



Quarterly Community Report

July – September 2024



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PENINSULA
Shire

Mornington Peninsula Shire acknowledges the Bunurong people, who have been the custodians of this land for many thousands of years; and pays respect to their elders past and present. We acknowledge that the land on which we meet is the place of age-old ceremonies, celebrations, initiation and renewal; and that the Bunurong peoples' living culture continues to have a unique role in the life of this region.



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Chief Executive Officer's Message

Welcome to our first Community Report for the 2024-25 financial year. With Council elections held on 26 October, this is our last report of activities and achievements under the helm of the previous Council. I would like to sincerely thank all members of the former Council for their guidance and support over the past four years.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome our new councillor group and express how much I'm looking forward to working collaboratively with them on achieving positive outcomes for the Mornington Peninsula. Due to caretaker provisions at the time of compiling this report, there will be no Mayor's foreword this time around.

July to September was a rewarding quarter, with several key projects coming to fruition, national recognition for our efforts to improve road safety and a welcome announcement in response to our advocacy for better public transport.

August saw the much-anticipated opening of our new \$10.2 million multipurpose community, health and sports pavilion at Mornington's Alexandra Park (page 54). We also had the official opening of Tounnin Wominjeka, our new \$13 million Youth Hub at Rosebud, offering a one-stop-shop for our young people on the southern Peninsula (page 56). As part of our commitment to making it easier for residents to engage with us, we also opened four new Local Connection Points this quarter, serving the communities of Somerville, Dromana, Sorrento and Red Hill (page 39).

We held a highly successful Small Business Festival, attracting more than 1,200 local small business owners and entrepreneurs (page 26), and appointed Red Hill Agricultural and Horticultural Society as the new operator for the iconic monthly market at Red Hill. Our priority was to ensure local traders were featured prominently at the market and funds raised reinvested into our community (page 26).



Our ground-breaking efforts to improve the road toll on the Peninsula achieved national recognition when our Traffic and Transport Team was highly commended at the Australasian College of Road Safety's Excellence in Road Safety Awards. The award highlights the success of our Safer Speeds on Rural Roads project (page 38).

Another major win for the Shire was the result of our consistent and effective advocacy for better public transport. This led to the welcome announcement that the State Government is developing plans for a new bus route connecting Hastings with Mornington, via Tyabb (page 38).

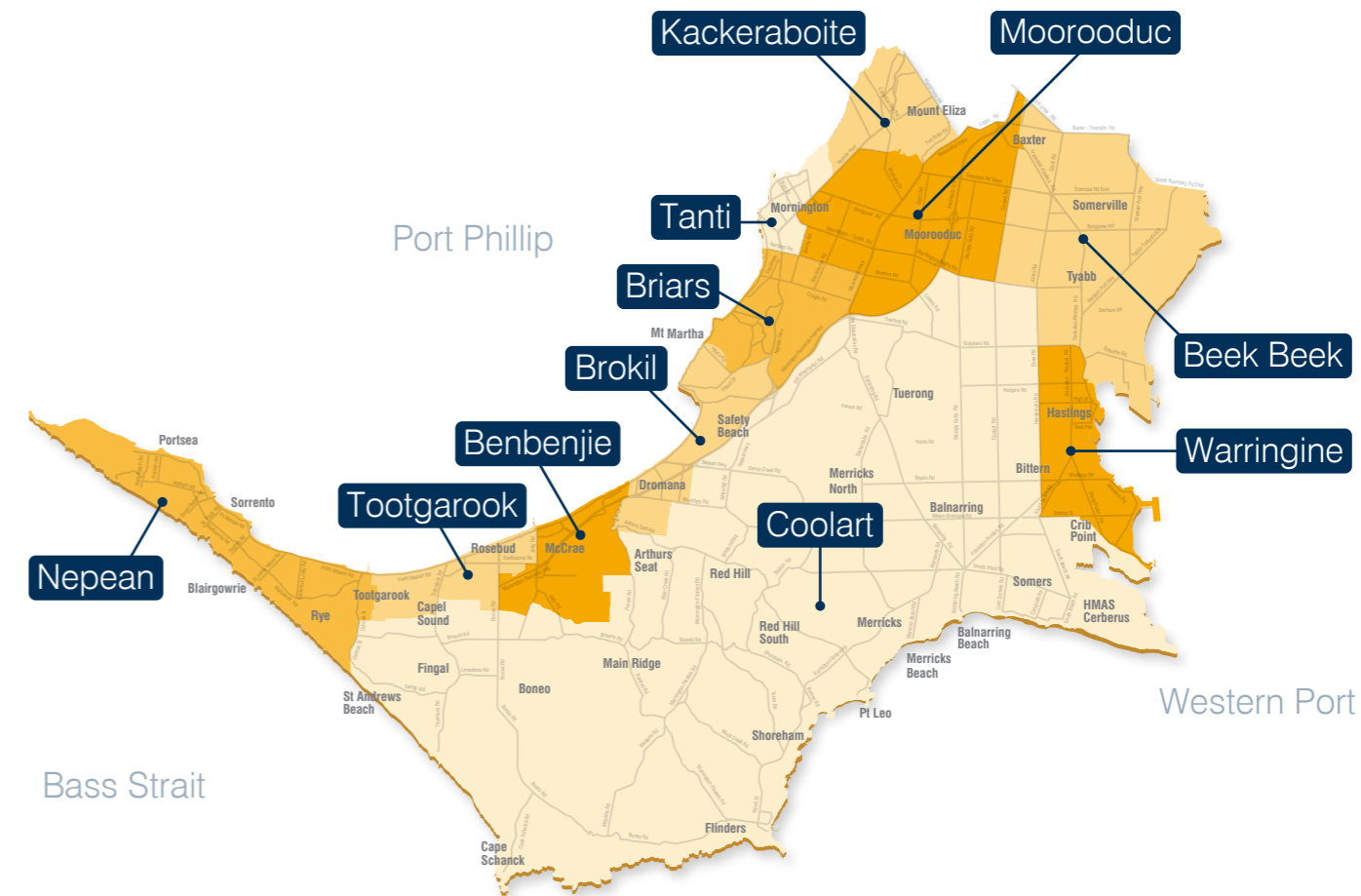
A not-so-welcome development was the severe storm that wreaked havoc across parts of the Peninsula in early September. We took 900 calls and logged more than 600 requests for help, set up three community relief and recovery hubs and organised an impromptu 'no charge' green waste weekend for residents to help them deal with the debris (page 8).

The quarter ended with Chief Financial Officer Bulent Oz and I speaking at both federal and state government inquiries into local government funding and financial sustainability. The hearings were important opportunities for us to directly outline to government committees the challenges local government is facing with rate capping, cost shifting and dwindling Financial Assistance Grants, and how this impacts our planning for the future needs of our community (page 46).

John Baker
Chief Executive Officer

Our New Ward Map

Mornington Peninsula Shire is divided into eleven council wards.



From 26 October the Mornington Peninsula Shire will be divided into eleven council wards.

Community Engagement

Fast facts – How you engaged with us



Website Page Views – Top 10 areas

1. Home	96,623
2. Search Results	57,738
3. Find your bin day	39,692
4. Events Activities	24,742
5. Markets	24,027
6. Pets for Adoption	21,586
7. Current Vacancies	18,348
8. Book a campsite	17,707
9. Contact Us	16,666
10. Infringements and Fines	15,207

Have Your Say July - September 2024

Major Engagements	Description
Foreshore Camping Strategy	This consultation sought community input to help shape the future of foreshore camping. We aim to balance the interests of campers, the environment and the local community through a sustainable foreshore camping strategy. The goal is to create a fair and accessible roadmap that effectively manages demand, provides different accommodation options, ensures financial sustainability and protects the natural environment.
Dog friendly spaces	This consultation engaged the community to discuss existing leash-free and dog-prohibited areas and to help identify potential new locations. Community members were invited to share how they currently use specific public spaces and provide feedback on where dogs should or should not be permitted on the Peninsula.
Citizens' Panel	The Citizens' Panel had an active quarter deliberating on various topics of importance for Council decision-making. Meeting in person, they nominated and discussed key issues, with a focus on prioritising elements from the Community Vision 2040 to guide Council planning over the next 4 years. Additionally, the Coastal Management Team consulted the panel to inform the Our Coast Our Future Strategy, setting criteria for hazard management. The panel also offered recommendations on Community Investment Funding, aiming to ensure a transparent and equitable grants process that aligns with community priorities.

“ We aim to balance the interests of campers, the environment and the local community... ”

Theme Once

Quarterly community highlights

Affordable housing and homelessness advocacy

The lack of affordable housing and the rate of homelessness on the Peninsula are two complex and intertwined issues. But at the heart of it, is a simple proposition and one with which most people would agree – that everybody should have the right to safe and affordable housing.

As one of our advocacy priorities, we take every opportunity to raise awareness with the state and federal governments about the urgent need for investment in social and affordable housing and homelessness support services on the Peninsula.

Homelessness Week 5-11 August was an opportunity for the Shire to help build community support and government commitment to end homelessness. This year we had a line up of events and initiatives planned to inspire our community to take action and demand more from all levels of government. They included:

- Helping us fold 400 origami houses for the Houses at Parliament campaign.
- Joining the Fair Share Homelessness event at Mornington Park.



Severe weather event and emergency management

September got off to a stormy start, with damaging winds battering the Mornington Peninsula in the early hours of the morning on 2 September. Our emergency management team were well prepared for this. The Municipal Emergency Coordination Centre (MECC) was set up at Mornington and coordination and communication channels across the organisation, as well as external contractors and emergency services, ran smoothly. Community safety and welfare are always of the highest priority, and these underpinned our relief and recovery response.

As the Peninsula got hit, yet again, by a damaging weather event, our emergency management team swung into action. Here's an overview of some of the work that happened the first week of September across the organisation:

- Our customer support team took more than 900 calls and logged more than 600 customer requests.
- We set up three Community Relief and Recovery Hubs.
- Emergency services dealt with more than 400 calls for assistance.
- We conducted welfare checks for vulnerable community members.
- Our contractors received hundreds of cases, mostly for tree debris removal, which they are working through on a priority basis.
- We inspected 800 beach boxes.
- We conducted Initial Impact Assessments on affected properties.
- We put out frequent and informative communications to our community.
- We organised a 'no charge' green waste weekend for 13-15 September.

Theme One

A healthy natural environment and well-planned townships

Vibrant and unique townships balanced with a natural environment that is protected now and into the future, accelerating climate action and celebrating cultural heritage.

-  120 planning compliance cases resolved
131 planning compliance cases raised
-  894 planning applications determined
-  249 drainage pits cleaned and 1,214 inspected
-  1,661 pet renewals and 1,192 pet registrations
-  9,006 tonnes of kerbside waste diverted from landfill
-  230 kms of beaches cleaned



Strategic Objective 1.1

An accessible and unique natural environment that helps our community to be healthy and well.

Legend for commentary

- On track
- Attention
- No Activity
- Health and wellbeing priorities

Strategies

Quarterly Commentary

Strategy 1.1.1
Protect natural sites of cultural and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander significance.

● On track

Officers continue to liaise with relevant Bunurong Land Council representatives to support external and internal groups to protect natural sites.

Strategy 1.1.2
Work with our community to raise awareness about the value of our natural environment.

● On track

In celebration of Biodiversity Month in September, the Shire once again participated in the Greater Melbourne Biodiversity Blitz. Ten councils took part in a friendly competition to engage the community to record the most species on iNaturalist. Figures are yet to be finalised, but Mornington Peninsula Shire is near the top of the leaderboard for observations and species recorded.

Community members had the opportunity to join one of eight guided walks that were delivered as part of Biodiversity Month to highlight the biodiversity values within our unique Bushland Reserves.

Strategy 1.1.3
Look after our public spaces through our Open Space Strategy and site-specific plans.

● On track

Actions:

- Develop the Open Space Strategy.
- Develop the Civic Reserve Master Plan.
- Develop the Dromana and Arthurs Seat Management Plan.
- Develop the Somerville Recreation Reserve Master Plan.
- Develop the Hillview Reserve and Parkdale Estate Master Plan.

We have started developing a new Open Space Strategy to replace the existing Strategy adopted by Council back in 2003. This new Strategy will guide the future planning, provision, design and management of both existing and future open spaces over 15 years. The draft Strategy is expected to be made available for public review in early 2025.

The Civic Reserve Master Plan is on hold pending Council's adoption of the Sports Capacity Plan Volume 2 and 3. The pause will ensure that the plans are fully aligned with each other.

A Request for Quote for a consultant for the Dromana and Arthurs Seat Management Plan was completed. However, we are currently waiting until the end of the Victorian Government's Local Government Caretaker period to appoint a consultant. The consultant will then develop the Plan and identify management models.

A consultant brief for our Somerville Recreation Reserve Master Plan has been drafted and lodged for approval with Sport and Recreation Victoria, as per their funding guidelines. We are aiming to appoint a consultant and engage our community after the Victorian Local Government caretaker period ends.

Our Hillview Reserve and Parkdale Estate Master Plan is due to start in quarter 3, between January and March of 2025.



Strategies

Quarterly Commentary

Strategy 1.1.4 Improve our trail network to achieve connection and advocate for funding.

 On track

Action:

Develop the Peninsula Trails Master Plan.

The refinement of the Peninsula Trails Master Plan continues, with a full internal review process undertaken across all departments at the Shire. In addition, targeted stakeholder engagement has been undertaken to capture feedback from key government authorities including Parks Victoria, the Department of Transport and Planning and the Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation. The Master Plan will outline the recommended alignments for each of the missing sections of the Trails.

The working draft Master Plan will be released to the community for feedback next quarter, (between October and December), ensuring community input before the final document is presented to Council.

Strategy 1.1.5 Continue putting the Climate Emergency Plan into action and build community resilience to mitigate the effects of the climate emergency.

 On track

Actions:

Develop the Urban Forest Strategy.


Deliver the trial planting program in support of the Urban Forest Strategy.

The Climate Emergency Plan is a 10-year plan with progress reporting up until 2030. Currently, 90 per cent of the actions are in progress or complete. An annual report detailing our progress and activities for 2023-24 is being developed for public release in the next quarter. An update for the Climate Emergency Plan, in line with the halfway reporting point, is scheduled to be released in late 2025. Please see our Climate Emergency summary on page 52 for actions completed during the quarter and where we are with our Climate Emergency Plan.

Council adopted our Urban Forest Strategy on 3 September 2024. The implementation of the strategy will be considered in the 2025-26 Budget process, which will include consideration of staffing resources, direct tree planting budget and community activation and support.

The trial planting program is due to start in the next quarter.

Strategy 1.1.6 Run programs to reduce the impact of the climate emergency on the health and wellbeing of our community.

 On track

Several programs were offered to the community over quarter 1 including energy support grants, community environmental education programs and free energy consultations. Please see our Climate Emergency summary on page 52 for actions completed during the quarter and where we are with our Climate Emergency Plan.


Strategic Objective 1.2

A healthy ecosystem, in which our coastline, bushland, wildlife and green wedge is resilient to the climate emergency and development.

Strategies

Quarterly Commentary

Strategy 1.2.1 Work with our community to protect native flora and fauna and coastal foreshores.

 On track

Action:

Review the Trial Hand Beach Cleaning Program.


Beginning 1 July 2024, Council undertook a 12-month trial of hand beach cleaning. The crews clean the beaches on a two week cycle and measure litter volumes per beach. Additionally, Shire officers are undertaking regular monitoring of micro and macro plastic.

The Shire's Natural Systems continued to team up with our Friends Groups, who work in coastal foreshore areas, to deliver a working bee program. We have begun planning for upcoming works and revegetation efforts for the 2025 winter.

We also celebrated Biodiversity Month in September, which is a great opportunity to raise awareness about the importance of protecting native flora and fauna, as well as coastal foreshores, and encouraged our community to take part in the Greater Melbourne Biodiversity Blitz. The Melbourne Biodiversity Blitz provides valuable citizen science records of flora and fauna sightings, which are then contributed to the Atlas of Living Australia, adding to a vast collection of valuable scientific records.

As part of Biodiversity Month, the Shire's Natural Systems team arranged for the Shires Bushland Contractor to deliver a coastal environment-guided walk to the community that explored the significant flora and fauna in Warringine Park.

Strategy 1.2.2 Implement Coastal and Marine Management Plans, including the Mornington Peninsula Coastal Strategy, to look after our coastal heritage and marine wildlife.

 On track

Actions:

Develop the Mornington Peninsula Coastal Strategy – Part A – Our Coast Our Future.

Develop the Mornington Peninsula Coastal Strategy – Part B – Our Coast Our Future.

Stages 1 – 4 of the Our Coast Our Future Coastal Strategy Part A have been completed with hazard maps produced and most at-risk areas identified. Adaptation plans will be developed during Stages 5 – 7.

Coastal areas in 11 townships have been identified as most at risk for coastal hazards as part of Our Coast Our Future, Stages 1 – 4 Part B. Preparations are being made to go to tender for Stages 5 – 7, which will see the development of adaptation plans. These plans will determine how we respond to and manage future impacts of erosion, sea level rise and inundation.

We continued delivery of grants for our Coastal and Marine Management Plans, to improve access, amenity and resilience of our coastline. This has included continuation of the watercraft removal program at Portsea.



Strategies

Quarterly Commentary

Strategy 1.2.3
Protect the green wedge using the Green Wedge Management Plan and advocate for maintaining its special role and character.

 On track

On 9 July 2024, we sent an advocacy letter to the Minister for Planning providing general support for the recently released 'Planning for Melbourne's Green Wedges and Agricultural Land Action Plan (March 2024)'. However, we requested that the following range of matters (either lacking sufficient detail in the Action Plan or excluded altogether) are addressed by the State Government as Green Wedge reforms are progressively introduced over the next three years:

- Clear policy and controls to better manage tourism-based uses within the Green Wedge Zone (which are secondary to core Green Wedge land purposes).
- Appropriate controls regarding host farm accommodation to ensure short-stay accommodation does not negatively impact Green Wedge and agricultural areas.
- Similarly appropriate controls regarding camping and caravan parks.
- Careful consideration of any changes to primary produce sales provisions to ensure inappropriate retail uses do not establish and proliferate within the Green Wedge.

