DRFA - Unsealed - Northern Package	949,417	100
DRFA - Unsealed - Western Package	652,308	100
EPARW (IRW) FY22-23	495,474	100
PPR Widening	2,243,475	100
Subtotal	11,535,909	92

Floodplain Management Program

Staff are finalising funding agreements for these two projects. They will commence in 25/26 FY. Funding ration is 6:1. This funding is due for completion February and January 2027 respectively.

Disaster Ready Fund - R2

Staff are finalising funding agreements. Works will commence in 25/26FY. Funding ratio is 50:50. Due for completion in June 2027.

NSW Public Works

This funding has been received as a result of the NSW Flooding from 14 September 2022 - ARGN 1034 and is to be used to repair the south levee wall. Scoping for this project has commenced. Other works will commence in 25/26 FY.

This funding is due for completion in May 2027.

RISK AND IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Legislative and Policy

Projects funded through these programs include costs for the design, documentation, and supervision for each project

6.2 Financial

Is this currently budgeted: Yes - through various approved funding allocations.

6.3 Community Engagement/Consultation

Projects funded through State and or Federal Funding are shared with the community usually via medial release, social media and direct contact with user groups.

Level of Engagement	Stakeholder	Activity	Date, Location, etc	Outcome
Inform and Consult	Targeted to user groups and the broader community	Media release, social media, meetings	Varies for each project as announced	Awareness of funded project opportunities for the community.

6.4 Work Health and Safety

Council WHS policy and procedures apply to all projects carried out from funding allocations.

OFFICER'S CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

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

ATTACHMENTS

1: Project Status Report for February 2025

12.4. RESOLUTIONS OF COUNCIL AS AT 10 MARCH 2025

Author: Executive Assistant

Authoriser: Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the information in the Resolutions of Council as at 11 March 2025.

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

5. Accountable leadership and responsive administration

5.1 Collaborative and Engaged

BACKGROUND

The attached report details the status of open Resolutions of Council.

- Total Resolutions of Council for the 2023/2024 Financial Year - 227
- Total Closed Resolutions of Council for the 2023/2024 Financial Year - 223
- Total Resolutions of Council for the 2024/2025 Financial Year - 103
- Total Closed Resolutions of Council for the 2024/2025 Financial Year - 98

PROPOSAL/DISCUSSION

Monthly report to update Councillors and the community on the progress of Council Resolutions.

RISK AND IMPLICATIONS

6.3 Community Engagement/Consultation

Information report.

OFFICER'S CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Council meeting resolutions as at 11 March 2025

Attachment 1 - Council Meeting Resolutions March 11 2025

Council Meeting Resolutions as at 11 March 2025

18 February 2025	Ordinary Council Meeting	Responsibility	Status	Expected Date of Completion
2025/1802/10.1	<p>Draft Minutes of the Conargo Hall Committee That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Receives the minutes of the Conargo Hall Committee meeting held on 27 November 2024, and endorses the recommendations from the Committee contained therein, specifically; <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The Committee requests Council to remove the sheep yards and level and remediate the site in a timely manner. This was agreed to be done via request for quotation, it will be advertised and will close 3 weeks after the beginning of the advertising campaign. Council will then advise the committee once a quote has been accepted. If no quotations received, then Council will undertake the work. 	Director Infrastructure	<p>Sheep Yards request for quotation was lodged and closed Friday 7 March 2025. Council to advise committee once decision has been made.</p>	April 2025
2025/1802/11.1	<p>Draft Community Strategic Plan That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Acknowledge the community feedback; 2. Approve the drafted responses to community submissions and enable the Acting Director of Corporate Services to provide formal responses to each submission; 3. Endorse the updated Community Strategic Plan as attached to this report and with the following changes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Measure 5.5 correct baseline wording to say '6 consultations per year'; b) Insert new measure under 5.1 as follows: Measure: Towards 2035 Population Growth Targets Baseline: 8,430 in 2023 Target: Support growth 9,050 by 2028, Delivery growth 9,650 by 2028 Source: ABS c) Insert new measure under 1.7 as follows: Measure: Number of households Baseline: 3,331 2021 Total Households 	Acting Director Corporate Services	Community feedback acknowledged and formal responses to submissions sent.	Closed

