



Quarterly Community Report

October – December 2023



Citizens'
panel



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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.



Mayor's Message



I am delighted to present this quarterly community report, my first since becoming Mayor in November. This report provides a useful snapshot of our progress in delivering the goals of our Council and Wellbeing Plan.

We continue to deliver high-quality services and capital works projects despite serious and challenging financial factors. These include the shifting of costs onto Council from both the state and federal governments, the ongoing annual capping of rates at well below inflation levels and significant cost-of-living increases. We continue to advocate to the State Government for a more financially sustainable local government sector on behalf of our community.

The above factors, coupled with our growing population, mean we are compelled to find creative ways to raise revenue and do more with less. One example of this is the Visitor Paid Parking Pilot (p46). We launched the Pilot on 1 December to trial the technology and collect vital information to inform next steps. The aim is to share the cost of maintaining our foreshore infrastructure by asking visitors who use the infrastructure to contribute to its upkeep.

I'm pleased to see work either underway or complete on making two of our intersections safer and easier to navigate: Hodgins and Stumpy Gully roads in Tuerong and Point Nepean and Hotham roads in Sorrento. It's also great to see new lighting installed at Tyabb's Bunguyan Reserve and the Mount Martha Skate Park opened to the public (Major Projects and Capital Works Highlights on pp50-55).

We also held our 2023 Business Excellence Awards in November (p22) and wrapped up another successful Citizens' Panel (p32). The Panel has been invaluable in providing feedback on some of the complex issues Council is grappling with. Participants have told us how rewarding it is to get a thorough insight into the financial limitations and potential community impacts that must be considered every time Council makes a decision.

Finally, it was thrilling to see Main Street transformed for the Mornington Christmas Festival in December (p45), thanks to a \$10,000 community grant from Council.

Cr Simon Brooks
Mayor

Chief Executive Officer's Message

I am proud that despite the triple pressures of cost shifting, rate capping and inflation, our financial position remains relatively strong and we have a stable balance sheet. To help make our financial performance statements clearer, we've introduced a more user-friendly financial highlights section, along with an explanatory note on how to read and interpret the statements (pp57-61).

This quarter I'm pleased to report 90 per cent of the tasks within our Climate Emergency Plan are now either in progress or complete. This includes installing solar batteries at Balnarring, Red Hill and Flinders (p8), putting solar panels on nine community buildings (p48) and achieving efficiency savings of up to 70 per cent by using heat pump hot water systems at our foreshore camping amenity blocks (p15).

During November we held three Positive Ageing Community Conversations, attended by more than 150 community members (p32). This is a reflection of how highly we value the contribution seniors make to our community. The Shire has the second highest population of older people in Greater Melbourne, with more than 30 per cent aged over 60 - and this is expected to continue to increase. These figures highlight how important it is that we work to create an age-friendly community here on the Peninsula.

At the other end of the age spectrum, child safety has been a major focus this quarter (p42). Among other things, we started offering non-government funded vaccines to local families through our immunisation program and held three community information sessions to ensure local businesses and individuals know their responsibilities under Victoria's revamped Child Safety Standards.

Our commitment to increasing driver safety on local roads throughout Rye and Tootgarook was another major focus this quarter, after our success in securing Federal Government Black Spot funding. December saw us out talking to the community and seeking feedback on our plans to upgrade seven intersections (p7).

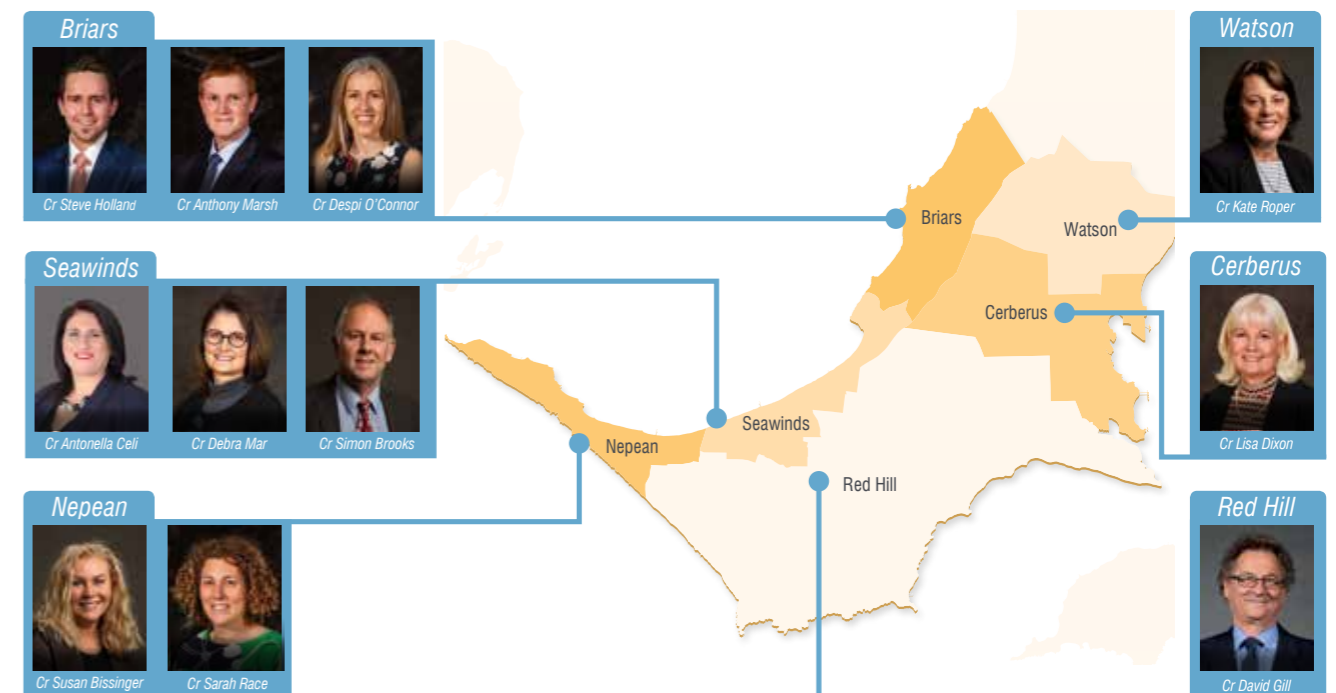
Pedestrian health and safety was also in the spotlight. As well as seeking community feedback on our draft Pedestrian Access Strategy, we also conducted a thorough assessment of our 690km network of footpaths (p47). This has given us valuable information on where we need to concentrate our finite resources. For a list of the many footpath and cycleway projects currently underway, turn to p80 of this report.

John Baker
Chief Executive Officer



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Community Engagement

Fast facts – How you engaged with us

 33,128 Calls taken 54% of enquiries resolved at first contact	 7,371 Customers visiting our Customer Service Centres
 7,820 Correspondence received 80% of enquiries resolved on time (Includes letters and emails)	 21,105 Service Requests received (Includes Snap Send Solve requests) 62% of enquiries resolved on time
 3,068 Webchats 90% of enquiries resolved at first contact	 1.53M Web pages viewed

Website Page Views – Top 10 areas

1. Home – Mornington Peninsula Shire	101,011 views
2. Find your bin day	50,603 views
3. Foreshore Parking ePermit Application	44,888 views
4. Events and Activities	32,085 views
5. Book a Campsite	32,008 views
6. Markets List	28,617 views
7. Pets for Adoption	22,043 views
8. Rubbish and Recycling	19,048 views
9. Current Vacancies	15,949 views
10. Contact Us	15,291 views

Have Your Say October – December 2023

Major Engagements	Description
Dromana Community Infrastructure Planning Project	The Dromana Community Infrastructure Planning Project aims to evaluate the community facilities in Dromana and collaborate with the community to develop a plan that would cater to current and future needs. The project consulted with stakeholders and the community to gain insight into community facilities in Dromana, whether they meet the current requirements and to identify future opportunities to optimise the usage of these facilities. Through community consultation we sought to establish a shared vision and create a plan that works for all user groups and locals.
Economic Development and Tourism Strategy	The purpose of the consultation was to gather feedback from the community and businesses to shape the Strategy and guide the Shire's work towards ensuring that businesses thrive and future development is sustainable over the next 10 years. The community and stakeholders provided their opinions on the strengths and challenges of the Mornington Peninsula, identified opportunities and helped determine priorities and projects to drive growth and prosperity.
Coastal Strategy	Our Coastal Strategy has been designed to increase the resilience of our coastal regions. It includes long-term plans to manage current and future coastal hazards and promote efficient and sustainable outcomes to tackle the challenges of climate change. This strategy has been developed by combining the latest scientific research, technical assessments and community input. With a vital role in improving resilience, the community shared their experiences of coastal living and suggested ways to adapt to future challenges and improve resilience.
Transforming Cook Street Reserve Flinders	This project aims to gather feedback from the community to improve the Flinders Master Plan, specifically focusing on Cook Street Reserve 'The Common'. Working alongside local resident associations, the consultation process seeks to update the Master Plan by seeking feedback on planned new gathering and performing spaces, native gardens and improved accessibility and amenities. The community have been invited to provide their comments on the proposed changes and to help ensure the Master Plan accurately reflects their needs and preferences.
Rye/Tootgarook Blackspot Program	We are progressing the area wide safety upgrade of Rye and Tootgarook after receiving Federal Blackspot Funding which targets locations where speed related crashes are occurring or at risk of occurring. The aim is to create a safe road system for the community to reduce road trauma. Community and residents were informed of planned upgrades of seven intersections and asked to provide feedback on the plans that detailed intersection treatments.
Visitor Paid Parking Pilot	In mid-2023, Council made a decision to ensure everyone has equal access to popular beaches and to distribute the cost of maintaining these areas between residents and visitors fairly. As a result, the Visitor Paid Parking Pilot was launched on 1 December 2023 at three parking sites, namely Flinders Pier foreshore car park, Snapper Point foreshore car park and Sunnyside Beach foreshore car park. The purpose of this initiative was to provide extra support to residents so they could obtain their ePermits and avoid paying for parking. Council will continue to gather feedback from stakeholders throughout the pilot trial to address any challenges and identify opportunities to improve the pilot and reduce its impact on residents.
Citizens' Panel October	The 2023 Citizens' Panel held their final deliberative session in October. They discussed reducing speed limits to minimise road trauma. The three-hour session was highly productive with panellists providing a diverse range of insights and recommendations, all of which will be considered by our traffic and transport team as they develop their future-forward speed limits action plan.
Citizens' Panel November	Council acknowledged our Citizens' Panel members for their valuable feedback in shaping our services and projects. Members provided suggestions to improve the next panel in 2024.

Theme

One

Quarterly community highlights

Following the devastating storms and prolonged power outages in October 2021, the Shire has been working with the Department of Energy Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) to set up three sites on the Mornington Peninsula with Energy Resilience Systems. These solar battery storage and backup generator systems have been installed at Balnarring Recreation Reserve, Red Hill Recreation Reserve and Flinders Golf Club and will support residents during prolonged power outages, making essential services available such as providing power to charge phones/laptops and have a hot shower.

Victoria's Container Deposit Scheme launched on 1 November 2023. The scheme is designed to encourage more and better recycling – and reduce waste and litter.

Victorians will now be rewarded with a 10c refund for every eligible container they drop off at a collection point. You can choose to keep the money or donate to a participating charity or community group. After collection, containers will be recycled

and turned into new plastic, glass or aluminium containers or other useful recycled products.

On the Peninsula, the scheme will be delivered by network operator Return-It. Mornington Peninsula Shire has worked with Return-It to ensure collection points are in convenient locations across the Peninsula.

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Collection points on the Mornington Peninsula

Over the counter refund points are located at businesses and organisations. Locations:

- BP, 1 Marine Drive, Safety Beach
- Cellar and Pantry, 141 Shoreham Road, Red Hill South
- Mornington Community Support Centre, 320 Main Street, Mornington
- BP, 1386 Nepean Highway, Mount Eliza
- Crib Point Cellars, 182 Stony Point Road, Crib Point
- BP inbound, 1404 Peninsula Link, Baxter

- BP outbound, 1400 Peninsula Link, Baxter

Reverse vending machines are convenient self-service return points. Locations:

- Sages Cottage, 85 Sages Road, Baxter
- Somerville Central, 49 Eramosa Road W, Somerville

Depots are staffed centres that can sort and count bulk loads of drink containers. Location:

- 1/8 Henry Wilson Drive, Rosebud

Peninsula-based community groups and businesses can contact Return-It directly (via their website) to register as a collection point provider, or for charity and community group fundraising. Mornington Peninsula Shire is not involved in this selection process and can't be contacted regarding fundraising opportunities.

Mornington Peninsula residents who rent their home can now access four waste vouchers to dispose of their hard rubbish/green waste at our resource recovery centres.

To apply for the vouchers:

- Go to:
[📍 mornpen.vic.gov.au/wastevoucher](https://mornpen.vic.gov.au/wastevoucher)

- Select the link to the Resident Services online application system
- Enter your details, including the managing agent of your property. Your managing agent will receive a request via email to confirm that you are a tenant of the property
- Once your managing agent has approved your tenancy, you will receive an email with a link to your waste vouchers
- Login to the Resident Services portal to download your waste vouchers.

You're now ready to use our resource recovery centres. Remember to bring your waste vouchers (on your smart phone or printed). Waste vouchers expire one year from the day of the initial download.

We also offered residents an opportunity to dispose of their green waste at no cost during our 'No Charge' Green Waste event from 20-22 October 2023. The annual 'No Charge' Green Waste event is for Shire residents or ratepayers, with green waste to be delivered only from residential vehicles and trailers.

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.

-  139 planning compliance cases resolved
-  483 planning applications determined
-  901 drainage pits cleaned and 5,001 inspected
-  31,777 pets registered
-  11,707 tonnes of kerbside waste diverted from landfill
-  170 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

The Shire continues to follow the Aboriginal Heritage Act. The Shire's Cultural Heritage Advisor is working across the organisation's Coastal Management, Infrastructure and Planning teams to engage the Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation in protecting natural sites and promoting Bunurong heritage.

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

● On track

Volunteers in our Friends Groups were busy over the quarter with Spring planting and weeding. With over 130 working bees we had over 700 volunteers contributing over 1,700 hours of their time to protect and enhance biodiversity values in local bushland and foreshore reserves.

We also hosted more than 70 volunteers at an Environmental Volunteer Networking event, the first since COVID-19, where volunteers could connect and talk with other passionate volunteers.

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

● On track

Over the quarter we completed a background review, communications and a community engagement plan for the draft Open Space Strategy, with community consultation expected to begin in early 2024.

Actions:

- Draft the Open Space Strategy, completing mapping and gap analysis.
- Develop and adopt the Urban Forest Strategy.
- Develop and adopt the Tree Management Policy.

We engaged a consultant to lead the research, analysis and development of the Shire's Urban Forest Strategy. Work has started and early engagement with Councillors and our Citizens' Panel was completed in the quarter. We also started a demonstration planting project to design and plant street trees in up to three locations across the Peninsula.

The development of our Tree Management Policy is due to begin in early 2024 and will be guided by our Urban Forest Strategy.




Image: Draft Open Space Strategy Consultation



Strategies

Quarterly commentary

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


 On track


Action:

Develop a Strategic Implementation Plan for the Peninsula Trail project, commence the construction of the Somerville to Baxter section and finalise the route alignments.


We continued working on a draft Strategic Implementation Plan for the Peninsula Trail project, which will help us visualise what the Peninsula Trail will look like and prioritise the development of trail sections. The Plan includes a Strategic Framework and Vision to realise its potential as a premier walking and cycling experience for the Mornington Peninsula and includes a trail overview and delivery implementation. The draft Plan is expected to be released for community consultation in early 2024. A more detailed Trails Masterplan, which includes recommendations on the preferred trail types, is expected to be developed with consultants in early 2024.

We continue to make progress on the Peninsula Trail's Somerville to Baxter link while working through some added fencing requirements that were highlighted during the design phase of the project. The design is expected to be finalised soon with tenders for construction to be advertised in early 2024. The construction of the Somerville to Baxter link will start in 2024 with an estimated completion date announced after the design is finished.

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

Please see our Climate Emergency summary on page 48 for actions completed during the quarter and where we are at with our Climate Emergency Plan.

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

 On track

We delivered community environmental education programs including 'Electrify everything', 'Permaculture for beginners', 'Make your own sustainable Christmas decorations' and 'Low cost and DIY home upgrades' for renters and homeowners.

Additionally, a further five volunteers were trained in the quarter and are now able to provide free energy advice to our community through our 'Free energy consultations program.'



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:

Deliver the Tootgarook Wetland Management Plan.

The Shire's Natural Systems team continued planning and started preparation works to deliver on-ground action with the implementation of the Tootgarook Wetland Management Plan before mid-2024. The focus for this year's works includes targeted pest animal control to protect significant fauna values within the Tootgarook Wetlands complex and the upgrading of trails and associated infrastructure in the Shire-managed Tootgarook Wetlands Reserve to better connect the community to the wetland.

