

NOTICE

of

COUNCIL MEETING

pursuant to the provisions of section 84 of the
Local Government Act 1999

to be held in the

**WALKERVILLE CIVIC CENTRE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
66 WALKERVILLE TERRACE GILBERTON**

on

MONDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2024 AT 7.00PM



ANDREW MACDONALD
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Issue Date: **16 FEBRUARY 2024**

MEMBERSHIP

MAYOR MELISSA JONES - PRESIDING MEMBER

Cr J Allanson
Cr S Rypp
Cr J Williams

Cr A Kaur
Cr L Trotter
Cr J Zeppel

Cr J Nenke
Cr A Vanstone



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**ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
19 FEBRUARY 2024**

AGENDA

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Town of Walkerville would like to acknowledge the Kurna people as the traditional custodians of the land we are meeting on today, and respect their spiritual relationship with their country.

We recognise the many generations of stewardship the Kurna people have provided to this land, and respect that their cultural heritage and beliefs are as important today as they were for their ancestors.

1. ATTENDANCE RECORD

1.1 Present

1.2 Apologies

Cr James Nenke

1.3 Not Present / Leave of Absence

Cr Allanson is on a leave of absence from 22 January 2024 to 30 July 2024, inclusive, **(CNC140/23-24)**

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

2.1 That the minutes of the **Ordinary Council** meeting held on 15 January 2024 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

2.2 That the minutes of the **ERA Water** meeting held on 25 January 2024 be received and noted.

2.3 That the minutes of the **Audit & Risk Committee** meeting held on 29 January 2024 be received and noted.

2.4 That the minutes of the **Highbury Landfill Authority** meeting held on 1 February 2024 be received and noted.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

4. DEPUTATIONS

Nil.

5. PETITIONS

Nil.

6. MAYORS DIARY

Information Report Item Number 6.1

Mayor's Diary Report – February 2024

Report Date: 12 February 2024
Reporting Officer: Governance Officer (EA), Emma Spencer
Responsible Manager: Chief Executive Officer, Andrew MacDonald
Previous Reference: N/A

Report Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update on the Mayor's Diary.

Officer Recommendation

That Council receives and notes the Mayoral Diary from 11 January 2024 to 14 February 2024.

Background

As the representative of the Town of Walkerville, the Mayor attends a variety of events, meetings, initiatives and workshops. This report provides an updated list on the Mayor's recent activities for Council Member reference.

Discussion

The below table provides a summary of the Mayor's Diary:

Date of Meeting	Subject	Attendees
11 January 2024	Mayor - Agenda Review	Mayor Melissa Jones.
12 January 2024	Meeting with Dana Wortley MP	Mayor Melissa Jones; CEO, Andrew MacDonald and MP, Dana Wortley (Member for Torrens).
12 January 2024	Weekly catch-up with CEO	Mayor Melissa Jones, CEO Andrew MacDonald, and Deputy Mayor John Zeppel.
15 January 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting - November 2023	Mayor Melissa Jones; Council Members; CEO, Andrew MacDonald; Group Manager Assets & Infrastructure, James Kelly; Group Manager Public Relations, Sarah Spencer; Group Manager Finance, Muhammad Jawad; Team Leader People Governance & Risk, Jim Dickens and Governance Officer, Emma Spencer.
16 January 2024	Mayor's Minute	Mayor Melissa Jones and Group Manager Public Relations, Sarah Spencer.

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16 January 2024	Street corner meeting for Walkerville Oval – New oval lighting, sports facilities, picnic shelter and exeloo	Mayor Melissa Jones; Group Manager Assets & Infrastructure, James Kelly; Group Manager Public Relations, Sarah Spencer; Strategic Projects Coordinator, Ross Oates and local residents.
17 January 2024	Tour Down Under Stage 2 Start	Mayor Melissa Jones, Mr Llewellyn Jones & invited guests at the invitation of Mayor of Norwood, Payneham & St Peters, Robert Bria.
18 January 2024	Grace and Marvin (L'Anse)	Mayor Melissa Jones; CEO, Andrew MacDonald, and Grace and Marvin from L'Anse.
18 January 2024	Weekly catch-up with CEO	Mayor Melissa Jones; CEO, Andrew MacDonald & Deputy Mayor, John Zeppel.
20 January 2024	Pay Our Respects Event	Mayor Melissa Jones and invited guests.
21 January 2024	City of Unley's Trackside VIP event - Tour Down Under Stage 2	Mayor Melissa Jones and invited guests at the invitation of Mayor of Unley, Michael Hewitson AM.
22 January 2024	Informal Council Gathering	Mayor Melissa Jones; Council Members; CEO, Andrew MacDonald; Group Manager Assets & Infrastructure, James Kelly; Group Manager Public Relations, Sarah Spencer; Group Manager Finance, Muhammad Jawad; Team Leader People Governance & Risk, Jim Dickens and Governance Officer, Emma Spencer.
25 January 2024	Weekly catch-up with CEO	Mayor Melissa Jones; CEO, Andrew MacDonald and Deputy Mayor, John Zeppel.
26 January 2024	Citizenship Ceremony and Australia Day Awards	Mayor Melissa Jones; CEO, Andrew MacDonald; Group Manager Public Relations, Sarah Spencer; Programs & Events Coordinator, Adriane Dade and invited guests including Councillors and members of State and Federal Parliament.
26 January 2024	Aus Lights on the River Event	Mayor Melissa Jones and invited guests at the invitation of the Australia Day Council of SA.
29 January 2024	Audit & Risk Committee	Mayor Melissa Jones; Mr Colin Scarlett; Mr Ross Haslam; Cr Liz Trotter; Ms Michele Bennetts; CEO, Andrew MacDonald; Group Manager Finance, Muhammad Jawad and Governance Officer (EA), Emma Spencer.
30 January 2024	Meeting Mayor Holmes-Ross and Mayor Melissa Jones	Mayor Melissa Jones and City of Mitcham Mayor, Heather Holmes-Ross.
2 February 2024	Weekly catch-up with CEO	Mayor Melissa Jones; CEO, Andrew MacDonald and Deputy Mayor, John Zeppel.
2 February 2024	SAPOL Eastern District and Town of Walkerville Council - Introductory meeting	Mayor Melissa Jones; CEO, Andrew MacDonald; Group Manager Public Relations, Sarah Spencer; Deputy

Date of Meeting	Subject	Attendees
		Mayor John Zeppel and SAPOL Police Officer, Scott Denny.
3 February 2024	Opening of the Dunstan Adventure Playground	Mayor Melissa Jones and invited guests at the invitation of Mayor of Norwood, Payneham & St Peters, Robert Bria
5 February 2024	Meeting Mayor Melissa Jones and MP Lucy Hood	Mayor Melissa Jones and Member of Adelaide MP, Lucy Hood.
5 February 2024	Australia Day post-event evaluation	Mayor Melissa Jones; CEO, Andrew MacDonald and Group Manager Public Relations, Sarah Spencer.
5 February 2024	Major Projects Advisory Committee Meeting	Mayor Melissa Jones; Cr Liz Trotter; Cr Jay Allanson; Mr Colin Scarlett; Ms Di Harris; CEO, Andrew MacDonald; Group Manager Assets & Infrastructure, James Kelly; Group Manager Public Relations, Sarah Spencer; Group Manager Finance, Muhammad Jawad; Strategic Projects Coordinator, Ross Oates; Team Leader People Governance & Risk, Jim Dickens and Governance Officer, Yazmin King.
5 February 2024	Walkerville Residents' Association Meeting	Mayor Melissa Jones, Deputy Mayor John Zeppel, Cr Trotter, Cr Rypp, Cr Kaur and local residents.
9 February 2024	Weekly catch-up with CEO	Mayor Melissa Jones; CEO, Andrew MacDonald and Deputy Mayor John Zeppel.
12 February 2024	Comms catch-up	Mayor Melissa Jones and Group Manager Public Relations, Sarah Spencer
12 February 2024	TOWards 2035 Workshop	Mayor Melissa Jones; Council Members; CEO, Andrew MacDonald; Group Manager Assets & Infrastructure, James Kelly; Group Manager Public Relations, Sarah Spencer; Group Manager Finance, Muhammad Jawad; Communications & Engagement Officer, Liz Alderslade and Team Leader People & Governance Officer, Emma Spencer.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

Risk Implications

The risk associated with this report has been assessed as low.

Attachments

Nil.

7. COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORTS

8. COUNCIL MEMBER'S SUBSIDIARY REPORTS

9. QUESTIONS FROM THE GALLERY

9.1 *Members of the public wishing to ask a question of Council must provide the question(s), in writing, to the Chief Executive Officer before 12:00pm on the day of the Council Meeting with a maximum of two questions permissible per person.*

9.2 *The person (or his / her proxy) wishing to ask a question(s) must be present at the meeting, to ask the question(s) and will have a maximum of three minutes to speak.*

10. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

11. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

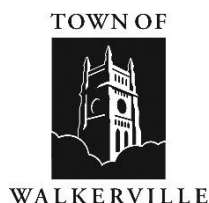
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12. MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

13. MOTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil.

14. DECISION REPORTS



Decision Report Item Number **14.1**

Council Resolution Register

Report Date: 13 February 2024
Reporting Officer: Governance Officer (EA), Emma Spencer
Responsible Manager: Chief Executive Officer, Andrew MacDonald
Previous Reference: N/A

Report Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update on the status of all current resolutions yet to be fully enacted, as well as provide Council the opportunity to confirm the 'complete' status of resolutions.

Officer Recommendation

That Council receives and notes the Council Resolution Register dated 13 February 2024, as a true and correct record, and confirms that it is satisfied that decisions marked as 'complete' have been fully enacted to the satisfaction of Council.

Discussion

The attached rolling register provides all resolutions of Council since November 2020 that are yet to be fully enacted and confirmed. The table provides the date of adoption, progress commentary (where necessary), the status of the decisions (Not Started, In Progress, On Hold or Complete), the intended date of complete enactment and the title of the responsible officer.

In the event there are confidential decisions, that are yet to be fully enacted, they are suppressed within the publicly available 'Resolution Register'. This is to avoid the need to move into confidence each time Council considers the Resolution Register, therefore maintaining greater public transparency.

Council Members will receive a separate copy of the Resolution Register, which includes all confidential decisions. In the event that a Council Member wishes to discuss a confidential decision, Council must, in accordance with section 90 of the *Local Government Act 1999*, move into confidence.

The Resolution Register attached to this report does not include resolutions which have been both completed and confirmed, therefore marked as closed. A copy of the register showing all resolutions is available to Council Members upon request.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

Risk Implications

The risk associated with this report has been assessed as low.

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Date of Adoption	Resolution Number	Report Title	Resolution	Responsible Officer	Progress Commentary As at 12 January 2024	Status of Decision	Intended Date of Completion	Confidential Item	Confidentiality Timeframe / Conditions
16/08/2021	CNC35/21-22	River Torrens Footpath – Cr James Nenke	That the New River Torrens Footpath to be constructed between Fuller St and Victoria Terrace be deferred commencement in September 2021, with the following actions: 1. The project be referred to the Strategic Planning and Development Policy Committee (SPDPC) as a strategic project that has reference to Council's Urban Masterplan, the Mobility and Movement objectives within Council's Strategic Community Plan, and responds to Council's Disability Access and Inclusion Plan. The design should have consideration of how this footpath: i. Presents opportunity to provide entrance to the Commercial centre of Walkerville, ii. Connects our Commercial centre with the river environment, iii. Can influence or contribute towards future redevelopment of Mary P Harris Reserve, iv. Can be designed to provide access and inclusion to all community members whether walking, cycling, or within wheelchair. 2. The current budget of \$121,000 be considered for design and/or used for initial stage construction of a 2 year project, with further budget requirements to be considered for 2022/2023"	GMAI	This decision is carried forward by decision CNC191/21-22	COMPLETE			
18/10/2021	CNC98/21-22	Revised Cemetery & Memorial Policy and New Cemetery Management Agreement	1. That Council note the following recommendations as made by the Wesleyan Cemetery Advisory Committee on 9 September 2021: - That Council endorse a 50 year lease term only; - That Council consider increasing the projected revenue for a 50 year lease and this be assessed annually based on the Annual Fees and Charges review process; - That Council direct administration to undertake masterplanning of the site for the purposes of asset management, capital expenditure programs and cost benefit analysis for consistency and longevity of the cemetery; - That Council identify possible future significant capital expenditure for items within the cemetery; - That any/all income generated from the sale of burials be redirected back into the cemetery in the first instance and excess funds be redirected into Open Space programs and/or projects. 2. That Council receive and note the revised Cemetery & Memorial Policy, appearing as Attachment A to this report and endorses it for public consultation for a period of 21 days; 3. That Council authorises Administration to make any necessary minor amendments to the Cemetery & Memorials Policy of a technical or formatting nature prior to releasing the policy for public consultation; 4. That Council enter into a new Management Agreement (based on the same existing terms, conditions and fees currently in operation) with Adelaide Cemetery's Authority (ACA) over the whole of the land contained within Limited Certificate of Title 5874/2876 for a Term of three (3) years commencing 1 July 2021 for the purpose of ACA continuing the operational management of the Wesleyan Cemetery; 5. That the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to execute the new Management Agreement and any other associated operational documents; 6. That following the execution of the new Management Agreement, Administration and the Adelaide Cemeteries Authority commence the mandatory public notification process as prescribed by s.38 of the Burial and Cremations Act 2013 as it pertains to the expiration of leases and re-use of an interment site; 7. That Council authorise Administration working with Adelaide Cemeteries Authority to develop and finalise any/all new applicable fees and charges that are associated with reinstating the burial of human remains within the Cemetery in preparation for their enactment in the 2022/2023 financial year; 8. That in accordance with the Wesleyan Cemetery Advisory Committee's endorsements as outlined in Recommendation 1 of this report, following the completion of Recommendation 2 Administration prepare a subsequent consultation feedback report, masterplan and business case as it pertains to the future operations of the Wesleyan Cemetery for the Committee's and Council's consideration.	CEO	New Management Agreement is in place which will expire June 2024. Administration met with Adelaide Cemetery Authority in January 2024 and discussed future sites options, strategies and a new management agreement.	IN PROGRESS	TBD		
17/01/2022	CNC191/21-22	Victoria Terrace Road Reserve, Walkerville	1. That Council receive and note the Victoria Terrace Road Reserve, Walkerville report. 2. That Council direct Administration to continue to further negotiate with the Purchaser of 6 Victoria Terrace, Walkerville in order to reach a fair and equitable solution for both Council and the Community, which may include seeking to register a Right-of-Way Easement on Certificate of Title 5735/464 for the small section of land included in the public path adjacent to the property in exchange for formally allowing the Purchaser to continue to utilise and proportional area of the Road Reserve. 3. That following further discussions with the Purchaser, Administration provide Council with a subsequent options report that seeks to find the best possible outcome for both parties involved.	CEO	Administration is in the process of re-engaging with the land owners. A further report will be put to Council in the coming months.	IN PROGRESS	TBD		
20/06/2022	CNC336/21-22	Parking Permit Fee Comparison Report	1. That Council receive and note the Parking Permit Fee Comparison Report; 2. That Council retains the proposed Fees and Charges for Residential Parking Permits, appearing as Attachment A to this report, for the 2022-23 Financial Year; 3. That following the 2022 Local Government General Elections, the incoming Council further consider the Fees and Charges for Residential Parking Permits as part of a Township wide Parking and Transport Strategy.	Michael	To be considered as part of the overarching township wide transport strategy and the 2024/25 Annual Business Plan & Budget process.	IN PROGRESS	Mid-2024		
19/12/2022	CNC144/22-23	Cr Kaur - Motion without notice	That Council write to the Department of Transport and Vale Park Primary School to discuss potential options regarding the installation of safety fencing for pedestrians in and around School access points.	GMAI	GMAI has contacted Fione Love (VPPS - Principal) and a site visit has been arranged to determine extent of fencing required.	IN PROGRESS	TBD		
20/02/2023	CNC193/22-23	Cr Rypp - Motion on notice	1. That the Town of Walkerville Meeting Procedures be updated by the May 2023 Council Meeting for Agenda Item 'Public Question Time' to allow for members of the Public attending Council Meetings to ask Questions Without Notice. 2. That the Town of Walkerville create draft guidelines regarding 'Public Question Time' and 'Questions Without Notice' from the public to outline how questions will be dealt with. These draft guidelines will be presented to the March Council meeting for Council's consideration and return by the May 2023 Council Meeting.	CEO CS	Report to the February 2024 Council Meeting to consider adoption of new Code of Practice.	IN PROGRESS	Feb-24		

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20/03/2023	CNC229/22-23	Vale Street and Harris Road Traffic Data Report March 2023	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> That Council receive and note the Vale Street and Harris Road Traffic Data Report. That Council directs Administration to forward this data to SAPOL for monitoring and enforcement purposes. That Council consider Vale Street in the actions for Stage 2 of the Transport Strategy for 2023-24. 	GMAI	Data was sent to SAPOL for monitoring. Vale and Harris Road included in the draft the Transport Strategy for 40kmh implementation	IN PROGRESS	Mid-24		
17/04/2023	CNC266/22-23	14.3.3 Ilford Street Traffic Data Report April 2023	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> That Council receive and note the Ilford Street Traffic Data Report April 2023. That Council directs Administration to forward this data to SAPOL for monitoring and enforcement purposes. That Council consider Ilford Street in the actions for Stage 2 of the Transport Strategy for 2023-24. 	GMAI	Data was sent to SAPOL for monitoring. Ilford included in the draft the Transport Strategy for 40kmh implementation	IN PROGRESS	Mid-24		
15/05/2023	CNC295/22-23	14.1.4 ERA Water Draft Budget 2023-24	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> That Council receive and note the ERA Water Draft Budget 2023-24 report. That Council adopt the ERA Water Draft Budget 2023-24 including an equity investment of \$200,000 and a Water Security Charge of \$33,000 for the 2023-24 financial year. That due to recent concerns raised by the Town of Walkerville's Audit Committee, Council directs Administration to commence discussions with the Administrations of both the Cities of Burnside and Norwood, Payneham & St Peters with the view of jointly engaging an independent external consultant in the first quarter of the 2023-24 financial year to undertake a comprehensive review of ERA Water, the feasibility of its long-term financial sustainability, and any risks associated with both the continuation and/or cessation of the subsidiary. 	CEO	The City of Burnside has supported Council's ERA Water review proposal however, the City of Norwood Payneham St Peters has rejected Council's request. Next Steps: The CEO is in the process of drafting a sustainability review brief and will work with Burnside to finalise and seek quotations for the work.	IN PROGRESS			
19/06/2023	CNC326/22-23	Cr Allanson - Motion on notice	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> That Administration commence the development of a business case and recommended service model to identify the potential costs that will be incurred by Council, as well as any identifiable benefits and/or risks that might be involved with introducing a 'Sustainable Kerbside Service' whereby food organics and garden organics (FOGO) bins are collected weekly instead of fortnightly. That as part of the business case, Administration also consider the level (if any) of incentives that could be provided to the community to stay with or keep 'opting in' to the 'Sustainable Kerbside Service'. That as part of the process, Administration consult with those organisations that are industry experts in such programs, including but not restricted to: East Waste, Green Industries SA, and the City of Holdfast Bay; with the intention that the business case be submitted back to the Sustainability Committee by no later than December 2023, so that the Sustainability Committee can further consider the matter and make recommendations to Council ahead of the 2024-25 Project Budget Bid process. 	GMAI	A Weekly FOGO Roadmap was tabled to the Sustainability Committee on 20 December 2023, which detailed a way forward to a future weekly FOGO collection service, including references to other Council trials, East Waste data and potential financial implications for 2024-25 and beyond. A proposed weekly FOGO roadmap will be put to the February 2024 meeting of Council.	IN PROGRESS	Feb-24		
19/06/2023	CNC336/22-23	14.4.1 Eastern Health Authority Charter Review	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> That Council receive and note the Eastern Health Authority Charter Review report. That the revised Eastern Health Authority Charter, appearing as Attachment C to this report be endorsed and adopted by Council, with the exception of Clauses 2.2 and 2.5 the proposed reduction in Board Membership representation and the appointment of an independent member (including costing) and that administration further discuss these items with EHA and the ERA CEOs. That Council direct Administration to write to the Eastern Health Authority informing them of Council's decision. 	CEO CS EA	A meeting between EHA and the constituent council CEOs is yet to be scheduled to further review the Charter.	IN PROGRESS	TBC		
21/08/2023	CNC25/23-24	Petition - Car Parking Dutton Terrace Medindie	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> That Council receives and notes the updated petition, as tabled during the meeting (appearing as an addendum to Attachment A to this report), as received from Lead Petitioner Mr Theo S Maras AM JP in relation to car parking, and in so doing acknowledges the petitioners strong support for the implementation of parking restrictions on Dutton Terrace Medindie. That Council directs Administration to undertake the necessary Traffic Impact Statement report (at a cost of approximately \$1,500) and consultation process with all relevant stakeholders to assist in the well-informed decision making process for any such changes to the parking controls along Dutton Terrace Medindie. 	GMAI	GMAI met with head petitioner in January and a letter was sent to impacted residents of Dutton Terrace from GMAI on 30 Jan 2024. The letter provided an update on work being to find an appropriate solution.	IN PROGRESS	Mid-24		
18/09/2023	CNC50/23-24	14.3.1 Ordinary Council Meeting Live Streaming Services	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> That Council resolve to discontinue the current Ordinary Council meeting live streaming services following the September 2023 Ordinary Meeting. That Administration investigate and implement a solution for recording of future Council meetings. 	CEO	A trial of new technology is complete. Currently finalising process for uploading recording to the internet.	IN PROGRESS	Mid-24	-	N/A
16/10/2023	CNC64/23-24	Motion without notice - Cr Liz Trotter	<p>To support current and future balanced quality development within The Town of Walkerville;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> That Council supports balanced quality developments within the Council area, but with regard to the proposed Buckingham Arms redevelopment wishes to emphasise its position in relation to its earlier submission to SCAP as well as address the height of the proposed development. That Council directs Administration to engage a planning consultant to assist in developing a submission on Council's behalf, regarding the following items as raised previously: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> impact on heritage waste concerns traffic concerns stormwater management concerns reiterate position of 4-5 storey height development, <p>and for that consultant to represent Council regarding that submission at SCAP.</p>	CEO	Council's representation has been submitted to SCAP.	IN PROGRESS	TBA	-	N/A

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16/10/2023	CNC65/23-24	Greater Adelaide Regional Plan	1. That Council endorse the preliminary proposal, appearing as Attachment A to this report, for submission to the State Planning Commission no later than 5:00pm Monday 6 November 2023. 2. That Council authorise Administration to make any necessary changes to the preliminary proposal of a minor technical or formatting nature. 3. That Council reviews the Town of Walkerville Urban Master Plan and submitted the updated Plan to the State Planning Commission, before 31 March 2024.	CEO	The decision has been carried forward by decision CNC136/23-24 from 15 January 2024 Council meeting.	COMPLETE		-	N/A
16/10/2023	CNC73/23-24	40km/h Consultation with City of Port Adelaide Enfield	That Council authorises the release of the 40km/h speed limit survey for Vale Park between Ascot Avenue, North East Road, Fife Street and River Torrens for public consultation for a period of 21 days.	GMAI	Consultation released from 23 October 2023 to 21 November 2023. At their meeting on 23 Jan 2024, CPAE have decided to delay this project for 12 months whilst they undertake further investigation work. This project will remain an action in the Town of Walkerville's Transport Strategy to be endorsed in March 2024 but cannot proceed until support is gained from CPAE.	IN PROGRESS	Mid-24	-	N/A
20/11/2023	CNC98/23-24	Local Government Participation and Election Review	That Council receives and notes the report titled 'Local Government Participation and Election Review'.	CEO	Council's submission was provided to the LGA via email 16 January 2024.	COMPLETE		-	N/A
20/11/2023	CNC106/23-24	CEO Performance Review – Probation and Annual Review Process	1. That the minutes of the CEO Performance Review Committee meeting, held on 14 November 2023, be received and noted. 2. That Council adopts Hender Consulting's approach to the CEO probation review and annual review methodology. 3. That Council structures the annual reviews to align with end of financial year, resulting in the first annual review being from August 2023 to June 2024. 4. That Council approves the suggested questionnaire (Attachment A) from Hender Consulting, which will form part of the CEO's 360 degree probation review.	CEO WHS/HRC	CEO's Performance Review Committee will consider a report from Hender Consulting on Wednesday 21 February 2024 and Council will consider the report at a Special Council Meeting on Monday 26 February 2024.	IN PROGRESS	Feb-24		That the report, minutes and all attachments to this Agenda Item be retained in confidence for a period of 5 years.
27/11/2023	CNC110/23-24	4.1 Major Projects Procurement & Delivery Strategy	That Council seeks approval from the SA Government Financing Authority (SAFA) to vary the funding deed, for the \$4M Local Government Infrastructure Partnership Program (LGIPP) grant, dated 25 December 2021, for: • the construction of a new building for the Walkerville Bowling & Community Club, and the upgrade of oval lighting, tennis courts and cricket practice nets at the Walkerville Oval.	CEO SPC	SAFA has provided a response to the first draft deed amendment letter, suggesting a number of minor changes. These changes have since been made and sent back to SAFA for approval.	IN PROGRESS	Feb-24	-	N/A
27/11/2023	CNC111/23-24	4.1 Major Projects Procurement & Delivery Strategy	That subject to approval from SAFA to vary the \$4M LGIPP funding deed, Council endorses: • proceeding with a 'Request for Tender' for a new build of the Walkerville Bowling & Community Club, as per the detailed designs provided in Attachment A, noting that the tender will be seeking cost saving initiatives and improvements to the design; and • proceeding with a 'Request for Tender' for the upgrade of the oval lighting, tennis courts and cricket practice nets at the Walkerville Oval.	CEO SPC	Procurement & contract documentation for Walkerville Bowling & Community Club is nearing completion. This will then be reviewed by the Major Projects Advisory Committee before being out to market on Tenders SA.	IN PROGRESS	Feb-24	-	N/A
27/11/2023	CNC112/23-24	4.1 Major Projects Procurement & Delivery Strategy	That Council endorses a renovation approach to the upgrade of the Walkerville Sports Club, including the formation of a 'Walkerville Sports Club Design Committee', to assist Council in guiding the design direction and scope of the Walkerville Sports Club project.	CEO SPC	Design work will not commence until 'Walkerville Sports Club Design Committee' has been formed.	IN PROGRESS	TBC	-	N/A
27/11/2023	CNC113/23-24	4.1 Major Projects Procurement & Delivery Strategy	That Council notes that a future report will be presented to Council recommending: • a proposed approach to the formation of 'Walkerville Sports Club Design Committee', including membership and terms of reference; and • a tender approach for an 'Early Contractor Involvement' to assist the 'Walkerville Sports Club Design Committee' with refurbishment designs and value management of the Walkerville Sports Club.	CEO SPC	Council Report recommending the formation of a 'Walkerville Sports Club Design Committee' to go to Council on 19 February.	IN PROGRESS	Feb-24	-	N/A
27/11/2023	CNC114/23-24	4.1 Major Projects Procurement & Delivery Strategy	That Council endorses proceeding to a 'Request for Proposal' for 39 Smith Street using concept documentation for both 'refurbishment' and 'new build' options as provided in Attachment B and Attachment C respectively, noting Council's decision to proceed with a 'refurbishment' or 'new build' will be a further decision of Council informed by 'Request for Proposal' submissions, with consideration given to affordability and meeting the needs of the community now and in the future.	CEO SPC	Consultant brief has been prepared and reviewed by Major Projects Advisory Committee with only minor amendments to be made. Draft deed amendment has been prepared should a 'new build' option be selected by Council following the RFP process.	IN PROGRESS	Mar-24	-	N/A
27/11/2023	CNC115/23-24	4.1 Major Projects Procurement & Delivery Strategy	In the event that Council considers a 'new build' for 39 Smith Street the preferred option, Council will seek approval from the Office for Recreation, Sport & Racing (ORSR) to vary the funding deed for the \$5M Grant.	CEO SPC	Draft deed amendment has been prepared for a 'New Build' option.	IN PROGRESS	Mar-24	-	N/A

Date of Adoption	Resolution Number	Report Title	Resolution	Responsible Officer	Progress Commentary As at 12 January 2024	Status of Decision	Intended Date of Completion	Confidential Item	Confidentiality Timeframe / Conditions
20/12/2023	SC07/23-24	4.1 Weekly FOGO Collection Roadmap 2023	1. That the Sustainability Committee provide in principal support to the proposed Weekly FOGO Roadmap provided at Attachment B 2. That a draft Waste Management Policy be tabled at a next Sustainability Committee meeting for consideration. 3. That a report be provided to the Sustainability Committee that provides options for increasing community utilisation of kitchen caddies and green bins including opportunities to review the current green bin user charges and targeted engagement with properties who currently do not have a green bin.	GMAI	A proposed weekly FOGO roadmap will be put to the February 2024 meeting of Council.	IN PROGRESS	Feb-24		
15/01/2024	CNC131/23-24	1.1 Ordinary Council meeting held on 18 December 2024	That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 18 December 2023 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings, subject to amending Deputy Mayor from Liz Trotter to John Zeppel and removing duplicate pages 163 and 164.	CEO PGR		COMPLETE		-	
15/01/2024	CNC132/23-24	2.2 Sustainability Committee meeting held on 20 December 2023	That the minutes of the Sustainability Committee meeting held on 20 December 2023 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.	CEO PGR		COMPLETE		-	
15/01/2024	CNC133/23-24	6.1 Mayors Diary	That Council receives and notes the Mayoral Diary from 14 December to 10 January 2023.	GO (EA)		COMPLETE		-	
15/01/2024	CNC134/23-24	13.1 Community Safety	1. That the CEO drafts a 'Community Safety' plan that integrates principles and initiatives that will help to improve the safety and security of our residents. Key principles and initiatives should, as a minimum, include: •Public awareness and information •CCTV and/or community safety grant opportunities •Environmental design for crime prevention •Cross-agency collaboration 2.That Council considers incorporating the envisioned 'Community Safety' plan in the form of a 'key pillar' as part of the Town of Walkerville's new Strategic Plan – TOWards 2035	CEO PGR	This will be developed in line with TOWards2025.	IN PROGRESS		-	
15/01/2024	CNC135/23-24	14.1 Council Resolution Register	That Council receives and notes the Council Resolution Register dated 10 January 2024 as a true and correct record, and confirms that it is satisfied that decisions marked as 'complete' have been fully enacted to the satisfaction of Council	CEO PGR		COMPLETE		-	
15/01/2024	CNC136/23-24	14.2 Greater Adelaide Regional Plan	1. That Council rescinds point 3 of resolution CNC65/23-24 which reads - That Council reviews the Town of Walkerville Urban Master Plan and submits the updated Plan to the State Planning Commission, before 31 March 2024. 2. That CEO writes to the State Planning Commission advising of Council's decision not to update its Urban Master Plan until Council has developed and adopted its new strategic plans, at which time Council will reconsider updating its Urban Master Plan	CEO	Letter has been sent to the Planning Commission. Council's Urban Master Plan will be considered in line with TOWards2035.	IN PROGRESS		-	
15/01/2024	CNC137/23-24	14.3 Local Government Participation and Election Review	That the Chief Executive Officer forwards the proposed submission, provided in Attachment A, to the Local Government Association of South Australia as Town of Walkerville's formal submission on the State Government's Local Government Participation and Elections Review.	CEO	Council's submission was provided to the LGA via email 16 January 2024.	COMPLETE		-	
15/01/2024	CNC138/23-24	14.4 Major Projects Advisory Committee	1. That Council establishes a Major Projects Advisory Committee under Section 41 of the Local Government Act 1999. 2. That Council endorses the Major Projects Advisory Committee Terms of Reference provided in Attachment A of this report, and resolves to set a sitting fee of \$350 per meeting for the independent member/s and \$420 per meeting for the independent member if presiding at the meeting. 3. That Council appoints Mayor Jones, Cr Trotter, Mr Colin Scarlett and Cr Allanson as members of the Major Projects Advisory Committee.	CEO	Committee established.	COMPLETE		-	
15/01/2024	CNC139/23-24	14.5Code of Practice – Access to Council and Committee Meetings and Document	1.That Council endorses the model Code of Practice – Access to Council and Committee Meetings and Documents, as provided in Attachment A, for community consultation in accordance with section 92(5) of the Local Government Act 1999. 2.That Council authorises Administration to make changes to the Code of Practice – Access to Council and Committee Meetings and Documents of a minor technical or formatting nature.	CEO	Report to February 2024 meeting of Council.	IN PROGRESS		-	
15/01/2024	CNC140/23-24	14.6 Cr Jay Allanson Leave of absence request	That Council approves Cr Allanson's request for leave of absence for the February to July 2024 Ordinary Meetings of Council, inclusive.	CEO PGR		COMPLETE		-	
15/01/2024	CNC141/23-24	14.7 Community Fund Application Update – Charlotte	1. That Council allocates \$500 to Community Fund applicant, Charlotte, from the 2023/24 Community Fund budget: 2. That Administration writes to the applicant for the Community Fund grant and advises of the Council's decision.	GMPR	Residents has been informed of their successful grant application and has been sent to finance for action.	COMPLETE		-	
15/01/2024	CNC142/23-24	14.8 Community Fund – Sasha	1. That Council allocates \$250 to Community Fund applicant, Sasha, from the 2023/24 Community Fund budget: 2. That Administration writes to the applicant for the Community Fund grant and advises them of the Council resolution.	GMPR	Residents has been informed of their successful grant application and has been sent to finance for action.	COMPLETE		-	
15/01/2024	CNC143/23-24	14.9 Community Fund Application – Prospect Blair Athol Lions Club	1. That – subject to community - Council allocates \$800 to the Prospect Blair Athol Lions Club from the 2023/24 Community Fund budget: 2. That Administration writes to the applicant for the Community Fund grant and advises them of the Council resolution. Variation to the motion Cr Rypp, with the consent of Cr Vanstone, sought and was granted leave of the meeting to vary the motion: 1. That – subject to community support and an aborist report Council allocates \$500 to the Prospect Blair Athol Lions Club from the 2023/24 Community Fund budget: 2. That Administration writes to the applicant for the Community Fund grant and advises them of the Council resolution.	GMPR	Council is currently undertaking community consultation with adjacent residents.	IN PROGRESS	Mar-24	-	Consultation concludes on 26 February 2024.
15/01/2024	CNC144/23-24	14.10 2025 Santos Tour Down Under EOI	1. That Council, having considered the costings associated with the event, directs Administration not to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) to host a 2025 Santos Tour Down Under stage: 2. That Council considers submitting an EOI to host a future Santos Tour Down Under stage, following the completion of its Major Projects.	GMPR	No action required.	COMPLETE		-	
15/01/2024	CNC145/23-24	14.11 Sustainability Committee Vacant Position	That Council suspends the Sustainability Committee until the adoption of Council's new strategic plan TOWards 2035.	GMPR		COMPLETE		-	
15/01/2024	CNC146/23-24	16.1 Monthly Works Report December 2023	That Council note and receive the Monthly Works Report for December 2023.	GMAI	Completed as required	COMPLETE		-	
15/01/2024	CNC147/23-24	16.2 Monthly Financial Report December 2023	That Council receives and notes the Monthly Financial Report as at 31 December 2023.	GMFCS		Complete		-	
15/01/2024	CNC148/23-24	16.3 Levi Caravan Park Entrance Works	That Council receives and notes the report titled 'Levi Caravan Park Entrance Works'.	GMAI	Works due for completion June 2024	IN PROGRESS	Mid-24	-	

Date of Adoption	Resolution Number	Report Title	Resolution	Responsible Officer	Progress Commentary As at 12 January 2024	Status of Decision	Intended Date of Completion	Confidential Item	Confidentiality Timeframe / Conditions
15/01/2024	CNC149/23-24	16.4 Community Fund Application Update – Walkerville Sports Club	That Council receives and notes the report entitled 'Community Fund Application Update – Walkerville Sports Club'.	GMPR		COMPLETE		-	
29/01/2024	ARC001/01/24	1.1 Audit and Risk Committee Meeting Minutes held on 22 November 2023	That the minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting held on 22 November 2023 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.	GO (EA)		COMPLETE			
29/01/2024	ARC002/01/24	4.1 Long Term Financial Plan 2024-33	1. That the Audit & Risk Committee reviews the attached draft Long Term Financial plan 2024 to 2033 and recommends to Council its release for community consultation. 2. That the Audit & Risk Committee recommends to Council that its Financial Guiding Principles document be replaced by Council's Long Term Financial Plan.	GMF	Report to the February Council meeting for releasing the draft LTFP for public consultation.	IN PROGRESS	Mid-24		
29/01/2024	ARC003/01/24	4.2 Policies Review	1. That administration develop procurement and risk based procedures that supports Dean Newbery's Audit recommendations and Council's Procurement Policy for the Audit & Risk Committee's consideration. 2. That the Audit & Risk Committee recommends to Council that the revised Treasury Management Policy as provided at Attachment D to this report be adopted.	GMF CEO	Procurement policy and procedures are currently being developed. Treasury Management policy will be presented to Council in February meeting for adoption	IN PROGRESS	1-Mar-24		
29/01/2024	ARC004/01/24	4.3 2023/24 First Quarter Budget Review	That the Audit & Risk Committee receives and notes Council's adopted September 2023/24 Quarterly Budget Review	GMF	Completed.	COMPLETE			
29/01/2024	ARC005/01/24	6.1 Audit & Risk Committee Works Program and ToR Tracker	That the Audit & Risk Committee receives and note the revised works program, policy schedule and terms of reference tracker as attached to this report.	GMF	Completed.	COMPLETE			
5/02/2024	MPAC001/02/24	4.1 Appointment of Presiding Member	That the Major Projects Advisory Committee appoints Mayor Jones as its Presiding Member for the remaining term of Council.	GO		COMPLETE			
5/02/2024	MPAC002/02/24	4.2 Major Projects Tender Briefs Review		GMA&I / SPC		IN PROGRESS			
5/02/2024	MPAC003/02/24	5.1 Major Projects Status Report	That the Committee receives and notes this Major Projects Status Report.	GMA&I / SPC		COMPLETE	Feb-24		

Decision Report Item Number **14.2**

Code of Practice – Access to Council and Committee Meetings and Documents

Report Date:	7 February 2024
Reporting Officer:	Chief Executive Officer, Andrew MacDonald
Responsible Manager:	Chief Executive Officer, Andrew MacDonald
Previous Reference:	Meeting of Council held 15 January 2024 – CNC139/23-24 Meeting of Council held 18 September 2023 - CNC50/23-24 Meeting of Council held 20 March 2023 - CNC224/22-23 Meeting of Council held 20 February 2023 – CNC193/22-23

Report Purpose

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider adoption of a new Code of Practice – Access to Council and Committee Meetings and Documents.

Officer Recommendation

- 1. That Council adopted the model Code of Practice – Access to Council and Committee Meetings and Documents, as provided in Attachment A, in accordance with section 92(5) of the *Local Government Act 1999*.**
- 2. That Council authorises Administration to make changes to the Code of Practice – Access to Council and Committee Meetings and Documents of a minor technical or formatting nature.**

Background

Section 92 of the *Local Government Act 1999* (the **Act**) requires councils to prepare and adopt a Code of Practice for Access to Meetings and Documents (the **Code of Practice**).

Council adopted its current Code of Practice at its Meeting held 20 March 2023. The current version prevents Council Members from participating in Committee Meetings or Informal Gatherings when a matter is to be considered/discussed in confidence. The Local Government Association's model Code of Practice Policy is silent on such restrictions and recent advice from Norman Waterhouse suggests this is normal practice across South Australian councils.

Section 92(3) of the Act states that a council may at any time alter its code of practice or substitute a new code of practice. The code of practice must, however, include mandatory provisions prescribed by the regulations.

Section 92(5) of the Act states that before a council adopts, alters or substitutes a code of practice, it must undertake public consultation on the proposed code, alteration or substitute code (as the case may be).

Discussion

As its meeting held 15 January 2024, Council resolved the following:

CNC139/23-24

Moved: Cr Rypp

Seconded: Cr Vanstone

1. *That Council endorses the model Code of Practice – Access to Council and Committee Meetings and Documents, as provided in Attachment A, for community consultation in accordance with section 92(5) of the Local Government Act 1999.*
2. *That Council authorises Administration to make changes to the Code of Practice – Access to Council and Committee Meetings and Documents of a minor technical or formatting nature.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Public consultation on Council's revised Code of Practice opened at 9am Tuesday, 16 January 2024 and closed at 5pm Monday, 5 February 2024. Council received no public submissions in relation to the revised Code of Practice – Access to Council and Committee Meetings and Documents.

It is recommended that Council adopts the revised Code of Practice as provided in Attachment A to this report.

Adopting the proposed Code of Practice, which is based on the Local Government Association's model Code of Practice Policy, will remove the restrictions that prevent Council Members from participating in a Committee Meeting or Informal Gathering when a matter is to be considered/discussed in confidence, provide guidelines for public question time at Ordinary Council Meetings and remove the reference to live streaming of Committee Meetings.

As the revised Code of Practice is based on the Local Government Association's model policy, Council can be confident all mandatory provisions prescribed by the regulations are complied with.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

Risk Implications

The risk associated with this report has been assessed as low.

Attachments

Attachment A	Revised: Code of Practice - Access to Council and Committee Meetings and Documents
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Code of Practice

Code of Practice – Access to Council and Committee Meetings and Council Documents

Approval Date	19/02/2024
Classification	Council Policy
Responsible Officer	Chief Executive Officer
Relevant Legislation	<i>Local Government Act 1999</i> <i>Freedom of Information Act 1991</i>
Related Policies	Review of Council Decisions
Record Number	TBC
Council Resolution Number	TBC
Last Reviewed 15/01/2024	Next Review 19/02/2028



Code of Practice – Access to Council and Committee Meetings and Council Documents

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1. Introduction

- 1.1. Section 92 of the *Local Government Act 1999* (the *Local Government Act*) requires Council to prepare and adopt a Code of Practice for Access to Meetings and Documents (the Code of Practice).
- 1.2. Public access to Council and Committee meetings and documents is one of the primary means by which the community can gain access to information about the business of Council and Council Committees. This Code of Practice includes information relating to:
 - access to the agenda for meetings;
 - public access to meetings;
 - the process to exclude the public from meetings;
 - matters for which the Council, or a Council Committee, can order that the public be excluded;
 - how the Council will approach the use of the confidentiality provisions in the *Local Government Act*;
 - public access to documents, including minutes;
 - review of confidentiality orders;
 - accountability and reporting to the community, and the availability of the Code of Practice; and
 - grievances about the use of the Code of Practice by Council.

2. Adoption

- 2.1. This Code of Practice was adopted by the Council on 19 February 2024.

3. Statement of principle

- 3.1. In fulfilling the role of an effective Council that is responsive to the needs of the community and which operates within the legal framework prescribed by the *Local Government Act*, The Town of Walkerville is fully committed to the principle of open and accountable government. Council also recognises that on a limited number of occasions, it may be necessary, in the broader community interest, to restrict public access to discussion/decisions and/or documents.

4. Public access to the agenda for meetings

- 4.1. At least three clear days¹ before the Council or Council Committee meeting (unless it is a Special Meeting) the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) must give written notice of the meeting to all Council/Committee Members setting out the date, time and place of the meeting. The notice must contain or be accompanied by the agenda for the meeting. Items listed on the agenda will be described accurately and in reasonable detail.
- 4.2. The notice of meeting will be placed on public display at the principal office of the Council and the notice and agenda will be published on the Council's website - walkerville.sa.gov.au.
- 4.3. The notice will be kept on public display and continue to be published on the website until the completion of the relevant Council or Council Committee meeting. The agenda will be published on the Council's website.

¹ In the calculation of 'clear days' in relation to the giving of notice before a meeting, the day on which the notice is given and the day of the meeting are not taken into account. Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays are taken into account. In addition, if notice is given after 5pm on a day, the notice will be taken to have been given on the next day. For example, for notice given on a Thursday at 2pm for a following Monday meeting, the clear days are Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

- 4.4. Where a Committee is not performing a regulatory activity, these procedures may be varied in accordance with Part 3 of the Local Government (Procedures at Meetings) Regulations 2013, e.g. the notice of meeting may be given in a form decided by the Committee, and need not be given for each meeting separately. Public notice may be given at a place determined by the CEO taking into account the nature and purpose of the committee. Relevant changes should be made to this section of the Code of Practice to reflect council-specific requirements.
- 4.5. Reasonable numbers of copies of non-confidential agenda documents and reports that are to be considered at the meeting must be made available:
- In the case of a document or report supplied to Members before the meeting:
 - on a website determined by the CEO, as soon as practicable after being supplied to Members of the Council.
 - In the case of a document or report supplied to Members of the Council at the Meeting:
 - at the meeting, as soon as practicable after they are supplied to the members of Council. These documents will also be subsequently uploaded onto the Council's website.
- 4.6. Members of the public may obtain a copy of the agenda and any particular reports on payment of a fee (if any) fixed by the Council.
- 4.7. Agenda papers provided to Members of Council, or Members of a Committee, may include an indication from the CEO that the Council or Committee may determine to consider an item in confidence, with the public to be excluded from the meeting during discussion of that item. Where such an indication is made, the CEO must specify the basis under which the confidentiality order could be made in accordance with section 90(3) of the *Local Government Act*².

