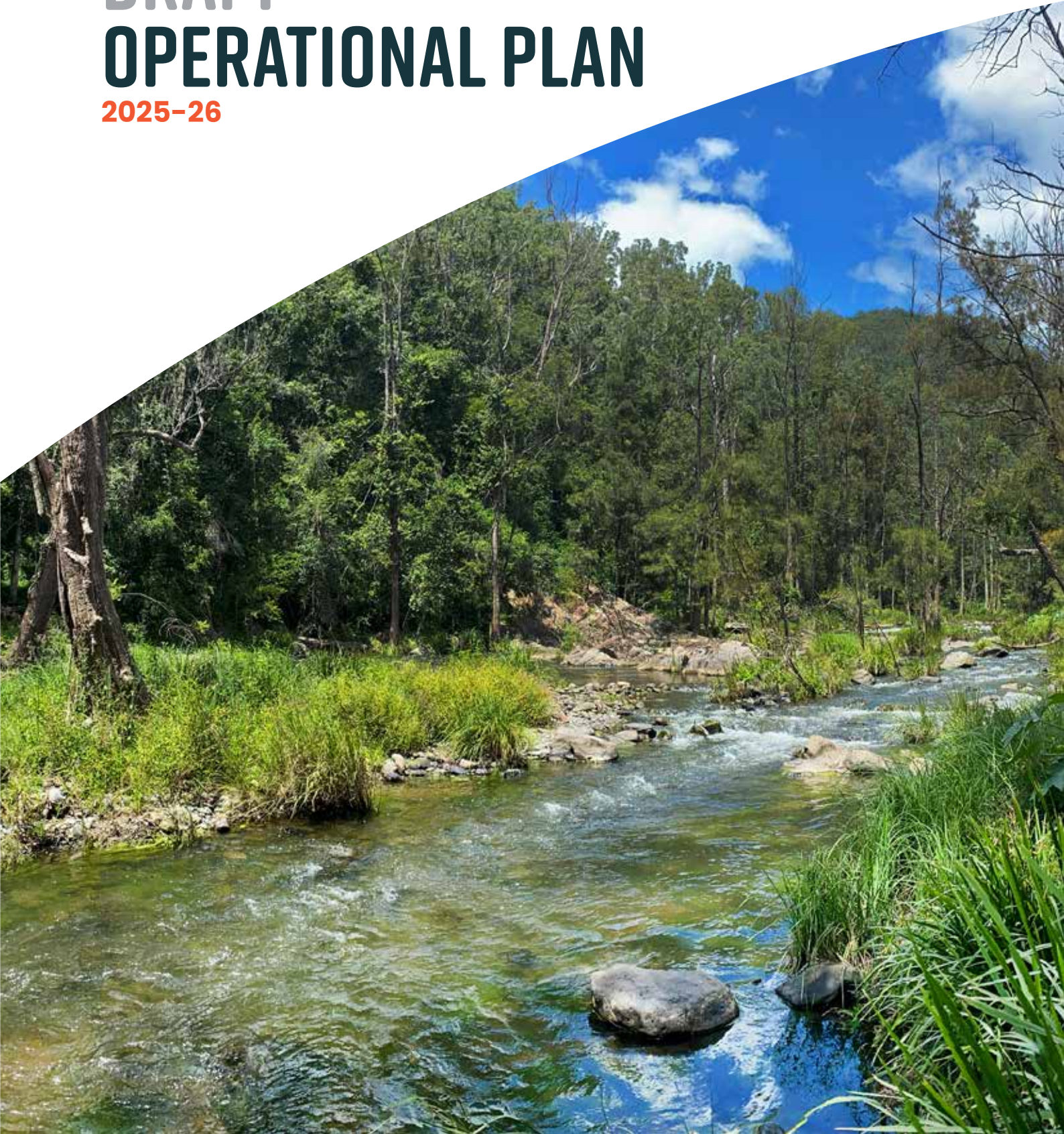




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DRAFT OPERATIONAL PLAN

2025-26





Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we work and live, the Gathang-speaking people and pay our respects to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who now reside in the MidCoast Council area. We extend our respect to Elders past and present, and to all future cultural-knowledge holders.

About this document

This document, MidCoast Council's Operational Plan describes the services, specific actions and projects that Council will deliver in the 2025-26 financial year to support the commitments detailed in the four-year Delivery Program 2025-2029. It also includes the Statement of Revenue Policy, Fees & Charges and Capital Works Program.

Please refer to our Delivery Program 2025-2029 for details of the Councillors' priorities and Council's principal activities and projects over the next four years in response to the *MidCoast 2035* Community Strategic Plan and delivering the five Community Outcomes our community told us will make the MidCoast *even better*.

Operational Plan on Public Exhibition: 2/05/2025 – 6/06/2025

Operational Plan adopted by Council: *To be confirmed*

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<<*To be completed post-exhibition*>>

Adrian Panuccio

GENERAL MANAGER



INTRODUCTION

Introducing the Operational Plan

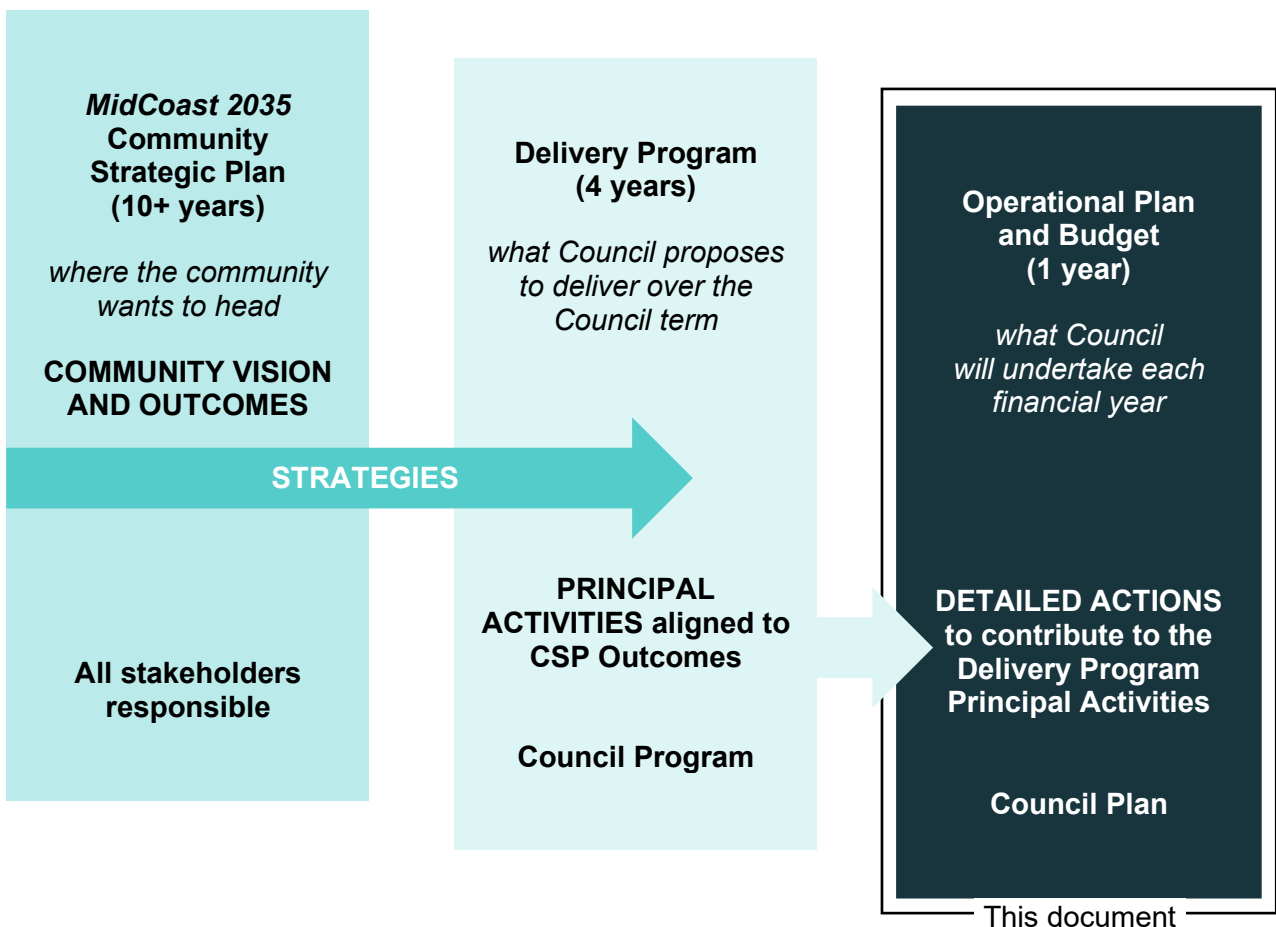
Under New South Wales Government legislation, councils must prepare a number of plans that provide details on how they intend to deliver works and services in the short and long term. These plans are based on the community's priorities, which have been identified in the Community Strategic Plan, and present a balanced approach to long-term and short-term planning that considers how the resources available to Council can be used to deliver our community's outcomes.

This Operational Plan represents the first year of the **Delivery Program 2025-2029**. The Delivery Program identifies the elected Council's priorities for a 4-year period. It details the Principal Activities and Projects that Council will implement to help achieve the community's vision and community outcomes as set out in our Community Strategic Plan *MidCoast 2035*.

The Operational Plan is developed annually. When you look at this Operational Plan, you will see what's happening in 2025-26, including ongoing Council services, long-term planning for the MidCoast, community development activities, projects to protect our environment and exciting infrastructure projects to make sure we can deliver the services our community needs for the future. You will also see how these activities will be funded.

Importantly, you will also see how the work we have planned for 2025-26 links back to what you told us you wanted for the future of the MidCoast in the *MidCoast 2035* Community Strategic Plan.