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.
Develop a new Shire Bathing Boxes Policy.

The Our Coast Our Future Coastal Strategy went out for community consultation with 11 community pop-up stalls held and completed over the quarter. Website engagement is running through until February to allow our community more opportunities to have their say.

The Watercraft Removal Program, part of our Portsea Coastal Marine Management Plan, is now underway. The program is important for our foreshores and will result in stronger, healthier dune systems that are more resilient to the impacts of climate change. If you have unauthorised watercraft on the foreshore – now's the time to safely remove it and take it home.

The Shire's Bathing Box Policy is being updated to align with new guidelines from the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action for managing existing bathing boxes and boatsheds on coastal land.

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

The Shire hosted the Agriculture Victoria Planning Advisory Service at an internal planning meeting to inform planners about the service and educate them on issues to consider when assessing Farm Management Plans (FMPs).

We provided feedback to Agriculture Victoria on a draft eGuide to FMPs and circulated the final guide internally.

We also provided advice and comments to several media requests on Green Wedge related articles, which were published in Stock and Land and Weekly Times.



Strategies

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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

Action:
 Deliver actions from the Biodiversity Conservation Plan.

We celebrated National Biodiversity Month with two special events – the Biodiversity Blitz 2023 and guided walks in local bushland reserves. Results from the two events came back during this quarter with the Mornington Peninsula Shire finishing on top of Greater Melbourne for species recorded. On the Mornington Peninsula we had 283 people record 6,057 observations of 1,480 species, a record-breaking event. Biodiversity Blitz is a nature-based citizen science event encouraging people across greater Melbourne to head outdoors and take photos of nature finds and upload them to the iNaturalist app. Additional actions progressed from our Biodiversity Conservation Plan throughout the quarter include:

- Preparing content for Biodiversity Landholder Information Packs.
- Planning for the second round of the Nature Stewards Program and the 2024 Birds in Schools program.

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

Actions:
 Implement the Domestic Animal Management Plan.
 Implement the Dogs in Public Places Policy.

We finished phase 1 of our Implementation Plan of the Dogs in Public Places Policy, an action within our Domestic Animal Management Plan, which included signage and communication around leash free and dog prohibited areas on Mornington Peninsula Shire managed land. Council continues to actively patrol beaches and foreshores and started planning for Phase 2 of the Implementation Plan from our Dogs in Public Places Policy.

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:
 Plan for Resource Recovery Centre infrastructure upgrades and concept redevelopments.
 Close Rye Landfill and transition to Post Closure Notice requirements.

We engaged a consultant to complete master planning around our Rye Resource Recovery Centre infrastructure upgrades and concept redevelopments. Conceptual Masterplan layouts were being prepared with budget estimates and a project timeline developed. We also started consulting with the Environment Protection Agency and the site operator Solo. The Rye Resource Recovery site upgrade will meet the Shire’s commitment to Beyond Zero by 2030, provide a better service to residents and ensure that discarded items are kept within a circular resource economy whenever possible. The upgrade will result in a brand-new Circular Economy hub where residents can drop off discarded materials which will help develop and stimulate a new local economy. With Rye Landfill expected to be full and closed in 2025 we are continuing to work on the design detail and regulatory approvals for an engineered landfill cap to protect the environment once the landfill closes.

Strategic Objective 1.3

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

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Strategy 1.3.1
Invest in renewable energy and energy efficiency programs. ● On track

Actions:
 Implement and manage our Virtual Energy Network.
 Strengthen community understanding of, and support for energy resilience and adaptation.

The Shire is continuing to explore innovative ways to reduce emissions associated with the use of grid-sourced electricity. The design for a 20-site Virtual Energy Network pilot project to explore opportunities for renewable energy, which will save ratepayer money and reduce emissions, has been completed. We are currently awaiting final approvals from our electricity retail partners with the pilot due to begin in early 2024. The pilot will run for 12 months upon which we will assess the Virtual Energy Network’s future viability. Over the quarter we installed an additional 102kW of solar on 9 Shire-owned tenanted buildings through our Tenanted Solar Incentivisation Program. We recently installed heat pump hot water systems at the Foreshore Camping amenity blocks, which has helped us achieve efficiency savings of up to 70% and helped our transition away from gas energy supplies. Additionally, the hot water systems at the Rye Civic Hall are currently undergoing electrification.

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

Actions:
 Deliver the actions within the Catchment Scale Integrated Water Management Action Plan.
 Review the Shire’s Wastewater Management initiatives.

The Shire successfully advocated for priority projects to be included in the draft Integrated Water Management Action Plans. The five priority projects are the Tyabb Somerville Recycled Water Scheme, Urban Forest Strategy, Major Flood Mitigation, Water Sensitive Asset Masterplan implementation and the Briars Recycled Water Scheme. We appointed a consultant for the development of the Wastewater Management Plan, identified high risk areas and began stakeholder engagement.

Strategy 1.3.3
Incorporate Indigenous culture in all project planning and design. ● On track

The Shire successfully implemented its new Project Management Framework (PMF) across the organisation with the PMF including a provision for evaluating how built assets can be fortified to withstand the effects of climate change. More information on the PMF can be found in Strategy 1.4.2.

“...installed heat pump hot water systems at the Foreshore Camping amenity blocks, which has helped us achieve efficiency savings of up to 70%...”



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

On track

Our Environmentally Sustainable Design Policy (ESD) for Council buildings and civil works continues to be implemented within our capital works program. Examples of these include:

- Incorporating low carbon concrete and recycled material into the boardwalks at the Mount Martha Eco Park Active Hub.
- Incorporating ESD elements to reduce our carbon footprint and overall energy use into the ongoing construction of the Southern Peninsula Youth Hub.
- Including recycled material in our road resealing pavements.

Further information on our Major Projects and Capital Works program highlights can be found from page 49.

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

On track

Planning Scheme Amendment C232morn was approved by the Minister for Planning on 15 November 2023. The amendment introduces an Environmentally Sustainable Design (ESD) Local Planning Policy into the Mornington Peninsula Planning Scheme to guide Environmentally Sustainable Design outcomes in new residential and non-residential (i.e., commercial and industrial) development across the Shire.

Council continues to advocate, via the Municipal Association of Victoria's Council Alliance for a Sustainable Built Environment (CASBE), to the Minister for the introduction of elevated ESD targets to all Victorian Planning Schemes.



Image: Mount Martha Eco Park Active Hub



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

On track

In partnership with Melbourne Water, the flood mapping of the Shire's many catchments continued across the quarter and is on track to be completed by October 2024.

Action:

Undertake Flood mapping in collaboration with Melbourne Water and a consultant to fully flood map the Shire.

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

The Shire publicly exhibited Amendment C241morn from 2 November to 15 December 2023.

Concerning the Bushfire Planning Reforms Council resolved to:

- Adopt the Mornington Peninsula Shire Strategic Planning Bushfire Assessment (Kevin Hazell Bushfire Planning, May 2023).
- Write to the State Government seeking a review of BPA and BMO mapping in specific areas of Sorrento and Portsea as recommended by the Assessment.
- Write to the Minister for Planning outlining Council's advocacy position for change to bushfire planning controls and request that the Minister engages relevant experts to undertake work to review and refine controls using Mornington Peninsula Shire as a pilot case.
- Write to major stakeholder groups and all incorporated township community associations regarding the above and undertake associated publicity.
- Consider budget measures for additional work in the 2024-25 Council Budget

Officers are reviewing submissions received during community consultation on the Heritage reviews and will bring a report with recommendations to Council early in 2024. Council is still awaiting Ministerial approval of the amendment C271morn.

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

On track

In the quarter the Shire implemented its new Project Management Framework (PMF) across the organisation (refer to Strategy 1.4.2 for further detail on the PMF). One element of this framework was the requirement to consider how built assets can be made more resilient to the impacts of climate change. Please see our Climate Emergency summary on page 48 for progress on our Solar Incentivisation Program for Tenanted Buildings.


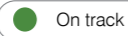


Strategic Objective 1.4

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

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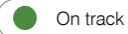
Strategy 1.4.1  
Apply universal design principles in the construction, refurbishment and use of Shire owned facilities, public spaces and open spaces.

Action:

Deliver the Universal Design Policy implementation plan.

Implementation of the Universal Design policy has included the following actions:

- Finalising Universal Design Guidelines.
- Delivering Rosebud Library Access key as part of International Day of People with Disability.
- Incorporating Universal Design Principles into our updated Access and Inclusion Best Bites Accreditation criteria for small/medium food businesses on the Mornington Peninsula.

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

Actions:

Develop and implement a holistic project management framework including new tools, training and system.

Undertake a Business Case and Feasibility Study recommending a preferred Operating Model, Location(s) and High-Level Costs for a Future Shire Workplace.

The launch of our Project Management Framework aligned with the preparation for the Project Proposal submissions for the 2024-25 Budget. This was coordinated through the new and improved My Project application with all submissions completed through the application. All requests for project funding will follow the new Project Management Framework and are currently being reviewed to be presented to Councillors early next year as part of the budget process.

Planning for a Future Shire Workplace that will greatly improve the customer experience and ensure we are better equipped to meet the changing demands of modern workplaces is continuing. With much of our current office infrastructure old and becoming unsafe, the costs of maintaining multiple workplaces is becoming increasingly difficult to manage.

In November, Council endorsed an Operating Model and Site Analysis Report and requested we move to an Expression of Interest (EOI) process to identify potential partnership (public and private) opportunities. Feasibility studies will now start on seven shortlisted Tier 1 (main consolidated office) sites. The locations at Mornington, Rosebud and Hastings have been selected as they provide opportunities to improve service delivery while also being able to accommodate both council and community spaces.

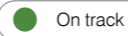
Planning for trial 'Tier 3' customer support facilities at key locations across the Peninsula to strengthen our customer experience will also begin. Community consultation is planned for 2024.

Over the quarter we also completed:

- Somerville Mechanics Hall and Rye Community House upgrades
- water, power and toilet blocks upgrades along our Foreshore Camping
- kindergarten playground upgrades at our Seawinds Community Hub
- Flinders Pier Shed renewals
- Emil Madsen septic renewal.

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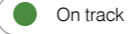
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Strategy 1.4.3 
Develop a Community Facilities Infrastructure Strategy, to plan for shared community facilities that meet the current and future needs of our communities.

Action:

Draft the Community Facilities Infrastructure Strategy.

We have started developing the draft strategy and plan to release it for community feedback by mid-2024.

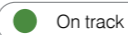
Strategy 1.4.4  
Continue to implement the Triple A Housing Plan.

Action:

Implement the Triple A Housing Plan.

Council put forward a submission to the National Housing and Homelessness Plan. The Plan is a 10-year strategy for how all levels of government can work together and with the private and community sector to better support people experiencing homelessness and housing insecurity.


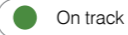
We also organised meetings for the Triple A Committee, the Peninsula Housing Network and continued exploring options for crisis accommodation.

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

Action:

Adopt the Affordable Housing Development Contributions Strategy and Policy.

A draft Affordable Housing Development Strategy and policy is currently being finalised and will be released for community feedback by mid-2024.

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

Council continues to advocate to the Victorian Government for more social, affordable and better housing support services and in response to their recent Housing Statement released a media release. We welcome the opportunity to work closely with the Victorian Government, but further work is needed to avoid poor outcomes for the Mornington Peninsula and to ensure the Peninsula community is not significantly worse off under these reforms. The full statement can be found on our website

mornpen.vic.gov.au/housing

Strategies

Quarterly commentary

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

Actions:
 Complete the Civic Reserve Master Plan.
 Complete the Dromana and Arthurs Seat Management Plan.
 Finalise the David Macfarlan Reserve Masterplan.
 Finalise the RWStone Reserve Masterplan and bike jumps.
 Undertake a planning scheme amendment to implement the Western Port Coastal Villages and Surrounding Settlements Strategy.

The draft Civic Reserve Master Plan was released for community feedback and we are currently reviewing feedback to finalise the master plan.

The Dromana and Arthurs Seat Management Plan has been deferred until such time as we can recruit a planning officer to undertake the project.

We have compiled community feedback from the public exhibition of the draft David Macfarlan Reserve master plan and sought further information from clubs to finalise the plan.

The RW Stone Reserve Master plan was adopted on 3 October 2023. The Shire is currently seeking resources to deliver the dirt jumps project at the reserve.

Council is still awaiting Ministerial approval of the amendment to implement Western Port Coastal Villages and Surrounding Settlements Strategy.

The Shire also:

- Installed a new foreshore playground along the Safety Beach foreshore in November.
- Undertook a minor project at the Eco Park to extend the playground's useful life expectancy. These works included the removal and replacement of timber, new foundations, sanding, painting and/or oiling of surfaces to enhance the playground with the development of the new skate park.
- Delivered a minor project for turf on the Red Hill senior's sporting oval. These works included line planting (sprigging), monitoring and additional weed treatment and pest control.
- Installed new turf at the Dromana oval.

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

We don't need to advocate further as Universal Design is addressed under the Victoria Planning Provisions at a State Level and within the Building Regulations.

Strategies

Quarterly commentary

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

Actions:
 Adopt Amendment C219morn which implements Council's adopted Housing and Settlement Strategy and Neighbourhood Character Study.

 Undertake the Residential Height Controls project with draft landscape assessments and recommended planning controls prepared for community consultation.

Council is currently undertaking additional strategic work as per the recommendations of the Independent Planning Panel that assessed the C219morn amendment and public submissions in 2022-23. The outcomes of this work and final version of the amendment are scheduled to be presented to the Council for adoption in June 2024.

The Residential Height Controls project has started and a consultant has been appointed. The overall aim of the project is to ensure that future residential built forms protect the distinctive and significant landscapes of the Mornington Peninsula, while appropriately managing reasonable view-sharing to valued landscapes and waterbodies.

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

Action:
 Finalise the Area 4 (Western Port and Hinterland) Heritage Review and the Stage 5 (Watchlist) Heritage Review.

Officers are reviewing submissions received during community consultation on the Heritage reviews and will bring a report with recommendations to Council early in 2024.

“...future residential built forms protect the distinctive and significant landscapes of the Mornington Peninsula...”



Theme

TWO

Quarterly community highlights

Over the quarter we celebrated Mornington Peninsula businesses at the 2023 Business Excellence awards at RACV Cape Schanck resort. The awards recognise the local businesses and industries that demonstrate innovation, sustainability and excellence.

The winners of the 2023 Business Excellence Awards were:

Agriculture and manufacturing:

Yolky Dokey

Creative:

Little Woodworkers

Health and community:

Your Move Health

Hospitality:

Elements Eatery

Professional services:

Sarah's Domestic Bliss Cleaning

Retail:

Artisan's Alley

Start up:

The Cambium

Tourism:

Moonraker Dolphin Swims

Trade, building and construction:

Buchanan Crane Hire

The top prize of **Business of the Year** went to Elements Eatery



The 2023 Victorian Tourism Awards, hosted by the Victoria Tourism Industry Council (VTIC), highlighted the exceptional achievements of Mornington Peninsula's tourism industry at a Gala Ceremony at the Palladium at Crown during the quarter.

The Awards hosted annually, honours business excellence and performance within the Victorian Tourism industry, showcasing some of the most innovative experiences in Victorian tourism. A huge congratulations to all the winners from the Mornington Peninsula:

Gold and Hall of Fame winner:
Major Tour and Transport Operator
– Searoad Ferries

Gold: Tourism Restaurants and Catering Services – Red Gum BBQ

Gold: Tour and Transport Operators (Yarra valley based with Mornington Peninsula Experiences)
– Hop It

Silver: Visitor Information Services
– Sorrento Beachside Visitor Information Centre

Silver: Adventure Tourism
– Mornington Boat Hire

Silver: New Tourism Business
– Alba Thermal Springs and Spa

Bronze: Cultural Tourism
– Mornington Boat Hire

Finalist: Cultural Tourism
– Peninsula Hot Springs

Finalist: Major Tourist Attraction (Highly Commended)
– Arthurs Seat Eagle

We invited small business owners and operators to take part in free mental health training. The program was very well received, and the four sessions in Rye, Mornington, Hastings and Dromana were well attended by 45 local businesses.

Local mental health support business Speak and Share delivered the training and talked

to participants about the issues and tactics with mental health in the workplace, as well as the impending changes to WorkSafe's Psychosocial legislation. This legislation will recognise psychological hazards as being equally harmful to employee safety and wellbeing as physical hazards. These reforms aim to underscore the significance of psychological health and safety in the workplace.

Businesses were given the opportunity to pledge their commitment to fostering a safe and harmonious workplace for their employees. A mentally healthy workplace is beneficial for both businesses and their employees, resulting in:

- increased productivity and job satisfaction
- more engagement and better energy in the workplace
- less sick leave
- improved overall employee health.