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	Target: 3,900 by 2028 Source: ABS											
2025/1802/11.2	2025 Meeting Schedule That Council adopt the proposed 2025 schedule of Ordinary Council Meetings which schedules meetings for the third Tuesday of each month between March and December 2025 to commence at 10.00am in the Deniliquin Council Chambers.	Acting Director Corporate Services	Adopted schedule on the website and Public Notice issued.	Closed								
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2025/1802/11.4	Naming of North Deniliquin Rest Area That Council: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adopt the name 'North Deniliquin Reserve' for Crown Reserve No. 46452, currently known as North Deniliquin Tennis Club reserve, for the purpose of submitting to the Geographical Names Board of NSW for approval, 2. Adopt the name 'Flo Allen Park' for the area of the former North Deniliquin tennis courts as defined in Attachment 1 of this report, for the purpose of submitting to the Geographical Names Board of NSW for approval, and 3. Undertakes further consultation regarding naming of other areas within the reserve. 	Director Infrastructure	Flo Allen Park submitted to the Geographical Names Board of NSW for approval.	Open								
2025/1802/11.5	Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Phase 4 That Council resolves to allocate the remaining funding amount of \$363,170 from Phase 4 of the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure program to the following projects:	Director Infrastructure	Funding reallocated	Closed								

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Upgrades at the Deniliquin Basketball Stadium to the amount of \$100,000, 2. Refurbishment of Sextons Hut at the Deniliquin Cemetery to the amount of \$40,000, 3. Refurbishment of the VRA building in Charlotte Street to the amount of \$73,170, and 4. Electrical and infrastructure upgrades at the Deniliquin Saleyards to support electronic ID for sheep to the amount of \$150,000. 			
2025/1802/11.6	<p>Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee – Local Based Independent Member</p> <p>That Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notes that Council did not receive any applications for the position of locally based independent member of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC). • Agrees to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Amend the ARIC Terms of Reference to remove the requirement for a locally based independent member. • Notes the ARIC Chair's advice that Council could be satisfied that Councillor Mulham, as the councillor member on ARIC, provides the necessary local experience and knowledge that a locally based independent member would provide. • Notes the risk that while the locally based independent member position remains vacant (and a formal part of the ARIC Terms of Reference), the ARIC will not be able to make a quorum in the event that one of the three current independent members is sick or resigns. 	Acting Director Corporate Services	ARIC Terms of Reference updated.	Closed
2025/1802/11.8	<p>Quarterly Budget Review Statement – December 2024</p> <p>That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adopt the December 2024 Quarterly Budget Review Statement, inclusive of the Accounting Officer's report on the financial position of Council. 2. Approve the proposed adjustments resulting in the revised budget for the 2024/25 financial year; 	Executive Team Members	Further report to Council April 2025	April 2025

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Net operating result (including capital grants) of \$6.52 million surplus b. Underlying net operating result (excluding capital grants) of \$238k deficit c. Capital grant expenditure of \$19.8 million <p>3. Do not support the money put aside for Town Hall refurbishment, but rather a further report to come back to Council.</p>			
17 December 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Responsibility	Status	Expected Date of Completion
2024/1712/11.1	<p>Draft Community Strategic Plan That Council endorse the draft Community Strategic Plan: Edward River - Towards 2035 for public exhibition until midnight on Friday, 31 January 2025.</p> <p>That Council and our community note that the version that will be put out for public exhibition will have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. some minor administrative amendments based on progressive review and feedback; and 2. updated monitoring our progress measurables. 3. Addition of new item to be included in section 1.5 as follows - promoting and developing an environment where the local schools are the communities first choice for education. 	Director Corporate Services	<p>The updated version was placed on Public Exhibition.</p> <p>The Exhibition Period has now closed and a report will be taken to Council.</p>	Closed
2024/1712/11.2	<p>Flood Plans and Mitigation Works for Davidson Street Area That Council adopt the final report into Data Collection and Analysis of the November 2022 Flood Event Davidson Street and North Deniliquin, prepared by WMA Water.</p> <p>Council will be provided with further recommendations following investigation into the proposed options.</p>	Director Infrastructure	<p>Letter has been sent to Davidson Street Residents to advise them of the Report being completed.</p> <p>Further report will follow with recommendations.</p>	Open