5. Public access to meetings

- 5.1. The principle of open and accountable government is strongly supported. Council facilitates public attendance at meetings of the Council and Committees through public notification of meetings on the Council website.
- 5.2. Council and Council Committee meetings are open to the public and attendance is encouraged, noting there may be circumstances where the Council (or the Council Committee) believes it is necessary in the broader community interest to exclude the public from the discussion (and, if necessary, decision) of a particular matter.
- 5.3. A Council Committee meeting will be taken to be conducted in a place open to the public, even if one or more committee members participate in the meeting by telephone or other electronic means (provided that members of the public can hear the discussion between all Committee Members).
- 5.4. The public will only be excluded when considered proper and necessary, i.e. the need for confidentiality outweighs the principle of open decision-making.

6. Public question time

- 6.1. At an Ordinary Meeting of Council, the public may ask questions of Council without notice at agenda item 'Questions from the Galley'.
- 6.2. Public question time will be limited to thirty (30) minutes per Ordinary Council Meeting. The Presiding Member of the Meeting, usually the Mayor, will determine the order in which members of the public will speak and all questions are to be asked through the Presiding Member.
- 6.3. Prior to asking a question, the person must state their full name and address.

² See sections 83(5) (Council) and 87(10) (Committee) of the *Local Government Act 1999*.

- 6.4. In order to ensure effective and equitable use of available time, each person will be allocated a maximum of five (5) minutes to ask their question(s). A person may ask a maximum of two (2) questions within their allocated five (5) minutes.
- 6.5. The Presiding Member may reject a question, if in his/her view the question:
- is offensive or defamatory in nature
 - relates to the competence or personal affairs of a Council Member or a member of staff;
 - relates to confidential matters, legal advice, legal proceedings or legal processes; and/or
 - is vague in nature or irrelevant to the business of Council.
- 6.6. The Presiding Member may defer to a Council Member or a member of staff to provide a response to the question(s).
- 6.7. Where a verbal response is unable to be provided at a Meeting, a written response will be provided by the Chief Executive Officer within five (5) business days.
- 6.8. In the event the allocated thirty (30) minutes expires, the person(s) who have not had an opportunity to ask their question may submit their question(s) in writing to the Chief Executive Officer, who will respond in writing within five (5) business days.
- 6.9. The Presiding Member shall have absolute discretion accepting or rejecting questions from the public.

7. Information and Briefing Sessions

- 7.1. Councils or the CEO are permitted to facilitate an 'Information or Briefing Session' where more than one Member of the Council or Council Committee is invited.
- 7.2. A matter must not be dealt with at an Information or Briefing Session in such a way so as to obtain, or effectively obtain, a decision outside of a formally constituted meeting of Council or Committee.
- 7.3. An Information or Briefing Session on a matter that will be included on a Council agenda must be open to the public. However, the Council or the CEO may order that the Information or Briefing Session be closed to the public if the matter listed for discussion falls within the confidentiality provisions listed in section 90(3) of the *Local Government Act*.
- 7.4. Whether or not an Information or Briefing Session has been open to the public, the following information must be published as soon as practicable after the holding of the session³:
- the place, date and time of the session;
 - the matter discussed at the session; and
 - whether or not the session was open to the public.

8. Process to exclude the public from a meeting

- 8.1. The usual practice of The Town of Walkerville is to list all items indicated for consideration in confidence within the last section of the Council or Council Committee agenda, to allow all other items of business to be transacted with members of the public present at the meeting and are not required to leave the room until the 'confidential' section of the agenda is reached.
- 8.2. Despite the above, there may be circumstances where, during the course of a meeting, it becomes apparent that a matter should be considered in confidence. In those cases, members of the public will be asked to leave the meeting whilst the matter is discussed (subject to an appropriate resolution of the Council being carried to close the meeting).

³ Regulation 8AB—Information or Briefing Sessions, *Local Government (General) Regulations 2013*

- 8.3. Before a meeting orders that the public be excluded to enable consideration of a particular matter in confidence, the Council or Council Committee must, in public, formally determine if this is necessary and appropriate and then pass a resolution to exclude the public while dealing with that particular matter. If this occurs, then the public must leave the room. This means that all members of the public (including staff, but not including a Member of the Council or Council Committee), unless exempted by being named in the resolution as entitled to remain, are required to leave the room.
- 8.4. Once Council, or a Council Committee, has made the order, it is an offence for a person, who knowing that an order is in force, to enter or remain in the meeting room. It is lawful for an employee of the Council or a member of the police to use reasonable force to remove the person from the room if he or she fails to leave on request.
- 8.5. Once discussion on that particular matter is concluded, the public are then permitted to re-enter the meeting. If there is a further matter that needs to be considered in confidence, it is necessary to repeat the formal determination process and to resolve to exclude the public as above.
- 8.6. Please note that the Council, or the Council Committee, can permit a particular person or persons to remain in the meeting by including reference to them within the resolution. An example would be allowing a ratepayer who is suffering personal hardship to remain in the meeting when their circumstances concerning the payment of rates is being discussed.

9. Use of the confidentiality provisions

- 9.1. In accordance with the requirements of section 90(3) of the *Local Government Act*, the Council, or a Council Committee, may order that the public be excluded in order to receive, discuss or consider any of the following information or matters in confidence:
- (a) *information the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person (living or dead);*
 - (b) *information the disclosure of which —*
 - (i) *could reasonably be expected to confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting, or proposing to conduct, business, or to prejudice the commercial position of the Council; and*
 - (ii) *would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest;*
 - (c) *information the disclosure of which would reveal a trade secret;*
 - (d) *commercial information of a confidential nature (not being a trade secret) the disclosure of which —*
 - (i) *could reasonably be expected to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied the information, or to confer a commercial advantage on a third party; and*
 - (ii) *would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest;*
 - (e) *matters affecting the security of the Council, members or employees of the Council, or Council property, or the safety of any person;*
 - (f) *information the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to prejudice the maintenance of law, including by affecting (or potentially affecting) the prevention, detection or investigation of a criminal offence, or the right to a fair trial;*

- (g) *matters that must be considered in confidence in order to ensure that the Council does not breach any law, order or direction of a court or tribunal constituted by law, any duty of confidence, or other legal obligation or duty;*
- (h) *legal advice;*
- (i) *information relating to actual litigation, or litigation that the Council or Council Committee believes on reasonable grounds will take place, involving the Council or an employee of the Council;*
- (j) *information the disclosure of which —*
 - (i) *would divulge information provided on a confidential basis by or to a Minister of the Crown, or another public authority or official (not being an employee of the Council, or a person engaged by the Council); and*
 - (ii) *would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest;*
- (k) *tenders for the supply of goods, the provision of services or the carrying out of works;*
- (m) *information relating to a proposed amendment to a proposal to prepare or amend a designated instrument under Part 5 Division 2 of the Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016 before the draft instrument or amendment is released for public consultation under that Act;*
- (n) *information relevant to the review of a determination of a Council under the Freedom of Information Act 1991;*
- (o) *information relating to a proposed award recipient before the presentation of the award.*

9.2. The *Local Government Act* provides a definition of “personal affairs” which includes a person’s:

- financial affairs;
- criminal records;
- marital or other personal relationships;
- personal qualities, attributes or health status; and
- employment records, employment performance or suitability for a particular position, or other personnel matters relating to the person.

This does not include the personal affairs of a body corporate.

NOTE: This is an inclusive (not exhaustive) list of personal affairs matters and other matters may also constitute a person’s personal affairs.

9.3. With respect to matters on a Council agenda, where a person provides information to the Council and requests that it be kept confidential, Council is not able to even consider this request unless the matter is one that falls within section 90(3). If this is the case, Council will then be in a position to consider the request on its merits.

9.4. In considering whether an order should be made under section 90(2), it is irrelevant that discussion of a matter in public may⁴:

- cause embarrassment to the Council or Committee concerned, or to members or employees of the Council;
- cause a loss of confidence in the Council or Committee;
- involve discussion of a matter that is controversial within the Council area; or
- make the Council susceptible to adverse criticism.

⁴ Section 90(4), *Local Government Act 1999*

- 9.5. If a decision to exclude the public is taken, the Council or the Council Committee is required to make a note in the minutes of the making of the order and specify:
- the grounds on which it was made;
 - the basis on which the information or matter falls within the ambit of each confidentiality ground; and
 - (if relevant) why receipt, consideration or discussion of the information or matter in public would be contrary to the public interest.
- 9.6. Once discussion of the matter is concluded, the meeting must then consider if it is necessary to make an order identifying the document(s) (or parts of the document(s)) associated with that item (including minutes) that are to remain confidential.
- 9.7. If the meeting determines that it is necessary to keep a document(s) (or parts of document(s)) confidential, then a resolution for an order to this effect is required in accordance with section 91(7) of the *Local Government Act*.
- 9.8. The Council or the Council Committee can only resolve to keep minutes and/or documents confidential under section 91(7) if they were considered in confidence at a Council or Committee meeting pursuant to sections 90(2) and 90(3).
- 9.9. The Council will not consider a number of agenda items “in confidence” together i.e. en bloc. It will determine each item separately and consider the exemptions relevant to each item.
- 9.10. Once discussion of the matter is concluded and the public have returned, the decision in relation to the matter will be communicated unless the Council has resolved to order that the resolution remain confidential. Details relating to any order to keep information or a document confidential in accordance with section 91(7) will also be made known.
- 9.11. In accordance with section 91(8) the Council or the Council Committee must **not** make an order to prevent:
- the disclosure of the remuneration or conditions of service of an employee of the Council after the remuneration or conditions have been set or determined;
 - the disclosure of the identity of a successful tenderer for the supply of goods or the provision of services (including the carrying out of works), or of any reasons adopted by the Council as to why a successful tenderer has been selected;
 - the disclosure of the amount or amounts payable by the Council under a contract for the supply of goods or the provision of services (including the carrying out of works) to, or for the benefit of, the Council after the contract has been entered into by all parties to the contract; or
 - the disclosure of the identity of land that has been acquired or disposed of by the Council, or of any reasons adopted by the Council as to why land has been acquired or disposed of by the Council.
- 9.12. Where keeping a document confidential is considered necessary, a resolution to this effect is required which shall include:
- the grounds for confidentiality;
 - the duration of the order or the circumstances in which the order will cease to apply, or a period after which the order must be reviewed – if the order has a duration of more than 12 months, the order must be reviewed at least once in every year; and
 - (if applicable) whether the power to revoke the order will be delegated to an employee of the Council.⁵

⁵ Section 91(9) of the *Local Government Act 1999*.

9.13. In all cases the objective is that the information be made publicly available at the earliest possible opportunity and that the community is informed of any Council order and the associated implications.

NOTE: There is no legal requirement to resolve to “come out of confidence” or to go back into “public session”. The public may and should be invited to re-enter the meeting when consideration of the relevant agenda item has concluded. The public are also entitled to be present for the debate and decision on whether any subsequent item should be considered in confidence.

10. Review of confidentiality orders

- 10.1. A confidentiality order made under section 91(7) of the *Local Government Act* must specify the duration of the order or the circumstances in which the order will cease to apply, or a period after which the order must be reviewed. In any event, any order that operates for a period exceeding 12 months must be reviewed at least once in every year.
- 10.2. An order will lapse if the time or event specified has been reached or carried out. There is no need for the Council to resolve for the confidentiality order to be lifted. Once the order expires or ceases to apply, the minutes and/or documents automatically become public. At this point in time, the Council will make this information publicly available by publishing it on the Council’s website.
- 10.3. Orders that exceed 12 months must be reviewed annually and the Council must assess whether the grounds for non-disclosure are still relevant and, if so, provide the relevant grounds and reasons for the minutes and/or documents remaining confidential. The conduct of the annual review can be delegated to the CEO and sub-delegated to an employee of the Council if appropriate. If there are any items that require a fresh confidentiality order because the original order is about to expire, then the reviewer will prepare a report to Council making recommendations with respect to each item to be retained in confidence. Each item must be addressed separately and assessed against section 90(3) and section 91(7) of the *Local Government Act*. While a Council may delegate the power to undertake an annual review, the Council cannot delegate the power to apply sections 90(3) and 91(7) of the *Local Government Act*.
- 10.4. A Council may resolve to exclude the public from a meeting to discuss and undertake consideration of the recommendations arising from the annual review in confidence, subject to the application of the relevant ground under section 90(3) of the *Local Government Act*. Section 90(3) of the *Local Government Act* must be applied separately to each item within the scope of the review and not en bloc.
- 10.5. The Council or Council Committee may delegate to an employee of the Council the power to revoke an order made in accordance with section 91(7) of the Act. Such delegation may be subject to conditions.

11. Accountability and reporting to the community

- 11.1. Consistent with the principle of accountability to the community, a report on the use of sections 90(2) and 91(7) by the Council and Council committees must be included in the Annual Report of a Council as required by Schedule 4 of the *Local Government Act*. The report should include the following information, separately identified for both Council and Council committees:
- total number of orders made under sections 90(2) and 90(3) and 91(7) in the relevant financial year;
 - the date and subject of each order made under sections 90(2) and 90(3) and 91(7) in the relevant financial year;
 - in relation to each ground specified in section 90(3), the number of times in the relevant financial year that an order was made under section 90(2) and 90(3) for each ground;

- the number of orders made under section 91(7) that expired, ceased to apply or were revoked during the relevant financial year and the date and subject of each such order; and
- the number of orders made under section 91(7) since 15 November 2010 that remained operative at the end of the relevant financial year.

12. Public access to documents

- 12.1. The *Local Government Act* requires councils to make available a large number of documents. Many of these are set out in Schedule 5, with other requirements contained in other sections of the *Local Government Act*.
- 12.2. Schedule 5 documents must be published on a website determined by the CEO. Councils must also, upon request, provide a person with a printed copy of any document referred to in Schedule 5. Provision of printed copies of a document may require payment of a fee (if any) set by Council (see Council's fees and charges register for any relevant fee).
- 12.3. Requests to access Council and Council Committee documents that are not otherwise publicly available can be made under the *Freedom of Information Act 1991*. Inquiries in relation to the process for seeking access to documents held by Council should be directed to Council's accredited Freedom of Information Officer.

13. Public access to minutes

- 13.1. Minutes of a meeting of Council or a Council Committee must be made available, on the Council's website.
- 13.2. Printed copies of minutes can be provided to a person on request on payment of a fee (if any) set by Council (see Council's fees and charges register for any relevant fee).

14. Availability of the Code of Practice

- 14.1. A copy of this Code of Practice will be made available on the Council website at walkerville.sa.gov.au. The Town of Walkerville will also, on request, provide a person with a printed copy of the Code of Practice on payment of a fee (if any) fixed by the council (see Council's fees and charges register for any relevant fee).

15. Review of the Code of Practice

- 15.1. The Council is required to review this code within 12 months after the conclusion of each periodic election.

16. Grievance

- 16.1. Council has established procedures for the review of decisions under section 270 of the *Local Government Act* for:
- Council, and its Committees;
 - employees of the Council; and
 - other persons acting on behalf of the Council.
- 16.2. Should a person be aggrieved about public access to either a meeting or a document they can lodge an application for review of that decision under the procedures established by Council. The procedures are available within Council's Internal Review of Council Decisions Policy, which can be found on Council's website at walkerville.sa.gov.au.

Decision Report Item Number 14.3

Long Term Financial Plan 2024-33

Report Date: 9 February 2024

Reporting Officer: Group Manager Finance, Muhammad Jawad

Responsible Manager: Chief Executive Officer, Andrew MacDonald

Previous Reference: Audit & Risk Committee Meeting held 29 January 2024 - ARC002/01/24

Report Purpose

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider the release of the draft Long Term Financial Plan 2024 to 2033 for public consultation.

Officer Recommendation

1. That Council releases the draft Long Term Financial Plan 2024 to 2033 provided at Attachment A for community consultation.
2. That the Council acknowledges that Council's Financial Guiding Principles document will be replaced by Council's Long Term Financial Plan 2024 to 2033, once adopted.

Background

Over several years, the Town of Walkerville has utilised a Financial Guiding Principles document to guide Council's budgeting, financial forecasting and borrowing levels.

The Financial Guiding Principles document does not satisfy all legislative requirements and has not been regularly updated in line with the Council's changing financial circumstances. Council needs to consider adopting a Long Term Financial Plan in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1999* and *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011*.

Over several months, the Administration has been developing a Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) 2024 to 2033 that satisfies legislative requirements and aligns with the Council's current financial and planning circumstances. The first draft of the LTFP was presented to the Audit & Risk Committee at its meeting held on 11 July 2023. This initial draft continued to rely on the Council's Financial Guiding Principles and only presented statutory financial reports. The draft did not consider other legislative requirements as mentioned above.

At its July 2023 meeting, Council's Audit & Risk Committee resolved the following:

1. That the Audit Committee receive and note the Long Term Financial Plan 2023/24 to 2032/33.
2. That the Audit Committee defers the review and endorsement of the Long Term Financial Plan until the next Audit Committee meeting on 31 August 2023 at which Administration will provide the full version of the document.

A second draft of the LTFP was presented to the Audit & Risk Committee at its meeting held on 7 September 2023. The Committee reviewed the draft and raised several questions regarding the Asset Renewal Funding Ratio, the use of an average of CPI and LGPI as a key assumption and the repayment of debt over a short period. At that meeting, the Committee resolved the following:

1. *That the Audit Committee receive and note the Long Term Financial Plan 2024-33.*
2. *That Administration receive the feedback from today's Audit Committee Meeting and conduct a further review of the Long Term Financial Plan for the Audit Committee's consideration at a future meeting.*

A third draft of the LTFP was presented to the Audit & Risk Committee at its meeting held on 29 January 2024. At this meeting, the Audit & Risk Committee resolved the following:

1. *That the Audit & Risk Committee reviews the attached draft Long Term Financial Plan 2024 to 2033 and recommends to Council its release for community consultation.*
2. *That the Audit & Risk Committee recommends to Council that its Financial Guiding Principles document be replaced by Council's Long Term Financial Plan.*

Discussion

Section 122 of the *Local Government Act 1999* states that a Council must adopt an LTFP for a period of at least 10 years. The attached draft LTFP complies with all the legislative requirements and has carefully considered the cost required to maintain community assets, the cost associated with the delivery of key major projects, returning the organisation to surplus and, importantly, the responsible management of property rate increases.

A variety of strategic levers have been employed within the LTFP such as sourcing external grant funding, responsible debt management and staggered delivery of major projects. The overall financial sustainability of Council can be gauged through proposed key financial indicators which include the following three key ratios:

1. Operating Surplus Ratio

The Operating Surplus Ratio is the operating surplus (or deficit) as a percentage of total revenue and a key measure of the Council's ability to cover its operational costs and maintain financial sustainability in the long term. A positive ratio indicates the percentage of operating income available to fund capital expenditure. A negative ratio indicates the percentage increase in operating income or the approximate decrease in operating expenses required to achieve a breakeven operating result. Ideally, councils should target breakeven or a small surplus position.

The attached draft LTFP proposed a target range of 0% to 15% for the operating surplus ratio. The LTFP shows that Council will experience a healthy operating surplus during the first three years of the Plan, followed by minor operating deficits in FY2027, FY2028 and FY2029. Operating deficits during these years are primarily a result of increasing depreciation and interest costs due to major projects. Council's operating position returns to surplus from FY2030 and continues for the remaining years of this Plan.

2. Net Financial Liability Ratio

The Net Financial Liabilities Ratio demonstrates the relative size of Council's net liability against total operating income and can be considered a measure of the indebtedness of the Council. The attached draft LTFP proposed a target range of 0% to 100%. The LTFP shows that the net financial liability ratio will increase from 0% in FY2024 to 92% in FY2027. This increase is due to borrowings required to fund the major projects. Overall, the borrowings decrease each year beyond FY2027 and reduce to 57% in FY2033. Borrowings are well within the Council's responsible borrowing levels, with borrowings expected to reduce to approximately \$7.5M in FY2033.

3. Asset Renewal Funding Ratio

The Asset Renewal Funding Ratio represents the ratio of capital expenditure on renewal or replacement of assets, relative to the optimal level of such expenditure required, as per the Council's Asset Management Plans. The attached draft LTFP proposes a target range of 90% to 110% over the life of this Plan. The LTFP shows that the Council will spend the funds required to renew its existing assets in line with its adopted Asset Management Plans.

The attached LTFP is considered a foundation document and will be further reviewed and fine-tuned in line with the annual business planning and budget process each year. An annual review of this plan will ensure that the Council considers changes in its economic and financial circumstances and makes necessary adjustments to ensure Council remains financially sustainable.

It is recommended that the attached draft LTFP replaces the Council's Financial Guiding Principles document and becomes the Council's sole financial strategic plan.

Section 122 of the *Local Government Act 1999* also requires that a council must adopt a process to ensure that members of the public are given a reasonable opportunity to be involved in the development and review of its strategic management plans, including a councils Long Term Financial Plan.

It is proposed that consultation for Council's Long Term Financial Plan commence at 9am on Tuesday, 20 February 2024 and conclude at 5pm on Monday, 11 March 2024. The following methods of engagement are proposed:

- social media;
- information on Your Say Walkerville website;
- articles in the relevant editions of the Weekly Round Up;
- hard copy information in the Civic & Community Centre;
- signage in the Civic & Community Centre; and
- appearance in the relevant editions of e-news.

It is recommended that the Council authorise the release of the attached draft LTFP for community consultation. The final draft LTFP and feedback from the consultation process will be presented for the Council's consideration at its March 2024 meeting of Council.

Financial Implications

As detailed in the attached draft LTFP.

Risk Implications

Risk associated with this report has been assessed as low.

Attachments

Attachment A	Long Term Financial Plan 2024 - 2033
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LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN

2024 - 2033

The Town of Walkerville acknowledges the Kurna people as the traditional custodians of this land, and respects their spiritual relationship with their country.

In preparing this Plan, we recognise the many generations of stewardship the Kurna people have provided to this land and respect that their cultural heritage and beliefs are as important today as they were for their ancestors.





LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN

2024 - 2033

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The Town of Walkerville's Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) provides a window into the long-term financial position of Council, which helps guide decision making in areas such as sustainable services and responsible debt management levels, timing of major projects and revenue requirements, including annual rate increases.

This LTFP is based on Council's current financial position, identified operating projects, endorsed Asset Management Plans (AMPs), and approved major projects, which include the Walkerville Bowling & Community Club, 39 Smith Street Recreation Centre and the Walkerville Sports Club.

Council acknowledges that this LTFP is an interim plan that will be further informed by the development of a new Strategic Plan for Walkerville, and the development of new AMPs for buildings and open space, as well as a Fleet Replacement Plan. The development of these plans, along with the ongoing maturity of existing AMPs, will further enhance Council's LTFP, which will be reviewed and updated on an annual basis.

1.1 A new Strategic Plan

In 2024, Council will work closely with the Walkerville community to develop a new 10-year Strategic Plan – **TOWards2035**. The Plan will articulate the community's vision for Walkerville, including key strategies and actions required to achieve the vision for Walkerville. **TOWards2035** will further guide Council's AMPs, operating projects and future major capital projects.

1.2 Asset Renewal

In 2023, Council adopted new AMPs for roads, footpaths and stormwater, and in 2024 will consider new AMPs for buildings and open space, as well as a Fleet Replacement Plan. In maintaining and renewing assets across the Township, Council will invest almost \$26M over the next 10 years. This investment will ensure community assets are maintained, as per adopted service levels in Council's AMPs. Council will continue to fine-tune its asset management programs to ensure the right balance in asset quality and financial affordability is achieved.

1.3 Major Projects

This LTFP captures the delivery of several major projects for Walkerville, they include:

- a new Walkerville Bowling & Community Club building;
- a renovated/new 39 Smith Street recreation centre building;
- upgrades to Walkerville Oval lighting, tennis/netball courts and cricket nets; and
- a renovation of the Walkerville Oval Sports Club.

These projects have been on Council's agenda for number of years. A major hurdle to their delivery has been affordability, as Council has limited financial capacity and must rely on external grant funding to deliver these projects in a financially responsible manner.

In 2021, Council secured \$4M in grant funding from the State Government to support the redevelopment of Walkerville Oval. In 2022, Council secured a further \$5M in grant funding from the incoming State Government to support the redevelopment of the recreation centre located at 39 Smith Street, Walkerville. This grant funding is incorporated into this LTFP, along with the required matching funding from Council.

Table (1) provides an overview of secured external grant funding and Council's contributions for the first phase of the major projects, which is included in this LTFP.

The Walkerville Sports Club renovation will be delivered as part of Council's second phase of its major projects program; scheduled to commence in 2025/26. In this LTFP, Council has allocated \$3M to deliver this project, 50% of which will need to be sourced from external funding opportunities. See Table (2).

Table 1 Major Projects

Project	Timing	External Grant	Council Funding	Total Funding
Walkerville Bowling & Community Club (new build)	2023/24	\$2.5M (pending)**	\$2.5M	\$5M
Walkerville Oval lighting, courts & cricket nets (upgrade)	2023/24	\$750K* (pending)**	\$750K*	\$1.5M*
39 Street Recreation Centre (renovation/new build)	2024/25	\$5M (secured)	\$5M	\$10M

Table 2

Walkerville Sports Club (renovation & upgrade)	2025/26	\$1.5M (required)	\$1.5M	\$3M
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* Available grant funding for this project is \$1.5M however, it is anticipated that only \$750K will be required. In the event the project cost is higher than the forecast amount, Council can draw down further on the grant.

** Subject to the Ministerial approval of the change of scope.

1.4 Operating Position

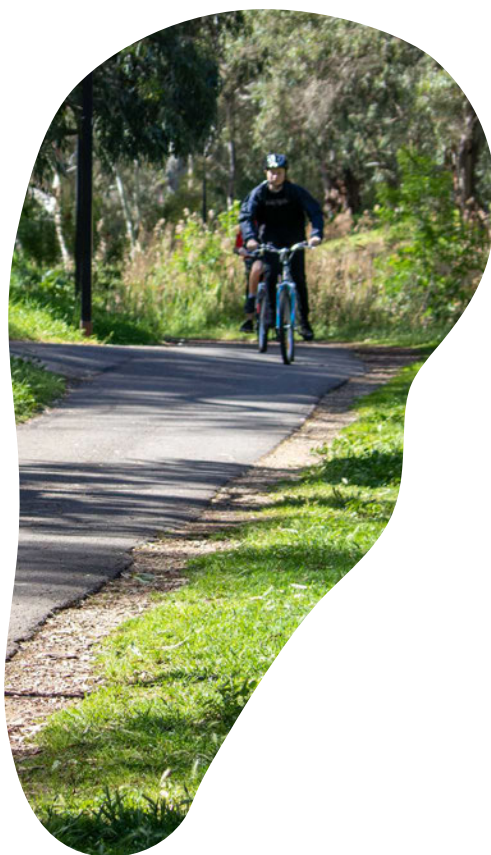
Council's operating position is considered sustainable, with operating surpluses achieved in seven of the next 10 years. In years 2026/27, 2027/28 and 2028/29, minor operating deficits will occur as a result of increasing depreciation and interest costs. Council's operating position will return to surplus in 2029/30 and will remain in surplus for the remaining years of this Plan.

1.5 Borrowings

In delivering asset maintenance and renewal programs, major projects and community services across the Township, Council will increase its borrowings from approximately \$200K in 2024 to approximately \$10.9M in 2026/27. These borrowings are well within Council's responsible borrowing capacity, with outstanding borrowings expected to decrease to approximately \$7.5M in 2032/33.

1.6 In Summary

This Plan has carefully considered the cost of continuing to deliver high standards of service to the community, the cost required to maintain community assets to adopted services levels, the cost associated with the delivery of key major projects, returning the organisation to surplus and importantly, the responsible management of property rate increases. A variety of strategic levers, including sourcing external grant funding, responsible debt management and staggered delivery of major projects, have been employed within this LTFP and Council is confident that an appropriate balance has been achieved.



This LTFP is a key component of Council's strategic management framework. The Plan expresses the objectives within Council's Strategic Plan and AMPs in financial terms. It is a guide for future actions, based on the longer-term impact of revenue and expenditure. The long-term financial implications can be readily identified and if warranted, proposed future activities revised.

Long-term financial plans are particularly important for local governments as they are responsible for managing a high level of long-lived assets relative to their income base. A council may have long periods with modest levels of asset renewal requirements and then other periods when significant outlays are necessary. All councils need to generate revenue in an equitable manner over time and ensure they have capacity to finance peaks in asset management and other outlays by way of borrowings, where necessary.

The *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011* requires LTFPs to include:

- a summary of proposed operating and capital investment activities;
- estimates and target ranges adopted by the council for each year of the LTFP (in terms of operating surplus ratio, net financial liabilities ratio and an asset renewal funding ratio);
- a statement which sets out the purpose of the plan, the basis on which it has been prepared; and
- key conclusions, which may be drawn from the estimates, proposals and other information in the Plan.

In accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1999*, each year Council reviews and updates its LTFP. This allows Council to reassess potential impacts on the organisation's financial sustainability due to internal and external influences.

This LTFP captures the key objectives of Council, which include:

- meeting the expectations of the whole community by ensuring standards across key services keep pace with demand and balance with the sustainable funding of these activities;
- funding Council's medium to long-term maintenance and renewal requirements of community-owned assets;
- keeping downward pressure on rates, whilst managing increasing costs due to inflationary pressures;
- delivering on Council's major recreational projects to support the health and wellbeing of the community; and
- ensuring Council is operating in a financially sustainable and responsible manner.

This LTFP shows that Council will experience healthy operating surpluses during the first three years of the Plan, followed by minor operating deficits in 2026/27, 2027/28 and 2028/29. Operating deficits are primarily a result of increasing depreciation and interest costs due to major projects, however, an operating surplus will return from 2029/30 and will continue for the remaining years of this Plan.

In delivering community services across the Township, asset maintenance and renewal programs and major projects, Council will increase its borrowings from approximately \$200K in 2024 to approximately \$10.9M in 2026/27. These borrowings are well within Council's responsible borrowing levels, with borrowings expected to decrease to approximately \$7.5M in 2032/33.

In formulating the LTFP, Council has been mindful of the cost-of-living pressures on the community, and this was front of mind when considering which major projects to support and how to best fund their delivery over the life of this LTFP.

To cover operational costs, Council has forecasted rate increases consistent with the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) targeted inflation figures. From 2027 onwards, Council has forecast rate increases of 2.6% for the life of this Plan.

Overall, Council is responsible to the community for the efficient and effective delivery of its services, for the maintenance and renewal of its assets and for ensuring the Township is positioned for future success. This Plan demonstrates that Council can continue to deliver these important community outcomes, as well as sustainably deliver on major recreational projects over the coming years.

This LTFP demonstrates that Council will remain financially sustainable over the life of the Plan.



Andrew MacDonald
Chief Executive Officer
Town of Walkerville





4.1 Funding Plan

Council's primary revenue source comes from property rates, which represents over 85% of projected total revenue. In addition to rates, Council receives ongoing grant funding through the Federal Government's Financial Assistance Grant and Roads to Recovery programs, which represent approximately 5% of total revenue. Other revenue is received through general user charges, statutory charges and other minor revenue streams, which represent approximately 10% of projected total revenue.

Council also actively pursues external grant funding and other contributions to assist in the delivery of strategic projects and services, as the opportunities arise. Continued effort in securing targeted grant funding helps to reduce the burden on ratepayers and assist in supporting new and emerging strategic initiatives.

Borrowings are another important funding source for Council, with funding primarily secured through the Local Government Finance Authority (LGFA). Responsible borrowings allow Council to deliver projects today, while spreading the cost over time. This approach ensures the cost burden is not fully placed on today's ratepayer, but rather shared with future ratepayers; this is often referred to as intergenerational equity.

This LTFP assists Council in making informed assessments of how much funding it needs to maintain financial sustainability and to deliver strategic initiatives. This LTFP employs a mix of funding streams, including rates, external grant funding and borrowings to sustainably deliver community services, infrastructure maintenance and renewal programs and major strategic projects.

4.2 Key Assumptions

4.2.1 Cost Index

The 2023/24 adopted budget forms the basis for Year 1 of the LTFP and Years 2-10 represent financial projections underpinned by key economic assumptions. Key economic assumptions for Years 2-10 have been based on data obtained from the RBA, including interest rate and Consumer Price Index (CPI) projections. Table (3) details the cost indices applied.

The CPI is the key measure of price changes experienced by consumers – specifically it measures the average change in price over time of consumer goods and services. In formulating the LTFP, the RBA targeted CPI rates have been considered. The current monetary policy in Australia is to achieve an inflation of rate of 2.0% to 3.0%, on average, over time.

Council uses the CPI to forecast adjustments in annual expenditure. However, in setting the budget each year, a more detailed consideration of the actual cost of business is also undertaken.

Council's LTFP is updated annually to account for any changes to external influences and key economic assumptions.

Table 3 Cost Index

Financial year	LTFP year	Nominal cost index	General projected rates increase (excluding growth)
2023/24	Year 1	7.75%	6.90%
2024/25	Year 2	4.10%	4.10%
2025/26	Year 3	2.85%	2.85%
2026/27	Year 4	2.60%	2.60%
2027/28	Year 5	2.60%	2.60%
2028/29	Year 6	2.60%	2.60%
2029/30	Year 7	2.60%	2.60%
2030/31	Year 8	2.60%	2.60%
2031/32	Year 9	2.60%	2.60%
2032/33	Year 10	2.60%	2.60%

4.2.2 Rate Adjustments

In setting rates for 2023/24, Council was mindful of the cost-of-living pressures and applied an average residential rate increase (excluding growth) of 6.9%, which was below the rate of inflation at the time. Council's forecast average residential rate increase is expected to be well below 2023/24 levels, with the RBA targeting an inflation rate of around 2.6% from 2026/27 and for the remainder of the 10-year Plan.

Council has used the RBA's targeted inflation rate of 2.6% to inform this LTFP however, actual annual inflation will need to be considered on an annual basis in determining the final rate adjustment for that year.

This LTFP has also factored in a 2.3% increase in rates growth in 2028/29 because of the anticipated development at the Buckingham Arms Hotel site. A 1% rate increase equates to approximately \$105K, therefore a 2.3% increase because of this development is approximately \$242K.

Projected rates growth has been set at 0.20% for the life of the LTFP, consistent with historical growth levels (mainly from subdivisions) seen throughout the Township.

4.2.3 Grants Assumption

In recent years, the Federal Government has made advanced payments, prior to 30 June, from future year allocations of financial assistance grants. This LTFP assumes that advance payments of the financial assistance grant will continue and has therefore factored in receipt of 100% of financial assistance grants in each year of the Plan. Other ongoing government operating grants are included at known amounts or where there is a reasonable expectation of continuation.



4.2.4 Operating Expenditure

The current LTFP ensures that there is a consistent delivery of essential community services through the 10-year Plan, without the requirement to significantly increase rates.

The LTFP is underpinned by a zero-based budgeting approach, which requires all operating lines to be re-assessed and justified for the new period. This approach reflects Council's need to deliver improved services to its residents through the most efficient and effective means possible.

Employee costs have been forecast to remain at current staffing levels of 35.4 FTE to meet operational requirements. Salaries and wages are increased in line with negotiated staff employment agreements and the superannuation guarantee target of 12% by 2025/26.

Interest expenditure is directly related to Council borrowings and cash flows through the life of the LTFP are based on the current forecasted 10-year fixed-term rate. Interest expenditure will be adjusted in line with LGFA current interest rates and the LTFP will be adjusted on an annual basis.

4.2.5 Capital Works

The LTFP ensures that funding is made available for the maintenance, replacement and upgrade of assets to deliver the service standards required by the Township. The LTFP includes \$26M for the renewal and replacement of assets over the 10-year period.

The LTFP also includes \$21.3M total expenditure on new capital projects over the life of the Plan – \$19.5M of this relates to the delivery of major projects, including:

- a new Walkerville Bowling & Community Club building;
- a renovated/new 39 Smith Street recreation centre building;
- upgrades to Walkerville Oval lighting, tennis/netball courts and cricket nets; and
- a renovation of the Walkerville Sports Club building.

The remaining \$1.8M is included as a provision of \$200K per year from 2024/25 for new capital works, which will be informed by **TOWards2035**, Council's new 10-year Strategic Plan.

4.2.6 Borrowing

In delivering asset maintenance and renewal programs, major projects and community services across the Township, Council will increase its borrowings from approximately \$200K in 2024 to approximately \$10.9M in 2026/27. These borrowings are well within Council's responsible borrowing capacity, with outstanding borrowings expected to decrease to approximately \$7.5M in 2032/33.

4.2.7 Council Subsidiaries

Council is a member of four regional subsidiaries; East Waste, Eastern Region Alliance Water (ERA Water), Eastern Health Authority (EHA) and the Highbury Landfill Authority.

The LTFP includes the expected impact (net gain/loss) to Council's financial statements from the operations of its subsidiaries. Any changes to forecast subsidiary results will impact Council's financial modelling. The LTFP will be updated annually to ensure that the most recent subsidiary forecasts are included.

The LTFP includes an equity contribution of \$800,000 to ERA Water (\$200,000 in 2023/24 and \$600,000 in years 2024/25 to 2026/27). Council is concerned about the financial sustainability of ERA Water and has requested an independent review of the financial sustainability of this subsidiary.



SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

Council has adopted target ranges for its key financial indicators – these are key measures of financial sustainability, as recommended by the Australian Local Government Association and reflected in the South Australian Local Government Model Financial Statements. The financial projections contained in the LTFP are an indication of Council’s direction and financial capacity.

The following financial indicators help to understand the financial projection within this Plan and to assess its financial sustainability. These ratios are provided in detail below.

5.1 Operating Surplus Ratio

The operating surplus ratio is the operating surplus (or deficit) as a percentage of total revenue and a key measure of Council’s ability to cover its operational costs and maintain financial sustainability in the long term. Council’s target range is 0-15%.

This ratio is calculated as:

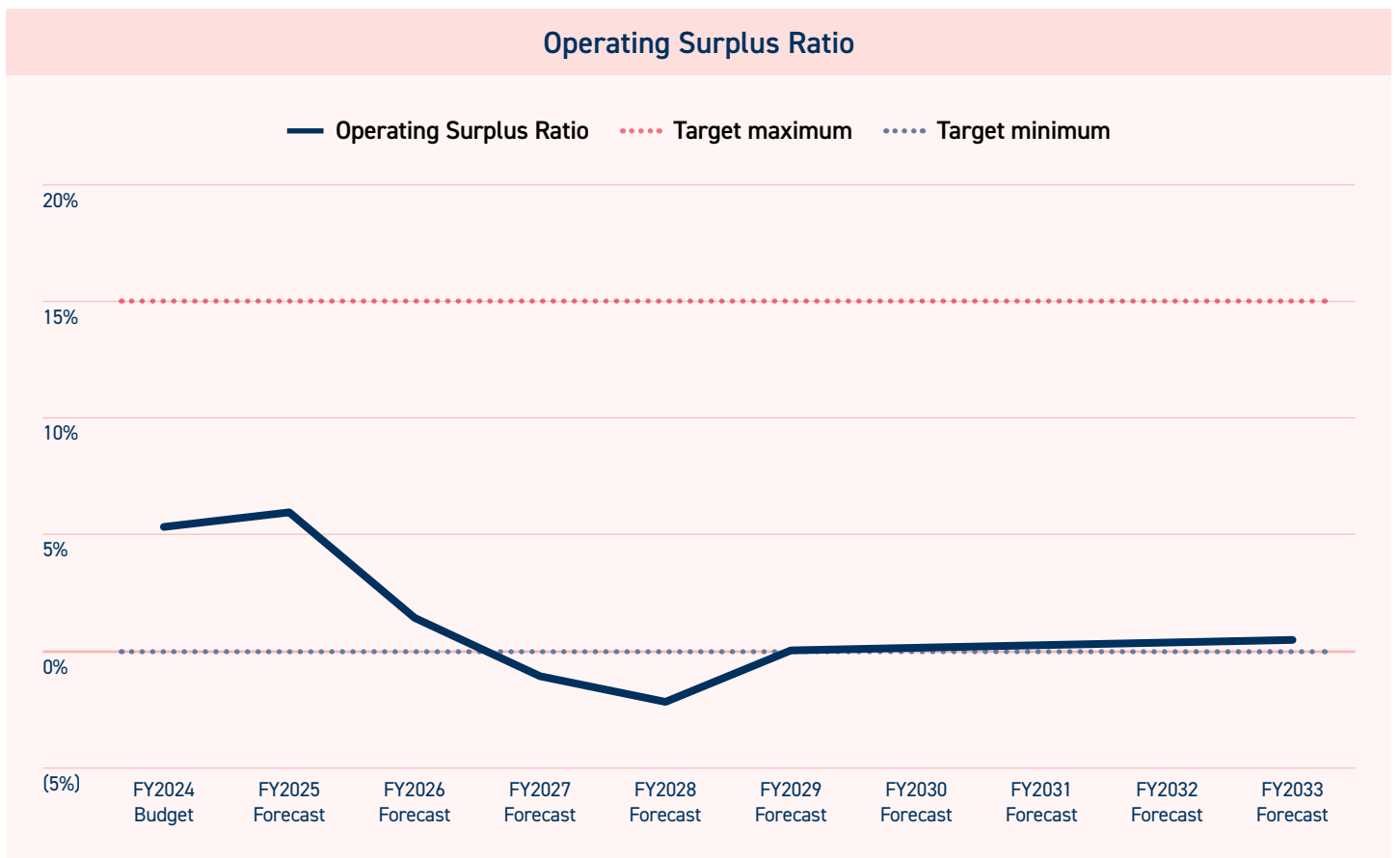
$$\frac{\text{Operating revenue less Operating expenditure}}{\text{Total operating revenue}}$$

A positive ratio indicates the percentage of operating income available to help fund proposed capital expenditure. If the relevant amount is not required for this purpose in a particular year, it can be held for future capital expenditure needs by either increasing financial assets or preferably, where possible, reducing debt in the meantime.

A negative ratio indicates the percentage increase in operating income or the approximate decrease in operating expenses required to achieve a breakeven operating result.

Ideally, councils should target breakeven or a small surplus position.

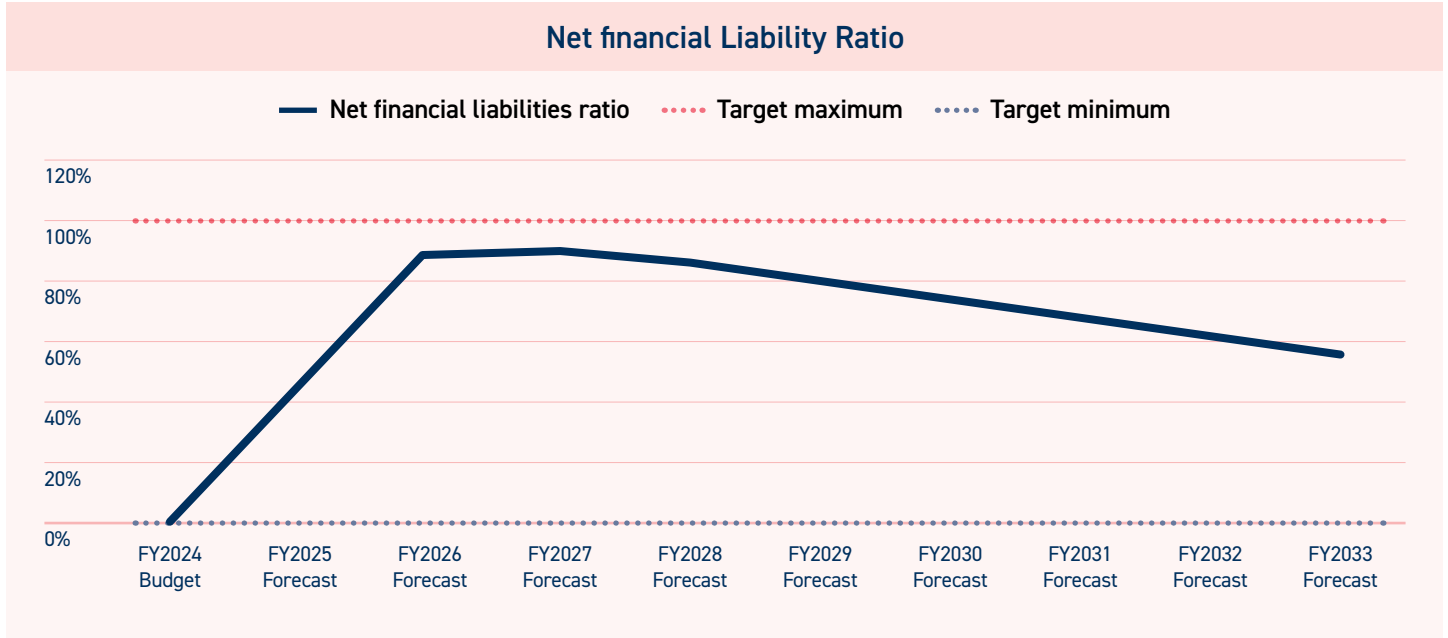
The operating surplus ratio graph shows that Council will experience a healthy operating surplus during the first three years of the Plan, followed by minor operating deficits in FY2027, FY2028 and FY2029. Operating deficits during these years are primarily a result of increasing depreciation and interest costs due to major projects, however, the operating position returns to surplus from FY2030 and continues for the remaining years of this Plan.