Ten Minutes by Tractor was the lucky winner of a tailored Speak and Share mental health and wellbeing program for their business valued at \$1,500, benefiting all employees at their winery restaurant.


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.

 608 businesses mentored/visited

 26 business associations worked with

 594 food safety inspections

 \$990,929 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

We promoted Chisholm TAFE courses through mpbusiness.com.au and our business newsletter. We also participated in the Frankston Mornington Peninsula Local Learning and Employment Network open day.

The Shire is partnering with Oakwood School which are supporting disengaged young people to complete their schooling at our Youth centres. Our Youth Services team work closely with Oakwood to provide social connection and wellbeing programs to their students. We also continued to provide personal development programs for students in grades 5-12 for all schools on the Mornington Peninsula.

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

● On track

The Shire continued to attend the Peninsula Education Roundtable meetings as part of our commitment to additional training and education services across the Peninsula.

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:

- Referred 15 children to Gathering Places through our kindergarten registration service.
- Delivered four Child and Family Partnership Network Meetings with Family Child Care.
- Hosted three Cultural Immersion Tours for child and family professionals at Willum Warrain.
- Hosted three Early Years Yarning Circles with Koorie Engagement Support Officers and Family Child Care.
- Registered 2,007 children for kindergarten.
- Enrolled 40 children in Early Start Kindergarten.
- Allocated 741 kindergarten places to 3-year olds and 1,141 sessional kindergarten places to 4-year olds for 2024.

“ ...we promoted Chisholm TAFE courses through MPbusiness.com.au and our business newsletter ”





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


We ran a priority setting workshop and followed up with our newly created Food Economy and Agroecology Strategy taskforce to identify top projects for resourcing over the next two years. Key partners include Peninsula Health, Frankston Mornington Peninsula Local Learning and Employment Network and Mornington Peninsula Wine.


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

We ran a market gardener discussion group at Tedesca Farm and a farmer discussion group on multi-species cropping with guest speaker Jade Killoran, an independent multispecies cover crop advisor and researcher working mainly in Victorian grazing systems.

We also held a Farmers Digging Deeper field day at Luxton Park. Farmers Digging Deeper is a grant funded program increasing landholder knowledge of soils with two demonstration sites on the Mornington Peninsula, Uncommon Folk and Luxton Park. The 1-year multispecies cropping trial consists of 2 field days and a training program.

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

 On track


The Shire contributed to The Community Plate and the South East Food Network and completed a Local Food Environment Policy Index. A local Food EPI benchmarks and prioritises local government food policy actions, including those related to nutrition and environmental sustainability.

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

 On track

We continue to review Farm Management Plans submitted with planning permit applications in the Green Wedge Zone to provide feedback and ensure continued productive use of our Green Wedge.

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

 On track

As one of our advocacy priorities for 2023-24 the Shire continues to advocate for Recycled Water to secure an alternative and high-quality water supply for agriculture and other uses. Over the quarter we began preparing to meet with Minister Shing, the Victorian Minister for Water, around the Tyabb-Somerville Recycled Water Scheme.

We also started stakeholder engagement around the Green Wedge Waste to Bioenergy project with surveys now completed and our consultant MRA reviewing the data.

Strategies

Quarterly commentary

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

 On track

We started implementing pillar 2 of our newly released Food Economy and Agroecology Strategy, which is securing markets and sales and includes:

- reinvigorating and re-launching the Mornington Peninsula Produce (MPP) brand
- expanding the program criteria for MPP
- an Annual MPP and Buyers Expo
- a MPP Procurement Pledge.

We promoted locally grown food through the MPP trademark via our seasonal newsletter, social media, new MPP podcast, print and distribution of Get Fresh at Farm Gate map.



Image: Food and Agroecology Strategy taskforce to identify top projects for resourcing over the next 2 years.



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:
 Review the Short Stay Rental Accommodation Local Law.

Council has postponed the review until more details on registering short stay rentals of the Short Stay Rental Accommodation Local Law are available from the Victorian Government. Please find our full response back to the Victorian Government's announcement to introduce a 7.5 percent short stay accommodation tax which will override our Short Stay Rental Accommodation Local Law here: mornpen.vic.gov.au/accommodationTax

We celebrated Mornington Peninsula businesses at the 2023 Business Excellence Awards at RACV Cape Schanck Resort. The awards recognise the local businesses and industries that demonstrate innovation, sustainability and excellence. For the list of winners please see our Theme 2 Community highlights.

Strategy 2.3.2
Deliver a new Economic Development and Tourism Strategy.

On track

Action:
 Develop and implement year 1 actions from the Economic Development and Tourism Strategy.

We released our Draft Economic Development and Tourism strategy over the quarter. The Strategy has been informed by industry experts, local business and community members through thorough consultation earlier this year. The final draft is to be presented to Council for endorsement in early 2024.

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

On track

Four Mornington Peninsula Shire Councillors have been nominated as delegates to attend the Mornington Peninsula Regional Tourism Board's (RTB) Local Area Action Plans and aid in the development of a Destination Management Plan.



Image: Elements Eatery, 2023 Business of the Year

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:
 Increase visitation to and connection with Police Point and Briars.
 Implement The Briars Master Plan.
 Develop and deliver the Police Point Strategic Plan.

To increase visitation and connection to Police Point and The Briars we delivered Stage 2 of our education programs to over 50 school groups during the quarter. We also completed development of an events package with the promotion to be completed by June 2024.

We engaged a new heritage architect to re-commence works on The Briars' Homestead with works to recommence in early 2024.

Community consultation on our draft Police Point Strategic Plan provided some great ideas that have been integrated into its development. A budget bid was submitted for the development of a values package through the Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation. The values package submission is the first step in improving the Aboriginal story-telling onsite, which was the most suggested action from the community.

Please see our Theme Two Community Highlights for more information on the Mornington Peninsula business winners from the 2023 Victorian Tourism Awards.

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

On track

As part of Mornington Peninsula Shire's Our Arts and Culture Plan 2024, we are committed to delivering an exciting and accessible arts program to our Peninsula community.

That is why we have come up with CREATE, a fantastic range of workshops where you can discover your creative flair. Our workshops include everything from drawing, sun art and ceramics through to lost wax jewellery, edible cake decorations, linocut and more.



These workshops are a great way to try a new artistic pursuit without the time or financial commitment of a long-term course. Bookings will open 6-8 weeks before the start of each workshop, and new workshops will be added every few weeks. We recommend you bookmark our Arts and Culture web page and check back regularly to avoid disappointment:

mornpen.vic.gov.au/creativeworkshops


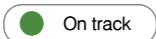


Strategies

Quarterly commentary

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

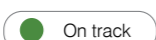
Over the quarter we continued developing our Reconciliation Action Plan for 2024-2026 and we finalised our draft First 1000 Days Implementation Plan. First 1000 Days Australia is a First Nations model aimed at strengthening all families so they can give their children the best start in life and aims to ensure that services recognise and strengthen family resilience while fostering leadership and promoting local innovation.

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.**

Our Volunteer Management software solution is currently in phase 1 of development and is being customised with our volunteers' requirements in mind. Development is scheduled to continue throughout the next quarter.

Action:
Implement the Volunteer Policy.

The Shire organised a range of activities to promote volunteering. These included a Governance Session aimed at enhancing the capacity and capabilities of Boards of Management for eight different organisations, a pop-up volunteering engagement stall in October at Mt Martha Village, partnering with five volunteer organisations to engage over 30 potential volunteers for roles across the Mornington Peninsula, a volunteer training session in October to support volunteers through organisational change at Hastings Community Hub and a Cultural Immersion Tour at Willum Warrain in November. The tour was focused on promoting cultural inclusion and understanding in the volunteer sector.

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.**

Following Council's resolution of 11 July 2023, Council wrote to the Minister for Planning on 15 August 2023 urging action to address the Housing Crisis in Victoria, including introducing a Secondary Dwelling Code to increase the supply of affordable housing options on the Peninsula.

On 14 December 2023, the Minister approved Amendment VC253 to the Victoria Planning Provisions. This amendment introduced new planning controls to make it easier to build Small Second Dwellings, otherwise known as 'tiny houses', on lots with an existing dwelling. These planning controls are now included within the Mornington Peninsula Planning Scheme.

“...new planning controls to make it easier to build Small Second Dwellings...”


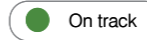


Strategic Objective 2.4


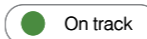
A diverse economy, with green and renewable opportunities, encouraging entrepreneurship, investment and innovation.

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.**

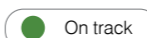
In December, Repower held a webinar to promote Environmental Upgrade Finance to local businesses. Attendees heard from other businesses who have taken up the offer and were encouraged to explore new ways to create sustainable change. The webinar was a great success with 23 businesses registering to attend and was supported by the Shire, Sustainable Australia Fund and Want A Sparky.

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.**

The Shire has hired expert consultants to create a Business Case and Concept Development plan for a Performing Arts Centre in Mornington Peninsula Shire. The consultants collected data on the potential site in Hastings and conducted internal workshops with Council members while also engaging with our arts community. With all this information they will be able to present the Business Case to Council in early 2024.

Action:
Undertake a Business Case and Concept Development for the Performing Arts Centre and Future Arts Precinct.

Architects also started creating preliminary drawings for the space's concept development. The project's progress will depend greatly on the community's involvement with community engagement planned for 2024 to help shape the design development.

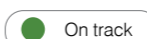
Strategy 2.4.3  **Use our industrial and commercial land to aid business growth and attract new and emerging industries to help diversify our economy.**

Following community consultation of the amendment in June 2023 the submissions for Amendment C243morn have been reviewed and a report is being prepared for Council recommending the next steps, including whether to refer the amendment and submissions to an independent planning panel for review.

Actions:
Implement the Industrial Land Use and Infrastructure Assessment and Rezoning Strategy – Planning Scheme Amendment C243morn (Somerville Industrial Rezoning).

At the end of December 2023, advocates of the privately led Proposed Hastings Industrial Precinct amendment were undertaking detailed technical assessments and preparing a planning scheme amendment request for Council's consideration.

Implement the Industrial Land Use and Infrastructure Assessment and Rezoning Strategy – Proposed Hastings Industrial Precinct Amendment.

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

The Minister for Planning has determined that an Environmental Effects Statement assessment (EES) is required for the proposed Victorian Renewable Energy Terminal. An inter-governmental agency Technical Reference Group has been established with the advocate preparing the EES.

Action:
Support Council's Port of Hastings Advocacy and lead Council's representation on any Technical Reference Group for Environmental Effects Statement (EES).

An Environmental Effects Statement assessment of any potential environmental impacts or effects from the Kawasaki Hydrogen Energy Supply Chain (HESC) projects at the Port of Hastings is due to start later in 2024.



Theme

Three

Quarterly community highlights

1 November marked the eighth and final Citizens' Panel session for 2023.

The panel gathered at the Safety Beach Sailing Club to reflect on their year and were joined by CEO John Baker, Mayor Councillor Steve Holland and Councillors Dixon, Gill, Mar and O'Connor. Mayor Holland presented each member with a certificate of appreciation and gift voucher to thank them for their contribution.

Since their initial meet and greet session in March, our Citizens' Panellists have been instrumental in providing feedback on a range of complex issues including our Open Air Burning Local Law, Visitor Paid Parking Pilot, Waste Collection, Urban Forest Strategy, Safer Speeds and our Road Safety Strategy.

This is the third year of our Citizens' Panel. An innovative initiative that began in 2021 when the first panel created a Community Vision for the Peninsula. The Mornington Peninsula Shire holds a unique position in the local government

sector with their commitment to a standing Citizens' Panel each year.

Panel member Sherie said she had a great experience explaining that "Being part of the Citizen's Panel really educated me on exactly what Council does."

"It was empowering to see how our feedback helped shaped the decisions made by Councillors. I have enjoyed my time with the Citizens' Panel!"

Invitations for the 2024 Citizens' Panel will be posted to 10,000 random Peninsula addresses in early 2024. Stay tuned for more updates by visiting our website: mornpen.vic.gov.au/citizenspanel

Building on the momentum of last year's Positive Ageing Summit (held at Mornington) and recent Seniors Festival the Mornington Peninsula Shire held three Positive Ageing on the Peninsula – Community Conversation events during November.

The purpose of this year's events was to monitor the progress of the

Shire's Positive Ageing Strategy – to learn what's working well and what needs improving to age well on the Peninsula – through conversations with residents with lived experience. The new format saw over 150 community members attend half-day events at Hastings, Rye and Mornington, making sure that a diverse range of feedback was captured from across the Peninsula.

A common thread among many participants was a need for more adequate transport (including suitable paths for walking and beach access), housing affordability and opportunities for social connection. Attendees also heard from two guest speakers on the benefits of volunteering, the role of Peninsula Transport Assist and the brand-new Keeping Active, Involved and Informed directory – a directory of physical activity groups and other information for older people; produced by Peninsula Health in collaboration with the Shire and Frankston City Council.

The Shire would like to thank everyone who attended and helped to make this year's Community Conversations a success, particularly our valued community and members of the Peninsula Advisory Committee of Elders.

Mornington Peninsula Shire will again be proudly marching at the Midsumma Pride March on Sunday 4 February 2024 alongside the Frankston Mornington Peninsula LGBTIQ+ Collaborative. Together with the Collaborative, we invite all local LGBTIQ+ community members and allies to march with us on the day.

Each year, the Midsumma Pride March sees Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, Intersex, Queer, Questioning, Asexual, Agender, Aromantic + (LGBTIQ+) community members and allies take to Fitzroy Street in St Kilda to celebrate solidarity in sexuality, sex and gender diversity. Over 45,000 people line the streets and balconies along the march route to show their support.

The march will start on the corner of Fitzroy Street and Lakeside Drive, St Kilda, at 11am and will proceed down Fitzroy Street towards the bay. At the end of the march, attendees will enter Catani Gardens for celebrations and entertainment, including DJs and live performances.

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.

-  12,610 rounds of golf played
-  227,484 aquatic centre visitations
-  30 enrolments in Shire delivered mental health courses
-  11,059 young people attending Shire delivered youth programs and activities
-  450 kms of unsealed roads graded
-  4,495 potholes filled and 256 individual requests for potholes received
-  247,850 Community library loans
-  3,343 kms of streets swept



Strategic Objective 3.1

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

Strategies

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

 On track

Action:
Implement the Gender Equality Strategy.


Quarterly commentary

The Shire took part in the 16 Days of Activism campaign as part of our commitment to increase gender equality and prevent violence against women and their children. The 16 Days of Activism campaign started on 25 November, International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and ran until 10 December, International Human Rights Day. We promoted several events to our community:

- Tree of Respect art installation at Hastings Market.
- Our Libraries had colouring-in sheets for kids and a curated book selection on gender equality.
- Upstander training for community groups to learn essential skills to help make our community safer, equal and respectful.
- Under Cover, a documentary about the hidden faces of homelessness at Rosebud Cinema.
- White Ribbon event at Mount Martha Uniting Church.
- Walk Against Family Violence at Parliament House Steps, Spring Street Melbourne.

We completed our Year 3 Annual Report and Year 4 Action Plan of our Gender Equality Strategy and continued rolling out our Gender Impact Assessments across the organisation.

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

 On track

Action:
Develop a new Reconciliation Action Plan.



We continued developing our Reconciliation Action Plan for 2024-2026 and strengthened our commitment to reconciliation. The Shire:

- Held an internal Reconciliation Action Plan working group workshop at Willum Warrain. This included a tour and strategic planning session for officers.
- Offered an Indigenous student placement opportunity within the Community Inclusion team.
- Planned for the 2024 NAIDOC Week Festival.
- Invested significant time in community relationship building with traditional owners, local indigenous businesses and gathering places.





Strategies

Quarterly commentary

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



We have redirected resources from Our Communities That Care 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  **Deliver on a new lifespan strategy that will enhance the health and wellbeing of all generations.**  Attention



We have redirected resources from the development of a lifespan strategy to develop a broader Inclusion Strategy.

Actions:
Develop an overarching Inclusion Strategy with an intersectional lens that contains all wellbeing strategies.
Implement the Disability Inclusion Plan.

The strategy will help us direct our efforts towards supporting inclusion on the Peninsula and replace our existing population-based social strategies, including the Positive Ageing Strategy 2020-2025, Disability Inclusion Plan 2018-2022, Early Years Action Plan, Youth Action Plan, LGBTQIA+ Action Plan.



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

The Shire worked with WHISE (Women’s Health in the South East) to analyse evaluation data from our October training session. As a result our data analysis, we also undertook planning for further training sessions throughout 2024 to address gaps identified.

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

Last financial year, the Shire secured a VicHealth grant of \$10,000 to deliver an alcohol harm prevention initiative across the municipality. In the quarter we undertook a Stakeholder Engagement Forum and started developing a Community Alcohol Profile.