Council also advocated for stronger protections for the Shire's Green Wedge through its submission to the State Government's 'Plan for Victoria'. Council adopted a submission on 26 August 2024 which has since been submitted to the Minister for Planning. The submission includes the following recommendations:

- The new Plan for Victoria should incorporate actions to protect the distinctive role and function of the Mornington Peninsula Green Wedge.
- The new Plan for Victoria should identify a scheme for recycled water infrastructure on the Peninsula to increase resilience to climate change by accessing a high-quality alternative water supply for agricultural industries.



Strategies

Quarterly Commentary

Strategy 1.2.4
Protect our biodiversity and wildlife in both urban and bush settings in the face of the climate emergency by implementing the Biodiversity Conservation Plan with the community and partners.

 On track

Actions:

Deliver the 2024-25 actions from the Biodiversity Conservation Plan.

Develop a Tree Management Policy.

We began preparing to deliver the 2024-25 actions from the Biodiversity Conservation Plan across the following programs:

- Supporting environmental volunteers including Landcare and Friends Groups.
- Working with representatives from the Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation's Strong Country Team on cultural land management opportunities at sites of interest within the Shire's reserves.
- Participating in the Municipal Fire Management Work Group. This working group contains representatives from the Shire, Parks Victoria, Country Fire Authority, Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) and Forest Fire Management Victoria to discuss, consider and coordinate fire management across the Peninsula.
- Continuing to monitor threatened species programs under the guidance of the Natural Systems team this year.
- Preparing operational plans for more than 50 significant bushland reserves.
- Delivering our Early Invader Weed Program.
- Continuing to deliver a tree band program to protect high-value trees.
- Protecting four shire-owned bushland reserves with a conservation covenant. Trust for Nature has now completed the draft documentation for the proposed covenants and submitted the draft for the Shire's consideration.

The development of our Tree Management Policy is due to start in the next quarter.

Strategy 1.2.5
Implement the Domestic Animal Management Plan to promote responsible animal management.

 On track

Action:

Develop the Domestic Animal Management Plan 2025-2029.


We started reviewing the current Domestic Animal Management Plan and creating a project plan for developing the new Domestic Animal Management Plan 2025-2029.



Strategies

Quarterly Commentary

Strategy 1.2.6  **Continue towards our goal of zero waste to landfill by 2030, by strengthening our circular economy as part of our Beyond Zero Waste Strategy.**

 On track

Actions:

Develop a Circular Economy Hub Master Plan for Rye, Post Closure.

Complete an EOI process for the Rye Landfill and Adjacent/Buffer Land Lease and Development.

The Shire is working across a range of sectors to accelerate circular economy opportunities across the Peninsula. Activities in the quarter included:

- A circular economy showcase and network events.
- Grant submissions for support in developing an understanding of the primary material flows throughout the Peninsula.
- Business programs such as 'Trim Your Bin' and 'Best Bites' to identify gaps in key resource recovery services for businesses on the Peninsula.

Our Circular Economy Hub Master Plan for Rye, Post Closure, is on hold until our new Circular Economy Coordinator starts.

We released an Expression of Interest (EOI) for the Rye Landfill and Adjacent/Buffer Land Lease and Development on 21 August 2024 and closed it on 16 September 2024. The EOI, currently under review, was conducted for market research purposes to gather information on potential development options that align with Council's environmental sustainability objectives. The findings will inform a broader, more holistic and strategic land use assessment.

“...gather information on potential development options that align with Council's environmental sustainability objectives”



Strategic Objective 1.3

A sustainable built environment that respects the natural environment and protects the community from the impacts of the climate emergency.

Strategies

Quarterly Commentary

Strategy 1.3.1 **Invest in renewable energy and energy efficiency programs.**

 On track


Actions:


Deliver energy usage initiatives including rollout of Stage 1 of the Electrification program, Virtual Energy Network trial and streetlight upgrade project.

We are undertaking one of the biggest energy efficiency projects across the Shire, upgrading our major road streetlights to energy efficient LEDs. More than 600 lights were upgraded in the quarter. The project, once completed, will see 4,000 streetlights upgraded, save the Shire more than \$500,000 and avoid 575 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions every year.

The Shire's 12-month Virtual Energy Network (VEN) pilot is also underway. With the VEN in operation, the Shire is trading solar-generated power between the trial sites, increasing the value of solar-generated electricity. The pilot will run until March 2025.

There is now 1,897 kW of solar capacity installed on Shire assets generating renewable energy.

Strategy 1.3.2  **Encourage responsible use of water sources on the Peninsula by implementing the Smart Water Plan.**

 On track

Actions:

Develop a recycled water scheme advocacy strategy.
Review the Wastewater Management Plan.

In preparation for developing our recycled water scheme advocacy strategy, the Shire's Economic Development Team have started progressing a business plan and we have been meeting with external stakeholders.

We continue to advocate for the progression of the Tyabb – Somerville recycled water scheme.

The review of our draft 2024-2029 Wastewater Management Plan has been completed with input from a specialist consultant. The draft was sent to the stakeholder working group for comment. Meetings and discussions with our partner, South East Water, regarding the draft Plan are in progress. Community engagement on the draft Plan is expected to begin in November 2024.

Strategy 1.3.3 **Incorporate Indigenous culture in all project planning and design.**

 On track

The Mornington Peninsula Shire Heritage and Public Art Lead continues to be included in all relevant working groups, providing advice to internal stakeholders on projects and design, identifying opportunities to incorporate Indigenous culture into Shire projects.

Strategy 1.3.4 **Implement the Environmentally Sustainable Design Policy for Shire buildings and civil works.**

 On track

The Environmentally Sustainable Design (ESD) Policy for Council Buildings and Civil Works continues to guide and inform capital projects delivered by Council. These include building specifications, energy efficiency, recycled and low-carbon materials, and more.

Since our maintenance contracts went live in July 2025, we have been working with our contract partners to refine Sustainability Plans and develop templates to capture sustainability data in aid of resourcing.

Further information on quarter highlights from our Major Projects and Capital Works program can be found on page 54.



Strategies


Quarterly Commentary

Strategy 1.3.5
Advocate for environmentally sustainable design principles to be integrated into the Mornington Peninsula Planning Scheme.

 On track

On 15 November 2023, Amendment C232morn introduced a local Environmentally Sustainable Development (ESD) Policy into the Mornington Peninsula Planning Scheme. Since then, Council has continued to advocate to the Minister for Planning, via the Municipal Association of Victoria's Council Alliance for a Sustainable Built Environment (CASBE), for the introduction of elevated ESD targets to all Victorian Planning Schemes as per the proposed Amendment C246morn. Amendment C246morn seeks to introduce a new Particular Provision to achieve net-zero carbon development. The amendment was lodged with the Minister for authorisation on 21 July 2021 for which we are still awaiting a decision.

Council once again pushed for carbon neutral Environmentally Sustainable Development (ESD) provisions to be included in all Victorian Planning Schemes. This was outlined in Recommendation 28 of our submission to the State Government's 'Plan for Victoria', which Council adopted on 26 August 2024. The submission has now been forwarded to the Minister for Planning.

Strategy 1.3.6 
Manage stormwater and build resilience to flood as it affects our community, our environment and infrastructure.

 On track

A range of projects to manage stormwater and build resilience to flooding are underway. This includes capital works projects, which will be delivered this year. Additionally, an outfall survey and a floor-level survey are underway to improve our understanding of flood risk. Flood mapping of the Peninsula is progressing well and is on track for completion by the end of 2024.

Actions:

Update flood mapping for the entire Mornington Peninsula.
Review management options for Civic Reserve wetlands.


We are working in partnership with Melbourne Water to update flood mapping across the whole Peninsula. We are currently in the process of running a range of scenarios to review draft deliverables by the end of 2024.

The Review of the Civic Reserve Wetland for Management options has been put on hold until the recruitment of the Water and Coasts Officer.



Strategies

Quarterly Commentary

Strategy 1.3.7 
Revise the planning scheme with consideration to our vulnerability to flooding and bushfires and the protection of native vegetation.

 On track

Council adopted a submission on 26 August 2024 to inform the State Government's future 'Plan for Victoria' which has since been submitted to the Minister for Planning. Our submission for the Plan includes the following numbered recommendations:

- 14 – include an action to undertake state-wide sea level rise mapping and a state-wide mechanism in the Victorian Planning Provisions (VPPs) to address future development in identified areas vulnerable to sea level rise.
- 23 – provide support at the strategic level for the implementation of urban forest strategies, including the consideration of specific mechanisms to improve canopy cover on privately owned urban land.
- 24 – include an action to set specific targets to increase canopy cover and deliver planting projects for State-owned or managed land.
- 26 – provide support at the strategic level for the revision of bushfire planning controls and associated mapping based on the latest and best science.
- 27 – provide support at the strategic level for the review of urban inundation modelling and mapping and implement the associated planning scheme amendments.
- 28 – include an action to introduce Environmental Sustainability Design standards in the VPPs for 'zero carbon' development.



We have continued to engage with various community groups and representatives regarding the Shire's advocacy to the Minister for Planning, encouraging support for Council's position and allied action. We have not yet received a response from the Minister for Planning to Council's letter sent on 28 March 2024. The letter requested that the Minister commission further work to review bushfire planning provisions using Mornington Peninsula Shire as a pilot test case.

The Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) has reviewed the Bushfire Prone Area (BPA) and Bushfire Management Overlay Mapping (BMO) in response to Council's request. While the DTP has confirmed that no changes will be made to BMO mapping across the Peninsula at this time, BPA mapping has been expanded to include an area of Portsea and Sorrento where it did not previously apply.

We are still waiting for the Minister for Planning to approve Planning Scheme Amendment C271morn. C271morn implements Council's adopted Westernport Coastal Villages and Surrounding Settlements Strategy (2019), including applying new and updated planning controls to ensure future development responds to the impact of climate change – specifically flooding and erosion caused by predicted sea level rise – along the Western Port Bay coastline.



Strategies

Strategy 1.3.8  **Deliver strategies to minimise the impact of the climate emergency on our built assets.**  On track

Actions:

Develop the Municipal Emergency Management Plan 2025-2028.

Quarterly Commentary

The Shire is working with Melbourne Water to finalise flood mapping, which will provide up-to-date information on the most flood-prone areas across the Peninsula. Detailed design is currently being undertaken to mitigate flood risk in one of the highest risk areas.

In collaboration with the South East Councils Climate Change Alliance, a detailed Asset Vulnerability Assessment for Open Space Assets and a climate change projection model have been developed.

The Shire has a legislated responsibility to chair the Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee, a multi-agency committee responsible for developing and implementing the Municipal Emergency Management Plan (MEMP). As the chair, we have organised two working group meetings where all agencies have provided their feedback on the current MEMP. We took into account what we would add, retain, and remove from the current plan. The new MEMP will be submitted to the Regional Emergency Management Planning Committee (REMPC) for assurance before the next REMPC, which is in November 2024.

The committee also participated in the Community Emergency Risk Assessment process. This was facilitated by the State Emergency Service to identify the primary emergency risks specific to the Mornington Peninsula. The committee will aim to mitigate these risks by developing a plan to reduce their impact.


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Strategic Objective 1.4

An accessible built environment that supports diverse, current and future community needs.

Strategies

Strategy 1.4.1  **Apply universal design principles in the construction, refurbishment and use of Shire owned facilities, public spaces and open spaces.**  On track

Strategy 1.4.2  **Build and maintain Shire infrastructure and facilities based on community needs and facility condition.**  On track

Actions:

Facilitate the transition in and out of maintenance services contractors.

Review the Community Capital Infrastructure Policy and supporting documentation.

Develop the next 10-year Asset Plan.

Undertake a review of the Road Management Plan.

Continue to implement and improve the Project Management Framework.

Develop the Foreshore Camping Strategy (for adoption in FY26).

Quarterly Commentary

Following the adoption of the Universal Design Policy in 2022, our Universal Design guidelines are in the final stages of development. These will embed Universal Design across other internal and relevant standards, plans, policies and strategies.

Throughout the design and implementation of Tounnin Wominjeka, the Shire's new dedicated youth space, Universal Design principles were incorporated.

The transition of our Plumbing, HVAC, Electrical and Solar, Security, Cleaning, Lifts and Vertical Transport contracts was completed in July and August of 2024. Our Pest Control, Roof Access and Fall Arrest, and Gutter Cleaning contracts were transitioned over in September 2024.

Work on the review of the Community Capital Infrastructure Policy is scheduled to start in the next quarter.

Our next 10-year Asset Plan is progressing with our asset renewal modelling expected to be finished by mid-October. It's currently 80 per cent complete. We are also talking to internal stakeholders to help finalise aspects of the Plan.

We started reviewing our Road Management Plan (RMP) with key stakeholders on 17 September 2024. We are currently assessing response times, inspection frequencies, and intervention levels against regional councils. We have adopted the Municipal Association of Victoria's recommended template and have started transferring the Shire's RMP into this template.

We continue to improve our Project Management Framework with Phase 2 of our MyProject System design underway. Due to the consultant's availability, we have only implemented the critical items of Phase 2 required for the 2025-26 Project submission process, which will go live in the next quarter. New project initiatives that seek funding alongside existing projects that seek funding for a future stage will be submitted in October with the project scoring functionality to go live at the beginning of November 2024.

The first phase of the Foreshore Strategy development has been completed with community consultation finishing on 8 September 2024. The surveys and data gathered during the consultation will now be analysed with the outcomes to form the basis of the strategy principles.



Strategies

Quarterly Commentary

Strategy 1.4.3
Develop a Community Facilities Infrastructure Strategy, to plan for shared community facilities that meet the current and future needs of our communities.

 On track


Action:
 Develop the Shaping Greater Dromana (Precinct Plan).
 Develop the Dromana Community Infrastructure Project.
 Develop the Public Amenity Strategy.
 Develop Local Area Infrastructure Investment Action Plans.


The Community Facilities Infrastructure Strategy was adopted by Council on 9 September 2024.
 Following community consultation on a draft of the Shaping Greater Dromana Plan in the previous quarter, we reviewed all community submissions and finalised the Plan. Council adopted the Plan on 9 September 2024.

The draft Dromana Community Facilities Project (that includes the Dromana Infrastructure Action Plan) was endorsed for community consultation at the Council meeting on 26 August 2024. Community consultation is scheduled to begin in November following the end of the Victorian Government's Local Government Caretaker period.

Our Public Amenity Strategy is progressing with Fit for Purpose audits completed by staff with the results forwarded to a consultant for consideration. We also consulted with internal Subject Matter Experts and external community groups such as the Disability Advisory Committee and the Peninsula Advisory Committee for Elders.

We have started collecting data for the development of the Western Port Infrastructure Action Plan.

Strategy 1.4.4 
Continue to implement the Triple A Housing Plan.

 On track

Action:
 Deliver Social Housing Projects across the municipality, including investigating the establishment of a women's shelter.

The 2024 Homelessness Week advocacy campaign took place in August. It involved various activities such as screening the 'Ranch Documentary', a podcast series with radio station 3MP, distributing advocacy postcards across the community and holding a community event at Mornington Park to raise awareness about homelessness.

We have connected Women's Community Shelters NSW with local stakeholders, including family violence services, to explore establishing a women's shelter on the Mornington Peninsula. Leases have been signed for Council land at Hastings and Mornington and leased to Community Housing providers. These were selected from an Expression of Interest (EOI) process for social and affordable housing developments, with further land parcels identified for release via an EOI this financial year.

Strategies

Quarterly Commentary


Strategy 1.4.5
Develop an Affordable Housing Policy to facilitate contributions in private developments.

 On track

Action:
 Develop the Affordable Housing Development Contributions Strategy.

We started reviewing all 500+ community submissions received in the last quarter from the public exhibition of our draft Affordable Housing Development Contributions Strategy. We are currently working with the appointed project consultant to respond to issues raised in the submissions to identify whether any changes should be made to the draft Strategy. Council was briefed on the outcomes of the community consultation on 27 August 2024.

On 26 August 2024, Council adopted a submission to inform the development of the State Government's future 'Plan for Victoria' which has since been submitted to the Minister for Planning. As part of this submission (Recommendation 13), Council has advocated for the Plan to include a State-wide mechanism in the Victorian Planning Provision (VPPs) to require mandatory developer contributions to deliver social housing.

Strategy 1.4.6 
Advocate to state government for additional social and affordable housing and better housing support services.


 On track

Action:
 Develop a housing and homelessness advocacy strategy.

Our housing crisis motion was tabled at the July 2024 Australian Local Government Association's National General Assembly event in Canberra. As one of our 2024 advocacy priorities, housing and homelessness will be a focus for the upcoming 2025 federal election. Work on this campaign is underway.

Shire representatives met with Jodie Belyea, Member for Dunkley, to discuss various issues including housing. In August 2024, we wrote to Victorian and Federal Ministers regarding housing and homelessness issues.

Further advocacy was undertaken to the Victorian Government on the impacts of the Victorian Housing Statement and the maintenance of state government owned social housing on the Mornington Peninsula.

Strategy 1.4.7 
Improve our unique townships and villages by developing and maintaining accessible public spaces.

 On track

Actions:
 Undertake Amendment C286morn (Ocean Beach Road Built Form Controls).

We completed a public exhibition of the revised amendment, which was updated as part of Council's re-adoption of the Ocean Beach Road Built Form Review (2024) on 28 May 2024.

All Master Plans and concept designs adhere to universal design principles, including compliance with the Disability Discrimination Act for all infrastructure projects, to improve accessibility to the Shire's public spaces.

Strategy 1.4.8
Advocate for stronger universal design guidance in the State Planning Scheme and encourage best practice for privately owned buildings.

 On track

Universal Design is addressed under the Victoria Planning Provisions at a State level and within the Building Regulations. The Shire will continue to monitor for future advocacy positions as appropriate.



Strategy 1.4.9
Deliver actions in the Housing and Settlement Strategy and Neighbourhood Character Study to manage demand for housing and population growth.

 On track

Actions:

Undertake Amendment C219morn (Housing).
 Undertake the Residential Height Controls Review.


We submitted amendment C219morn, adopted by Council on 6 August 2024, to the Minister for Approval. In the next quarter, we will be liaising with the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) as they assess the amendment before the Minister for Planning decides whether to approve it, with or without changes. We expect the DTP's assessment will take some months and extend into 2025.

With amendment C219morn adopted, the Residential Height Controls project will start in the next quarter. Background research and draft reporting undertaken in 2023-24 are currently being finalised with landscape assessments already underway.