5.2 Net financial Liability Ratio

The net financial liabilities ratio demonstrates the relative size of Council's net liability against total operating income and can be considered a measure of the indebtedness of Council. Council's target range is 0-100%.

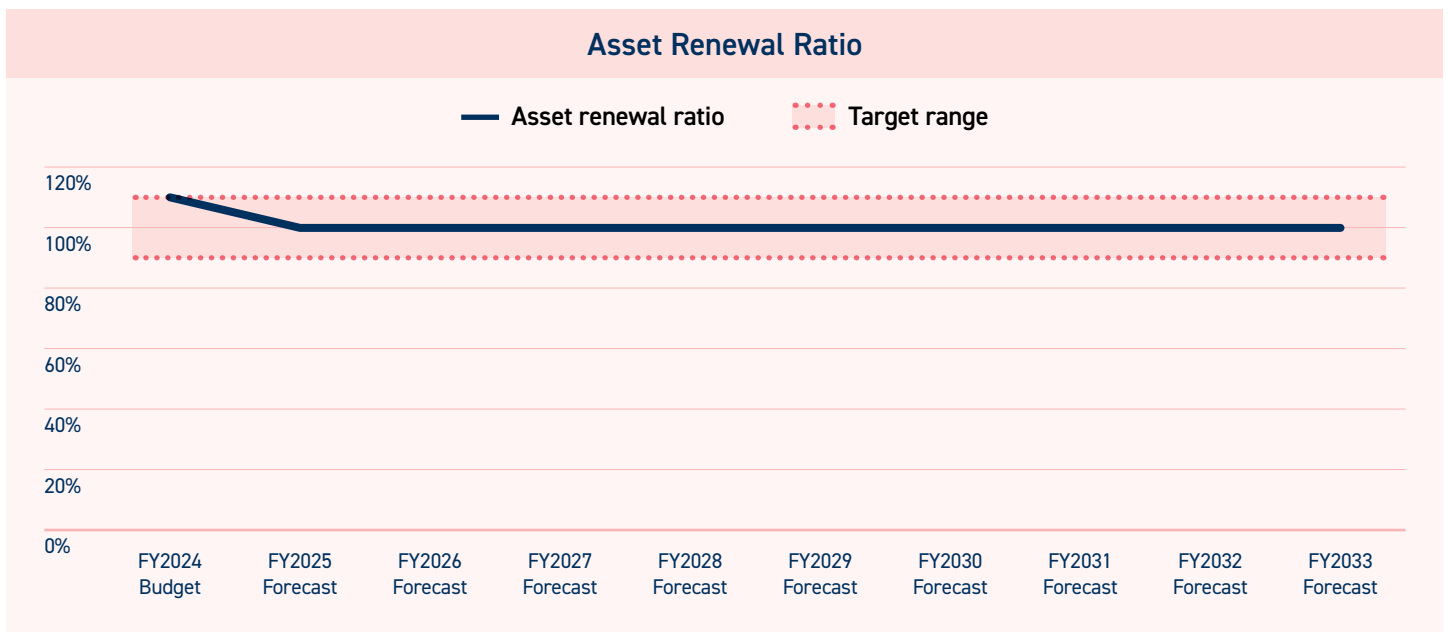
The net financial liability ratio graph shows Council will increase its borrowings from 0% in FY2024 to 92% in FY2027. This increase is due to borrowings required to fund the major projects. Overall, the borrowings decrease each year beyond FY2027 and reduce to 57% in FY2033. Borrowings are well within Council's responsible borrowing levels, with borrowings expected to decrease to approximately \$7.5M in FY2033.



5.3 Asset Renewal Funding Ratio

The asset renewal funding ratio represents the ratio of capital expenditure on renewal or replacement of assets, relative to the optimal level of such expenditure required, as per Council's AMPs. Council's target range is 90-110% over the life of this Plan.

The asset renewal ratio graph shows Council will renew its existing assets in line with its adopted Asset Management Plans.



6.1 Income Statement

Town of Walkerville LTFFP 2024	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
\$'000	Jun-24 Budget	Jun-25 Forecast	Jun-26 Forecast	Jun-27 Forecast	Jun-28 Forecast	Jun-29 Forecast	Jun-30 Forecast	Jun-31 Forecast	Jun-32 Forecast	Jun-33 Forecast
Income										
Rates	10,436	10,885	11,217	11,531	11,854	12,458	12,807	13,166	13,534	13,913
Statutory charges	382	398	409	420	431	442	453	465	477	489
User charges	652	679	853	891	910	929	949	969	989	1,010
Grants, subsidies and contributions - operating	615	640	658	676	693	711	730	749	768	788
Investment income	4	4	4	4	5	5	5	5	5	5
Reimbursements	59	61	63	65	66	68	70	72	74	76
Other income	140	146	150	154	158	162	166	170	175	179
Total income	12,288	12,813	13,355	13,740	14,116	14,775	15,179	15,595	16,022	16,461
Expenses										
Employee costs	4,055	4,244	4,457	4,586	4,719	4,856	4,997	5,142	5,292	5,445
Materials, contracts & other expenses	5,128	5,338	5,716	5,869	6,016	6,166	6,320	6,478	6,641	6,807
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	2,016	2,112	2,268	2,552	2,787	2,901	3,018	3,135	3,255	3,379
Finance costs	179	109	466	667	671	653	622	580	532	482
Net loss - equity accounted Council businesses	246	259	231	201	197	215	211	205	200	223
Total expenses	11,624	12,062	13,138	13,875	14,390	14,792	15,168	15,541	15,919	16,336
Operating surplus/(deficit)	664	751	216	(135)	(274)	(17)	11	54	103	125
Asset disposal & fair value adjustments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets	2,625	5,850	1,475	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Net surplus/(deficit)	3,289	6,601	1,691	(35)	(174)	83	111	154	203	225
Other comprehensive income										
Changes in revaluation surplus - infrastructure, property, plant & equipment	2,800	2,844	2,912	3,094	3,455	3,522	3,592	3,658	3,725	3,791
Movements in other reserves	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total other comprehensive income	2,800	2,844	2,912	3,094	3,455	3,522	3,592	3,658	3,725	3,791
Total comprehensive income	6,089	9,444	4,604	3,060	3,281	3,605	3,703	3,813	3,928	4,017

6.2 Balance Sheet

ATTACHMENT A

Town of Walkerville LTFP 2024	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
\$'000	Jun-24 Budget	Jun-25 Forecast	Jun-26 Forecast	Jun-27 Forecast	Jun-28 Forecast	Jun-29 Forecast	Jun-30 Forecast	Jun-31 Forecast	Jun-32 Forecast	Jun-33 Forecast
Current assets										
Cash and cash equivalents	5,961	195	204	209	209	209	208	207	206	204
Trade and other receivables	476	498	519	534	547	575	591	607	622	641
Total current assets	6,437	693	723	743	756	784	799	814	828	845
Non-current assets										
Equity accounted investments in Council businesses	1,755	1,696	1,664	1,663	1,466	1,251	1,040	835	635	412
Infrastructure, property, plant & equipment	142,181	145,621	154,717	172,728	176,112	179,593	182,912	186,229	189,563	193,117
Capital Work in Progress	750	12,750	14,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Non-Current Assets	1,060	1,060	1,060	1,060	1,060	1,060	1,060	1,060	1,060	1,060
Total non-current assets	145,746	161,126	171,942	175,451	178,638	181,904	185,012	188,123	191,257	194,589
Total assets	152,183	161,819	172,665	176,194	179,394	182,688	185,811	188,937	192,085	195,434
Current liabilities										
Trade & other payables	5,471	3,023	1,308	1,574	1,551	1,607	1,614	1,651	1,688	1,772
Borrowings	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Provisions	530	552	568	583	598	613	629	646	662	680
Other current liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total current liabilities	6,002	3,575	1,876	2,156	2,148	2,221	2,244	2,297	2,350	2,451
Non-current liabilities										
Borrowings	200	2,818	10,758	10,947	10,873	10,489	9,885	9,144	8,310	7,541
Provisions	26	27	27	28	29	30	30	31	32	33
Liability - equity accounted Council businesses	220	220	220	220	220	220	220	220	220	220
Total non-current liabilities	446	3,065	11,005	11,195	11,122	10,738	10,135	9,396	8,562	7,793
Total liabilities	6,447	6,639	12,881	13,351	13,270	12,959	12,378	11,692	10,913	10,245
Net assets	145,735	155,180	159,783	162,843	166,124	169,729	173,432	177,245	181,173	185,189
Equity										
Accumulated surplus	40,072	46,673	48,364	48,330	48,156	48,239	48,350	48,505	48,708	48,933
Asset revaluation reserves	105,267	108,111	111,023	114,117	117,572	121,094	124,686	128,344	132,069	135,860
Other reserves	396	396	396	396	396	396	396	396	396	396
Total equity	145,735	155,180	159,783	162,843	166,124	169,729	173,432	177,245	181,173	185,189
Net borrowings / (cash)	(5,761)	2,623	10,554	10,738	10,664	10,280	9,677	8,938	8,104	7,336

Town of Walkerville LTFP 2024

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
\$'000	Jun-24 Budget	Jun-25 Forecast	Jun-26 Forecast	Jun-27 Forecast	Jun-28 Forecast	Jun-29 Forecast	Jun-30 Forecast	Jun-31 Forecast	Jun-32 Forecast	Jun-33 Forecast
Cash flow from operating activities										
Receipts										
Rates receipts	10,179	10,863	11,195	11,516	11,841	12,430	12,791	13,149	13,519	13,894
Statutory charges	382	398	409	420	431	442	453	465	477	489
User charges	652	679	853	891	910	929	949	969	989	1,010
Grants, subsidies and contributions	615	640	658	676	693	711	730	749	768	788
Investment receipts	4	4	4	4	5	5	5	5	5	5
Reimbursements	59	61	63	65	66	68	70	72	74	76
Other receipts	140	146	150	154	158	162	166	170	175	179
Payments										
Payments to employees	(4,055)	(4,244)	(4,457)	(4,586)	(4,719)	(4,856)	(4,997)	(5,142)	(5,292)	(5,445)
Payments for materials, contracts & other expenses	(5,494)	(4,264)	(6,039)	(5,588)	(6,023)	(6,093)	(6,297)	(6,424)	(6,586)	(6,705)
Finance payments	(179)	(109)	(466)	(667)	(671)	(653)	(622)	(580)	(532)	(482)
Net cash provided by (or used in) operating activities	2,304	4,174	2,372	2,883	2,690	3,145	3,248	3,433	3,597	3,810
Cash flow from investing activities										
Receipts										
Amounts received specifically for new / upgraded assets	2,500	2,350	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Sale of replaced assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Repayments of Loans by Community Groups	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Distributions received from equity accounted Council businesses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Payments										
Expenditure on renewal / replacement of assets	(1,399)	(2,508)	(3,253)	(2,768)	(2,516)	(2,661)	(2,545)	(2,594)	(2,664)	(2,942)
Expenditure on new / upgraded assets	(750)	(12,200)	(6,950)	(200)	(200)	(200)	(200)	(200)	(200)	(200)
Contributions to equity-accounted businesses	(200)	(200)	(200)	(200)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net cash provided by (or used in) investing activities	151	(12,558)	(10,303)	(3,068)	(2,616)	(2,761)	(2,645)	(2,694)	(2,764)	(3,042)
Cash flow from financing activities										
Receipts										
Proceeds from borrowings	-	2,618	7,940	189	-	-	-	-	-	-
Payments										
Repayment of borrowings	(2,496)	-	-	-	(74)	(384)	(604)	(740)	(834)	(769)
Net cash provided by (or used in) financing activities	(2,496)	2,618	7,940	189	(74)	(384)	(604)	(740)	(834)	(769)
Net increase (decrease) in cash held	(41)	(5,766)	9	5	0	(0)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Cash & cash equivalents at the beginning of period	6,002	5,961	195	204	209	209	209	208	207	206
Cash & cash equivalents at the end of period	5,961	195	204	209	209	209	208	207	206	204
Net cash flow before financing activities and interest payments	2,634	(8,275)	(7,465)	483	745	1,037	1,225	1,319	1,365	1,250

6.4 Statement of Changes in Equity

Town of Walkerville LTFP 2024	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
\$'000	Jun-24 Budget	Jun-25 Forecast	Jun-26 Forecast	Jun-27 Forecast	Jun-28 Forecast	Jun-29 Forecast	Jun-30 Forecast	Jun-31 Forecast	Jun-32 Forecast	Jun-33 Forecast
Accumulated surplus										
Balance at the end of previous reporting period	36,783	40,072	46,673	48,364	48,330	48,156	48,239	48,350	48,505	48,708
Net result for the year	3,289	6,601	1,691	(35)	(174)	83	111	154	203	225
Transfers from other reserves	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance at the end of the period	40,072	46,673	48,364	48,330	48,156	48,239	48,350	48,505	48,708	48,933
Asset revaluation reserve										
Balance at the end of previous reporting period	102,467	105,267	108,111	111,023	114,117	117,572	121,094	124,686	128,344	132,069
Gain (loss) on revaluation of infrastructure, property, plant & equipment	2,800	2,844	2,912	3,094	3,455	3,522	3,592	3,658	3,725	3,791
Balance at the end of period	105,267	108,111	111,023	114,117	117,572	121,094	124,686	128,344	132,069	135,860
Other reserves										
Balance at the end of previous reporting period	396	396	396	396	396	396	396	396	396	396
Transfers from accumulated surplus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance at the end of period	396	396	396	396	396	396	396	396	396	396
Total equity at end of reporting period	145,735	155,180	159,783	162,843	166,124	169,729	173,432	177,245	181,173	185,189



Town of Walkerville LTFP 2024	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
\$'000	Jun-24 Budget	Jun-25 Forecast	Jun-26 Forecast	Jun-27 Forecast	Jun-28 Forecast	Jun-29 Forecast	Jun-30 Forecast	Jun-31 Forecast	Jun-32 Forecast	Jun-33 Forecast
Income	12,288	12,813	13,355	13,740	14,116	14,775	15,179	15,595	16,022	16,461
Less expenses	(11,624)	(12,062)	(13,138)	(13,875)	(14,390)	(14,792)	(15,168)	(15,541)	(15,919)	(16,336)
Operating surplus / (deficit)	664	751	216	(135)	(274)	(17)	11	54	103	125
Net outlays on existing assets										
Capital expenditure on renewal and replacement of existing assets	(1,399)	(2,508)	(3,253)	(2,768)	(2,516)	(2,661)	(2,545)	(2,594)	(2,664)	(2,942)
Add back depreciation, amortisation and impairment	2,016	2,112	2,268	2,552	2,787	2,901	3,018	3,135	3,255	3,379
Add back proceeds from sale of replaced assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	617	(396)	(984)	(216)	271	241	473	542	590	437
Net outlays on new and upgraded assets										
Capital expenditure on new and upgraded assets	(750)	(12,200)	(6,950)	(200)	(200)	(200)	(200)	(200)	(200)	(200)
Add back amounts received specifically for new and upgraded assets	2,625	5,850	1,475	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
	1,875	(6,350)	(5,475)	(100)	(100)	(100)	(100)	(100)	(100)	(100)
Net lending / (borrowing) for financial year	3,156	(5,995)	(6,243)	(451)	(103)	124	384	496	594	463



6.6 Financial Indicators

Town of Walkerville LTFP 2024	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
\$'000	Jun-24 Budget	Jun-25 Forecast	Jun-26 Forecast	Jun-27 Forecast	Jun-28 Forecast	Jun-29 Forecast	Jun-30 Forecast	Jun-31 Forecast	Jun-32 Forecast	Jun-33 Forecast
Operating surplus ratio										
Total income	12,288	12,813	13,355	13,740	14,116	14,775	15,179	15,595	16,022	16,461
Operating surplus / (deficit)	664	751	216	(135)	(274)	(17)	11	54	103	125
Operating surplus ratio	5.41%	5.86%	1.62%	(0.98%)	(1.94%)	(0.12%)	0.08%	0.35%	0.64%	0.76%
Net financial liabilities ratio										
Add: total liabilities	6,447	6,639	12,881	13,351	13,270	12,959	12,378	11,692	10,913	10,245
Less: cash and cash equivalents	(5,961)	(195)	(204)	(209)	(209)	(209)	(208)	(207)	(206)	(204)
Less: trade and other receivables	(476)	(498)	(519)	(534)	(547)	(575)	(591)	(607)	(622)	(641)
Net financial liabilities	11	5,947	12,158	12,608	12,514	12,175	11,580	10,879	10,085	9,400
Total income	12,288	12,813	13,355	13,740	14,116	14,775	15,179	15,595	16,022	16,461
Net financial liabilities ratio	0%	46%	91%	92%	89%	82%	76%	70%	63%	57%
Asset renewal ratio										
Expenditure on renewal / replacement of assets	1,399	2,508	3,253	2,768	2,516	2,661	2,545	2,594	2,664	2,942
Expenditure required per amp	1,287	2,508	3,253	2,768	2,516	2,661	2,545	2,594	2,664	2,942
Asset renewal ratio	109%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%





Decision Report Item Number **14.4**

Treasury Management Policy Review

Report Date: 9 February 2024
Reporting Officer: Group Manager Finance, Muhammad Jawad
Responsible Manager: Chief Executive Officer, Andrew MacDonald
Previous Reference: Nil

Report Purpose

The purpose of this report is for the Council to review and adopt the revised Treasury Management Policy.

Officer Recommendation

That the Council adopts the revised Treasury Management Policy as provided in Attachment B to this report.

Background

Section 132A of the *Local Government Act 1999* (“the Act”) states that a council must ensure appropriate policies, practices and procedures are implemented and maintained in order:

- (a) to ensure compliance with any statutory requirements; and
- (b) to achieve and maintain standards that reflect good administrative practices.

The attached revised Treasury Management Policy was presented to the Audit & Risk Committee at its meeting held on 29 January 2024. The Audit & Risk Committee reviewed the effectiveness of the revised draft Treasury Management Policy and recommended it to the Council for adoption. A summary of the proposed changes is discussed below.

Discussion

Attachment A provides Council’s current Treasury Management Policy with proposed changes in the track change version. Attachment B provides the revised policy in a clean version for easy reading. The following changes have been included in the revised policy:

- policy review frequency has been changed from three years to four years;
- reference to ‘Financial Guiding Principles’ in the ‘Related Policies’ section has been changed to Long Term Financial Plan;
- approval of the Council is included for all new borrowings;
- the requirement for maintaining two months of working capital has been changed to maintaining ongoing working capital;
- the requirement of annual reporting has been elaborated; and
- the annual treasury report will be presented to the Audit & Risk Committee and Council.

It is recommended that the Council adopts the revised Treasury Management Policy as provided in Attachment B to this report.

Financial Implications


There are no financial implications associated with this report.

Risk Implications

Risk associated with this report has been assessed as low.

Attachments

Attachment A	Treasury Management Policy – Track changed version
Attachment B	Treasury Management Policy – Clean Copy

 <p>Town of Walkerville</p> <p>Treasury Management Policy</p>	
Approved by	Council
First Approved	17/02/2014 (CNC250/13-14)
Review Frequency	Every Three <u>Four</u> Years
Last Reviewed	20/06/2019 (CNC388/18-19) <u>TBC</u>
Next Review	20/06/2022 <u>TBC</u>
Document Number	POL20166085
Responsible Officer	Group Manager Corporate Services
Policies Related	Budget Management Policy Financial Internal Controls Policy <u>Financial Guiding Principles</u> <u>Long Term Financial Plan</u>
Applicable Legislation	<u>Local Government Act 1999</u> <u>Local Government (Financial Management Regulations 2011 & 2013)</u>

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1. Introduction

This policy provides direction to Management, Staff and Council in relation to the treasury function. It underpins Council’s decision-making regarding the financing of its operations as documented in its ~~annual~~ Annual ~~Budget~~ and Long-Term Financial Plan and associated projected and actual cash flow receipts and outlays.

Council is committed to operating in a financially sustainable manner and maintains a Long-Term Financial Plan to assist it to determine affordable service levels and revenue raising needs. This Plan also provides projections of future cash flow availability and needs.

2. Policy Objectives

This Treasury Management Policy establishes a decision framework to ensure that:

- funds are available as required to support approved outlays;
- interest rate and other risks (e.g. liquidity and investment credit risks) are acknowledged and responsibly managed; and
- the net costs associated with treasury activity are minimised.

3. Policy Statements

3.1.3. Treasury Management Strategy

Council manages its finances holistically in accordance with its overall financial sustainability strategies and targets. This means Council will:

- maintain target ranges for its Net Financial Liabilities ratio;
- not retain and quarantine money for particular future purposes unless required by legislation or agreement with other parties;
- borrow funds in accordance with the requirements set out in its Long-Term Financial Plan;
- ensure that new borrowings are approved by Council by way of a resolution;
- apply any funds that are not immediately required to meet approved expenditure (including funds

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that are required to be expended for specific purposes but are not required to be kept in separate bank accounts) to reduce its level of borrowings or to defer and/or reduce the level of new borrowings that would otherwise be required; and-

- maintain ~~at least two months ongoing~~ working capital requirements at any point of time.

3.2. Interest Rate Risk Exposures

3.2.1.4. Annual Review

Council ~~management~~ will review the structure of its ~~debt and investments~~ borrowings on at least an annual basis. This review will look at interest exposure in relation to risk profile, economic performance and maturity profile where appropriate. It will also take into account ~~financial market conditions at the time and~~ other topical factors.

In order to manage its exposure to interest rate movements, Council may choose to use fixed term ~~debt~~ borrowing facilities. In this case, Council will consider:

- ~~M~~ maximum and minimum levels of debt required over the period of the fixed term;
- ~~The~~ the cost of both ~~fixed term~~ fixed-term and variable debt; and
- ~~The~~ the interest rates available for deposits.

These will be analysed to establish the optimal level of debt given the Council's appetite for fixing its level of debt.

3.2.2.5. Annual Report

~~The Audit Committee will receive a report covering the Annual Review and the outstanding levels of debt the nature and cost of that debt along with comparative from the prior period/report.~~

~~At least once a year, the Audit & Risk Committee and Council shall receive a specific report regarding treasury management performance relative to this policy document. The report shall highlight:~~

- ~~for each of the Council borrowing and investment - the quantum of funds, its interest rate and maturity date, and changes in the quantum since the previous report; and,~~
- ~~the proportion of fixed interest rate and variable interest rate borrowings at the end date of the reporting period and an estimate of the average of these proportions across this period.~~

3.3.6. Investments

Council funds that are not immediately required for operational needs and cannot be applied to either reduce existing borrowings or to avoid the raising of new borrowings will be invested with an Australian ~~Bank~~ bank whose Standard & Poors Credit Rating is A or higher or with the Local Government Financing ~~Authority~~ Authority.

Council funds available for investment will be lodged 'at call'. In the case of ~~fixed term~~ fixed-term ~~investments~~ investments, the term should not exceed a point in time where the funds otherwise could be applied to cost-effectively either defer the need to raise a new borrowing or reduce the level of Council's variable interest rate borrowing facility.

When investing funds, Council will select the investment type that delivers the best value, having regard to investment returns, transaction costs and other relevant and objectively quantifiable factors. ~~Returns from investments vary significantly from year to year based on interest rates and the level of cash held.~~

Council management may from time to time invest surplus funds in:

- deposits with the Local Government Financing Authority; and/or
- ~~bank~~ interest bearing deposits; and/or

- ~~a~~ Any other investment requires the specific approval of Council.

Council will need to determine the proportion of its investment funds that will be placed in various Treasury Management Policy

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investment types. In determining this proportion, Council will need to take account of:

- investment risk;
- likely return; and
- relevant legislative requirements.

Treasury Management Policy

Classification	Council Policy		
Responsible Officer	Group Manager Finance		
Relevant Legislation	<i>Local Government Act 1999</i>		
Related Policies	Financial Internal Control Policy		
	Budget Management Policy		
	Long Term Financial Plan		
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Treasury Management Policy

1. Introduction

This policy provides direction to Management, Staff and Council in relation to the treasury function. It underpins Council's decision-making regarding the financing of its operations as documented in its Annual Budget and Long Term Financial Plan and associated projected and actual cash flow receipts and outlays.

Council is committed to operating in a financially sustainable manner and maintains a Long Term Financial Plan to assist it to determine affordable service levels and revenue-raising needs. This Plan also provides projections of future cash flow availability and needs.

2. Policy Objectives

This Treasury Management Policy establishes a decision framework to ensure that:

- funds are available as required to support approved outlays;
- interest rate and other risks (e.g. liquidity and investment credit risks) are acknowledged and responsibly managed; and
- the net costs associated with treasury activity are minimised.

3. Treasury Management Strategy

Council manages its finances holistically in accordance with its overall financial sustainability strategies and targets. This means Council will:

- maintain target ranges for its Net Financial Liabilities ratio;
- not retain and quarantine money for particular future purposes unless required by legislation or agreement with other parties;
- borrow funds in accordance with the requirements set out in its Long Term Financial Plan;
- ensure that new borrowings are approved by Council by way of a resolution;
- apply any funds that are not immediately required to meet approved expenditure (including funds that are required to be expended for specific purposes but are not required to be kept in separate bank accounts) to reduce its level of borrowings or to defer and/or reduce the level of new borrowings that would otherwise be required; and
- maintain ongoing working capital requirements at any point of time.

4. Annual Review

Council management will review the structure of borrowings on at least an annual basis. This review will look at interest exposure in relation to risk profile, economic performance and maturity profile where appropriate. It will also take into account other topical factors.

In order to manage its exposure to interest rate movements Council may choose to use fixed term borrowing facilities. In this case, Council will consider:

- a. maximum and minimum levels of debt required over the period of the fixed term;
- b. the cost of both fixed term and variable debt; and
- c. the interest rates available for deposits.

These will be analysed to establish the optimal level of debt given the Council's appetite for fixing its level of debt.

Treasury Management Policy

5. Annual Report

At least once a year the Audit & Risk Committee and Council shall receive a specific report regarding treasury management performance relative to this policy document. The report shall highlight:

- for each of the Council borrowing and investment - the quantum of funds, its interest rate and maturity date, and changes in the quantum since the previous report; and
- the proportion of fixed interest rate and variable interest rate borrowings at the end date of the reporting period and an estimate of the average of these proportions across this period.

6. Investments

Council funds that are not immediately required for operational needs and cannot be applied to either reduce existing borrowings or to avoid the raising of new borrowings will be invested with an Australian bank whose Standard & Poors Credit Rating is A or higher or with the Local Government Financing Authority.

Council funds available for investment will be lodged 'at call'. In the case of fixed term investments, the term should not exceed a point in time where the funds otherwise could be applied to cost-effectively either defer the need to raise a new borrowing or reduce the level of Council's variable interest rate borrowing facility.

When investing funds, Council will select the investment type that delivers the best value, having regard to investment returns, transaction costs and other relevant and objectively quantifiable factors.

Council management may from time to time invest surplus funds in:

- deposits with the Local Government Financing Authority; and/or
- bank interest bearing deposits.

Any other investment requires the specific approval of Council.

Council will need to determine the proportion of its investment funds that will be placed in various investment types. In determining this proportion, Council will need to take account of:

- investment risk;
- likely return; and
- relevant legislative requirements.



Decision Report Item Number **14.5**

2024 National General Assembly - Canberra

Report Date: 12 February 2024
Reporting Officer: Chief Executive Officer – Andrew MacDonald
Responsible Manager: Chief Executive Officer – Andrew MacDonald
Previous Reference: Nil

Report Purpose

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider Town of Walkerville representation at the Australian Local Government Association's National General Assembly and Australian Council of Local Government, to be held from 2 – 5 July 2024 in Canberra.

Officer Recommendation

- 1. That Council approve the attendance of Deputy Mayor Zeppel, Councillor Trotter and CEO Andrew MacDonald at the Australian Local Government Association's National General Assembly and Australian Council of Local Government, to be held in Canberra from 2 - 5 July 2024.**
- 2. That Council approved a budget variation of \$8,500 (excl. GST) for NGA registration, travel, accommodation, and incidental costs associated with Council's attendance.**
- 3. That Council Members consider proposed notice/s of motion to the 2024 National General Assembly and submit suggestions to the CEO before close of business Friday, 1 March 2024, to allow proposed motions to be further developed and considered by Council at its March 2024 meeting.**

Background

The Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) is the national voice of local government, representing 537 councils across the country. In structure, ALGA is a federation of state and territory local government associations.

Since 1994, ALGA has hosted the annual National General Assembly (NGA), which has progressively built the profile of local government on the national stage, showcased the value of councils and most importantly demonstrated - particularly to the Australian Government - the strength and value of working with local government to help deliver on national priorities.

Debate on motions was introduced to the NGA as a vehicle for councils from across the nation to canvas ideas. Outcomes of debate on motions (NGA Resolutions) are often used by participating councils to inform their own policies and priorities, as well as their advocacy when dealing with federal politicians.

Discussion

ALGA will convene the 30th National General Assembly (NGA) of Local Government in Canberra from 2 - 4 July 2024. As convenor of the NGA, the ALGA Board has invited all councils to send representatives to this important national event. **Attachment A** provides a letter from the President of the Australian Local Government Association, Linda Scott, inviting Council to attend the NGA.

In addition, the Federal Government has again offered to host Mayors at the Australian Council of Local Government (ACLG) on Friday, 5 July 2024. **Attachment B** provides a letter from The Hon Catherine King MP and The Hon Kristy McBain MP, inviting Council to attend ACLG.

Proposed Attendance

Historically, the Town of Walkerville has not consistently been represented at the NGA. Over the past 13 years, Council has only been represented on five occasions. Table (1) provides attendance history:

Table (1)

Date	Attendees
June 2010	Deputy Mayor, one Council Member and CEO
June 2011	Mayor, Deputy Mayor and CEO
June 2013	Mayor and CEO
June 2014	Acting Mayor and CEO
June 2023	Mayor

Sending Council representatives ensures the Town of Walkerville is appropriately represented at this national event and provides important development and networking opportunities for Council Members.

The Mayor and CEO have recently discussed an opportunity to include the Deputy Mayor as part of Council contingent to the NGA. Given Council's current approach is to rotate its Deputy Mayor every 12 months, including the Deputy Mayor will allow up to three Council Members to participate in this national event during this Council term, providing further development and networking opportunities.

Unfortunately, Mayor Jones is unable to the 2024 NGA due to a planned holiday with her family. It is, therefore, recommended that Deputy Mayor John Zeppel and the immediate past Deputy Mayor Liz Trotter, attend the 2024 NGA with the CEO.

Motions to the NGA

ALGA is now calling on councils to submit motions to the 2024 NGA, that support the annual NGA theme. All notices of motions will be reviewed by the ALGA Board's NGA Sub-Committee prior to publishing the NGA Business Paper to ensure that they meet these guidelines. This Sub-Committee reserves the right to select, edit or amend notices of motions to facilitate the efficient and effective management of debate on motions at the NGA.

This year's NGA theme is **'Building Community Trust'**. This theme aims to explore the critical importance of trust in governments, between governments, its institutions and its citizens. The NGA's discussion paper is provided at **Attachment C** for Council Member's consideration.

Motions for this year's NGA should consider:

- how all levels of government in Australia can build trust in each other and earn greater trust from the community;
- practical opportunities for the Australian Government to leverage the trust that local communities have in their local council;
- focus on practical programs that can strengthen the system of local government nationally to provide the services and infrastructure required to support and strengthen our communities; and
- new program ideas that would help the local government sector to deliver the Australian Government's objectives.

Motions should be concise, practical and implementable and meet the guidelines for motions set out in the attached discussion paper. Council Members are encouraged to read all the sections of the discussion paper.

A council motion must address one or more of the issues identified in the attached discussion paper. Motions supported by Council will be lodged electronically using the online form available on the NGA website. Motions must be submitted by no later than 11:59pm AEST on Friday, 29 March 2024.

Council Members are requested to consider notice of motion/s that meet the above criteria and to be prepared to put forward proposed motion/s to the March meeting of Council for consideration. The CEO is available to provide advice in relation to proposed motions and to assist with the preparation of a draft.

Financial Implications

A review of Council's 2023/24 budget shows there are inadequate budgets for Council conferences, travel, training, and other general expenses. Table (2) provides relevant Council Member budgets and actual expenditure.

Table (2)

Council Member Budget Lines	Annual Budget	Actuals (YTD January 2024)
Conference	\$1,000	\$300
Training	\$2,000	\$3,000
Travel	\$500	\$167
Other expenditure	\$1,500	\$2,400
TOTAL	\$5,000	\$5,867

The financial implication associated with this report is a budget shortfall of approximately \$8,500. It is recommended that Council approves a budget increase of \$8,500 (excl. GST) to support this year's NGA registration, travel, accommodation, and incidental cost associated with Council's proposed attendance.

It is further recommended that the above budget lines be increased in forthcoming years to ensure Council Members are provided with appropriate opportunities for training, development and networking.

Risk Implications

The risk associated with this report has been assessed as low.

Attachments

Attachment A	Letter of Invitation to Attend NGA
Attachment B	Letter of Invitation to Attend ACLG
Attachment C	2024 NGA Discussion Paper – Building Community Trust



15 December 2023

Mayor Melissa Jones
Town of Walkerville
PO Box 55
WALKERVILLE SA 5081

Dear Mayor Jones,

You're Invited: 2024 Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly

I'm delighted to officially invite you to our Australian Local Government Association Annual Conference, the National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA), which will be occurring in Canberra from 2 to 4 July 2024 at the National Convention Centre. In addition, the Federal Government has again offered to host Mayors at the Australian Council of Local Government (ACLG) on 5 July 2024.

As a result, ALGA is now calling for councils to submit motions for the 2024 NGA. Attending this Conference to debate policy motions that will be considered by the ALGA Board, the NGA is your opportunity to shape the federal advocacy agenda that ALGA will undertake on behalf of Australian local governments.

The theme of our 2024 NGA will be "Building Community Trust". ALGA is seeking motions that align with this theme and identify opportunities for new federal programs and policies that will support councils to build trust, both in our communities and as a local delivery partner for the Australian Government.

The attached discussion paper will help you prepare your council's motions, which can be submitted online at www.alga.com.au until Friday 29 March 2024.

Next year's Conference is shaping up to be even bigger than this year's record setting event, and we are again so proud to be partnering with the Federal Government to incorporate the ACLG into the week.

This year's ACLG was the first to be held in ten years and was a wonderful opportunity for us to speak directly to Federal Ministers with one voice about the challenges and opportunities in our communities.

Further information about both the 2024 NGA and ACLG – including registration details – will be provided to your councils in the New Year. Should you require any further details, please do not hesitate to contact ALGA on (02) 6122 9400 or at alga@alga.asn.au.

I look forward to receiving your 2024 NGA motions and welcoming you to Canberra next July.

Yours sincerely,

Councillor Linda Scott
President, Australian Local Government Association



THE HON CATHERINE KING MP
Minister for Infrastructure, Transport,
Regional Development and Local Government

THE HON KRISTY McBAIN MP
Minister for Regional Development, Local Government
and Territories

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Mayor Melissa Jones
Town of Walkerville
PO Box 55
WALKERVILLE SA 5081

Dear Mayor Jones,



Save the date for the 2024 Australian Council of Local Government

We are writing to advise that the Australian Council of Local Government (ACLG) will be held on Friday, 5 July 2024 at the National Convention Centre in Canberra. A Gala Dinner is also planned for the evening of Thursday, 4 July 2024. The 2024 National Awards for Local Government will be announced in conjunction with the 2024 ACLG events.

We would appreciate if you could please keep these dates free to attend both events.

Last year's ACLG was a great success with 686 delegates attending, representing 296 Councils, with 201 Mayors attending. The feedback we received from our Ministerial colleagues in attendance last year was that they found the engagement with local government representatives across the Forum and Dinner extremely valuable.

The ACLG in 2024 will again bring Ministers and local governments together to discuss key issues and workshop potential solutions, especially those in which local government plays a leading role. The Commonwealth will meet the costs of the ACLG Forum and the ACLG Gala Dinner, however each attendee will need to bear the cost of their travel and accommodation.

More information regarding event registrations, forum agenda and the 2024 National Awards for Local Government will be sent out by the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts in due course.

For ACLG enquiries contact: ACLGInbox@infrastructure.gov.au. For NALG enquiries contact: Awards@infrastructure.gov.au.

We look forward to meeting you at the events and to the important conversations we will have.

Yours sincerely

Handwritten signature of Catherine King in blue ink.

CATHERINE KING

Handwritten signature of Kristy McBain in black ink.

KRISTY McBAIN



2024 NGA

Building
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Trust

National Convention Centre
Canberra

2 - 4
JULY
2024

DISCUSSION
PAPER



KEY DATES

29 March 2024 | Acceptance of Motions

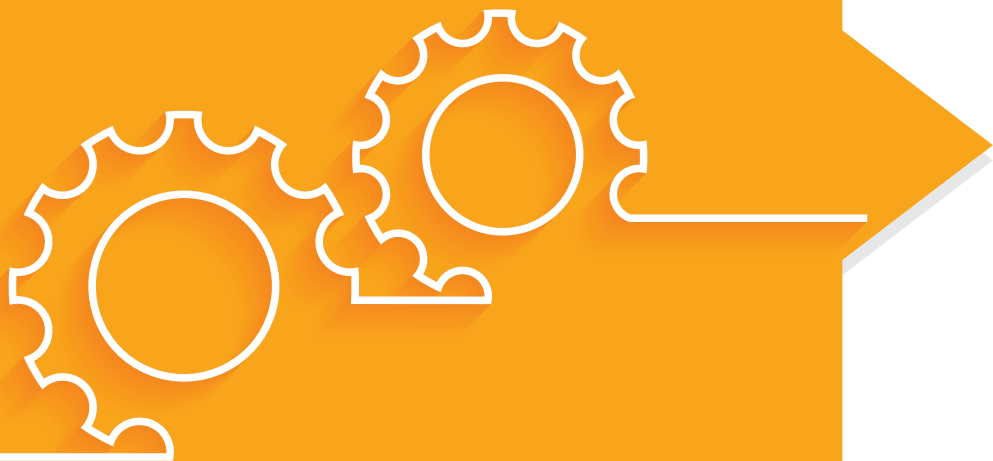
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3 - 4 July 2024 | National General Assembly

5 July 2024 | Australian Council of Local Government

TO SUBMIT YOUR MOTION

VISIT: **ALGA.COM.AU**



The Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) is pleased to convene the 30th National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA), to be held in Canberra from 2-4 July 2024.

As convenor of the NGA, the ALGA Board cordially invites all councils to send representatives to this important national event.

The NGA is the premier national gathering of local governments, and provides councils with the opportunity to come together, share ideas, debate motions, and most importantly unite and further build on the relationship between local government and the Australian Government.

This discussion paper contains essential information for Australian councils considering submitting motions for debate at the 2024 National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA).

It is recommended that all councils and delegates intending to attend the 2024 NGA familiarise themselves with the guidelines for motions contained in this paper on page 6.

BACKGROUND TO ALGA AND THE NGA

ALGA was established 1947. In structure, ALGA is a federation of member state and territory associations. Its mission is to achieve outcomes for local government through advocacy with impact, and maximise the economic, environmental and social wellbeing of councils and our communities.

Since 1994, the NGA has built the profile of local government on the national stage, showcased the value of councils, and most importantly demonstrated - particularly to the Australian Government - the strength and value of working with local government to help deliver on national priorities.

Debate on motions was introduced to the NGA as a vehicle for councils from across the nation to canvas ideas. Outcomes of debate on motions (NGA Resolutions) could be used by participating councils to inform their own policies and priorities, as well as their advocacy when dealing with federal politicians.

At the same time, they help ALGA and its member state and territory associations gain valuable insight into council priorities, emerging national issues, and the level of need and support for new policy and program initiatives.

Given the structure of ALGA, its Constitution, and level of resources, the NGA does not bind the ALGA Board. However, the Board carefully considers NGA resolutions as it determines ALGA's policies, priorities and strategies to advance local governments within the national agenda.

This is your NGA and ALGA is pleased to act as the convenor. ALGA's policies and priorities will continue to be determined by the ALGA Board in the interests of all councils.

The ALGA Board thanks all councils for attending the NGA and those that will take the time to reflect on the purpose of debate on motions outlined in this paper, and to submit motions for debate at the 2024 NGA.

SUBMITTING MOTIONS

Australia is one of the world's great democracies. It is held in high regard across the world but should never be taken for granted.

The theme of the 2024 NGA is – Building Community Trust.

This theme aims to explore the critical importance of trust in governments, between governments, its institutions, and its citizens. This trust is a fundamental building block of our nation's democracy.

While relatively low key, over the past decade there has been increasing public debate by scholars and policy makers about the level of trust in government, its institutions and indeed the operation of our democracy more broadly.

Mark Evans et al (2019) published research in 'The Conversation' indicating that Australians' trust in politicians (our political representatives) and democracy has hit an all-time low. This report indicates 'fewer than 41% of Australian citizens are satisfied with the way democracy works in Australia, down from 86% in 2007.

Public satisfaction has fallen particularly sharply since 2013, when 72% of Australian citizens were satisfied. Generation X is least satisfied (31%) and Baby Boomers most satisfied (50%). Some political authors suggest that these trends in part explain the rise in popularity and the relative success of independents and micro or single-issue parties.

These statistics should be of concern to every level of government and those interested in the future of our communities and Australia's democratic system.

It is said that 'trust is hard-earned, easily lost, and difficult to re-establish – and a key to absolutely everything.' While media and public attention frequently focuses on levels of trust in the national and state governments, local governments have an equally important role in building, maintaining and indeed, often repairing government-community relationships.

At its most fundamental level, the 2024 NGA focusses on the role of local government and how all levels of government can help each other build, maintain and strengthen government-community relationships.

This discussion paper is a call for councils to submit motions for debate at the 2024 NGA to be held in Canberra from 2-4 July 2024.

Motions for this year's NGA should consider:

- how all levels of government in Australia can build trust in each other and earn greater trust from the community;
- practical opportunities for the Australian Government to leverage the trust that local communities have in their local council;
- focus on practical programs that can strengthen the system of local government nationally to provide the services and infrastructure required to support and strengthen our communities; and
- new program ideas that that would help the local government sector to deliver the Australian Government's objectives.

Motions should be concise, practical and implementable and meet the guidelines for motions set out in the paper.

You are encouraged to read all the sections of the paper but are not expected to respond to every issue or question. Your council's motion/s must address one or more of the issues identified in the discussion paper.

Motions must be lodged electronically using the online form available on the NGA website at: www.alga.com.au and received no later than 11:59pm AEST on Friday 29 March 2024.

All notices of motions will be reviewed by the ALGA Board's NGA Sub-committee prior to publishing the NGA Business Paper to ensure that they meet these guidelines. This sub-committee reserves the right to select, edit or amend notices of motions to facilitate the efficient and effective management of debate on motions at the NGA.

All NGA resolutions will be published on www.nationalgeneralassembly.com.au.

As the host of the NGA, ALGA will communicate resolutions to the relevant Australian Government Minister and publish Ministerial responses as they are received on this website.

Please note that if your council does submit a motion, there is an expectation that a council representative will be present at the NGA to move and speak to that motion if required.

We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at the 2024 NGA.