Action:
Review and implement Alcohol Management and Gambling Policies.



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

Throughout November, we held three community conversations in Rye, Hastings, and Mornington on positive ageing. The forums captured the diverse experiences of older people on the Peninsula and identified issues that Council could advocate for or address. They also provided an opportunity for residents to connect, discover what is available in their community and learn about the latest initiatives in the positive ageing space. Over 150 community members attended across the three forums. Please see our Theme 3 Community Highlights for more information..

Action:
Deliver the annual actions within the Positive Ageing Strategy.



Strategies

Quarterly commentary

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

As reported last quarter the Active Living Census will not go ahead as planned with resources redirected to a Health and Wellbeing Survey, which was undertaken with local sports clubs. Data on health and wellbeing areas to address priority areas identified through sports club development opportunities is currently being collated and prepared for community presentation on our website.

Action:
Plan and develop a Health and Social Data Management single collection point.

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

The Shire continues to ensure that healthy eating options are available at Shire owned and managed facilities and events as per our Healthy Food and Drink Policy.



Image: Community conversations




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:

Manage Community Partnership Grants Programs.

In the previous quarter, Council released its 2023-24 grants and subsidies program with \$4.1M available to support community initiatives. The total grants awarded during the quarter were 108:

- 35 grants were awarded under Theme 1 for Biolinks, Climate Action and Heritage Grants
- 23 grants were awarded under Theme 2 for Creative, Community and Destination Events
- 49 grants were awarded under Theme 3 for Community Support, Flexigrants, Placemaking, Local Area Community Capital Infrastructure and Access and Inclusion.


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

 On track

Previously we had reported that we signed a contract with the Federal Government for a \$500,000 grant, secured through the 'Community Batteries for Household Solar' program, to buy and install a community battery in Flinders.

We started preparing community engagement for the Flinders Community Battery project with a location to be confirmed in early 2024.

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

 On track


To ensure we are meeting the ever-changing needs of our business community we undertook a review of our Business Development grant stream during the quarter.




Image: Social media promotion of community grants

Strategies

Quarterly commentary

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

 On track

Actions:


Support increased use of community facilities by community and commercial organisations.


Support the sustainability and inclusivity of community groups.

To support the increased use of community facilities by community and commercial organisations we rolled out our new Community Facilities Hire Policy and new booking systems. We also delivered various development programs, including Drug and Alcohol management training to our sport and community groups.

Our Youth team engaged with over 11,000 young people, children, and families across 72 facilitated programs in youth centres, schools and the community. We created a safe and age-appropriate space on Rye foreshore for Peninsula Schoolies to dance and enjoy from 25 November to 1 December 2023. Each night featured a different line-up of talented local DJs and party themes with support teams, including our Youth Services team, DanceWize and Red Frog volunteers, on hand to make sure schoolies could celebrate and stay safe.

We also held an Intergenerational Rainbow High tea with 10 young people and 10 older people who came together for a day of connection and supplied support and services through our Dial-A-Bus and Health Access Transport programs.

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

 On track

The Shire supported and promoted the new Frankston Mental Health and Wellbeing Hub that will service the Mornington Peninsula. The new service seeks to actively support the recovery of people with emerging or existing emotional and mental health concerns to ensure our community gets the support they need.





Image: Community Facilities Hire new booking system



Strategies



Quarterly commentary

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

We have redirected resources from the development of a Community Strengthening Strategy to develop a broader Inclusion Strategy and a Community Emergency Management and Resilience Strategy.



Action:
Develop an approach to community development via local area planning.

We are also continuing to explore an approach to community development through local area planning.

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

We invited small business owners and operators to take part in free mental health training. There were four sessions in Rye, Mornington, Hastings and Dromana which were attended by 45 local businesses. Please see our Theme 2 Community highlights for more information.

The Shire also supported and promoted the new Frankston Mental Health and Wellbeing Hub, which will provide services and mental health support to residents on the Peninsula.

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

No further action 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 State and Federal elections last year.





Image: Free Mental Health training for businesses

Strategic Objective 3.3

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

Strategies



Quarterly commentary

Strategy 3.3.1  **Remove barriers so people of all abilities can participate and access services.**  On track

VQuip has finished the fit out of our new mobile library with Progress Signs currently applying a corporate wrap to the body of the vehicle. The fitting and testing of mobile technology are scheduled for the next quarter before the mobile library and outreach service is launched by March 2024.

Action:
Relaunch, review and revamp the mobile library service which will incorporate outreach services across the Shire.

We launched our second-ever Access Key at a community morning tea on 1 December to celebrate International Day of Persons with Disability on 3 December. Members of our Disability Advisory Committee, community members, Shire staff and Councillor Lisa Dixon were on hand to see Judy O'Connor and Maxine Parker, Co-Founders of Access Ability Australia, present the Rosebud Library Access Key to the community. Access Keys are visual and text-based guides that provide convenient information about accessing a particular experience, event, facility or program. They are professionally prepared by Access Ability Australia and designed with universal design principles in mind. This means they are suitable for a wide range of people, including those with disability.

Strategy 3.3.2  **Explore partnership opportunities for programs that address tobacco-related and gambling harm.**  On track

In partnership with Peninsula Health we continued to rollout Smoke Free beaches along the Mornington Peninsula. According to the survey conducted in the previous quarters, 42% of local businesses reported a reduction in cigarette butt litter near their establishment. The Safety Beach-Dromana Beach Patrol volunteers also observed a significant decrease in cigarette butt litter by monitoring the usage of butt bin facilities.

In partnership with Frankston City Council, we marked the start of Gambling Harm Awareness Week 2023, which featured the theme, 'Talk. Share. Support'. In conjunction with the Consultative Committee on Gambling, Connect Health and Frankston City Council we held a forum that included hearing personal stories of recovery.

We encouraged the community to educate themselves on the harms of gambling across themselves, their family, friends, workplace and community.



Image: Rosebud Library Access Key



Strategies

Quarterly commentary

Strategy 3.3.3 **Deliver programs, services and events that engage and empower children, young people and their families.**

On track

Actions:
Commence Youth Services programming for the Southern Peninsula Youth Hub.
Implement the Child Safe Standards Action Plan.
Review Child and Family Health Services to increase the accessibility of services for children aged 8+ months.

Please see our Major Projects and Capital Works Highlights on page 54 for information on the progress of the Southern Peninsula Youth Hub.

We held three community Child Safe Information sessions to increase community understanding and engagement with Child Safety Standards and released a new Child Safety CEO video on our Child Safe webpage. We also developed and uploaded Child Safety resources to the Shire website for community access. An article on Shire Child Safe policy and commitment was included in the Summer PenWide 2023 edition.

We started offering additional non-government funded vaccines to Mornington Peninsula Shire families who can now access all recommended vaccines for their children through the Shire's immunisation program.

The program is proving popular with families as it has reduced their overall costs and time. Between October and December 2023, the Shire's Universal Maternal Child Health (MCH) Service delivered 3,314 consultations which included Key Age and Stage health and development consultations, lactation consultations, and specific family violence consultations. The Enhanced MCH Service delivered approximately 1,200 hours of service delivery supporting families who have multiple complexities and needs.

The Shire also identified 354 eligible families for Supported Playgroup through our kindergarten registration. 145 families connected with us and 16 families enrolled.



Image: Child Safety achievements

Strategies

Quarterly commentary

Strategy 3.3.4 **Engage with LGBTIQ+ community members and deliver programs to support them.**

On track

We continued working with the Frankston and Mornington Peninsula LGBTIQ+ Collaborative to prepare for Midsumma Pride March on 4 February 2024. We will be proudly marching and invite all local LGBTIQ+ community members and allies to march with us on the day. Please see our Theme 3 Community Highlights for more information.

Strategy 3.3.5 **Support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community members to self determine community services and programs as required.**

On track

We finalised our draft First 1000 Days Implementation Plan and we had 30 community members attend First 1000 Days regional training. First 1000 Days Australia is a First Nations model intended to strengthen all families so they can give their children the best start in life and aims to ensure that services recognise and strengthen family resilience while fostering leadership and promoting local innovation.

Strategy 3.3.6 **Advocate for more local services to meet current and future community needs.**

On track

Following the Victorian Government's decision to cut the budget for community health services' health promotion last year, Council submitted letters to Ministers advocating for the reintroduction of preventative health services. Council is concerned about the negative impact this reduction will have on the health sector in Victoria, particularly in our local community. Without this support, the Shire will not have the necessary resources to deliver essential public health and wellbeing initiatives.

We also sent letters to Ministers advocating for immediate investment in homelessness support services. Due to the lack of dedicated crisis accommodation on the Mornington Peninsula, increasing rents and property values, there is a growing number of residents who are at serious risk of becoming homeless. This includes many elderly residents and women and children who are disproportionately affected, often due to family violence.



Image: Midsumma Pride March



Strategic Objective 3.4

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


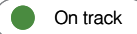
Strategies

Quarterly commentary

Strategy 3.4.1   **In partnership with our community, using Universal Design Principles, improve access to and promote cultural, sport and recreational opportunities.**

Action:
Finalise the Sports Capacity Plan Volume 2 and 3.

The draft Sports Capacity Plan has been completed and will be released for community consultation in early 2024.


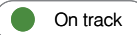
Strategy 3.4.2   **Implement the Shire's Our Arts and Culture Plan, creating an environment in which the arts thrive.**

Actions:
Review the Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery Strategic Plan.
Continue to deliver on and review the Arts and Culture Plan 2024.

Due to the hosting of the Archibald Prize Exhibition, work on the Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery Strategic Plan is postponed until mid-2024.

We delivered a new public artwork, titled Ngalamba: to stop and wait a while, which saw a 'living wall' come to life in Napier Street, Rye. With metal wall sculptures and native plants, the work of art tells the story of Bunurong's five seasons. It is produced by artists David Wood of Bent Metal, Daniel van de Wiel of It Stands Out and Shanai Kellett of Maloga Art.

We also relaunched ARTREK, which allows some of our public art to come to life using our augmented reality app, created a working group to assist with the delivery of our Music Plan and delivered 10 creative workshops.

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



As part of our core identity and values, we are committed to promoting and celebrating Aboriginal cultural heritage on the Peninsula through reconciliation and impactful actions with the community. The development of our new Reconciliation Action Plan is the next step in the continuation of meaningful engagement with our First Nations.



Image: Ngalamba artwork

Strategies

Quarterly commentary

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

Action:
Develop and Implement Our Library Strategy 2024-2029.

Given the important role libraries play in our community, we want to ensure they meet the changing needs of our townships. A draft Our Library Strategy 2024 – 2029 was put out for public exhibition on 29 September with community consultation closing on 10 November 2023. We expect to take our new Strategy to Council in April 2024.

Strategy 3.4.5   **Support and deliver inclusive events and festivals.**

Actions:
Attract, support and deliver events that engage the community and attract visitation to the Peninsula.
Deliver a Major Projects Celebration Program including Opening Events for Flinders Community Hub, Mornington Civic Soccer and Athletics Building and Mount Martha Eco Park.

In true festive fashion, Main Street Mornington was transformed into a joyous destination on 17 December 2023 for the Mornington Christmas Festival. Main Street, between Barkly Street and The Esplanade, was closed for the day to accommodate the Yuletide activities and entertainment.

Residents and tourists connected with fellow community members, picked up a last-minute gift and enjoyed roving street performances and festive music. There was even free gift wrapping and kids' fun. Santa and his helpers also made an appearance at the 3MP Giving Tree zone, where generous residents donated vouchers and gifts to the Mornington Community Support Centre.

Mornington Christmas Festival is run by the Mornington Chamber of Commerce, with Mornington Peninsula Shire supporting the event through a \$10,000 Community Events Grant.

We also officially opened the Mount Martha Eco Park this quarter. Please refer to our 'Major Projects and Capital Works' section to get the latest updates on our highlights.



Image: Mornington's Christmas Festival




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

As a result of Council advocacy and the success of our Better Buses campaign, the Minister for Public Transport announced last year an extra \$36.4 million to this year's budget to deliver a cross-Peninsula bus service. Ongoing discussions with the Department of Transport and Public Transport Victoria are continuing with the Shire requesting an increase in the frequency of bus services and for the inclusion of more townships along bus routes.

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

 On track

We officially launched our Visitor Paid Parking Pilot on 1 December 2023. The project aims to share the cost of maintaining our foreshore assets by asking visitors to contribute to its upkeep. The Pilot has been rolled out at three Mornington Peninsula foreshore carparks, with changes including:

- Visitors to pay for their stay
- Residents need an ePermit to park for free at the sites
- Timed parking restrictions at Schnapper Point, Mornington.

Action:

Implement the Visitor Paid Parking Pilot at three select foreshore locations.

Visitors who plan to park at Schnapper Point foreshore carpark (Mornington), Sunnyside Beach foreshore carpark (Mount Eliza) or Flinders Pier foreshore carpark (Flinders) are encouraged to download the PayStay app and follow the prompts to pay for your stay. Alternatively, you can pay by calling PayStay or visiting their website on the day of your visit.

Residents who park at the sites must obtain a free ePermit via our website, to ensure they park without charge:

 mornpen.vic.gov.au/epermits

For further information on our Visitor Paid parking Pilot please go to:

 mornpen.vic.gov.au/VPPP



Image: Social media promotion of Visitor Paid Parking

Strategies

Quarterly commentary

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


 On track

Action:

Undertake and adopt the Pedestrian Access Strategy Review.

We know how important footpaths are to the local community and the vital role they play in keeping us active, safe and connected. To help guide the future allocation of funds and to determine which footpaths receive priority and when, we've come up with a Draft Pedestrian Access Strategy 2023, which was released for community consultation from 15 September to 5 November 2023. We are currently reviewing community feedback to finalise the Strategy.

We also started a thorough assessment of our 690-kilometre network of footpaths. You might have seen one of our asset inspection contractors riding a small quad bike style vehicle with cameras attached, filming the footpath structure only, travelling at a brisk walking pace. The findings from these assessments will give us important information about the condition of our footpaths and help us maintain our network of footpaths more effectively.


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


 On track

Action:

Develop an Electric Vehicle transition plan.

Our existing Electric Vehicle transition plan continued to be developed throughout the quarter with the transition plan reviewed by our internal climate oversight group.


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:

Implement the Towards Zero Road Safety Strategy and develop a shire-wide speed limit action plan.

We ran the concept of our Speed Limit Action Plan by our Citizens' Panel who discussed reducing speed limits to minimise road trauma. Panellists provided a diverse range of insights and recommendations all of which will be considered. The scope of work is being defined for the action plan with further development to continue in early 2024.


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

 Attention

Action:

Develop an Integrated Transport Strategy.

The Integrated Transport Strategy was deferred until the completion of the Pedestrian Access Strategy. Work on the Strategy will recommence in early 2024.

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.**

 Attention

Our RideSafe Strategy was deferred until the completion of the Pedestrian Access Strategy. Work on the strategy will begin in 2024-25.



Climate Emergency

Climate Emergency Plan Delivery Status

Of the 172 tasks within the plan, 156 (90%) are in progress, ongoing or completed.

Between October and December 2023, we:

- Published our third Climate Emergency Plan Annual Progress Report and Annual Progress Summary.
- Adopted the terms of reference for the Climate Emergency Community Reference Group.
- Funded 19 new community projects via our Climate Action Grants.
- Continued to partner with our volunteer Energy Heroes to provide free energy saving consultations to the community.
- Partnered with Repower Mornington Peninsula to encourage local businesses to become more sustainable.
- Completed the installation of 102kW of solar on nine separate community buildings for our Solar 4 Tenants Program.
- Partnered with the Department of Energy Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) to set up three Energy Resilience Systems.
- Partnered with the CFA to deliver emergency preparedness workshops and information sessions to the community.
- Commenced the community engagement stage for the Flinders Community Battery project.
- Launched the Harvest Exchange program at the Eco Living Display Centre.
- Educated 321 students from 8 schools through our Shire-run Environmental Education program.
- Had 95 community members attend our Shire-run environmental / sustainability workshops.

Achievements to date: In total

- Number of community solar installations: 23,805 (22.8% of residential buildings and 144,000 tonnes of CO2-e avoided annually)
- Number of solar systems on Shire operated buildings: 54 (1,437 tonnes CO2-e avoided annually)
- Number of solar systems on Shire-owned tenanted facilities: 57 (586 tonnes CO2-e avoided annually)
- Number of take ups of Solar and Energy Bulk Buy Program: 68
- Energy Savvy Upgrades completed: 79 upgrades for 73 households (566.41 tonnes CO2-e saved over the life of the products)
- Number of Shire Electric Vehicles (EVs): 14

- Number of Shire Electric Vehicle (EV) chargers installed: 15
- Number of public fast Electric Vehicle (EV) chargers facilitated: 4
- Area of biolinks created: 182 hectares, 55,600 trees and shrubs planted
- Number of FOGO bins or caddies delivered to households: 20,815
- Total number of households using FOGO service: 53,898
- Number of farmers undertaking Shire-funded regenerative farming training: 43 farmers, covering 1,563 hectares of land.