On 26 August 2024, Council adopted a submission to inform the development of the State Government's future 'Plan for Victoria' and associated housing targets. The submission includes a range of recommendations consistent with the strategic directions of Council's adopted Housing and Settlement Strategy and Neighbourhood Character Study. Recommendations include the need to refine the draft housing targets to ensure they have regard to the special role and function of the Peninsula which is distinctly different to metropolitan Melbourne, as well as the special characteristics and constraints that limit its ability to absorb significant population growth.

The submission also highlights the need to find better ways of funding critical community infrastructure delivery and upgrades to support housing growth; work with Council to prepare a precinct plan for surplus Port of Hastings land to provide the southern metropolitan region with a larger area for new housing (plus industry, farming and conservation); mandate affordable housing contributions and diverse housing outcomes; improve Environmental Sustainability Design standards; enhance canopy tree cover; improve bushfire planning controls; and protect the Green Wedge.

Strategy 1.4.10
Protect built sites and features of cultural significance and history.

 On track

Action:

Undertake Amendment C302morn (Heritage Review Area 4 and Stage 5 permanent HO and Sorrento Inc Doc Review).

Council adopted the Heritage Review for Area 4 (Westernport and Hinterland) and Stage 5 (watchlist properties) on 11 June 2024. We then resolved to seek Ministerial authorisation to commence Planning Scheme Amendment C302morn to apply the Heritage Overlay to properties identified in the review, which have heritage significance.

Amendment C302morn is being assessed by the Department of Transport and Planning. We expect the amendment to be authorised by the end of December, with public exhibition to commence in 2025.



Theme

TWO

Quarterly community highlights

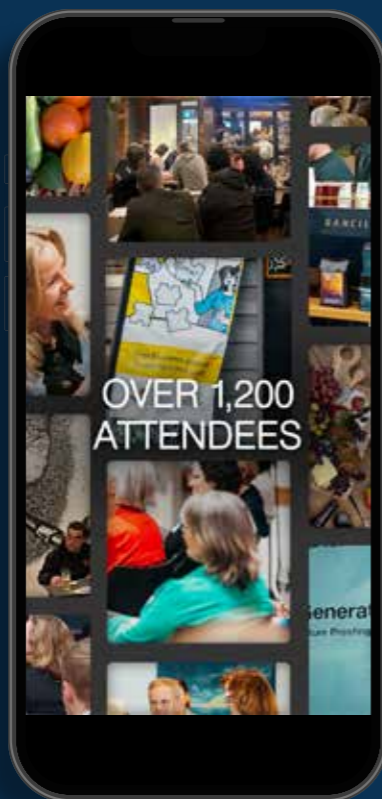
Small Business Festival

The Small Business Festival 2024 ignited August with a month-long celebration of entrepreneurship, innovation, and local business. More than 1,200 small business owners and entrepreneurs joined the festival.

The festival featured a selection of low-cost and no-cost events from 1

– 31 August for people to create a schedule of learning opportunities to suit their business needs.

With a diverse array of opportunities for professional development, networking and knowledge sharing, this festival inspired new and innovative ways of thinking while empowering and supporting our vibrant small business community.



The program focused on 'Creating Business Excellence' and offered a dynamic line-up of events designed to cater to the diverse needs and interests of small business owners.

From inspiring presentations and engaging activities to practical workshops and valuable networking opportunities, attendees gained fresh insights, levelled up their skills, and made valuable connections along the way. Event highlights included:

- keeping your retail business alive financially
- AI and future proofing your business
- networking breakfasts
- strategies and channels for marketing your business
- learn how to set clear and easy-to-measure goals
- discover the social media trends for 2025
- ATO Masterclass Series – all about setting up a small business
- hear about available grants and get skills in grants writing
- discover how Canva can help you craft captivating marketing content.

New operator for open air trading at Red Hill Recreation Reserve

Following a public Expressions of Interest (EOI) process, we announced Red Hill Agricultural and Horticultural Society (RHAHS) as the successful tenderer to operate open-air trading at Red Hill Recreation Reserve. An EOI ensures transparency and fairness when there is more than one party interested in leasing a Council site.

We have a policy in place that guarantees a fair, open and impartial process for determining the outcome of a tender. In this case, our priority was to ensure local traders were featured prominently and there was a clear commitment to reinvest funds into our community.


The much-loved tradition of open-air trading at Red Hill Recreation Reserve will continue, with the RHAHS working closely with the Red Hill District Lions Club, dedicated to continuing a market at Red Hill Recreation Reserve on the first Saturday of the month (September to May) and delivering maximum benefit to the community.


Theme Two


A robust, innovative and diverse economy

A community with abundant and diverse educational and local employment opportunities. We are open to new ideas and work with our partners to grow a strong, diverse and future-focused economy.

 26 businesses mentored and 22 visited

 27 business associations worked with

 549 food safety inspections

 \$536,027 in grants, sponsorships and subsidies paid to support the community



Strategic Objective 2.1

A community that has access to world class local learning opportunities through all stages of life.

Legend for commentary

● On track
 ● Attention
 ● No Activity
 ♥ Health and wellbeing priorities

Strategies

Quarterly Commentary

Strategy 2.1.1 ♥
Connect schools, education providers and businesses to improve social and economic outcomes.

● On track

Action:

Participate in and deliver training, skill development and advocacy activities that enhance business and industry workforce outcomes on the Mornington Peninsula.

We supported the delivery of the Frankston Mornington Peninsula Local Learning and Employment Network Industry and Jobs Expo, with around 1,800 secondary students and 300 job seekers attending. As part of the Small Business Festival, 31 industry development events were delivered with 1,251 local business attendees. A farmer's discussion group with 25 attendees in partnership with Landcare was also delivered.

The School Focused Youth Service continued to bring together identified schools and businesses offering wellbeing and engagement programs, to support students at risk of disengaging from school. We had 169 students participating from 14 schools.

Strategy 2.1.2 ♥
Advocate for additional training and education services and centres of excellence.

● On track

We attended the Mornington Peninsula Education Round Table meeting with Frankston Mornington Peninsula Local Learning and Employment Network, Chisholm TAFE and MP Zoe McKenzie. We contributed to the development of the Chisholm Strategic Plan.

Strategy 2.1.3 ♥
Work in partnership with a wide range of education providers to promote lifelong and inclusive learning opportunities.

● On track

The Shire's Youth Services relocated to Tounnin Wominjeka and worked with a range of education providers to promote programs for young people.

Our Library and Arts and Culture teams continued to deliver a range of programs to the community.

“ As part of the Small Business Festival, 31 industry development events were delivered with 1,251 local business attendees ”




Strategic Objective 2.2

A strong food economy, promoting growth to enhance community access.

Strategies

Quarterly Commentary


Strategy 2.2.1  **Foster access to affordable local healthy food options by working with our key partners implementing our Agroecology Strategy.**

 On track

The Sustainable Food Economy and Agroecology Taskforce met to work together on strengthening the local food system. The Shire is a partner on The Community Plate and a representative from Peninsula Health sits on the Taskforce.


In July 2024, we supported The Community Plate's submission to the Victorian Inquiry into Food Security.


Strategy 2.2.2 **Support and foster the growth of our farmers through a variety of food business e.g., farm gates, sea gates, food trucks, local stalls and local farmers markets.**

 On track

To support and foster growth we delivered a farmer discussion group in partnership with the Landcare Australia network and Trust for Nature. We also:


- collaborated with Taskforce partners on an agricultural careers showcase at the Frankston Mornington Peninsula Local Learning and Employment Network Industry careers expo.
- promoted farm gates and local farmers markets through Get Fresh at Farm Gate brochures and Mornington Peninsula Produce promotional activities.

Strategy 2.2.3  **A strong food economy that supports food relief, rescue and re-distribution programs.**

 On track

The Shire and Taskforce began working with The Community Plate to conduct a Surplus Food survey of producers and food manufacturers to understand what surplus produce might exist on the Peninsula, and what alternative pathways there are for it to reach consumers and relief groups.

Strategy 2.2.4 **Continue to implement the Green Wedge Management Plan prioritising and encouraging productive use of the green wedge.**

 On track

Research and discussions with the Sustainable Food Economy and Agroecology Taskforce and working group have resulted in a change in methodology for this project. We are now investigating using the Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO) Tool for Agroecology Performance Evaluation, an existing and internationally recognised tool. Discussions have commenced with the FAO and a consultant has been approached to assist. We continued to:


- advocate to the State Government for measures prioritising agriculture and conservation uses in the Green Wedge.
- implement the Food Economy and Agroecology Strategy to facilitate a thriving, diverse and regenerative agricultural sector.
- work with industry partners including Landcare Australia, Melbourne Water, Agriculture Victoria and others on landholder education and upskilling initiatives.



Strategies

Quarterly Commentary

Strategy 2.2.5 **Help our food businesses by delivering programs to grow a circular food economy.**

 On track

The Shire continued to advocate for recycled water access for our farmers. Please see Strategy 2.2.3 for more work done to grow a strong food economy.

Strategy 2.2.6 **Promote the Mornington Peninsula food economy including promoting the (MPP) brand.**

 On track

Work on our MPP marketing plan has commenced with the consultation and research phase underway.

Action:

Develop a Mornington Peninsula Produce (MPP) marketing plan.

In July, we showcased MPP at The Little Food Market at the Royal Exhibition Building. As a proud event partner, MPP showcased our region's finest, providing a unique opportunity for visitors to explore and enjoy the best of the Mornington Peninsula.

We distributed the MPP Spring newsletter to more than 1,500 subscribers, developed and distributed a promotional MPP video and utilised our social media to promote MPP.




Strategic Objective 2.3

A thriving entrepreneurial economy, with a vibrant tourism sector, that provides accessible employment to our diverse community.

Strategies

Quarterly Commentary

Strategy 2.3.1
Work closely with all sectors including hospitality, manufacturing, tourism, retail, education, health and agriculture so they are strong and grow through COVID recovery and beyond.

 On track

Action:

Develop and deliver a new Business Excellence program, to build the capacity of and celebrate local businesses.

To build the capacity of local businesses and as part of the Small Business Festival, we delivered 31 industry development events with 1,251 local business attendees. A Startup Meetup was held for 17 local startup businesses to hear and learn from the local success story of Simon Burt.

Through the Small Business Festival, the Sustainable Food Economy and Agroecology Taskforce meeting and the Mornington Peninsula Produce Marketing Plan, we are continuing to deliver programs that focus on strategic industries. We also made progress in finalising a Visitor Economy Partnership for the region.

Strategy 2.3.2
Deliver a new Economic Development and Tourism Strategy.

 On track

Action:

Create a dedicated business permit support process.

The new Economic Development and Tourism Strategy was adopted in May 2024 with progress to be reported in May 2025. Additionally, this strategy will form part of the new 2024 Council's induction, which will bring them up to speed.

A funding application to create a dedicated business support process was submitted to the Business Acceleration Fund. We will know by November 2024 if we are successful.

Strategy 2.3.3
Work with the Regional Tourism Board and other key stakeholders to deliver a new Tourism Destination Management Plan.

 Attention

Action:

Undertake a review of Visitor Services.


The Tourism Destination Management Plan was due to be completed by 30 June 2024 but is currently behind schedule. Feedback from the Mornington Peninsula Regional Tourism Board indicates it is in the final stages of review.

The Regional Tourism Board's Visitor Services Review was also due to be completed by June 2024. It is in the final stages and nearing completion.

Strategies

Quarterly Commentary

Strategy 2.3.4
Work with tourism stakeholders to promote the Mornington Peninsula as a premier tourism destination focussing on encouraging visitation throughout the Peninsula, off-peak visitation, and business and corporate events.

 On track

Actions:

Develop the detailed design for the sanctuary expansion at the Briars.

Develop the Police Point Strategic Plan.

The Shire's Mornington Peninsula Visitor Information Centre team assisted with 1,040 enquiries from visitors and residents. The top enquiries included: things to see and do, markets, community-related, walk and bike tracks, touring maps and accommodation enquiries. The Information Centre also promoted more than 100 tourism businesses to their Facebook followers. The Centre's information panels at the Southbound Peninsula Link Service Centre, promoting the Peninsula's tourism attractions and experiences to encourage dispersal across the region, received a refresh.

Seventy-three local tourism businesses participated in the Taste, Play Stay Campaign to encourage visitors from the Harry Potter event to stay longer and see more while in the region.

We are pleased to report that the Mornington Peninsula has done it again at the Victorian Top Tourism Awards, proving it's one of Victoria's hottest spots. Arthurs Seat and Sorrento both snagged silver at the 2024 Awards.


The Sanctuary expansion's design is primarily complete but for a Cultural Heritage Management Plan (CHMP), which is currently underway. The findings from the CHMP may mean changes to the Sanctuary expansion's detailed design if additional artefacts are found. Installation of predator-proof fencing and access gates was nearing completion, and 6,700 plants were planted in eight planting days between June and September.


Draft Police Point Strategic Plan actions were discussed with Council and implemented onsite. These included the installation of picnic tables, delivery of the Artist in Residence program, additional activation of the open space for events and the use of cottages for respite and the supported playgroup. The outcomes of these trial programs will be taken to Council in 2025 for review and recommendations, which will inform the next steps.



Strategies


Quarterly Commentary


Strategy 2.3.5 
Support our creative economy by delivering on the Our Arts and Culture Plan.

 On track

The Shire delivered several actions within Our Arts and Culture Plan, these included:

- Five exhibitions at the Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery as part of the winter/spring exhibition program, attracting more than 4,230 visitors.
- A Music Plan Summit (Make Music Matter) that brought together musicians, industry professionals and community members through interactive activities, networking opportunities, and performances across multiple venues. A total of 200 people attended.
- 36 workshops, including floor talks and programs such as 'Young at Art', children's/school holiday workshops, and programs for people living with dementia. A total of 785 people attended.
- 18 Artists participating in the Artist in Residence program.
- 70 people participating in the CREATE workshops.
- 100 people attending the Mayors Short Story Awards.
- Launching the Baluk Arts public art sculpture during NAIDOC (National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee) Week.
- Opening the Somerville Community Arts Space with more than 30 people in attendance.
- Holding a Creators Business event at Studio and Co with more than 40 people attending.


Strategy 2.3.6 
Deliver on the Reconciliation Action Plan, supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander businesses and employment opportunities.

 On track

The Shire adopted a new Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) on 3 September 2024 and submitted it to Reconciliation Australia. A First Nations artist was engaged to develop the artwork included in the finalised Reconciliation Action Plan.

Strategies

Quarterly Commentary

Strategy 2.3.7 
Work in partnership with other levels of government and service providers to promote grants, programs and services to encourage inclusive employment and volunteering opportunities.

 On track

Action:
Implement Phase 2 and Phase 3 of Volunteer Management Software.

Council's Community Investment Funding Program opened on 13 July, with more than \$4M in funding to support community initiatives via grants, sponsorships and subsidies. This includes the Business Development Grant – Accessibility stream, which funds projects to make businesses more accessible.

Implementation of Phase Two of our Volunteer Management Software is currently in progress with Volunteer People Leaders updating volunteer data. Our Volunteer Onboarding e-modules and online registration will commence in January 2025.

Strategy 2.3.8
Advocate for planning system changes to support affordable housing initiatives in our townships and access to local employment for our businesses.

 On track

Please see Strategy 1.4.5 for information on Recommendation 13 that was included in our submission to the State Government on their future 'Plan for Victoria'.





Strategic Objective 2.4

A diverse economy, with green and renewable opportunities, encouraging entrepreneurship, investment and innovation.


Strategies


Quarterly Commentary

Strategy 2.4.1  **Provide an environment where new and existing businesses are supported to grow and transition to a green economy.**

 On track

The Shire's Climate Change and Economic Development teams are working together to embed Climate Change consideration into the organisation's future planning and actions.

Strategy 2.4.2  **Investigate and develop a Performing Arts and Cultural Precinct with a specific focus on a performing arts centre, advocating for funding opportunities.**


 On track


Following the endorsement by Council of the Performing Arts Centre's Business Case and Concept Development, Shire officers have been progressing the briefs and tender documentation for the next phase of work.

Action:

Undertake further site investigations and develop a preliminary concept design (to further inform the business case and expected future costs) for a Performing Arts Centre and Future Arts Precinct.

A project manager has been engaged to support the Tenders, specifically for site investigation work. Planning is also underway for the community consultation approach. A consultant will be appointed to commence work on the Concept Design and refinement of the Business Case in the next quarter.

Strategy 2.4.3  **Use our industrial and commercial land to aid business growth and attract new and emerging industries to help diversify our economy.**

 On track


As part of our submission to inform the development of the State Government's future 'Plan for Victoria', Council advocated that the Plan identify strategic locations for high-value employment precincts (Recommendation 21). We also encouraged the State Government to work with Council to facilitate a precinct plan for surplus land around the Port of Hastings (Recommendation 16). This will provide the southern metropolitan region with a large area of land for industry, as well as housing, farming and conservation.

A privately led proposal that aims to create a new technology, industry and business park at 79 and 83 Bungower Road, Somerville, is currently working through feedback from the CFA on managing bushfire risk. Once this has been addressed, Council will consider progressing amendment C243morn to a hearing of an independent Planning Panel which will review community submissions received during the public exhibition of the amendment in mid-2023.

Amendment C249morn, another privately led proposal to create a new industrial precinct in Hastings, is completing detailed technical assessments and preparing documentation. A formal planning scheme amendment request is yet to be submitted for Council's consideration.

Strategies

Quarterly Commentary

Strategy 2.4.4  **Collaborate with the community about the future role of the Port of Hastings and the surrounding port-related land.**

 Attention

Our Port of Hastings Advocacy Strategy is on hold while the Environmental Effects Statement (EES) work continues.

The EES process for the proposed Victorian Renewable Energy Terminal has recommenced with Shire officers attending Technical Reference Group (TRG) meetings hosted by the State Government. These TRG meetings are expected to continue into the next quarter. The Hydrogen Energy Supply Chain project is yet to be referred to the Minister for Planning to begin the EES process.

Action:

Develop the Port of Hastings advocacy strategy.
Represent Council in relation to the Environmental Effects Statement (EES) – Victorian Renewable Energy Terminal (VRET).

Please see Strategy 2.4.3 for information on Recommendation 16 which was submitted in response to the State Government's future 'Plan for Victoria'.

Theme

Three

Quarterly community highlights

Improved public transport

Following on from years of advocacy by the Shire for better public transport on the Peninsula and our successful Better Buses campaign in 2020, we are pleased to share an announcement by the Victorian Government.