CRITERIA FOR MOTIONS

To be eligible for inclusion in the NGA Business Papers, and subsequent debate on the floor of the NGA, motions must meet the following criteria:

1. Be relevant to the work of local government nationally.
2. Not be focused on a specific jurisdiction, location or region – unless the project or issue has national implications.
3. Be consistent with the themes of the NGA.
4. Complement or build on the policy objectives of ALGA and your state or territory local government association.
5. Be submitted by a council which is a financial member of their state or territory local government association.
6. Propose a clear action and outcome ie call on the Australian Government to act on something.
7. Not be advanced on behalf of external third parties that may seek to use the NGA to apply pressure to Board members, or to gain national political exposure for positions that are not directly relevant to the work of, or in the national interests of, local government.
8. Address issues that will directly improve the capacity of local government to deliver services and infrastructure for the benefit of all Australian communities.
9. Not seek to advance an outcome that would result in a benefit to one group of councils to the detriment of another.
10. Be supported by sufficient evidence to support the outcome being sought and demonstrate the relevance and significance of the matter to local government nationally.

Motions must commence with the following wording:

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to ...

Please note that resolutions of the NGA do not automatically become ALGA's national policy positions.

OTHER THINGS TO CONSIDER

It is important to complete the background section of the submission form. Submitters of motions should not assume that NGA delegates will have background knowledge of the proposal. The background section helps all delegates, including those with no previous knowledge of the issue, in their consideration of the motion. Please note, motions should NOT be prescriptive in directing how the matter should be pursued.

Try to keep motions practical, focussed and capable of implementation to ensure that relevant Australian Government Ministers provide considered, thoughtful and timely responses.

Try to avoid motions that are complex, contain multi-dot points and require complex cross-portfolio implementation.

All motions submitted will be reviewed by the ALGA Board's NGA Sub-committee, in consultation with state and territory local government associations, to determine their eligibility for inclusion in the NGA Business Papers.

When reviewing motions, the Sub-committee considers the criteria, clarity of the motion and the importance and relevance of the issue to local government.

If there are any questions about the substance or intent of a motion, ALGA will raise these with the nominated contact officer. With the agreement of the submitting council, these motions may be edited before inclusion in the NGA Business Papers.

To ensure an efficient and effective debate, where there are numerous motions on a similar issue, the NGA Sub-committee will group these motions together under an overarching strategic motion. The strategic motions will have either been drafted by ALGA or will be based on a motion submitted by a council which best summarises the subject matter.

Debate will occur in accordance with the rules for debate published in the Business Papers and will focus on the strategic motions. Associated sub-motions will be debated by exception only or in accordance with the debating rules.

Any motion deemed to be primarily concerned with local or state issues will be referred to the relevant state or territory local government association and will not be included in the NGA Business Papers.

All motions require:

- a contact officer;
- a clear national objective;
- a summary of the key arguments in support of the motion; and
- endorsement of your council.

**Motions should be lodged electronically using the online form available at www.alga.asn.au.
Motions should be received no later than 11:59pm AEST on Friday 29 March 2024.**

SETTING THE SCENE

The theme for NGA24 'Building Community Trust' aims to focus on the role of local government in the Australian system of government and explore the critical importance of trust in governments, between governments, its institutions, and our citizens.

In a recent essay on Capitalism after the Crisis (2023) the Treasurer the Hon Dr Jim Chalmers MP wrote:

'Our mission is to redefine and reform our economy and institutions in ways that make our people and communities more resilient, and our society and democracy stronger as well.'

The need to strengthen our democracy was also emphasised the Prime Minister the Hon Anthony Albanese MP in a speech at Queensland's Woodford Folk Festival toward the end of 2022:

'I urge anyone who thinks our democracy is unassailable to have a look around the world. Even some of the oldest, most stable democracies have come under attack from a whole range of corrosive, insidious forces. No one is immune. Our democracy is precious, something we have carefully grown and nurtured from one generation to the next. One of our core responsibilities is to make it stronger, and the key to that strength is transparency and accountability.'

In early 2023 the Australian Government established a taskforce to advise government on 'what can be done – practically – to strengthen Australian democracy'.

The 2024 NGA provides you - the elected representatives of Australia's local councils and communities - with the opportunity to engage with the Federal Government and key Ministers.

Further, it is your opportunity to advocate for new or expanded programs and key policy initiatives that could strengthen local governments, its capacity to deliver services and infrastructure to local communities across the nation. This service delivery is critical to build, maintain and strengthen the trust of our citizens.

This year's call for motion focusses on twelve priority areas:

- Intergovernmental relations;
- Financial sustainability;
- Roads and infrastructure;
- Emergency management;
- Housing and homelessness;
- Jobs and skills;
- Community services;
- Closing the Gap and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Reconciliation;
- Data, digital technology and cyber security;
- Climate change and renewable energy;
- Environment; and
- Circular economy.



1. INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

'Australia's federal structure, built upon reciprocal financial, legislative and policy responsibilities, requires intelligent cooperation on issues of strategic national significance.'

National Cabinet is a forum for the Prime Minister, Premiers and Chief Ministers to meet and work collaboratively. National Cabinet was established on 13 March 2020 and is chaired by the Prime Minister. The National Cabinet is a key mechanism in Australia's current intergovernmental architecture.

A representative of local government, the President of ALGA, is invited to meet with National Cabinet once each year. The President of ALGA also attends one meeting per year of the Council on Federal Financial Relations comprising the Commonwealth Treasurer as Chair and all state and territory treasurers.

A substantial body of research, from Australia and internationally, has highlighted that governments that work together are generally more successful in achieving shared national objectives, including economic recovery from events like the COVID-19 pandemic as well as in service and infrastructure delivery.

This research reinforces the need for local government to be included in relevant ministerial forums that support national priorities – from housing affordability to reaching net-zero emissions. ALGA currently participates in National Cabinet (1/year), Council on Federal Financial Relations (1/year), Infrastructure Transport Ministers Meeting, National Emergency Managers Meeting, Local Government Ministers Forum, Joint Council on Closing the Gap, Planning Ministers Meeting, Meeting of Environment Ministers, Energy and Climate Change Ministers and the Road Safety Ministers Meeting, to represent local government views.

Local government input can provide a community voice, enabling our intergovernmental forums to make decisions with greater legitimacy and authority.

Given the importance of trust in governments, between governments and its citizens, how can intergovernmental arrangements be further improved in Australia?

Are there ways of maintaining and enhancing the community's trust in local government?

Are there new initiatives and programs that could be adopted to improve the level of cooperation and collaboration between the Australian Government and local government?

2. FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

Trust in governments is highly correlated with their ability to fulfill the implicit social contract between government and its citizens by keeping promises.

Local government is the third sphere of government in Australia's system of government. Councils are comprised of locally elected representatives who understand local needs and engage locally on strategies to meet those needs.

Councils are responsible for providing a wide range of critical local area services including planning, libraries, waste management systems, transport and infrastructure (eg roads and footpaths, parks, sporting grounds and swimming pools) and social services.

These services are critical to the wellbeing, liveability and productivity of all local communities, and therefore the nation. Equally important is the sustaining of democratic processes at the local and regional level.

Local government's total annual expenditure in 2021 -22 was approximately \$43.6 billion. Non-financial assets including roads, community infrastructure such as buildings, facilities, airports, water, and sewerage (in some states) including land, are valued at \$539 billion [ABS Government Finance Statistics, Australia, 2021-22].

In 2021-22, the Australian Government provided \$2.6 billion in Financial Assistance Grants funding to councils. This included \$1.3b which was brought forward from the 2021-22 estimate and paid through state and territory governments in 2020-21.

Nationally, local government derives nearly 90% of its revenue from its own sources (including rates and services charges), compared to around 50% for state governments. Grants from other levels of government make up just over 10% of local government's total revenue, however these grants are particularly important in areas with a low-rate base, and/or high growth rates, and rapidly expanding service and infrastructure needs.

In 2021-22 Financial Assistance Grants to local governments was less than 0.6% of Commonwealth taxation revenue (CTR), a significant drop from 1996 when these grants were at 1% of CTR. In 2023-24 Financial Assistance Grants have fallen to 0.5% of Commonwealth taxation.

What improvements are needed to the intergovernmental financial transfer system, particularly the Commonwealth transfers to local government, to enhance the community's trust in local government and by extension all governments?

Noting that Commonwealth tied funding is provided with detailed requirements how can this system be improved to provide flexibility and maximize the benefit to local communities?

3. ROADS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

ALGA's 2021 National State of the Assets Report (NSoA) is currently being updated and expected to be launched in 2024. The most recent NSoA shows that while most local government assets such as roads, bridges, buildings, parks and recreation, stormwater, water and wastewater, and airports and aerodromes are generally in good to very good condition, around 10% are not fit for purpose, and around 20–25% are only fair and over time will need attention.

The last NSoA found that in 2019–20 non-financial infrastructure assets were valued at \$342 billion and were depreciating at \$7.7 billion per year. Replacement costs of these infrastructure assets were in the order of \$533 billion.

Local government assets make up a significant proportion of the physical structure of local communities and often provide critical access to and support for citizens to engage in state and national assets and opportunities.

For example, local roads provide important “first and last-mile access” for communities and industry to road networks, integral to economic development and community connection. Local sporting grounds can provide access for community groups to build community participation that has social, health and economic benefits.

Are there programs or initiatives that the Australian Government could adopt to improve the long-term sustainability of local government infrastructure?

Are there programs or initiatives that the Australian Government could provide to improve the sector's capacity to manage local government infrastructure and to integrate these plans into long-term financial plans?

Are there programs or initiatives that the Australian Government could develop to maintain, strengthen and enhance the reputation of Australia's infrastructure providers, including local government?

4. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

In 2022 alone, 46 disasters were declared across Australia, covering more than 300 different council areas. In recent years, almost every Australian council has been impacted in some way by fires, floods, or cyclones.

Last year's flooding caused a damage bill of approximately \$3.8 billion to local roads across Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia. This was just a fraction of the total disaster costs incurred by governments across the country.

There have been numerous NGA motions in recent years regarding natural disasters and this has been a significant priority in ALGA's advocacy program.

In 2022 ALGA successfully advocated for a new \$200 million per year Disaster Ready Fund, with the first round of funding allocated in June 2023. This fund will support councils and communities to mitigate against the risk of future disasters and help address the significant imbalance between mitigation and recovery spending.

Councils are encouraged to draw on their practical experience of the improvements that could be made to managing emergencies.

Please note that many aspects of emergency management are state or territory responsibilities, and your motions should focus on how the Australian Government could assist.

What new programs, or improvements to existing programs, could the Australian Government develop to partner with local government to improve the current natural disaster management systems to further assist in recovery and build resilience?

5. HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS

Almost every Australian council and community is facing challenges around a lack of affordable housing.

Alarming research by the UNSW City Futures Research Centre shows 640,000 Australian households – or one in 15 households – are under housing stress.

All levels of government, including councils, have a fundamental role to play in addressing this crisis, which is being compounded by high interest rates, rising construction costs and skills shortages.

At a national level, ALGA is a signatory to the National Housing Accord, and in 2023 successfully advocated for a new \$500 million Housing Support Program for state and local governments to deliver supporting infrastructure for new housing developments.

While the provision of affordable housing is not a local government responsibility, councils have a role to play in ensuring there is enough suitably located land available for housing and that a diversity of housing stock is supported. Councils also want to ensure that new housing developments are supported with the necessary services and infrastructure to create liveable and sustainable communities.

Many councils are also addressing thin markets and developing land and housing themselves, delivering local solutions to meet the needs of their communities.

Councils also want to ensure that they engaged with planning decisions that affect local communities. Taking planning powers away from councils does not always support the best local outcomes.

Councils also play an important role addressing some of the causes of homelessness, including social inclusion programs that can assist mental health and family violence issues, as well as providing support for people currently experiencing homelessness.

What new programs and policies could the Australian Government develop to partner with local government to support the provision of more affordable housing?

How can the Australian Government work with councils to address the causes and impacts of homelessness?

6. JOBS AND SKILLS

Local government is a major employer in Australia providing employment, career advancement and training opportunities for more than 190,800 Australians, across an estimated 400 occupations.

However, councils are facing significant jobs and skills shortages that are constraining their capacity to deliver services and build and maintain local infrastructure.

ALGA's 2022 National Local Government Workforce Skills and Capability Survey indicated that more than 90 percent of Australia's 537 councils were experiencing skills shortages.

The survey also showed that for approximately two-thirds of these councils, these shortages were impacting on project delivery.

In particular, councils are facing a shortage of planners, engineers, building surveyors, environmental officers and human resources professionals.

Skills shortages occur for a variety of reasons including an inability to compete against the private sector, worker accommodation, support services for families, ageing of the workforce and geographic isolation.

Are there programs or initiatives that the Australian Government could implement that would enhance local government's capacity to attract and retain appropriately skilled staff now and into the future?

Are there programs or changes to existing programs that would increase local government's ability to employ apprentices and trainees?

Are there other initiatives that the Australian Government could provide to improve the sector's ability to plan and develop skills fit for the future?

7. COMMUNITY SERVICES

Councils provide a wide range of services based on local characteristics, needs, priorities, and the resources of their community. Indeed, it is this level of responsiveness and accountability to the local community that is an essential feature of democratic local governments worldwide.

Some of these services are provided to address market failure, and many of them are provided by councils on behalf of other levels of government.

It is important to note that nationally local government is more than 83% self-sufficient ie funded at the local level either through rates, fees and charges, sale of goods and services, or interest. The Australian Bureau of Statistics data shows that total local government annual expenditure in 2021-22 was \$43.6 billion.

Only 17% comes from grants and subsidies from other levels of government. Unfortunately, many of these grants and subsidies are tied, or require matching funding which restricts the ability to address local priorities in the way the council and community might need.

Arguably there is no greater obligation upon government than to maintain the trust that citizens have in meeting their community services obligations and promises, particularly to society's most vulnerable.

Local government community services are broadly defined, and may include but are not limited to:

- environmental health including food safety;
- childcare, early childhood education, municipal health;
- aged care, senior citizens;
- services to people living with disability;
- programs to address disadvantage, to reduce poverty and homelessness;
- sporting and recreational programs;
- arts and cultural activities, programs and festivals;
- tourism and economic development activities; and
- library services.

Noting the funding arrangements for the provision of local government community services are there programs and initiatives that the Australian Government could implement to improve the delivery of these services?

Are there reforms or improvements in national community services program that would help local governments support the Australian Government to deliver on its national objectives?

8. CLOSING THE GAP AND ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER RECONCILIATION

In 2021, ALGA co-signed a landmark national agreement to close the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians. At the heart of the National Agreement on Closing the Gap Partnership are four agreed priority reform targets and 19 socio-economic targets in areas including education, employment, health and wellbeing, justice, safety, housing, land and waters, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages.

The Indigenous Voice Co-design Final Report to the Australian Government was released in December 2021. The Local & Regional Voice will contribute to achieving the Closing the Gap outcomes by providing avenues for Indigenous voices to be heard, including to provide feedback to government on Closing the Gap.

As the level of government closest to the people, councils have an essential role supporting and helping to steer the development of policies and programs in partnership with local Indigenous peoples that address closing the gap priorities at the local and regional level.

Local government plays a positive role in reconciliation and celebrating Indigenous culture and identity, and sustainably funded could work effectively to reduce Indigenous disadvantage in all its forms.

On 14 October 2023, Australians voted in a referendum about whether to change the Constitution to recognise the First Peoples of Australia by establishing a body called the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice. The referendum did not pass.

Are there programs or initiatives that the Australian Government could adopt to assist local government to advance reconciliation and close the gap?

Are there practical programs or initiatives that local government and the Australian Government could introduce to maintain, build and strengthen the level of trust between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and governments?

9. DATA, DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY AND CYBER SECURITY

Provision of information technology to all Australians is vital to innovation, economic growth, and social equity. However, it is potentially even more important to regional Australia where the tyranny of distance increases the inequity of services available – including education, health, economic and social. Innovative technology is becoming more broadly available and could boost productivity and economic growth.

Councils around Australia continue to embrace new technologies to improve their service delivery standards and broaden consultation and engagement with their local communities. However, implementation can be hindered without access to basic technological infrastructure and the necessary IT skills and resources.

In recent times, cyber-attacks on major corporations and other businesses have resulted in significant data breaches. It is a timely reminder as digital information, services and products become an increasing feature of modern business operation including in local government.

Like all risks, local government must manage the risk of cyber-attacks and address cyber security. At a national level, there is limited understanding of local governments' vulnerability to cyber-attacks, preparedness and adequacy of risk management strategies or business continuity planning.

While this is primarily a responsibility of the sector itself, governments at all levels must work together to ensure that the public have confidence in government information management systems and its security.

Drawing upon your council's experience, and your knowledge of other councils within your state or territory, are there programs and initiatives that the Australian Government could implement to help local government develop its digital technology services and infrastructure?

Are there actions the Australian Government could take to improve cyber security within the local government sector?

10. CLIMATE CHANGE AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

Australia's changing climate presents a significant challenge to governments, individuals, communities, businesses, industry, and the environment.

The Australian Government has committed to address climate change and in June 2022 submitted its revised National Determined Contribution (NDC) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. The revised NDC included reaffirming a target of net zero emissions by 2050 and committing to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 43% from 2005 levels.

Local governments have played an important leadership role in addressing climate change, and councils have supported a wide range of community-based programs and initiatives to lower the carbon footprint of their own business operations and of their local communities.

As a sector, local government has been an advocate and active participant in the debate for lowering carbon emissions, is sourcing renewable energy, has responded creatively to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from landfills, and facilitated the construction of green buildings and water sensitive design of cities and towns.

Local government has been at the forefront in addressing the impacts of climate change and adaptation to climate change. In particular, councils have a practical understanding of the risk and impact of climate change on Australia's infrastructure and physical assets, natural ecosystems, local economies and their community.

Noting the Australian Government's approach to reducing emissions, are there partnerships, programs, and initiatives that local government and the Australian Government can form to achieve Australia's 2050 net zero emissions target?

Are there initiatives that could assist local governments to build trust in the community for implementation of key climate change and emissions reduction initiatives?

11. ENVIRONMENT

Australia's 537 local councils play an essential role in providing, regulating and managing Australia's environmental services and infrastructure.

Whether it's biodiversity, biosecurity, natural resource management (NRM), contaminated lands, waste management, water resources, sustainability or roadside environments, councils are responsible for educating households and businesses on environment policy, as well as driving environmental programs and initiatives in their local communities.

In recent years the National General Assembly has considered a range of environmental issues, and passed resolutions on biodiversity, biosecurity, conservation, climate change and water security.

How could the Australian Government partner with local government to strengthen Australia's environmental services and infrastructure?

What new programs could the Australian Government partner with local government in to progress local regional and national objectives?



12. CIRCULAR ECONOMY

Local government is responsible for the management of household and domestic waste and has a critical role to play in further developing the circular economy.

Australia's 537 councils manage approximately 26 percent of Australian waste, either directly or through contractual arrangements. Each year, local governments collect around 9.7 million tonnes of waste from kerbside bin services, sort it at material recovery facilities (MRFs), and dispatch what can be recycled to reprocessing facilities in Australia and overseas.

Where waste cannot be recovered it is landfilled, and local governments in most jurisdictions must pay a significant levy per tonne for landfilled waste, as well as incur the operational costs of maintaining and managing a landfill.

Collecting, treating, and disposing of Australian domestic waste costs local government an estimated \$3.5 billion annually. Local government also dedicates resources to administering community waste-education programs, collecting litter, addressing illegal rubbish dumping, and ensuring compliance with waste bylaws.

In November 2023, Australia's Environment Ministers agreed that the Federal Government would establish new regulations for packaging as well as mandate how packaging is designed, develop minimum recycled content requirements and prohibit harmful chemicals being used. These changes are expected to have a positive impact on the amount of waste sent to landfill, and the costs borne by councils and their communities.

How could the Australian Government further strengthen product stewardship arrangements to support local governments in their endeavours to increase recycling and reduce the volume of waste?

How could the Australian Government partner with local government to advance the circular economy?

CONCLUSION

Thank you for taking the time to read this discussion paper and your support for the 2024 National General Assembly of Local Government.

A FINAL REMINDER:

- » Motions should be lodged electronically at www.alga.com.au and received no later than 11.59pm on Friday 29 March 2024.
- » Motions must meet the criteria published in this paper.
- » Motions should commence with the following wording: 'This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to...'
- » Motions should not be prescriptive in directing how the matter should be pursued.
- » Motions should be practical, focussed and relatively simple.
- » It is important to complete the background section on the form.
- » Motions must not seek to advance an outcome that would result in a benefit to one group of councils to the detriment of another.
- » When your council submits a motion there is an expectation that a council representative will be present at the 2024 National General Assembly to move and speak to that motion if required.
- » Resolutions of the National General Assembly do not automatically become ALGA's national policy positions. The resolutions are used by the ALGA Board to inform policies, priorities and strategies to advance local governments within the national agenda.

We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at the 2024 National General Assembly in Canberra.





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Decision Report Item Number **14.6**

Town of Walkerville – Weekly FOGO Collection Roadmap

Report Date: 9 February 2024
Reporting Officer: Group Manager Assets & Infrastructure, James Kelly
Responsible Manager: Chief Executive Officer, Andrew MacDonald
Previous Reference: Sustainability Committee Meeting 20 December 2023 - SC07/23-24

Report Purpose

To provide Council with a proposed roadmap to a weekly Food Organics Green Organics (FOGO) kerbside collection service.

Officer Recommendation

That the Council endorses the proposed Weekly FOGO Roadmap provided in Attachment A of this report.

Background

At its Ordinary Meeting held on 19 June 2023, Council resolved the following:

CNC326/22-23

Moved: Cr Allanson

Seconded: Cr Williams

1. That Administration commence the development of a business case and recommended service model to identify the potential costs that will be incurred by Council, as well as any identifiable benefits and/or risks that might be involved with introducing a 'Sustainable Kerbside Service' whereby food organics and garden organics (FOGO) bins are collected weekly instead of fortnightly.

2. That as part of the business case, Administration also consider the level (if any) of incentives that could be provided to the community to stay with or keep 'opting in' to the 'Sustainable Kerbside Service'.

3. That as part of the process, Administration consult with those organisations that are industry experts in such programs, including but not restricted to: East Waste, Green Industries SA, and the City of Holdfast Bay; with the intention that the business case be submitted back to the Council by no later than December 2023, so that the Council can further consider the matter and make recommendations to Council ahead of the 2024-25 Project Budget Bid process.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On 20 December 2023, Council's Sustainability Committee reviewed a proposed Weekly FOGO Roadmap and resolved:

SC07/23-24

Moved: Cr Kaur

Seconded: Mayor Jones

1. That the Sustainability Committee provide in principal support to the proposed Weekly FOGO Roadmap provided at Attachment B
2. That a draft Waste Management Policy be tabled at a next Sustainability Committee meeting for consideration.
3. That a report be provided to the Sustainability Committee that provides options for increasing community utilisation of kitchen caddies and green bins including opportunities to review the current green bin user charges and targeted engagement with properties who currently do not have a green bin.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2022 Kerbside Collection Audit

In early 2022, Rawtec and Dynamic 3E supported East Waste to deliver a follow-up audit to the 2019 kerbside audit. It included 1,608 bins across all three streams from 525 households from East Waste's seven member councils. This included 244 bins from within the Town of Walkerville. The information from the audit will not only benefit East Waste's services and education programs, but also kerbside systems across the state.

Although, Town of Walkerville scored well in some areas, such as landfill diversion percentage and waste generation, a key improvement area is keeping compostable material out of the general waste bin. 70.7% of material found in the general waste bin could have been either recycled (20.7%) or composted (50%) which had increased from 55% in 2019.



Figure 1 – Infographic of Town of Walkerville's 2022 Kerbside Collection Audit

Town of Walkerville's current FOGO Kerbside Collection Service

Currently, the Town of Walkerville provides a fortnightly green bin collection service for those that have a compliant 240L kerbside bin. This collection occurs alternately to the yellow recycled bin collection. This kerbside collection service is provided as part of a standard set of services covered by Council annual rates recovery, there is no additional charge for properties involved with this service aside from the purchase of the green bin.

240L Kerbside Green Bins

Currently, the Town of Walkerville residents are required to purchase their own green bin (plus additional bins) to be eligible for this service. These bins can either be purchased from East Waste for \$35 or purchased from another supplier of the resident's choice (e.g. Bunnings). East Waste ran a report to see who has purchased a green bin from East Waste since 1999, with 218 residents purchasing 241 green bins from East Waste directly.

Additional green bins

Currently, there are no additional charges for additional green bins and there is no limit on the number of green bins that a property can have collected.

Discussion

The investigation work undertaken as part of the Sustainability Committee Report on 20 December 2023 highlighted some key points in relation to Weekly FOGO for the Town of Walkerville:

- council don't necessarily need another trial as there are currently three other East Waste councils undertaking trials that can be studied before a Township rollout is implemented;
- the community isn't weekly FOGO ready, therefore, there is a high risk of contamination given the lack of green bins and kitchen caddies;
- a Waste Management Policy is required to provide consistent service standards for green waste collection;
- work needs to be done to prepare the community (education, allocation of green bins, change household habits etc); and
- the community needs time (12-18 months) to prepare through the implementation of the proposed FOGO Road Map

Green (FOGO) Bin Lift Data

Bin lift data provided by East Waste during the week of 25 September 2023 showed a total of 2,680 green bin lifts across 1,551 unique locations for the Township. The locations from this report are reliant on GPS coordinates so may not be 100% accurate, however, it is a starting point to understand how many residents already have green bins.

Although this data was only from one collection week, East Waste suggest that on average they are collecting approximately 2,500 – 2,800 green bins each week from 1,500 – 2,000 individual properties.

Based on this information, it could be assumed that approximately half of the Township's 3,500 properties do not currently have a green bin. It also shows that several properties have multiple green bins.

However, considering The Watson has approximately 300 apartments and that there are several businesses (e.g. schools) that are not part of Council's kerbside collection program, the exact number of properties without green bins could be closer to 1,500 properties.

Waste Management Policy

Council currently does not have an endorsed Waste Management Policy that provides guidance on the service delivery and waste management principles that Council wishes to implement for the community.

Other councils generally have a Waste Management Policy that sets out the criteria for kerbside collections but also determines the principles that they wish to implement to reduce the amount of waste going to landfill and the tools that can be used to improve waste disposal habits of the community.

A Waste Management Policy would set guidelines for the following in relation to FOGO collection services:

- how to manage multi-unit dwellings (MUDs) and apartments;
- collection services for schools;
- provisions for kitchen caddies and bio bags;
- allocations and costs for a 240L green bins per property; and
- education priorities and strategies.

Administration intends to develop a Waste Management Policy for Council's consideration in 2024.

Education Program 2024-25

As part of the 2024/25 Annual Business Plan process, a budget for a targeted FOGO marketing campaign will be proposed to improve the uptake of kitchen caddies and green bin usage.

In particular, the education campaign will focus on:

- 'Getting prepared for future Weekly FOGO';
- direct engagement with residents who do not have a green bin - e.g. letter drops;
- promotion of a new Waste Management Policy;
- kitchen caddy and biobag giveaways;
- a stall at the Walkerville Shopping Precinct and local hotspots; and
- information in rates notices regarding FOGO and the savings of diverting green waste from landfill.

Financial Implications

Financial implications for 2024/25 would involve cost for an education campaign, as well as existing operational costs for kitchen caddies and biobags. It is estimated that this work would cost approximately \$10,000 to \$20,000.

Risk Implications

Given the lack of green bins and kitchen caddies being utilised by the Township, there is a high risk that a FOGO trial or full implementation, would see significant rates of contamination into green and yellow bins. Therefore, a lead-in and extensive education campaign along with target community engagement is key to changing behaviours before making a switch to weekly FOGO collection.

Attachments

Attachment A	Town of Walkerville – Weekly FOGO Roadmap 2023
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Weekly FOGO Roadmap

2023-24

Undertake introductory consultation (Sept 2023)

Review trials occurring at other councils

Endorse Waste Management Policy

2024-25

Targeted engagement with properties without green bins and provide options for obtaining one

Targeted kitchen caddy and bio bag roll out

FOGO marketing and education campaign

2025-26

Review updated bin audit data for any trend changes

2026-27 budget bid for weekly FOGO service with East Waste

Decision Report Item Number **14.7**

2024 SALA Rebate

Report Date: 12 February 2024
Reporting Officer: Programs & Events Coordinator, Adriane Dade
Responsible Manager: Group Manager Public Relations, Sarah Spencer
Previous Reference: Nil

Report Purpose

The purpose of this report is for Council Members to consider offering rebates for the 2024 SALA Festival.

Officer Recommendation

That Council, having considered the report titled '2024 SALA Rebate', resolves to:

- a. offer up to 30 rebates of \$140 per registration to artists exhibiting within the Town of Walkerville or venues hosting within the Town of Walkerville for the 2024 SALA Festival;**
- b. support artists in covering venue hire fees within the Town of Walkerville, up to \$3,000; and associated security, up to \$3,000.**

Background

Established in 1998, the South Australian Living Artists (SALA) Festival is the largest open-access visual art festival in Australia. The Festival runs for the entire month of August and audiences are able to view and discover artwork and artists across the entire State in many unique venues.

Each year, some councils offer registration rebates to artists and venues who want to participate in the Festival.

Historically, there have been up to two events in the Town of Walkerville (outside of Council-run events) each year.

Discussion

SALA Festival organisers have contacted South Australian councils to encourage wider local community participation by considering rebate offers for artists.

Administration has identified this as an opportunity for Council to both support local artists and venues, which in turn creates an economic development flow-on effect with the attraction of new events and audiences into the Township.

A number of councils offer rebates for artists and venues as part of the SALA Festival and then they are eligible to apply for reimbursement with the council. Each council has their own requirements outlined on the website.

Below are some examples of rebate offers from other councils in 2023.

Berri Barmera Council

“Berri Barmera Council is again offering a SALA Festival registration subsidy program for artists (established, emerging or amateur) and groups who are planning on registering a SALA activity within the Berri Barmera district.

The subsidy will provide eligible applicants with financial assistance, equivalent to the Festival’s Early Bird Registration Fee.

Applicants should complete and pay for their SALA registration. Once registered, applicants can claim the subsidy by completing the artists subsidy form.

Allocation of subsidy will be dependent on the number of applications received. Artists will be notified of subsidy approval.”

Campbelltown City Council

“Campbelltown City Council is proud to offer support for registered SALA Festival events and exhibitions located within the local council area.

A subsidy of up to \$200 towards event registration fees for the South Australian Living Arts Festival (SALA) is available for;

- *Artists exhibiting within Campbelltown City Council*
- *Artists who reside in the Campbelltown City Council exhibiting outside of the council area”*

The City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters

“The City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters is once again supporting artists to participate in the 2023 South Australian Living Artists Festival within our creative City.

Artists who have arranged their own exhibition or are participating in an open studio event are invited to claim a reimbursement of the SALA registration fee of up to \$135.

To claim a reimbursement of your SALA registration fee please submit an application form, along with a copy of your SALA receipt to Council.”

Administration recommends that Council offers a rebate of \$140 per registration for artists or venues that are hosting events in the Council area. Administration recommends there be a maximum of 30 rebates on offer, using a ‘first in best dressed’ model. If allocation is exhausted, the total rebates given will be \$4,200. The SALA rebate amount of \$140 is equal to a solo artist or special event early bird registration fee.

In addition, Administration recommends that Council assists artists, where feasible, by covering any costs associated with hiring a venue to exhibit artwork within the Town of Walkerville. This may include spaces within the Civic & Community Centre, other Council-owned venues (i.e. Walkerville Sports Club or Walkerville Bowling & Community Club) or community centres operating within the Township (i.e. Walkerville RSL).

Dependent on the location and time of the event, security may be required (i.e. to hire the Town Hall outside of Civic & Community Centre operating hours). Administration therefore recommends that Council cover the cost of security, if required, up to the value of \$3,000.

Financial Implications

If Council resolves to proceed to offer a 2024 SALA Festival rebate, the funds for the rebates will be accommodated within the existing Community Fund budget.

Risk Implications

The risk associated with this report has been assessed as low.

Attachments

Attachment A	2024 Council Rebate Participation Guide
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Photo Alex Makeyev

SALA

2024 COUNCIL REBATE PARTICIPATION

WHAT IS SALA?

Established in 1998, the South Australian Living Artists (SALA) Festival is the largest open access visual arts festival in Australia.

During August, audiences are able to explore the State, discovering the work of South Australian artists in unique spaces across the CBD, suburbs and regions. Everywhere from cafes and restaurants to community and retail spaces are turned into 'pop up' galleries featuring the work of local artists.

All events are organised by artists and venues in the community. SALA welcomes participation from artists working in all mediums and levels of experience.

IMPACT

In 2023 more than 10,000+ artists of all ages and backgrounds participated in 690+ exhibitions and events across South Australia, attracting an estimated visitor attendance of 1,000,000+.

Participants ranged from professional practitioners to emerging and amateur artists and included an array of venues, from sheds, office foyers, public spaces and cafés to galleries and major arts institutions.



HOW TO GET INVOLVED

The best way to encourage your community to get involved with SALA is to offer registration rebates. Even a small amount of money can go a long way in encouraging artists to display their work in your area or making SALA possible for community groups and individuals. Contact SALA Staff for details to discuss rebate structures that suit your council needs.

REBATE OPTIONS

SALA understands that councils may have limited visual arts budgets and therefore accepts many different models of rebates. How much you rebate each exhibition is up to you. Each rebate applicant may receive a full rebate or a percentage of the registration fee subsidised.

One way to control your spending or to work within tight budget is to have a set amount the council is willing to rebate and accept rebates up to that amount. Some councils state that the exact allocations of rebates is dependent on the number of applications received.

Alternatively, councils could rebate a capped number of exhibition registrations. Offering a rebate to the first 30 applicants for a percentage or total registration fee is a popular model.

There are lots of options to ensure that rebates work for your council and community.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call us on 7077 0011 or email office@salafestival.com

WHO SHOULD RECEIVE THE REBATE?

Firstly establish the aim of the rebate, are you looking to support residents who are arts practitioners or are you looking to attract more exhibitions to your area?

If you are looking to attract more exhibitions to your area consider offering rebates to registered exhibitions and events held within the council area. If you are looking to support residents then the rebate might be for residents exhibiting either in or outside the council area.

WHO MANAGES THE REBATE SYSTEM?

While SALA Festival will advertise Council Rebates during the registration period, the Council will liaise directly with the registrant to organise the transfer of the rebate.

Generally, the SALA receipt is forwarded to a council staff member who will collate, manage and reimburse applicants.



SALA FEES

Below is the table of registration fees for SALA 2024. If you already offer SALA registration rebates please get in contact with the SALA Team so that we can include you on our website.

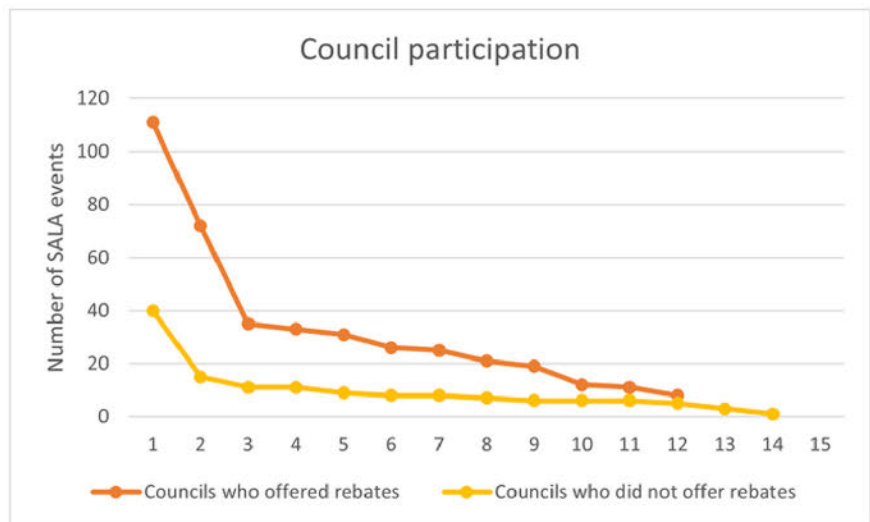
2024 SALA Registrations open 1 March - 8 May. Early Bird pricing available 1 March – 8 April, midnight.		
Fee type	Early Bird Pricing (1 Mar-8 Apr)	Regular Fee
Solo artist	\$140	\$175
2-10 artists	\$246	\$320
11-20 artists	\$345	\$425
20+ artists	\$440	\$505
Open studio (not an exhibition, just opening the studio to the public)	\$140	\$220
Education *** add in tier: ie tier 1-2, 2-4,5-7	246	500
Special event (workshop, forum, presentation etc)	\$140	\$220
Additional Activities (when added to a registration)		
Artist Talk	Free	Free
Workshop	Free	Free
Forum	Free	Free
Artist at work / demonstration	Free	Free
Upgrade:		
Premium Registration (includes guaranteed image and 25 word exhibition description in print program, and additional image in online program)	\$495	\$595



Photo Christina Peek

CONCLUSION

Councils that offer rebates for SALA exhibitions generally have greater participation in their council area regardless of how much is offered. This results in greater cultural tourism, community pride, sense of belonging and wellbeing for their residents.



PHOTOGRAPHY

All photography was taken by Sam Roberts for SALA Festival unless otherwise stated.

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Decision Report Item Number **14.8**

Cr James Nenke Leave of Absence Request

Report Date: 12 February 2024
Reporting Officer: Governance Officer (EA), Emma Spencer
Responsible Manager: Chief Executive Officer, Andrew MacDonald
Previous Reference: Nil

Report Purpose

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider Councillor James Nenke's request for leave of absence.

Officer Recommendation

That Council approves Cr Nenke's request for leave of absence from 5 February 2024 to 22 March 2024, inclusive.

Background

Section 54(1)(c) of the *Local Government Act 1999* (the Act) states *the office of a member of a council becomes vacant if the member has been absent, without leave of the council, from three or more consecutive ordinary meetings of the council.*

Given the potential ramifications under the Act, it is important that Council appropriately considers leave of absence requests.

Leave of absence requests are to be emailed to governance@walkerville.sa.gov.au outlining requested leave of absence dates and reason/s for leave of absence.

Leave of absence requests are only required if a Council Member will be absent for one or more Ordinary Council Meetings.

Discussion

The Governance Team received a leave of absence request from Cr James Nenke for the period 5 February 2024 to 22 March 2024, inclusive.

Cr Nenke will not participate in Council activities and particular duties during his leave of absence.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

Risk Implications

The risk associated with this report has been assessed as low.

Attachments

Attachment A	Email from Cr Nenke dated
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From: [James Nenke](#)
To: [Governance](#)
Cc: [Andrew MacDonald](#)
Subject: Leave of Absence Request
Date: Friday, 19 January 2024 12:25:56 PM
Attachments: [image546901.png](#)
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Hello

Can you please note my leave of absence request from today 5 February 2024 through to Friday 22 March 2024.

Regards

James Nenke

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Decision Report Item Number **14.9**

Walkerville Sports Club Design Committee

Report Date: 12 February 2024
Reporting Officer: Chief Executive Officer, Andrew MacDonald
Responsible Manager: Chief Executive Officer, Andrew MacDonald
Previous Reference: Special Council Meeting dated 27 November 2023 – Major Projects
CNC112/23-24

Report Purpose

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider establishing a Walkerville Sports Club Design Committee.

Officer Recommendation

1. It is recommended that Council establishes a Walkerville Sports Club Design Committee under Section 41 of the *Local Government Act 1999*, and in accordance with the Terms of Reference provided at Attachment A of this report.
2. That Administration calls for an expression of interest process to fill two community representative positions as identified in the Terms of Reference provided in Attachment A and provides a recommendation to Council for consideration.
3. That Council appoints Mayor Jones and Cr _____ as Council's representatives on the Sports Club Design Committee.
4. That Mayor Jones be appointed as Presiding Member of the Sports Club Design Committee.

Background

At its Special Council Meeting held 27 November 2023, Council considered a report from the Chief Executive Officer which made a series of recommendations on delivering Council's three major projects which include the Walkerville Bowling & Community Club, 39 Smith Street Recreation Centre and Walkerville Sports Club.

At this meeting Council resolved the following:

CNC112/23-24

Moved: Cr Rypp
Seconded: Cr Trotter

That Council endorses a renovation approach to the upgrade of the Walkerville Sports Club, including the formation of a 'Walkerville Sports Club Design

Committee', to assist Council in guiding the design direction and scope of the Walkerville Sports Club project.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider the establishment of a Walkerville Sports Club Design Committee. The objective of the Committee is to assist Council by guiding the design direction and scope of the Walkerville Sports Club project.

Discussion

It is recommended that the Walkerville Sports Club Design Committee be established prior to any design work taking place for the renovation. The primary purpose of the Committee is to ensure appropriate design and scope is achieved, ongoing communication with key stakeholder groups is effective and that the project is ultimately owned by the community and successfully delivered.

The budget for the refurbished Walkerville Sports Club is estimated at \$3.5M. To help keep the refurbishment within budget, an expression of interest (EOI) market approach will occur to engage an architect and builder to work closely with the Committee and Council, to ensure the design remains within Council's approved budget.

Once all design work has been completed and the project is 'Shovel Ready', Council will seek external grant funding of approximately \$1.5M to \$2M to deliver this project. Once grant funding is secured, a Request for Tender (RFT) will be undertaken for the construction of the project.

It is proposed that Council establishes the Walkerville Sports Club Design Committee under Section 41 of the *Local Government Act 1999*. It is however recommended that Part 2 of the *Local Government (Procedures at Meetings) Regulation 2013* not apply to this committee.

Not applying Part 2 of the *Local Government (Procedures at Meetings) Regulation 2013* will result in the committee meeting being conducted without the formalities of a formal committee. Voting will still occur with a majority vote needed to achieve a decision of the Committee. Standard agendas and minutes will continue to apply, with minutes of the Walkerville Sports Club Design Committee included on Council Meeting agendas for receiving and noting.

Membership

It is proposed that the Walkerville Sports Club Design Committee consist of eight members. When considering membership, it is important that appropriate representation is achieved across all stakeholder groups. It is proposed that Council considers the following representation:

- three Sports Club representatives, nominated by the Sports Club's executive;
- two community representatives, chosen by Council through an expression of interest process;
- one Walkerville Primary School representative, nominated by the school's executive; and
- two Council Members determined by Council, one of which will hold the position of Presiding Member of the Committee.

Presiding Member

It is proposed that the Presiding Member of the Committee be a Council Member selected by Council. This will ensure meetings are facilitated by a person familiar with Council processes and allow community representatives to focus on the content of the meeting.

Terms of Reference

Attachment A provides proposed Terms of Reference for the Walkerville Sports Club Design Committee.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

Risk Implications

The risks associated with this report have been assessed as low.

Attachments

Attachment A	Proposed Terms of Reference – Walkerville Sports Club Design Committee
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Walkerville Sports Club Design Committee

Terms of Reference

Responsible Officer	Chief Executive Officer
Relevant Legislation	<i>Local Government Act 1999</i> <i>Local Government (Procedures at Meetings) Regulation 2013</i>
Record Number	XXXXXX
Last Reviewed	12/02/2024
Next Review	30/11/2026

1. Establishment

The Corporation of the Town of Walkersville's Walkerville Sports Club Design Committee (the **Committee**) is established pursuant to section 41 of the *Local Government Act 1999*.

Part 2 of the *Local Government (Procedures at Meetings) Regulation 2013* does not apply to this committee.

2. Functions

The key function of the Committee is to provide input into the detailed design of the Walkerville Sports Club renovation project and adjacent car parking facilities, in close collaboration with Council's Project Management Team and Council.

Council's Project Management Team consists of the Chief Executive Officer, Group Manager Finance, Group Manager Assets & Infrastructure, Group Manager Public Relations, Strategic Project Coordinator and Procurement Advisor, Di Harris (the **Project Management Team**).

3. Role of the Committee

The Committee's role is:

- 3.1 To work closely with Council's Project Management Team and Council's architect and building contractors to help guide the design direction and scope of the Walkerville Sports Club project.
- 3.2 To ensure the needs of all key stakeholder groups are carefully considered as part of the design process.
- 3.3 To ensure regular and ongoing communication with all key stakeholder groups to ensure design options/proposals meet the needs of stakeholder groups.
- 3.4 To ensure the cost of the renovation remains within Council's approved budget.
- 3.5 As required, provide advice to Council in relation to the design process/progress.

4. Authority

- 4.1 The Committee does not have executive powers or authority; the Committee has an advisory role only.
- 4.2 The Committee does not have any delegated financial responsibility or any management functions; the Committee has an advisory role only.