Climate Emergency Plan Annual Progress Report

The Shire's 2022-23 Climate Emergency Plan Annual Report and the Progress Report Summary have been published, highlighting actions the community and Shire have made towards reaching net zero carbon emissions by 2040. In 2022-23, these achievements have resulted in at least \$5.11m reduced energy costs for the community and reduced over 22,500 tonnes of greenhouse gases.

mornpen.vic.gov.au/climateemergencyplan

Climate Action Grants

We received 33 applications for the Climate Action Grant Round 4, totalling \$276,835, which is the most applications we've received for this program. Of the 33 applications, 19 were funded, totalling \$103,490 from the \$103,500 available.

Solar Incentivisation Program for Tenanted Buildings

The Shire has partnered with tenants of Shire-owned buildings to participate in our ongoing Solar 4 Tenants program. Stage one is now complete and has resulted in the installation of 102kW of solar on nine separate community buildings including pre-schools, sporting facilities, community centres, retailers, and yacht clubs. To date, the program has seen 154kW of solar installed and will facilitate the generation of an estimated 202MWh of renewable energy and 172tonnes of avoided CO2-e. For our tenants this will result in a cumulative annual bill deduction of approximately \$30,000 and a cumulative return on investment over 20 years of approximately \$350,000.

Flinders Community Battery Project

We started community engagement for the Flinders Community Battery project with a location to be confirmed in early 2024. A \$500,000 Federal Government grant, secured through the Community Batteries for Household Solar program, will fully fund the purchase and installation of the battery. Once installed, the battery will allow the local community to store solar energy for use during peak times, and to share excess solar-generated power with other households in their area. More information can be found at:

mornpen.vic.gov.au/renewableenergy

Major Projects



Major Projects and Capital Works Highlights



Mount Martha Skate Park

Total project value \$880,985

Developed in partnership with the Victorian Government our Eco Park Active Hub delivers new play and recreation facilities in Mount Martha.

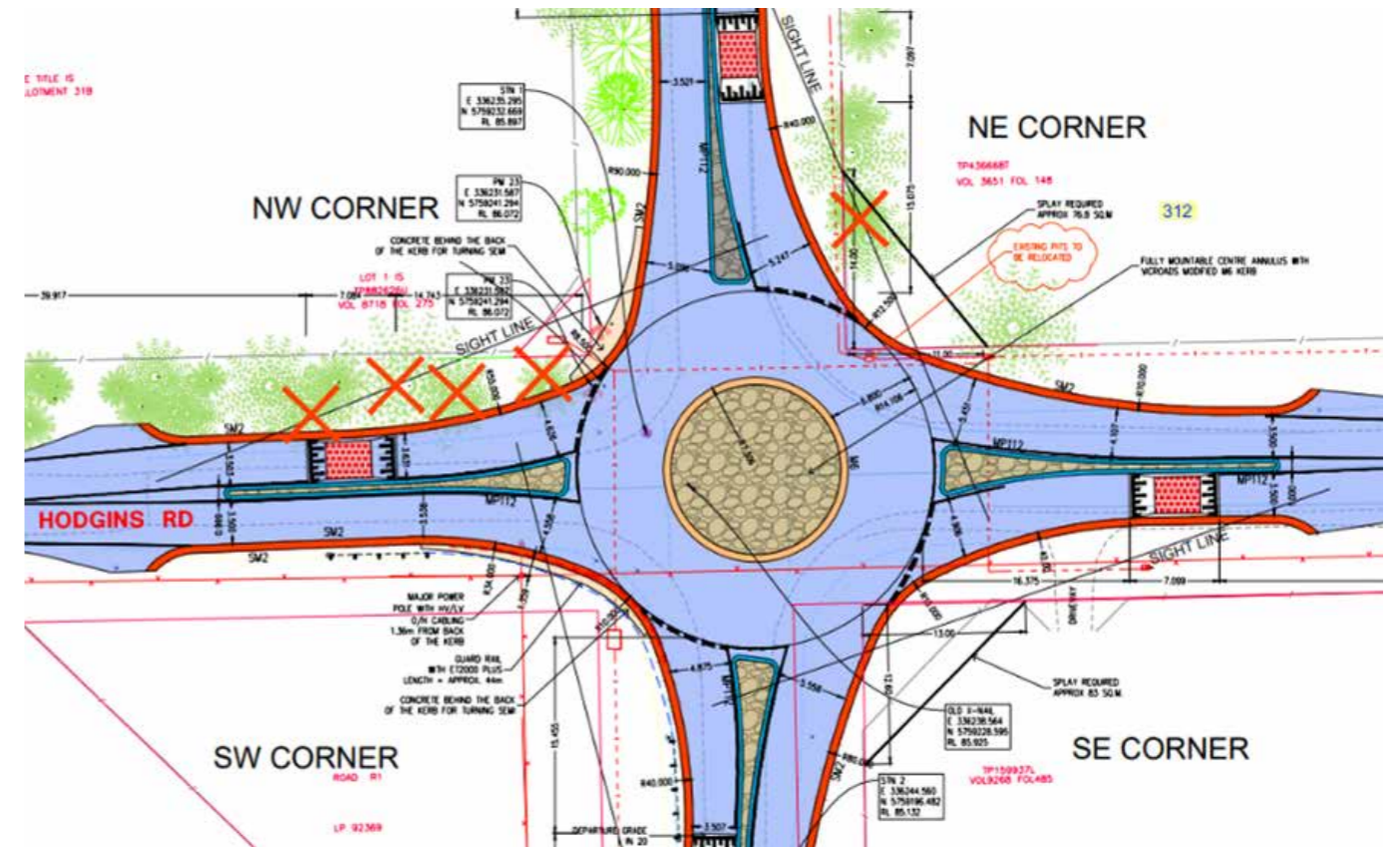
The community can now enjoy:

- a skate and scooter bowl with pockets, hips, waterfalls, transfers and scooter loop.
- refreshed combination play equipment.
- scooter path.
- swing set.
- all access carousel.
- picnic tables.
- mini trampolines.

Following community input and feedback in 2020, the final concept plan was endorsed by Council on 25 August 2020. The design explored options for recycled content in the footpath and boardwalk, and prioritising trees with high biodiversity and habitat value. Tenders were advertised in October 2022 and evaluations completed in February 2023.

Construction commenced in April 2023 and was completed in September 2023. The park opened to the public at the end of September and an official opening took place on the 23 November with the Mayor, Councillors and the State member for Eastern Victoria Tom McIntosh.

Major Projects and Capital Works Highlights



Tuerong: Blackspot Program Hodgins/Stumpy Gully Rd Roundabout

Total project value \$1,300,000

A proposal to improve the safety of the intersection of Hodgins and Stumpy Gully Road in Tuerong was granted funding as part of the 2020-21 Federal Blackspot/Black Length Program.

Works planned to be undertaken include the construction of a compact roundabout, the installation of raised platforms and improved lighting.

Detailed design was completed in early September with the project released for tender in October 2023. A contractor was appointed at the end of 2023.

The project aims to reduce the potential of any future crashes at the intersection with work to start in early 2024.

Major Projects and Capital Works Highlights



Sorrento: Point Nepean Road/Hotham Road Intersection Improvement Total project value \$2,500,000

As part of the Sorrento Ferry Terminal Upgrade Project, funding of \$2.5 million has been provided to the Mornington Peninsula Shire Council by the State Government, through the Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions Infrastructure Stimulus Fund.

This fully funded project aims to improve the roads close to the Sorrento ferry terminal. The Shire will work with Searoad Ferries, Department of Transport (VicRoads) and Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions to deliver this project.

The proposed works include:

- Construction of a roundabout at Point Nepean Road/ Hotham Road in Sorrento
- Upgrades to Hotham Road between The Esplanade and Point Nepean Road
- 40km/h speed zone on Ocean Beach Road and surrounding areas.

As part of the design process, Council officers collaborated with several design and approvals teams from within the Department of Transport to streamline the overall design and approvals process.

Construction started in April 2023 with works completed at the end of December 2023 prior to the busy summer tourist season.

Major Projects and Capital Works Highlights



Merricks: Merricks Station Grounds Upgrade Total project value \$1,964,100

The Mornington Peninsula Shire received \$982,050 in funding from the State Government's Building Better Regions Fund (BBRF) to implement the Merricks Station Ground Master Plan. The Council has matched this funding dollar for dollar, resulting in a total budget of \$1,964,100 to ensure the successful delivery of the Plan.

The delivery of the Merricks Station Ground Master Plan includes:

- Community Space Upgrade – An enjoyable space for the community (picnic shelter and seating)
- Amenities Block upgrade – Extensive renovation of current toilet block
- Reserve Upgrades – Improvements to the Reserve for the community.

Construction on the Community Space Upgrade began in November 2023. On site preparation works have started and materials (shelter, fitness equipment and picnic furniture) have been delivered. The Community Space Upgrade will include the installation of a:

- Picnic shelter
- Accessible picnic tables
- Seats
- Bins
- Stretching/Fitness station
- Landscaping
- Granitic sand pavement
- Bike racks.

The Community Space upgrade was completed at the end of December 2023.

Major Projects and Capital Works Highlights



Rosebud: Southern Peninsula Youth Hub

Total project value \$13,010,000

The Shire secured \$4.3 million from the Victorian Government's Growing Suburbs Fund and \$1.5 million from the Australian Government for our Southern Peninsula Integrated Youth Services Hub project.

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

As of 31 December 2023, works were continuing with the installation of the electrical kiosk, glazing to windows and doors, safe roof access system and sewer works upgrades all complete. Installation of external cladding and internal wall linings and plastering was continuing with upcoming works to include the set out of the car park upgrade works, external façade, cladding and eaves painting.

The construction phase of the project is still on track to be completed by early 2024 with services starting later in 2024. The centre is expected to be opened and operational by November 2024.

Major Projects and Capital Works Highlights



Tyabb: Bungyan Reserve Sports Field Lighting

Total project value \$ 350,000

Oval number two at the sports field at Bungyan Reserve has been upgraded with brand new lighting.

The sports field has two ovals but only one had field lighting. The installation of Australian standards LED sports lighting will significantly increase the capacity of community sport

in Tyabb and ensure the reserve can cater for more training sessions and competitions.

Work began in October to install the poles with the electrical work completed by the end of December 2023.

Chief Financial Officer's Message



I am pleased to report on the latest highlights and developments in our second quarterly financial report, covering the period from 1 July 2023 to 31 December 2023.

The Council's financial health remains robust, characterised by strong cash flows, substantial reserves, and a stable balance sheet. Key highlights include:

- Operating Income: At \$250.6M year-to-date, we are aligned with the Approved Forecast and have seen a 7% increase compared to the same period last year.
- Net Operating Position: Currently at \$131.8M year-to-date, we anticipate this will decrease as we progress with capital works and services throughout the year.
- Capital Works Spend: At \$26.4M year-to-date, this is \$6.2M below the Approved Forecast. To date, we have committed or spent 44% of our total annual FY24 budget for Capital Works.
- Community Investment Funding: \$2.4M in grants, subsidies, and sponsorships have been approved for payment year-to-date, leaving \$1.7M still available in the FY24 budget.
- Interest income: The increase in interest rates has favorably impacted our financial position, resulting in an additional \$2.6M in interest income.

- Loan repayments: Total repayments of \$1.9M, including \$1.5M in principal, have reduced our loan balance to \$34.0M, in line with our scheduled repayments.
- Cash and Financial Assets: Our cash and cash equivalents and other financial assets at 31 December 2023 is \$120.7M of which \$83.1M is invested in term deposits, \$29.0M held in at call accounts and \$8.6M of funds are held in Trust. The Trust monies relate to 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.

In summary, our financial trajectory aligns well with the Approved Forecast. We remain committed to sustaining our strong financial standing, ensuring solid reserves and cash flows. Our focus continues to be on delivering optimal financial outcomes for our community. Thank you for your continued support and trust in our endeavours.

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Chief Financial Officer

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Finance Highlights

2nd Quarter

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

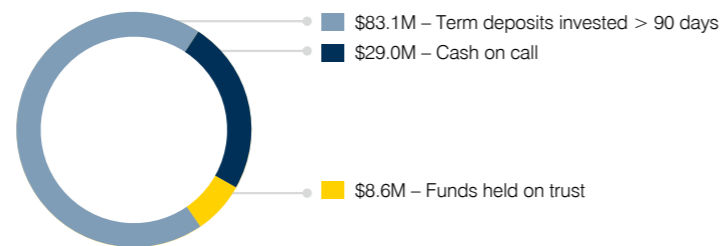
- Net Operating position of \$131.8M YTD – an 11% increase to Forecast YTD
- Materials and services spend is 31% of Annual Forecast
- Interest Income ahead of Forecast YTD by \$2.6M
- YTD spent on Capital Works projects is \$26.4M (net \$14.0M)
- \$1.5M in loan repayments YTD has reduced total borrowings to \$34.0M

The overall Financial Performance is crucial for evaluating the financial stability and sustainability of the Shire. The key indicators contributing to a 'strong' year-to-date (YTD) assessment include:

- Net Operating position
- Materials and services spend
- Interest income
- Spend on Capital Works Projects
- Loan repayments

Our Cash Position remains robust, encompassing term deposits, cash on call, and Funds held in Trust (including bonds and deposits for works, subdivisional maintenance, hall hire bonds, asset protection bonds, contract retentions, etc.). Additionally, the Shire conducts monthly reviews of its treasury position to optimise interest earnings on cash assets.

Cash and Cash Equivalents \$37.6M
Other Financial Assets \$83.1M



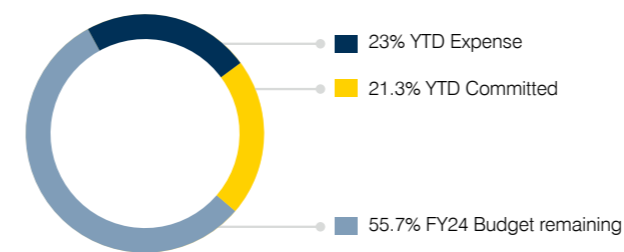
- 229** Funded Capital Works Projects and Programs
- 44%** Capital Works Spent or Committed
- 32** Funded Operating Projects

- 42%** Operating Projects Spent or Committed
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- \$1.7M** Value of Grants, Subsidies and Sponsorships Remaining

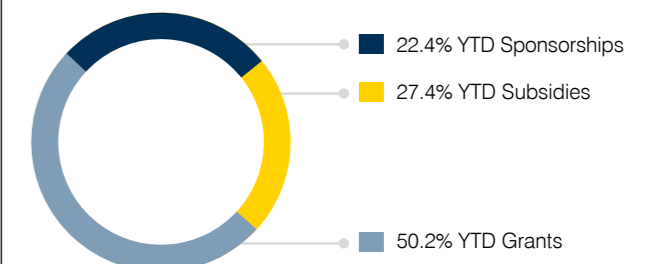
Key activities impacting the financial performance, year to date, include:

- Capital Works Projects – YTD spent on and committed to Capital Works projects is \$51.0M.
- Operating Projects – YTD spent on and committed to Operating projects is \$3.5M.
- Grants, Subsidies and Sponsorships – YTD approved is \$2.4M.