They are developing plans to improve public transport in the Mornington, Hastings and Tyabb areas by introducing a new bus route, more direct route paths and better connections. The proposed changes are:

- introducing a new bus route connecting Hastings and Mornington via Tyabb
- routes 784 and 785 path changes in Mornington.

Road safety project recognition award

It is with great pride that we share that our Safer Speeds on Rural Roads project has been highly commended in the Australasian College of Road Safety Awards (Excellence in Road Safety).



It's a special moment of recognition for the Shire's Traffic and Transport team, who are continuously working to be innovative and sector leading. 2024 is the first year for the Australian College of Road Safety (ACRS) Excellence in Road Safety Award. This award has been created to recognise a successful road safety project delivered within Australia or New Zealand.

Our Local Connection Points launched

We officially launched our Local Connection Points, activating three of them in August.

- Somerville Library: Existing service extended from three to five days a week, open Monday to Friday from 10am to 1pm and 2pm to 5pm.
- Dromana – Mornington Peninsula Visitor Information Centre: Open every Wednesday, from 10am to 4pm.
- Sorrento Community Centre: Open every Friday, from 9am to 5pm.

We then launched another one in September at Red Hill. Councillors David Gill, Kate Roper, Lisa Dixon and Anthony Marsh, as well as staff and community members came together for a chat and a cuppa at our new service point.

These smaller, localised customer support points are designed to complement our main offices at

Mornington, Rosebud and Hastings and enhance our reach. Ultimately, the aim is to transform our community's interactions with the Shire by making it easier and more convenient to visit our customer support team and connect with the Shire's many services.

The new Red Hill Local Connection Point is at shop 3, 137 Shoreham Road, at the shops on the corner of Point Leo Road.

Our Customer Strategy 2024-2028

In support of the roll out of our Local Connection Points, Council adopted Our Customer Strategy 2024-2028 on the 3 September 2024. The Strategy serves as our blueprint for putting our community at the heart of everything we do. The development of Our Customer Strategy was driven by extensive research and consultation, involving over 4,032 customers who interacted with the Shire, alongside a thorough review of our existing processes and systems. The purpose of Our Customer Strategy is to:

- Connect better with our customers
- Focus more on our community's wants and needs
- Improve service delivery
- Be more open and accountable
- Increase community engagement
- Build public trust.

Theme Three

A flourishing, healthy and connected community

An inclusive and creative community that values safety, physical and mental health and wellbeing. A community with accessible services and transport to keep us connected.

-  10,661 rounds of golf played
-  252,954 aquatic centre visitations
-  10,172 young people attending Shire delivered youth programs and activities
-  342 kms of unsealed roads graded
-  2,426 potholes filled and 531 individual requests received
-  349,387 Community library loans
-  5,018 kms of streets swept
-  1,688 vaccines administered to 681 infants
-  102 Parent Groups facilitated
-  3,821 Maternal Health consultations
-  73 Supported Playgroups delivered





Strategic Objective 3.1



A healthy and self-determined community where everyone feels valued, supported and safe.

Strategies

Quarterly Commentary



Strategy 3.1.1   On track
Deliver the Gender Equality Strategy in partnership with community organisations.

The Gender Equality Year 5 Action Plan has been developed and endorsed by the Health and Wellbeing Committee. The Year 5 Actions are now being implemented. Actions include undertaking Gender Impact Assessments, supporting the Frankston and Mornington Peninsula Family Violence Collaborative and education and awareness initiatives.



Strategy 3.1.2   On track
Deliver the Reconciliation Action Plan, guided by the traditional owners, respecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Council adopted the draft Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) at the 3 September 2024 meeting. The RAP is a two-year commitment requiring Council to develop and strengthen relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and engage staff and external stakeholders in Reconciliation. The draft RAP has been developed using the framework outlined by Reconciliation Australia and in consultation with traditional owners, including the Bunurong Land Council and Willum Warrain Gathering Place. The RAP is now in the process of gaining sign-off from Reconciliation Australia and the Bunurong Land Council.

Action:
 Develop a new Reconciliation Action Plan.

Strategy 3.1.3   Completed
Deliver the Communities That Care Action Plan increasing connection for young people.

In 2023, Council ceased its involvement with the Communities That Care (CTC) program. We redirected resources from Our CTC Action Plan to develop a broader Inclusion Strategy. The Inclusion Strategy will help us realise our ambition to create equal opportunities for all of our community regardless of culture, age, gender, ability, sexuality, gender or religion.

Strategy 3.1.4   On track
Deliver on a new lifespan strategy that will enhance the health and wellbeing of all generations.


Following a significant community engagement process, the draft Inclusion Strategy (We All Belong) was placed on public exhibition and adopted by Council on 3 September 2024. Work will now commence on delivering the actions identified in the strategy.


Actions:
 Develop the Inclusion Strategy (We all Belong).



Strategies


Quarterly Commentary


Strategy 3.1.5 
Support and participate in local and regional programs to improve sexual and reproductive health.

 On track

In partnership with WHISE (Women's Health in the South East), planning is underway for a menopause and post-menopause event, which will take place alongside Senior's Month in October 2024. The event will discuss topics such as:

- An understanding of menopause and post-menopause, including physical and mental health symptoms.
- Diagnosis, including monitoring symptoms and tracking menstrual periods, as well as initiating conversations with healthcare providers.
- Lifestyle adaptations for symptom management, including the benefits of the Mediterranean diet, limiting alcohol intake, exercise and stress management.
- Other symptom management strategies include herbal therapies, non-hormonal pharmaceutical interventions and Menopause Hormone Therapy (MHT).
- Routine screening for cervical, bowel and breast cancer as well as screening for heart disease including blood pressure and cholesterol.
- Strategies for managing mental health during menopause and post-menopause.

Strategy 3.1.6 
Provide a harm minimisation approach to alcohol through our Alcohol Management Policy.

 On track

Engagement feedback from the community, key stakeholders and internal staff was used to review and redevelop the existing Alcohol Management Policy into an Alcohol Harm Prevention Policy. The draft Policy was presented to Council on 26 August and then put out for public exhibition, however, no responses were received. Further consultation is planned for later in 2024 for the re-presentation of the policy to a Council meeting for adoption in early 2025.


Following adoption by Council, an implementation plan will be developed to coordinate and embed the delivery of the Policy across the organisation.

Action:

Review the Alcohol Management Policy.

Strategies

Quarterly Commentary


Strategy 3.1.7 
Deliver the Positive Ageing Strategy promoting the respectful inclusion of older people.

 On track

With the Positive Ageing Strategy incorporated into the new Inclusion Strategy (We All Belong), we focused on preparing the Year 4 Action Plan Report for the final reporting year of the Positive Ageing Strategy. Key actions delivered from the Positive Ageing Action Plan include:

- Completion of the 2024 Seniors Festival schedule with more than 100 local events; design and wide distribution of festival program booklet – both hard copy and electronically.
- Planning for the inaugural Dying to Know Day by establishing a new network of partnerships to commence ongoing respectful community conversation to help normalise issues of death and dying. More than 100 people attended the event on 8 August.
- Making our Ageism Awareness training available to a wider range of Shire staff and the community.

The Shire's Community Partnerships team supported monthly meetings and working groups and delivered the priorities of the Peninsula Advisory Committee for Elders (PACE) – transport, social isolation, elder abuse/ageism and housing; and the other domains of the World Health Organization framework of age-friendly communities – outdoor spaces and buildings, community and health services, civic participation and employment and access to Information.

Strategy 3.1.8 
Carry out an Active Living Census to better understand people's activity levels and preferences.


 On track

The Active Living Census did not go ahead. Resources were redirected to a Health and Wellbeing Survey that was undertaken with local sports clubs.

Data on health and wellbeing to address priority areas, identified through sports club development opportunities, has been collated to be uploaded to a new central data system for community presentation on our website.

Action:

Establish a Health and Social Data Management System.

Strategy 3.1.9 
Healthy eating options are available at Shire owned and managed facilities and events.

 On track

The Healthy Food and Drink Policy was refreshed in March 2024. It now includes guidance on healthy options at Shire facilities. We are now getting ready to start a tender process to find suitable catering suppliers based on the requirements identified within the policy. We are working with input from stakeholders across the organisation to ensure that the result supports all relevant priorities.



Strategic Objective 3.2

A resilient and confident community where everyone connects and is supported.

Strategies

Quarterly Commentary

Strategy 3.2.1  **Develop a range of community, creative and business support grants.**

 On track

Action:


Review the Community Investment Funding Policy and Framework.


We started reviewing the Community Investment Funding (CIF) Policy and Framework and requested feedback on the Policy and CIF process through a community survey. We received 43 submissions. Additionally, we consulted with our Citizens' Panel on the CIF Policy and Framework.

Our Community Investment Funding opened on 13 July 2024. Forty-one Community Grants were awarded across the following grant streams:

- 13 Access and Inclusion Grants
- 4 Climate Action Stream B – Energy Support Grants
- 12 Community Support Grants
- 12 Flexi Grants and 6 Heritage Grants.

No Business Development Grants were received in the quarter and our Creative and Performing Arts Grants will be assessed in the next quarter. Other grant rounds, which closed on 7 September, will be assessed and awarded next month after the Victorian Local Government Caretaker period ends.

Strategy 3.2.2  **Collaborate with our community to prepare for the climate emergency.**

 On track

Action:


Deliver community capacity building and skills development programs in line with the Climate Emergency Plan.

Develop the Municipal Disaster Resilience Strategy.

To build community capacity we installed and commissioned the Flinders Community Battery – a multi-partner collaboration led by Council but guided by the Flinders Zero Carbon Community. Three community relief hubs also received Energy Resilience Solutions through State Government funded solar, battery and generator installations with Flinders Golf Club hosting a community launch event in August. Please see our Climate Emergency summary on page 52 for further information on programs.

Preliminary planning for our Municipal Disaster Resilience Strategy has begun. We released an expression of interest to the market, seeking applications from external community engagement specialists who will design and implement a community engagement strategy. This Strategy will inform the development of the Community Disaster Resilience Plan.

Strategy 3.2.3  **Deliver the Shire's COVID-19 recovery program, including grants and key projects.**


 On track

The COVID-19 recovery program is complete. However, the Shire continues to support small businesses and strategic industries on the Peninsula through our 10-year Economic Development and Tourism Strategy.

Our Business Development Grant program opened in July 2024 and the Shire's Economic development team continues to provide mentoring support via the Small Business Mentoring Service.

Strategies


Quarterly Commentary


Strategy 3.2.4  **Increase social connection and reduce social isolation in our community.**

 On track


The Shire's Youth Services facilitated a broad range of programs and events for young people 10-25 years to increase social connection in our community. More than 260 young people attended our youth hubs to hang out in a safe space, meet friends and get support. Another 139 young people participated in school programs and events.


We continue to provide a community transport program for community members over the age of 65 to access the Dial-a-Bus and outings programs, which included a bus tour for over 55-s of the Park(ing) Day Public Art Project. The Shire commissioned four local artists to create exciting, interactive pop-up art installations in individual parking bays as part of the International Park(ing) Day event on 20 September.

Strategy 3.2.5  **Deliver programs to prevent, recognise and respond to mental health and wellbeing concerns.**

 On track

The Shire promotes a holistic approach to mental health and wellbeing with the Council and Wellbeing Plan 2021-2025 identifying key priorities for having the greatest impact on mental health. These include healthy eating, staying active, the connection between climate and health, preventing violence and reducing harmful alcohol and drug use. Programs that address mental health and wellbeing can be read throughout Theme 3 of the Community Report.


Strategy 3.2.6  **Develop a Community Strengthening Strategy to improve social inclusion, boost volunteering and build resilience.**


 On track

Action:

Develop a Community Volunteer Action Plan.


Our Volunteer Action Plan is due to start by March 2025. Council adopted the new Inclusion Strategy (We All Belong) on 3 September 2024 and we are currently planning for the development of a new Community Emergency Management and Resilience Strategy. Each of these focuses on building and strengthening community inclusion, connection and resilience.


Strategy 3.2.7  **Support and participate in local and regional initiatives that focus on suicide prevention and positive mental health and wellbeing.**

 On track

Chasing Change, the local suicide prevention network, in partnership with the Mornington Peninsula Shire once again hosted an event to acknowledge World Suicide Prevention Day. On Sunday the 15 September approximately 500 community members participated in a gentle walk around the perimeter of Mornington Park. They tied a colourful ribbon to the chain link fence at the front of the park as a symbol of hope and recognition of the loss experienced in our community.

We also participated in the Southeast Melbourne Primary Health Network Suicide Prevention Collaborative. Through this network, the Shire is looking to install Lifeline signage at potential locations where people have tragically taken their lives across the Peninsula (based on data from Victoria Police).

Strategy 3.2.8  **Advocate for improved telecommunication networks to ensure a strong digital connection and increase social inclusion.**


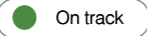

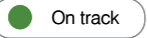

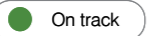

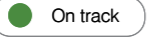

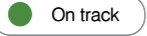

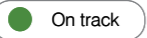
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No further advocacy for improved telecommunications has been taken since we released a 'Shout out for the Peninsula' advocacy campaign that focused on 10 priorities, including mobile coverage, in the lead-up to the last State and Federal elections.




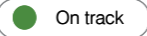

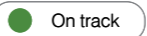
Strategic Objective 3.3

A community in which people from all generations, backgrounds and abilities can access local services.

Strategies	Quarterly Commentary
<p>Strategy 3.3.1  Remove barriers so people of all abilities can participate and access services.  On track</p>	<p>The Shire continues to consult with relevant Council Advisory Committees, such as the Peninsula Advisory Committee for Elders, the Disability Advisory Committee and the Arts and Culture Advisory Panel to inform priority activities. A variety of accessible programs and activities have been delivered by the Shire and are detailed throughout Theme 3 of the Community Report.</p>
<p>Strategy 3.3.2  Explore partnership opportunities for programs that address tobacco-related and gambling harm.  On track</p> <p>Actions: Roll out signage for smoke-free beaches. Review the Gambling Policy.</p>	<p>In partnership with Peninsula Health, we continued to rollout Smoke-Free Environments signage at key settings across the municipality. The Shire is also exploring a partnership with VicHealth to deliver vaping education in schools and with parents.</p> <p>The Shire's Community Partnerships team met with Council's Consultative Committee on Gambling to discuss gambling-related issues across our region. The Committee is comprised of industry representatives, local venues and local services.</p>
<p>Strategy 3.3.3  Deliver programs, services and events that engage and empower children, young people and their families.  On track</p> <p>Actions: Activate Tounnin Wominjeka (Southern Peninsula Youth Hub).</p>	<p>Tounnin Wominjeka Youth Hub was officially opened in September. Programs are running daily for young people 10-25 years and there are now two permanent partners operating from the Hub. The Shire's Youth Services team are currently working with other agencies to co-locate to the Hub. Please see our Major Projects and Capital Works Highlights on page 56 for more information on Tounnin Wominjeka.</p>
<p>Strategy 3.3.4  Engage with LGBTIQ+ community members and deliver programs to support them.  On track</p>	<p>Frankston Mornington Peninsula LGBTIQ+ Collaborative meetings are held monthly. Planning is currently underway for LGBTIQ+ 101 Training (for community members), an Intergenerational High Tea event and a Pride Gym and Swim event in partnership with Belgravia Leisure.</p>
<p>Strategy 3.3.5  Support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community members to self determine community services and programs as required.  On track</p>	<p>The Shire continues to work with the Bunurong Land Council and community leaders to deliver a safe accessible service with the Shire's Reconciliation Inclusion Officer providing guidance and support to Shire teams.</p>
<p>Strategy 3.3.6  Advocate for more local services to meet current and future community needs.  On track</p>	<p>The Mornington Peninsula Shire Council continues to take every opportunity to advocate on behalf of our community. In September, the Shire's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer both spoke at both the Victorian and federal inquiries into local government funding and financial sustainability, following our written submissions earlier this year. The hearings were crucial opportunities for us to directly outline to government committees the challenges and issues we are facing as we plan for the future needs of our community.</p>

Strategic Objective 3.4


A community with vibrant arts, culture, sport and recreational opportunities that foster connections and participation across generations, backgrounds and abilities.


Strategies	Quarterly Commentary
<p>Strategy 3.4.1  In partnership with our community, using Universal Design Principles, improve access to and promote cultural, sport and recreational opportunities.  On track</p> <p>Action: Conduct an Expression of Interest process for the operations and management of the Mount Martha Public Golf Course. Procure and establish the new Recreation and Aquatic Contract. Develop Sports Capacity Plan Volumes 2 and 3. Develop the Pavilion Strategy.</p>	<p>To improve accessibility to cultural, sport and recreational opportunities we began an audit of all community facilities. The audit should identify equipment and materials that can improve inclusivity and access for all in our community and identify infrastructure changes that could increase safety and accessibility.</p> <p>A public Expression of Interest was completed, and an options report was provided at the Council Briefing on 30 August 2024. Officers recommended proceeding to the development of a business case to increase services at Mount Martha Public Golf Course. Increased services include mini golf, a driving range and an expansion of the clubhouse.</p> <p>The finalisation of the tender documents and probity review into the new Recreation and Aquatic Contract has been completed. The tender is planned for release in the next quarter.</p> <p>Community feedback was received during the public exhibition of the Sports Capacity Plan. The draft Strategy is currently being updated to incorporate this feedback. Phase 2 of stakeholder engagement will begin after the Council caretaker period.</p> <p>The Pavilion Strategy's supporting documentation is close to complete with final audits and photo reports supplied and completed. A consultant will be engaged when we are ready to commence development of the Strategy.</p>
<p>Strategy 3.4.2  Implement the Shire's Our Arts and Culture Plan, creating an environment in which the arts thrive.  On track</p> <p>Actions: Develop the Creative Peninsula Strategy 2024-29 (incorporates all arts and cultural pursuits). Develop a Public Art Capital Infrastructure Program.</p>	<p>A consultant has been appointed to support the development of the Creative Peninsula Strategy with the draft Strategy currently in development. Key stakeholder engagement/consultation is also underway.</p> <p>Following the adoption of the revised Public Art Policy, the work plan of the Public Art Capital Program will be developed. A governance model has been drafted and in support of this, planning is underway on systems and processes.</p>



Strategies


Quarterly Commentary

Strategy 3.4.3 
Engage with culturally and linguistically diverse communities to share and protect cultural heritage, beliefs, traditions and stories.