How the planning documents link

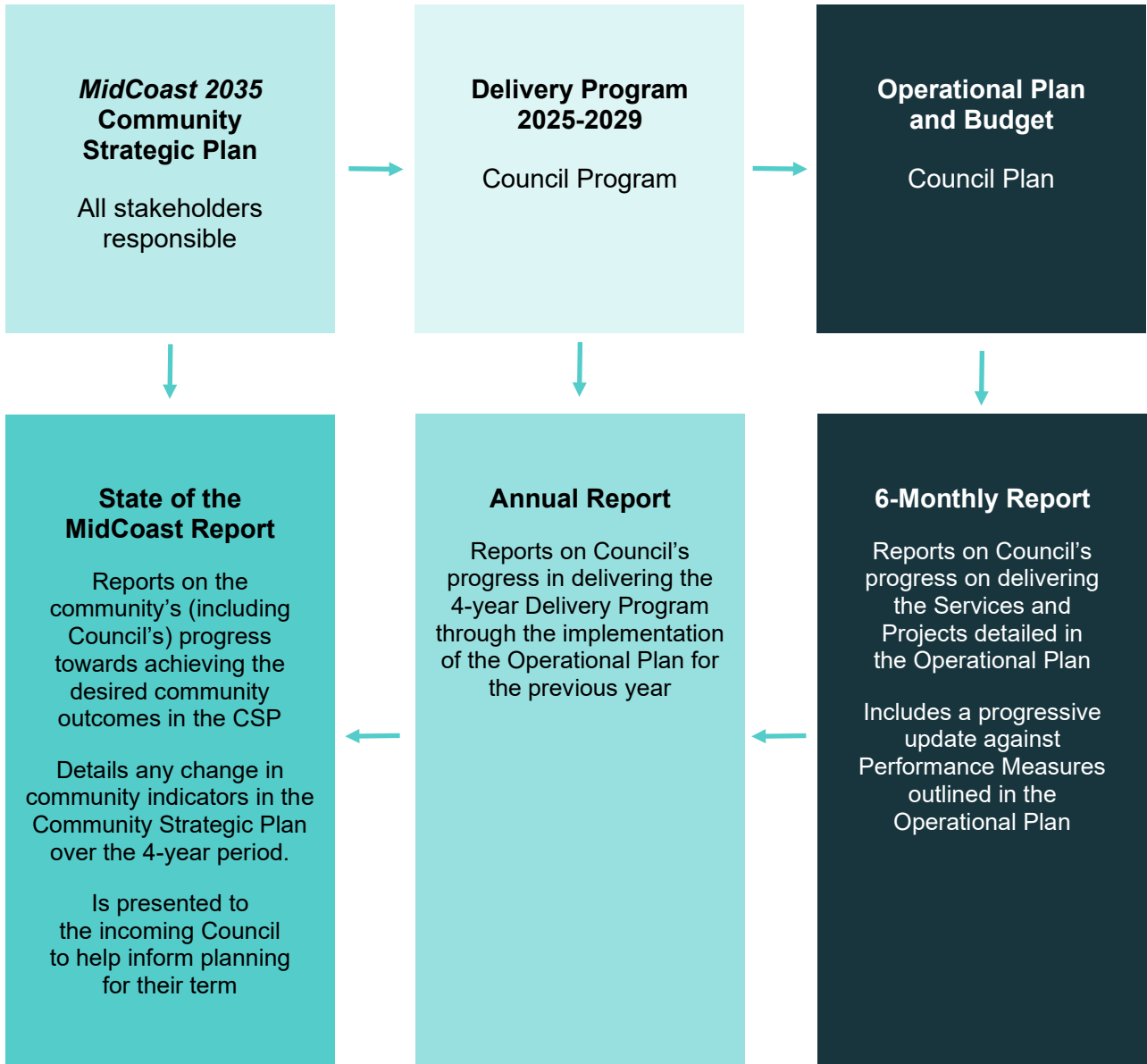


This Operational Plan:

- Provides an overview of MidCoast Council
- Describes the activities and major projects that Council will undertake for the 2025-26 year. These are detailed for each of Council's 31 services plus the Business Transformation Program
- Includes the Statement of Revenue Policy 2025-26 which details the following:
 - **Operational Budget:** An overview of the projected operational budget, including income and expenditure estimates
 - **Rates and Annual Charges:** Detailed information on how rates are calculated and levied
 - **Borrowing and Investments:** Policies on borrowing funds and managing investments to support council operations and capital projects
 - **Capital Works Program:** The capital works that Council proposes to undertake for community infrastructure during 2025-26
 - **Revenue from Grants and Contributions:** Expected income from state and federal government grants, as well as contributions from developers and other sources
 - **Fees and Charges:** A comprehensive list of fees for services provided by Council, such as waste management, water supply, and community services (shown as an attachment)

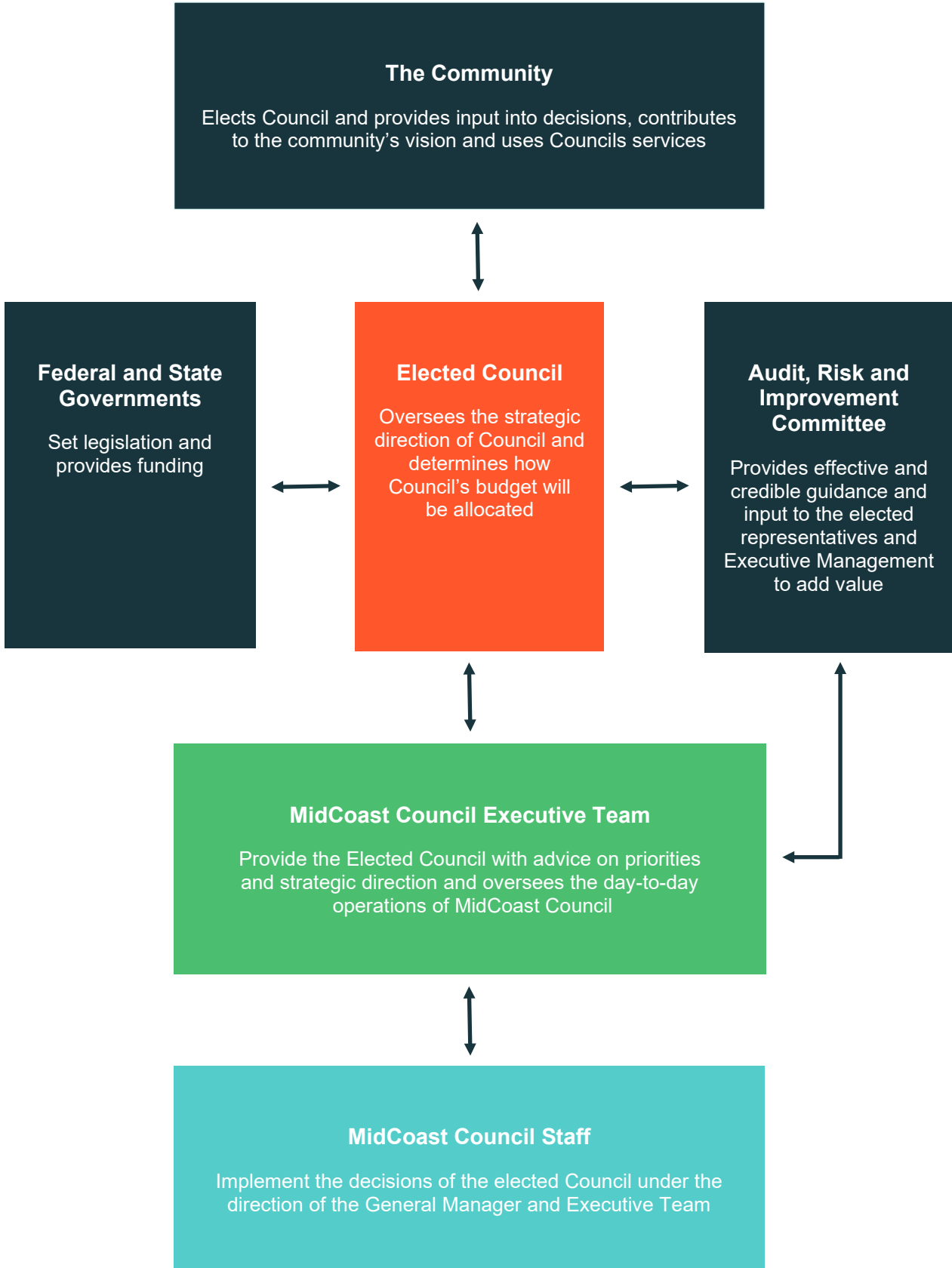
Reporting back to our community

Council reports back its contribution to the community's vision via a range of documents as shown below. All reports are available on Council's website.



About MidCoast Council

The Elected Council and MidCoast Council's Executive Team and staff work together with the community and other levels of government to deliver on the community's vision for the future.



Your Elected Council

MidCoast Council has 11 elected Councillors whose role is to oversee the strategic direction and governance of MidCoast Council.

The Councillors represent the views of the community and make decisions in the best interest of the whole community, advocate on behalf of the community to other levels of government, demonstrate conduct that the community expects and deserves, and plan and oversee the running of a significant and complex business.

At the Local Government Elections held on 14 September 2024, the following Councillors were elected to represent the MidCoast Local Government Area for the four-year Council term which will conclude in September 2028. Cr Claire Pontin was elected as Mayor of MidCoast Council and Cr Jeremy Miller was elected as Deputy Mayor at the first meeting of the new Council held on 9 October 2024. They will hold these roles until September 2026.

There is a current vacancy in the office of Councillors following the resignation of Councillor Dheera Smith (7 April 2025). The Electoral Commission is currently running a countback process to determine the newly elected Councillor. Once this process is completed (prior to the final Delivery Program being adopted on 30 June 2025), details of the new Councillor will be added to this page.



Mayor Claire Pontin



Deputy Mayor Jeremy Miller



Cr Phillip Beazley



Cr Mick Graham



Cr Peter Howard



Cr Mal McKenzie



Cr Thomas O'Keefe



Cr Alan Tickle



Cr Nicole Turnbull



Cr Digby Wilson



Councillor to be determined by Electoral Commission Countback following the resignation of Councillor Dheera Smith

Getting involved and staying informed

There are a range of ways that you can have a say about what Council is doing and keep up to date on Council's contribution towards achieving the vision for MidCoast.

- Register to **“Have Your Say”** to help shape the future of The MidCoast by providing your thoughts and feedback on various Council projects, plans and policies at a time and place that suits you. You can also receive regular updates on Council activities or follow a project of interest. <https://haveyoursay.midcoast.nsw.gov.au>
- Join us at one of our **Community Conversations** events to meet the councillors and senior council staff to hear about Council's plans for the MidCoast and your area and ask questions. These sessions are also an important opportunity for us to better understand what matters most to you and your community. www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/conversations
- Attend or watch livestreamed **Council meetings** to find out about the decisions we make, register to speak at one of our forums on matters that are important to you, or read the agendas and minutes from Council meetings. www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/meetings
- Get in touch with your **Councillors**. Their contact details are available on Council's website www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/councillors
- Subscribe to News Wrap, our weekly email round-up of what's happening, what's new and what's on. www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/news
- Visit **Council's website** for all Council information and updates www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au
- Follow **Council on social media**
 - [Like us on Facebook](#)
 - [Watch our YouTube Channel](#)
 - [Follow us on Instagram](#)
 - [Connect with us on LinkedIn](#)

For more information about all the ways you can be involved in what Council does, and stay informed about what's happening in the community visit www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/Get-involved

MidCoast Council – the organisation

MidCoast Council is a complex organisation with over 960 employees, assets over \$5 billion and annual operating expenses exceeding \$360 million.











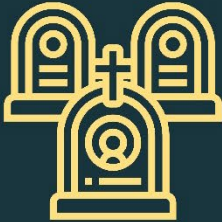


Council employs 965 people who are responsible for the delivery of 31 different services across three divisions:

- Liveable Communities (397 or 41% of employees)
- Infrastructure and Engineering (418 or 43.3% of employees)
- Corporate Services (147 or 15.23% of employees)

The 31 services cover everything from the traditional roads, rates and rubbish through to community services and facilities such as our network of libraries and recreation and public spaces, water supply, conservation programs and sustainability initiatives, and planning and development for the area. These services aim to improve the quality of life for our community and ensure the sustainable development of the region.

We look after over \$5 billion in infrastructure assets across roads (and support infrastructure), water (including wastewater and stormwater) and cultural and recreational assets which support the delivery of our services.



 <p>3,643KM of roads</p>	<p>669 bridges</p> 	 <p>166KM of footpaths / cycleways</p>	<p>368KM of stormwater drainage pipes</p> 
<p>6 water treatment plants</p> 	 <p>1,300KM of water mains</p>	<p>14 sewage treatment plants</p> 	 <p>1,100KM of sewer mains</p>
<p>1 regional art gallery</p> 	 <p>1 entertainment centre</p>	<p>11 libraries</p> 	 <p>76 playgrounds</p>
<p>26 sporting complexes</p> 	 <p>34 cemeteries</p>	<p>9 swimming pools</p> 	 <p>63 full-size playing fields</p>

Council's role, vision, mission and values

Our role

Council delivers for the local community by providing community services, programs and infrastructure that support the health and wellbeing of our community, the local economy and the natural environment.

At MidCoast Council we are guided by our organisational vision and our values encapsulate our approach to everything we do - working together and with our partners to deliver services for the MidCoast community.