5. Membership

- 5.1 The Committee shall consist of eight members representing a cross-section of key stakeholder groups from across our community.
- 5.2 Membership shall include:
 - Three Sports Club representatives, nominated by the Sports Club's executive;
 - One Walkerville Primary School representative, nominated by the school's executive (optional);
 - Two community representatives, selected by Council through an expression of interest process; and
 - Two Council Members determined by Council.
- 5.3 In the event of a member vacancy, Council will consider the appointment of a new member.
- 5.4 The term of membership will be for the term of this Council.
- 5.5 Members of the Committee may be removed by Council resolution at any time.
- 5.6 Members of the Committee may resign their position at any time by giving notice of their intention, in writing, to the Chief Executive Officer.

6. Presiding Member

- 6.1 The Presiding Member of the Committee shall be a Council Member appointed to the Committee by Council.
- 6.2 The Presiding Member will hold office for the remaining term of Council.
- 6.3 The Presiding Member may nominate a Committee Member as Acting Presiding Member (Chair), should they not be able to attend a meeting.

7. Meetings

- 7.1 The Committee will meet as required.
- 7.2 The Chief Executive Officer will consult with the Committee to determine the meeting schedule.
- 7.3 Part 2 of the *Local Government (Procedures at Meetings) Regulation 2013* do not apply.
- 7.4 Meetings will be held at the Walkerville Civic & Community Centre or such other location, as determined by the Chief Executive Officer in consultation with the Committee.
- 7.5 The Chief Executive Officer will allocate appropriate administrative support to ensure that reports, agendas, notice of meetings and minutes of the Committee are recorded and managed in accordance with legislative compliance requirements.

8. Voting

- 8.1 Each member of the Committee at a meeting will have one vote per matter considered.
- 8.2 In accordance with regulation 27 of the *Local Government (Procedures at Meetings) Regulations 2013*, the Presiding Member will have a deliberative vote but does not, in the event of an equality of votes, have a casting vote.

9. Quorum

- 9.1 A quorum for the Committee will be ascertained by dividing the total number of members of the Committee by two (2), ignoring any fraction resulting from the division and adding one.
- 9.2 If the meeting is adjourned for want of a quorum, the Chief Executive Officer will record in the minutes the reason for the adjournment, the names of any Members present and the date and time to which the meeting is adjourned.

10. Review

- 10.1 The Council may at any time vary these Terms of Reference, or the Committee may recommend variations to the Terms of Reference to Council.

11. Sitting Fees

- 11.1 Where a Council Member, who is not the Mayor or Deputy Mayor, has been appointed as the Presiding Member of the Committee, they shall be paid a sitting fee in accordance with Section 6.6 and 6.7 of the Town of Walkerville's Elected Member Allowances & Benefits Policy.

12. Liabilities of Members

No civil liability attaches to a member of the Committee for an honest act or omission in the exercise, performance or discharge, or purported exercise, performance or discharge, of the member's or committee's powers, functions or duties, such a liability is attached instead to the Council.

Decision Report Item Number **14.10**

Walkerville Oval Open Space Community Engagement

Report Date: 13 February 2024
Reporting Officer: Strategic Projects Coordinator, Ross Oates
Responsible Manager: Group Manager Public Relations, Sarah Spencer
Previous Reference: Nil

Report Purpose

To present the revised concept design for the Walkerville Oval Open Space project to Council, which has been amended based on the feedback received during the community consultation process.

Officer Recommendation

That Council approves the revised concept design (provided in Attachment B) for the Walkerville Oval Open Space project to proceed to detailed design.

Background

At its Special Council Meeting held Monday, 27 November 2023, Council considered and endorsed a report from the Chief Executive Officer, which made a series of recommendations on delivering Council's major projects. The report determined that the major projects would effectively be delivered as four separate projects, consisting of the following:

- Walkerville Oval Open Space;
- Walkerville Sports Club;
- Walkerville Bowling & Community Club; and
- 39 Smith Street Recreation Centre.

At an Informal Gathering on 5 December 2023, a preliminary concept design for the Walkerville Oval Open Space project (provided in Attachment A) was presented to representatives from the Walkerville Sports Club, Walkerville Football Club, Walkerville Junior Football Club, Walkerville Cricket Club and Walkerville Netball Club. The concept design that was presented included the following key features:

- new Walkerville Oval lighting & electrical infrastructure;
- new multi-sport community court area with lighting (featuring line marking and match-compliant runoff for netball, basketball and tennis. The current two tennis courts would be reduced to one tennis court to allow for additional cricket pitches as well as line marking for a compliant netball court and basketball court);
- new cricket practice nets (featuring six synthetic pitches for public use and two turf pitches to be used and maintained by the Walkerville Cricket Club);
- new 10m x 4m shelter with two picnic settings and new barbeque with an accessible path linking through to Alfred Street; and

- new public toilet (Exeloo).

The concept design was supported by all sports club representatives and was then presented to Council at an Informal Gathering on 11 December 2023, where Members supported the project design being released for community consultation.

Prior to the start of the official community consultation period, an informal 'street corner' meeting was held with surrounding residents on 16 January 2024, where 12 locals attended to hear from Administration and had the opportunity to ask questions. The consensus from these residents was that too much emphasis was being placed on the sports clubs (primarily due to the additional cricket pitches) and that the design should be amended to focus more on the needs of the broader community.

Formal engagement commenced at 9am on Thursday, 18 January 2024 and concluded at 5pm on Wednesday, 7 February 2024, with a total of 46 survey responses received. The summary report from the community consultation is provided in Attachment C and individual survey responses in Attachment D. It should be noted that 11 entries in Attachment D were hard copy surveys and were uploaded onto the Your Say Walkerville website by Council's Communications & Engagement Officer. A total of four invalid hard copy surveys were also received, which are not included in the overall statistics as the respondents did not complete all mandatory fields (Attachment E).

Engineering consultants WGA have since been engaged to undertake the detailed design for the project and will commence works once Council has endorsed a final concept design option.

Discussion

Whilst there was a mixture of positive and negative feedback, certain issues regarding the design were consistently raised. The main criticisms included the following:

- the reduction from two (2) tennis courts to one (1) was strongly opposed with the 'multi-use community court area' receiving a satisfaction rating of only 37% (17/46 responses) and many written responses expressing dissatisfaction with this part of the proposal;
- increasing the quantity of cricket pitches from five (5) to eight (8) was strongly criticised due to the comparative lack of use of these facilities and the perception that community land was being taken away in favour of the Cricket Club and its members; and
- the area of playground that would be removed to accommodate the additional cricket pitches (which included a brick shade structure and sandpit) is frequently used and should be retained.

The proposed lighting upgrade and Exeloo, however, received positive responses, with a satisfaction rating of 85% (39/46 responses) and 65% (30/46 responses) respectively.

In response to the feedback received, Administration has made considerable modifications to the proposed concept plan to address the common concerns raised by the community. The revised concept plan is provided in Attachment B, with the most significant changes including the following:

- two (2) tennis courts would be retained and brought up to modern compliance in terms of surface material and run-off, including line marking for the provision of netball and basketball courts;
- the two (2) extra proposed turf cricket pitches would be removed to allow for the second tennis court to be retained, resulting in a total of six (6) synthetic pitches. The length of these would also be reduced from 27 metres to 23.34 metres to allow the area of playground behind the cricket nets to be retained, whilst also allowing cricketers sufficient space to complete their bowling action within the synthetic turf area, reducing the potential damage to the oval

turf. It should be noted that six (6) synthetic pitches would still be an increase from the existing five (5);

- inclusion of an additional shelter and picnic setting where the current brick shelter is located; and
- reconstruction of the sandpit and associated shade structure close to its current location.

Other amendments that were made to the concept include:

- an additional sealed path from the Alfred Street side to improve wheelchair accessibility into the site; and
- the inclusion of a storage shed within the multi-use court area to allow tennis, netball and basketball items to be conveniently stored onsite.

Whilst the revised concept design does address all of the issues raised by the community, it should be noted that the 'landscape buffer', which was intended to screen the illuminated court area, has had to be significantly reduced to accommodate the changes. The court surface being brought closer towards the Alfred Street and Warwick Street footpaths will also likely result in additional civil works and possible retaining walls being required due to the existing level changes. Should Council endorse the revised concept design, these items would need to be addressed during the subsequent design development phase.

The matter of how the court space would be shared between multiple user groups (tennis, netball and basketball) was also queried as part of the engagement. Some of the key issues, which would need to be resolved, include:

- whose responsibility would it be to assemble and disassemble the tennis nets when other user groups wish to use the courts;
- whether the court would have bookable hours for specific user groups, and, if so, when the courts would be available for booking versus public use; and
- night-time usage hours for lighting.

Administration advises that these matters will be addressed once Council is in a position to commence discussions with prospective user groups (i.e. Walkerville Netball Club), to allow operating conditions/agreements to be established. As such, these matters do not require any resolutions as part of this report but are nevertheless flagged for Council's future consideration.

Financial Implications

A budget of \$1.5M has been allocated to the Walkerville Oval Open Space project and is expected to be sufficient to deliver the works.

Risk Implications

When preparing the original concept design, Administration met with the President of the Walkerville Cricket Club to discuss their requirements regarding the cricket pitches. The club advised that they would require at least six (6) synthetic pitches and two (2) turf pitches to maintain and grow their club. Whilst the original concept design did achieve this, the revised design will not include the two (2) turf pitches, and, as such, may not be well received from the Walkerville Cricket Club. It should be noted, however, that six (6) synthetic pitches would still be an increase from the existing five (5).

Administration intends to meet with the President of the Walkerville Cricket Club to explain the reasoning behind why their original request could not be met as part of this design.

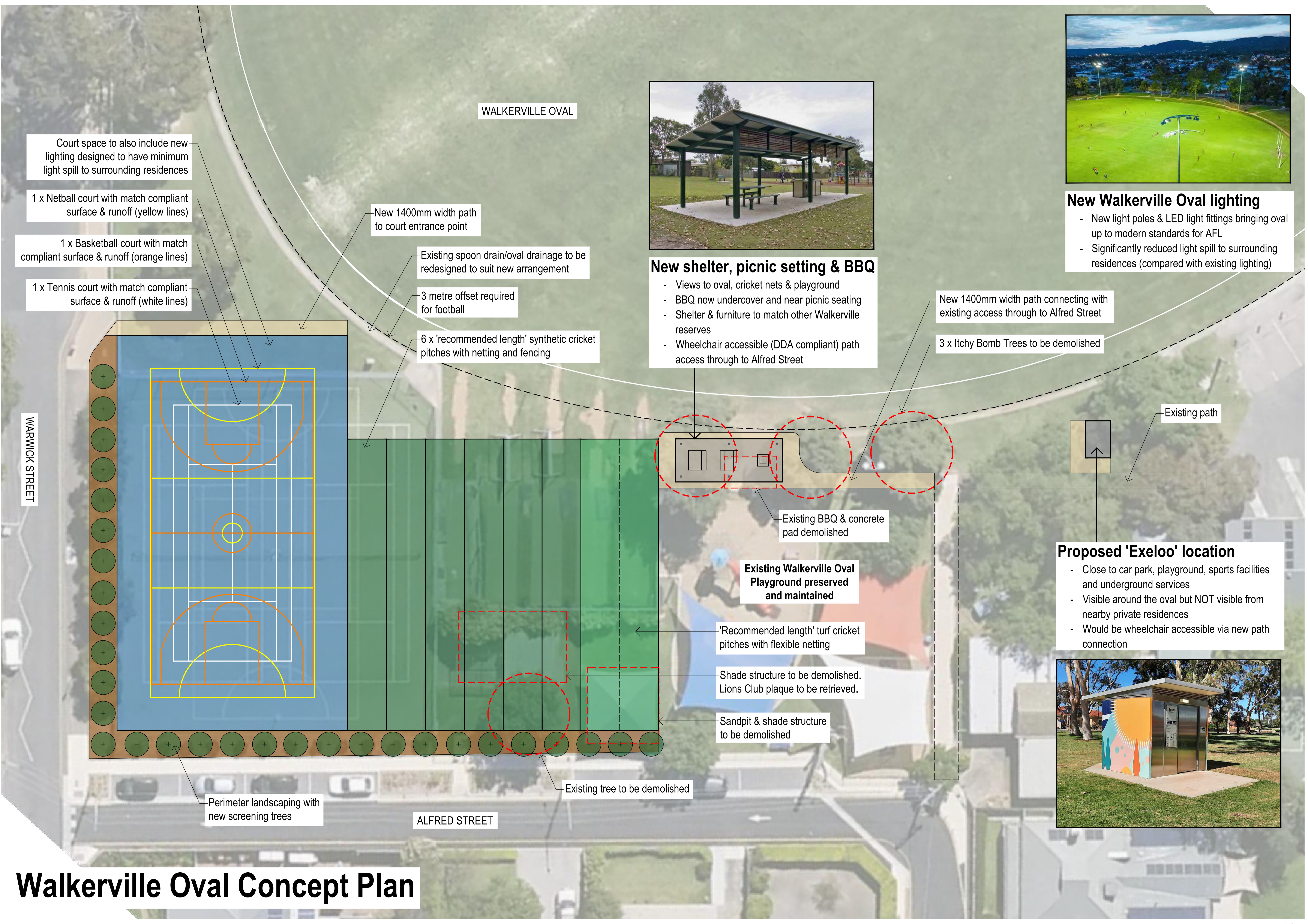
Another change, which is required to accommodate two (2) compliant tennis courts, includes the significant reduction of the proposed 'landscape buffer', which involves reducing the width of the

proposed landscaping screen from approximately 2.5m to 0.5m. Given tree planting will not be possible in such a narrow space, other screening solutions will need to be investigated, which may not provide the same level of screening to the tennis courts, and, as such, may receive a negative response from the adjacent residents.

Administration is of the opinion that proceeding with the revised concept plan would not carry any other additional risks when compared with the previous concept plan.

Attachments

Attachment A	Previous Concept Design – Walkerville Oval Open Space
Attachment B	Revised Concept Design – Walkerville Oval Open Space
Attachment C	Community Consultation Feedback Report
Attachment D	Community Consultation Survey Responses
Attachment E	Incomplete Hard Copy Survey Responses



WALKERVILLE OVAL

Court space to also include new lighting designed to have minimum light spill to surrounding residences

1 x Netball court with match compliant surface & runoff (yellow lines)

1 x Basketball court with match compliant surface & runoff (orange lines)

1 x Tennis court with match compliant surface & runoff (white lines)

New 1400mm width path to court entrance point

Existing spoon drain/oval drainage to be redesigned to suit new arrangement

3 metre offset required for football

6 x 'recommended length' synthetic cricket pitches with netting and fencing



New shelter, picnic setting & BBQ

- Views to oval, cricket nets & playground
- BBQ now undercover and near picnic seating
- Shelter & furniture to match other Walkerville reserves
- Wheelchair accessible (DDA compliant) path access through to Alfred Street

New 1400mm width path connecting with existing access through to Alfred Street

3 x Itchy Bomb Trees to be demolished

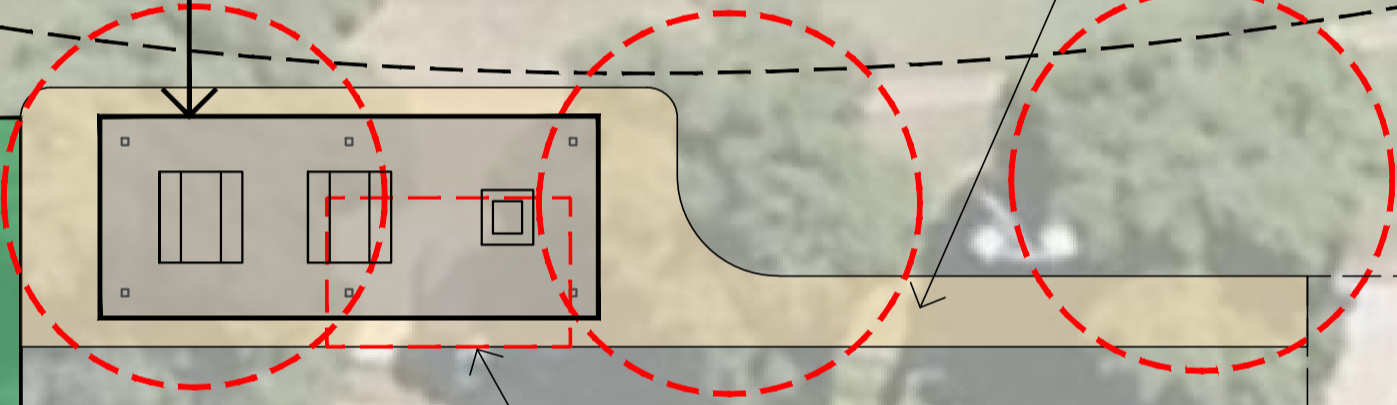


New Walkerville Oval lighting

- New light poles & LED light fittings bringing oval up to modern standards for AFL
- Significantly reduced light spill to surrounding residences (compared with existing lighting)

WARWICK STREET

Existing path



Existing BBQ & concrete pad demolished

Existing Walkerville Oval Playground preserved and maintained

'Recommended length' turf cricket pitches with flexible netting

Shade structure to be demolished. Lions Club plaque to be retrieved.

Sandpit & shade structure to be demolished

Existing tree to be demolished

Perimeter landscaping with new screening trees

ALFRED STREET

Proposed 'Exeloo' location

- Close to car park, playground, sports facilities and underground services
- Visible around the oval but NOT visible from nearby private residences
- Would be wheelchair accessible via new path connection



Walkerville Oval Concept Plan



WALKERVILLE OVAL

Court space to also include new lighting designed to have minimum light spill to surrounding residences

1 x Netball court with match compliant surface & runoff (yellow lines)

1 x Basketball court with match compliant surface & runoff (orange lines)

2 x Tennis courts with match compliant surface & runoff (white lines)

New 1500mm width path to court entrance point

New storage shed for tennis, netball & basketball items

WARWICK STREET

Existing spoon drain/oval drainage to be redesigned to suit new arrangement

3 metre offset required for football

Tennis court run-off extent

Netball court run-off extent

2.44m between edge of synthetic turf and popping crease



New shelter, picnic setting & BBQ

- Views to oval, cricket nets & playground
- BBQ now undercover and near picnic seating
- Shelter & furniture to match other Walkerville reserves
- Wheelchair accessible (DDA compliant) path access through to Alfred Street

New 1400mm width path connecting with existing access through to Alfred Street

3 x Itchy Bomb Trees to be demolished



New Walkerville Oval lighting

- New light poles & LED light fittings bringing oval up to modern standards for AFL
- Significantly reduced light spill to surrounding residences (compared with existing lighting)

Existing path

Existing BBQ & concrete pad demolished

6 x synthetic cricket pitches with line marking, netting & fencing.

Shade structure to be demolished. Lions Club plaque to be retrieved.

Existing Walkerville Oval Playground preserved and maintained

New connecting footpath

Sandpit & shade structure to be demolished and replaced (design TBC)

Proposed 'Exeloo' location

- Close to car park, playground, sports facilities and underground services
- Visible around the oval but NOT visible from nearby private residences
- Would be wheelchair accessible via new path connection



New 4m x 4m shelter & picnic setting

Existing tree to be retained

ALFRED STREET

Perimeter landscaping with new screening shrubs & visual barrier structure (TBC)

Walkerville Oval Concept Plan

Project Report

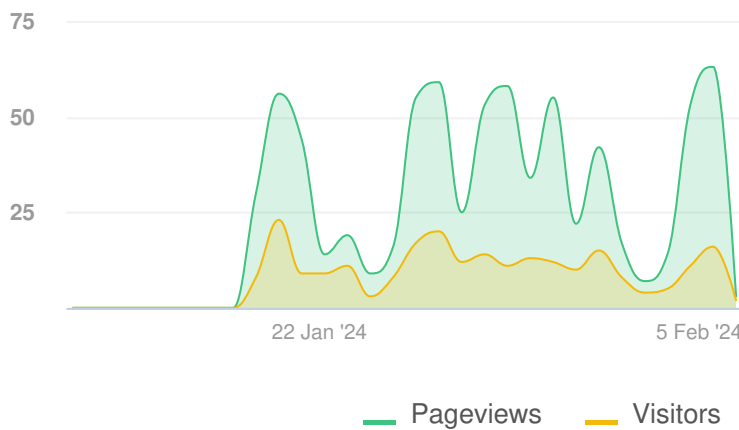
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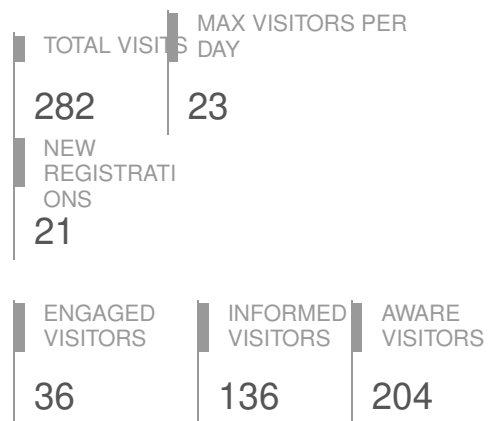
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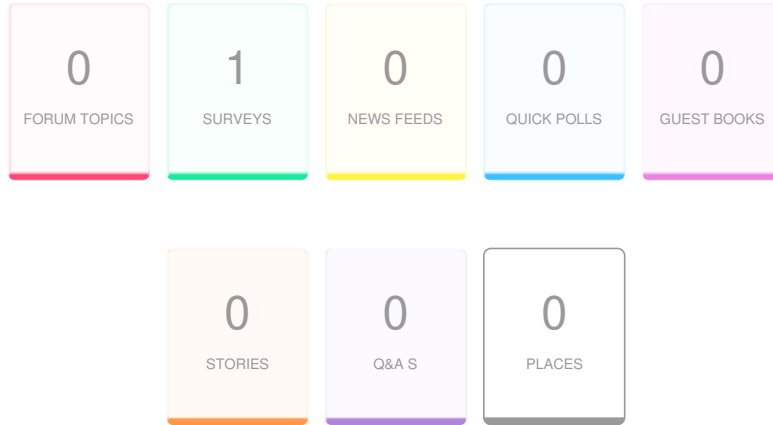


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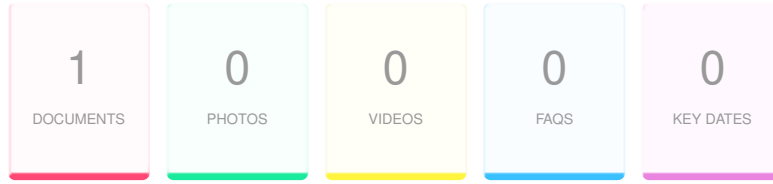
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Contributed to a tool (engaged)	36				

ENGAGEMENT TOOLS SUMMARY



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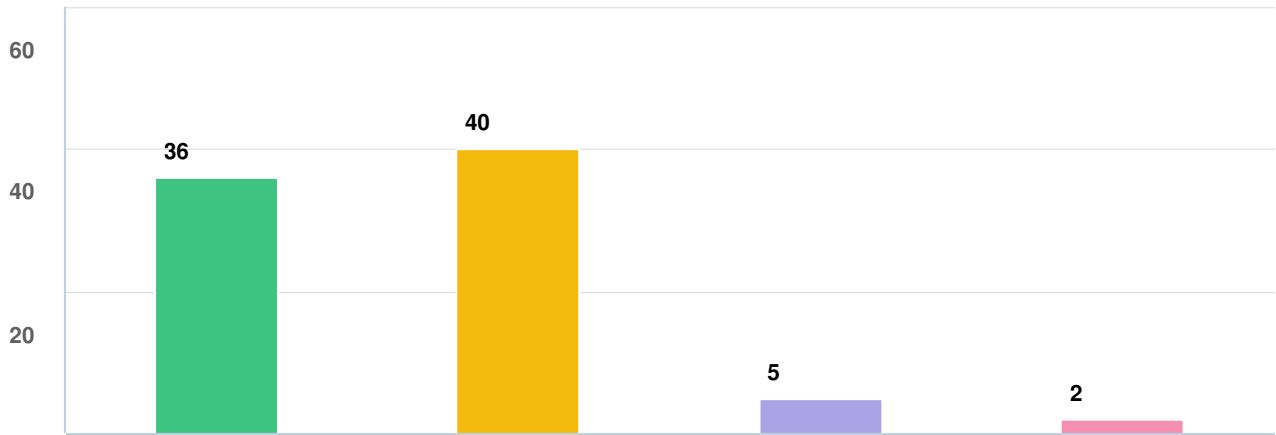
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ENGAGEMENT TOOL: SURVEY TOOL

Walkerville Oval amenity development survey

Visitors 86	Contributors 36	CONTRIBUTIONS 46
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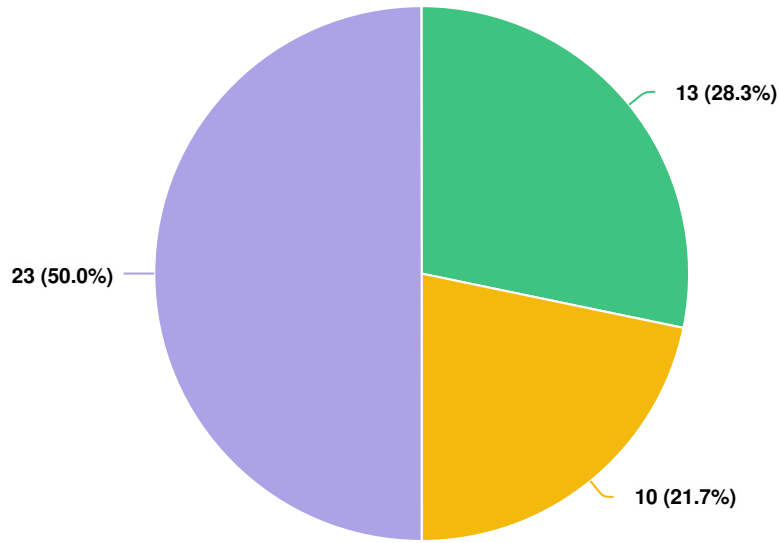
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- Town of Walkerville ratepayer
- Town of Walkerville resident
- Walkerville Sports Club member
- Other (please specify)

Mandatory Question (46 response(s))

Question type: Checkbox Question

Are you satisfied with the proposed plan for the development of amenities at the Walkerville Oval?



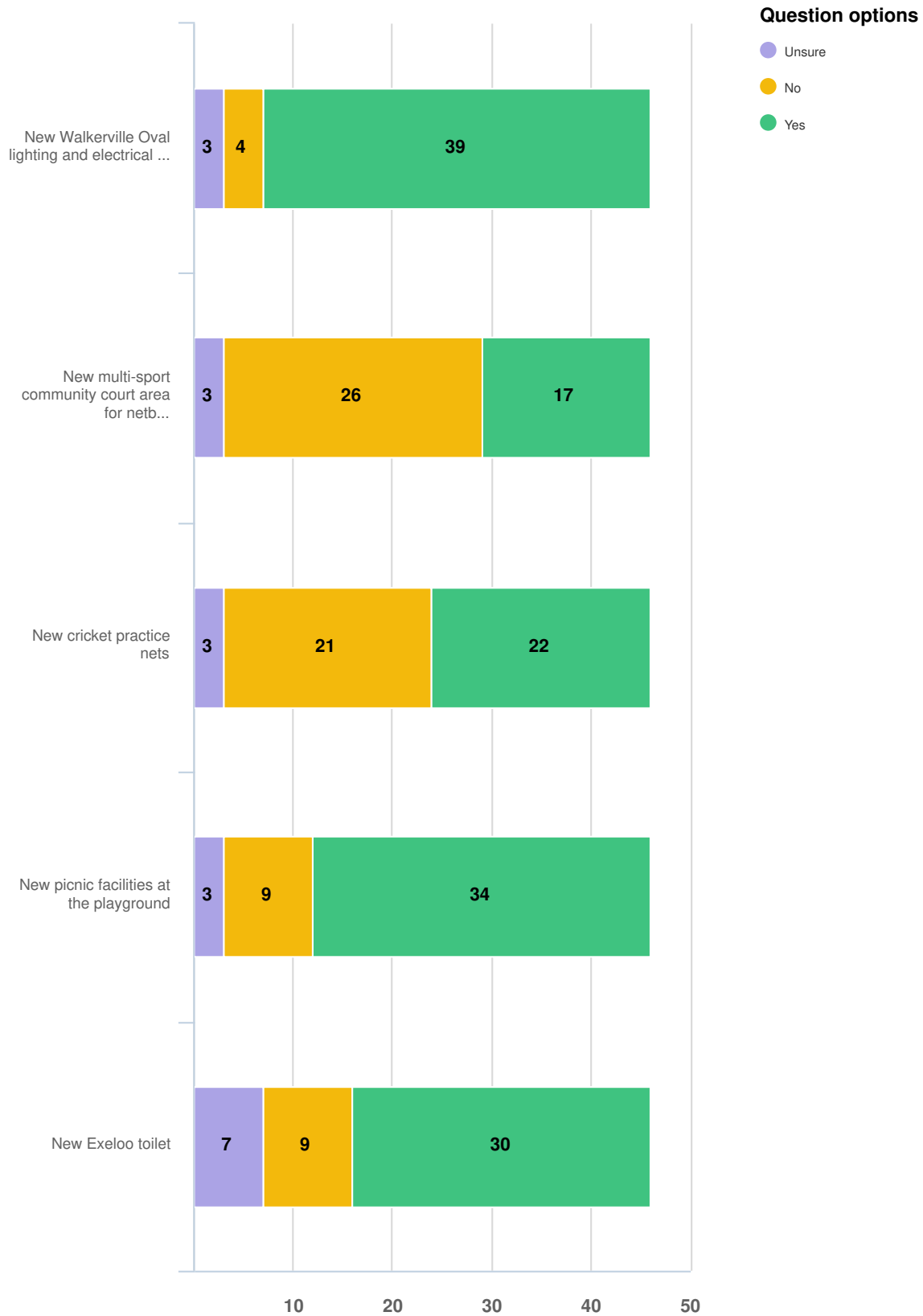
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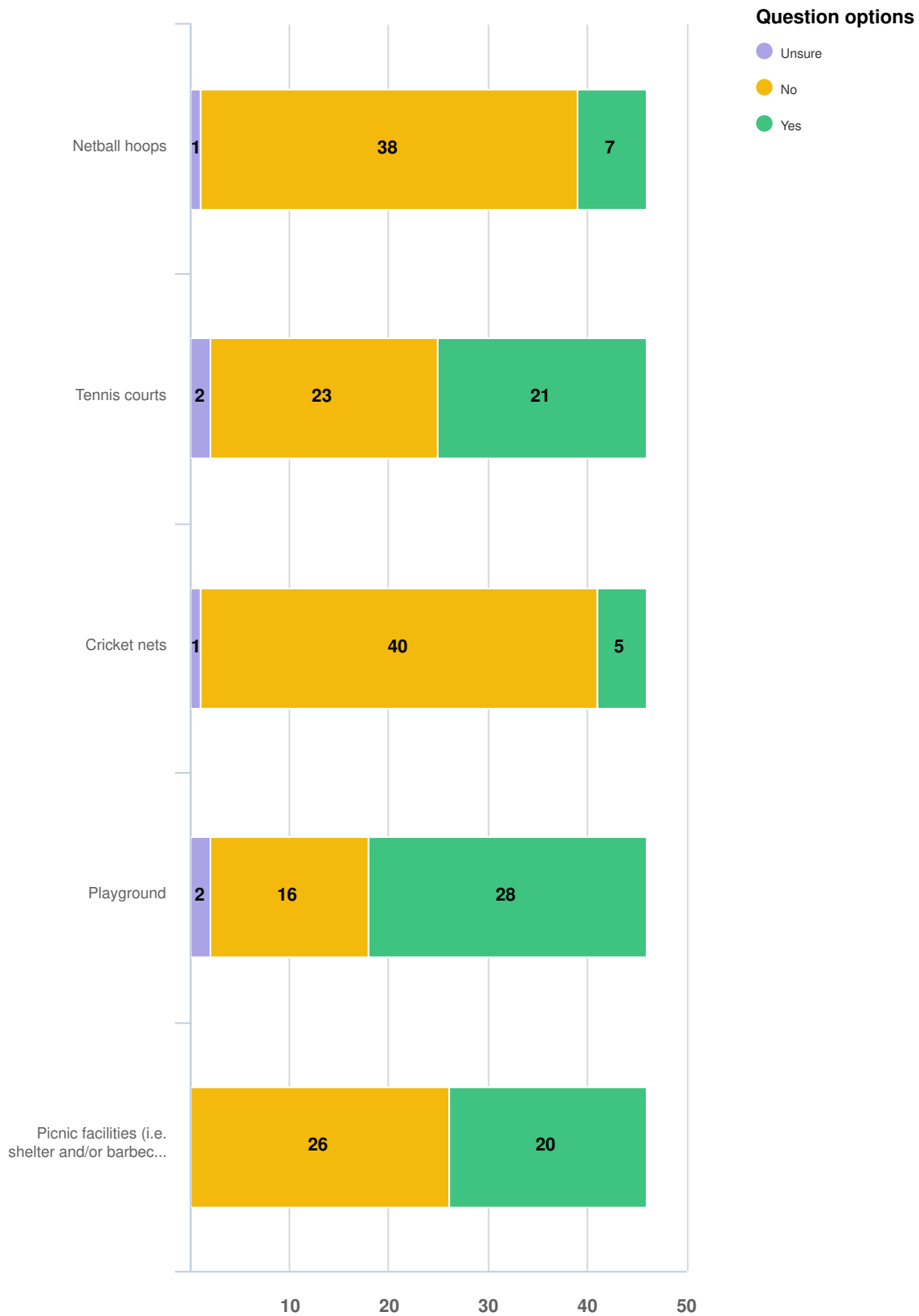
There are five elements in the proposed Walkerville Oval development plan. Are you satisfied with the elements in the plan?



Mandatory Question (46 response(s))

Question type: Likert Question

Do you currently use any of the below facilities at Walkerville Oval?



Mandatory Question (46 response(s))

Question type: Likert Question

Survey Responses

10 January 2024 - 08 February 2024

Walkerville Oval amenity development survey

Your Say Walkerville

Project: Walkerville Oval amenity development consultation



VISITORS					
86					
CONTRIBUTORS			RESPONSES		
36			46		
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Registered	Unverified	Anonymous	Registered	Unverified	Anonymous



Respondent No: 1

Login: SueM

Email: [REDACTED]

Responded At: Jan 19, 2024 16:18:13 pm

Last Seen: Jan 19, 2024 05:12:49 am

IP Address: 14.2.25.110

Q1. Are you a: Town of Walkerville ratepayer
Town of Walkerville resident

Q2. Are you satisfied with the proposed plan for the development of amenities at the Walkerville Oval?
Yes

Q3. There are five elements in the proposed Walkerville Oval development plan. Are you satisfied with the elements in the plan?

New Walkerville Oval lighting and electrical infrastructure	Yes
New multi-sport community court area for netball, basketball and tennis (reduction of two tennis courts to one court to allow for multi-sport court)	Yes
New cricket practice nets	Yes
New picnic facilities at the playground	Yes
New Exeloo toilet	Yes

Q4. Do you currently use any of the below facilities at Walkerville Oval?

Netball hoops	No
Tennis courts	No
Cricket nets	No
Playground	Yes
Picnic facilities (i.e. shelter and/or barbecue)	No

Q5. Please provide any additional feedback in regard to the proposed Walkerville Oval amenity development plan.

not answered



Respondent No: 2
Login: MaryLou Bishop
Email: [REDACTED]

Responded At: Jan 19, 2024 17:10:58 pm
Last Seen: Jan 19, 2024 05:45:20 am
IP Address: 165.228.3.244

Q1. **Are you a:** Town of Walkerville ratepayer
 Town of Walkerville resident

Q2. **Are you satisfied with the proposed plan for the development of amenities at the Walkerville Oval?** No

Q3. **There are five elements in the proposed Walkerville Oval development plan. Are you satisfied with the elements in the plan?**

New Walkerville Oval lighting and electrical infrastructure	Yes
New multi-sport community court area for netball, basketball and tennis (reduction of two tennis courts to one court to allow for multi-sport court)	No
New cricket practice nets	No
New picnic facilities at the playground	Yes
New Exeloo toilet	No

Q4. **Do you currently use any of the below facilities at Walkerville Oval?**

Netball hoops	No
Tennis courts	No
Cricket nets	No
Playground	No
Picnic facilities (i.e. shelter and/or barbecue)	No

Q5. **Please provide any additional feedback in regard to the proposed Walkerville Oval amenity development plan.**

What happened to the upgrade of the facilities? Toilets and change rooms for female players? I am a rate payer and there is nothing in this for me to use. This facility is purely for the sporting people who, the majority, do not live in Walkerville and yet we, the rate payers of Walkerville are paying for it. The renting residents of Walkerville do not pay the rates but can have an opinion and then move. I think their opinions should be disregarded. I personally think this whole process has been a disaster. In February 2022 the council was ready to sign off on an amazing plan which was affordable and would give ALL residents of Walkerville a facility which would have been multi functional, multi generational, amazingly fresh and inviting. If this goes ahead Walkerville will be stuck with a dated old patched up building with limited use. Such a lost opportunity due to the shortsightedness and stubbornness of Councillors [REDACTED] who voted down the original plan as it did not give them a grandstand on the playing field. The viewing spots were on the building. The whole exercise is one of embarrassment for the current council. I cannot see why the sporting clubs cannot pay for the upgrade of their sporting facilities - like the nets. The only aspect I approve of is the lighting and I suspect there maybe a backlash from those who live in the vicinity of the oval. I am not happy about any of it and I say NO.



Respondent No: 3

Login: Snowy

Email: [REDACTED]

Responded At: Jan 19, 2024 21:13:47 pm

Last Seen: Jan 19, 2024 10:11:13 am

IP Address: 1.147.23.83

Q1. Are you a: Town of Walkerville ratepayer
Town of Walkerville resident

Q2. Are you satisfied with the proposed plan for the development of amenities at the Walkerville Oval?
Yes

Q3. There are five elements in the proposed Walkerville Oval development plan. Are you satisfied with the elements in the plan?

New Walkerville Oval lighting and electrical infrastructure	Yes
New multi-sport community court area for netball, basketball and tennis (reduction of two tennis courts to one court to allow for multi-sport court)	Yes
New cricket practice nets	Yes
New picnic facilities at the playground	Yes
New Exeloo toilet	Yes

Q4. Do you currently use any of the below facilities at Walkerville Oval?

Netball hoops	No
Tennis courts	No
Cricket nets	No
Playground	No
Picnic facilities (i.e. shelter and/or barbecue)	No

Q5. Please provide any additional feedback in regard to the proposed Walkerville Oval amenity development plan.

not answered



Respondent No: 4

Login: cas9597

Email: [REDACTED]

Responded At: Jan 20, 2024 08:07:32 am

Last Seen: Jan 19, 2024 21:06:19 pm

IP Address: 172.56.120.69

Q1. Are you a: Walkerville Sports Club member

Q2. Are you satisfied with the proposed plan for the development of amenities at the Walkerville Oval?
Parts of the plan

Q3. There are five elements in the proposed Walkerville Oval development plan. Are you satisfied with the elements in the plan?

New Walkerville Oval lighting and electrical infrastructure	Yes
New multi-sport community court area for netball, basketball and tennis (reduction of two tennis courts to one court to allow for multi-sport court)	Yes
New cricket practice nets	No
New picnic facilities at the playground	Yes
New Exeloo toilet	Yes

Q4. Do you currently use any of the below facilities at Walkerville Oval?

Netball hoops	No
Tennis courts	No
Cricket nets	No
Playground	No
Picnic facilities (i.e. shelter and/or barbecue)	No

Q5. Please provide any additional feedback in regard to the proposed Walkerville Oval amenity development plan.

It would be great if the cricket nets could be multi purpose to be used by the softball club as batting nets/tunnels.



Respondent No: 5

Login: KBradley

Email: [REDACTED]

Responded At: Jan 20, 2024 10:07:43 am

Last Seen: Jan 19, 2024 23:06:39 pm

IP Address: 61.245.158.226

Q1. Are you a: Town of Walkerville ratepayer

Q2. Are you satisfied with the proposed plan for the development of amenities at the Walkerville Oval?
Parts of the plan

Q3. There are five elements in the proposed Walkerville Oval development plan. Are you satisfied with the elements in the plan?

New Walkerville Oval lighting and electrical infrastructure Yes

New multi-sport community court area for netball, basketball and tennis (reduction of two tennis courts to one court to allow for multi-sport court) Unsure

New cricket practice nets Yes

New picnic facilities at the playground Yes

New Exeloo toilet Yes

Q4. Do you currently use any of the below facilities at Walkerville Oval?

Netball hoops No

Tennis courts No

Cricket nets No

Playground No

Picnic facilities (i.e. shelter and/or barbecue) No

Q5. Please provide any additional feedback in regard to the proposed Walkerville Oval amenity development plan.

not answered



Respondent No: 6

Login: Gus

Email: [REDACTED]

Responded At: Jan 20, 2024 21:47:18 pm

Last Seen: Jan 20, 2024 10:45:50 am

IP Address: 172.225.156.136

Q1. Are you a: Town of Walkerville resident

Q2. Are you satisfied with the proposed plan for the development of amenities at the Walkerville Oval? No

Q3. There are five elements in the proposed Walkerville Oval development plan. Are you satisfied with the elements in the plan?

New Walkerville Oval lighting and electrical infrastructure	No
New multi-sport community court area for netball, basketball and tennis (reduction of two tennis courts to one court to allow for multi-sport court)	No
New cricket practice nets	No
New picnic facilities at the playground	Yes
New Exeloo toilet	Yes

Q4. Do you currently use any of the below facilities at Walkerville Oval?

Netball hoops	Yes
Tennis courts	Yes
Cricket nets	No
Playground	Yes
Picnic facilities (i.e. shelter and/or barbecue)	No

Q5. Please provide any additional feedback in regard to the proposed Walkerville Oval amenity development plan.

not answered



Respondent No: 7

Login: Elizabeth Fricker

Email: [REDACTED]

Responded At: Jan 24, 2024 15:07:09 pm

Last Seen: Jan 24, 2024 03:45:13 am

IP Address: 58.174.8.196

Q1. Are you a: Town of Walkerville ratepayer

Q2. Are you satisfied with the proposed plan for the development of amenities at the Walkerville Oval? No

Q3. There are five elements in the proposed Walkerville Oval development plan. Are you satisfied with the elements in the plan?

New Walkerville Oval lighting and electrical infrastructure	No
New multi-sport community court area for netball, basketball and tennis (reduction of two tennis courts to one court to allow for multi-sport court)	No
New cricket practice nets	No
New picnic facilities at the playground	Yes
New Exeloo toilet	No

Q4. Do you currently use any of the below facilities at Walkerville Oval?

Netball hoops	No
Tennis courts	No
Cricket nets	No
Playground	Yes
Picnic facilities (i.e. shelter and/or barbecue)	No

Q5. Please provide any additional feedback in regard to the proposed Walkerville Oval amenity development plan.

I am most disturbed that the Council is making changes that are not urgent. The old Sports Club is not fit for purpose and the funding that the State Government granted the Council was for redevelopment of the facilities to benefit both the general Community and the sporting community. Currently there are no facilities for women to use should they be playing at the oval. Instead, I heard on the radio the other day, (not included in this presentation), that women would use the current male facilities with a door being put on the Urinal. What a disgrace. Girls and women in sport are being promoted and encouraged throughout Australia. However not in Walkerville. The changes listed above are not urgent. The change rooms are. The lights are not urgent, and more consultation should occur with the homes around the oval. The refurbished tennis courts to become netball/basketball/tennis court would be nice, however not urgent. The practice nets should be a sports club cost. Picnic facilities would also be nice, however compared with facilities for women are not important. The Exeloo toilet in its suggested placement would be extremely expensive to build as when it was first discussed several years ago, the cost was prohibitive at that placement. Elected members, you should be aware you represent the Town of Walkerville residents not the Sports Club. Females need safe facilities to use so they can utilise the oval as males currently do. The new facilities needed should be the first development considered not what is currently suggested.



Respondent No: 8

Login: Alice KW

Email: [REDACTED]

Responded At: Jan 25, 2024 11:40:38 am

Last Seen: Jan 25, 2024 00:38:24 am

IP Address: 203.217.84.106

Q1. Are you a:

Town of Walkerville ratepayer

Town of Walkerville resident

Walkerville Sports Club member

Q2. Are you satisfied with the proposed plan for the development of amenities at the Walkerville Oval?

Parts of the plan

Q3. There are five elements in the proposed Walkerville Oval development plan. Are you satisfied with the elements in the plan?