 On track


As part of NAIDOC (National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee) Week we commissioned Baluk Arts to deliver a public art project. Baluk Arts is an Aboriginal owned and led community arts centre and gallery based in Mount Eliza on Bunurong country. This hub for Aboriginal artists provides a space to come together, to create and to share their culture with the wider community.


Strategy 3.4.4 
Implement a Library Strategy to provide accessible services and programs for our diverse community.

 On track

The implementation of the Year 1 Actions for the Strategy has started. Over the quarter we:

- Participating in Project Control Groups for Comm Infra Facility Strategy, Future Work Place Tier Projects, Perf Arts Centre Project.
- Developing Risk Assessments, timetable, advertising, procedures for Our Library Van.
- Commencing a Branch Operations Review of resource usage, including eResources.

Strategy 3.4.5 
Support and deliver inclusive events and festivals.

 On track

The current Event Policy has undergone a review and has been compared against the policies of other Councils. An initial briefing and workshop will be held with Council to inform the development of both documents before the draft Policy and Event Strategy are presented to Council in early 2025.

Actions:

Review the Event Strategy and Policy 2025-26.

The Harry Potter: A Forbidden Forest Experience at The Briars finished on the 14 July. Not without its controversy and learnings on our part, which were published on 15 September as part of the independent Probity Review, this event had significant economic flow-on benefits to the local economy and delivered infrastructure improvements to The Briars.




Strategic Objective 3.5

A community that is well connected through sustainable, accessible and integrated transport options.


Strategies

Quarterly Commentary

Strategy 3.5.1 
Advocate for more accessible and frequent public transport services, including connected pathways, trails, buses and trains for the Mornington Peninsula.

 On track

Please see Theme 3 Community highlights for information on upcoming changes to our public transport system as a result of Council's continued advocacy. Planning and engagement with key stakeholders are also underway as part of the development of the Integrated Transport Strategy.

Strategy 3.5.2 
An accessible built environment that supports diverse, current and future community needs.

 On track


The Mount Eliza Parking Precinct Plan was adopted by Council on 3 September 2024.

An independent Evaluation Report into the Visitor paid Parking Pilot, prepared by expert parking consultants APC, was presented to Council. The Report included the review and assessment of seven months of data from Flinders Pier, Schnapper Point and Sunnyside Beach. Additionally, a Strategic Recommendation Report prepared by Stantec was also included in the presentation to Council. It included detailed financial modelling and recommendations to improve the user experience, system and process should paid parking be made permanent.

Action:


Develop the Mount Eliza Parking Precinct Plan. Evaluate the Visitor Paid Parking Pilot and implement any Council endorsed recommendations.

Council resolved to end the current Visitor Paid Parking Pilot and defer making a final decision on the future of permanent Visitor Paid Parking until the new year and the incoming Council. The Pilot officially concluded at 8pm on 14 September 2024. Parking at Pilot sites is again free, and ePermits are no longer required for residents. At this stage, timing restrictions will still apply.

Strategy 3.5.3 
Deliver on the Pedestrian Access Strategy, creating safe, accessible and connected pedestrian networks.

 On track

Alongside the continuing design work for the Watson Avenue, Mount Martha, footpath, an ecology assessment and proposed footpath options for Boundary Road, Dromana, were presented to Council on 26 August 2024. Community consultation for both projects is due to begin following the end of the Victorian Local Government Caretaker period.

Strategy 3.5.4 
Advocate for an expansion of the electric vehicle charging network and promote the use of electric vehicles.

 On track

As we get ready to develop our Electric Vehicle Transition Plan, we have started examining our current vehicle fleet to gather insights that will inform the Plan. The Shire has adopted an advocacy position calling on the Federal and State governments to amend transport policy and improve infrastructure to support the uptake of Electric Vehicles (EV).

Action:

Develop and implement an Electric Vehicle transition plan for Shire fleet.



The Shire has advocated directly to State and Federal MPs and through the Victorian Greenhouse Alliance and submissions to consultations such as the National Electric Vehicle Strategy, Inquiry into the Transition to Electric Vehicles and New Vehicle Efficiency Standards.

We are facilitating the installation of public electric vehicle charging stations and slowly transitioning our branded fleet to EVs.



Strategies

Quarterly Commentary

Strategy 3.5.5  **Implement the Towards Zero Road Safety Strategy in our continued commitment to zero road deaths and serious injuries towards 2050.**  On track

Action:
Develop and implement a Speed Limit Action Plan.

In support of our Towards Zero vision, we aim to manage speed limits by to setting appropriate speed limits that suit the road and usage. This is in line with Safe System Principles that maximise safety while maintaining mobility at the necessary level. The Speed Limit Action Plan aims to set safe and appropriate speed limits for all roads on the Peninsula, including Council-managed and State-managed roads, as well as sealed and unsealed roads. The plan will include a prioritised list of speed limit changes.

We have started looking at appointing a consultant to start the Speed Limit Action Plan.


Please see Theme 3 community highlights for more information on our award for our Safer Speeds on Rural Roads project.

We are also reviewing the speed limits of several Shire roads including many unsealed ones. The roads currently being reviewed are:

- Tuerong Road, east of Old Moorooduc Road to Derril Road
- Hodgins Road, Derril Road to Stumpy Gully Road
- Derril Road, Bentons/Loders Road to Foxeys Road and Foxeys Road to Balnarring Road
- Stumpy Gully Road, Eramosa Road West to Graydens Road
- Godings Road, Loders Road to Stumpy Gully Road
- Hunts Road, Henderson Road to Balnarring Road
- Turners Road, Myers Road to road end
- Males Road Moorooduc Highway to Derril Road
- Barak Road, Derril Road to road end
- Goman Road, Bentons Road to road end
- Rickards Road Bentons Road to Barak Road
- Myers Road, Hendersons Road to Tubbarubba Road
- Old Bittern-Dromana Road, loops north and south of Bittern-Dromana Road
- Paringa Road, Point Leo Road to road end
- Yal Yal Road, Merricks Road to road end
- Binnak Way, Eramosa Road West to road end
- Lumeah Road, Whitneys Road to road end.

Strategies

Quarterly Commentary

Strategy 3.5.6  On track
Deliver on the new Integrated Transport Strategy to create a connected, accessible and sustainable transport network.


Action:
Develop an Integrated Transport Strategy.

The Shire began working on the Integrated Transport Strategy. In September, we held a cycling workshop with key stakeholders across the Peninsula to start planning and mapping the key cycling network. Consultants were engaged to assist with the development of the Strategy.

The detailed design for the 2024-25 federally funded Blackspot Projects has started. These projects include:

- Watt Road and Bruce Street, Mornington
- Peninsula Avenue and Melbourne Road, Rye
- Somerville Local Area.

Applications for the 2025-26 Blackspot Program were submitted in the quarter.

Strategy 3.5.7  **Deliver on the new RideSafe Strategy to create a safe and accessible cycling network that accommodates the needs of all users.**  On track

A new RideSafe Strategy is being developed as part of the Integrated Transport Strategy. A workshop held in September 2024 with key user groups to identify issues and opportunities will shape and inform the revised strategy.



Climate Emergency

Climate Emergency Plan Delivery Status

Plan Delivery Status

Of the 172 tasks within the plan, 154 (90 per cent) are in progress, ongoing or completed. Total emissions on the Mornington Peninsula were estimated to be 2,357,000 tonnes CO2-e in the 2021-22 financial year.

Between July and September 2024, we:

- Installed the Flinders Community Battery in partnership with Flinders Zero Carbon Community, with the assistance of an Australian Government grant of \$500,000 through the 'Community Batteries for Household Solar' program.

- Adopted the Urban Forest Strategy mornpen.vic.gov.au/urbanforest
- Were announced as finalists in the Keep Victoria Beautiful awards for four projects: 'Energy Heroes', 'Schools Sustainability Education Program', 'Tides of Change: Clearing the way for coastal resilience' and 'Dob a Dumper'.
- Installed a textile recycling bin at each of our Resource Recovery Centres in partnership with Upcycle 4 Better | Textile Recovery and Recycling
- Community Climate group held a meeting in August to review summit 'Zero Carbon Energy' and the delivery options and priorities.

Achievements to date:	Total	Impact
Number of solar systems on Shire operated buildings	59	1,452 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (CO2-e) avoided annually
Number of solar systems on Shire-owned tenanted facilities	59	662 tonnes of CO2-e avoided
Number of take ups of Solar and Energy Bulk Buy Program	68	Flinders bulk buy installed 32 electrification upgrades including 10 solar systems, 12 hot water heat pumps, and 4 induction hobs, reducing emissions by 145.45 tonnes and \$37,308 in savings.
Number of consultations Energy Heroes	76	100% of respondents plan to implement changes
Energy Savvy Upgrades completed	79	Upgrades for 73 households. 566.41 tonnes CO2-e saved over the life of the products
Number of Shire EV chargers installed	17	Most recent charger installed at the Eco Living Display Centre, the Briars in June 2024
Number of public fast EV charger installations facilitated	5	Public charging facilities at Flinders, Mornington, Sorrento, Dromana and Hastings
Area of biolinks created	278 ha	146,019 trees and shrubs planted
Number of Food Organics Garden Organics (FOGO) bins or caddies delivered to households	22,431	56,000 Tonnes of FOGO collected since program began.
Number of farmers undertaking Shire-funded regenerative farming training	58	A total of 3,020 ha of land now being farmed by trained farmers
Total number of solar Installations on the Mornington Peninsula	25,351	25.8% per cent of residential buildings and 160,000 tonnes of CO2-e avoided annually

Climate Emergency Plan Delivery Status

Plan Delivery Status

Energy Support Grants

Launched in July and open until 4 June 2025 or until funds are exhausted, the Shire is offering Energy Support Grants. These offer 50 per cent off the out-of-pocket expenses (up to \$1,000) for reverse cycle air conditioners, insulation, draught proofing and a range of other thermal shell upgrades. The grants are only available to applicants who hold one of the following current cards: Department of Veteran Affairs Gold Cards, Health Care Card, Low Income Health Care Card, Pensioner Concession Card, Commonwealth Seniors Health Card or receive payments through: Carer Allowance or Family Tax Benefit. Find out more here,

Renewable Energy Network and Shire Assets

The Shire is currently undertaking one of the biggest energy efficiency projects in upgrading major road streetlights to energy efficient LEDs. More than 600 lights were upgraded last quarter. The project, once completed, will see 4,000 streetlights upgraded, save the Shire more than \$500,000 and avoid 575 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions every year.

Our renewable energy portfolio continues to grow with recent rooftop solar installations at Seawinds Community Hub, Rosebud Beach Community Bowls Club, David MacFarlan Reserve, Somerville Recreation Reserve and Mornington Park Band Hall Pavilion adding another 97 kW of capacity.

Community Energy Consultations

Our volunteer Energy Heroes have now delivered 77 free energy saving consultations to provide advice to our community on insulation and draught-proofing, energy efficient heating and cooling, efficient hot water, solar and batteries, electrification and much more. More information: mornpen.vic.gov.au/energyconsultation

Repower Mornington

Repower launched a new brand and marketing campaign increasing their social media following by 60-80 per cent and increasing their enews subscriptions. Over the past quarter, they have hosted three events including 'A Home For All Seasons' and 'A Cheaper Hot Water' – heat pump information event.

Community buildings

Three community relief hubs received Energy Resilience Solutions through State Government funded solar, battery and generator installs at locations identified as vulnerable to extreme events: Red Hill Recreation Reserve, Flinders Golf Club and Balnarring Recreation Reserve. Flinders Golf Club hosted a launch in August.

Engagement with schools

A total of 422 students from 10 schools were educated through our 'Schools Sustainability Education Program'. 15 young people attended our 'Sustainability Schools holiday program'. Our Peninsula Teachers Environment Network now has representatives from every primary and secondary school on the Mornington Peninsula.

The Adaptation Game

A Mornington Peninsula edition of The Adaptation Game has been developed and events are being planned to play the game with the community over the coming months. The game is a fun way to play out real-world scenarios and decide on how you will prepare and protect your home, family, community and environment. It connects residents and helps you prepare to be more resilient to extreme weather events such as heatwaves, floods and storms that climate change will bring. Find out more here

Community Sustainability Workshops

A total of 174 community members attended our 'Community Sustainability Workshops' and open days at the Eco Centre. Workshops included DIY home upgrades and energy tips for a warmer winter home, Electrify your Home, Introduction to Solar and Batteries workshop, Growing Veggies from Seed workshop, Make Your Own Sourdough and a Bike Maintenance 101 workshop.



Major Projects and Capital Works Highlights



Mornington: Alexandra Park Pavilion

Total project value \$10,200,000

The Alexandra Park Sports Pavilion needed a major upgrade. Catering to four sports clubs: Mornington Football Netball Club, Mornington Junior Football Club, Peninsula Raiders Super Rules Football Club and Mornington Cricket Club, the pavilion is well utilised.

Funding from Council, State and Federal Governments helped upgrade the existing pavilion and create a new multi-use pavilion. This new design incorporates consulting suites and a rehabilitation centre for The Bays Hospital within the two-storey sports pavilion.

The building was formally opened for community use on 30 August 2024.

Major Projects and Capital Works Highlights



Mount Martha: Blackspot Program, Craigie Road and Osborne Drive Compact Roundabout

Total project value \$1,300,000

Granted funding in the 2020-21 Federal Blackspot/Black Length Program, the project seeks to improve safety conditions at the intersection by reducing approach speeds and reducing the number of potential collision points at the intersection.

Works included the installation of a compact roundabout, raised platforms on each approach and improved pedestrian paving connections. All drainage, new path connections, kerbing and asphaltting were also completed in September 2024.

The project aims to reduce the potential of any future crashes at the intersection.

Major Projects and Capital Works Highlights



Rosebud: Tounnin Wominjeka Youth Hub

Total project value \$13,010,000

Tounnin Wominjeka, meaning 'Warm Welcome' lived up to its name as we officially welcomed the community into the new building on 16 September 2024. The official opening was well attended with Councillors, State and Federal Ministers, user groups and local community members on hand.

The new Youth Hub will help close the health, support and services gap for the youth of the Southern Peninsula. The works will deliver an accessible two-storey building

offering a one-stop-shop for the region's youth. Adopting the No-Wrong-Door initiative, the Youth Hub will offer a drop-in centre, classrooms, art and craft space, clinical support services, recreational spaces, holiday programs, employment and education assistance, meeting rooms, workspaces, IT hub and more.

The centre is expected to be fully operational by November 2024.

Major Projects and Capital Works Highlights



Rye and Tootgarook: Area Wide Safety Upgrade

Total project value \$1,300,000

With parts of Rye and Tootgarook nominated for a road safety upgrade due to high recorded occurrence of speed-related crashes, we undertook a safety upgrade and split the works into four packages:

- Package 1: Bimble Street and Ozone Street Intersection. Bimble Street and Hygeia Street Intersection
- Package 2: Government Road and Waratah Street Intersection. Field Street and Shirlow Avenue Intersection

- Package 3: Field Street and Marshall Street Intersection. Alma Street and Plain Street Intersection. Alma Street and Darvall Street.

Package 4: Speed Reduction Signage
Packages 1, 2, 3 and 4 were successfully completed. Additional works to rectify the asphalt issue at the intersection of Government Road and Waratah Street were also completed.

Major Projects and Capital Works Highlights



Hastings Northern Pontoon Renewal

Total project value \$271,000

Following previous works to upgrade the Hastings Boat Ramp Precinct, further funding was provided by Better Boating Victoria to renew the existing pontoon north of the boat ramp, as the pontoon had become unsafe to use.

This boat ramp is the busiest along Western Port, serving the local community, a large local boating population, the Western Angling Club, Hastings Yacht Club and emergency services including Water Police, Coastguard and Volunteer Search and Rescue.

The aim of this project was to bring the Hastings Boat Ramp Northern Pontoon back up to the standards identified in the Victorian Boating Facility Maintenance Guidelines. Works commenced onsite in late April with major works completed including the installation of a new gangway and pontoon segments. In August, new solar lighting was installed, and the project was finalised.

Major Projects and Capital Works Highlights



Red Hill Recreation Reserve Pavilion Extension

Total project value \$3,600,000

The Red Hill Recreation Reserve is well utilised and is the home of the Red Hill Football and Netball Club and the Red Hill Cricket Club.

An extension to the pavilion was undertaken to provide additional change rooms and amenities for the senior football, junior football, netball and cricket clubs. It incorporates new elements to promote female participation in AFL and Cricket.

Pavilion construction works were completed in July 2024. The facility is now open again for Red Hill sports clubs to use

Chief Financial Officer's Message



I am pleased to report on the latest highlights and developments in our first quarterly financial report, covering the period from 1 July 2024 to 30 September 2024.

During the quarter, we finalised the 2023-24 accounts and year-end audit. You can find a copy of the audited 2023-24 accounts in the MPSC Annual Report publication on our website.

Council finalised and issued 106,212 rates notices from 29 August 2024 raising \$215.4 million in rates income.

The Council's financial position remains sound, with strong cash flows, reserves, and a stable balance sheet. Key highlights include:

- **Operating Income:** At \$245.9M year-to-date, we are aligned with the Approved Forecast and have seen a 5% increase compared to the same period last year. Rates and Charges form 92% of this total operating income for the 1st quarter of the year.
- **Net Operating Income:** Currently at \$181.9M year-to-date, which is 3% higher than the Approved Forecast. This figure includes total rates revenue for the year and will reduce as the Council continues to deliver services and operating projects throughout the year.

- **Capital Works Spend:** At \$10.2M year-to-date, this is \$1.1M higher than the Approved Forecast. To date, we have committed or spent 39% of our total annual FY25 forecast for Capital Works.
- **Loan repayments:** Total repayments of \$0.58M, have reduced our principal loan balance to \$32.0M, in line with our scheduled repayments.
- **Cash and Financial Assets:** Our cash and financial assets as of 30 September 2024 stand at \$134.3M. This amount is driven by prior year capital works carry forwards and receipt of first instalment rate payments for FY24/25. It comprises \$40.6M invested in term deposits, \$82.7M held in at-call accounts, and \$11.0M held in Trust. The Shire reviews its treasury position monthly to optimize interest on cash assets.