Our vision

Our vision is to be a high performing organisation where we are always striving to be better, where we work collaboratively and are trusted - **Better every day.**

Our mission

We deliver benefits for our community in a way that adds value and builds trust.

Our values

Our organisational values are the guiding principles that provide us with purpose and direction. They are at the heart of everything we do and set the tone for our interactions with each other, with our customers and other stakeholders.

- **Team** - We work together to achieve the best outcomes
- **Safety** - We are proactive in keeping ourselves and our teams safe
- **Integrity** - We build trust by being open, honest and accountable to one another
- **Respect** - We are kind to each other and value our differences
- **Sustainability** - We make decisions with our long-term viability in mind

Our Executive Team

The role of our executive team is to provide organisational direction to achieve Council's vision and mission and establish governance systems that support organisational effectiveness and evidence-based decision making.



Adrian Panuccio
General Manager

The General Manager is responsible for guiding the preparation of the Community Strategic Plan and the Council's response to it through the Delivery Program and the Resourcing Strategy.

The General Manager is also responsible for implementing the Delivery Program and reporting to Council on the progress of delivery to ensure that it is a 'living' document, which is regularly reviewed and updated as necessary.



Paul De Szell
Director Liveable
Communities

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- Customer Service
- Development Assessment
- Development Engineering
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- Natural Systems
- Public Spaces
- Regulatory Services
- Waste Services



Robert Scott
Director Infrastructure &
Engineering Services

- Emergency Management
- Sewerage Services
- Stormwater, Drainage, Flooding and Coastal Engineering
- Transport Network
- Water Supply and Treatment



Steve Embry
Director Corporate
Services

- Business Transformation Program
- Corporate Planning and Performance
- Finance
- Fleet Management
- Governance and Risk
- Information and Communications Technology
- Legal and Property
- Procurement and Stores
- Strategic Asset Planning and Project Management
- Workforce Services



THE OPERATIONAL PLAN IN ACTION

Our Service Statements

How to read this section

This section of the Operational Plan provides detailed information about the 31 services that Council provides to the community, along with a major Business Transformation Program.

These service statements outline the ongoing activities and major projects for each service for the 2025-26 financial year along with performance measures. Delivery against these performance measures is guided by resource availability and community priorities, underpinned by financial sustainability considerations.

The budget for each service is also provided. Income and Expenditure figures shown in each service statement include both operating and capital expenditure (therefore figures are different to the expense budget chart in the Statement of Revenue Policy, which shows Operating budget only).

Capital Expenditure refers to money spent on projects such as water and sewer infrastructure, roundabouts, road reconstruction, and bridge construction. Operating expenditure is spent on materials, salaries, and other costs associated with providing the service.

Council also sets aside funds for future operating and capital expenditure in internal reserves from sources such as grants, contributions, budget allocations and borrowings. These are included within the service statement income and expenditure figures.

Refer to the Statement of Revenue Policy for a full list of what will be delivered as part of the Capital Works Program in 2025-26.

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Economic Development

Service Description

Develop and support business generation initiatives, tourism programs and events to build economic and employment capability and capacity within the MidCoast region.

Department	Economic and Destination Development	
Responsibility	Manager Economic and Destination Development	
FTE	14.40	
Council Strategies and Plans	MidCoast Economic Development Strategy	MidCoast Destination Management Plan
CSP Strategies	<p>W-3 Help everyone connect and take part in community life, particularly those who face challenges</p> <p>EP-1 Support and develop local businesses and attract new businesses across a range of industries</p> <p>EP-2 Develop and promote the MidCoast as a top destination for visitors, conferences and events</p> <p>EP-3 Develop, attract and retain a skilled and diverse workforce</p>	

Service Deliverables

CSP Strategy	What we deliver on a day-to-day basis	Mandatory or Discretionary
EP-1	Support local business by providing information, facilitating connections, advocacy and delivering a range of business capability programs	Discretionary
EP-1	Undertake targeted engagement with business and industries that align to our Economic Pillars and Dynamic Growth Sectors to support industry growth and development	Discretionary
EP-1	Undertake economic research to inform economic development activity	Discretionary
EP-2	Support the growth of the visitor economy by providing visitor services	Discretionary
EP-2	Assess and approve applications to host events and filming on Council owned/managed land	Mandatory
EP-2	Administer Council's Event Sponsorship Program and attract new events	Discretionary
EP-2	Facilitate opportunities to improve and expand the region's tourism offerings (new products and experiences)	Discretionary
EP-3	Continue to provide in-kind support for the MidCoast Community Connector Program to support the attraction and retention of skilled workers to the region	Discretionary

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A. Service Name

B. FTE

The number of Full-Time Equivalent staff employed to deliver this service

C. Council Strategies and Plans

The Council Strategies and Plans that inform this service

D. CSP Strategies

Describes the Strategies in the *MidCoast 2035* Community Strategic Plan that this service supports

E. Service Deliverables

These describe the key functions that this service delivers

F. Mandatory or Discretionary

Mandatory – The Service Deliverable is a legislative requirement

Discretionary – The Service Deliverable is not legislated

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Performance Measures

CSP Strategy	Performance measure description	Baseline	Target
W-3	Number of events sponsored and supported by Council's Event Sponsorship Program (community and local events, events and festivals, regionally significant events)	29	> 29
EP-1	Number of business capability workshops facilitated	New	5
EP-2	Annual Visitor Expenditure	\$887 million	> \$887 million
EP-2	Number of visitors serviced via the accredited Visitor Information Centres	15,000	≥ 15,000
EP-2	Number of new visitor experiences and products created	New	5
EP-2	Number of new events secured / attracted to the region with an economic impact of more than \$2million	1	1

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G. CSP Strategy

The short code for the *MidCoast 2035* Strategy that this Service Deliverable relates to

H. Baseline Measure

Indicates Council's current performance for this measure. Any new measures which have no baseline data are shown as 'New'

I. Target

Indicates the desired performance as at the end of the 2025-26 Financial Year

Major Project Activities 2025-26

CSP Strategy	Project Name	Activity for 2025-26 Operational Plan	Performance Measure/s	Target
EP-1	Taree Regional Airport Strategic Plan 2035	Develop the Taree Regional Airport Strategic Plan	Strategic Plan endorsed by Council	December 2025
EP-1	NBN and mobile coverage improvements	Develop a Digital Telecommunications Plan, in partnership with nbnco to set a framework for the support of digital connectivity improvements across the MidCoast	Telecommunications Plan developed	December 2025

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J. CSP Strategy

The short code for the MidCoast 2035 Strategy that this Service Deliverable relates to

K. Project Name

This Project Name is carried over from the four-year Delivery Program

L. Activity for 2025-26

Describes the activity that will be performed in the 2025-26 Financial Year for this project

M. Target

Indicates the desired performance for each activity as at the end of the 2025-26 Financial Year e.g. activity completion date

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¹ The Business Transformation Program is a unique, organisation-wide initiative to improve the way we provide services to the community

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LIVEABLE COMMUNITIES

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- Waste Services

Arts & Cultural Services

Service Description

Provide quality arts and cultural programs and services via the Manning Entertainment Centre and the Manning Regional Art Gallery.

Department	Libraries, Community & Cultural Services
Responsibility	Manager Libraries, Community & Cultural Services
FTE	11.15
Council Strategies and Plans	MidCoast Cultural Plan 2036
CSP Strategies	<p>W-4 Acknowledge, respect and learn from our Aboriginal community to build trust and move forward together</p> <p>W-5 Foster opportunities for artistic, cultural and creative expression, participation and celebration</p>

Service Deliverables

CSP Strategy	What we deliver on a day-to-day basis	Mandatory or Discretionary
W-5	Deliver performing arts program at the Manning Entertainment Centre	Discretionary
W-5	Deliver exhibition program at the Manning Regional Art Gallery	Discretionary
W-5	Deliver cultural audience development strategies and programs to develop new Gallery and Manning Entertainment Centre audiences	Discretionary

Performance Measures

CSP Strategy	Performance measure description	Baseline	Target
W-4	Exhibitions, events and programs that celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Culture (<i>Manning Entertainment Centre, Manning Regional Art Gallery and cultural outreach</i>)	8	8
W-5	Events and shows hosted at the Manning Entertainment Centre	50	50
W-5	Total annual visitation at the Manning Entertainment Centre	New	31,000
W-5	Annual ticket sales for shows hosted at the Manning Entertainment Centre	New	21,000
W-5	Exhibitions, events and programs at the Manning Regional Art Gallery	180	180
W-5	Total annual visitation at the Manning Regional Art Gallery	New	15,000

CSP Strategy	Performance measure description	Baseline	Target
W-5	Average ticketed capacity for cultural performances and events (includes Manning Entertainment Centre, Manning Regional Art Gallery and cultural outreach)	62.5%	70%
W-5	Number of artists and performers engaged in Arts and Creative Services (includes Manning Entertainment Centre, Manning Regional Art Gallery and cultural outreach)	New	60
W-5	Number of local cast and crew engaged in Arts and Creative Services (includes Manning Entertainment Centre, Manning Regional Art Gallery and cultural outreach)	New	New

Major Project Activities 2025-26

CSP Strategy	Project Name	Activity for 2025-26 Operational Plan	Performance Measure/s	Target
W-5	Manning Entertainment Centre auditorium upgrade funding	Develop business case to support funding applications	Business case developed	June 2026
W-5	Manning Regional Art Gallery collection storage facility upgrade funding	Develop business case to support funding applications	Business case developed	June 2026

Service Budget – Arts & Cultural Services

Description	2024-25	2025-26
FTE	10.76	11.15
	\$	\$
Income		
Rates & User Charges	-\$426,000	-\$492,000
Fees & Other Income	-\$14,500	-\$39,500
Grants & Contributions	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Income	-\$440,500	-\$531,500
Expenses		
Employee Costs	\$1,012,439	\$1,116,365
Borrowing Costs	\$0	\$0
Materials, Goods & Services & Other Expenses	\$588,951	\$464,100
TOTAL Expenses	\$1,601,390	\$1,580,465
Net Operating Result	\$1,160,890	\$1,048,965
Capital Expenditure	\$79,000	\$79,000
Loan Principal Repayments	\$0	\$0
Non-Cash Adjustments	\$0	\$0
Net Transfers to/from Reserves	\$0	\$0
Net Cost of Service (Net Budget Result)	\$1,239,890	\$1,127,965

Building Services

Service Description

Process development approvals for small-scale development proposals. Provide certification services, undertake building inspections, swimming pool safety and fire safety audits and inspections.