New Walkerville Oval lighting and electrical infrastructure	Yes
New multi-sport community court area for netball, basketball and tennis (reduction of two tennis courts to one court to allow for multi-sport court)	Yes
New cricket practice nets	Yes
New picnic facilities at the playground	Yes
New Exeloo toilet	Yes

Q4. Do you currently use any of the below facilities at Walkerville Oval?

Netball hoops	No
Tennis courts	No
Cricket nets	Yes
Playground	Yes
Picnic facilities (i.e. shelter and/or barbecue)	Yes

Q5. Please provide any additional feedback in regard to the proposed Walkerville Oval amenity development plan.

At least 2 toilets at the playground facilities would be ideal. It is a very busy playground. Additional shade cover would also be fantastic.



Respondent No: 9

Login: Sgwin

Email: [REDACTED]

Responded At: Jan 25, 2024 11:53:52 am

Last Seen: Jan 25, 2024 00:51:08 am

IP Address: 120.20.12.87

Q1. Are you a: Town of Walkerville resident

Q2. Are you satisfied with the proposed plan for the development of amenities at the Walkerville Oval? Yes

Q3. There are five elements in the proposed Walkerville Oval development plan. Are you satisfied with the elements in the plan?

New Walkerville Oval lighting and electrical infrastructure	Yes
New multi-sport community court area for netball, basketball and tennis (reduction of two tennis courts to one court to allow for multi-sport court)	Yes
New cricket practice nets	Yes
New picnic facilities at the playground	Yes
New Exeloo toilet	Yes

Q4. Do you currently use any of the below facilities at Walkerville Oval?

Netball hoops	No
Tennis courts	No
Cricket nets	No
Playground	No
Picnic facilities (i.e. shelter and/or barbecue)	No

Q5. Please provide any additional feedback in regard to the proposed Walkerville Oval amenity development plan.

Needs to be upgraded to suit 2020 needs



Respondent No: 10

Login: thommo_bec

Email: [REDACTED]

Responded At: Jan 25, 2024 12:44:16 pm

Last Seen: Jan 25, 2024 01:42:52 am

IP Address: 129.127.69.231

Q1. **Are you a:** Town of Walkerville ratepayer
Town of Walkerville resident

Q2. **Are you satisfied with the proposed plan for the development of amenities at the Walkerville Oval?** Yes

Q3. **There are five elements in the proposed Walkerville Oval development plan. Are you satisfied with the elements in the plan?**

New Walkerville Oval lighting and electrical infrastructure	Yes
New multi-sport community court area for netball, basketball and tennis (reduction of two tennis courts to one court to allow for multi-sport court)	Yes
New cricket practice nets	Yes
New picnic facilities at the playground	Yes
New Exeloo toilet	Yes

Q4. **Do you currently use any of the below facilities at Walkerville Oval?**

Netball hoops	No
Tennis courts	No
Cricket nets	No
Playground	Yes
Picnic facilities (i.e. shelter and/or barbecue)	Yes

Q5. **Please provide any additional feedback in regard to the proposed Walkerville Oval amenity development plan.**

Toilet would be amazing.



Respondent No: 11

Login: nicko_g

Email: [REDACTED]

Responded At: Jan 25, 2024 17:46:06 pm

Last Seen: Jan 25, 2024 06:36:36 am

IP Address: 118.210.50.231

Q1. **Are you a:** Town of Walkerville ratepayer
Town of Walkerville resident

Q2. **Are you satisfied with the proposed plan for the development of amenities at the Walkerville Oval?** Parts of the plan

Q3. **There are five elements in the proposed Walkerville Oval development plan. Are you satisfied with the elements in the plan?**

New Walkerville Oval lighting and electrical infrastructure	Unsure
New multi-sport community court area for netball, basketball and tennis (reduction of two tennis courts to one court to allow for multi-sport court)	No
New cricket practice nets	No
New picnic facilities at the playground	Yes
New Exeloo toilet	Unsure

Q4. **Do you currently use any of the below facilities at Walkerville Oval?**

Netball hoops	No
Tennis courts	Yes
Cricket nets	No
Playground	Yes
Picnic facilities (i.e. shelter and/or barbecue)	Yes

Q5. **Please provide any additional feedback in regard to the proposed Walkerville Oval amenity development plan.**

Removing a tennis court in favour of installing large numbers of cricket nets is a mistake. All facilities should be for public use and I object to the cricket club managing community land that won't be accessible to the public. I would suggest the area remains as follows with modest enhancements: - Two tennis courts - Additional basketball and netball playing area within those courts (even if not regulation sized courts, these could be half courts similar to Levi Park and Ascot Ave).



Respondent No: 12

Login: Bel

Email: [REDACTED]

Responded At: Jan 25, 2024 19:48:21 pm

Last Seen: Jan 25, 2024 08:47:03 am

IP Address: 175.35.87.102

Q1. Are you a: Walkerville Sports Club member

Q2. Are you satisfied with the proposed plan for the development of amenities at the Walkerville Oval? Yes

Q3. There are five elements in the proposed Walkerville Oval development plan. Are you satisfied with the elements in the plan?

New Walkerville Oval lighting and electrical infrastructure	Yes
New multi-sport community court area for netball, basketball and tennis (reduction of two tennis courts to one court to allow for multi-sport court)	Yes
New cricket practice nets	Yes
New picnic facilities at the playground	Yes
New Exeloo toilet	Yes

Q4. Do you currently use any of the below facilities at Walkerville Oval?

Netball hoops	No
Tennis courts	No
Cricket nets	No
Playground	Yes
Picnic facilities (i.e. shelter and/or barbecue)	No

Q5. Please provide any additional feedback in regard to the proposed Walkerville Oval amenity development plan.

not answered



Respondent No: 13

Login: Tim Hall

Email: [REDACTED]

Responded At: Jan 26, 2024 11:08:24 am

Last Seen: Jan 26, 2024 00:06:56 am

IP Address: 120.20.33.41

Q1. **Are you a:** Town of Walkerville ratepayer
Town of Walkerville resident

Q2. **Are you satisfied with the proposed plan for the development of amenities at the Walkerville Oval?** Parts of the plan

Q3. **There are five elements in the proposed Walkerville Oval development plan. Are you satisfied with the elements in the plan?**

New Walkerville Oval lighting and electrical infrastructure	Yes
New multi-sport community court area for netball, basketball and tennis (reduction of two tennis courts to one court to allow for multi-sport court)	No
New cricket practice nets	Yes
New picnic facilities at the playground	Yes
New Exeloo toilet	Yes

Q4. **Do you currently use any of the below facilities at Walkerville Oval?**

Netball hoops	No
Tennis courts	No
Cricket nets	No
Playground	Yes
Picnic facilities (i.e. shelter and/or barbecue)	Yes

Q5. **Please provide any additional feedback in regard to the proposed Walkerville Oval amenity development plan.**

not answered



Respondent No: 14

Login: barb

Email: [REDACTED]

Responded At: Jan 26, 2024 13:31:48 pm

Last Seen: Jan 26, 2024 02:29:35 am

IP Address: 103.115.208.26

Q1. Are you a: Town of Walkerville ratepayer
Town of Walkerville resident

Q2. Are you satisfied with the proposed plan for the development of amenities at the Walkerville Oval? Yes

Q3. There are five elements in the proposed Walkerville Oval development plan. Are you satisfied with the elements in the plan?

New Walkerville Oval lighting and electrical infrastructure	Yes
New multi-sport community court area for netball, basketball and tennis (reduction of two tennis courts to one court to allow for multi-sport court)	Yes
New cricket practice nets	Yes
New picnic facilities at the playground	Yes
New Exeloo toilet	Yes

Q4. Do you currently use any of the below facilities at Walkerville Oval?

Netball hoops	No
Tennis courts	No
Cricket nets	No
Playground	Yes
Picnic facilities (i.e. shelter and/or barbecue)	No

Q5. Please provide any additional feedback in regard to the proposed Walkerville Oval amenity development plan.

More shaded seating areas near the playground would be great!



Respondent No: 15

Login: Merilee

Email: [REDACTED]

Responded At: Jan 26, 2024 15:38:23 pm

Last Seen: Jan 26, 2024 06:59:48 am

IP Address: 101.173.23.11

Q1. Are you a: Town of Walkerville ratepayer

Q2. Are you satisfied with the proposed plan for the development of amenities at the Walkerville Oval?
Parts of the plan

Q3. There are five elements in the proposed Walkerville Oval development plan. Are you satisfied with the elements in the plan?

New Walkerville Oval lighting and electrical infrastructure	Unsure
New multi-sport community court area for netball, basketball and tennis (reduction of two tennis courts to one court to allow for multi-sport court)	No
New cricket practice nets	Unsure
New picnic facilities at the playground	Yes
New Exeloo toilet	Yes

Q4. Do you currently use any of the below facilities at Walkerville Oval?

Netball hoops	No
Tennis courts	Yes
Cricket nets	No
Playground	Yes
Picnic facilities (i.e. shelter and/or barbecue)	No

Q5. Please provide any additional feedback in regard to the proposed Walkerville Oval amenity development plan.

I have no knowledge of the extent of use of the grounds by outside clubs or groups, so therefore I am wondering if there is already groups wanting a basketball or netball use. The current tennis courts were redone not long ago and it seems very soon to rip it all up. I don't know the cost of the exeloo, but it is about time there was toilet facilities available for users of the Playground and sports area. Does the council raise any funds from the use of the grounds from outside groups? It would be helpful to see the itemized costing of the project.



Respondent No: 16

Login: Lyn

Email: [REDACTED]

Responded At: Jan 27, 2024 11:22:51 am

Last Seen: Jan 27, 2024 00:19:44 am

IP Address: 104.28.90.3

Q1. Are you a: Town of Walkerville ratepayer
Town of Walkerville resident

Q2. Are you satisfied with the proposed plan for the development of amenities at the Walkerville Oval?
Yes

Q3. There are five elements in the proposed Walkerville Oval development plan. Are you satisfied with the elements in the plan?

New Walkerville Oval lighting and electrical infrastructure	Yes
New multi-sport community court area for netball, basketball and tennis (reduction of two tennis courts to one court to allow for multi-sport court)	Yes
New cricket practice nets	Yes
New picnic facilities at the playground	Yes
New Exeloo toilet	Yes

Q4. Do you currently use any of the below facilities at Walkerville Oval?

Netball hoops	No
Tennis courts	Yes
Cricket nets	Yes
Playground	Yes
Picnic facilities (i.e. shelter and/or barbecue)	Yes

Q5. Please provide any additional feedback in regard to the proposed Walkerville Oval amenity development plan.

Could you please put in a parent/child swing? Preferably the 3 in a row swing like the one at Marshmallow playground.



Respondent No: 17

Login: Maria Canala

Email: [REDACTED]

Responded At: Jan 28, 2024 15:49:00 pm

Last Seen: Jan 28, 2024 04:37:21 am

IP Address: 49.178.102.86

Q1. Are you a: Town of Walkerville ratepayer
Town of Walkerville resident

Q2. Are you satisfied with the proposed plan for the development of amenities at the Walkerville Oval?
Parts of the plan

Q3. There are five elements in the proposed Walkerville Oval development plan. Are you satisfied with the elements in the plan?

New Walkerville Oval lighting and electrical infrastructure	Yes
New multi-sport community court area for netball, basketball and tennis (reduction of two tennis courts to one court to allow for multi-sport court)	No
New cricket practice nets	No
New picnic facilities at the playground	Yes
New Exeloo toilet	Yes

Q4. Do you currently use any of the below facilities at Walkerville Oval?

Netball hoops	No
Tennis courts	No
Cricket nets	No
Playground	No
Picnic facilities (i.e. shelter and/or barbecue)	No

Q5. Please provide any additional feedback in regard to the proposed Walkerville Oval amenity development plan.

The 2 tennis courts are used very regularly and are an asset to the community. Reducing this space to one court / multi usage space does not make sense especially given the money recently invested to resurface the courts. One tennis court combined with a netball court is not enough for either interested groups. Netball courts need to be a priority for the council - is there room for multiple courts on the YMCA site or somewhere else? I have no problem with the cricket nets and surfaces being upgrade. I find it unacceptable that 2 additional cricket nets be installed - taking space from the current tennis courts for private use. Ratepayers are paying for these facilities and access needs to be communal and not selective.



Respondent No: 18

Login: Tonya

Email: [REDACTED]

Responded At: Jan 28, 2024 22:33:12 pm

Last Seen: Jan 28, 2024 11:24:08 am

IP Address: 101.174.170.230

Q1. Are you a: Town of Walkerville resident

Q2. Are you satisfied with the proposed plan for the development of amenities at the Walkerville Oval? No

Q3. There are five elements in the proposed Walkerville Oval development plan. Are you satisfied with the elements in the plan?

New Walkerville Oval lighting and electrical infrastructure Yes

New multi-sport community court area for netball, basketball and tennis (reduction of two tennis courts to one court to allow for multi-sport court) No

New cricket practice nets No

New picnic facilities at the playground Yes

New Exeloo toilet Unsure

Q4. Do you currently use any of the below facilities at Walkerville Oval?

Netball hoops No

Tennis courts Yes

Cricket nets No

Playground Yes

Picnic facilities (i.e. shelter and/or barbecue) No

Q5. Please provide any additional feedback in regard to the proposed Walkerville Oval amenity development plan.

The proposal to reduce the tennis facilities from two to one is makes little sense. We live across the road from the tennis courts, they are constantly in use from 7am until sun down- heavy used and enjoyed by the community. There are other facilities nearby such as the YMCA that are more suitable spaces for netball and basketball. The proposed expansion of the cricket nets is also not in keeping with the broader community needs and usage patterns. Picnic tables are over due and needed. There is not comment made about the oval, hill and grandstand. Loss of any large gums is short sighted.



Respondent No: 19

Login: JCPC

Email: [REDACTED]

Responded At: Jan 29, 2024 14:17:03 pm

Last Seen: Jan 29, 2024 02:31:04 am

IP Address: 1.147.125.253

Q1. Are you a: Town of Walkerville resident

Q2. Are you satisfied with the proposed plan for the development of amenities at the Walkerville Oval? No

Q3. There are five elements in the proposed Walkerville Oval development plan. Are you satisfied with the elements in the plan?

New Walkerville Oval lighting and electrical infrastructure	Yes
New multi-sport community court area for netball, basketball and tennis (reduction of two tennis courts to one court to allow for multi-sport court)	No
New cricket practice nets	No
New picnic facilities at the playground	No
New Exeloo toilet	No

Q4. Do you currently use any of the below facilities at Walkerville Oval?

Netball hoops	No
Tennis courts	Yes
Cricket nets	No
Playground	Yes
Picnic facilities (i.e. shelter and/or barbecue)	Yes

Q5. Please provide any additional feedback in regard to the proposed Walkerville Oval amenity development plan.

Summarising points and suggestions following the recent on-site residents meeting. 1) 3x recreational zones > the playground + cricket nets + tennis courts / netball club are competing for the same thin strip of land. I appreciate there must be compromises made to help meet the needs of all 3x, though the proposed plan skews usage heavily towards the cricket club. 2) Extension zones to consider > 39 Smith St site, Walkerville Bowls Club (specifically the derelict green facing Smith St), Walkerville Football Club (existing facilities, plus proposed improvements). I'd like to see the proposed plan considered within context as to how each of these sites may develop in the near-medium term future. Longer-term, holistic planning will ensure each zone complements each other. As an example, it would be short-sighted to create a compromised multi-sport outdoor tennis court, if purpose-built indoor basketball courts could be built at 39 Smith St within the next few years. 3) Voices for each zone > it's my understanding the cricket and netball clubs have been consulted. There is no natural 'voice' to represent recreational tennis players, or playground users. 4) Usage survey > a suggestion to address point 3) is to undertake a usage survey for each of the 3x zones. Including voxpop style qualitative feedback. As a neighbouring resident my informed prediction of the findings would be: the playground receives by far the most usage (80%), followed by the tennis courts (15%), followed by the cricket nets (5%). 5) Tennis courts > I am against consolidating two courts into one, for the reason that there are often queues to use both courts already at peak times. And am also against creating a multi-use (tennis + netball + basketball) court, as I can foresee the creation of a compromised space that will have 3x sports competing for the same limited space. A suggestion here, is look forwards to how the 39 Smith St site may be used; I imagine a portion of the space could be ideal for indoor basketball and netball courts that are of club level standard, leaving the tennis courts free for recreational tennis-only use. I understand there are compliance issues with the existing tennis courts; one suggestion could be to extend borders into the oval and net area to ensure two courts can remain. 6) Number of cricket pitches > given the limited use of the 5x existing nets, 8x new nets feels like overkill. Particularly when they will be at the expense of more regularly used zones (the playground in particular). I understand there are OH&S and compliance issues with the existing nets. And the wish of the cricket club to maintain a number of turf nets for their own use, plus provide more play space to help attract new members. Suggestion could be to look to the derelict bowling green; could this be repurposed as turf nets? No more than 4x nets next to the playground seems fair given their comparatively low usage. 7) Demolition of existing playground shelter, building of new bbq area > the existing playground shelter area is used frequently by young parents including kids birthday parties (often multiple per weekend). A huge benefit of the existing area it's enclosed inside the playground fence (e.g. food / birthday cake can be prepped or shared, while kids can safely roam and play on the equipment). The new plan looks to place the bbq and shelter outside of the fenced playground zone, which is a bad idea. Suggestion, revise the fence line to ensure the new shelter area remains inside the fenced playground zone. 8) Sandpit removal > I'm very much against this given its high usage. The suggested usage survey will highlight this. 9) Itchy bomb tree removal > these provide a lot of welcome shade for parents watching oval sports, plus the playground itself (small slide in particular). A request would be that they be replaced with new trees that provide a similar or greater level of canopy shading. 10) Exeloo > not clear from plans but assuming the Exeloo contains a baby changing bench / area? As per residents meeting comments, would a better location be where the demolished old toilet block sat on Smith St (e.g. to utilise existing plumbing infrastructure)? In addition, as a resident I was unaware that the football club bathrooms were open to the public; could these simply be renovated, better lit and better secured (to address vandalism concerns)? The addition of clear signage would help playground / net / tennis courts users know of their existence. 11) Oval lighting > no specific comments, but their light spill reduction seems like a benefit for residents. It's great to see the oval used so often including after dark in winter.



Respondent No: 20
Login: Long term resident
Email: [REDACTED]

Responded At: Jan 29, 2024 16:23:30 pm
Last Seen: Jan 29, 2024 05:04:37 am
IP Address: 14.2.107.154

Q1. **Are you a:** Town of Walkerville ratepayer
 Town of Walkerville resident

Q2. **Are you satisfied with the proposed plan for the development of amenities at the Walkerville Oval?** Parts of the plan

Q3. **There are five elements in the proposed Walkerville Oval development plan. Are you satisfied with the elements in the plan?**

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New cricket practice nets	Yes
New picnic facilities at the playground	No
New Exeloo toilet	Yes

Q4. **Do you currently use any of the below facilities at Walkerville Oval?**

Netball hoops	No
Tennis courts	No
Cricket nets	No
Playground	No
Picnic facilities (i.e. shelter and/or barbecue)	No

Q5. **Please provide any additional feedback in regard to the proposed Walkerville Oval amenity development plan.**

I would never, ever use a shared BBQ for food. Unknown cleanliness. Congealed meat fat. Meat fat in general. Many people have dietary restrictions so would not like to use it. Without it, you could fit one more table for one more group. The shelter with table seems a great idea. I wonder if another one away from the park would be good since groups without children are now often uncomfortable being too close to children's play areas. Water taps or bubblers - any planned? Sheltered seat in the playground for carers. Signage about alcohol consumption (its what you have with a BBQ or picnic) Signage about dogs - can they be off leash around the recreation area.



Respondent No: 21

Login: Judy

Email: [REDACTED]

Responded At: Jan 29, 2024 22:28:01 pm

Last Seen: Jan 29, 2024 10:45:09 am

IP Address: 122.109.233.108

Q1. Are you a: Town of Walkerville ratepayer
Town of Walkerville resident

Q2. Are you satisfied with the proposed plan for the development of amenities at the Walkerville Oval? No

Q3. There are five elements in the proposed Walkerville Oval development plan. Are you satisfied with the elements in the plan?

New Walkerville Oval lighting and electrical infrastructure Yes

New multi-sport community court area for netball, basketball and tennis (reduction of two tennis courts to one court to allow for multi-sport court) No

New cricket practice nets Unsure

New picnic facilities at the playground Yes

New Exeloo toilet No

Q4. Do you currently use any of the below facilities at Walkerville Oval?

Netball hoops No

Tennis courts Yes

Cricket nets No

Playground No

Picnic facilities (i.e. shelter and/or barbecue) No

Q5. Please provide any additional feedback in regard to the proposed Walkerville Oval amenity development plan.

I think it's important to keep the tennis courts which have not long ago, been upgraded. They are already marked for other sports e.g., netball. These courts are used throughout the week by social and family groups together with children practicing their ball skills. It is short sighted to eliminate one court. I agree the cricket nets need to be upgraded. The plans for the development of the club rooms need to be revisited. Women and girls need their own change rooms and toilet facilities. Unisex facilities are not suitable and should not be encouraged. Within any community there are too many incidents involving children and adults: besides, children's safety is paramount in any circumstance. Women and children need to be encouraged to play sport. Research has shown teenage children tend to withdraw from all types of sport for whatever reason. These children need to be encouraged not discourage and the lack of separate toilet facilities and change rooms are imperative with this aim in mind. Please reconsider the development plans with these points in mind.



Respondent No: 22

Login: Bonhal

Email: [REDACTED]

Responded At: Jan 30, 2024 18:34:59 pm

Last Seen: Jan 29, 2024 07:47:41 am

IP Address: 49.178.75.204

Q1. Are you a: Town of Walkerville ratepayer
Town of Walkerville resident

Q2. Are you satisfied with the proposed plan for the development of amenities at the Walkerville Oval?
Yes

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New cricket practice nets	Yes
New picnic facilities at the playground	Yes
New Exeloo toilet	Yes

Q4. Do you currently use any of the below facilities at Walkerville Oval?

Netball hoops	No
Tennis courts	No
Cricket nets	No
Playground	Yes
Picnic facilities (i.e. shelter and/or barbecue)	Yes

Q5. Please provide any additional feedback in regard to the proposed Walkerville Oval amenity development plan.

not answered



Respondent No: 23

Login: Patricia Cain

Email: [REDACTED]

Responded At: Jan 30, 2024 23:28:48 pm

Last Seen: Jan 30, 2024 11:53:28 am

IP Address: 1.147.43.46

Q1. Are you a: Town of Walkerville ratepayer
Town of Walkerville resident

Q2. Are you satisfied with the proposed plan for the development of amenities at the Walkerville Oval?
No

Q3. There are five elements in the proposed Walkerville Oval development plan. Are you satisfied with the elements in the plan?

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New cricket practice nets	No
New picnic facilities at the playground	Yes
New Exeloo toilet	Yes

Q4. Do you currently use any of the below facilities at Walkerville Oval?

Netball hoops	No
Tennis courts	Yes
Cricket nets	No
Playground	Unsure
Picnic facilities (i.e. shelter and/or barbecue)	Yes

Q5. Please provide any additional feedback in regard to the proposed Walkerville Oval amenity development plan.

Yes to toilet, needed near playground. Yes to LED lighting upgrade. No to increased number of cricket nets, 5 is adequate for half year sport of cricket. Two existing tennis courts currently have a nice surface for play and are always in use, all year round. Existing location buffers residents and waste of money to reposition or resurface when existing surface so newly done. One netball court is useless and area is better used as tennis courts. One or two indoor court areas in Smith St and several outdoor courts on previous depot site is more useful. Otherwise existing hire of SAUCNA courts for practice sensible. School gyms have basketball courts. Again, Smith St better option. One basketball court serves no purpose and the space better utilised with tennis. However a basketball ring and 'bounce' area, such as in Romilly Ave Manningham, or Linde Reserve Stepney does offer potential solution, but separate to the tennis courts, not done as at Vale Park oval. That ring should be separate from the courts, in what is currently parking/ bin/ rubbish location off Lansdowne entrance. At Walkerville oval a basketball shooting space probably needs to be more central, towards the existing car park / equipment shed, or near clubrooms. Alfred and Warwick St residents don't need to have 'bounce, bounce, bounce' noise. I am a passionate advocate for netball, but see no sense in alteration of the existing tennis courts. Rostering times for maximum use of existing number of cricket nets should suffice. I walk the oval most days, currently plenty of unused net time.

**Respondent No:** 24**Login:** Nicholas Thomson**Email:** [REDACTED]**Responded At:** Feb 01, 2024 11:08:33 am**Last Seen:** Feb 01, 2024 00:05:39 am**IP Address:** 101.174.170.230

Q1. **Are you a:** Town of Walkerville resident

Q2. **Are you satisfied with the proposed plan for the development of amenities at the Walkerville Oval?** Parts of the plan

Q3. **There are five elements in the proposed Walkerville Oval development plan. Are you satisfied with the elements in the plan?**

New Walkerville Oval lighting and electrical infrastructure	Yes
New multi-sport community court area for netball, basketball and tennis (reduction of two tennis courts to one court to allow for multi-sport court)	No
New cricket practice nets	No
New picnic facilities at the playground	Yes
New Exeloo toilet	No

Q4. **Do you currently use any of the below facilities at Walkerville Oval?**

Netball hoops	No
Tennis courts	Yes
Cricket nets	No
Playground	Yes
Picnic facilities (i.e. shelter and/or barbecue)	Yes

Q5. **Please provide any additional feedback in regard to the proposed Walkerville Oval amenity development plan.**

To me it makes absolutely ZERO sense to reduce the tennis courts from 2 to 1. These courts are the heart beat of the Walkerville oval and sports facility. I live in Warwick street across the road from the courts and they are both used most of the time. So many kids are learning tennis and so many people are playing all the time - its brilliant. PLEASE DO NOT REDUCE THE NUMBER OF COURTS!!!!!!!!!!



Respondent No: 25

Login: Natalia

Email: [REDACTED]

Responded At: Feb 02, 2024 09:31:36 am

Last Seen: Feb 01, 2024 22:26:16 pm

IP Address: 1.147.1.41

- Q1. **Are you a:** Town of Walkerville ratepayer
- Q2. **Are you satisfied with the proposed plan for the development of amenities at the Walkerville Oval?** Parts of the plan
- Q3. **There are five elements in the proposed Walkerville Oval development plan. Are you satisfied with the elements in the plan?**
- | | |
|--|-----|
| New Walkerville Oval lighting and electrical infrastructure | Yes |
| New multi-sport community court area for netball, basketball and tennis (reduction of two tennis courts to one court to allow for multi-sport court) | Yes |
| New cricket practice nets | Yes |
| New picnic facilities at the playground | Yes |
| New Exeloo toilet | Yes |
- Q4. **Do you currently use any of the below facilities at Walkerville Oval?**
- | | |
|--|-----|
| Netball hoops | No |
| Tennis courts | No |
| Cricket nets | No |
| Playground | Yes |
| Picnic facilities (i.e. shelter and/or barbecue) | Yes |
- Q5. **Please provide any additional feedback in regard to the proposed Walkerville Oval amenity development plan.**
- It would be good to include a dog park, either in the oval or in any other part of Walkerville or Vale Park. If you have a look around there is no dog parks at all in the council with so many houses with dog owners.



Respondent No: 26

Login: Katebentleyflowers

Email: [REDACTED]

Responded At: Feb 02, 2024 10:56:54 am

Last Seen: Feb 01, 2024 23:51:52 pm

IP Address: 49.178.143.236

- Q1. **Are you a:**
- Town of Walkerville ratepayer
Town of Walkerville resident
- Q2. **Are you satisfied with the proposed plan for the development of amenities at the Walkerville Oval?**
- Parts of the plan
- Q3. **There are five elements in the proposed Walkerville Oval development plan. Are you satisfied with the elements in the plan?**
- | | |
|--|--------|
| New Walkerville Oval lighting and electrical infrastructure | Yes |
| New multi-sport community court area for netball, basketball and tennis (reduction of two tennis courts to one court to allow for multi-sport court) | No |
| New cricket practice nets | Unsure |
| New picnic facilities at the playground | Yes |
| New Exeloo toilet | Yes |
- Q4. **Do you currently use any of the below facilities at Walkerville Oval?**
- | | |
|--|-----|
| Netball hoops | No |
| Tennis courts | Yes |
| Cricket nets | No |
| Playground | Yes |
| Picnic facilities (i.e. shelter and/or barbecue) | Yes |
- Q5. **Please provide any additional feedback in regard to the proposed Walkerville Oval amenity development plan.**

Disagree with reduction of tennis courts from two to one. They are very highly utilised year round and one court would not be enough. The netball rings get very little use from what we have o served as a result of the tennis nets being in place and people can use the school courts after hours as an alternative for both basketball and netball as they currently do. The tennis courts are utilised year round by a wide range of people whereas the cricket nets by a much smaller group and only for part of the year. The rest of the plans look great although it is a shame that the sandpit is being lost as it is one shaded area in the playground that when it's very hot does get a decent amount of use. Totally support the rest of the proposed plans.

**Respondent No:** 27**Login:** Clare Loizou**Email:** [REDACTED]**Responded At:** Feb 02, 2024 11:23:33 am**Last Seen:** Feb 02, 2024 00:21:26 am**IP Address:** 49.178.152.225

- Q1. **Are you a:**
- Town of Walkerville ratepayer
Town of Walkerville resident
- Q2. **Are you satisfied with the proposed plan for the development of amenities at the Walkerville Oval?** Yes
- Q3. **There are five elements in the proposed Walkerville Oval development plan. Are you satisfied with the elements in the plan?**
- | | |
|--|-----|
| New Walkerville Oval lighting and electrical infrastructure | Yes |
| New multi-sport community court area for netball, basketball and tennis (reduction of two tennis courts to one court to allow for multi-sport court) | Yes |
| New cricket practice nets | Yes |
| New picnic facilities at the playground | Yes |
| New Exeloo toilet | Yes |
- Q4. **Do you currently use any of the below facilities at Walkerville Oval?**
- | | |
|--|-----|
| Netball hoops | Yes |
| Tennis courts | Yes |
| Cricket nets | No |
| Playground | Yes |
| Picnic facilities (i.e. shelter and/or barbecue) | Yes |
- Q5. **Please provide any additional feedback in regard to the proposed Walkerville Oval amenity development plan.**
- Toilet would be wonderful! Using the playground with young kids we have to run them over to woolies



Respondent No: 28

Login: kylie

Email: [REDACTED]

Responded At: Feb 02, 2024 12:25:06 pm

Last Seen: Feb 02, 2024 01:09:31 am

IP Address: 193.115.94.227

- Q1. **Are you a:** Town of Walkerville resident
- Q2. **Are you satisfied with the proposed plan for the development of amenities at the Walkerville Oval?** Parts of the plan
- Q3. **There are five elements in the proposed Walkerville Oval development plan. Are you satisfied with the elements in the plan?**

New Walkerville Oval lighting and electrical infrastructure	Yes
New multi-sport community court area for netball, basketball and tennis (reduction of two tennis courts to one court to allow for multi-sport court)	No
New cricket practice nets	No
New picnic facilities at the playground	No
New Exeloo toilet	Yes

- Q4. **Do you currently use any of the below facilities at Walkerville Oval?**

Netball hoops	No
Tennis courts	Yes
Cricket nets	No
Playground	Yes
Picnic facilities (i.e. shelter and/or barbecue)	Yes

- Q5. **Please provide any additional feedback in regard to the proposed Walkerville Oval amenity development plan.**

From our experience the courts get used a lot more than the cricket nets. Two multi functional courts would be better with less cricket nets. PLEASE do not remove the trees around the oval. Lots of parents use them when they have one child playing football and one in the playground. Great spot to sit under and watch multiple kids. If they are removed there will be only one shelter for multiple people. I think the BBQ is a really low priority. You can get a sausage across the oval when sport is on. There is a group of teenagers that are climbing onto the shade sails at night (very dangerous) to hang out. The BBQ structure would probably end up being used this way. The original playground used to be so beautiful with a lovely big tree. Now it has a dead tree with very unattractive shade sails. To have yet more trees pulled out would be devastating!! Less structures and more nature would be much appreciated. Thanks for your consideration



Respondent No: 29

Login: Heather

Email: [REDACTED]

Responded At: Feb 02, 2024 18:25:51 pm

Last Seen: Feb 02, 2024 07:23:13 am

IP Address: 180.150.112.170

- Q1. **Are you a:**
- Town of Walkerville ratepayer
 - Town of Walkerville resident
- Q2. **Are you satisfied with the proposed plan for the development of amenities at the Walkerville Oval?**
- Parts of the plan
- Q3. **There are five elements in the proposed Walkerville Oval development plan. Are you satisfied with the elements in the plan?**
- | | |
|--|-----|
| New Walkerville Oval lighting and electrical infrastructure | Yes |
| New multi-sport community court area for netball, basketball and tennis (reduction of two tennis courts to one court to allow for multi-sport court) | No |
| New cricket practice nets | No |
| New picnic facilities at the playground | Yes |
| New Exeloo toilet | Yes |
- Q4. **Do you currently use any of the below facilities at Walkerville Oval?**
- | | |
|--|-----|
| Netball hoops | Yes |
| Tennis courts | Yes |
| Cricket nets | Yes |
| Playground | Yes |
| Picnic facilities (i.e. shelter and/or barbecue) | Yes |
- Q5. **Please provide any additional feedback in regard to the proposed Walkerville Oval amenity development plan.**

Much of the plan sounds very good but the reduction in tennis and netball facilities for an excessive number of cricket nets is not a sensible decision. I live next door to the tennis courts and they get considerable use from older people during the day to families on the weekends. Often the cricket nets are empty when there are plenty of families enjoying the courts.



Respondent No: 30

Login: Danny

Email: [REDACTED]

Responded At: Feb 03, 2024 22:21:03 pm

Last Seen: Feb 03, 2024 10:50:01 am

IP Address: 115.166.29.206

- Q1. Are you a: Town of Walkerville ratepayer
Town of Walkerville resident
- Q2. Are you satisfied with the proposed plan for the development of amenities at the Walkerville Oval?
Oval? Parts of the plan

- Q3. There are five elements in the proposed Walkerville Oval development plan. Are you satisfied with the elements in the plan?

New Walkerville Oval lighting and electrical infrastructure	Yes
New multi-sport community court area for netball, basketball and tennis (reduction of two tennis courts to one court to allow for multi-sport court)	No
New cricket practice nets	No
New picnic facilities at the playground	Unsure
New Exeloo toilet	Unsure

- Q4. Do you currently use any of the below facilities at Walkerville Oval?

Netball hoops	No
Tennis courts	Yes
Cricket nets	No
Playground	Yes
Picnic facilities (i.e. shelter and/or barbecue)	Yes

- Q5. Please provide any additional feedback in regard to the proposed Walkerville Oval amenity development plan.

Overall I am in favour of improving the sporting and picnic facilities but the balance needs to be right and redesigned. I do have the following queries: The number of tennis courts should not be reduced. The courts are widely used and regularly both courts are in use and there are people waiting for a court. Even sharing of the facility (with netball etc.) may cause issues without some form of rostering. Basketball court not required as well (people usually use the basketball courts at the Primary school). The use of the tennis courts for pickleball should be banned. There are widely publicised nuisance noise issues with this for residents. Current picnic facilities are often used by parties of people, childrens birthday parties etc. and having an area separated from the oval and fully enclosed (for small children) lends greater amenity to this. Having a renewed facility is great but keeping it in the existing area would be better. There are currently 5 cricket nets and they are rarely if ever all used at the same time (during cricket practice). Not sure why there would be a requirement for more. Cricket nets should not be moved closer to Alfred Street (and therefore closer to residents). + Loss of valuable picnic/play area. The current cricket nets have metal cabinets where the movable nets are stored. When hit by a cricket ball these make a very loud reverberating banging noise, which happens frequently during cricket practices. Please ensure design of cricket nets are padded or do not contain elements that make loud noise in contact with cricket ball. The current sandpit is very regularly used and enjoyed by small children - it would be a pity not to have one. Not an issue as not visible from residences but query the siting of the public toilet right next to the kindergarten - perhaps on the other side of the carpark, closer to Smith Street?



Respondent No: 31

Login: Tanya Cerny

Email: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Responded At: Feb 06, 2024 06:49:19 am

Last Seen: Feb 05, 2024 19:44:50 pm

IP Address: 118.211.81.182

- Q1. **Are you a:**
- Town of Walkerville ratepayer
Town of Walkerville resident
- Q2. **Are you satisfied with the proposed plan for the development of amenities at the Walkerville Oval?** Yes
- Q3. **There are five elements in the proposed Walkerville Oval development plan. Are you satisfied with the elements in the plan?**
- | | |
|--|-----|
| New Walkerville Oval lighting and electrical infrastructure | Yes |
| New multi-sport community court area for netball, basketball and tennis (reduction of two tennis courts to one court to allow for multi-sport court) | Yes |
| New cricket practice nets | Yes |
| New picnic facilities at the playground | Yes |
| New Exeloo toilet | Yes |
- Q4. **Do you currently use any of the below facilities at Walkerville Oval?**
- | | |
|--|-----|
| Netball hoops | No |
| Tennis courts | No |
| Cricket nets | No |
| Playground | Yes |
| Picnic facilities (i.e. shelter and/or barbecue) | Yes |
- Q5. **Please provide any additional feedback in regard to the proposed Walkerville Oval amenity development plan.**
- not answered

**Respondent No:** 32**Login:** Graham Webster**Email:** [REDACTED]**Responded At:** Feb 06, 2024 13:20:45 pm**Last Seen:** Feb 06, 2024 02:17:20 am**IP Address:** 124.184.169.102

- Q1. **Are you a:**
- Town of Walkerville ratepayer
Town of Walkerville resident
- Q2. **Are you satisfied with the proposed plan for the development of amenities at the Walkerville Oval?** Yes
- Q3. **There are five elements in the proposed Walkerville Oval development plan. Are you satisfied with the elements in the plan?**
- | | |
|--|--------|
| New Walkerville Oval lighting and electrical infrastructure | Yes |
| New multi-sport community court area for netball, basketball and tennis (reduction of two tennis courts to one court to allow for multi-sport court) | Unsure |
| New cricket practice nets | Yes |
| New picnic facilities at the playground | Yes |
| New Exeloo toilet | Unsure |
- Q4. **Do you currently use any of the below facilities at Walkerville Oval?**
- | | |
|--|-----|
| Netball hoops | No |
| Tennis courts | Yes |
| Cricket nets | No |
| Playground | Yes |
| Picnic facilities (i.e. shelter and/or barbecue) | No |
- Q5. **Please provide any additional feedback in regard to the proposed Walkerville Oval amenity development plan.**
- I like the changes but can the loo be incorporated against the implement shed so as to not be an obvious eyesore



Respondent No: 33

Login: Arie

Email: [REDACTED]

Responded At: Feb 07, 2024 12:06:18 pm

Last Seen: Feb 07, 2024 00:32:52 am

IP Address: 180.150.112.177

- Q1. Are you a: Town of Walkerville ratepayer
Town of Walkerville resident
- Q2. Are you satisfied with the proposed plan for the development of amenities at the Walkerville Oval? Parts of the plan
- Q3. There are five elements in the proposed Walkerville Oval development plan. Are you satisfied with the elements in the plan?
- | | |
|--|--------|
| New Walkerville Oval lighting and electrical infrastructure | Yes |
| New multi-sport community court area for netball, basketball and tennis (reduction of two tennis courts to one court to allow for multi-sport court) | No |
| New cricket practice nets | No |
| New picnic facilities at the playground | No |
| New Exeloo toilet | Unsure |
- Q4. Do you currently use any of the below facilities at Walkerville Oval?
- | | |
|--|-----|
| Netball hoops | No |
| Tennis courts | Yes |
| Cricket nets | No |
| Playground | No |
| Picnic facilities (i.e. shelter and/or barbecue) | No |
- Q5. Please provide any additional feedback in regard to the proposed Walkerville Oval amenity development plan.

Firstly, I'm pleased to see that Council has scaled back the development to something that appears more community-friendly and cost effective. That said I have a number of concerns... Why are the 2 tennis courts to be compromised along with parts of the playground for the 'recommended length' turf cricket practice nets? What is the cost of these parts of the proposal? No doubt there are reasons for and against but I don't believe Council has made their reasoning clear - which is important if you want buy-in from resident, users and ratepayers. It's a pity that existing trees are to be demolished - some appear to have been recently planted along the Alfred St side. Even the established itchy-bomb trees soften and shade the interface between oval and playground etc. and replacements (if they are a problem) don't appear to be part of the plan. As a new resident I'm interested in how this process unfolds - if Council is open and responsive to community feedback or just ticking boxes to an end result that is pretty fixed! I'm sure that's not the case but then again even trying to give additional feedback in this tiny window is problematic and puts one off! Kind Regards



Respondent No: 34

Login: MACMum

Email: [REDACTED]

Responded At: Feb 07, 2024 12:30:02 pm

Last Seen: Feb 07, 2024 00:51:09 am

IP Address: 203.220.100.98

- Q1. **Are you a:** Town of Walkerville resident
Walkerville Sports Club member
- Q2. **Are you satisfied with the proposed plan for the development of amenities at the Walkerville Oval?** No
- Q3. **There are five elements in the proposed Walkerville Oval development plan. Are you satisfied with the elements in the plan?**
- | | |
|--|-----|
| New Walkerville Oval lighting and electrical infrastructure | Yes |
| New multi-sport community court area for netball, basketball and tennis (reduction of two tennis courts to one court to allow for multi-sport court) | No |
| New cricket practice nets | No |
| New picnic facilities at the playground | No |
| New Exeloo toilet | No |
- Q4. **Do you currently use any of the below facilities at Walkerville Oval?**
- | | |
|--|-----|
| Netball hoops | Yes |
| Tennis courts | Yes |
| Cricket nets | No |
| Playground | Yes |
| Picnic facilities (i.e. shelter and/or barbecue) | Yes |

Q5. Please provide any additional feedback in regard to the proposed Walkerville Oval amenity development plan.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback - I attended the residents meeting a few weeks ago and provided a number of points there also. My biggest concern with the proposal is that it does not have an 'overall' master plan element - as in this proposal is not taking into consideration of the future development of Smith street, the possible new stadium and potential new use for the child care centre. It's all part by bit by bit - and any plans need to take the plans of the next site into consideration. My other concern was that ONLY the cricket club had been consulted. And so the proposal was very skewed towards their 'grand plans' The other sites in the plan are recreational uses - tennis users and playground and bbq users. So they don't have a voice. Also all the development is down the Warwick St and Alfred St side - where is resident facing - what about Smith street - there is literally 2-3 residents that face that side (a councillor included) where no development is taking place. Where as on Alfred and Warwick there are at least 14 residents looking onto the parks. Ultimately my biggest concern is the removal of 2 tennis courts down to one. These courts are used all year round, every day of the week, and by all ages, seniors down to toddlers and male and female. Versus the plan to increase the cricket nets to 8 - when they are used only by 10 - 40 year old age groups and only males for maybe 4-5 months of the year - and most nights are empty and on other nights are crowded (have they considered rostering) I admit parts of the nets are a bit uneven - but this is an oval management issue - not the fault of the tennis courts. I have photographic evidence of the courts being used constantly all time of the day and even people lining up for use. So I know reducing to one - would be very sad for a number of the community - at the expense of courts that are used rarely in comparison. Also the dual use will NOT work - I questioned the council worker at our residents meeting about who would change the use of the courts - removed nets, put up poles etc - he said 'people will work in good will and it will be fine' I can tell you now that will not happen. Dual use is not appropriate for a recreational open use space. Also allegedly the netball club said they would use it - the club has over 300 players - and needs to go to Anzac Hwy to train - one court is of no use. And to suggest little people will play there - they will be attached to the rest of the families -so Anzac Hwy is where they will want to be too. And what is going to happen at Smith st? Will it be basketball courts? - so what's the point of having a basket ball court no one uses - for the chance to just say it's dual use. Tennis courts need to stay as just that with nets insitu - for all ages to use throughout the week - if anything we could do with 2 more courts. In reference to the cricket nets not being long enough - so they need to take up the park. I think again this would steal the only good shade there is in the play ground where the sandpit is and that tree. We are already going to lose the 'itchy bomb' trees which will be a shame for lack of shade. I was the one who wrote to council to request the shade sails - as shade was lost when the big tree died. So whilst I understand the nets may need to be longer - at the expense of the playground is not fair. And so many families use that playground everyday - all times of the day - of all ages - babies toddlers, grandparents etc. There was a suggestion that the disused bowling green could be cricket nets - its the perfect size - but council staff that night at the meeting said it was proposed for car parking. Which is a ridiculous use of it - it would literally fit maybe 4 or 6 cars - for the loss of open green space. I don't think that is good use at all - there is enough bitumen around the oval already. And people can park on the street. On the BBQ area - in the 3 to 4 years since that has been there - I've seen in used maybe 20 or 30 times. It's not used regularly - there is no seating - it is not within the park - you have no incentive to sit there and have a nice relaxing time - there is no space - infact I've had a bbq there and nearly been smacked in the head from cricket balls while I sat - having to move to another spot. It's poor design that it's squeezed there. As for the Exeloo - if we can't wait for new toilets at the new stadium. Put it back where the old toilets we - on Smith St - where it doesn't face residents. Or put it in the middle of the car park. Not near the green space. It does not need to be near the playground - parents are happy to walk across the oval to the old ones - so have it in the car park. In conclusion - there needs to be a larger master plan for the whole area - Smith St development (YMCA) Oval Stadium, bowls club and the playground and courts development. Not just fix one thing - and then rip it out again when the next development is updated. As mentioned - I have a number of photos over the last few weeks of the tennis courts being used right up until dark time. I can't seem to attach them here - I will endeavour to send them to council in an email.