In summary, we are tracking well against the Approved Forecast, year-to-date. Our commitment remains strong in sustaining financial performance, maintaining robust reserves, and ensuring healthy cash flows. Our focus is on mid to long-term financial sustainability, and while our position is currently strong, we recognize the significant pressures facing all local governments across Victoria.

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Chief Financial Officer

“ We are tracking well against the Approved Forecast, year-to-date ”

Finance Highlights

1st Quarter

Strong Financial Performance compared to Forecast Year To Date (YTD)

-  Net Operating position of \$181.9M – an increase of \$5.2M, mainly due to timing of Other expenditure.
-  Spend in Materials and Services of \$10.4M are less than forecast by \$1.0M.
-  \$0.58M in loan repayments year to date has reduced total borrowings to \$32.0M
-  Year to date spend on Capital Works projects is \$10.2M – \$1.1M greater than Approved forecast.

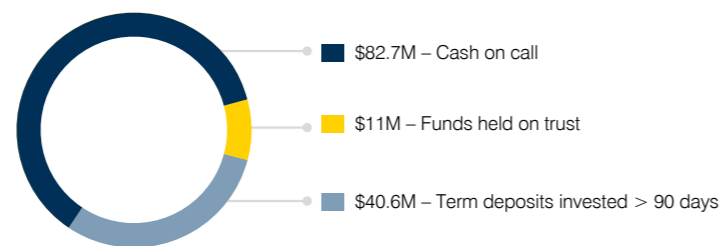
The overall Financial Performance has continued to remain strong. The key indicators contributing to this assessment include:

- Net Operating position
- Materials and services spend is below forecast budget
- Spend on Capital Works Projects is above forecast budget

- Loan repayments reducing loan balance to \$33.0M
- Liquidity Ratio 245% indicates Council's strong position to meet its short term liabilities

Our Cash Position remains robust, encompassing term deposits, cash on call, and Funds held on Trust.

Cash and Cash Equivalents \$93.7M
Other Financial Assets \$40.6M

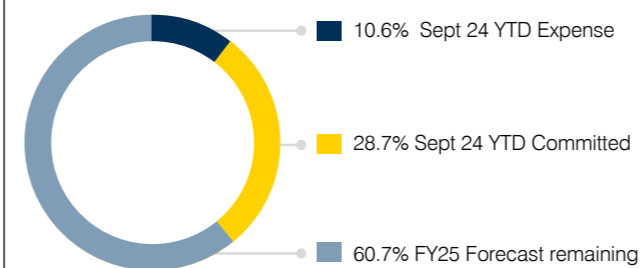


-  **193** Funded Capital Works Projects and Programs
-  **10.6%** Capital Works Spent
-  **33** Funded Operating Projects
-  **7.8%** Operating Projects Spent

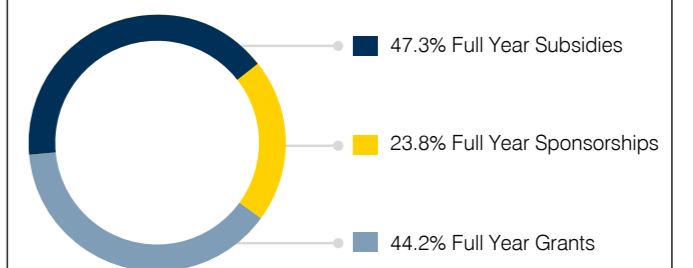
Key activities impacting the financial performance include:

- Capital Works Projects – Full year forecast spend on Capital Works projects is \$96.4M – year to date spend represents 10.6%.
- Operating Projects – Full year spend on Operating projects is \$10.9M – year to date spend is 7.8%.
- Grants, Subsidies and Sponsorships – Full year spend is \$4M – year to date payments represent 13.7%.

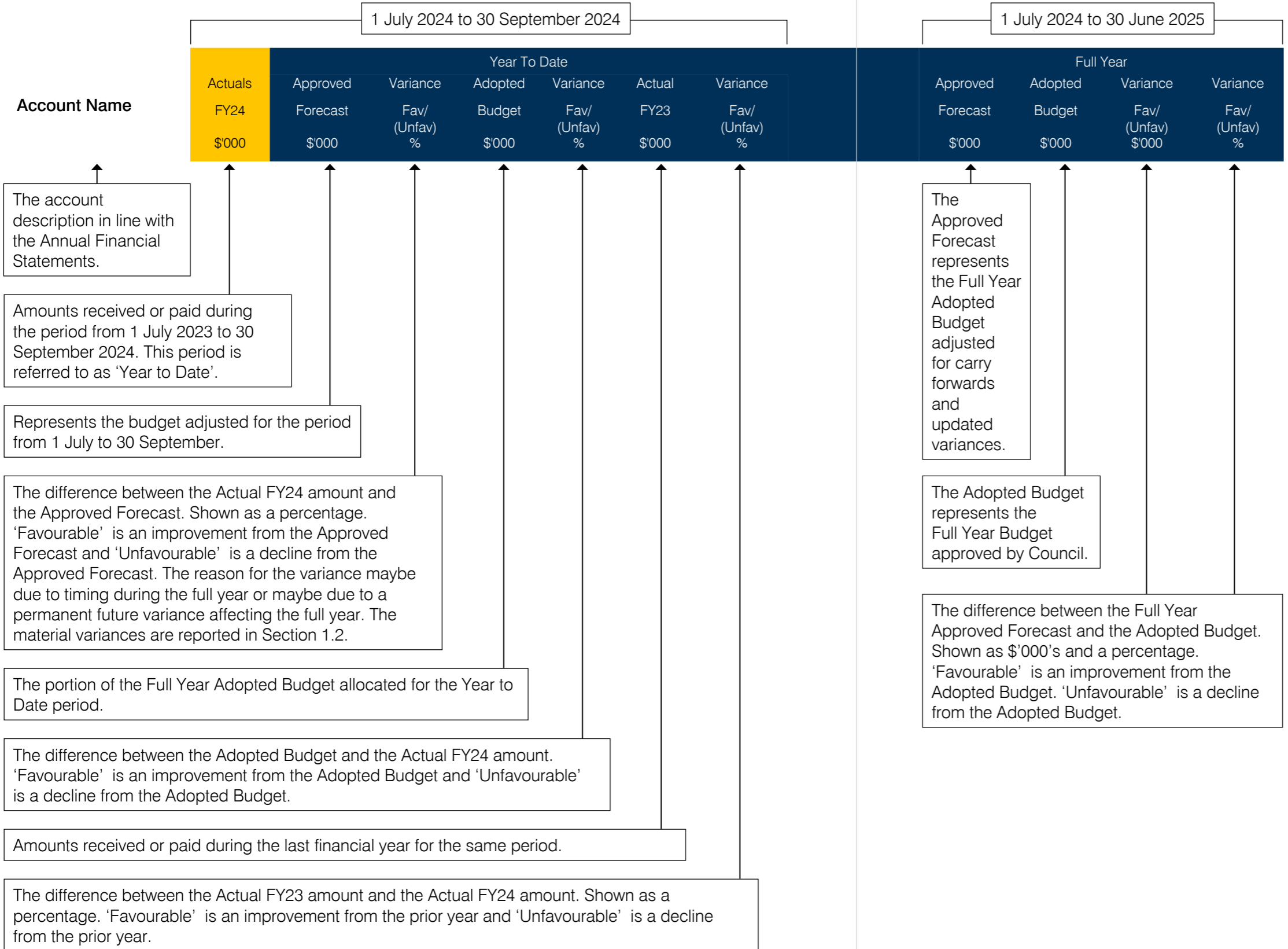
FY25 Capital Works Expenditure Budget – \$96.4M



FY25 YTD Grants, Subsidies, Sponsorships Forecast – \$4M



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Overview

1st Quarter 2024–25

Strong cash position at \$134.3M driven by prior year capital works carry forwards and receipt of 1st instalment rate payments for FY24/25.

Net Operating position of \$181.9M Year To Date (YTD) representing a 3% increase to Approved Forecast YTD.

YTD spend on Capital works projects is \$10.2M representing \$1.1M ahead of Approved Forecast.

\$40.6M invested in term deposits, \$82.7M held in at call account and \$11.0M of funds held in Trust. The average interest rate for the year was 5.0%, reflective of the competitive investment markets and rates.

\$0.58M in loan repayments YTD has reduced total borrowings to \$32.0M.

Section 1.2 – Financial Performance Statement

	Actuals FY25 \$'000	Year To Date						Full Year			
		Approved	Variance	Adopted	Variance	Actual	Variance	Approved	Adopted	Variance	Variance
		Forecast	Fav/ (Unfav) %	Budget	Fav/ (Unfav) %	FY24 \$'000	Fav/ (Unfav) %	Forecast	Budget	Fav/ (Unfav) \$'000	Fav/ (Unfav) %
Rates and Charges	225,791	225,776	0%	62,844	259%	222,640	1%	225,826	225,826	-	-
Grants and subsidies	2,391	2,683	(11)%	2,486	(4)%	2,893	(17)%	9,133	9,133	-	-
User Charges	9,061	8,613	5%	8,284	9%	8,353	8%	29,325	29,325	-	-
Grants Commission	6,743	6,449	5%	1,878	259%	81	>100%	7,513	7,513	-	-
Other Income	1,904	1,650	15%	1,598	19%	1,071	78%	6,463	6,463	-	-
Total Operating Income	245,890	245,170	0%	77,091	219%	235,038	5%	278,260	278,260	-	0%
Employee Costs	(26,657)	(28,466)	6%	(27,669)	4%	(21,898)	(22)%	(97,669)	(95,756)	(1,913)	2%
Materials and Services	(10,416)	(11,415)	9%	(11,238)	7%	(8,744)	(19)%	(52,989)	(37,320)	(15,668)	42%
Materials and Services – Contracts	(24,859)	(25,089)	1%	(27,541)	10%	(23,436)	(6)%	(111,623)	(111,623)	-	-
Other Expenses	(1,975)	(3,469)	43%	(3,484)	43%	(2,465)	20%	(9,082)	(7,595)	(1,487)	20%
Total Operating Expenditure	(63,906)	(68,438)	7%	(69,932)	9%	(56,543)	(13)%	(271,363)	(252,294)	(19,068)	8%
Net Operating Income/Funds Available	181,984	176,732	3%	7,159	>100%	178,495	2%	6,897	25,965	(19,068)	73%
Capital Works (Net)	(3,028)	(5,434)	44%	5	>(100)%	(9,613)	(69)%	(64,546)	(26,912)	(37,634)	(140)%
Operating Projects (Net)	(814)	(983)	(17)%	-	-	(471)	73%	(10,860)	(5,354)	(5,506)	103%
Land acquisitions	-	-	-	-	-	(20)	(100)%	(659)	-	(659)	-
Land sales	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,908	-	7,908	-
Interest Income	1,481	1,500	(1)%	1,150	29%	1,525	(3)%	4,600	4,600	-	-
Interest Expense	(196)	(195)	(0)%	(195)	(0)%	(190)	(3)%	(884)	(884)	-	-
Debt Servicing Principal	(583)	(583)	(0)%	(583)	(0)%	(580)	(1)%	(2,633)	(2,633)	-	-
New Borrowings	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,908	2,908	-	-
Lease liability repayments	-	(229)	100%	(229)	100%	-	-	(915)	(915)	-	-
Total Other Income/ Expenditure	(3,139)	(5,923)	(47)%	149	>(100)%	(9,349)	(66)%	(65,082)	(29,190)	(35,891)	(123)%
Surplus/(Deficit)	178,845	170,809	5%	7,307	>100%	169,146	6%	(58,185)	(3,225)	(54,960)	>(100)%

Section 1.2 – Financial Performance Statement

Year to date net operating income (as per FPS) is \$181.9M which is \$5.3M (3%) ahead of Approved Forecast YTD. Major YTD operating income and expense variances against Approved Forecast are detailed below.

Operating income variances against Approved Forecast			
Category	Permanent Variance \$'000 Fav / (UnFav)	Timing Variance \$'000 Fav / (UnFav)	Commentary
Employee Costs	900	909	Actual WorkCover costs are below the adopted budget and will be considered in the mid-year review. The remaining variance is timing due to vacancies and recruitment in progress or projects yet to commence.
Materials and Services		999	Mainly relates to timing of insurance premium payments and carry forward expenditure for the New System Implementation which will be spent during the year.
Other Expenses		1,494	Community grant and subsidy payments were budgeted for Q1 with a number of these being paid in Q2 following assessment.

Section 1.3 – Capital Works

Capital Works items have an annual gross forecast expenditure of \$96.4M excluding expected carry forwards. Total Income for Capital Works YTD is \$7.1M. YTD Expenditure is currently \$10.2M spent, \$1.1M ahead of Approved Forecast of \$9.1M.

	Actuals FY25 \$'000	Year To Date				Full Year Approved Forecast \$'000
		Approved Forecast \$'000	Variance Fav/ (Unfav) %	Actual FY24 \$'000	Variance Fav/(Unfav) %	
Income						
Grants – capital	6,613	3,628	182%	5,600	118%	25,245
Contributions – monetary	537	14	100%	-	100%	5,930
Special Charge Scheme	-	-	-	180	100%	-
Total Income	7,149	3,642	188%	5,780	100%	31,175
Expenditure						
Land	(30)	(57)	47%	(115)	279%	(4,481)
Buildings	(5,348)	(5,416)	1%	(8,075)	51%	(32,747)
Plant, machinery and equipment	(30)	(66)	54%	(273)	801%	(539)
Fixtures, fittings and furniture	(64)	(48)	(133)%	(2)	(100)%	(224)
Artworks	(15)	(7)	(216)%	(59)	295%	(25)
Library Books	(488)	(475)	(103)%	(630)	29%	(800)
Roads	(1,427)	(1,120)	(127)%	(1,461)	2%	(17,588)
Drainage	(421)	(252)	(167)%	(696)	65%	(8,035)
Bridges	(90)	(2)	(4,171)%	(0)	(100)%	(113)
Footpaths and cycleways	(636)	(565)	(113)%	(1,133)	78%	(8,639)
Recreational, leisure and community facilities	(574)	(530)	(108)%	(2,178)	280%	(9,073)
Parks, open space and streetscapes	(1,051)	(518)	(201)%	(693)	(151)%	(13,514)
Marine structures	(33)	(24)	(136)%	(95)	192%	(624)
Total Expenditure	(10,208)	(9,081)	(112)%	(15,413)	51%	(96,400)
Net Total	(3,058)	(5,439)	56%	(9,633)	215%	(65,225)

Section 1.4 – Treasury

As detailed below, MPS has paid \$0.58M in scheduled principal debt repayments as at 30 September 2024. Full year principal debt repayments are on schedule, with a forecasted closing position of \$33.3M. Interest expense for the full year is forecast at \$1.1M with a weighted average interest rate of 2.63%.

MPS has \$40.6M in term deposits earning an average interest rate of 5.0%. As term deposits mature, funds will be reinvested where appropriate and equitable with longer maturity dates (>90 days) to more efficiently manage the Shire's funding requirements dependent on favorable

interest rates. Given the timing of the 1st rates instalment, further investments were made at the beginning of Q2.

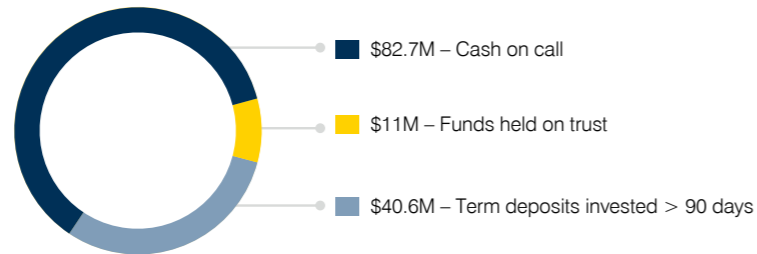
Funds held in trust consists of holding bonds and deposits for works subdivisional maintenance, hall hire bonds, asset protection bonds, contract retentions etc.

The Shire reviews its treasury position monthly to optimise interest on cash assets. Surplus funds are invested in accordance with Council's Investment Policy.