Department	Development Assessment and Building Certification
Responsibility	Manager Development Assessment and Building Certification
FTE	13.80
Council Strategies and Plans	Housing Barriers Review Findings Report and Implementation Plan
CSP Strategies	<p>W-1 Improve public safety and the community's ability to prepare and respond to emergencies</p> <p>PI-2 Deliver housing to meet demand including social, affordable and accessible housing options</p>

Service Deliverables

CSP Strategy	What we deliver on a day-to-day basis	Mandatory or Discretionary
W-1	Maintain essential fire safety service database and conduct fire safety audits of buildings	Mandatory
W-1	Undertake swimming pool barrier inspections	Mandatory
PI-2	Provide assessment and determinations of applications for small scale building (residential) development proposals	Mandatory
PI-2	Issue construction certificates, complying development certificates and undertake progress inspections of buildings, including the issue of occupation certificates	Mandatory
PI-2	Provide planning advice for small-scale residential development	Mandatory

Performance Measures

CSP Strategy	Performance measure description	Baseline	Target
W-1	Tourist and visitor pool safety inspections/actions resulting in compliant pool barriers	100%	100%
PI-2	Median determination time for development applications	65 days	52 days
PI-2	Average days taken to process Fast Track planning applications	15 days	12 days
PI-2	Average determination time for all development applications	87 days	87 days ²

² Council must determine development applications for which it is the consent authority (including DAs determined by a local planning panel) as soon as practical and whichever is the lesser of Council's previous financial year average (at the time of writing 83 days), or an average of from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 - 105 days from lodgement – refer Environmental Planning and Assessment (Statement of Expectations) Order 2024 – NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure effective 1 July 2024

Service Budget – Building Services

Description	2024-25	2025-26
FTE	15.00	13.80
	\$	\$
Income		
Rates & User Charges	-\$535,300	-\$595,300
Fees & Other Income	-\$7,000	-\$7,000
Grants & Contributions	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Income	-\$542,300	-\$602,300
Expenses		
Employee Costs	\$1,916,243	\$1,904,372
Borrowing Costs	\$0	\$0
Materials, Goods & Services & Other Expenses	\$159,100	\$164,400
TOTAL Expenses	\$2,075,343	\$2,068,772
Net Operating Result	\$1,533,043	\$1,466,472
Capital Expenditure	\$0	\$0
Loan Principal Repayments	\$0	\$0
Non-Cash Adjustments	\$0	\$0
Net Transfers to/from Reserves	\$0	\$0
Net Cost of Service (Net Budget Result)	\$1,533,043	\$1,466,472

Communication, Engagement & Marketing

Service Description

Deliver communication, community education, consultation and engagement activities to building community knowledge and understanding of Council's decisions, services, facilities, events and activities. Maximise the opportunity for the community to participate in decision-making and deliver community education programs to enhance the understanding of Council's roles and responsibilities. Market the Barrington Coast region to our external target markets and local communities.

Department	Communication, Engagement & Marketing	
Responsibility	Manager Communication, Engagement & Marketing	
FTE	16.80	
Council Strategies and Plans	Community Engagement Strategy Destination Management Plan	Integrated Water Cycle Management Strategy
CSP Strategies	<p>W-1 Improve public safety and the community's ability to prepare and respond to emergencies</p> <p>W-5 Foster opportunities for artistic, cultural and creative expression, participation and celebration</p> <p>NE-4 Conserve our natural resources and reduce our greenhouse gas emissions</p> <p>EP-2 Develop and promote the MidCoast as a top destination for visitors, conferences and events</p> <p>L-1 Inform, engage and involve the community in projects and decision-making</p>	

Service Deliverables

CSP Strategy	What we deliver on a day-to-day basis	Mandatory or Discretionary
W-1	Lead emergency communication activities	Mandatory
W-5	Create and deliver corporate and cultural services marketing campaigns and programs	Discretionary
NE-4	Deliver community education on water systems and resilience	Discretionary
EP-2	Create and deliver destination marketing campaigns and programs to promote the MidCoast's destination brand Barrington Coast	Discretionary
EP-2	Administer the application of the corporate, cultural services and destination brands	Discretionary
L-1	Deliver communication activities and programs to keep the community informed through face-to-face activities, media, websites, social and digital communication channels and publications	Mandatory
L-1	Facilitate community and stakeholder engagement programs	Mandatory

CSP Strategy	What we deliver on a day-to-day basis	Mandatory or Discretionary
L-1	Deliver community education programs such as Community Conversations across the Local Government Area	Discretionary

Performance Measures

CSP Strategy	Performance measure description	Baseline	Target
EP-2	Engagement rate on Council's Destination Barrington Coast website ³	85%	> 90%
L-1	People involved in community engagement activities	1,500	> 1,650
L-1	People registered for Council's online engagement platform	4,000	> 4,500
L-1	Engagement rate on Council's websites ³	50%	≥ 53%
L-1	Council e-Newsletter subscriptions	3,900	> 4,000
L-1	Number of engagements on Council's social media channels ³	270,000	285,000

³ An engagement refers to a meaningful interaction with the medium (eg website, social media channel) which includes clicking for more information, scrolling to read, downloading a document, spending time on a page, filling out a form

Service Budget – Communication, Engagement & Marketing

Description	2024-25	2025-26
FTE	19.00	16.80
	\$	\$
Income		
Rates & User Charges	\$0	\$0
Fees & Other Income	\$0	\$0
Grants & Contributions	-\$92,400	\$0
TOTAL Income	-\$92,400	\$0
Expenses		
Employee Costs	\$2,263,868	\$2,038,332
Borrowing Costs	\$0	\$0
Materials, Goods & Services & Other Expenses	\$770,650	\$554,300
TOTAL Expenses	\$3,034,518	\$2,582,632
Net Operating Result	\$2,942,118	\$2,582,632
Capital Expenditure	\$0	\$0
Loan Principal Repayments	\$0	\$0
Non-Cash Adjustments	\$0	\$0
Net Transfers to/from Reserves	\$0	\$0
Corporate Overhead Allocation	-\$482,645	-\$260,000
Net Cost of Service (Net Budget Result)	\$2,459,473	\$2,322,632

Community & Cultural Development

Service Description

Develops resilient, inclusive, and connected communities through community and cultural development programs, funding and partnerships.

Department	Libraries, Community & Cultural Services	
Responsibility	Manager Libraries, Community & Cultural Services	
FTE	4	
Council Strategies and Plans	Ageing Strategy	MidCoast Cultural Plan 2036
	Child Safe Action Plan	MidCoast Aboriginal Action Plan 2022-2032
	Disability Inclusion Action Plan (DIAP)	Youth Strategic Plan
CSP Strategies	<p>W-1 Improve public safety and the community's ability to prepare and respond to emergencies</p> <p>W-2 Support the physical and mental health, and wellbeing of our community</p> <p>W-3 Help everyone connect and take part in community life, particularly those who face challenges</p> <p>W-4 Acknowledge, respect and learn from our Aboriginal community to build trust and move forward together</p> <p>W-5 Foster opportunities for artistic, cultural and creative expression, participation and celebration</p>	

Service Deliverables

CSP Strategy	What we deliver on a day-to-day basis	Mandatory or Discretionary
W-1	Facilitate Community Resilience Network and maintain relationships for disaster preparedness	Discretionary
W-2	Implement the Child Safe Action Plan and report annually in line with legislation	Mandatory
W-3	Implement the Disability Inclusion Action Plan and report annually in line with legislation	Mandatory
W-3	Deliver community development programs and build relationships to strengthen communities	Discretionary
W-3	Administer community funding programs in line with Council's Grants, Donations and Sponsorship Policy	Discretionary
W-4	Deliver community & cultural development programs and build relationships to strengthen the Aboriginal community and improve Aboriginal cultural outcomes	Discretionary

CSP Strategy	What we deliver on a day-to-day basis	Mandatory or Discretionary
W-5	Deliver programs and build relationships to strengthen the local creative industry	Discretionary
W-5	Administer cultural funding programs in line with Council's Grants, Donations and Sponsorship Policy	Discretionary

Performance Measures

CSP Strategy	Performance measure description	Baseline	Target
W-1	Number of Community Resilience Network meetings per year	3	3
W-2	Office of the Children's Guardian Child Safe Self-Assessment score ⁴	'Emerging' category	'Emerging' category
W-3	Meet Disability Inclusion Action Plan legislative requirements	100%	100%
W-4	Percentage of available Community grant funding allocated each year	53%	100%
W-5	Percentage of available Cultural grant funding allocated each year	99%	100%

Major Project Activities 2025-26

CSP Strategy	Project Name	Activity for 2025-26 Operational Plan	Performance Measure/s	Target
W-2 W-3 W-4	MidCoast Community Wellbeing Strategy & supporting Action Plan	Review and consolidate MidCoast Youth Strategic Plan, Ageing Strategy, Disability Action Plan, Child Safe Action Plan, and Aboriginal Action Plan	MidCoast Community Wellbeing Strategy endorsed by Council	June 2026

⁴ NSW Office of the Children's Guardian uses the following definitions to provide organisations with a self-assessment score:

Vulnerable: Starting to implement the Child Safe Standards

Emerging: Growing capabilities to implement the Child Safe Standards

Proactive: Progressing well with implementing the Child Safe Standards

Resilient: Well established implementation of the Child Safe Standards

Source: www.cssa.ocg.nsw.gov.au

Service Budget – Community & Cultural Development

Description	2024-25	2025-26
FTE	4.80	4.00
	\$	\$
Income		
Rates & User Charges	\$0	\$0
Fees & Other Income	\$0	\$0
Grants & Contributions	-\$214,891	-\$61,797
TOTAL Income	-\$214,891	-\$61,797
Expenses		
Employee Costs	\$511,731	\$457,084
Borrowing Costs	\$0	\$0
Materials, Goods & Services & Other Expenses	\$419,800	\$280,375
TOTAL Expenses	\$931,531	\$737,459
Net Operating Result	\$716,640	\$675,662
Capital Expenditure	\$0	\$0
Loan Principal Repayments	\$0	\$0
Non-Cash Adjustments	\$0	\$0
Net Transfers to/from Reserves	-\$100,000	\$0
Net Cost of Service (Net Budget Result)	\$616,640	\$675,662

Customer Service

Service Description

Act as first point of contact, providing support and advice across Council's full range of services, including customer enquiries, application lodgement and receipt of payments. The Gloucester Customer Service Point also operates as the Service NSW and Services Australia outlet.

Department	Customer Experience
Responsibility	Manager Customer Experience
FTE	40.84
Council Strategies and Plans	Customer Service Charter
CSP Strategies	<p>PI-2 Deliver housing to meet demand including social, affordable and accessible housing options</p> <p>L-4 Deliver services to the community with a focus on customer service, efficiency, continuous improvement and long-term financial health</p>

Service Deliverables

CSP Strategy	What we deliver on a day-to-day basis	Mandatory or Discretionary
PI-2	Provide development, planning and property information and support, review applications and certificates for completeness and accuracy, and lodge ready for assessment	Mandatory
PI-2	Internal administrative and systems support to the development assessment and building services teams	Mandatory
L-4	Provide Gloucester Agency services for Services Australia (Centrelink and Medicare) and Service NSW (licence and registration transactions)	Discretionary
L-4	Provide customer service by taking payments, responding to customer enquiries and requests by phone through the call centre, or in person at Yalawanyi Ganya, Taree and at Customer Service points in Forster, Tea Gardens, Gloucester and Stroud	Discretionary

Performance Measures

CSP Strategy	Performance measure description	Baseline	Target
PI-2	Average time for the lodgement or rejection of development applications	14 days	7 days ⁵
L-4	Call waiting time	75 seconds	≤ 65 seconds
L-4	Call abandonment rate ⁶	20%	≤ 15%
L-4	Percentage of customer requests completed on time	90%	≥ 90%
L-4	Average time to complete a customer request	6 days	≤ 6 days

⁵ This target is set under the Environmental Planning and Assessment (Statement of Expectations) Order 2024 – NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure effective 1 July 2024

⁶ Call abandonment rate is the proportion of abandoned engagements where the caller ended the call while waiting in the queue. Calls can become abandoned for various reasons

Service Budget – Customer Service

Description	2024-25	2025-26
FTE	43.09	40.84
	\$	\$
Income		
Rates & User Charges	\$0	\$0
Fees & Other Income	-\$170,065	-\$174,728
Grants & Contributions	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Income	-\$170,065	-\$174,728
Expenses		
Employee Costs	\$3,769,936	\$3,826,268
Borrowing Costs	\$0	\$0
Materials, Goods & Services & Other Expenses	\$39,500	\$40,700
TOTAL Expenses	\$3,809,436	\$3,866,968
Net Operating Result	\$3,639,371	\$3,692,241
Capital Expenditure	\$0	\$0
Loan Principal Repayments	\$0	\$0
Non-Cash Adjustments	\$0	\$0
Net Transfers to/from Reserves	\$0	\$0
Net Cost of Service (Net Budget Result)	\$3,639,371	\$3,692,241

Development Assessment

Service Description

Provide planning advice, assessment and determination of large-scale development applications for land use, subdivision, residential development and commercial and industrial development.