Respondent No: 35

Login: Zoe hyatt

Email: [REDACTED]

Responded At: Feb 07, 2024 13:38:10 pm

Last Seen: Feb 07, 2024 02:22:20 am

IP Address: 14.2.97.67

- Q1. **Are you a:**
- Town of Walkerville ratepayer
 - Town of Walkerville resident
 - Other (please specify)**
 - Tennis on Sunday mornings for kids at the oval
- Q2. **Are you satisfied with the proposed plan for the development of amenities at the Walkerville Oval?**
- Parts of the plan
- Q3. **There are five elements in the proposed Walkerville Oval development plan. Are you satisfied with the elements in the plan?**
- | | |
|--|-----|
| New Walkerville Oval lighting and electrical infrastructure | Yes |
| New multi-sport community court area for netball, basketball and tennis (reduction of two tennis courts to one court to allow for multi-sport court) | No |
| New cricket practice nets | No |
| New picnic facilities at the playground | Yes |
| New Exeloo toilet | Yes |
- Q4. **Do you currently use any of the below facilities at Walkerville Oval?**
- | | |
|--|-----|
| Netball hoops | Yes |
| Tennis courts | Yes |
| Cricket nets | No |
| Playground | Yes |
| Picnic facilities (i.e. shelter and/or barbecue) | Yes |
- Q5. **Please provide any additional feedback in regard to the proposed Walkerville Oval amenity development plan.**
- We need two tennis courts



Respondent No: 36

Login: Liz - Council

Communications

Email: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Hard copy submission

Responded At: Feb 07, 2024 16:34:53 pm

Last Seen: Feb 09, 2024 04:00:24 am

IP Address: 150.101.245.254

- Q1. **Are you a:**
- | | |
|--|-------------------------------|
| | Town of Walkerville ratepayer |
| | Town of Walkerville resident |
- Q2. **Are you satisfied with the proposed plan for the development of amenities at the Walkerville Oval?**
- Yes
- Q3. **There are five elements in the proposed Walkerville Oval development plan. Are you satisfied with the elements in the plan?**
- | | |
|--|--------|
| New Walkerville Oval lighting and electrical infrastructure | Yes |
| New multi-sport community court area for netball, basketball and tennis (reduction of two tennis courts to one court to allow for multi-sport court) | Yes |
| New cricket practice nets | Yes |
| New picnic facilities at the playground | Unsure |
| New Exeloo toilet | Yes |
- Q4. **Do you currently use any of the below facilities at Walkerville Oval?**
- | | |
|--|----|
| Netball hoops | No |
| Tennis courts | No |
| Cricket nets | No |
| Playground | No |
| Picnic facilities (i.e. shelter and/or barbecue) | No |
- Q5. **Please provide any additional feedback in regard to the proposed Walkerville Oval amenity development plan.**
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Respondent No: 37

Login: Liz - Council

Communications

Email: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Hard copy submission

Responded At: Feb 07, 2024 16:36:08 pm

Last Seen: Feb 09, 2024 04:00:24 am

IP Address: 150.101.245.254

- Q1. **Are you a:**
- Town of Walkerville ratepayer
Town of Walkerville resident
- Q2. **Are you satisfied with the proposed plan for the development of amenities at the Walkerville Oval?** Yes
- Q3. **There are five elements in the proposed Walkerville Oval development plan. Are you satisfied with the elements in the plan?**
- | | |
|--|-----|
| New Walkerville Oval lighting and electrical infrastructure | Yes |
| New multi-sport community court area for netball, basketball and tennis (reduction of two tennis courts to one court to allow for multi-sport court) | Yes |
| New cricket practice nets | Yes |
| New picnic facilities at the playground | No |
| New Exeloo toilet | Yes |
- Q4. **Do you currently use any of the below facilities at Walkerville Oval?**
- | | |
|--|----|
| Netball hoops | No |
| Tennis courts | No |
| Cricket nets | No |
| Playground | No |
| Picnic facilities (i.e. shelter and/or barbecue) | No |
- Q5. **Please provide any additional feedback in regard to the proposed Walkerville Oval amenity development plan.**
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Respondent No: 38

Login: Liz - Council
Communications

Email: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Hard copy submission

Responded At: Feb 07, 2024 16:40:31 pm

Last Seen: Feb 09, 2024 04:00:24 am

IP Address: 150.101.245.254

- Q1. **Are you a:**
- Town of Walkerville ratepayer
Town of Walkerville resident
- Q2. **Are you satisfied with the proposed plan for the development of amenities at the Walkerville Oval?**
- Parts of the plan
- Q3. **There are five elements in the proposed Walkerville Oval development plan. Are you satisfied with the elements in the plan?**
- | | |
|--|-----|
| New Walkerville Oval lighting and electrical infrastructure | Yes |
| New multi-sport community court area for netball, basketball and tennis (reduction of two tennis courts to one court to allow for multi-sport court) | No |
| New cricket practice nets | No |
| New picnic facilities at the playground | Yes |
| New Exeloo toilet | Yes |
- Q4. **Do you currently use any of the below facilities at Walkerville Oval?**
- | | |
|--|----|
| Netball hoops | No |
| Tennis courts | No |
| Cricket nets | No |
| Playground | No |
| Picnic facilities (i.e. shelter and/or barbecue) | No |
- Q5. **Please provide any additional feedback in regard to the proposed Walkerville Oval amenity development plan.**
- How can you play tennis etc with so many leaves everywhere?? STUPID. [In reference to the new cricket practice nets] - Ridiculous idea, why so many??? They are not ta the Test team! [In reference to usage of the Walkerville Oval] - Too old! I used to.



Respondent No: 39

Login: Liz - Council

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Email: [REDACTED]

Hard copy submission

Responded At: Feb 07, 2024 16:58:04 pm

Last Seen: Feb 09, 2024 04:00:24 am

IP Address: 150.101.245.254

- Q1. **Are you a:**
- Town of Walkerville ratepayer
Town of Walkerville resident
- Q2. **Are you satisfied with the proposed plan for the development of amenities at the Walkerville Oval?**
- Parts of the plan
- Q3. **There are five elements in the proposed Walkerville Oval development plan. Are you satisfied with the elements in the plan?**
- | | |
|--|-----|
| New Walkerville Oval lighting and electrical infrastructure | Yes |
| New multi-sport community court area for netball, basketball and tennis (reduction of two tennis courts to one court to allow for multi-sport court) | No |
| New cricket practice nets | Yes |
| New picnic facilities at the playground | Yes |
| New Exeloo toilet | Yes |
- Q4. **Do you currently use any of the below facilities at Walkerville Oval?**
- | | |
|--|-----|
| Netball hoops | No |
| Tennis courts | Yes |
| Cricket nets | No |
| Playground | No |
| Picnic facilities (i.e. shelter and/or barbecue) | No |
- Q5. **Please provide any additional feedback in regard to the proposed Walkerville Oval amenity development plan.**
- Often both tennis courts are in use and suggest that 2 courts, as at present, should be retained.



Respondent No: 40

Login: Liz - Council

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Email: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Hard copy submission

Responded At: Feb 07, 2024 16:59:26 pm

Last Seen: Feb 09, 2024 04:00:24 am

IP Address: 150.101.245.254

- Q1. **Are you a:**
- Town of Walkerville ratepayer
Town of Walkerville resident
- Q2. **Are you satisfied with the proposed plan for the development of amenities at the Walkerville Oval?** No
- Q3. **There are five elements in the proposed Walkerville Oval development plan. Are you satisfied with the elements in the plan?**
- | | |
|--|----|
| New Walkerville Oval lighting and electrical infrastructure | No |
| New multi-sport community court area for netball, basketball and tennis (reduction of two tennis courts to one court to allow for multi-sport court) | No |
| New cricket practice nets | No |
| New picnic facilities at the playground | No |
| New Exeloo toilet | No |
- Q4. **Do you currently use any of the below facilities at Walkerville Oval?**
- | | |
|--|----|
| Netball hoops | No |
| Tennis courts | No |
| Cricket nets | No |
| Playground | No |
| Picnic facilities (i.e. shelter and/or barbecue) | No |
- Q5. **Please provide any additional feedback in regard to the proposed Walkerville Oval amenity development plan.**
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Respondent No: 41

Login: Liz - Council

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Email: [REDACTED]

Hard copy submission

Responded At: Feb 07, 2024 17:00:42 pm

Last Seen: Feb 09, 2024 04:00:24 am

IP Address: 150.101.245.254

- Q1. **Are you a:**
- Town of Walkerville ratepayer
 - Town of Walkerville resident
 - Other (please specify)**
 - Bridge Club
- Q2. **Are you satisfied with the proposed plan for the development of amenities at the Walkerville Oval?**
- Parts of the plan
- Q3. **There are five elements in the proposed Walkerville Oval development plan. Are you satisfied with the elements in the plan?**
- | | |
|--|-----|
| New Walkerville Oval lighting and electrical infrastructure | Yes |
| New multi-sport community court area for netball, basketball and tennis (reduction of two tennis courts to one court to allow for multi-sport court) | No |
| New cricket practice nets | Yes |
| New picnic facilities at the playground | Yes |
| New Exeloo toilet | Yes |
- Q4. **Do you currently use any of the below facilities at Walkerville Oval?**
- | | |
|--|----|
| Netball hoops | No |
| Tennis courts | No |
| Cricket nets | No |
| Playground | No |
| Picnic facilities (i.e. shelter and/or barbecue) | No |
- Q5. **Please provide any additional feedback in regard to the proposed Walkerville Oval amenity development plan.**
- I don't agree with the reduction of the tennis courts.



Respondent No: 42

Login: Liz - Council

Communications

Email: [REDACTED]

Hard copy submission

Responded At: Feb 07, 2024 17:17:46 pm

Last Seen: Feb 09, 2024 04:00:24 am

IP Address: 150.101.245.254

- Q1. Are you a:
- Town of Walkerville ratepayer
 - Town of Walkerville resident
 - Walkerville Sports Club member
- Q2. Are you satisfied with the proposed plan for the development of amenities at the Walkerville Oval?
- No
- Q3. There are five elements in the proposed Walkerville Oval development plan. Are you satisfied with the elements in the plan?
- | | |
|--|----|
| New Walkerville Oval lighting and electrical infrastructure | No |
| New multi-sport community court area for netball, basketball and tennis (reduction of two tennis courts to one court to allow for multi-sport court) | No |
| New cricket practice nets | No |
| New picnic facilities at the playground | No |
| New Exeloo toilet | No |
- Q4. Do you currently use any of the below facilities at Walkerville Oval?
- | | |
|--|-----|
| Netball hoops | No |
| Tennis courts | Yes |
| Cricket nets | No |
| Playground | Yes |
| Picnic facilities (i.e. shelter and/or barbecue) | No |
- Q5. Please provide any additional feedback in regard to the proposed Walkerville Oval amenity development plan.
- The Tennis Courts are used all year round by children, teenagers + families. They are only facility that is used year round. Totally opposed to removing one. Netball/basketball should be incorporated into Smith Street project. Indoor basketball netball courts at Works Depot Fuller St. Walkerville Primary School courts should be used. Parking not available for extra sports, lighting curfew 9pm. It is a residential area. Sports Club wanted whole area for cricket 1977. A campaign was mounted - 2 tennis courts were built & have been used. Enjoyed by residents of Town of all ages since. Thank you, M.A., Vowles. [REDACTED] [In relation to 1. oval lighting & electrical infrastructure] - Not necessary. Sports Club to pay. [In relation to 2. multi-sport community court area with lighting] - Retain 2 [In relation to 2. multi-sport community court area for basketball/netball] - No [In relation to 3. cricket practice nets] - No [In relation to 4. picnic shelter, etc] - No [In relation to 5. public exeloo toilet] - No [In relation to question, five elements in the proposed Walkerville Oval development plan, multi sport community court area] - No no, maintain two tennis courts. [In relation to question, five elements in the proposed Walkerville Oval development plan, cricket practice nets] - Upgrade existing at Clubs expense.



Respondent No: 43

Login: Liz - Council
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Hard copy submission

Responded At: Feb 07, 2024 17:26:41 pm

Last Seen: Feb 09, 2024 04:00:24 am

IP Address: 150.101.245.254

Email: [REDACTED]

- Q1. Are you a: Town of Walkerville resident
- Q2. Are you satisfied with the proposed plan for the development of amenities at the Walkerville Oval? Parts of the plan
- Q3. There are five elements in the proposed Walkerville Oval development plan. Are you satisfied with the elements in the plan?
- | | |
|--|--------|
| New Walkerville Oval lighting and electrical infrastructure | Yes |
| New multi-sport community court area for netball, basketball and tennis (reduction of two tennis courts to one court to allow for multi-sport court) | Unsure |
| New cricket practice nets | Yes |
| New picnic facilities at the playground | Yes |
| New Exeloo toilet | No |
- Q4. Do you currently use any of the below facilities at Walkerville Oval?
- | | |
|--|--------|
| Netball hoops | Unsure |
| Tennis courts | Unsure |
| Cricket nets | Unsure |
| Playground | Unsure |
| Picnic facilities (i.e. shelter and/or barbecue) | Yes |
- Q5. Please provide any additional feedback in regard to the proposed Walkerville Oval amenity development plan.

I think you did a good research before it of the paperwork. However, I understand it not easy for this plain and some of my (I) believe, I did add my words to you may for better outcome yet? [In relation to five elements question - multi-sport court being one court] - People hate wait for their turn [In relation to five elements question - exeloo toilet] - Need two no one! [In relation to using facilities question - netball hoops and tennis courts] - Safe storage? [In relation to using facilities question - cricket nets] - Ok [In relation to using facilities question - playground] - ok, enough for everyone or others! [In relation to using facilities question - picnic facilities] - both because of rain and wind! Most rain + wind blow west direction. Also SW + NW too.



Respondent No: 44

Login: Liz - Council
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Email: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Hard copy submission

Responded At: Feb 07, 2024 17:38:25 pm

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IP Address: 150.101.245.254

- Q1. **Are you a:** Town of Walkerville ratepayer
Town of Walkerville resident
- Q2. **Are you satisfied with the proposed plan for the development of amenities at the Walkerville Oval?** Parts of the plan
- Q3. **There are five elements in the proposed Walkerville Oval development plan. Are you satisfied with the elements in the plan?**
- | | |
|--|--------|
| New Walkerville Oval lighting and electrical infrastructure | Unsure |
| New multi-sport community court area for netball, basketball and tennis (reduction of two tennis courts to one court to allow for multi-sport court) | No |
| New cricket practice nets | Yes |
| New picnic facilities at the playground | No |
| New Exeloo toilet | Unsure |
- Q4. **Do you currently use any of the below facilities at Walkerville Oval?**
- | | |
|--|--------|
| Netball hoops | Yes |
| Tennis courts | Unsure |
| Cricket nets | Yes |
| Playground | No |
| Picnic facilities (i.e. shelter and/or barbecue) | Yes |

Q5. Please provide any additional feedback in regard to the proposed Walkerville Oval amenity development plan.

Feedback from Robert Vowles 7/2/24 - There are currently 5 practice cricket pitches. If the Sports Club want, and will maintain, 2 turf pitches, that is ok. Three synthetic pitches for community use should be enough. I am strongly opposed to creating additional pitches at the expense of one of the only two courts in this precinct, extensively used by a wide range of people of different ages and gender. - Basketball courts are available in the "YMCA" building which, I understand, is to be upgraded (or replaced?) in the near future. Netball Depot Site adjacent the "YMCA" and could share facilities at the "YMCA". There are also some netball courts at public schools within the Walkerville area. Council needs to prepare a comprehensive proposal. - I accept that some upgrading of lighting may be warranted. I believe three levels of lighting should be included. First, security lighting. Second, lighting sufficient for leisure activities, training and exercising. Third, stronger lighting for competitive sporting activities during night - time must be subject to strict curfew no later than, say, 9.30pm. Light spillage onto near by residences must be controlled. Note: The Walkerville Oval is relatively small with limited buffer zones to adjacent residential sites. The Oval and Precincts are, by my understanding, primarily for the recreational benefit of residents. Sporting clubs enjoy certain privileges with regard to usage of the bowling greens (which the Club maintains) and the Oval for regular competitive sports (also maintained in part by the Sports Club). [In relation to question about being satisfied of the proposal - parts of the plan] - A more comprehensive plan proposal is needed to include the YMCA site and bowling club etc. Not all insufficient scope. [In relation to five elements question - new cricket practice nets] - "New" is ambiguous. Improved quality additional pitches.



Respondent No: 45

Login: Liz - Council

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Email: [REDACTED]
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Hard copy submission

Responded At: Feb 08, 2024 12:32:53 pm

Last Seen: Feb 09, 2024 04:00:24 am

IP Address: 150.101.245.254

- Q1. **Are you a:** Town of Walkerville ratepayer
Town of Walkerville resident
- Q2. **Are you satisfied with the proposed plan for the development of amenities at the Walkerville Oval?** Parts of the plan
- Q3. **There are five elements in the proposed Walkerville Oval development plan. Are you satisfied with the elements in the plan?**
- | | |
|--|--------|
| New Walkerville Oval lighting and electrical infrastructure | Yes |
| New multi-sport community court area for netball, basketball and tennis (reduction of two tennis courts to one court to allow for multi-sport court) | No |
| New cricket practice nets | No |
| New picnic facilities at the playground | Yes |
| New Exeloo toilet | Unsure |
- Q4. **Do you currently use any of the below facilities at Walkerville Oval?**
- | | |
|--|-----|
| Netball hoops | Yes |
| Tennis courts | Yes |
| Cricket nets | Yes |
| Playground | Yes |
| Picnic facilities (i.e. shelter and/or barbecue) | No |
- Q5. **Please provide any additional feedback in regard to the proposed Walkerville Oval amenity development plan.**
- not answered



Respondent No: 46

Login: Liz - Council
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Hard copy submission

Responded At: Feb 08, 2024 12:36:59 pm

Last Seen: Feb 09, 2024 04:00:24 am

IP Address: 150.101.245.254

Email: [REDACTED]

- Q1. Are you a:
- Town of Walkerville ratepayer
 - Town of Walkerville resident
- Q2. Are you satisfied with the proposed plan for the development of amenities at the Walkerville Oval?
- Parts of the plan
- Q3. There are five elements in the proposed Walkerville Oval development plan. Are you satisfied with the elements in the plan?
- | | |
|--|--------|
| New Walkerville Oval lighting and electrical infrastructure | Yes |
| New multi-sport community court area for netball, basketball and tennis (reduction of two tennis courts to one court to allow for multi-sport court) | Yes |
| New cricket practice nets | No |
| New picnic facilities at the playground | Unsure |
| New Exeloo toilet | Yes |
- Q4. Do you currently use any of the below facilities at Walkerville Oval?
- | | |
|--|-----|
| Netball hoops | No |
| Tennis courts | No |
| Cricket nets | No |
| Playground | Yes |
| Picnic facilities (i.e. shelter and/or barbecue) | No |
- Q5. Please provide any additional feedback in regard to the proposed Walkerville Oval amenity development plan.
- I'm unhappy with the environmental impact of some of this. The cricket pitches should all be grass, given its policy on verges, Council knows the detrimental impacts of synthetic turf. Sports-related injuries are more pronounced on synthetics; + any practice is better on the real thing. The loss of mature trees + extension of hard surfaces at the Picnic Area is a backwards step. We can't afford to sacrifice more trees on public land. Construction techniques + porous paving can protect the roots, leaving the most effective + attractive shade there is. Extra bench +/- table seating between them would make the most of it. Maybe a Concept Plan doesn't include such detail, but I hope there'll be some bins - not wheelies. More info on the new planting would be of interest i.e. is the plan for Warwick St to remove the existing trees (which I'm against), or fill in the gaps? Will there be a mix of species along Alfred St for some diversity? Thank you. P.s: Perhaps a question like "How likely are you to use these facilities?" would have been useful.

Response 1:



Walkerville 5081

5/2/24

Dear Chief Executive,

Re Walkerville Oval Amenity Development

I do not understand the relationship between the Sports Club and The Council but I understand that the Club Rooms need repair and there are no female change rooms!

Could the Council provide what is being funded (if anything) by The Sports Club so residents can see the full picture.

Thank you

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Colin Matthews".

Colin Matthews

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Chief Executive
Walkerville Council

Response 2:

Response to Walkerville Oval – New Oval Lighting, Sports Facilities, Picnic Shelter and Exeloo.

I will address the scope of works in order of significance.

New cricket practice nets [featuring six synthetic pitches for public use and two turf pitches to be used and maintained by the Walkerville Cricket Club]

I am extremely opposed to this proposal on two fronts. Firstly, the current nets are underutilised. Secondly the loss of important play space for. Families.

Issues the proposal raises.

1. Cricket is not a year-round sport whereas the playground is used all year. This raises the question of the value council places on organised sport versus unorganised social and recreational pursuits. This proposal appears to pander to the wish list of the Cricket club without considering the playground users.
2. The proposal does not reflect the current usage of the area. The mayor and council representatives who attended the Street Corner Meeting 5.30 pm on Tuesday 16th January observed usage patterns first hand with no one using the cricket nets whilst two family groups used the playground. In fact, one parent and child were using the sandpit which is slated to be removed under this proposal. This pattern of usage is not unusual as on Sunday the 4th February the playground had that many groups of families and friends it became an obstacle course to leave. There is no justification to reduce the size of the playground.
3. This proposal includes lengthening the pitches to extend from there current position through to Alfred Street requiring the loss of the Sandpit, shelter, mature tree and flat grassed area. The rest of the playground is very descriptive in nature (ie you can only swing on a swing), whereas the sandpit and open grassed area provide toddlers a safe space for creative co operative play. The lawn area and shelter are used by many family groups for birthdays and get togethers where they can put out a picnic rug and be in the same fenced area to supervise children. The playground has lost over a metre of grassed space for the Alfred Street Upgrade and this is another encroachment into the space. There would be an uproar if the council decided to take away a metre from the Oval.
 - a. Lengthening the cricket pitches would have a detrimental effect on residents of Alfred Street. As residents we know how often the nets are being used due to the constant thud of ball on bat and metal. Extending the nets to the border of Alfred Street brings the source of the noise 10 plus metres closer. The current open space provides a barrier. In your proposal, an advantage of new lighting is the reduction of light spillage for residents yet extending the

length of the cricket increases the noise impact on residents. Personally, I would rather have light spillage than noise intrusion.

4. Damage to the oval surface from the bowling mark starting on the oval is minimal when compared to the end of the football season. This pattern of usage would only be in the outfield and would not impact cricket games on the oval. Any damage or stress to the surface can be repaired, as the football damage is.
5. Inclusivity is an issue as the Walkerville Cricket Club does not have female teams yet is willing to take away play space used by both boys and girls. During junior matches at the oval siblings, predominately sisters use the playground. The council should respect the rights of women and girls and not encroach on the available play space .

New multi-sports community court area with lighting (featuring line marking and match compliant runoff for netball, basketball and tennis. Under plans the current two tennis courts would be reduced to one tennis court to make for a compliant netball court, as well as basketball court).

I am opposed to this proposal.

Issues the proposal raises.

1. There is no plan on how a multi-purpose court would work, in relation to the different infrastructure required for the sports. Currently social and community users play tennis on both courts throughout out the year. Are they going to be restricted to summer season only? If it is a set up, set down situation for individual users in relation to tennis net and goal posts who is responsible? Has the council factored in the budget the extra cost of repairing and replacing broken infrastructure due to mishandling?
2. Multiple line markings are confusing. Colour coding each sport court lines creates a barrier for people with low vision and poor colour sight to use.
3. Why does the court have to be built to competition standard when the reality is as a stand alone court it would only be used for social use. Competitions are based on multiple court sites. Social groups and families can organise a hit of tennis, but social games of netball or basketball do not happen.
4. Court lighting forms part of this proposal. We have been given no indication how this lighting would work. Would social players have access to this lighting, or would it be restricted to organised sport users? If on a timer what are the proposed hours of operation? At the moment residents of the area have an issue, with the football siren being accessed by members of the public and used at indiscriminate times, such as 11.30 last night.

New Public Toilet (Exeloo)

As a long-term resident of Alfred Street, I can remember the public toilet that was removed as it attracted undesirable people to the area. A stand-alone public toilet, not being part of a building complex is likely to lead to the same situation. Placing the Exeloo in front of the Pre-kindy is inviting people to loiter as it is obscured from Alfred Street, Smith Street and Warwick Street. Public surveillance from the major thoroughfare of Smith Street is vital to discourage loitering in particularly after dark. At the neighbourhood Street Meeting the Exeloo at the tennis courts on Lower Portrush road was used as an example of how well they function but this toilet is in full view of the major arterial road unlike the proposed site in front of the pre-kindy. Locating the exeloo closer to Smith Street would allow greater public surveillance and reduce the opportunities for people to congregate and loiter in the area after dark. Secondly the toilet would be clearly visible to people not at the oval precinct but still need to use a public toilet. The previous site of the public toilet, on the Smith Street side of the car park should still have plumbing and electrical infrastructure present.

At the Neighbourhood Street corner meeting we were asked to not only voice negative feedback but provide options or alternatives for change.

Option 1

Redesigning the shelter in the Playground and replenishing the sand in the sandpit. Providing more space for youngsters and their families will encourage greater community use of the oval and shopping precinct. A stop at the playground is often followed by a trip to the shops. This will also keep a buffer zone for noise from the current cricket pitches.

Option 2

The cricket nets be relocated to the disused bowling green and the old nets incorporated into the playground. This would open up the area instead of closing it in. Currently, Parents supervise younger siblings at the playground whilst watching older siblings participate in junior football or cricket. This would return land lost to the playground by the Alfred Street redevelopment.

Option 3

If the council goes ahead with the multipurpose single court the land reclaimed could be converted into 1 or 2 turf nets and the public nets to remain as is. Junior players and members of the general public do not need to competition lengths nets to practice. The new turf nets should fall within the footprint of the current tennis courts and have very restricted times of use to limit the noise endured by residents.

Option 4

The current nets are underutilised except for a few hours a week when the Walkerville cricket club has joint training sessions involving players from many ages and grades. Smarter scheduling of cricket practice for teams would reduce the perceived need for more nets. It is a lot of public space locked up for a game played for a few months of the year. Imagine if the football club wanted similar training facilities. It should also be noted that the public is excluded from use of the oval whilst cricket is played. This is a large parcel of land locked up for the benefit of 11 players per team.

The current length of the practice nets is adequate as the bowling mark is placed of the outfield of the oval. The minor wear and tear of the oval outfield does not hinder the oval use for match play. This wear and tear is minor compared to the state of the oval at the end of the football season.

Option 5

Converting 2 current tennis courts into one multipurpose court is short sighted without and understanding of the proposed use of the site at 39 Smith Street. At this point we do not know if there will be duplication of infrastructure. There needs to be a comprehensive plan for the oval precinct and Smith Street site. Do not do anything with the courts until a concept plan is made for both sites.

Option 6

Changing the position of the Exeloo to adjacent to Smith Street. Street lighting and public surveillance from the major transport corridor of Smith Street to act as a deterrent to loitering and congregation of groups after dark.

New Walkerville Oval lighting and electrical infrastructure.

I have no objection to replacing old lighting but question the need to remove old poles and replace them.

New 10m by 4m shelter with two picnic settings and new barbeque with accessible path linking through to Alfred Street.

There is no connection from this area into the fully fenced playground.

Is there a plan for planting new mature trees to replace the ‘itchy bomb’ trees?

Conclusion

The Walkerville oval precinct should provide open spaces for all the community to enjoy. This proposal has not got the balance right prioritising the Walkerville Cricket Club over other precinct users.

Yours faithfully
Deb and Terry Michael



Walkerville

Response 3:

From: [Christen Barras](#)
To: [Walkerville at Walkerville Council](#)
Subject: CN2024106302 - 40.87.2.10 - Walkerville Oval amenity development
Date: Wednesday, 7 February 2024 9:34:10 AM
Attachments: [IMG_2449.jpeg](#)

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Dear Walkerville Council Team,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Walkerville Oval Development.

As a resident and ratepayer at 18 Warwick St, who regularly use the oval, and with a child who is member of Walkerville Cricket Club, and as a family who uses the existing oval amenities on a daily basis, this proposal directly impacts our family, neighbours, teams and community.

There have been a range of proposals regarding the Walkerville Oval redevelopment presented to local residents, and the promise of significant external funding for achieving this.

We are in strong support of the improvement to the outdated grandstand, its toilets and the bowling club, which are no longer fit for purpose, and outdated. A few facility would be a great improvement to the area.

The proposal for the Alfred St aspect of the Oval precinct has several problems as presented:

- The cricket nets are used for a few hours in the evening, by a relatively small number of people, and many of these people do not come from the Town of Walkerville. The plan relies on sacrificing a tennis court. To subtract from existing public amenity for the improvement of the cricket net facilities is a new subtraction of public amenity
- The cricket nets as proposed reach Alfred St, with elevation of noise levels for the local residents.
- The existing tennis courts are a highly valued and frequented amenity. Has an audit of the relative use of these facilities been performed. The tennis courts are accessed by a wide range of people and age groups, the cricket nets by a far smaller age range/demographic.
- I have not once seen the existing netball layout being used by Walkerville netball club, even as a training area, or of even symbolic interest, so do not see a strong argument for subtraction of this public amenity for this particular Club justified.
- Unfortunately, the proposal does not include a vision that integrates the Kindergarten (lease about to expire) and YMCA site, or the dilapidated unused bowling green site on Smith St into the plan.
- Would recommend a toilet facility to be placed at a site of easy access by the maximum number of people, near existing drains, near the carpark on Smith Street, perhaps partly integrated with the Oval scoreboard?
To place a toilet right next to a kindergarten with children immediately nearby is a public hazard in my opinion. This might alter if the Kindergarten were to close or be relocated.

- I would respectfully suggest a synoptic plan that includes an Oval, YMCA site, Kindergarten site vision, that maximises public amenity overall, rather than a piecemeal approach that subtracts from the existing and highly valued public amenity for expansion of cricket nets, in particular, the proposed sacrifice of the treasured dual tennis court. My own children and many others would not play tennis but for the presence of these courts, and we are deeply appreciative of them and our council representatives from previous years who arranged them for us all to enjoy.

Sincere thanks for your consideration and efforts to improve our beloved Walkerville, and ongoing loyalty to the interests and views of the ratepayers and voters.

Best regards,

Christen Barras
0439860777



A/Prof. Christen Barras

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Associate Professor of Radiology, The University of Adelaide



Email responses – between 9am, 18 January 2024 – 5pm, 7 February 2024

Response 1:



Darren Marsh

A community centre, similar to the very successful Para Hills Community Club would be nice.

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Response 2:




Omkar Borle

Monetise these parks by getting coffee / cafe carts or small stalls and some space for adults to relax while kids are enjoying

...

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Response 3:

 **jbozzy8462** We love taking the kids to playground down there and having bbqs and picnics in summer
13m Reply [Send message](#) ...

Response 4:




Indya Dodd

a dog park please!!!

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Response 5:

 **balanceandenergisebowen** Would be great to have some of those fitness machines to incorporate with a walk/ kids playing
2d Reply [Send message](#) ...

Walkerville Oval amenity development consultation

Your Say Walkerville

Walkerville Oval amenity development survey

The Town of Walkerville has developed concept plans for sports and infrastructure improvements within the Walkerville Oval precinct.

The proposed changes seek to bring the existing sporting infrastructure at the oval up to modern design, compliance and safety standards, whilst also improving pedestrian connectivity and amenity through the precinct.

The proposed scope of works would include the following:

1. New Walkerville Oval lighting & electrical infrastructure;
2. New multi-sport community court area with lighting (featuring line marking and match-compliant runoff for netball, basketball and tennis. Under plans, the current two tennis courts would be reduced to one tennis court to allow for line marking for a compliant netball court, as well as a basketball court);
3. New cricket practice nets (featuring six synthetic pitches for public use and two turf pitches to be used and maintained by the Walkerville Cricket Club);
4. New 10m x 4m shelter with two picnic tables/seating and new barbecue, with an accessible path linking through to Alfred Street; and
5. New public toilet (Exeloo).

This survey aims to understand whether residents and visitors are satisfied with the proposed upgrades and to understand how the community uses the current Walkerville Oval site.

Are you a:

(Choose all that apply) (Required)

- Town of Walkerville ratepayer
- Town of Walkerville resident
- Walkerville Sports Club member
- Other (please specify)

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Are you satisfied with the proposed plan for the development of amenities at the Walkerville Oval?

(Choose any one option) (Required)

- Yes
- No
- Parts of the plan
- Unsure

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(Required)

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New multi-sport community court area for netball, basketball and tennis (reduction of two tennis courts to one court to allow for multi-sport court)		✓	
New cricket practice nets		✓	
New picnic facilities at the playground			
New Exeloo toilet		✓	
<i>Not in proposed position</i>			

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Questions	Yes	No	Unsure
Netball hoops			
Tennis courts			
Cricket nets			
Playground			
Picnic facilities (i.e. shelter and/or barbecue)			

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5. New public toilet (Exeloo).

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 Other (please specify)

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New multi-sport community court area for netball, basketball and tennis (<u>reduction of two tennis courts to one court to allow for multi-sport court</u>)			✓
New cricket practice nets			
New picnic facilities at the playground	✓		
New Exeloo toilet ? <i>Needs a permanent structure for women & girls</i>		✓	

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Netball hoops		✓	
Tennis courts <i>Sometimes</i>	✓	✓	
Cricket nets		✓	
Playground			✓
Picnic facilities (i.e. shelter and/or barbecue)			✓

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*Proper
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New Exeloo toilet		* The girls/women should have a proper bathroom/changeroom facility	

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* There are 50% residents (presumably) of Council area as female sportspeople - football, tennis, softball, cricket, as well as guests who may be watching games - It is outrageous that there is a priority placed on ~~more~~ lighting, more cricket pitches, reducing the 2 tennis courts to one, and making just one netball court (not very useful) - ~~so that~~ Instead, the number 1 priority should be to provide a proper, appropriately built change room/bathroom and toilet area (with separate cubicles) for privacy + safety for girls/women.

No girls/women are likely to want to go into a "temporary divide" in the boys change area where the residual smell of the urinal + deodorant and boys sweat will override any sense of privacy + safety for them.

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WE ARE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE PROPOSAL OF

- ① ERECTING A TEMPORARY FEMALE TOILET AND CHANGE-ROOM WHICH WILL BE DEMOLISHED EVENTUALLY IS A WASTE OF RESOURCES.
- ② THERE IS NO MENTION OF WHERE THE NEW FEMALE TOILETS & CHANGE ROOMS WILL BE ERECTED. THE VERY IDEA OF A TEMPORARY PARTITION BEING PLACED IN THE EXISTING MALE TOILETS IS UNACCEPTABLE.

15. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION (en bloc protocol)

The Presiding Member will ask Council Members if they wish to withdraw an information report from the en bloc protocol for discussion or questions. Items not withdrawn will indicate that all Council Members have taken the time to adequately satisfy themselves that the recommendation for each report is the appropriate course of action and shall be moved en bloc.

16. INFORMATION REPORTS



Information Report Item Number **16.1**

Monthly Works Report – January 2024

Report Date: 9 February 2024
Reporting Officer: Group Manager Assets & Infrastructure, James Kelly
Responsible Manager: Chief Executive Officer, Andrew MacDonald
Previous Reference: N/A

Report Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update on key projects and works activities around the Township, relating to the Assets & Infrastructure portfolio.

Officer Recommendation

That Council note and receive the Monthly Works Report for January 2024.

Background

This report provides updates on various key projects and capital projects in the Assets & Infrastructure portfolio.

Discussion

A&I Capital Works Program update

Table 1 below provides a snapshot on the status of capital projects within the Assets & Infrastructure portfolio as at January 2024.

Capital Renewal Projects			January 2024		Comments
Project Name	Budget	Phase	Committed Funds	Remaining Budget	
Building Renewal Program - General					
Building Renewals	\$ 64,000	Construction / Implementation	111,592	- 47,592	Carry forward of \$179,000 from 22-23 to be included in BR2.
Furniture & Fittings Renewal Program					
Furniture & Fittings General	\$ 52,000	Construction / Implementation	17,294	34,706	This budget line is for adhoc building furnishings. Current expenditure includes replacement of failed aircon unit in IT Server Room and Evaporative airconditioner at the Walkerville Sports Club.
Reserves Infrastructure Program					
Open Space Irrigation	\$ 35,000	Not Commenced		35,000	Various irrigation renewals across the Township, commencing from February 2024
Open Space Infrastructure - Belt Reserve	\$ 25,000	Completed	23,275	1,725	Belt Reserve Upgrade (St Andrews Church), Completed under budget
Transport Program - Footpaths					
Smith Street Footpath	\$ 50,000	Completed	45,031	4,969	Construction completed November 2023, under budget
North East Road Footpath	\$ 45,000	Construction / Implementation	33,825	11,175	Construction commencing February 2024
Nottage Terrace Footpath	\$ 80,000	Completed	112,105	- 32,105	Construction completed December 2023. Tendered amount was higher than original budget estimate.
Transport Program - Reseal					
Tonkin Street (Ascot to Milne)	\$ 50,000	Completed	21,979	28,021	Completed January 2024
Ponder Avenue	\$ 50,000	Completed	29,923	20,077	Completed January 2024
Kerb & Gutter - Various Locations	\$ 87,000	Completed	95,663	- 8,663	Completed
Walkerville Terrace (Buckingham Arms City Bound)	\$ 28,000	Tender		28,000	Joint project with DIT near Buckingham Arms intersection, Works expected March 2024.
Redford Street - Entire Length	\$ 100,000	Completed	87,139	12,861	Completed January 2024
Wilpena Avenue - Entire Length	\$ 120,000	Completed	114,098	5,902	Completed January 2024
Vale Street - North Bound Lane	\$ 50,000	Completed	61,799	- 11,799	Savings from reseal program allowed additional works to be undertaken in excess of original budget figure. Completed January 24
SuperSeal Roads	\$ 60,000	Completed	71,727	- 11,727	Completed December 2023. Savings from reseal program allowed additional works to be undertaken in excess of original budget figure.
Transport Program					
Traffic Management Devices	\$ 52,000	Completed	51,485	515	Reseal of two Church Terrace Roundabouts. Completed
Lighting Upgrades	\$ 25,000	Construction / Implementation	10,673	14,327	River Torrens Linear Park Lighting, commencing February 2024, shared work with Norwood Payneham St Peters Council.
Stormwater Renewal Program					
Stormwater	\$ 84,000	Construction / Implementation	53,243	30,757	Current expenditure involved erosion control works along the River Torrens, which was completed in December 2023. Remainder of funds to be spent on infrastructure renewals from our condition audit program from February 2024.
Plant, Machinery & Light Fleet					
Plant, Machinery & Light Fleet	\$ 225,545	Completed	259,257	-33,712	Purchase of Compact Backhoe expected delivery in February 2024 and renewal of Pajero Sport Fleet Vehicle. Overspend in line is offset from sale of Pajero Sport and a secondary fleet vehicle (Volk Caddy)
Totals	\$ 1,282,545		1,200,108	82,437	

Table 1 – Assets & Infrastructure Capital Works summary – January 2024

Customer Requests

Table 2 provides a summary of the customer requests received during January 2024. Tree requests were up in January due to issues with storms late in the month.

CATEGORY MONTH 01-31 JANUARY 2024	Completed	Still in progress	Total
Tree - Fallen Tree or Limb	8		8
Dead Animal Removal	5		5
Tree Pruning	5		5
Tree - Dead or Dying	4		4
European Wasps	3		3
Footpath - Trip Hazard	3		3
Weeding - Request to Spray - Verge	3		3
Potholes	2		2
Tree - Inspection	2		2
Verge - Other	2	1	3
Animals - Other	1		1
Bin - Not Emptied	1		1
Footpath - Construction	1		1
Graffiti Removal - Council Property	1	1	2
Graffiti Removal - Utilities	1		1
Line Marking - Faded	1		1
Line Marking - Missing	1		1
Mowing - Parks	1		1
Mowing - Verge	1		1
New Asset Proposal	1		1
Parking Control Enquiries - Other	1	2	3
Property Maintenance - Council Owned	1		1
Resurfacing/Resealing Council Roads	1		1
Road - Kerb/Guttering Maintenance	1		1
Signage - Maintenance	1	1	2
Street Sweeping	1		1
Syringes, Needles, Sharps	1		1
Traffic Management Investigation	1		1
Tree - New Planting or Replacement	1		1
Tree - Removal	1		1
Trees - Inspection/Assessment	1		1
Utilities - Complaints	1		1
Vegetation Removal - Berries Nuts etc	1	1	2
Weeding - Not to spray	1	1	2
Furniture - Maintenance		1	1
Parking - General On-Street Parking Enquiries		1	1
Weeding - Parks		1	1
TOTAL	61	10	71

Table 2 – Assets & Infrastructure Customer Request summary for January 2024

Annual Customer Requests since 1 January 2023

Table 3 provides a summary of Assets & Infrastructure Customer Requests from 1 January 2023. A total of 687 requests were received since 1 January 2023 with 663 now closed. Several historical issues were investigated and closed by staff during January 2024, including outstanding correspondence with residents regarding trees and footpath damage.

Category	November	In Progress	
Access Cover Lifted or Missing - Council Owned	1	0	
Access Cover Lifted or Missing - Utility Owned	1	0	
Animals - Other	1	0	
BBQ Maintenance	1	0	
Bee Removal - Council Property	1	0	
Bin - Not Emptied	45	1	
Bins - Street or Reserve - Enquiries	16	0	
Bus Shelter - Damaged	2	0	
Bus Shelter - Graffiti	1	0	
Dead Animal Removal	25	0	
Doggy Dunit Bags - Replacement	6	0	
Encroachment - Privately Owned	1	0	
European Wasps	8	0	
Flooding - Storm Damage	3	0	
Footpath - Construction	5	0	
Footpath - Maintenance	17	3	
Footpath - Trip Hazard	31	4	
Furniture - Maintenance	7	0	
Graffiti - Unsightly Premises - Private Property	1	0	
Graffiti Removal - Council Property	3	0	
Graffiti Removal - Utilities	1	0	
Hazardous Waste	1	0	
Illegal Dumping Enquiries	1	0	
Illegal Parking	1	0	
Irrigation - Council Land	6	0	
Line Marking - Faded	3	0	
Line Marking - Missing	7	1	
Line Marking - New	2	0	
Linear Park - Maintenance	13	0	
New Asset Proposal	1	0	
Oval Maintenance	8	0	
Parking Control Enquiries - Other	6	0	
Parking Controls - New (Line Marking/Control/Sign)	10	0	
Planting - New	2	0	
Playground - Maintenance	6	0	
Potholes	7	0	
Property Maintenance - Council Owned	1	0	
Public Toilets	5	2	
Resurfacing/Resealing Council Roads	1	0	
Road - Kerb/Guttering Maintenance	12	0	

Road - Uneven Surfaces and Maintenance	3	1	
Road Repairs	6	0	
Signage - Maintenance	10	1	
Signage - Missing	10	1	
Stormwater - Drains Blocked	9	0	
Stormwater - Manhole Damaged or Blocked	4	0	
Stormwater - Other/Request for Information	11	2	
Street Light - Linear Park	3	0	
Street Light - Review - Location/Light Level	2	0	
Street Sweeping	30	3	
Traffic Management Investigation	8	0	
Tree - Damaged	7	0	
Tree - Dead or Dying	8	0	
Tree - Fallen Tree or Limb	44	0	
Tree - Inspection	19	0	
Tree - New Planting or Replacement	13	0	
Tree - Removal	6	0	
Tree - Watering	3	0	
Tree Pruning	39	1	
Trees - Inspection/Assessment	12	0	
Utilities - Complaints	7	0	
Vandalism - Council Property	1	0	
Vegetation Removal - Berries Nuts etc	4	1	
Verge - Other	17	1	
Weeding - Parks	3	0	
Weeding - Request to Spray - Verge	11	0	
GRAND TOTAL	560	22	

Table 3 – Summary of Customer Requests received since January 2023

Forestreet Report

There were 46 tree works logged during January 2024, as per Figure 1 below, including canopy lifts of Golden Rain Trees along Church Terrace and private overhang pruning of Pear Trees on York Street.