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2024/1712/11.10	<p>2025 Schedule of Ordinary Meetings That Council adopt the proposed 2025 schedule of Ordinary Council Meetings which schedules meeting for the third Tuesday of each month between February and December 2025 to commence at 2pm in the Council Chambers:</p> <p>Cr Frank Schofield proposed a revised recommendation:-</p> <p>That the location of the Council Meeting scheduled for 20 May 2025 be held in the Blighty Town Hall and the Council meeting scheduled for the 16 September 2025 be held in the Conargo Town Hall with meetings to be scheduled at Booorooban, Wanganella and Pretty Pine at a later date in Council's Term.</p> <p>Further amendment moved by Cr Sampson</p> <p>That the February meeting will be held at 2pm on the third Tuesday and that a further report will be brought back to Council with suggested options including times, days, and location.</p>	Director Corporate Services	Further report will be presented to the February Council Meeting	Closed
26 November 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Responsibility	Status	Expected Date of Completion
2024/2611/11.4	<p>Draft Minutes of the Conargo Hall Committee A further briefing will be requested from the Conargo Hall Committee to Councillors on these minutes.</p>	Manager Facilities and Open Spaces	Committee has been contacted regarding minutes.	Closed
16 July 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Responsibility	Status	Expected Date of Completion
2024/1607/11.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Growth Strategy – Project Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes 2. That Council receive the draft minutes of the Growth Strategy Project Advisory Committee meeting held on 25 June 2024 and endorse the committee's recommendations and resolutions contained therein, specifically that: 	Manager Community & Economy	1. Agreed inclusions and amendments have been communicated to AEC.	Open

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	<p>3. Changes to the strategy in response to feedback made in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. early childhood; b. First Nations; c. accommodation; d. consideration of all investment and governance models; e. river health and erosion; f. river health and lagoon system; g. use of Gazetted name of the river; h. poverty and homelessness; i. digital connectivity and renewable energy; j. that feedback will inform project development; k. animal health and livestock; l. waste; m. Island Sanctuary, <p>4. The time frame for delivery of the final strategy be amended for the purpose of targeted, relevant consultation.</p>		<p>2. Time frame for delivery now December 2024 post Councillor workshop in November 2024</p> <p>A further report to be tabled.</p>	
2024/1607/12.4	<p>Naming of North Deniliquin Rest Area That the report be deferred until the current policy is investigated to ensure Council is working within policy and that the report comes back to Council in August 2024.</p>	Director Infrastructure	Further report to be tabled to Council.	Closed
17 June 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Responsibility	Status	Expected Date of Completion
2024/1706/13.1	<p>Notice of Motion – Multi Arts Centre & Sunday School Building That Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Resolve to enter into a peppercorn lease with Edward River Art Society (ERAS) for the occupancy of the Multi Arts Centre and shared occupancy of the Sunday School building for a period of up to one year; and 2. Authorises the Interim CEO to enter into negotiations with ERAS for the permanent use of the Multi Arts Centre and Sunday School building and to bring a report back to Council for consideration. 	Interim Chief Executive Officer	Lease agreement is being developed and a further report will come back to Council.	Open

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2024/1706/13.2	Notice of Motion – Former CWA Building That Council resolves to call for Expressions of Interest to lease the former CWA Building.	Interim Chief Executive Officer	Unsuccessful for Crown Land Grant Funding. A further report will come back to Council as to ways forward.	Open
19 September 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Responsibility	Status	Expected Date of Completion
2023/0919/12.7	Unrecoverable Rates That Council: 1. Notes the unrecoverable rates for 47 unclaimed properties in the Edward River Council LGA and approves the write-off of \$291,582.40 under reg 131(4)(d) of <i>Local Government (General) Regulation 2021</i> as per attachment one. 2. Notes that the rates or charges written off under that regulation does not prevent council from taking legal proceedings to recover the amounts owed. 3. Agrees to write to the Minister of Local Government and the Treasurer, requesting that the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> section 556 (1) be amended to include unclaimed properties as land that is exempt from rates 4. Investigates potential solutions to this issue.	Acting Chief Financial Officer	Awaiting on advice from the Office of Local Government Letter received from OLG. Update provided to March Council meeting.	March 2025
18 October 2022		Responsibility	Status	Expected Date of Completion
2022/1018/12.5	Town Hall Land That Council: 1. Commence the process to consolidate Lot 1 in DP1173376, Lots X and Y in DP410447, Lot 9 in DP662508, Lot 6 in DP667946 and Lot 6 in DP668426, and	Manager Development	Meeting was held on site 19 February 2025 and Crown Lands are progressing the application.	Open

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	2. Apply to Crown Lands to undertake a boundary adjustment for Lot 7 Sec 21 DP758913, being the Town Hall land parcel, to allow for the new foyer entrance to the Town Hall.			
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13. NOTICES OF MOTIONS

14. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

15. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Nil

16. CLOSE OF MEETING