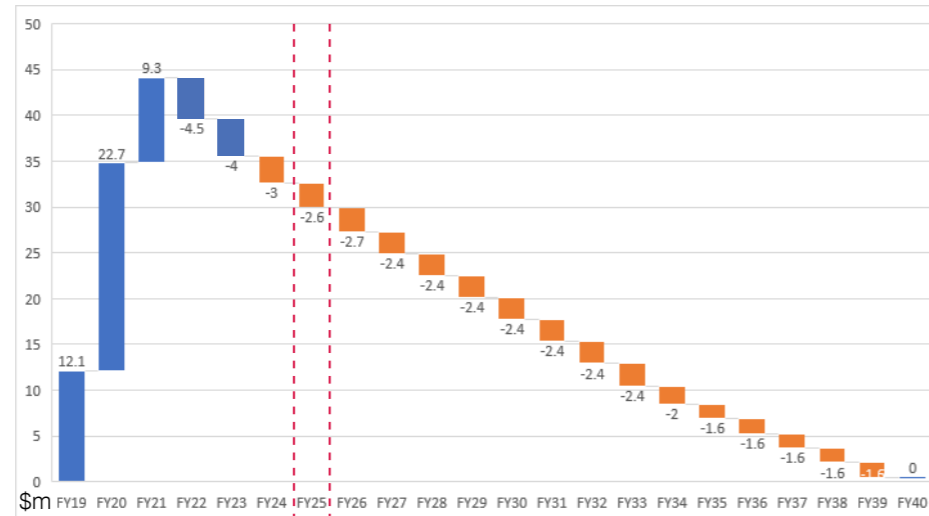
	Q1				Full Year			
	Opening Balance	Principal Repaid	New Borrowings	Closing Balance	Opening Balance	Forecasted Repayments	Forecasted New Borrowings	Forecasted Closing Balance
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Loans Maturing								
Current Loans	3,115	(585)	-	2,530	3,115	(2,633)	-	482
Non Current Loans	29,903	-	-	29,903	29,903	-	2,908	32,811
	33,018	(585)	-	32,433	33,018	(2,633)	2,908	33,293

Cash and Cash Equivalents \$93.7M

Other Financial Assets \$40.6M



Debt Repayment Schedule (FY24-FY40)



Finance Statements

Section 2.1 – Income Statement

	Actuals FY25 \$'000	Year To Date						Full Year				
		Approved	Variance	Adopted	Variance	Actual	Variance	Approved	Adopted	Variance	Variance	
		Forecast	Fav/ (Unfav) %	Budget	Fav/ (Unfav) %	FY24	Fav/ (Unfav) %	Forecast	Budget	Fav/ (Unfav) \$'000	Fav/ (Unfav) %	
	\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000	\$'000	\$'000			
Revenue												
Rates and charges	225,791	225,776	0%	62,844	259%	222,820	1%	225,826	225,826	-	-	
Statutory fees and fines	2,177	1,983	10%	1,983	10%	1,792	21%	8,509	8,509	-	-	
User fees	6,884	6,630	4%	6,302	9%	6,561	5%	20,816	20,816	-	-	
Grants – operating	9,167	9,132	0%	4,364	110%	2,974	208%	16,696	16,696	-	-	
Grants – capital	6,613	3,628	82%	-	-	5,600	18%	25,245	5,473	19,772	361%	
Contributions – monetary	803	173	364%	108	645%	196	310%	6,402	3,172	3,230	102%	
Contributions – non-monetary	-	639	(100%)	639	(100%)	-	-	4,474	4,474	-	-	
Other Income	3,119	2,996	4%	2,646	18%	2,400	30%	10,611	10,611	-	-	
Total Revenue	254,554	250,955	1%	78,885	223%	242,343	5%	318,578	295,577	23,002	8%	
Expenditure												
Employee costs	26,808	28,466	6%	27,669	3%	22,007	(22%)	97,669	95,756	(1,913)	(2%)	
Materials and services	35,967	37,486	4%	38,779	7%	32,542	(11%)	175,522	154,348	(21,174)	(14%)	
Depreciation	11,809	10,341	(14%)	10,341	(14%)	10,360	(14%)	41,362	41,362	-	-	
Amortisation – intangible assets	23	37	39%	37	39%	37	39%	149	149	-	-	
Amortisation – right of use assets	41	74	44%	74	44%	120	66%	295	295	-	-	
Bad and doubtful debts	10	-	-	-	-	(0)	>(100%)	-	-	-	-	
Borrowing Costs	192	195	1%	195	1%	183	(5%)	884	884	-	-	
Finance costs – leases	4	0	>(100%)	0	>(100%)	7	45%	0	0	-	-	
Net loss on disposal of Assets	-	-	-	-	-	(7)	100%	-	-	-	-	
Other Expenses	1,981	3,469	43%	3,484	43%	2,465	20%	9,082	7,595	(1,487)	(20%)	
Total Expenses	76,835	80,067	4%	80,578	5%	67,715	(13%)	324,963	300,388	(24,575)	(8%)	
Surplus/ (Deficit)	177,719	170,889	4%	(1,694)	>(100%)	174,629	2%	(6,384)	(4,812)	(1,573)	33%	
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	177,719	170,889	4%	(1,694)	>(100%)	174,629	2%	(6,384)	(4,812)	(1,573)	33%	

Section 2.2 – Balance Sheet

	Actuals FY25 \$'000	Approved Forecast \$'000	Variance Fav/ (Unfav) \$'000	Year to Date		Actual FY24 \$'000	Variance Fav/ (Unfav) \$'000	Approved Forecast \$'000	Full Year Adopted Budget \$'000	Variance Fav/ (Unfav) \$'000
				Adopted Budget \$'000	Variance Fav/(Unfav) \$'000					
Assets										
Current Assets										
Cash and cash equivalents	93,716	20,027	73,689	20,000	73,716	39,494	54,222	20,027	20,027	(0)
Trade and other receivables	240,642	234,428	6,213	55,860	184,781	229,249	11,392	18,033	2,683	15,350
Other financial assets	40,594	93,782	(53,187)	44,496	(3,902)	90,589	(49,994)	92,982	57,486	35,496
Inventories	192	192	-	218	(26)	218	(26)	192	218	(26)
Non current assets classified as held for sale	868	868	-	-	868	1,258	(390)	868	-	868
Other assets	7,233	7,177	56	5,304	1,928	4,995	2,238	7,177	5,304	1,873
Total Current Assets	383,244	356,474	26,771	125,879	257,365	365,803	17,442	139,279	85,719	53,560
Non-Current Assets										
Trade and other receivables – NC	-	-	-	21	(21)	-	-	-	21	(21)
Other financial assets – NC	45	45	-	46	(1)	46	(1)	45	46	(1)
Property, infrastructure, plant and equipment	3,681,069	3,682,079	(1,010)	3,471,719	209,350	3,391,379	289,690	3,700,038	3,486,237	213,801
Right of use assets	2,269	2,236	32	1,314	955	932	1,337	2,216	2,375	(159)
Investment Property	10,041	10,041	-	10,280	(239)	10,280	(239)	10,041	10,280	(239)
Intangible assets	1,008	993	14	1,702	(694)	1,851	(843)	882	1,590	(709)
Total Non-Current Assets	3,694,431	3,695,394	(963)	3,485,082	209,349	3,404,487	289,944	3,713,221	3,500,550	212,672
Total Assets	4,077,675	4,051,868	25,807	3,610,961	466,714	3,770,290	307,385	3,852,500	3,586,269	266,231
Liabilities										
Current Liabilities										
Trade and other payables	22,476	19,096	3,380	18,465	4,011	18,499	3,977	22,798	21,407	(1,391)
Trust funds and deposits	43,522	29,179	14,342	28,650	14,872	34,104	9,418	9,179	8,650	(529)
Unearned income	28,088	27,288	800	18,000	10,088	32,100	(4,012)	17,866	8,800	(9,066)
Provisions	13,498	13,282	216	14,914	(1,416)	14,715	(1,217)	13,282	14,914	1,632
Interest bearing liabilities	2,531	2,532	(2)	2,633	(102)	2,598	(68)	3,154	3,154	0
Lease liabilities	773	600	173	970	(197)	878	(105)	992	970	(22)
Total Current Liabilities	110,888	91,978	18,910	83,632	27,256	102,895	7,993	67,272	57,895	(9,376)
Non-Current Liabilities										
Trust funds and deposits – NC	85	159	(74)	-	85	(0)	85	159	-	(159)
Provisions – NC	15,290	15,243	47	16,024	(733)	16,119	(829)	15,243	16,024	781
Interest bearing liabilities – NC	29,903	29,904	(0)	29,340	563	32,630	(2,727)	33,393	32,906	(487)
Lease liabilities – NC	1,800	1,785	15	310	1,490	539	1,261	907	906	(1)
Total Non-Current Liabilities	47,079	47,091	(12)	45,674	1,405	49,289	(2,210)	49,702	49,836	133
Total Liabilities	157,967	139,069	18,898	129,306	28,661	152,184	5,783	116,974	107,731	(9,243)
Net Assets	3,919,708	3,912,799	6,910	3,481,656	438,053	3,618,106	301,602	3,735,526	3,478,538	(256,988)
Equity										
Accumulated surplus	1,121,908	1,121,818	91	1,134,816	(12,907)	1,094,942	26,967	1,121,818	1,134,816	12,998
Reserves	2,620,093	2,620,093	0	2,348,534	271,559	2,348,534	271,559	2,620,093	2,348,534	(271,559)
Net Income	177,707	170,889	6,819	(1,694)	179,401	174,631	3,077	(6,384)	(4,812)	1,573
Total Equity	3,919,708	3,912,799	6,910	3,481,656	438,053	3,618,106	301,602	3,735,526	3,478,538	(256,988)

Section 2.3
– Cashflow Statement

	Actuals FY25 \$'000	Year to Date		Approved Forecast \$'000	Full Year Adopted Budget \$'000	Variance Fav/ (Unfav) \$'000
		Approved Forecast \$'000	Variance Fav/ (Unfav) \$'000			
Cash flows from operating activities						
Rates and charges	41,843	29,499	12,344	225,826	225,826	-
Statutory fees and fines	2,177	1,983	194	8,509	8,509	-
User fees	4,999	14,564	(9,565)	28,869	30,287	(1,418)
Grants – operating	9,453	9,132	321	16,696	16,696	(0)
Grants – capital	5,145	4,165	980	16,360	5,473	10,887
Contributions – monetary	3,685	173	3,512	6,402	(6,028)	12,430
Interest received	2,183	1,500	682	4,600	4,600	0
Dividends Received	1	3	(2)	3	3	-
Trust funds and deposits received	2,629	-	2,629	-	-	-
Other receipts	1,637	1,493	144	6,008	6,008	-
Net GST refund/payment	1,576	-	1,576	-	-	-
Employee costs	(28,315)	(28,466)	151	(97,669)	(95,756)	(1,913)
Materials and services	(31,358)	(38,290)	6,932	(172,102)	(154,042)	(18,060)
Short term low value lease	(691)	(720)	29	(1,375)	(1,375)	-
Other payments	(1,953)	(3,424)	1,471	(8,902)	(7,415)	(1,487)
Cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	13,012	(8,387)	21,399	33,224	32,786	438
Cash flows from investing activities						
Payments for property infrastructure plant and equipment	(10,208)	(9,081)	(1,127)	(96,400)	(35,105)	(61,295)
Proceeds from sale of assets	-	-	-	7,908	-	7,908
Net movement in financial assets	60,000	6,813	53,187	7,612	21,065	(13,453)
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities	49,792	(2,268)	52,060	(80,880)	(14,040)	(66,840)
Cash flows from financing activities						
Finance Costs	(192)	(195)	3	(884)	(884)	-
Bank Overdraft Movement	1	-	1	-	-	-
Proceeds from Borrowings	-	-	-	2,908	2,908	-
Repayment of Borrowings	(583)	(583)	(0)	(2,633)	(2,633)	-
Interest Paid – lease liability	(4)	(0)	(4)	(0)	(0)	-
Repayment of Lease Liabilities	-	(229)	229	(915)	(915)	-
Net cash provided by/(used in) financing activities	(777)	(1,006)	229	(1,524)	(1,524)	-
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	62,027	(11,662)	73,689	(49,180)	17,222	(66,402)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year	31,689	31,689	-	31,689	20,000	11,689
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	93,716	20,027	73,689	(17,491)	37,222	(54,713)

Appendix A Capital Works Expenditure Listing

Capital Works Expenditure Listing

Project Code	Project Name	YTD Actuals \$'000	YTD Commitments \$'000	Expenditure			Income		
				Actuals Plus Commitments \$'000	Annual Budget \$'000	Annual Forecast \$'000	Remaining Forecast \$'000	Annual Forecast \$'000	YTD Actuals \$'000
Land									
300048	Land Acquisition	-	-	-	-	659	659	-	-
300224	Landfill Capping Rehabilitation Works – Crib Point	22	3	25	688	1,071	1,046	-	-
300049	Landfill Capping Rehabilitation Works, Mt. Eliza	9	37	46	-	1,623	1,577	-	-
300124	Leachate Infrastructure Upgrade – Rye Landfill	7	76	69	-	594	526	-	-
300161	Legacy Landfill Site Bore Installation Program	-	9	9	-	-	(9)	-	-
300204	Rye Landfill – Cell 2 Capping Layer	6	61	67	484	534	467	-	-
Land Total:		30	186	216	1,172	4,481	4,265	-	-
Buildings									
300001	Alexandra Park Redevelopment	1,857	603	2,460	-	2,323	(137)	3,098	502
300020	Community Animal Shelter Redevelopment	162	244	406	1,805	2,925	2,519	-	-
300023	Design works for Kindergarten Strategy	-	-	-	-	8	8	-	-
300032	Emil Madsen Reserve Soccer and Netball Pavilion	1	19	21	400	400	379	400	1
300033	Fenton Hall – OH&S Infrastructure Improvements	-	-	-	-	9	9	-	-
300034	Flinders Civic Hall Redevelopment	2	1	3	-	7	4	-	-
300039	Foreshore Camping Renewal and Improvement Works	-	-	-	100	277	277	-	-
300055	Marna Reserve Dromana – Pavilion Renewal and Upgrade	83	602	686	-	655	(31)	341	42
300060	Civic Reserve Mornington Athletics/ Soccer Pavilion	692	4,145	4,837	-	3,452	(1,386)	100	-
300068	Portable Change Facilities	-	-	-	140	140	140	-	-
300070	Public Toilet – John Butler Reserve	-	7	7	-	7	(1)	-	-
300071	Public Toilet – Mount Martha North Foreshore	7	-	7	450	955	947	-	-
300074	Public Toilet – Sorrento Park	-	1	1	-	68	68	-	-
300076	Red Hill Recreation Reserve Pavilion Upgrade	1,597	195	1,791	-	1,863	72	1,731	648
300077	Red Hill Recreation Reserve – Pavilion Upgrade (Show Sheds)	-	-	-	-	17	17	-	-
300082	Southern Peninsula Youth Hub	312	997	1,309	1,210	1,442	133	-	-
300090	Shire Office OHS and Compliance Works	44	184	228	300	1,515	1,286	-	-
300095	Sorrento Community Centre Renewal and Improvements	-	4	4	-	-	(4)	-	-
300097	Sorrento Museum Storeroom Addition and Essential Works	5	-	5	-	1,053	1,048	-	-
300101	Tootgarook Early Years Learning Facility Renewal	-	-	-	-	21	21	-	-
300110	Connect Shire Facilities (Buildings) to Sewerage	-	-	-	-	198	198	-	-

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				Actuals Plus Commitments \$'000	Annual Budget \$'000	Annual Forecast \$'000	Remaining Forecast \$'000	Annual Forecast \$'000	YTD Actuals \$'000
300130	Emil Madsen Football Cricket Pavilion	23	19	42	501	1,100	1,058	501	23
300132	Community Capital	0	0	1	50	51	50	-	-
300133	Building Compliance and Risk Management Works	21	107	129	1,700	2,066	1,937	-	-
300134	Minor Renewal Works – Community Facilities	269	478	747	1,345	2,206	1,460	-	-
300198	Walloo Preschool Upgrade	-	5	5	-	706	701	507	-
300201	Bittern Public Hall Amenity Block Renewal	4	-	4	-	55	51	-	4
300202	Crib Point Pool Facility Upgrade and Asset Renewal	24	-	24	-	33	9	-	-
300206	Historical Collections Storage Area Upgrade	-	-	-	-	30	30	-	-
300207	Briars Restaurant – Critical improvements	4	1	5	-	227	222	-	-
300209	Rosebud Library public toilet refurbishment	-	-	-	-	40	40	-	-
300210	Pelican Park Rec Centre – Facility Upgrade and Asset Renewal	51	82	133	3,200	4,239	4,106	-	-
300213	Dromana Community Hub	3	6	3	-	72	69	-	-
300238	MPRG Collection LAB	8	-	8	-	2	(7)	11	11
300240	Emergency Relief Centres – Alternative Energy Solutions	0	18	18	-	18	(0)	-	-
300244	Foreshore Camping Amenity Renewal Program	-	-	-	-	13	13	-	-
300245	Briars Homestead Occupancy Permit Works	28	63	92	-	250	158	-	-
300246	Solar Incentivisation for Tenants Program	-	-	-	-	145	145	224	-
300247	Foreshore Camping Electrical Upgrade Program	-	-	-	200	394	394	-	-
300248	Civic Reserve Rec Centre CCTV and Fob Access	57	-	57	-	60	3	-	-
300251	Hastings Club Electrical Compliance Upgrade	-	-	-	100	220	220	-	-
300253	Somerville Rec Centre – Compliance Upgrade	-	18	18	-	32	14	-	-
300264	Fishermans Beach South Renewal of Public Amenity	14	21	35	-	42	7	-	-
300265	Civic Reserve Rec Centre – Stadium Renewal	-	-	-	-	50	50	-	-
300266	Wannaeeue Place Renewal	25	14	38	-	50	12	-	-
300267	Pelican Park Cafe – Building Renewal Works	-	-	-	-	50	50	-	-
300269	Citation Army Hall Heritage and Relocation Investigations	3	0	3	-	43	40	-	-
300270	Due Diligence Investigation	-	-	-	-	40	40	-	-
300289	Kindergarten Funding Submissions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
300289	Rosebud Memorial Hall – Infrastructure Improvements	28	-	28	-	530	502	-	-

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300312	Emil Madsen Reserve Sewer Connection and Services Upgrade	1	-	1	1,900	1,900	1,899	1,900	1
300316	Roof Renewal Program	0	-	0	250	600	600	-	-
300351	Civic Rec Centre Gym – Minor Works	26	-	26	-	150	124	-	-
Buildings Total:		5,348	7,836	13,184	13,651	32,747	19,563	8,813	1,231
Plant, machinery and equipment									
300002	Aquatic and Recreation – Pool Plant and Equipment	5	-	5	100	108	103	-	-
300012	Briars fleet management	-	-	-	-	27	27	-	-
300109	Community Halls – Equipment Renewal/Replacement	19	18	37	-	151	114	-	-
300179	Airwell leachate pumps – Rye Landfill	5	30	26	-	26	0	-	-
300250	YAWA Pool Plant and Equipment Renewal	-	-	-	200	200	200	-	-
300296	Flinders Community Battery	10	8	19	-	27	9	100	-
Plant, machinery and equipment Total:		30	56	86	300	539	452	100	-
Fixtures, fittings and furniture									
300079	Replacement of library assets	-	59	59	20	66	8	-	-
300309	Mt Martha Golf Course CCTV	63	-	63	-	63	-	-	-
300318	Dromana Modular Kindergarten Fit Out	1	0	1	65	65	64	-	-
300321	Maternal Child Health Asset Replacement	1	-	1	30	30	29	-	-
Fixtures, fittings and furniture Total:		64	59	123	115	224	101	-	-
Artworks									
300301	MPRG – Artworks acquisition	15	12	27	25	25	(2)	-	-
Artworks Total:		15	12	27	25	25	(2)	-	-
Library Books									
300050	Library Book Stock Non Print Materials	65	33	98	100	100	2	-	-
300051	Library Book Stock Print Materials	123	219	342	400	400	58	-	-
300052	Library eAudio and eBooks	300	-	300	300	300	-	-	-
Library Books Total:		488	252	740	800	800	60	-	-
Roads									
300015	Car Park Accessibility Works, Shire Wide – Improvements	38	122	160	20	79	(81)	-	-
300025	Drainage and Road Rehabilitation Broadway Road, Rosebud	301	850	1,151	730	1,312	161	-	-
300047	Kerb and Channel Renewal	-	9	9	500	587	578	-	-
300059	Minor Road Infrastructure Risk Reduction Works	-	89	89	100	239	150	-	-
300105	Unsealed road investigations	2	-	2	-	20	18	-	-
300300	Black Spot Data Analysis Reporting and Council Contribution	18	48	66	80	87	21	-	-
300113	Guard Rail Renewal and Upgrade	-	186	186	150	246	60	-	-