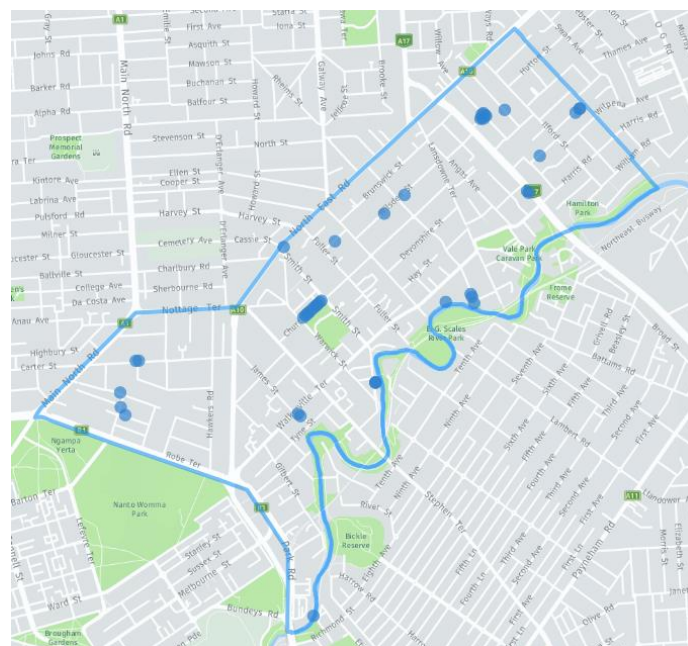


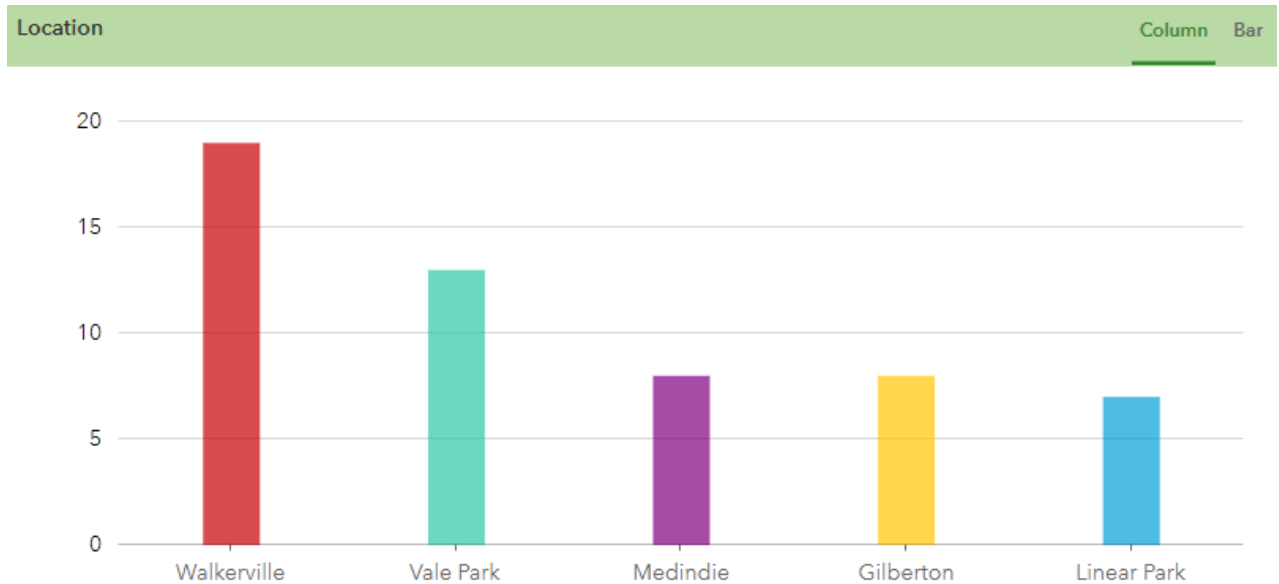
Figure 1 – Tree work locations January 2024



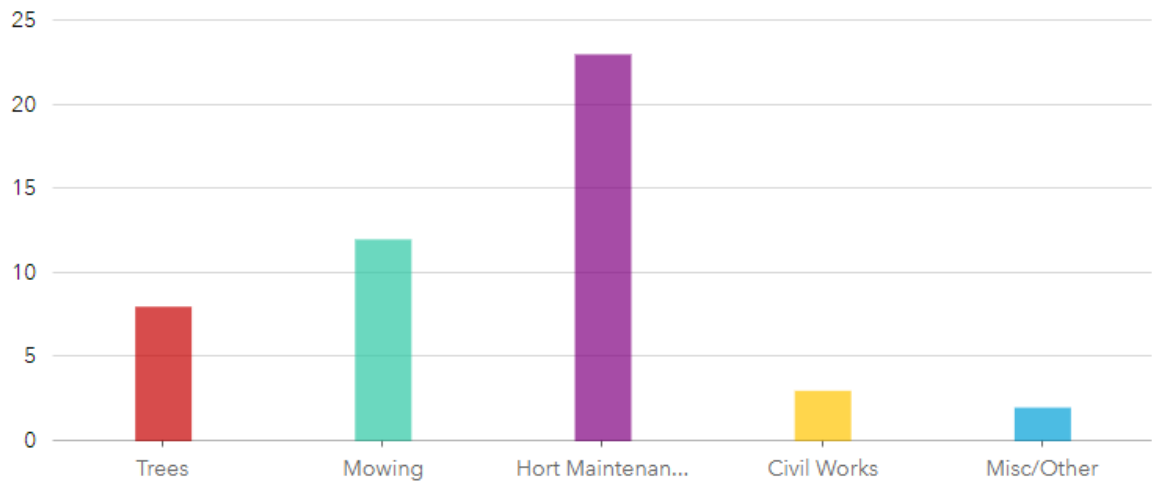
Figure 2 – Canopy lifts along Church Terrace (left) and private overhang pruning on York Street (right).

Township Maintenance

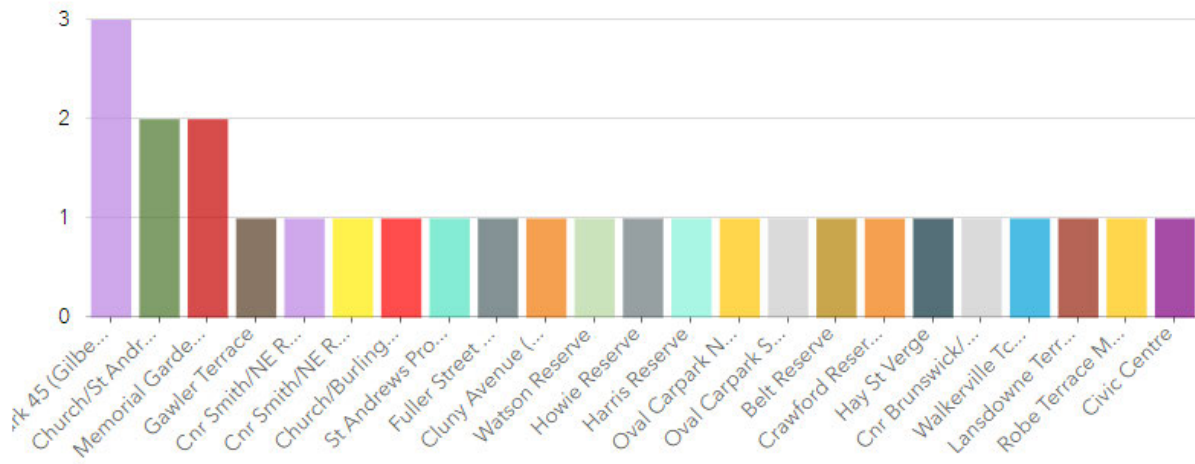
There were 46 maintenance activities logged using Survey123 during January 2024. Mowing and tree maintenance took up most of the work for January, with a large portion of works undertaken in Walkerville.



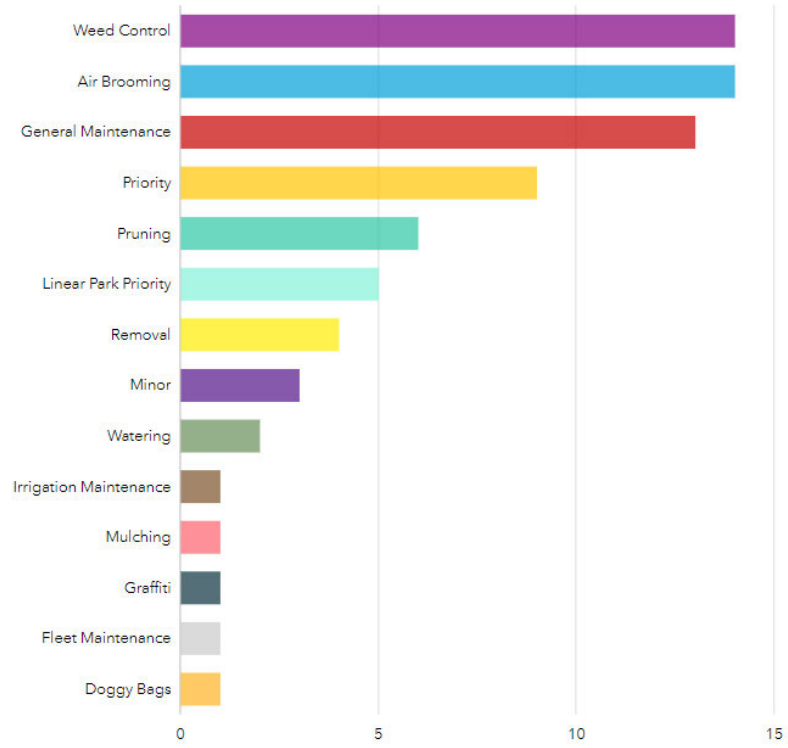
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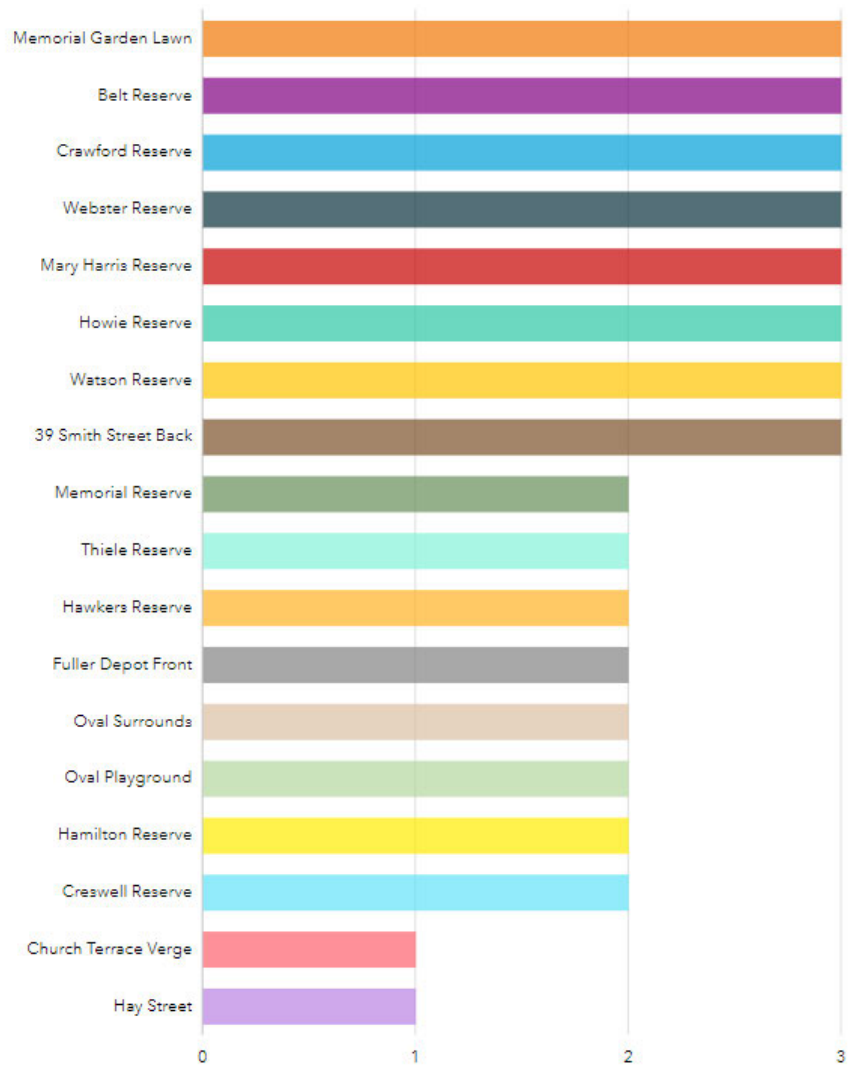
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Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

Risk Implications

The risk associated with this report has been assessed as low.

Attachments

Nil.

Information Report Item Number **16.2**

Monthly Financial Report January 2024

Report Date: 12 February 2024
Reporting Officer: Group Manager Finance, Muhammad Jawad
Responsible Manager: Chief Executive Officer, Andrew MacDonald
Previous Reference: Nil

Report Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide updated financial information to Council for the month ending 31 January 2024.

Officer Recommendation

That Council receives and notes the Monthly Financial Report as of 31 January 2024.

Background

This report provides Council with information regarding Council's financial performance and position as of 31 January 2024. The report provides a snapshot and is designed to assist Council Members in monitoring the organisation's financial operations in relation to the approved budget.

Discussion

Financial Performance

As of 31 January 2024, Council's year-to-date (YTD) operating income is \$191K favourable and operating expenditure is \$266K favourable to Council's YTD budget. As a result, the Council's overall operating position is \$457K favourable to the YTD budget.

The favourable position is due to a combination of favourable and unfavourable variances, which are provided in the attached Statement of Comprehensive Income (Attachment A). Individual line items with variances greater than \$10K are explained in detail below. Most of these variances remain the same as reported in the previous month.

Operating Income

- 'Rates' income is showing a \$152K favourable variance compared to the YTD budget. As reported in the previous month, this is mainly due to \$119K of rates income paid in advance. At the end of the financial year, amounts paid in advance will be accounted for on the Council's balance sheet (advance receipts) and the Council's Comprehensive Income Statement adjusted accordingly. Furthermore, discretionary rate rebates are \$23K favourable. This favourable position is expected to be reduced as additional applications for discretionary rebates are anticipated during the year. Also, fines issued for non-payment of rates are \$9K favourable. Historically, there is approximately \$20K collected for fines due to non-payment of rates compared to the \$10K budget for this year. A budget adjustment will be proposed in the second quarter budget review.

- 'Statutory Charges' income is showing a \$38K favourable variance compared to the YTD budget, which is mainly due to parking expiations.
- 'User Charges' income is showing a \$17K favourable variance compared to the YTD budget. This is mainly due to additional waste bins and hard waste collection which is \$7K favourable compared to the YTD budget. The remaining \$10K variance relates to other minor user charges, such as venue hire income, parking permits income, hoarding permits and crossover construction application fees, etc.
- 'Reimbursements' income is showing a \$17K favourable variance compared to the YTD budget. This is mainly due to reimbursement of insurance costs from leased facilities including sporting clubs and Levi Park which is \$5K favourable compared to the YTD budget. The budget for insurance reimbursement is underestimated, which will be considered as part of the second quarter budget review process. Furthermore, road maintenance reimbursement income is \$5K favourable and tree removal and replacement reimbursement income is \$3K favourable compared to the YTD budget.
- 'Other Income' is showing a \$20K favourable variance. This is mainly due to receiving \$12K from Local Government Risk Services (LGRS) for safety initiatives and a special distribution. This amount was not anticipated at the time of budgeting.
- 'Grants, Subsidies & Contributions' income is showing an unfavourable variance of \$140K. This is due to budget timing compared to the actual receipt of grant income. The timing of the budget will be aligned with the actual receipt in the second quarter budget review.
- 'Investment Income' is showing a \$86K favourable variance compared to the YTD budget. This is mainly due to interest earned on grant income for 39 Smith Street, which is \$74K favourable compared to the YTD budget. This amount will be adjusted as part of the second quarter budget review process. Interest earned on Levi Park investment is also \$10K favourable compared to the YTD budget. It should be noted that in December 2023 Levi Park funds have been put against Council's Cash Advance Debenture (CAD) borrowing, which will provide an ongoing net benefit to Council of approximately \$10K per year in interest cost savings.

Operating Expenditure

- 'Employee Costs' are showing a favourable variance of \$29K. Several vacant positions have resulted in reduced costs. Overall salaries cost is forecasted to remain on budget for the year, however, workers compensation insurance cost was underestimated in the original budget by \$12K which will be proposed for adjustment in the second quarter budget review.
- 'Finance Costs' are showing a favourable variance of \$71K compared to the YTD budget. This is mainly due to reduced borrowings because of a delay in the delivery of major projects.
- 'Materials contracts & other expenses' are showing a favourable variance of \$166K. This variance is primarily due to a delay in receiving and processing invoices for January 2024. However, the following favourable and unfavourable items will be proposed for adjustment in the second quarter budget review.

Favourable Adjustments (Decrease in expenditure)

- \$50K decrease for other events that will not be required in this financial year.
- \$40K decrease for an external consultant to assist with review of strategic plans which will not be incurred because required works will be completed by Council staff.

Unfavourable Adjustments (Increase in expenditure)

- \$19K increase for Council's assets insurance which was underestimated in the original budget.

Key Balance Sheet Items

Cash & Cash Equivalents

The below table shows that the Council has a total of \$5M in cash as of 31 January 2024. Much of this amount is held in the investment account with LGFA for grant funding received for 39 Smith Street, as per the terms and conditions of the grant agreement. The below table also shows “LGFA Deposits – Reserve Account” which shows a balance of \$13,375. Council’s Treasury Management Policy states that:

Council will not retain and quarantine money for particular future purposes unless required by legislation or agreement with other parties.

Therefore, this account will be closed in February 2024 and funds in this account will be used to reduce Council’s borrowings.

Cash and Cash Equivalents as at 31 January 2024

Facility	Interest Rate as at 31/01/2024	Deposits as at 31/01/2024
	%	\$
Bank SA Transaction Account	0.00%	53,613
LGFA Deposits - General	4.55%	16,860
LGFA Deposits - Reserve Account	4.55%	13,375
LGFA Deposits - 39 Smith St Grant Funding	4.55%	4,913,993
Bank SA Transaction Account - 39 Smith St Grant Funding	0.00%	2,353
Total		5,000,195

Council’s Borrowings

The CAD facility offers flexibility for the Council to draw funds as required and repay the debt when surplus funds are available. Administration continues to monitor the Council’s investment and debt holdings in line with the Treasury Management Policy. As of 31 January 2024, Council’s borrowings are \$907K at an interest rate of 6.15% which can be seen in the following table.

Statement of Borrowings as at 31 January 2024

Facility	Facility End Date	Interest Rate as at 31/01/2024	Facility Limit	Balance Outstanding as at 31/01/2024	Unutilised Funds as at 31/01/2024
		%	\$	\$	\$
Cash Advance Debenture 74	15/06/2027	6.15%	9,500,000	906,985	8,593,015
Bank SA Overdraft Facility		9.56%	100,000	0	100,000
Total			9,600,000	906,985	8,693,015

Outstanding Rates as of 31 January 2024

Rates are generated at the beginning of each financial year. Payment of rates can occur during the year in the following ways:

- full year payable in advance;
- paid quarterly; or
- paid in regular instalments via an approved payment arrangement.

As of 31 January 2024, there was \$111k of active rates debt, which is equivalent to 2.6% of total rates debtors. This amount is related to 51 individual property assessments that are with the Council’s debt collection agency for management and collection.

Outstanding Debtors as of 31 January 2024

Sundry debtors' summary is provided in the below table.

Sundry Debtors Report - Aged Sundry Debtors as at 31 January 2024

	Note		
CURRENT		\$	6,237
30 DAYS		\$	2,071
60 DAYS		\$	-
90 DAYS +	1, 2	\$	23,646
		\$	<u>31,954</u>

Note 1: 90 Days

1. \$22k Walkerville Sports Club - balance of loan repayments are being made in line with the existing agreement
2. \$1.3k for verge and footpath repairs

Financial Implications

As detailed in the report.

Risk Implications

Risk associated with this report has been assessed as low.

Attachments

Attachment A	Statement of Comprehensive Income Statement – 31 January 2024
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Statement of Comprehensive Income

ATTACHMENT A

For Period Ending: 31/01/2024 Year: 23/24

1:36 pm
Tuesday, 13 February, 2024

	Original Budget	Current Budget	Budget YTD	Actual YTD	Variance \$ (YTD)	Variance % (YTD)	Variance \$	Variance %
Operating Income								
Rates	10,435,738	10,435,738	10,431,569	10,583,112	151,543	1	147,374	1
Statutory Charges	382,530	382,530	240,527	278,648	38,121	16	(103,882)	(27)
User Charges	651,864	651,864	380,198	397,135	16,937	4	(254,729)	(39)
Reimbursements	58,669	58,669	46,368	63,746	17,378	37	5,077	9
Other Income	139,660	139,660	103,947	124,069	20,122	19	(15,591)	(11)
Grants subsidies & contributions	614,564	594,944	239,739	100,273	(139,466)	(58)	(494,671)	(83)
Investment Income	4,000	57,656	55,980	142,027	86,047	154	84,371	146
Total Operating Income	12,287,025	12,321,061	11,498,328	11,689,009	190,681	2	632,052	5
Operating Expenditure								
Employee Costs	4,055,317	4,050,317	2,412,546	2,383,935	28,611	1	1,666,382	41
Finance Costs	273,000	231,000	134,750	63,229	71,521	53	167,771	73
Depreciation Amortisation & Impairment	2,515,000	2,515,000	1,257,500	1,257,500	0	0	1,257,500	50
Materials contracts & other expenses	5,128,131	5,120,643	3,133,489	2,967,524	165,965	5	2,153,119	42
Net loss-equity accounted council businesses	246,051	246,051	0	0	0	0	246,051	100
Total Operating Expenditure	12,217,499	12,163,011	6,938,285	6,672,187	266,098	4	5,490,824	45
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	69,526	158,050	4,560,043	5,016,823	456,780	107	4,858,773	3,074
Amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets.	0	360,000	0	0	0	0	360,000	100
Asset disposal and fair value adjustments	0	0	0	24,545	(24,545)	0	(24,545)	0
Physical resources received free of charge								
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	69,526	518,050	4,560,043	5,041,368	481,325	11	4,523,318	873
Capital Expenditure	2,899,000	2,334,013	1,734,013	886,666	847,347	49	1,447,347	62

Information Report Item Number **16.3**

Decisions of Council Assessment Panel 12 February 2024

Report Date: 12 February 2024
Reporting Officer: Acting Senior Planning Officer, Chandhini Kumar
Responsible Manager: Manager, Planning & Regulatory Service, Michael Walmesley
Previous Reference: N/A

Report Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide the Council with a summary of decisions made by the Council Assessment Panel (the **CAP**) at their meeting held on Monday, 12 February 2024.

Officer Recommendation

That Council receive and note the Decisions of Council Assessment Panel - 12 February 2024 report.

Background

The Council Assessment Panel (CAP) meets on the second Monday of each month to review development applications, where the Panel is the designated Authority.

Discussion

On Monday, 12 February 2024, the CAP considered one (1) Development Application. The item presented and the decision resolved by the CAP are detailed below:

3.1 Application: 23028198
 Applicant: G PACECCA
 L SARACINI
 Location: 1 Avenel Garden Road, Medindie SA 5081
 Proposal: Partial demolition of a Representative Building, dwelling addition,
 outbuilding (garage) and verandah

 Zoning: Established Neighbourhood

APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

Applicant and landowner – 2 people in attendance
Representor – did not attend.

The minutes of the CAP meeting held on Monday, 12 February 2024, were confirmed at the conclusion of the meeting. The CAP agenda and minutes are available to view via the Council website. ¹

¹ <https://www.walkerville.sa.gov.au/council/council/agendas/council-assessment-panel-agendas-and-minutes>

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

Risk Implications

The risk associated with this report has been assessed as low.

Attachments

Nil

17. CORRESPONDENCE

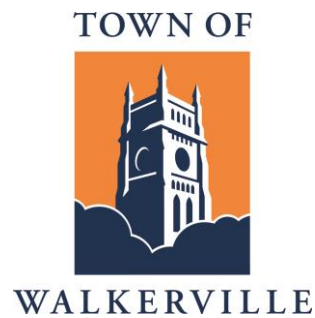
Nil.

18. URGENT OTHER BUSINESS

19. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Nil.

20. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES



MINUTES

of

COUNCIL MEETING

held in the

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

on

MONDAY 15 JANUARY 2024 AT 7.00PM

MINUTES

15 January 2024

The Presiding Member declared the meeting open at 7.00pm.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Town of Walkerville would like to acknowledge the Kurna people as the traditional custodians of the land we are meeting on today, and respect their spiritual relationship with their country.

We recognise the many generations of stewardship the Kurna people have provided to this land, and respect that their cultural heritage and beliefs are as important today as they were for their ancestors.

1. ATTENDANCE RECORD**1.1 Present**

Mayor Melissa Jones
Deputy Mayor John Zeppel
Cr James Nenke
Cr Steven Rypp
Cr Anthony Vanstone
Cr James Williams
Cr Liz Trotter
Cr Jay Allanson

Staff in Attendance

Chief Executive Officer, Andrew MacDonald
Group Manager Finance, Muhammad Jawad
Group Manager Public Relations, Sarah Spencer
Group Manager Assets & Infrastructure, James Kelly
Team Leader People Governance & Risk, Jim Dickens
Governance Officer (EA), Emma Spencer

1.2 Apologies

Nil.

1.3 Not Present / Leave of Absence

Cr Kaur is on leave of absence from 9 January 2024 to the 19 January 2024 inclusive, **(CNC116/23-24)**

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

2.1 Ordinary Council meeting held on 18 December 2023

CNC131/23-24

Moved: Cr Trotter

Seconded: Cr Allanson

That the minutes of the **Ordinary Council** meeting held on 18 December 2023 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings, subject to amending Deputy Mayor from Liz Trotter to John Zeppel and removing duplicate pages 163 and 164.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.2 Sustainability Committee meeting held on 20 December 2023

CNC132/23-24

Moved: Cr Williams

Seconded: Cr Nenke

That the minutes of the **Sustainability Committee** meeting held on 20 December 2023 be received and noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil.

4. DEPUTATIONS

Nil.

5. PETITIONS

Nil.

6. MAYORS DIARY

6.1 Mayors Diary

CNC133/23-24

Moved: Cr Allanson

Seconded: Cr Trotter

That Council receives and notes the Mayoral Diary from 14 December 2023 to 10 January 2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORTS

Nil.

8. COUNCIL MEMBER'S SUBSIDIARY REPORTS

Nil.

9. QUESTIONS FROM THE GALLERY

Nil.

10. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Nil.

11. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil.

12. MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

12.1 Community Safety

CNC134/23-24

Moved: Cr Allanson

Seconded: Cr Williams

1. That the CEO drafts a 'Community Safety' plan that integrates principles and initiatives that will help to improve the safety and security of our residents. Key principles and initiatives should, as a minimum, include:
 - Public awareness and information
 - CCTV and/or community safety grant opportunities
 - Environmental design for crime prevention
 - Cross-agency collaboration

2. That Council considers incorporating the envisioned 'Community Safety' plan in the form of a 'key pillar' as part of the Town of Walkerville's new Strategic Plan – TOWards 2035.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13. MOTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil.

14. DECISION REPORTS

14.1 Council Resolution Register

CNC135/23-24

Moved: Cr Nenke

Seconded: Cr Trotter

That Council receives and notes the Council Resolution Register dated 10 January 2024 as a true and correct record, and confirms that it is satisfied that decisions marked as 'complete' have been fully enacted to the satisfaction of Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14.2 Greater Adelaide Regional Plan

CNC136/23-24

Moved: Cr Williams

Seconded: Cr Vanstone

1. That Council rescinds point 3 of resolution CNC65/23-24 which reads:
 3. *That Council reviews the Town of Walkerville Urban Master Plan and submits the updated Plan to the State Planning Commission, before 31 March 2024.*
2. That CEO writes to the State Planning Commission advising of Council's decision not to update its Urban Master Plan until Council has developed and adopted its new strategic plans, at which time Council will reconsider updating its Urban Master Plan

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14.3 Local Government Participation and Election Review

CNC137/23-24**Moved:** Cr Allanson**Seconded:** Cr Zeppel

That the Chief Executive Officer forwards the proposed submission, provided in Attachment A, to the Local Government Association of South Australia as Town of Walkerville's formal submission on the State Government's Local Government Participation and Elections Review.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The presiding member, with consent of two-thirds of members present suspended the meeting procedures pursuant to Regulation 20(1) of the Local Government (Procedures at Meetings) Regulations 2013 to allow informal discussion on Item 14.4 – Major Projects Advisory Committee.

Formal meeting procedures suspended at 7:16pm.

Formal meeting procedures resumed at 7:17pm.

14.4 Major Projects Advisory Committee

CNC138/23-24**Moved:** Cr Rypp**Seconded:** Cr Trotter

1. That Council establishes a Major Projects Advisory Committee under Section 41 of the Local Government Act 1999.
2. That Council endorses the Major Projects Advisory Committee Terms of Reference provided in Attachment A of this report, and resolves to set a sitting fee of \$350 per meeting for the independent member/s and \$420 per meeting for the independent member if presiding at the meeting.
3. That Council appoints Mayor Jones, Cr Trotter, Mr Colin Scarlett and Cr Allanson as members of the Major Projects Advisory Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14.5 Code of Practice – Access to Council and Committee Meetings and Document

CNC139/23-24**Moved:** Cr Rypp**Seconded:** Cr Vanstone

1. That Council endorses the model Code of Practice – Access to Council and Committee Meetings and Documents, as provided in Attachment A, for community consultation in accordance with section 92(5) of the Local Government Act 1999.
2. That Council authorises Administration to make changes to the Code of Practice – Access to Council and Committee Meetings and Documents of a minor technical or formatting nature.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14.6 Cr Jay Allanson Leave of absence request

CNC140/23-24**Moved:** Cr Rypp**Seconded:** Cr Trotter

That Council approves Cr Allanson's request for leave of absence for the February to July 2024 Ordinary Meetings of Council, inclusive.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The presiding member, with consent of two-thirds of members present suspended the meeting procedures pursuant to Regulation 20(1) of the Local Government (Procedures at Meetings) Regulations 2013 to allow informal discussion on Item 14.7 – Community Fund Application Update – Charlotte.

Formal meeting procedures suspended at 7:26pm.

Formal meeting procedures resumed at 7:33pm.

14.7 Community Fund Application Update – Charlotte

CNC141/23-24**Moved:** Cr Nenke**Seconded:** Cr Vanstone

1. That Council allocates \$500 to Community Fund applicant, Charlotte, from the 2023/24 Community Fund budget.
2. That Administration writes to the applicant for the Community Fund grant and advises of the Council's decision.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14.8 Community Fund Application Update – Sasha

CNC142/23-24**Moved:** Cr Rypp**Seconded:** Cr Allanson

1. That Council allocates \$250 to Community Fund applicant, Sasha, from the 2023/24 Community Fund budget.
2. That Administration writes to the applicant for the Community Fund grant and advises them of the Council resolution.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14.9 Community Fund Application – Prospect Blair Athol Lions Club

CNC143/23-24**Moved:** Cr Rypp**Seconded:** Cr Vanstone

1. That – subject to community - Council allocates \$800 to the Prospect Blair Athol Lions Club from the 2023/24 Community Fund budget.
2. That Administration writes to the applicant for the Community Fund grant and advises them of the Council resolution.

Variation to the motion

Cr Rypp, with the consent of Cr Vanstone, sought and was granted leave of the meeting to vary the motion:

CNC143/23-24**Moved:** Cr Rypp**Seconded:** Cr Vanstone

1. That – subject to community support and an arborist report - Council allocates \$500 to the Prospect Blair Athol Lions Club from the 2023/24 Community Fund budget.
2. That Administration writes to the applicant for the Community Fund grant and advises them of the Council resolution.

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

14.10 2025 Santos Tour Down Under EOI

CNC144/23-24**Moved:** Cr Rypp**Seconded:** Cr Williams

1. That Council, having considered the costings associated with the event, directs Administration not to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) to host a 2025 Santos Tour Down Under stage.
2. That Council considers submitting an EOI to host a future Santos Tour Down Under stage, following the completion of its Major Projects.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The presiding member, with consent of two-thirds of members present suspended the meeting procedures pursuant to Regulation 20(1) of the Local Government (Procedures at Meetings) Regulations 2013 to allow informal discussion on Item 14.11 – Sustainability Committee Vacant Position.

Formal meeting procedures suspended at 7:44pm.

Formal meeting procedures resumed at 7:54pm.

14.11 Sustainability Committee Vacant Position

CNC145/23-24**Moved:** Cr Williams**Seconded:** Cr Rypp

That Council suspends the Sustainability Committee until the adoption of Council's new strategic plan TOWards 2035.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**15. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION****16. INFORMATION REPORTS**

16.1 Monthly Works Report December 2023

CNC146/23-24**Moved:** Cr Nenke**Seconded:** Cr Rypp

That Council note and receive the Monthly Works Report for December 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

16.2 Monthly Financial Report December 2023

CNC147/23-24**Moved:** Cr Trotter**Seconded:** Cr Rypp

That Council receives and notes the Monthly Financial Report as at 31 December 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The presiding member, with consent of two-thirds of members present suspended the meeting procedures pursuant to Regulation 20(1) of the Local Government (Procedures at Meetings) Regulations 2013 to allow informal discussion on Item 16.3 – Levi Caravan Park Entrance Works.

Formal meeting procedures suspended at 8:07pm.

Formal meeting procedures resumed at 8:11pm.

16.3 Levi Caravan Park Entrance Works

CNC148/23-24**Moved:** Cr Williams**Seconded:** Cr Allanson

That Council receives and notes the report titled 'Levi Caravan Park Entrance Works'.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

16.4 Community Fund Application Update – Walkerville Sports Club

CNC149/23-24**Moved:** Cr Trotter**Seconded:** Cr Vanstone

That Council receives and notes the report entitled 'Community Fund Application Update – Walkerville Sports Club'.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

17. CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

18. URGENT OTHER BUSINESS

Nil.

19. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Nil.

20. CLOSURE

The Presiding Member declared the meeting closed at 8:12pm.



MINUTES

of

ERA WATER BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING

held at the

**WALKERVILLE CIVIC CENTRE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
66 WALKERVILLE TERRACE, GILBERTON**

On

Thursday 25 January 2024

MINUTES

25 JANUARY 2024

OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 8:30am

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

We acknowledge this land that we meet on today is the traditional land of the Kurna People and that we respect their spiritual relationship with their country. We also acknowledge the Kurna people as the custodians of the Adelaide region and that their cultural and heritage beliefs are still as important to the Kurna people today. We pay respect to the cultural authority of Aboriginal people visiting or attending from other areas of South Australia and Australia.

2. ADMINISTRATION

2.1 Attendance

Present

- Mr Jeff Tate, Independent Chairperson
- Cr Grant Piggott, City of Norwood, Payneham & St Peters
- Cr Anthony Vanstone, Town of Walkerville
- Mr Chris Cowley, City of Burnside

In attendance

- Mr Andrew Aitken, General Manager ERA Water
- Mr Mark Millington, Principal Operator ERA Water

Apologies

Nil

2.2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – General / Material

Nil

2.3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

2.3.1 ERAW46/23-24

Moved: Mr Cowley

Seconded: Cr Vanstone

That the minutes from the ERA Water Ordinary Board Meeting held on 16 November 2023 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

CARRIED

2.3.2 ERAW47/23-24**Moved:** Cr Vanstone**Seconded:** Mr Cowley

That the minutes from the ERA Water Audit & Risk Committee meeting held on 17 January 2024 be received and noted.

CARRIED**2.4 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

- The Chairperson noted the email circulated to Board Members yesterday by Mr Cowley that contained a City of Burnside resolution regarding ERA Water and he suggested this be discussed at this meeting under Other Business.
- The Chairperson reported on progress being made with another potential customer. As part of this exercise, good discussion has occurred on the entire ERA Water network which has identified other opportunities both inside and outside those options identified in last year's WGA report.
- The Chairperson noted that the draft ERA Water 2024-25 Budget will need to be developed and forwarded to Constituent Councils by 31 March and has suggested this be largely developed in workshop mode prior to the end of March.

3. STRATEGY AND POLICY**3.1.1 Strategic Plan Reporting****ERAW48/23-24****Moved:** Cr Piggott**Seconded:** Cr Vanstone

1. That the report be received and noted.

CARRIED**4. PERFORMANCE MONITORING****4.1 Operations****4.1.1 Operations Update****ERAW49/23-24****Moved:** Cr Piggott**Seconded:** Cr Vanstone

1. That the report be received and noted.

CARRIED

4.1.2 Risk Register
ERAW50/23-24

Moved: Cr Vanstone
Seconded: Cr Piggott

1. That the report be received and noted.
2. That the Board reviews the updated Risk Register.

CARRIED

4.1.3 DEW SA Climate Projections Viewer
ERAW51/23-24

Moved: Cr Vanstone
Seconded: Cr Piggott

1. That the report be received and noted.

CARRIED

4.2 Finance

4.2.1 Management Accounts YTD 31 December 2023 and Budget Review 2

ERAW52/23-24

Moved: Cr Piggott
Seconded: Mr Cowley

1. That the report be received and noted.
2. That the General Manager review the estimated sales income for accuracy and present the report again out of session for approval.

CARRIED

5. WORKSHOP ITEMS

Nil

6. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

6.1 Projects Update

ERAW53/23-24

Moved: Cr Piggott
Seconded: Cr Vanstone

Pursuant to S.90(3)(d)

Pursuant to Section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999* the Board orders that all members of the public excluding General Manager Andrew Aitken, Principal Operator Mark Millington, be excluded from attendance at the meeting for Agenda Item 6.1 'Projects Update'. The Board is satisfied that, pursuant to Section 90(3)(d) of the Act, the information to be received, discussed or considered in relation to this Agenda Item is commercial information of a confidential nature (not being a trade secret) the disclosure of which could (i) reasonably be expected to prejudice the commercial position of a person who supplied the information and with whom ERA Water may be conducting business and information that could confer a commercial advantage on a third party and (ii) would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest, as the information discussed includes details regarding possible supply and pricing required to be confidential under any subsequent contract..

CARRIED

The meeting moved into confidence at 10.03am

ERAW54/23-24

Moved: Mr Cowley

Seconded: Cr Vanstone

1. That the report be received and noted.
2. That the Chairperson and General Manager progress investigations and any relevant discussions with parties relating to existing and potential project opportunities
3. That further discussions occur with the Board leading into the 2024-25 budget development process.

CARRIED

ERAW55/23-24

Moved: Mr Cowley

Seconded: Cr Vanstone

Pursuant to s.91(7)

That having considered Agenda Item 6.1 'Projects Update' in confidence under section 90(2) and (3)(d) of the Act, the Board, pursuant to section 91(7) of that Act orders that the documents and minutes relevant to this Agenda Item be retained in confidence for 12 months, excepting that the release of the minutes to substantive party/parties, following a subsequent Board resolution in relation to this item, to enable enactment of the resolution.

CARRIED

The meeting moved out of confidence at 10.24am

7. OTHER BUSINESS

A discussion took place regarding a proposed independent review of ERA Water by Constituent Councils.

8. CLOSE

- A workshop to discuss the development of the draft 2024-25 ERA Water Budget will be held on Wednesday 28 February 2024 at 8.30am at the Town of Walkerville
- The next meeting of the ERA Water Board will be held on Thursday 28 March at 8.30am at the Town of Walkerville

The Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 10:28am.



MINUTES

of

AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE MEETING

pursuant to the provisions of section 91 of the
Local Government Act 1999

held at

**WALKERVILLE COUNCIL CIVIC CENTRE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
66 WALKERVILLE TERRACE GILBERTON**

on

MONDAY, 29 JANUARY 2024 AT 6.30PM

MINUTES

29 JANUARY 2024

The presiding member declared the meeting open at 6.30pm.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Town of Walkerville would like to acknowledge the Kurna people as the traditional custodians of the land we are meeting on today, and respect their spiritual relationship with their country.

We recognise the many generations of stewardship the Kurna people have provided to this land, and respect that their cultural heritage and beliefs are as important today as they were for their ancestors.

1. ATTENDANCE RECORD

1.1 Present

Mr Ross Haslam (Presiding Member)
Mr Colin Scarlett
Ms Michele Bennetts
Cr Liz Trotter
Mayor Melissa Jones

Staff in Attendance

Chief Executive Officer, Andrew MacDonald
Group Manager Finance, Muhammad Jawad
Governance Officer (EA), Emma Spencer

1.2 Apologies

Nil.

1.3 Not Present / Leave of Absence

Nil.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

2.1 Audit and Risk Committee Meeting Minutes held on 22 November 2023

ARC001/01/24

Moved: Mr Scarlett

Seconded: Mayor Jones

That the minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting held on 22 November 2023 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil.

4. DECISION REPORTS

4.1 Long Term Financial Plan 2024-33

ARC002/01/24

Moved: Cr Trotter

Seconded: Ms Bennetts

1. That the Audit & Risk Committee reviews the attached draft Long Term Financial plan 2024 to 2033 and recommends to Council its release for community consultation.
2. That the Audit & Risk Committee recommends to Council that its Financial Guiding Principles document be replaced by Council's Long Term Financial Plan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.2 Policies Review

ARC003/01/24**Moved:** Mayor Jones**Seconded:** Cr Trotter

1. That administration develop procurement and risk based procedures that supports Dean Newbery's Audit recommendations and Council's Procurement Policy for the Audit & Risk Committee's consideration.
2. That the Audit & Risk Committee recommends to Council that the revised Treasury Management Policy as provided at Attachment D to this report be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.3 2023/24 First Quarter Budget Review

ARC004/01/24**Moved:** Mr Scarlett**Seconded:** Ms Bennetts

That the Audit & Risk Committee receives and notes Council's adopted September 2023/24 Quarterly Budget Review

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**5. CORRESPONDENCE**

Nil.

6. INFORMATION REPORTS

6.1 Audit & Risk Committee Works Program and ToR Tracker

ARC005/01/24**Moved:** Ms Bennetts**Seconded:** Cr Trotter

That the Audit & Risk Committee receives and note the revised works program, policy schedule and terms of reference tracker as attached to this report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. URGENT OTHER BUSINESS

Nil.

8. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Nil.

9. CLOSURE

The presiding member declared the meeting closed at 8.25pm.

HIGHBURY LANDFILL AUTHORITY

Member Councils: • City of Burnside • City of Norwood, Payneham & St Peters • Corporation of the Town of Walkerville

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY BOARD MEETING OF THE HIGHBURY LANDFILL AUTHORITY

**10.45 AM, Thursday, 1st February 2024
Walkerville Council**

PRESENT:

James Kelly	Town of Walkerville (Chair)
Cr Grant Piggott	Norwood Payneham & St Peters

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr Trevor Hockley	Manager
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1. APOLOGIES

Mr Chris Cowley	City of Burnside
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2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

MOVED: James Kelly

That the minutes of the HLA Board meeting held on the 17th August 2023 be taken as read and confirmed.

SECONDED: Cr Grant Piggott

CARRIED

3. BUSINESS ARISING

Nil

4. EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

The Board discussed a revised reporting format for future HLA Budget Reviews and the Draft Strategic Plan contained in the agenda. It was decided that each board member provide their comments to the manager prior to the May meeting with a view to consider and if agreed formally adopt the plan at that meeting.

MOVED: Grant Piggott

That the Executive Officer's Report be received. And,

As recommended by the Audit Committee the Highbury Landfill Authority budget review for the September and December '23 quarters be received subject to confirmation that the original budget had not been varied and a revised reporting format be introduced.

SECONDED: James Kelly

CARRIED

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Nil

6. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING

The next HLA Board Meeting will be 10.30 am Thursday 23rd May at Walkerville Council

Meeting Closed 11.30 am

21. CLOSURE