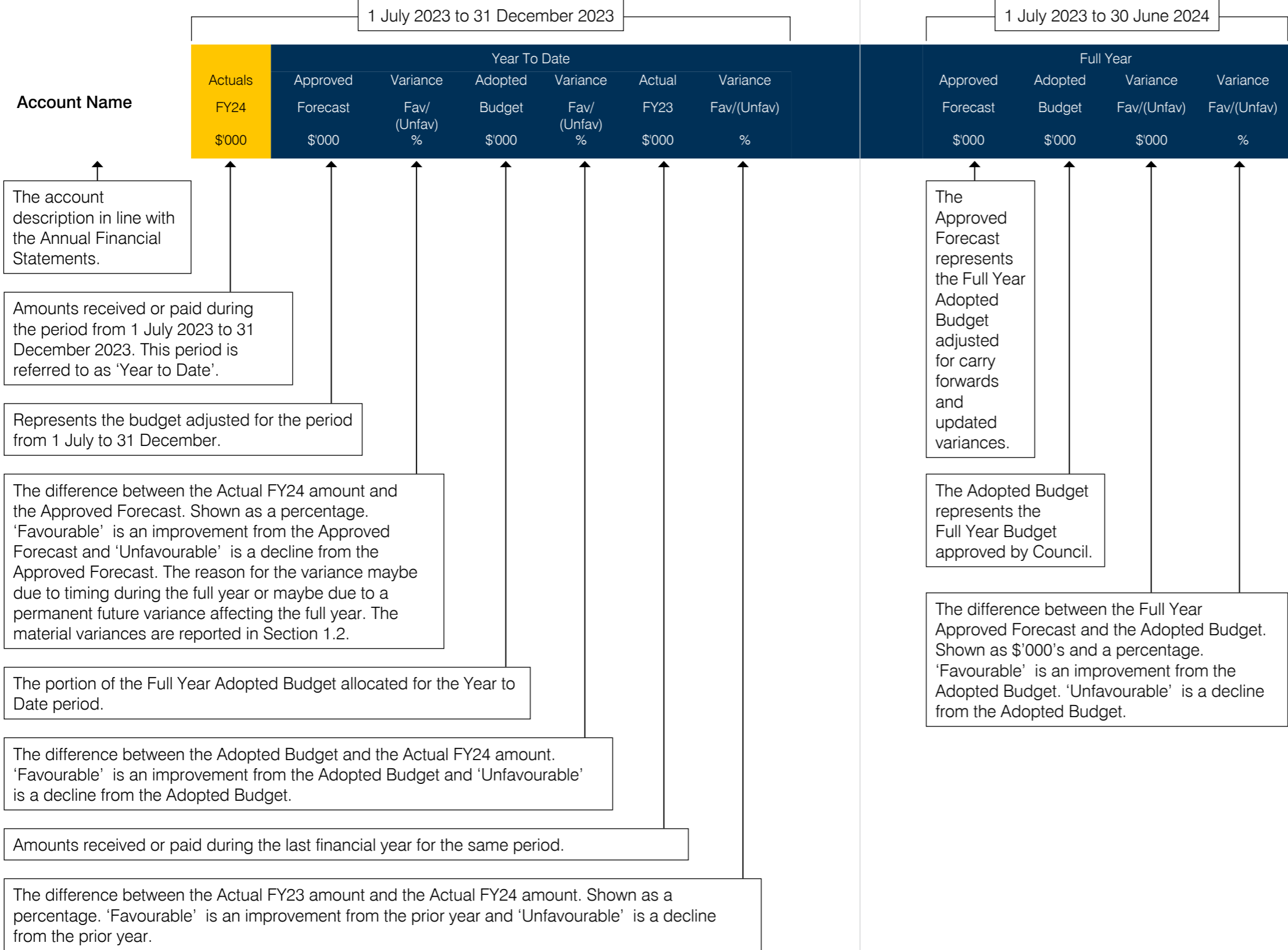
FY24 Capital Works Expenditure Budget – \$115.2M



FY24 YTD Grants, Subsidies, Sponsorships approved and paid Budget – \$4.1M



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Overview

2nd Quarter FY2023-24

Cash position remains strong at \$120.7M driven by prior year Capital works carry forwards.

Net Operating position of \$131.8M YTD representing an 11% increase to Approved Forecast YTD.

YTD spent on Capital Works projects is \$26.4M (net \$14.0M).

\$83.1M invested in term deposits, \$29.0M held in at call account and \$8.6M of funds held in Trust. The average interest rate during the second quarter was 5.22%, reflective of the competitive investment markets and rates.

YTD interest income is \$4.1M which is ahead of forecast by \$2.6M.

Material and services spend is 31% of full year forecast.

\$1.5M in loan repayments YTD has reduced total borrowings to \$34.0M.

Section 1.2 – Financial Performance Statement

	Actuals FY24 \$'000	Year To Date						Full Year			
		Approved	Variance	Adopted	Variance	Actual	Variance	Approved	Adopted	Variance	Variance
		Forecast	Fav/ (Unfav) %	Budget	Fav/ (Unfav) %	FY23 \$'000	Fav/(Unfav) %	Forecast \$'000	Budget \$'000	Fav/(Unfav) \$'000	Fav/(Unfav) %
Rates and charges	223,346	222,429	0%	222,429	0%	206,760	8%	222,442	222,442	-	0%
Grants and subsidies	6,047	5,854	3%	5,854	3%	8,752	(31)%	9,520	9,520	-	0%
User charges	17,095	16,677	3%	14,642	17%	16,220	5%	31,298	31,298	0	0%
Grants Commission	161	161	0%	3,480	(95)%	912	(82)%	6,961	6,961	0	0%
Other income	3,977	2,280	74%	2,125	87%	2,629	51%	4,129	4,129	-	0%
Total Operating Income	250,626	247,401	1%	248,530	1%	235,274	7%	274,349	274,349	(0)	0%
Employee costs	(44,729)	(46,936)	5%	(45,477)	2%	(41,319)	(8)%	(92,005)	(89,161)	(2,844)	(3)%
Materials and services	(18,735)	(25,850)	28%	(20,669)	9%	(17,424)	(8)%	(59,713)	(43,559)	(16,154)	(37)%
Materials and services – contracts	(50,612)	(50,724)	0%	(50,724)	0%	(46,390)	(9)%	(101,221)	(101,221)	-	0%
Other Expenses	(4,714)	(4,685)	(1)%	(3,746)	(26)%	(4,472)	(5)%	(9,933)	(8,538)	(1,395)	(16)%
Total Operating Expenditure	(118,790)	(128,195)	7%	(120,617)	2%	(109,605)	(8)%	(262,871)	(242,478)	(20,393)	8%
Net Operating Income/Funds Available	131,836	119,207	11%	127,913	3%	125,668	5%	11,478	31,871	(20,393)	64%
Capital Works (Net)	(13,988)	(29,169)	52%	10	>(100)%	(14,434)	3%	(73,363)	(35,623)	(37,740)	(106)%
Land acquisitions	(20)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(679)	-	(679)	-
Land sales	-	-	-	-	-	2,458	(100)%	7,908	2,000	5,908	295%
Interest Income	4,047	1,449	179%	1,449	179%	1,535	163%	2,900	2,900	-	0%
Interest Expense	(450)	(543)	17%	(543)	17%	(548)	18%	(1,086)	(1,086)	-	0%
Debt Servicing Principal	(1,451)	(1,451)	0%	(1,451)	0%	(1,997)	27%	(2,971)	(2,971)	-	0%
New Borrowings	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,877	3,877	-	0%
Lease liability repayments	-	(473)	100%	(473)	100%	-	-	(946)	(946)	-	0%
Total Other Income/Expenditure	(11,863)	(30,186)	39%	(1,007)	>(100)%	(12,986)	9%	(64,360)	(31,849)	(44,328)	(102)%
Surplus/(Deficit)	119,973	89,020	35%	126,906	(5)%	112,682	6%	(52,883)	22	(64,721)	>(100)%

Section 1.2 – Financial Performance Statement

Year to date net operating income (as per FPS) is \$132M which is \$13.0M (7%) more as compared to the 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
Other Income	624	1,073	Permanent one-off unbudgeted income for insurance settlement. Timing difference is for the strong performance of recreation and aquatic centre which is providing a return. This is being reviewed as part of the mid-year reforecast.

Operating expense variances against Approved Forecast			
Category	Permanent Variance \$'000 Fav/(UnFav)	Timing Variance \$'000 Fav/(UnFav)	Commentary
Employee Costs	500	1,707	Permanent savings due to position vacancies less increased Workcover Premiums (\$800k+).
Materials and Services	58	7,058	Permanent savings relating to insurance premiums whereas favourable timing variance is due to various areas (such as operating projects including corporate system replacement, future parking management along with utilities and materials and equipment for community facilities). These timings are being reviewed in the mid-year reforecast.

Section 1.3 – Capital Works

Capital Works items have an annual gross forecast expenditure of \$115.2M. Total Income for Capital Works is ahead of forecast due to the treatment of recognition for grants received against forecast. YTD expenditure is currently \$26.4M spent, \$6.2M behind forecast of \$32.6M.

	Actuals FY24 \$'000	Approved Forecast \$'000	Year To Date		Full Year Approved Forecast \$'000	
			Variance Fav/ (Unfav) %	Actual FY23 \$'000		Variance Fav/(Unfav) %
Income						
Grants – capital	12,236	3,290	>100%	3,228	>100%	36,631
Contributions – monetary	10	136	(93)%	393	(97)%	5,176
Special Charge Scheme	180	-	>100%	-	>100%	-
Total Income	12,425	3,426	>100%	3,621	>100%	41,807
Expenditure						
Land	(153)	(217)	30%	(96)	>(100)%	(3,165)
Buildings	(14,082)	(16,703)	16%	(6,226)	>(100)%	(40,238)
Plant, machinery and equipment	(360)	(1,228)	71%	(91)	>(100)%	(1,911)
Fixtures, fittings and furniture	(2)	(11)	81%	(36)	94%	(127)
Artworks	(59)	(84)	29%	(50)	>(100)%	(109)
Library Books	(747)	(803)	7%	(686)	>(100)%	(1,140)
Roads	(2,766)	(3,379)	18%	(2,809)	2%	(22,751)
Drainage	(1,497)	(2,104)	29%	(1,306)	>(100)%	(7,472)
Bridges	(7)	(23)	67%	(10)	30%	(346)
Footpaths and cycleways	(1,446)	(2,209)	35%	(1,296)	>(100)%	(10,770)
Recreational, leisure and community facilities	(3,856)	(3,350)	(15)%	(2,984)	>(100)%	(11,591)
Parks, open space and streetscapes	(1,329)	(1,902)	30%	(1,624)	18%	(14,505)
Marine structures	(106)	(592)	82%	(841)	87%	(1,065)
Total Expenditure	(26,413)	(32,604)	19%	(18,055)	>(100)%	(115,190)
Net Total	(13,988)	(29,178)	52%	(14,434)	3%	(73,383)

Section 1.4 – Treasury

As detailed below, MPS paid \$0.87M in scheduled principal debt repayments during the second quarter (\$1.5M YTD). Full year principal debt repayments are on schedule, with a forecasted closing position of \$36.4M. Interest expense for the full year is forecast at \$1.1M with a weighted average interest rate of 2.63%, which will be offset by forecast interest income of \$2.9M.

MPS has \$83.1M in term deposits earning an average interest rate of 5.22%. 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.

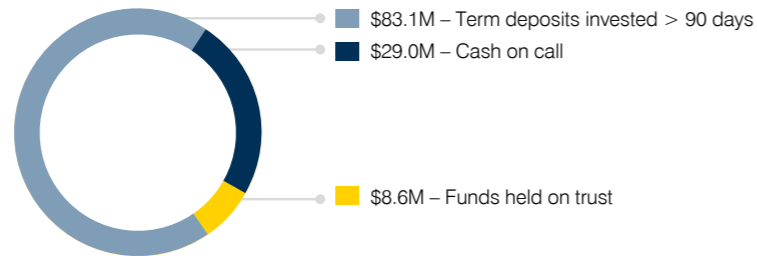
Funds held in trust consists of holding bonds and deposits for works, subdivisional maintenance, hall hire bonds, asset protection bonds, contract retentions etc.

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

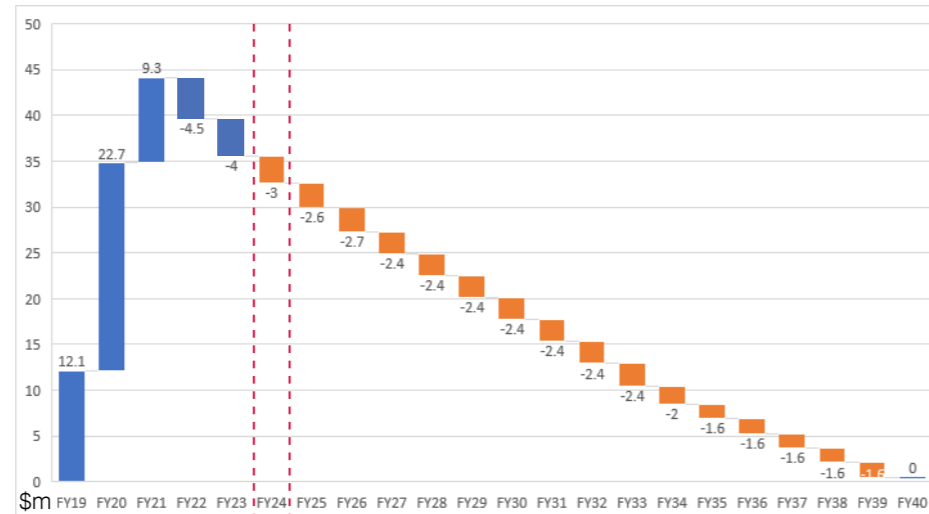
	Q2				Full Year			
	Opening Balance	Principal Repaid	New Borrowings	Closing Balance	Opening Balance	Forecasted Repayments	Forecasted New Borrowings	Forecasted Closing Balance
Loans Maturing	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Current Loans	2,391	(871)	-	1,520	2,971	(2,971)	-	0
Non Current Loans	32,559	-	-	32,559	32,559	-	3,877	36,436
	34,950	(871)	-	34,079	35,530	(2,971)	3,877	36,436

Cash and Cash Equivalents \$37.6M

Other Financial Assets \$83.1M



Debt Repayment Schedule (FY24-FY40)



Finance Statements

Section 2.1 – Income Statement

	Actuals FY24 \$'000	Year To Date						Full Year			
		Approved	Variance	Adopted	Variance	Actual	Variance	Approved	Adopted	Variance	Variance
		Forecast	Fav/ (Unfav) %	Budget	Fav/ (Unfav) %	FY23	Fav/ (Unfav) %	Forecast	Budget	Fav/(Unfav) \$'000	Fav/(Unfav) %
	\$'000		\$'000				\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	%	
Revenue											
Total rates and charges	223,526	222,429	0%	222,429	0%	206,760	8%	222,442	222,442	0	0%
Total statutory fees and fines	3,725	4,762	(22)%	4,762	(22)%	3,584	4%	9,527	9,527	0	0%
Total user fees	15,128	11,194	35%	9,621	57%	13,093	16%	21,343	21,343	0	0%
Total grants – operating	6,208	6,015	3%	9,334	(33)%	9,665	(36)%	16,480	16,480	0	0%
Total grants – capital	12,191	3,290	>100%	-	-	3,228	>100%	36,631	14,523	22,108	>100%
Total contributions – monetary	523	441	19%	305	71%	859	(39)%	5,737	5,601	136	2%
Total contributions – non monetary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,000	3,000	0	0%
Total other income	6,542	4,155	57%	3,537	85%	3,240	>100%	6,916	6,916	0	(0)%
Total Revenue	267,843	252,286	6%	249,989	7%	240,430	11%	322,076	299,833	22,243	7%
Expenditure											
Total employee costs	44,849	46,936	4%	45,477	1%	41,319	(9)%	92,005	89,161	(2,844)	(3)%
Total materials and services	69,960	76,574	9%	71,393	2%	63,832	(10)%	161,234	145,079	(16,154)	(11)%
Total depreciation	20,700	19,497	(6)%	19,497	(6)%	18,262	(13)%	38,994	38,994	0	0%
Total amortisation – intangible assets	37	74	50%	74	50%	74	50%	149	149	0	0%
Total amortisation – right of use assets	120	473	75%	473	75%	277	57%	946	946	0	0%
Total Bad and Doubtful Debts	0	-	0%	-	0%	-	0%	-	-	-	-
Total borrowing costs	443	517	14%	517	14%	540	18%	1,034	1,034	0	0%
Total finance cost – leases	7	26	73%	26	73%	8	16%	52	52	0	0%
Total other expenses	4,841	4,685	(3)%	3,746	(29)%	4,454	(9)%	9,633	8,238	(1,395)	(17)%
Total Expenditure	140,957	148,782	5%	141,204	0%	128,767	(9)%	304,047	283,654	(20,393)	(7)%
Surplus	126,886	103,504	23%	108,785	17%	111,662	14%	18,029	16,179	1,850	11%
Total Other items	7	-	100%	-	100%	149	95%	-	-	-	-
Total Comprehensive Income	126,892	103,504	23%	108,785	17%	111,811	13%	18,029	16,179	1,850	11%