Department	Development Assessment and Building Certification
Responsibility	Manager Development Assessment and Building Certification
FTE	9
Council Strategies and Plans	Housing Barriers Review Findings Report and Implementation Plan
CSP Strategies	PI-2 Deliver housing to meet demand including social, affordable and accessible housing options

Service Deliverables

CSP Strategy	What we deliver on a day-to-day basis	Mandatory or Discretionary
PI-2	Provide planning advice for large-scale development applications for land use, subdivision, residential development and commercial and industrial development	Mandatory
PI-2	Provide planning assessment and determination of large-scale development applications for land use, subdivision, residential development and commercial and industrial development	Mandatory

Performance Measures

CSP Strategy	Performance measure description	Baseline	Target
PI-2	Median determination time for development applications	65 days	52 days
PI-2	Average determination time for all development applications	87 days	87 days ⁷

⁷ Council must determine development applications for which it is the consent authority (including DAs determined by a local planning panel) as soon as practical and whichever is the lesser of Council's previous financial year average (at the time of writing 83 days), or an average of from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 - 105 days from lodgement – refer Environmental Planning and Assessment (Statement of Expectations) Order 2024 – NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure effective 1 July 2024

Service Budget – Development Assessment

Description	2024-25	2025-26
FTE	8.86	9.00
	\$	\$
Income		
Rates & User Charges	-\$1,900,000	-\$2,030,000
Fees & Other Income	-\$2,000	-\$2,000
Grants & Contributions	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Income	-\$1,902,000	-\$2,032,000
Expenses		
Employee Costs	\$1,265,055	\$1,366,673
Borrowing Costs	\$0	\$0
Materials, Goods & Services & Other Expenses	\$218,000	\$220,400
TOTAL Expenses	\$1,483,055	\$1,587,073
Net Operating Result	-\$418,945	-\$444,927
Capital Expenditure	\$0	\$0
Loan Principal Repayments	\$0	\$0
Non-Cash Adjustments	\$0	\$0
Net Transfers to/from Reserves	\$0	\$0
Net Cost of Service (Net Budget Result)	-\$418,945	-\$444,927

Development Engineering

Service Description

Undertake assessments and provide development engineering advice in relation to the infrastructure and facilities that are required to be provided for development including: roads, footpaths and stormwater management. Ensure compliance with Council's infrastructure standards and specifications via conditions of development consent for public infrastructure that is required to be installed or constructed by developers and handed over to Council.

Department	Development Engineering
Responsibility	Coordinator Development Engineering
FTE	10
CSP Strategies	<p>PI-2 Deliver housing to meet demand including social, affordable and accessible housing options</p> <p>L-4 Deliver services to the community with a focus on customer service, efficiency, continuous improvement and long-term financial health</p>

Service Deliverables

CSP Strategy	What we deliver on a day-to-day basis	Mandatory or Discretionary
PI-2	Provide engineering assessment of Development Applications and Construction Certificates (civil works)	Mandatory
PI-2	Provide pre-Development Application lodgement advice	Discretionary
PI-2	Provide development engineering surveillance	Mandatory
PI-2	Provide Land and Environment Court advice	Mandatory
L-4	Manage Asset returns	Mandatory

Performance Measures

CSP Strategy	Performance measure description	Baseline	Target
PI-2	Average days taken to undertake an engineering assessment and provide advice in relation to a development application	New	21 days
PI-2	Average days taken to undertake an assessment and issue an approval for a subdivision works certificate	New	30 days
PI-2	Average days taken to undertake an assessment and issue an approval for a public engineering works permit	New	30 days

CSP Strategy	Performance measure description	Baseline	Target
PI-2	Average days taken to undertake an assessment and issue an approval under S68 of the Local Government Act for stormwater drainage works	New	21 days

Service Budget – Development Engineering

Description	2024-25	2025-26
FTE	8.00	10.00
	\$	\$
Income		
Rates & User Charges	\$0	\$0
Fees & Other Income	\$0	\$0
Grants & Contributions	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Income	\$0	\$0
Expenses		
Employee Costs	\$0	\$1,223,935
Borrowing Costs	\$0	\$0
Materials, Goods & Services & Other Expenses	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Expenses	\$0	\$1,223,935
Net Operating Result	\$0	\$1,223,935
Capital Expenditure	\$0	\$0
Loan Principal Repayments	\$0	\$0
Non-Cash Adjustments	\$0	\$0
Net Transfers to/from Reserves	\$0	\$0
Net Cost of Service (Net Budget Result)	\$0	\$1,223,935

Note – New service for 2025-26. Prior year figures are contained within the Transport Network service

Economic Development

Service Description

Develop and support business generation initiatives, tourism programs and events to build economic and employment capability and capacity within the MidCoast region.

Department	Economic and Destination Development	
Responsibility	Manager Economic and Destination Development	
FTE	14.40	
Council Strategies and Plans	MidCoast Economic Development Strategy	MidCoast Destination Management Plan
CSP Strategies	<p>W-3 Help everyone connect and take part in community life, particularly those who face challenges</p> <p>EP-1 Support and develop local businesses and attract new businesses across a range of industries</p> <p>EP-2 Develop and promote the MidCoast as a top destination for visitors, conferences and events</p> <p>EP-3 Develop, attract and retain a skilled and diverse workforce</p>	

Service Deliverables

CSP Strategy	What we deliver on a day-to-day basis	Mandatory or Discretionary
EP-1	Support local business by providing information, facilitating connections, advocacy and delivering a range of business capability programs	Discretionary
EP-1	Undertake targeted engagement with business and industries that align to our Economic Pillars and Dynamic Growth Sectors to support industry growth and development	Discretionary
EP-1	Undertake economic research to inform economic development activity	Discretionary
EP-2	Support the growth of the visitor economy by providing visitor services	Discretionary
EP-2	Assess and approve applications to host events and filming on Council owned/managed land	Mandatory
EP-2	Administer Council's Event Sponsorship Program and attract new events	Discretionary
EP-2	Facilitate opportunities to improve and expand the region's tourism offerings (new products and experiences)	Discretionary
EP-3	Continue to provide in-kind support for the MidCoast Community Connector Program to support the attraction and retention of skilled workers to the region	Discretionary

Performance Measures

CSP Strategy	Performance measure description	Baseline	Target
W-3	Number of events sponsored and supported by Council's Event Sponsorship Program (community and local events, events and festivals, regionally significant events)	29	> 29
EP-1	Number of business capability workshops facilitated	New	5
EP-2	Annual Visitor Expenditure	\$887 million	> \$887 million
EP-2	Number of visitors serviced via the accredited Visitor Information Centres	15,000	≥ 15,000
EP-2	Number of new visitor experiences and products created	New	5
EP-2	Number of new events secured / attracted to the region with an economic impact of more than \$2 million	1	1

Major Project Activities 2025-26

CSP Strategy	Project Name	Activity for 2025-26 Operational Plan	Performance Measure/s	Target
EP-1	Taree Regional Airport Strategic Plan 2035	Develop the Taree Regional Airport Strategic Plan	Strategic Plan endorsed by Council	December 2025
EP-1	NBN and mobile coverage improvements	Develop a Digital Telecommunications Plan, in partnership with nbco to set a framework for the support of digital connectivity improvements across the MidCoast	Telecommunications Plan developed	December 2025

Service Budget – Economic Development

Description	2024-25	2025-26
FTE	15.90	14.40
	\$	\$
Income		
Rates & User Charges	-\$32,000	-\$40,000
Fees & Other Income	-\$20,600	-\$20,600
Grants & Contributions	-\$2,500	-\$2,500
TOTAL Income	-\$55,100	-\$63,100
Expenses		
Employee Costs	\$1,537,507	\$1,502,677
Borrowing Costs	\$0	\$0
Materials, Goods & Services & Other Expenses	\$495,130	\$469,895
TOTAL Expenses	\$2,032,637	\$1,972,572
Net Operating Result	\$1,977,537	\$1,909,472
Capital Expenditure	\$0	\$0
Loan Principal Repayments	\$0	\$0
Non-Cash Adjustments	\$0	\$0
Net Transfers to/from Reserves	\$0	\$0
Corporate Overhead Allocation	-\$75,000	-\$75,000
Net Cost of Service (Net Budget Result)	\$1,902,537	\$1,834,472

Environmental Health

Service Description

Protect public health by monitoring compliance in retail food safety, health premises regulation (hairdressers, beauticians, tattooists), On-site Wastewater Management, underground fuel storage systems, noise regulation, air quality, air and odour control, pollution incidents and contaminated land issues.

Department	Environmental Health and Regulatory Services
Responsibility	Manager Environmental Health and Regulatory Services
FTE	13.80
Council Strategies and Plans	MidCoast On-site Wastewater Management Systems Strategy
CSP Strategies	W-2 Support the physical and mental health, and wellbeing of our community

Service Deliverables

CSP Strategy	What we deliver on a day-to-day basis	Mandatory or Discretionary
W-2	Undertake food safety inspections for businesses that prepare food for sale to the public	Mandatory
W-2	Deliver food safety programs	Discretionary
W-2	Undertake health premises regulation (hairdressers, beauticians, tattooists)	Mandatory
W-2	Assess impact of development on public health including the approval of new on-site wastewater management systems	Mandatory
W-2	Respond to complaints and events associated with environmental and public health matters	Discretionary
W-2	Investigate and initiate required action on matters that pose a potential threat to public health including air and noise pollutions	Mandatory
W-2	Monitor existing on-site wastewater management systems and issue approvals for new or modified systems	Mandatory

Performance Measures

CSP Strategy	Performance measure description	Baseline	Target
W-2	Total number of food retail outlets inspected	440	440
W-2	Food retail outlets assessed as high risk and medium risk that were inspected	100%	100%
W-2	Food retail outlets with five or four 'Scores on Doors' rating	92%	95%

CSP Strategy	Performance measure description	Baseline	Target
W-2	Hairdressers, beauticians, tattooists, retail outlets assessed as high risk that were inspected	100%	100%
W-2	Delivery of food safety educational seminars for food business operators	1	2
W-2	Customer complaints and requests responded to within five business days (customer charter is 10 business days)	New	80%
W-2	Caravan Parks and Manufactured Home Estates inspected for compliance and issued with approvals to operate (where required) in accordance with the annual inspection program	100%	100%
W-2	Inspection of high-risk on-site wastewater management systems in accordance with the annual inspection program	100%	100%

Service Budget – Environmental Health

Description	2024-25	2025-26
FTE	13.80	13.80
	\$	\$
Income		
Rates & User Charges	-\$1,387,400	-\$1,506,300
Fees & Other Income	-\$25,000	-\$35,000
Grants & Contributions	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Income	-\$1,412,400	-\$1,541,300
Expenses		
Employee Costs	\$1,548,904	\$1,761,217
Borrowing Costs	\$0	\$0
Materials, Goods & Services & Other Expenses	\$120,100	\$131,100
TOTAL Expenses	\$1,669,004	\$1,892,317
Net Operating Result	\$256,604	\$351,017
Capital Expenditure	\$0	\$0
Loan Principal Repayments	\$0	\$0
Non-Cash Adjustments	\$0	\$0
Net Transfers to/from Reserves	\$230,333	\$0
Corporate Overhead Allocation	\$167,368	\$173,073
Net Cost of Service (Net Budget Result)	\$654,305	\$524,090

Land Use Planning

Service Description

Deliver a sustainable land use planning framework for the MidCoast by working with the community and NSW Government.