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300114	Pedestrian Refuge Arthur's Seat Road Red Hill	-	-	-	-	-	-	30	-
300120	Safer Local Roads Contract Works	-	4,744	4,744	4,700	5,737	993	-	-
300128	Creswell Street East Crib Point Development Cont Plan	5	45	50	-	480	430	-	-
300135	Sorrento Ferry Terminal Road Works	8	257	265	-	313	48	865	8
300138	Black Spot Hodgins/Stumpy Gully Rd Intersection Upgrade	10	-	10	615	615	605	1,269	1,269
300141	Mount Martha Landslip	7	0	7	-	523	516	-	-
300144	Black Spot Mount Eliza Pedestrian Safety Improvement	1	27	28	-	48	20	-	-
300162	Canadian Bay Carpark and Surround	20	11	32	-	1,207	1,175	87	3
300164	Patterson Grove – Flinders Road/ Vegetation Project	-	27	27	-	30	3	-	-
300303	Finance Project	-	-	-	-	3,353	3,353	-	-
300177	Black Spot Craigie Rd and Osborne Dve Mt Martha	389	161	550	-	758	208	1,321	1,321
300178	Black Spot Rye and Tootgarook Local Area	83	129	212	-	290	79	1,673	1,673
300283	Balnarring Beach/Library Road Traffic Design and Works	-	3	3	-	-	(3)	-	-
300297	Black Spot – Dunns Road Mt Martha	185	24	209	-	287	79	308	308
300298	Black Spot – Arthurs Seat Road	270	227	497	-	497	0	498	-
300299	Black Spot – Tucks Rd Shoreham	81	-	81	-	84	2	84	76
300315	Road Rehabilitation Projects	-	715	715	600	636	(80)	-	-
300317	Guard Rail End Terminal Upgrade Program	-	-	-	100	100	100	-	-
300320	Hastings Boat Ramp Car Park	-	-	-	60	60	60	-	-
300375	Somerville – Road Safety Improvements	4	12	16	-	-	(16)	-	-
300378	Watt Rd and Bruce St int Improvements	4	17	21	-	-	(21)	-	-
Roads Total:		1,427	7,702	9,129	7,655	17,588	8,459	6,134	4,658
Drainage									
300007	Bike Safe Pit Lids Replacement	-	13	13	100	168	155	-	-
300019	Civic Reserve, Mornington – Wetland and rain gardens	0	2	2	-	89	88	-	-
300024	Development engineering minor works contributions	-	48	48	15	15	(33)	-	-
300026	Drainage at Boneo Reserve	4	53	49	-	40	(9)	-	-
300027	Drainage design and investigation	1	50	51	100	217	166	-	-
300028	Drainage soak pit upgrades	1	-	1	150	332	331	-	-
300031	Emergency Drainage Works	84	916	999	530	601	(398)	-	-
300123	Briars Recycled Water Project	197	2,178	2,375	-	2,542	167	1,145	197
300187	Civic Reserve Stormwater Pipe Reconstruction	7	-	7	-	20	13	-	-
300190	Shoreham – Drainage and outfall upgrade	51	164	216	-	209	(7)	-	-
300192	WSUD Rectification Works	-	26	26	50	184	159	-	-
300242	Drainage Flood Mitigation Program	38	318	356	400	821	465	-	-

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300254	Coastal Risk Response Program	4	62	66	-	53	(13)	-	-
300255	Stormwater Outfall Upgrade Program	13	-	13	-	84	71	13	-
300256	Mt Arthur Road Drainage	11	5	16	-	40	24	-	-
300257	Winona Rd to Bellbird Rd, Mt Eliza Drainage	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
300259	Tyabb Landfill Stormwater and Leachate Mgmt	16	5	21	2,080	2,114	2,093	-	-
300261	Rosebud Golf Course Drainage	0	-	0	-	26	25	-	-
300263	Mt Martha Public Golf Course – Mains Water Renewal	-	-	-	-	50	50	-	-
300268	Portsea Pier Stormwater Outfall Repair	-	-	-	300	300	300	-	-
300271	Dromana Bowls Subsidence Rectification	3	9	11	-	32	21	-	-
300357	Urban Forecast Strategy Demo Planting	0	-	0	-	99	99	-	-
Drainage Total:		421	3,847	4,268	3,725	8,035	3,767	1,158	197
Bridges									
300010	Briars Culvert Bridge	2	-	2	-	20	18	-	-
300118	Road Bridges and Major Culvert Repairs	87	8	96	50	93	(3)	-	-
Bridges Total:		90	8	98	50	113	15	-	-
Footpaths and cycleways									
300003	Baden Powell Footpath, Mt Eliza	19	10	29	-	35	7	-	-
300008	Boardwalk Replacement	66	30	96	200	500	404	-	-
300087	Camp Hill Road Footpath R2R	-	-	-	-	10	10	-	-
300091	Small missing pathlink projects	26	69	95	-	117	22	-	-
300094	Peninsula Trail – Somerville to Baxter	35	315	350	2,000	4,780	4,431	3,767	35
300112	Footpath Renewal for Risk Management	66	486	552	450	523	(28)	-	-
300131	Hotham Road Footpath	6	-	6	-	6	(0)	-	-
300155	Footpath Renewal Program	94	69	162	-	367	205	-	-
300159	Peninsula Trail – Anthony's Nose, McCrae	54	-	54	-	-	54	-	-
300160	Peninsula Trail – Moorooduc to Mornington	157	-	157	-	-	157	-	-
300163	Priority Footpath Projects	1	-	1	-	-	(1)	-	-
300165	Priority Footpath – Nepean Hwy Mornington to Mt Eliza	7	6	13	-	29	16	-	-
300180	Beleura Cliff Path Stability Assessment	-	-	-	-	25	25	-	-
300182	Peninsula Trail – Blairgowrie Yacht Club	28	-	28	-	-	28	-	-
300183	Peninsula Trail – Hughes Rd	7	-	7	-	-	7	-	-
300184	Peninsula Trail – Merricks-Balnarring and Balnarring-Bittern	7	-	7	-	-	7	-	-
300185	Peninsula Trail – Whitecliffs	48	-	48	-	-	48	-	-
300186	Safety Beach Access Upgrades	34	-	34	-	358	324	-	-

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300205	Peninsula Trail – Priority Links Design	300	56	357	-	1,022	665	-	-
300282	Alma and Field Street Footpath – Stage 2	194	125	319	-	412	93	557	-
300284	Briars Boardwalk Replacement	8	-	8	-	195	187	-	-
300286	Dromana Shared Path along Boundary Road (connection to DSC)	-	-	-	-	50	50	-	-
300287	Mt Martha Village Parking and Watsons Road Footpath	8	-	8	-	109	101	-	-
300330	Sunnyside Beach Path	17	-	17	-	21	4	12	12
300331	Hawker Beach Retaining Wall	57	-	57	-	77	20	55	55
Footpaths and cycleways Total:		636	1,166	1,802	2,650	8,639	6,837	4,391	102
Recreational, leisure and community facilities									
300021	Cricket Nets Renewal Program	209	172	381	150	572	191	-	-
300022	Dallas Brooks Reserve Upgrade	24	204	227	2,700	5,079	4,852	4,083	19
300063	Playspace Strategy Planning and Design	-	-	-	-	103	103	-	-
300115	Playspace Component Renewal Works	21	2	23	100	153	129	-	-
300121	Sorrento Netball Courts	7	-	7	205	381	374	-	-
300149	Mount Martha Tennis Court Redevelopment	205	91	296	-	185	(111)	30	30
300156	Dromana Recreation Reserve – New Netball Court	9	11	21	-	676	655	20	-
300172	RW Stone Recreational MTB and BMX Park	6	5	11	-	93	82	-	-
300193	Dunns Road Fitness Equipment Replacement	2	155	157	-	241	83	-	-
300196	Red Hill Recreation Reserve – Senior oval rehabilitation	-	97	97	-	101	4	-	-
300199	Playground access improvements	-	8	8	-	20	12	-	-
300214	Tennis Court Lighting Main Ridge	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	-
300241	Tyabb Oval 2 Lighting Project	-	-	-	-	10	10	33	-
300249	Hastings Foreshore Fitness Equipment Replacement	1	117	118	-	195	77	-	-
300290	Rye Skate Park Renewal and Upgrade	23	31	54	-	105	51	-	-
300295	Somerville Cricket Nets	61	0	62	-	62	1	100	-
300306	Mountain Bike and BMX Implementation	-	-	-	-	60	60	-	-
300314	Emil Madsen Cricket Nets	5	442	447	672	672	225	672	5
300319	Irrigation Renewal Program	-	-	-	65	65	65	-	-
300336	Tennis Court Lighting Renewal Program	-	-	-	-	300	300	-	-
Recreational, leisure and community facilities Total:		574	1,336	1,910	3,892	9,073	7,163	4,947	54
Parks, open space and streetscapes									
300045	Hillview Reserve Pathway	211	3,130	3,341	-	3,766	425	3,674	274
300078	Regulatory and Directional Signage	-	-	-	30	30	30	-	-

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300084	Rye Township Plan – Growing Suburbs	19	1,631	1,649	300	3,694	2,045	-	-
300088	Safety Beach Master Plan Implementation	263	48	311	-	526	215	-	-
300096	Sorrento Foreshore Master Plan Implementation	0	-	0	-	75	74	-	-
300100	Timber Structures Renewal	9	47	55	250	330	275	-	-
300102	Township Placemaking Implementation	-	5	5	-	540	535	-	-
300106	Urgent lighting requests	-	-	-	30	30	30	-	-
300302	Safer Speed Limits	16	3	19	30	46	28	-	-
300111	Corporate Signage upgrade/ renewal	-	10	10	10	22	11	-	-
300117	Resource Recovery Centre Renewal and Upgrades	0	20	20	-	69	49	-	-
300127	Briars Improvement Mornington Peninsula Astronomical Society	0	-	0	-	10	10	-	-
300189	Foreshore Camping Fire Services Project	266	16	282	250	550	268	-	-
300197	Hastings Foreshore Masterplan Implementation	15	83	97	-	369	272	-	-
300208	Smoke Free Environments policy implementation	-	-	-	-	474	474	-	-
300215	Briars Sanctuary Expansion	251	91	342	-	2,139	1,797	1,813	297
300243	Briars Recycled Water Irrigation Infrastructure	0	-	0	-	318	318	-	-
300260	Car Parking Signage Renewal and Improvements	2	5	7	20	71	64	-	-
300285	Crib Point – Playground/Skate Park Upgrade	-	44	44	-	95	50	-	-
300310	Irrigation Controller Renewal	-	107	107	-	110	3	-	-
300332	Dogs in Public Places Policy Signage	-	-	-	-	250	250	-	-
Parks, open space and streetscapes Total:		1,051	5,239	6,290	920	13,514	7,224	5,487	571
Marine structures									
300054	Marine Structure Renewal	10	32	42	150	219	176	-	-
300188	Fishermans Beach Retaining Wall Replacement	-	11	11	-	178	167	-	-
300216	Mothers Beach and Fishermans Beach Boat Ramps	1	-	1	-	206	205	78	-
300288	Pontoon Upgrade Hastings Boat Ramp	21	-	21	-	21	-	68	62
Marine structures Total:		33	43	76	150	624	548	146	62
Grand Total		10,208	27,741	37,949	35,105	96,400	58,451	31,175	6,874

Appendix B
Operating
Projects Listing

Operating Projects Listing

	YTD Actuals \$'000	YTD Commitments \$'000	Expenditure Actuals Plus Commitments \$'000	Annual Budget \$'000	Annual Forecast \$'000	Remaining Forecast \$'000	Annual Forecast \$'000	Income YTD Forecast \$'000	Outstanding Forecast \$'000
Financial Services									
510599	31	5	36	-	83	47	-	-	-
510605	21	27	48	-	124	77	-	-	-
Financial Services Total:	51	32	84	-	207	124	-	-	-
Advocacy, Communications and Engagement									
511005	143	8	150	250	250	100	-	-	-
Advocacy, Communications and Engagement Total:	143	8	150	250	250	100	-	-	-
Customer and Transformation									
511001	19	80	100	300	300	200	-	-	-
Customer and Transformation Total:	19	80	100	300	300	200	-	-	-
Programs and Project Management Office									
510538	36	203	238	1,000	2,539	2,300	-	-	-
510547	34	-	34	660	1,125	1,091	-	-	-
510548	80	179	259	-	182	(77)	-	-	-
510549	35	10	45	-	-	(45)	-	-	-
511007	-	-	-	285	285	285	-	-	-
511008	39	12	51	738	738	688	-	-	-
Programs and Project Management Office Total:	223	404	627	2,683	4,869	4,242	-	-	-
Strategic and Infrastructure Planning									
510550	8	16	24	150	175	151	-	-	-
510551	-	-	-	-	59	59	-	-	-
510552	-	1	1	-	150	149	-	-	-
510553	10	-	10	-	91	81	-	-	-
510555	-	-	-	-	150	150	-	-	-
510556	29	87	116	-	258	141	-	-	-
510560	2	2	4	-	7	4	-	-	-
510603	-	35	35	-	35	0	-	-	-
510621	31	-	31	-	177	146	-	-	-
510623	-	-	-	-	100	100	-	-	-
511002	-	-	-	50	50	50	(50)	-	(50)
511003	-	-	-	13	13	13	-	-	-
Strategic and Infrastructure Planning Total:	79	140	219	213	1,264	1,044	(50)	-	(50)

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Climate Change and Sustainability									
510540	-	-	-	-	6	6	-	-	-
510541	66	26	92	-	248	156	-	(33)	33
510606	236	2,561	2,797	1,908	2,909	112	-	-	-
Climate Change and Sustainability Total:	302	2,587	2,889	1,908	3,163	275	-	(33)	33
Infrastructure Services									
510543	16	43	60	-	71	11	-	-	-
510544	-	-	-	-	10	10	-	-	-
Infrastructure Services Total:	16	43	60	-	81	21	-	-	-
Arts, Culture and Community Services									
510598	9	15	24	-	59	35	-	-	-
Arts, Culture and Community Services Total:	9	15	24	-	59	35	-	-	-
Community Partnerships									
511006	-	-	-	-	70	70	-	-	-
Community Partnerships Total:	-	-	-	-	70	70	-	-	-
Community Safety, Health and Compliance									
511004	-	-	-	50	50	50	-	-	-
Community Safety, Health and Compliance Total:	-	-	-	50	50	50	-	-	-
Destination Recreation and Community Connection									
510539	4	32	37	-	138	102	-	-	-
510542	-	9	9	-	409	400	-	-	-
510600	-	-	-	-	50	50	-	-	-
Destination Recreation and Community Connection Total:	4	41	46	-	597	552	-	-	-
Grand Total	847	3,351	4,198	5,404	10,910	6,713	(50)	(33)	(17)

Appendix C

Contracts and Tenders

Contracts and Tenders Awarded

To meet the needs of the community and enable the functions of business, Council conducts procurement processes (tenders) and awards contracts for Infrastructure (works), Goods and Services.

In accordance with the Chief Executive Officer's - Instrument of Delegation all contracts over \$1,000,000.00 will be awarded at a formally constituted Council meeting. Contracts falling under the delegated limit will be awarded by delegated Officers, noting that Council has the right to call in any tender to be considered at a Council meeting.

The following is a public summary of all contracts awarded at Council or under delegation during the 1 July 2024 to 30 September 2024 period.

Contracts and Tenders

Contracts Awarded at Council

Contract Number and Name	Award Date	Contract Type	Supplier	"Contract Term "	Estimated Contract Value (ex GST)	Estimated Contract Value (inc GST)
2739: Mornington Community Animal Shelter	15/7/2024	Lump Sum	Devco Project & Construction Management Pty Ltd	8 Months	\$4,491,960.00	\$4,941,156.00
2787: Architectural Building Services	23/7/2024	Schedule of Rates	Various Suppliers	3 Years + 2 x 1 Year	\$12,000,000.00	\$13,200,000.00
2732: Peninsula Trail - Somerville to Baxter	26/8/2024	Lump Sum	AWS Civil	12 Months	\$5,523,273.10	\$6,075,600.41
2807: Major Civil Works Contractor Panel	9/9/2024	Schedule of Rates	Various Suppliers	4 Years x 2 x 2 Year		-
2808: Minor Civil Works Contractor Panel	9/9/2024	Schedule of Rates	Various Suppliers	4 Years x 2 x 2 Year		-

Contracts Awarded under Delegation

Contract Number and Name	Award Date	Contract Type	Supplier	"Contract Term "	Estimated Contract Value (ex GST)	Estimated Contract Value (inc GST)
2814: Mount Eliza Cricket Net Upgrade	12/7/2024	Lump Sum	Smart Grass Pty Ltd	3 Months	\$399,149.00	\$439,063.90
2804: Pest Control Services	16/8/2024	Lump Sum / Schedule of Rates	Safe Spray Pest Control	3 Years + 2 x 2 Years	\$1,085,158.74	\$1,193,674.61
2764: Gutter Cleaning	5/8/2024	Lump Sum / Schedule of Rates	Kleenit	3 Years + 2 x 2 Years	\$1,214,345.39	\$1,335,779.93
2805: Roof Access and Fall Arrest Systems	16/8/2024	Lump Sum / Schedule of Rates	Height Safety Engineers PTY LTD	4 Years + 2 x 2 Years	\$960,788.96	\$1,056,867.86
2783: Dromana Recreation Reserve - New Netball Court	20/9/2024	Lump Sum	Maw Civil Pty Ltd	6 Months	\$820,703.50	\$902,773.85

Due to changes in timing, quality, risk and scope of projects, occasionally an awarded contract may require additional budget (contract over expenditure) to deliver the project.

In accordance with the Chief Executive Officer's Instrument of Delegation, contract over expenditure exceeding more than 30% of the original contract price or \$200,000.00 must be approved at a formally constituted Council meeting, contract expenditure under these amounts may be approved by delegated Officers.

The above is a list of contracts that have required an over expenditure over the original awarded contract amount, within the 1 July 2024 to 30 September 2024 period:

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