Section 2.2 – Balance Sheet

	Actuals FY24 \$'000	Approved Forecast \$'000	Variance Fav/(Unfav) \$'000	Year to Date		Actual FY23 \$'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	37,554	22,300	15,254	10,300	27,254	42,048	(4,494)	20,000	20,000	0
Trade and other receivables	178,175	183,518	(5,343)	176,074	2,100	159,930	18,245	12,154	12,457	(302)
Other financial assets	83,092	51,973	31,119	24,064	59,028	70,586	12,506	46,973	43,405	3,568
Inventories	218	218	0	192	26	192	26	218	192	26
Non current assets classified as held for sale	1,258	1,258	0	-	1,258	-	1,258	-	-	-
Other assets	5,772	5,304	467	2,875	2,897	4,386	1,386	5,304	2,875	2,429
Total Current Assets	306,068	264,571	41,497	213,506	92,562	277,142	28,926	84,650	78,929	5,721
Non-Current Assets										
Trade and other receivables – NC	-	21	(21)	51	(51)	51	(51)	21	51	(30)
Other financial assets – NC	46	46	0	45	1	45	1	46	45	1
Property, infrastructure, plant and equipment	3,393,332	3,400,829	(7,497)	3,236,187	157,145	3,187,461	205,870	3,467,596	3,273,968	193,629
Right of use assets	932	579	353	390	542	381	551	1,388	1,746	(358)
Investment Property	10,280	10,280	0	10,266	14	10,280	-	10,280	10,266	14
Intangible assets	1,851	1,813	37	2,352	(502)	2,501	(650)	1,739	2,278	(539)
Total Non-Current Assets	3,406,440	3,413,568	(7,128)	3,249,291	157,149	3,200,719	205,721	3,481,070	3,288,354	192,716
Total Assets	3,712,508	3,678,140	34,368	3,462,797	249,711	3,477,862	234,646	3,565,720	3,367,283	198,437
Liabilities										
Current Liabilities										
Trade and other payables	25,633	21,218	(4,414)	13,612	(12,021)	20,912	(4,720)	22,296	23,286	990
Trust funds and deposits	24,126	18,650	(5,476)	18,519	(5,607)	21,955	(2,171)	8,650	8,519	(131)
Unearned income	26,226	25,239	(987)	11,893	(14,333)	31,244	5,018	4,051	3,951	(100)
Provisions	14,376	14,914	539	18,414	4,038	13,736	(640)	14,914	18,930	4,016
Interest bearing liabilities	1,448	2,971	1,522	4,008	2,560	2,012	564	2,971	2,971	1
Lease liabilities	878	497	(381)	1,235	356	594	(285)	647	646	(1)
Total Current Liabilities	92,687	83,489	(9,198)	67,680	(25,007)	90,453	(2,234)	53,530	58,303	4,773
Non-Current Liabilities										
Trust funds and deposits – NC	(0)	-	(0)	-	0	1,547	1,547	-	-	-
Provisions – NC	16,188	16,024	(164)	12,986	(3,202)	12,569	(3,619)	16,024	13,350	(2,674)
Interest bearing liabilities – NC	32,630	31,108	(1,522)	30,110	(2,520)	35,581	2,950	33,465	33,504	39
Lease liabilities – NC	539	539	0	2,282	1,743	539	0	1,197	1,197	0
Total suspense	97	-	(97)	-	(97)	(12)	(109)	-	-	-
Total Non-Current Liabilities	49,454	47,671	(1,783)	45,378	(4,076)	50,223	769	50,686	48,051	(2,635)
Total Liabilities	142,141	131,160	(10,981)	113,058	(29,083)	140,676	(1,465)	104,216	106,354	2,138
Net Assets	3,570,367	3,546,980	23,388	3,349,739	220,628	3,337,186	233,181	3,461,504	3,260,929	200,575
Equity										
Accumulated surplus	1,094,942	1,094,942	0	1,091,863	3,079	1,076,284	18,658	1,094,942	1,076,283	18,659
Reserves	2,348,534	2,348,534	0	2,149,091	199,443	2,149,091	199,443	2,348,534	2,168,468	180,066
Net Income	126,892	103,504	23,388	108,785	18,107	111,811	15,081	18,029	16,179	1,850
Total Equity	3,570,367	3,546,980	23,388	3,349,739	220,628	3,337,186	233,181	3,461,504	3,260,929	200,575

Section 2.3
– Cashflow Statement

	Actuals FY24 \$'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	81,711	67,373	14,338	222,442	222,442	-
Statutory fees and fines	3,849	6,550	(2,701)	17,623	11,046	6,577
User fees	18,055	12,661	5,394	23,193	23,193	(0)
Grants – operating	4,084	6,015	(1,931)	16,480	16,480	(0)
Grants – capital	7,559	3,290	4,269	36,631	14,523	22,108
Contributions – monetary	1,427	(4,044)	5,471	(20,182)	(1,731)	(18,451)
Interest received	2,190	1,449	741	2,900	2,900	-
Dividends Received	4	1	2	3	3	-
Trust funds and deposits received	(139)	-	(139)	-	-	-
Other receipts	1,605	1,532	73	2,704	2,704	-
Net GST refund/payment	(474)	-	(474)	-	-	-
Employee costs	(43,454)	(46,936)	3,481	(92,005)	(89,161)	(2,844)
Materials and services	(59,071)	(70,624)	11,553	(155,506)	(143,004)	(12,502)
Short term low value lease	(948)	(699)	(249)	(1,399)	(1,399)	-
Other payments	(3,314)	(3,014)	(300)	(5,661)	(3,614)	(2,047)
Cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	13,084	(26,444)	39,528	47,222	54,381	(7,159)
Cash flows from investing activities						
Payments for property infrastructure plant and equipment	(26,434)	(32,604)	6,171	(115,869)	(55,206)	(60,663)
Proceeds from sale of assets	7	-	7	7,908	2,000	5,908
Net Redemption of financial assets	17,336	48,353	(31,017)			
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities	(9,091)	15,749	(24,840)	(107,961)	(53,206)	(54,755)
Cash flows from financing activities						
Finance Costs	(443)	(517)	74	(1,034)	(1,034)	-
Proceeds from Borrowings	-	-	-	3,877	3,877	-
Repayment of Borrowings	(1,451)	(1,451)	0	(2,971)	(2,971)	-
Interest Paid – lease liability	(7)	(26)	19	(52)	(52)	-
Repayment of Lease Liabilities	-	(473)	473	(946)	(946)	-
Net cash provided by/(used in) financing activities	(1,901)	(2,467)	566	(1,126)	(1,126)	-
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	2,092	(13,162)	15,254	(61,865)	49	(61,913)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year	35,462	35,462	0	135,788	63,382	72,406
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	37,554	22,300	15,254	73,923	63,431	10,492

Appendix A
Capital Works
Expenditure
Listing

Capital Works Expenditure Listing

Project Code	Project Name	FY24 Actuals \$'000	FY24 Commitments \$'000	Expenditure		Income	
				Actuals Plus Commitments \$'000	Annual Forecast \$'000	Annual Forecast \$'000	Actuals \$'000
Artworks							
300301	MPRG – Artworks acquisition	1	-	1	25	-	-
300237	MPRG Kinetic Wind Powered Drawing Machine	60	25	85	84	-	-
Artworks Total:		59	25	84	109	-	-
Bridges							
300010	Briars Culvert Bridge	1	284	284	296	-	-
300118	Road Bridges and Major Culvert Repairs	7	-	7	50	-	-
Bridges Total:		7	284	291	346	-	-
Buildings							
300001	Alexandra Park Redevelopment	3,745	5,442	9,187	9,104	5,720	1,220
300006	Balnarring Preschool Upgrade	0	-	0	287	-	-
300020	Community Animal Shelter Redevelopment	106	0	106	1,263	-	5
300023	Design works for Kindergarten Strategy	-	-	-	9	-	-
300029	Early Years Learning Facility Rye Renewal and Improvements	-	-	-	155	-	-
300032	Emil Madsen Reserve Soccer and Netball Pavilion	-	25	25	-	-	-
300033	Fenton Hall – OHandS Infrastructure Improvements	29	22	51	29	-	-
300034	Flinders Civic Hall Redevelopment	2,154	398	2,552	2,108	1,789	1,467
300039	Foreshore Camping Renewal and Improvement Works	-	23	23	200	-	-
300055	Marna Reserve Dromana – Pavilion Renewal and Upgrade	1	-	1	673	-	-
300060	Civic Reserve Mornington Athletics/Soccer Pavilion	1,160	325	1,485	2,233	301	201
300067	Police Point Master Plan Implementation	-	-	-	15	-	-
300068	Portable Change Facilities	65	193	259	250	-	-
300070	Public Toilet – John Butler Reserve	74	-	74	90	75	75
300071	Public Toilet – Mount Martha North Foreshore	12	-	12	518	-	-
300073	Public Toilet – Safety Beach opposite Victoria Avenue	3	-	3	9	-	-
300074	Public Toilet – Sorrento Park	8	1	9	80	-	-
300076	Red Hill Recreation Reserve Pavilion Upgrade	520	2,785	3,305	3,462	3,329	520
300077	Red Hill Recreation Reserve – Pavilion Upgrade (Show Sheds)	1	2	3	25	-	-
300080	Yawa Aquatic Centre	6	-	6	35	-	-
300082	Southern Peninsula Youth Hub	4,729	4,688	9,417	8,551	2,619	2,365
300090	Shire Office Renovations	145	153	298	1,466	-	-
300095	Sorrento Community Centre Renewal and Improvements	38	4	42	42	-	-
300097	Sorrento Museum Storeroom Addition and Essential Works	15	13	28	1,089	-	-
300101	Tootgarook Early Years Learning Facility Renewal	-	12	12	21	-	-
300104	Tyabb Unisex Change Rooms	-	-	-	-	150	150
300107	Waterfall Gully MCHN Centre Renewal	12	-	12	12	-	-
300110	Connect Shire Facilities (Buildings) to Sewerage	-	-	-	198	-	-
300130	Emil Madsen Football Cricket Pavilion	35	37	72	656	-	-
300132	Community Capital	0	-	0	24	-	-
300133	Building Compliance and Risk Management Works	5	15	20	550	-	-
300134	Minor Renewal Works – Community Facilities	595	316	911	2,776	-	-
300154	Meals on Wheels – New Freezer	-	-	-	100	-	-

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Project Code	Project Name	FY24 Actuals \$'000	FY24 Commitments \$'000	Expenditure		Income	
				Actuals Plus Commitments \$'000	Annual Forecast \$'000	Annual Forecast \$'000	Actuals \$'000
300198	Wallaroo Preschool Upgrade	4	6	2	704	441	-
300201	Bittern Public Hall Amenity Block Renewal	-	-	-	55	-	-
300202	Crib Point Pool Facility Upgrade and Asset Renewal	125	-	125	171	-	-
300206	Historical Collections Storage Area Upgrade	-	-	-	75	-	-
300207	Briars Restaurant – Critical improvements	-	-	-	227	-	-
300209	Rosebud Library public toilet refurbishment	10	-	10	50	-	-
300210	Pelican Park Rec Centre – Facility Upgrade and Asset Renewal	42	-	42	256	-	-
300212	Oak Hill Gallery Kiln Power Upgrade Investigation	-	-	-	25	-	-
300213	Dromana Community Hub	18	-	18	172	-	-
300238	MPRG Collection LAB	16	-	16	86	11	-
300240	Emergency Relief Centres – Alternative Energy Solutions	-	99	99	200	-	-
300244	Foreshore Camping Amenity Renewal Program	238	-	238	300	-	-
300245	Briars Homestead Occupancy Permit Works	-	-	-	250	-	-
300246	Solar Incentivisation for Tenants Program	115	73	188	224	224	7
300247	Foreshore Camping Electrical Upgrade Program	-	-	-	200	-	-
300248	Civic Reserve Rec Centre CCTV and Fob Access	62	-	62	190	-	-
300251	Hastings Club Electrical Compliance Upgrade	-	-	-	120	-	-
300253	Somerville Rec Centre – Compliance Upgrade	-	-	-	80	-	-
300264	Fishermans Beach South Renewal of Public Amenity	-	-	-	50	-	-
300265	Civic Reserve Rec Centre – Stadium Renewal	-	-	-	50	-	-
300266	Wannaeue Place Renewal	-	-	-	50	-	-
300267	Pelican Park Cafe – Building Renewal Works	-	-	-	50	-	-
300269	Citation Army Hall Heritage and Relocation Investigations	-	-	-	50	-	-
300270	Due Diligence Investigation Kindergarten Funding Submissions	-	-	-	40	-	-
300289	Rosebud Memorial Hall – Infrastructure Improvements	-	-	-	530	-	-
Buildings Total:		14,082	14,632	28,714	40,238	14,659	6,009
Drainage							
300004	Balcombe Estuary sediment minimisation program	5	-	5	5	-	-
300007	Bike Safe Pit Lids Replacement	114	31	145	200	-	-
300019	Civic Reserve, Mornington – Wetland and rain gardens	12	2	14	101	-	-
300024	Development engineering minor works contributions	-	-	-	30	-	-
300026	Drainage at Boneo Reserve	37	382	419	436	-	-
300027	Drainage design and investigation	74	-	74	310	-	-
300028	Drainage soak pit upgrades	62	-	62	300	-	-
300030	Elgan Avenue Rye – Coastal Bio Infiltration Basin	69	-	69	46	-	-
300031	Emergency Drainage Works	651	314	965	1,000	-	-
300123	Briars Recycled Water Project	28	209	238	2,031	1,176	28
300129	Drainage Upgrade – Arundel Crt-Walkers Rd, Mount Eliza	-	-	-	286	-	-
300173	McGregor Avenue, Mt Martha – Drainage	26	-	26	163	-	-
300176	Bay Road Mt Martha Landslip	225	-	225	175	-	-
300187	Civic Reserve Stormwater Pipe Reconstruction	98	113	210	270	-	-
300190	Shoreham – Drainage and outfall upgrade	14	-	14	172	-	-
300192	WSUD Rectification Works	-	-	-	200	-	-
300211	Mornington Library courtyard rectification	3	-	3	120	-	-

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Project Code	Project Name	FY24 Actuals \$'000	FY24 Commitments \$'000	Expenditure		Income	
				Actuals Plus Commitments \$'000	Annual Forecast \$'000	Annual Forecast \$'000	Actuals \$'000
300242	Drainage Flood Mitigation Program	62	299	362	1,000	-	-
300254	Coastal Risk Response Program	-	-	-	80	-	-
300255	Stormwater Outfall Upgrade Program	-	-	-	80	-	-
300256	Mt Arthur Road Drainage	-	-	-	75	-	-
300257	Winona Rd to Bellbird Rd, Mt Eliza Drainage	-	-	-	75	-	-
300259	Tyabb Landfill Stormwater and Leachate Mgmt	5	44	48	70	-	-
300261	Rosebud Golf Course Drainage	-	-	-	50	-	-
300262	Potton Avenue Drainage	-	-	-	50	-	-
300263	Mt Martha Public Golf Course – Mains Water Renewal	-	-	-	50	-	-
300268	Portsea Pier Stormwater Outfall Repair	-	-	-	50	-	-
300271	Dromana Bowls Subsidence Rectification	12	15	28	30	-	-
300272	Ferrero Reserve Irrigation System Replacement	-	10	10	15	-	-
Drainage Total:		1,497	1,419	2,916	7,472	1,176	28
Fixtures, fittings and furniture							
300079	Replacement of library assets	2	4	6	55	-	-
300258	Public Bin Infrastructure Upgrade and Renewal	-	71	71	72	-	-
Fixtures, fittings and furniture Total:		2	75	77	127	-	-
Footpaths and cycleways							
300003	Baden Powell Footpath, Mt Eliza	17	34	50	58	-	-
300008	Boardwalk Replacement	15	11	26	492	-	-
300087	Camp Hill Road Footpath R2R	14	673	686	694	-	-
300091	Small missing pathlink projects	13	-	13	143	-	-
300094	Peninsula Trail – Somerville to Baxter	63	-	63	2,881	1,810	27
300112	Footpath Renewal for Risk Management	292	108	400	695	-	-
300131	Hotham Road Footpath	28	9	38	48	-	-
300155	Footpath Renewal Program	735	31	766	2,000	-	-
300159	Peninsula Trail – Anthony's Nose, McCrae	5	-	5	297	-	-
300160	Peninsula Trail – Moorooduc to Mornington	27	-	27	686	-	-
300163	Priority Footpath Projects	0	-	0	32	-	-
300165	Priority Footpath – Nepean Hwy Mornington to Mt Eliza	13	37	51	71	-	-
300166	Small missing pathlink Projects – Pt Nepean Rd Rosebud	58	-	58	61	-	-
300180	Beleura Cliff Path Stability Assessment	75	58	132	185	-	-
300182	Peninsula Trail – Blairgowrie Yacht Club	5	-	5	199	-	-
300183	Peninsula Trail – Hughes Rd	2	-	2	140	-	-
300184	Peninsula Trail – Merricks-Balnarring and Balnarring-Bittern	2	-	2	95	-	-
300185	Peninsula Trail – Whitecliffs	6	-	6	199	-	-
300186	Safety Beach Access Upgrades	34	14	48	415	-	-
300205	Peninsula Trail – Priority Links Design	5	-	5	61	-	-
300282	Alma and Field Street Footpath – Stage 2	37	30	67	928	-	37
300284	Briars Boardwalk Replacement	-	-	-	200	-	-
300286	Dromana Shared Path along Boundary Road (connection to DSC)	-	-	-	65	-	-
300287	Mt Martha Village Parking and Watsons Road Footpath	-	-	-	125	-	-
Footpaths and cycleways Total:		1,446	1,004	2,450	10,770	1,810	64