Department	Land Use Planning	
Responsibility	Manager Land Use Planning	
FTE	9.60	
Council Strategies and Plans	MidCoast Local Strategic Planning Statement Local Environmental Plans (Gloucester, Great Lakes, Greater Taree) Development Control Plans (Gloucester, Great Lakes, Greater Taree)	MidCoast Housing Strategy Contributions Plans (Gloucester, Great Lakes, Greater Taree) MidCoast Rural Strategy MidCoast Zone Reviews (Employment, Infrastructure, Recreation) Urban Release Areas Report
CSP Strategies	<p>PI-2 Deliver housing to meet demand including social, affordable and accessible housing options</p> <p>PI-3 Respect the unique character, history and cultural heritage of our towns and villages, significant places and the natural environment</p> <p>L-4 Deliver services to the community with a focus on customer service, efficiency, continuous improvement and long-term financial health</p>	

Service Deliverables

CSP Strategy	What we deliver on a day-to-day basis	Mandatory or Discretionary
PI-2	Undertake rezoning in accordance with the MidCoast Urban Release Area Report	Mandatory
PI-2	Maintain and develop the planning framework planning controls including Local Strategic Planning Statement, Local Environmental Plans and Development Control Plans	Mandatory
PI-3	Administer the Local Heritage Fund that focuses on preserving our region's heritage	Discretionary
PI-3	Provide heritage advice on development applications, Council assets, and to owners of heritage places	Mandatory
L-4	Develop, maintain and administer Development Contribution Plans to fund community infrastructure	Mandatory

Performance Measures

CSP Strategy	Performance measure description	Baseline	Target
PI-2	Percentage of rezoning planning proposals processed in accordance with State timeframes as set out in the LEP Making Guideline ⁸	New	100%
PI-3	Allocation of available Heritage Funding to eligible projects	New	100%

Major Project Activities 2025-26

CSP Strategy	Project Name	Activity for 2025-26 Operational Plan	Performance Measure/s	Target
PI-2	MidCoast Development Control Plan	Commence community consultation on the draft MidCoast Development Control Plan	Community consultation commenced	June 2026
PI-3	MidCoast Local Environmental Plan	Finalise the draft MidCoast Local Environmental Plan	The plan making process for the draft MidCoast Local Environmental Plan is completed	June 2026
L4	MidCoast Contributions Plan	Finalise draft work schedules for the draft MidCoast Contributions Plan	Draft work schedules finalised	June 2026

⁸ This measure comes from the Environmental Planning and Assessment (Statement of Expectations) Order 2024 – NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure effective 1 July 2024

Service Budget – Land Use Planning

Description	2024-25	2025-26
FTE	10.20	9.60
	\$	\$
Income		
Rates & User Charges	-\$408,400	-\$278,700
Fees & Other Income	\$0	\$0
Grants & Contributions	-\$12,500	-\$12,500
TOTAL Income	-\$420,900	-\$291,200
Expenses		
Employee Costs	\$1,052,690	\$1,232,331
Borrowing Costs	\$0	\$0
Materials, Goods & Services & Other Expenses	\$714,000	\$659,600
TOTAL Expenses	\$1,766,690	\$1,891,931
Net Operating Result	\$1,345,790	\$1,600,731
Capital Expenditure	\$0	\$0
Loan Principal Repayments	\$0	\$0
Non-Cash Adjustments	\$0	\$0
Net Transfers to/from Reserves	-\$150,000	-\$330,000
Net Cost of Service (Net Budget Result)	\$1,195,790	\$1,270,731

Library Services

Service Description

Operate 11 facilities that provide access to physical and digital library collections and information services. Specialist staff provide home library services, remote access to e-Resources, literacy and lifelong learning programs, cultural and local history services, and support access to computers, internet and Wi-Fi.

Department	Libraries, Community & Cultural Services
Responsibility	Manager Libraries, Community & Cultural Services
FTE	28.38
Council Strategies and Plans	MidCoast Cultural Plan 2036
CSP Strategies	<p>W-2 Support the physical and mental health, and wellbeing of our community</p> <p>W-3 Help everyone connect and take part in community life, particularly those who face challenges</p> <p>W-4 Deliver community & cultural development programs and build relationships to strengthen the Aboriginal community and improve Aboriginal cultural outcomes</p> <p>W-5 Foster opportunities for artistic, cultural and creative expression, participation and celebration</p> <p>L-4 Deliver services to the community with a focus on customer service, efficiency, continuous improvement and long-term financial health</p>

Service Deliverables

CSP Strategy	What we deliver on a day-to-day basis	Mandatory or Discretionary
W-2	Provide access to library collections and resources	Mandatory
W-3	Provide learning and literacy programs, and cultural events	Discretionary
W-3	Provide outreach and home library service	Mandatory
W-3	Provide access to computers, internet and WiFi	Mandatory
W-4 W-5	Provide collections and services that preserve and celebrate local creativity, culture and history	Discretionary

Performance Measures

CSP Strategy	Performance measure description	Baseline	Target
W-2	Library visitation (annual visits)	200,000	≥ 200,000

CSP Strategy	Performance measure description	Baseline	Target
W-2	Library loans (annual total collection circulation)	703,248	≥ 703,248
W-3	Attendance at events and programs (number of participants)	2,648	≥ 2,648
W-3	Annual home library service clients	257	≥ 257
W-4	Exhibitions, events and programs that celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Culture	New	3
W-5	Local history items in collection	1,297	> 1,297

Major Project Activities 2025-26

CSP Strategy	Project Name	Activity for 2025-26 Operational Plan	Performance Measure/s	Target
L-4	Library Management System software	Develop migration plan	Migration plan developed	June 2026

Service Budget – Library Services

Description	2024-25	2025-26
FTE	30.17	28.38
	\$	\$
Income		
Rates & User Charges	-\$53,300	-\$69,000
Fees & Other Income	\$0	\$0
Grants & Contributions	-\$334,333	-\$333,463
TOTAL Income	-\$387,633	-\$402,463
Expenses		
Employee Costs	\$2,814,037	\$2,799,854
Borrowing Costs	\$0	\$0
Materials, Goods & Services & Other Expenses	\$681,200	\$610,800
Depreciation	\$0	\$370,000
TOTAL Expenses	\$3,495,237	\$3,780,654
Net Operating Result	\$3,107,604	\$3,378,191
Capital Expenditure	\$470,870	\$400,000
Loan Principal Repayments	\$0	\$0
Non-Cash Adjustments	\$0	-\$370,000
Net Transfers to/from Reserves	\$0	-\$50,000
Net Cost of Service (Net Budget Result)	\$3,578,474	\$3,358,191

Natural Systems

Service Description

Responsible for meeting community expectations for the protection and management of the natural environment and ensuring legislative requirements are met. This includes landscape and catchments; waterways and coastal areas; endangered ecological communities and threatened species. The service manages biosecurity and the monitoring and reporting on the condition of our waterways and the environment. It also drives, supports and reports on Council's response to climate change.

Department	Natural Systems	
Responsibility	Manager Natural Systems	
FTE	25	
Council Strategies and Plans	MidCoast Biodiversity Framework	Great Lakes Coastal Zone Management Plan (CZMP)
	MidCoast Koala Conservation Strategy	Manning Valley Coastal Zone Management Plan (CZMP)
	Greening Strategy	Smiths Lake Coastal Zone Management Plan (CZMP)
	MidCoast Climate Change Strategy	Wallis Lake Estuary & Catchment Coastal Zone Management Plan (CZMP)
	Manning River Estuary & Catchment Management Program	Karuah Catchment Management Plan (CMP)
	Great Lakes Water Quality Improvement Plan	
CSP Strategies	NE-1 Protect our native flora, fauna and local ecosystems NE-2 Protect and improve the health of our coastlines, waterways, wetlands and water catchments NE-4 Conserve our natural resources and reduce our greenhouse gas emissions	

Service Deliverables

CSP Strategy	What we deliver on a day-to-day basis	Mandatory or Discretionary
NE-1	Assess the impact of Council's activities on biodiversity and the environment	Mandatory
NE-1	Assess impacts of development on biodiversity and natural systems	Mandatory
NE-1	Undertake biosecurity inspections, and ensure control programs are in place across all land tenures in accordance with the Weed Action Plan and legislative requirements	Mandatory
NE-1	Maintain public natural area reserves	Discretionary
NE-1	Implement Council's Biodiversity Framework	Discretionary

CSP Strategy	What we deliver on a day-to-day basis	Mandatory or Discretionary
NE-2	Develop and implement coastal management programs, catchment and stormwater plans for estuaries and the open coast	Mandatory
NE-2	Asses the impacts of stormwater runoff from developments on water quality of natural waterways	Mandatory
NE-2	Maintain urban stormwater quality treatment facilities such as constructed wetlands and bioretention systems on public land	Discretionary
NE-2	Monitor and report annually on the condition of waterways and catchments to Council and the community	Discretionary
NE-2	Implement state-funded maintenance navigation dredging activities	Discretionary
NE-4	Implement energy efficiency and sustainability projects	Discretionary

Performance Measures

CSP Strategy	Performance measure description	Baseline	Target
NE-1	Proportion of bushland reserves maintained under a site action plan for bushland regeneration and weed control	53%	55%
NE-1	Properties inspected for weed biosecurity program	775	775
NE-1	New landholders participating in Land for Wildlife, catchment management and other biodiversity conservation programs	New	50
NE-2	Proportion of stormwater quality assets on a maintenance schedule	New	30%
NE-4	Council Scope 1 and 2 CO ₂ emissions ⁹	117,056 t CO ₂ -e ¹⁰	110,000 t CO ₂ -e

Major Project Activities 2025-26

CSP Strategy	Project Name	Activity for 2025-26 Operational Plan	Performance Measure/s	Target
NE-1	Koala Conservation Strategy	Partner with landowners for koala habitat restoration	60 hectares of koala habitat (trees) planted	June 2026
NE-2	Black Head Wetland urban stormwater treatment facility	Prepare detailed design for the refurbishment of the Black Head urban	Detailed design completed	June 2026

⁹ Scope 1 emissions are direct emissions from Council-owned or controlled sources. Scope 2 emissions are indirect emissions from the generation of Council purchased electricity

¹⁰ CO₂-e is the shorthand for carbon dioxide equivalents. It is the standard unit in carbon accounting to quantify greenhouse gas emissions

CSP Strategy	Project Name	Activity for 2025-26 Operational Plan	Performance Measure/s	Target
		stormwater quality treatment facility		
NE-2	Dunns Creek South Forster Water Quality Improvement	Install a stormwater treatment facility to improve stormwater discharge from urban areas in the Dunns Creek catchment flowing to Wallis Lake	Project completed	June 2026
NE-2	Wingham Wetland urban stormwater treatment facility	Commence refurbishment of the Wingham Wetland urban stormwater treatment facility	Site preparation and hard stormwater infrastructure constructed	June 2026
NE-2	Manning River Estuary and Catchment Coastal Management Program – <i>Moto Acid Sulfate Soil Restoration Project</i>	Prepare business case and seek funding for the remediation of the Moto Acid Sulfate Soil Restoration Project	Business case prepared and funding application submitted	June 2026
NE-2	Open Coast Coastal Management Program	Development of stages 3 and 4 of the Open Coast Coastal Management Program	Stages 3 and 4 completed	June 2026
NE-2	Southern Estuaries Coastal Management Program	Completion of Stage 4 of the Southern Estuaries Coastal Management Program	Program adopted by Council	June 2026

Service Budget – Natural Systems

Description	2024-25	2025-26
FTE	23.60	25.00
	\$	\$
Income		
Rates & User Charges	\$0	\$0
Fees & Other Income	\$0	\$0
Grants & Contributions	-\$507,887	-\$5,902,082
TOTAL Income	-\$507,887	-\$5,902,082
Expenses		
Employee Costs	\$3,024,906	\$3,190,437
Borrowing Costs	\$0	\$0
Materials, Goods & Services & Other Expenses	\$3,070,263	\$8,899,833
TOTAL Expenses	\$6,095,169	\$12,090,270
Net Operating Result	\$5,587,282	\$6,188,188
Capital Expenditure	\$0	\$2,019,948
Loan Principal Repayments	\$0	\$0
Non-Cash Adjustments	\$0	\$0
Net Transfers to/from Reserves	-\$5,379,927	-\$7,856,092
Corporate Overhead Allocation	\$562,691	\$534,923
Net Cost of Service (Net Budget Result)	\$770,046	\$886,968

Public Spaces

Service Description

Provide clean, safe and well-maintained community infrastructure, facilities and recreational and public areas including parks and open spaces, sporting complexes, playgrounds and public amenities. Manage, maintain and operate Council buildings, community halls, public swimming pools, cemeteries and the Taree Airport.

Department	Public Spaces	
Responsibility	Executive Manager Public Spaces	
FTE	124.06	
Council Strategies and Plans	Open Space and Recreation Strategy 2035	Forster Foreshore Plan of Management
	Asset Management Plan for Community Assets and Buildings	Nabiac Showground Plan of Management
	North Tuncurry Sports Area Plan of Management	Bulahdelah Showground Plan of Management
	MidCoast Playspace Strategy 2035	Stroud Showground Plan of Management
	MidCoast Cemeteries Strategy	MidCoast Public Toilets in Parks Strategy 2035
	MidCoast Skate Park Strategy 2035	MidCoast Recreational Boating Infrastructure Plan 2035
	MidCoast Outdoor Sports Courts Strategy 2035	
	MidCoast Sports Lighting Plan 2035	
CSP Strategies	<p>W-1 Improve public safety and the community's ability to prepare and respond to emergencies</p> <p>W-2 Support the physical and mental health, and wellbeing of our community</p> <p>NE-4 Conserve our natural resources and reduce our greenhouse gas emissions</p> <p>PI-1 Provide safe, accessible and well-maintained community facilities, public open spaces and vibrant streetscapes</p> <p>EP-1 Support and develop local businesses and attract new businesses across a range of industries</p> <p>L-4 Deliver services to the community with a focus on customer service, efficiency, continuous improvement and long-term financial health</p>	

Service Deliverables

CSP Strategy	What we deliver on a day-to-day basis	Mandatory or Discretionary
W-1	Manage risk relating to trees on Council managed land	Discretionary
W-1	Manage bushfire risk on Public Spaces bushland reserves	Mandatory
W-1	Maintain the Rural Fire Services (RFS) bushfire equipment and fleet	Mandatory
W-2 PI-1	Provide, maintain and manage community buildings, swimming pools, playgrounds, sporting fields, wharves, jetties, boat ramps, beaches, showgrounds, parks and gardens, cemeteries	Discretionary
W-2 PI-1	Provide swimming facility operations	Discretionary
PI-1	Provide cemetery services to customers through the provision of memorial and burial options	Mandatory
EP-1	Maintain and manage Taree Regional Airport	Discretionary
L-4	Undertake asset condition inspections in accordance with Community Asset Inspection Policy and Procedure and relevant Acts	Mandatory
L-4	Implement Council's Parks and Buildings Asset Management Plans	Discretionary
L-4	Maintain Council's plant and fleet	Mandatory

Performance Measures

CSP Strategy	Performance measure description	Baseline	Target
W-1	Deliver Bushfire Hazard Reduction Program in accordance with the Bushfire Risk Management Plan	100%	100%
W-1	Compliance with Airport Safety Standards as audited by Civil Aviation Safety Authority met	100%	100%
PI-1	Total pool attendance	New	≥ 5% increase ¹¹
PI-1	Percentage of cemeteries maintained and managed in accordance with legislative requirements	100%	100%
L-4	Public space assets that are assessed as condition three (satisfactory/average) and above	78%	> 80%

¹¹ Increase on baseline data which will be known at the end of the 2024-25 financial year

Major Project Activities 2025-26

CSP Strategy	Project Name	Activity for 2025-26 Operational Plan	Performance Measure/s	Target
NE-4	Solar panel installation at Aquatic and Leisure Centres	Install solar panels at the Great Lakes Aquatic and Leisure Centre and the Manning Aquatic Leisure Centre	Solar panels installed at both sites	October 2025
PI-1	MidCoast Open Space and Recreation Strategy 2023-2035 - <i>Albert Street Amenities Upgrade (Taree)</i>	Upgrade the Taree Albert Street Public amenities	Project completed	October 2025
PI-1	MidCoast Open Space and Recreation Strategy 2023-2035 – <i>Black Head Skate Park</i>	Construct Black Head Skate Park	Construction completed	October 2025
PI-1	MidCoast Open Space and Recreation Strategy 2023-2035 – <i>Bulahdelah tennis court upgrade</i>	Upgrade the tennis court at Bulahdelah	Project completed	November 2025
PI-1	MidCoast Open Space and Recreation Strategy 2023-2035 - <i>Nabiac Multicourt Redevelopment</i>	Provide project management assistance for the redevelopment of the Nabiac multicourt facility	Project completed	June 2026
PI-1	MidCoast Open Space and Recreation Strategy 2023-2035 - <i>Pelican Boardwalk Extension (Forster)</i>	Construct the Pelican Boardwalk Extension at Forster	Construction completed	December 2025
PI-1	MidCoast Open Space and Recreation Strategy 2023-2035 – <i>Wingham Racecourse amenities replacement</i>	Construct new amenities at the Wingham Racecourse	Project completed	March 2026
PI-1	MidCoast Open Space and Recreation Strategy 2023-2035 - <i>MidCoast Aquatics, Riverine and Coastal Baths Strategy</i>	Finalise the MidCoast Aquatics, Riverine and Coastal Baths Strategy	Strategy finalised	December 2025
PI-1	Community Asset Capital Renewal Program - <i>Buildings</i>	Deliver structural repair of Stroud District Office and library	Project completed	January 2026

CSP Strategy	Project Name	Activity for 2025-26 Operational Plan	Performance Measure/s	Target
PI-1	Community Asset Capital Renewal Program - <i>Buildings</i>	Replace the roof at the Bulahdelah CWA	Roof replaced	January 2026
PI-1	Community Asset Capital Renewal Program - <i>Open Space</i>	Replace playground at Allworth	Playground replaced	March 2026
PI-1	Community Asset Capital Renewal Program - <i>Open Space</i>	Replace playground at Pindimar	Playground replaced	March 2026
PI-1	Amenities block at the Danny Buderus Sporting Field (Taree)	Construct amenities block	Construction completed	October 2026
PI-1	Forster Main Beach Fence Replacement	Replace fence at Forster Main Beach	Fence replaced	October 2025
PI-1	Tuncurry Cemetery Expansion	Design and obtain approvals for expansion of Tuncurry Cemetery	Design completed and approval obtained	June 2026
PI-1	Cemetery Master Planning	Develop master plan for Redbank Cemetery	Master plan completed	June 2026
PI-1	Community Land Plan of Management	Finalise Plan of Management	Plan approved by Crown Lands and adopted by Council	January 2026
L-4	Asset Revaluations – <i>Open Space</i>	Undertake revaluation of Open Space Assets	Revaluation completed	June 2026
L-4	Asset Revaluations – <i>Buildings</i>	Undertake revaluation of Buildings Assets	Revaluation completed	June 2026

Service Budget – Public Spaces

Description	2024-25	2025-26
FTE	133.67	124.06
	\$	\$
Income		
Rates & User Charges	-\$2,190,163	-\$2,685,714
Fees & Other Income	-\$711,110	-\$980,610
Grants & Contributions	-\$5,438,558	-\$2,202,784
TOTAL Income	-\$8,339,831	-\$5,869,108
Expenses		
Employee Costs	\$10,398,107	\$10,840,857
Borrowing Costs	\$47,461	\$36,811
Materials, Goods & Services & Other Expenses	\$13,111,155	\$13,537,829
Depreciation	\$55,000	\$16,978,000
TOTAL Expenses	\$23,611,723	\$41,393,497
Net Operating Result	\$15,271,892	\$35,524,389
Capital Expenditure	\$6,948,589	\$7,933,565
Loan Principal Repayments	\$321,045	\$222,543
Non-Cash Adjustments	\$0	-\$16,923,000
Net Transfers to/from Reserves	\$95,000	-\$2,720,449
Corporate Overhead Allocation	\$6,650	\$6,650
Net Cost of Service (Net Budget Result)	\$22,643,176	\$24,043,699

Regulatory Services

Service Description

Investigate and undertake compliance activities including illegal dumping, illegal building, companion animals (dogs and cats), animal noise complaints, parking, abandoned vehicles, vehicles on beaches and public area usage.

Department	Environmental Health and Regulatory Services
Responsibility	Manager Environmental Health and Regulatory Services
FTE	15
CSP Strategies	W-1 Improve public safety and the community's ability to prepare and respond to emergencies

Service Deliverables

CSP Strategy	What we deliver on a day-to-day basis	Mandatory or Discretionary
W-1	Investigate and enforce land use matters for unauthorised and approved developments	Mandatory
W-1	Investigate and take regulatory action as required regarding dog control, parking, unlawful camping, littering, vehicles on beaches, straying stock, animal impounding, overgrown properties, and abandoned vehicles	Mandatory
W-1	Manage companion animals including registrations and pound facilities	Mandatory
W-1	Actively engage with rescue and rehoming organisations to facilitate enhanced working relationships and rehoming outcomes	Mandatory
W-1	Rehome straying and impounded dogs and cats where appropriate	Discretionary
W-1	Respond to complaints and events that relate to community safety	Discretionary
W-1	Undertake community education programs in relation to responsible pet ownership, regulated parking (in particular school zones) and vehicle on beaches activities	Discretionary

Performance Measures

CSP Strategy	Performance measure description	Baseline	Target
W-1	Complaints responded to that have been evaluated as medium to high risk in terms of public health safety or amenity or environmental harm in accordance with Council's risk-based land use compliance policy	New	100%
W-1	Number of activities to proactively educate the community on school zone parking	6	12

CSP Strategy	Performance measure description	Baseline	Target
W-1	Number of activities to proactively educate the community on companion animal ownership	6	8
W-1	Dogs and cats rehomed (that are considered suitable for rehoming)	New	70%
W-1	Maintain the companion animal register in accordance with Office of Local Government requirements (updates completed within seven days)	100%	100%

Major Project Activities 2025-26

CSP Strategy	Project Name	Activity for 2025-26 Operational Plan	Performance Measure/s	Target
W-1	Vehicle on Beaches and Regulated Parking	Undertake trial of Vehicle Number Plate recognition technology for parking and vehicles on beaches	Trial implemented and evaluated	June 2026

Service Budget – Regulatory Services

Description	2024-25	2025-26
FTE	14.00	15.00
	\$	\$
Income		
Rates & User Charges	-\$175,000	-\$175,250
Fees & Other Income	-\$422,000	-\$658,000
Grants & Contributions	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Income	-\$597,000	-\$833,250
Expenses		
Employee Costs	\$1,519,843	\$1,650,830
Borrowing Costs	\$0	\$0
Materials, Goods & Services & Other Expenses	\$343,900	\$325,900
TOTAL Expenses	\$1,863,743	\$1,976,730
Net Operating Result	\$1,266,743	\$1,143,480
Capital Expenditure	\$0	\$794,000
Loan Principal Repayments	\$0	\$0
Non-Cash Adjustments	\$0	\$0
Net Transfers to/from Reserves	-\$50,000	\$0
Corporate Overhead Allocation	-\$80,000	-\$80,000
Net Cost of Service (Net Budget Result)	\$1,136,743	\$1,857,480

Waste Services

Service Description

Operate six waste management centres. Provide domestic, public, and commercial waste collection, processing and disposal services. Provide waste education programs.