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Project Code	Project Name	FY24 Actuals \$'000	FY24 Commitments \$'000	Expenditure		Income	
				Actuals Plus Commitments \$'000	Annual Forecast \$'000	Annual Forecast \$'000	Actuals \$'000
Land							
300224	Landfill Capping Rehabilitation Works – Crib Point	2	10	12	437	-	-
300049	Landfill Capping Rehabilitation Works, Mt. Eliza	59	53	111	1,751	-	-
300124	Leachate Infrastructure Upgrade – Rye Landfill	65	122	186	828	-	-
300161	Legacy Landfill Site Bore Installation Program	26	24	50	90	-	-
300204	Rye Landfill – Cell 2 Capping Layer	2	-	2	59	-	-
Land Total:		153	208	362	3,165	-	-
Library Books							
300050	Library Book Stock Non Print Materials	129	52	181	180	-	-
300051	Library Book Stock Print Materials	328	235	563	670	-	-
300052	Library eAudio and eBooks	290	-	290	290	-	-
Library Books Total:		747	287	1,035	1,140	-	-
Marine structures							
300042	Hastings Boat Ramp	-	1	1	-	-	-
300054	Marine Structure Renewal	62	-	62	324	-	-
300188	Fishermans Beach Retaining Wall Replacement	-	44	44	211	-	-
300216	Mothers Beach and Fishermans Beach Boat Ramps	36	15	51	260	78	-
300288	Pontoon Upgrade Hastings Boat Ramp	8	362	370	271	271	136
Marine structures Total:		106	422	528	1,065	349	136
Parks, open space and streetscapes							
300040	French Street Community Environment Park, Rye	-	-	-	51	-	-
300045	Hillview Reserve Pathway	40	0	40	3,859	3,771	27
300064	Playspace Olivia Way Hastings	488	4	492	492	485	244
300078	Regulatory and Directional Signage	14	-	14	50	-	-
300084	Rye Township Plan – Growing Suburbs	111	183	294	3,645	-	-
300088	Safety Beach Master Plan Implementation	4	1	5	558	-	-
300096	Sorrento Foreshore Master Plan Implementation	11	-	11	95	-	-
300100	Timber Structures Renewal	226	52	278	651	-	-
300102	Township Placemaking Implementation	85	22	107	732	-	-
300106	Urgent lighting requests	28	4	32	27	-	-
300302	Safer Speed Limits	-	34	34	32	-	-
300111	Corporate Signage upgrade/renewal	-	2	2	25	-	-
300117	Resource Recovery Centre Renewal and Upgrades	207	20	227	323	-	-
300127	Briars Improvement Mornington Peninsula Astronomical Society	-	-	-	10	-	-
300152	Emil Madsen Oval 2 Rehabilitation	-	4	4	-	-	-
300189	Foreshore Camping Fire Services Project	-	-	-	300	-	-
300197	Hastings Foreshore Masterplan Implementation	10	23	33	395	-	-
300208	Smoke Free Environments policy implementation	29	-	29	515	-	-
300215	Briars Sanctuary Expansion	66	60	126	2,257	1,918	44
300243	Briars Recycled Water Irrigation Infrastructure	10	-	10	330	-	-
300260	Car Parking Signage Renewal and Improvements	-	-	-	60	-	-
300285	Crib Point – Playground/Skate Park Upgrade	-	50	50	100	-	-
Parks, open space and streetscapes Total:		1,329	457	1,786	14,505	6,174	315

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Project Code	Project Name	FY24 Actuals \$'000	FY24 Commitments \$'000	Expenditure		Income	
				Actuals Plus Commitments \$'000	Annual Forecast \$'000	Annual Forecast \$'000	Actuals \$'000
Plant, machinery and equipment							
300002	Aquatic and Recreation – Pool Plant and Equipment	42	68	109	897	-	-
300012	Briars fleet management	-	74	74	101	-	-
300109	Community Halls – Equipment Renewal/Replacement	76	-	76	284	-	-
300179	Airwell leachate pumps – Rye Landfill	-	-	-	82	-	-
300191	CCTV Upgrades – Mornington and Hastings Police Stations	-	-	-	291	-	-
300194	MMPGC – Irrigation Pump filter and shade structure	5	-	5	28	-	-
300203	MPSC Offices – IT Video Conferencing Upgrade	78	-	78	78	-	-
300250	YAWA Pool Plant and Equipment Renewal	-	-	-	150	-	-
300296	Flinders Community Battery	152	-	152	-	-	100
300304	Wash Against Waste Trailer	7	33	40	-	-	20
Plant, machinery and equipment Total:		360	174	534	1,911	-	120
Recreational, leisure and community facilities							
300005	Balnarring Civic Reserve Master Plan Implementation	46	-	46	45	-	-
300021	Cricket Nets Renewal Program	395	0	396	840	10	-
300022	Dallas Brooks Reserve Upgrade	967	232	1,199	3,509	2,684	-
300046	Informal recreation asphalt renewal	0	-	0	-	-	-
300058	Merricks Station Grounds Master Plan	498	621	1,119	1,307	982	260
300062	Narambi Reserve Junior Oval	3	-	3	-	-	-
300063	Playspace Strategy Planning and Design	15	-	15	137	-	-
300098	Sports Growth Lighting Package	215	-	215	216	-	-
300108	Westernport Athletics Track – Storage Shelter Installation	25	-	25	29	-	-
300115	Playspace Component Renewal Works	229	86	315	278	-	-
300121	Sorrento Netball Courts	0	-	0	192	-	-
300122	Sports Fields Lighting Renewal	125	-	125	262	-	-
300140	Somerville Soccer Club New Premises Project	4	-	4	4	-	-
300148	Mount Eliza Tennis Court Reconstruction	49	27	76	61	25	25
300149	Mount Martha Tennis Court Redevelopment	297	1,205	1,502	1,777	230	200
300153	Main Ridge Oval Rehabilitation	13	-	13	30	-	-
300156	Dromana Recreation Reserve – New Netball Court	24	156	180	859	158	24
300157	Emil Madsen Reserve Main Soccer Field	6	-	6	42	-	-
300158	Sports Capacity Plan Implementation	29	12	41	100	-	-
300172	RW Stone Recreational MTB and BMX Park	0	-	0	93	-	-
300193	Dunns Road Fitness Equipment Replacement	1	6	7	150	-	-
300196	Red Hill Recreation Reserve – Senior oval rehabilitation	77	127	204	300	-	-
300199	Playground access improvements	6	33	39	51	-	-
300214	Tennis Court Lighting Main Ridge	1	-	1	1	9	-
300241	Tyabb Oval 2 Lighting Project	197	18	215	344	147	84
300249	Hastings Foreshore Fitness Equipment Replacement	2	-	2	150	-	-
300252	Netball Court Resurfacing	15	114	129	110	-	-
300290	Rye Skate Park Renewal and Upgrade	8	22	29	75	-	-
300294	Mornington Tennis Lighting	22	-	22	26	-	-
300295	Somerville Cricket Nets	0	-	0	-	-	75
300305	RJ Rowley Irrigation System Renewal	-	50	50	-	-	-
Recreational, leisure and community facilities Total:		3,856	2,715	6,572	11,591	4,275	669

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Project Code	Project Name	FY24 Actuals \$'000	FY24 Commitments \$'000	Expenditure		Income	
				Actuals Plus Commitments \$'000	Annual Forecast \$'000	Annual Forecast \$'000	Actuals \$'000
Roads							
300014	Capital Works Program Design	6	-	6	100	-	-
300015	Car Park Accessibility Works, Shire Wide – Improvements	1	-	1	60	-	-
300025	Drainage and Road Rehabilitation Broadway Road, Rosebud	33	1	34	1,770	1,610	-
300047	Kerb and Channel Renewal	836	581	1,417	1,600	-	-
300059	Minor Road Infrastructure Risk Reduction Works	26	69	95	229	-	-
300075	R2R – Reconstruction of Bentons Road Moorooduc	0	-	0	19	-	-
300081	Yawa Aquatic Centre Traffic signals installation	1	-	1	-	-	-
300099	St Johns Wood Road Blairgowrie	-	7	7	22	-	-
300105	Unsealed road investigations	-	-	-	50	-	-
300300	Black Spot Data Analysis Reporting and Council Contribution	14	52	65	100	-	-
300113	Guard Rail Renewal and Upgrade	50	28	78	135	-	-
300114	Pedestrian Refuge Arthur's Seat Road Red Hill	-	-	-	-	50	-
300119	Roundabout Merricks and Stanleys Road, Balnarring	313	-	313	458	-	-
300120	Safer Local Roads Contract Works	-	-	-	4,000	-	-
300307	Local Roads and Community Infrastructure	-	-	-	-	2,901	2,192
300128	Creswell Street East Crib Point Development Cont Plan	13	65	78	551	-	-
300135	Sorrento Ferry Terminal Road Works	968	720	1,688	1,802	1,802	877
300136	Black Spot – Shoreham Road Safety Upgrade	65	-	65	65	1,691	1,810
300137	Black Spot – Myers / Hendersons Road Compact Roundabout	0	-	0	-	-	-
300138	Black Spot Hodgins/Stumpy Gully Rd Intersection Upgrade	18	2	19	1,245	1,269	-
300139	Black Spot – Hastings Township 40 km/h area	2	0	3	5	-	0
300141	Mount Martha Landslip	2	1	4	2,136	-	-
300162	Canadian Bay Carpark and Surround	27	-	27	1,259	129	27
300164	Patterson Grove – Flinders Road/Vegetation Project	-	-	-	30	-	-
300303	Finance Project	-	-	-	3,621	-	-
300175	Grant Rd Somerville – Pedestrian Safety Improvements	6	-	6	7	-	-
300177	Black Spot Craigie Rd and Osborne Dve Mt Martha	66	39	105	1,313	1,321	-
300178	Black Spot Rye and Tootgarook Local Area	106	1,043	1,149	1,608	1,673	-
300181	Golf Course Lane, Safety Beach – Road Reconstruction	-	183	183	183	-	-
300283	Balnarring Beach/Library Road Traffic Design and Works	4	-	4	75	-	-
300297	Black Spot – Dunns Road Mt Martha	7	4	11	-	-	-
Roads Total:		2,766	2,893	5,660	22,751	13,363	4,906
Grand Total		26,413	24,594	51,008	115,189	41,807	12,247
Net Total		13,988					

Appendix B

Operating Projects Listing

Operating Projects Listing

Project Code	Project Name	FY24 Actuals \$'000	FY24 Commitments \$'000	Expenditure Actuals Plus Commitments \$'000	Annual Forecast \$'000
Financial Services					
510599	Commercial Services Asset Mgmt Plans	-	-	-	150
510601	Demolition - Pound Road Animal Centre (Hastings)	8	-	8	50
510602	Demolition - Sorrento Toilet Block TB36	4	-	4	25
510605	Rec and Aquatic New Mgmt and Operation Contract	18	55	73	175
510624	Land Acquisition Red Hill Recreation Reserve	-	-	-	55
Financial Services Total:		30	55	85	455
Programs and Project Management Office					
510538	Future of Parking Management	91	454	546	899
510547	Performing Arts Centre/Precinct	183	48	231	869
510548	Future Workplace	190	3	192	598
510549	Peninsula Trails Strategy	169	24	192	106
Programs and Project Management Office Total:		633	528	1,161	2,472
Strategic and Infrastructure Planning					
510550	Community Facilities Framework	9	-	9	63
510551	Sporting Assessment and Stadium Strategy	-	-	-	59
510552	Heritage Review - Area 2	19	-	19	182
510553	Transport to 2050	-	-	-	110
510554	Mountain Bike and BMX Strategy	7	-	7	67
510555	Boundary Road Quarry EES - Experts	-	-	-	150
510556	Mornington Peninsula Open Space Strategy	45	199	244	427
510557	Kindergarten Strategy and Infrastructure Project	18	-	18	93
510560	Sorrento Parking and Transport Plan	-	-	-	32
510603	Public Amenity Strategy 2023	-	-	-	50
510621	Dromana and Arthurs Seat Plan	-	-	-	225
510623	Somerville Soccer Club Facilities Investigation	-	-	-	100
Strategic and Infrastructure Planning Total:		98	199	296	1,560
Infrastructure Services					
510543	Biodiversity Action Plan Implementation	29	47	75	238
510544	Tootgarook Wetland Management Plan	2	10	13	32
Infrastructure Services Total:		31	57	88	269
Climate Change and Sustainability					
510540	Integrated Water Management Strategic Plan	4	-	4	10
510541	Mornington Peninsula Coastal Strategy	52	187	240	415
510546	WSUD Asset Management	6	-	6	6
510604	QR Codes for Reporting Overflowing Bins (Trial)	-	-	-	50
510606	Municipal Major Roads Streetlight Upgrade	1	1,498	1,498	2,470
Climate Change and Sustainability Total:		63	1,685	1,748	2,952
Arts, Culture and Community Services					
510598	Arts and Culture Strategy 2025-2028	-	-	-	65
Arts, Culture and Community Services Total:		-	-	-	65
Destination Recreation and Community Connection					
510539	Briars Masterplan Implementation	79	59	138	220
510542	Outdoor Dining Program	10	21	32	455
510600	Community/Neighbourhood House Program Strategic Review	-	-	-	50
Destination Recreation and Community Connection Total:		89	80	170	725
Grand Total		945	2,603	3,548	8,498

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 October 2023 to 31 December 2023 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)
2744: Installation Services - Municipal Major Roads Streetlight Upgrade	17/10/2023	Lump Sum	Ventia Australia Pty Ltd	2 Years	\$1,580,947.25	\$1,739,041.98
2745: Materials - Municipal Major Roads Streetlight Upgrade	17/10/2023	Lump Sum	Aldridge Traffic Systems (ATS)	2 Years	\$1,299,410.80	\$1,429,351.88
2635: Roads Corridor	12/12/2023	Lump Sum / SOR	Fulton Hogan Pty Ltd	12 Years	Commercial in Confidence	
2639: Open Spaces	12/12/2023	Lump Sum / SOR	Citywide Services Pty Ltd	12 Years	Commercial in Confidence	
2640: Tree Management	12/12/2023	Lump Sum / SOR	Ventia Australia Pty Ltd	12 Years	Commercial in Confidence	
2641: Bushland Management	12/12/2023	Lump Sum / SOR	Nature Links Pty Ltd	12 Years	Commercial in Confidence	
2689: Waste Collection Services and Recycling Processing	31/10/2023	Schedule of Rates	Solo Resource Recovery / Cleanaway Pty Ltd	15 Years	Commercial in Confidence	
2613: Hodgins Road and Stumpy Gully Road Intersection Upgrade	28/11/2023	Lump Sum / SOR	Maw Civil Pty Ltd	8 Months	\$1,621,107.70	\$1,783,218.47

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)
2630: Integrated Planning and Reporting Technology Solutions	3/11/2023	Lump Sum	CA Technology Pty Ltd (CAMMS)	5 Years	\$499,800.00	\$549,780.00
2701: Strategy for Economic Development and Tourism	23/12/2023	Lump Sum	SC Lennon & Associates Pty Ltd	1 Year	\$53,450.00	\$58,795.00
2705: Dromana Cricket Net Upgrade	24/11/2023	Lump Sum	Smart Grass Pty Ltd	6 Months	\$444,470.00	\$488,917.00
2749: Visitor Paid Parking Pilot Application	3/11/2023	Lump Sum	Orikan Australia Pty Ltd	1 Year	\$269,225.00	\$296,147.50
2779: Office Products and Workplace Consumables PA 2606/0845	16/10/2023	Schedule of Rates	Complete Office Supplies Pty Ltd (COS)	5 Years	\$681,818.18	\$750,000.00
2770: Somerville Cricket Net Upgrade	14/11/2023	Lump Sum	Landscape Two Pty Ltd	6 Months	\$235,000.00	\$258,500.00
2740: Peninsula Wide Magazine Printing and Postage	20/10/2023	Lump Sum	Printgraphics Printgreen	3 Years	\$751,890.00	\$827,079.00
2765: Urban Forest Strategy	26/10/2023	Lump Sum	Mosaic Insights Pty Ltd	2 Years	\$84,679.00	\$93,146.90
2742: Camp Hill Road, Somers - Pedestrian Footpath - Stage 2	20/10/2023	Lump Sum	DM Roads Pty Ltd	4 Months	\$610,764.86	\$671,841.35

Contract Over Expenditure

Contract Over Expenditure - Approved under Delegation


Contract Number and Name	Date Approved	Awarded Contract Value	Revised Contract Value (Previous Variations)	Variation	Revised Contract Value	% increase
2616: Sorrento Ferry Terminal Road Upgrades	8/11/2023	\$1,547,529.09	\$0.00	\$125,000.00	\$1,672,529.09	11%


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 October 2023 to 31 December 2023 period:

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