Department	Waste Services	
Responsibility	Manager Waste Services	
FTE	14.32	
Council Strategies and Plans	Waste Management Strategy 2030	Climate Change Strategy
CSP Strategies	<p>NE-2 Protect and improve the health of our coastlines, waterways, wetlands and water catchments</p> <p>NE-3 Manage our waste and reduce waste to landfill</p> <p>NE-4 Conserve our natural resources and reduce our greenhouse gas emissions</p>	

Service Deliverables

CSP Strategy	What we deliver on a day-to-day basis	Mandatory or Discretionary
NE-3	Collect, process and provide disposal services for general, organic and recycled waste from domestic and commercial properties and annual domestic bulky waste collection	Mandatory
NE-3	Run waste management centres, landfill, transfer stations and reuse shops	Mandatory
NE-3	Provide public litter bins and litter collection service	Mandatory
NE-3	Provide waste reduction advice and education to the community increasing knowledge relating to sustainable waste management	Discretionary

Performance Measures

CSP Strategy	Performance measure description	Baseline	Target
NE-3	Percentage of missed lifts for red, yellow and green total collection services	< 5% pa	< 5% pa
NE-3	Number of direct interactions at engagement and education activities	5,000	> 5,000
NE-3	Percentage of tonnes of waste diverted from landfill	44.1%	> 44.1%

Major Project Activities 2025-26

CSP Strategy	Project Name	Activity for 2025-26 Operational Plan	Performance Measure/s	Target
NE-2 NE-4	Gloucester Landfill Cell Improvements and Leachate and Storm Water Management System Upgrade	Develop design and commence construction of phase 1 of Stormwater dams and site drainage	Design completed and construction commenced	June 2026
NE-2 NE-4	Land contamination clean up at Muldoon Street (Taree)	Remediate landfill site at Muldoon Street, Taree for ongoing use by Emergency Services	Remediation work completed	June 2026
NE-2 NE-4	Stroud Waste Management Centre Landfill Capping	Finalise capping design and complete construction to meet legislative requirements <i>Construction requires independent Construction Quality Assurance and strict adherence to the design approvals from the NSW EPA</i>	Capping design completed and construction commenced	June 2026
NE-2 NE-4	Taree Waste Management Centre Landfill Capping Stage 1	Finalise capping design to meet legislative requirements <i>Construction requires independent Construction Quality Assurance and strict adherence to the design approvals from the NSW EPA</i>	Capping design completed	June 2026
NE-2 NE-4	Tuncurry Landfill Remediation	Finalise capping design and complete construction of the landfill capping to meet legislative requirements	Capping design and construction completed	December 2025
NE-3 NE-4	Food Organic and Garden Organic (FOGO) Program – facility	Develop and submit detailed design and engineering plans to the NSW EPA and State Planning Authorities for project planning and development consents	Detailed design submitted to relevant planning authorities	June 2026
NE-3	Public Litter Bin Enclosure Replacement Program	Implement Stage 3 including replacement of identified litter bin enclosures located in Manning Point, Oxley Island, Hallidays Point, Diamond Beach, Bungwahl, Burrell Creek, Pampoolah, Wallabi Point, Old Bar, Crowdy Head, Wingham	Stage 3 of the program completed	June 2026

Service Budget – Waste Services

Description	2024-25	2025-26
FTE	14.32	14.32
	\$	\$
Income		
Rates & User Charges	-\$37,696,563	-\$40,311,568
Fees & Other Income	-\$1,685,150	-\$1,814,200
Grants & Contributions	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Income	-\$39,381,713	-\$42,125,768
Expenses		
Employee Costs	\$1,569,456	\$1,680,961
Borrowing Costs	\$151,538	\$109,807
Materials, Goods & Services & Other Expenses	\$31,423,904	\$37,345,129
Depreciation	\$1,080,300	\$1,330,300
TOTAL Expenses	\$34,225,198	\$40,466,198
Net Operating Result	-\$5,156,515	-\$1,659,571
Capital Expenditure	\$7,350,000	\$3,278,822
Loan Principal Repayments	\$1,255,303	\$1,056,026
Non-Cash Adjustments	-\$1,080,300	-\$1,330,300
Net Transfers to/from Reserves	-\$3,756,257	-\$2,540,949
Corporate Overhead Allocation	\$1,217,998	\$1,016,033
Net Cost of Service (Net Budget Result)	-\$169,771	-\$179,940



INFRASTRUCTURE & ENGINEERING SERVICES

- Emergency Management
- Sewerage Services
- Stormwater Drainage, Flooding & Coastal Engineering
- Transport Network
- Water Supply & Treatment

Emergency Management

Service Description

The service provides support to emergency management planning and mitigation to reduce the impacts of natural disasters on the community. It provides a conduit between Council and multiple government agencies through the Local Emergency Management Committee to meeting the obligations under the State Emergency and Rescue Management Act 1989.

Department	Infrastructure & Engineering Division
Responsibility	Director Infrastructure & Engineering Services
FTE	1
Council Strategies and Plans	MidCoast Local Emergency Management Plan 2023
CSP Strategies	W-1 Improve public safety and the community's ability to prepare and respond to emergencies

Service Deliverables

CSP Strategy	What we deliver on a day-to-day basis	Mandatory or Discretionary
W-1	Manage and coordinate the Local Emergency Management Committee	Mandatory
W-1	Manage and maintain the Emergency Operations Centre	Mandatory
W-1	Manage and coordinate Council's response to emergency situations including disseminating information, triaging and dispatching of crews to undertake clean-up and recovery operations	Mandatory
W-1	Deliver annual maintenance and capital works programs for Rural Fire Service & State Emergency Service facilities	Mandatory

Performance Measures

CSP Strategy	Performance measure description	Baseline	Target
W-1	Number of regular Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC) Meetings co-ordinated per year	3	3
W-1	Percentage of mandatory and discretionary elements of the Local Emergency Management Plan compliant with legislation	100%	100%

Major Project Activities 2025-26

CSP Strategy	Project Name	Activity for 2025-26 Operational Plan	Performance Measure/s	Target
W-1	Capital Works for the State Emergency Services (SES) and Rural Fire Service (RFS)	Construct Johns River Rural Fire Service (RFS) station replacement	Construction completed	August 2025
W-1	Capital Works for the State Emergency Services (SES) and Rural Fire Service (RFS)	Construct Stroud State Emergency Services (SES) facility	Construction commenced	June 2026

Service Budget – Emergency Management

Description	2024-25	2025-26
FTE	1.00	1.00
	\$	\$
Income		
Rates & User Charges	\$0	\$0
Fees & Other Income	\$0	\$0
Grants & Contributions	-\$2,217,046	-\$2,234,645
TOTAL Income	-\$2,217,046	-\$2,234,645
Expenses		
Employee Costs	\$49,869	\$31,269
Borrowing Costs	\$0	\$0
Materials, Goods & Services & Other Expenses	\$3,828,906	\$3,929,271
TOTAL Expenses	\$3,878,775	\$3,960,540
Net Operating Result	\$1,661,729	\$1,725,895
Capital Expenditure	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Loan Principal Repayments	\$0	\$0
Non-Cash Adjustments	\$0	\$0
Net Transfers to/from Reserves	-\$100,000	-\$100,000
Net Cost of Service (Net Budget Result)	\$2,561,729	\$2,625,895

Note – Balance of Employee Costs are included in the Transport Network Service Budget

Sewerage Services

Service Description

Provide a quality sewerage network including collection, treatment and recycling of sewage, laboratory testing, planning and construction of sewer infrastructure, operations and maintenance of sewerage network as well as 24/7 network breakdown response.

Department	Water Operations Water Management & Treatment	Water Project Delivery Water Planning & Assets
Responsibility	Executive Manager Water and Systems	
FTE	77.67	
Council Strategies and Plans	Water & Systems Strategic Business Plan Integrated Water Cycle Management Strategy Sewer Asset Management Plan	Effluent Management Strategy Development Servicing Plans Sewer Servicing Strategies
CSP Strategies	<p>NE-2 Protect and improve the health of our coastlines, waterways, wetlands and water catchments</p> <p>NE-4 Conserve our natural resources and reduce our greenhouse gas emissions</p> <p>PI-2 Deliver housing to meet demand including social, affordable and accessible housing options</p> <p>PI-4 Provide safe, secure and affordable water and sewerage services</p>	

Service Deliverables

CSP Strategy	What we deliver on a day-to-day basis	Mandatory or Discretionary
NE-2	Treat and manage sewerage (including laboratory testing and compliance)	Mandatory
PI-2	Assess impact of development on sewerage network, including providing technical advice and approvals to connect to the sewerage network	Mandatory
PI-4	Operate and maintain sewerage network and respond to network breakdowns	Mandatory
PI-4	Renew sewerage assets	Mandatory
PI-4	Plan, design and manage sewerage assets	Mandatory

Performance Measures

CSP Strategy	Performance measure description	Baseline	Target
NE-2	Test results which comply with Environmental Protection Agency licence conditions	95%	≥ 95%
NE-4	Proportion of treated effluent which is recycled annually	12.80%	10% ¹²
PI-4	Ratio of planned/unplanned works reticulation maintenance works	45:55	≥ 45:55
PI-4	Percentage of planned sewerage asset renewals completed	55%	80%
PI-4	Number of sewerage spills/overflows	170	< 170
PI-4	Proportion of sewerage assets with condition class satisfactory or above	78%	≥ 78%

Major Project Activities 2025-26

CSP Strategy	Project Name	Activity for 2025-26 Operational Plan	Performance Measure/s	Target
Sewerage Network - Expansion & upgrades				
PI-4	Cundletown Sewerage Scheme diversion and Sewer Pump Station – <i>new</i>	Develop concept design and detailed design	Concept design completed and detailed design commenced	June 2026
PI-4	Dawson Sewer Treatment Plant Balance Tank	Design and construct the balance tank and associated pipe work	Design completed and construction commenced	June 2026
PI-4	Gloucester Sewage Treatment Plant - <i>replacement</i>	Conduct tender process and begin construction	Construction tender awarded and construction commenced	June 2026
PI-4	Harrington Sewage Treatment Plant - <i>upgrade</i>	Develop detailed design of upgrade of treatment plant and Section 60 approvals process	Detailed design and Section 60 approvals process commenced	June 2026
PI-4	Hawks Nest Sewage Treatment Plant - <i>upgrade</i>	Complete construction and commissioning of Phase 1 of the project plan and commence Phase 2 of the project plan	Construction and commissioning of Phase 1 completed, and Phase 2 commenced	June 2026

¹² The amount of treated effluent that is recycled is dependent on annual rainfalls in the region – eg 5% in a very wet year, and up to 30% in a very dry year. The target is based on “average rainfall conditions” over the previous five years

CSP Strategy	Project Name	Activity for 2025-26 Operational Plan	Performance Measure/s	Target
PI-4	Old Bar Sewer Pump Station No.8 and Rising Main - <i>new</i>	Construct new pump station and rising main	Construction of new pump station and rising main commenced	June 2026
PI-4	Old Bar Sewer Trunk Main network for catchment No.8 - <i>new</i>	Develop design of new sewer main network	Design completed	May 2026
PI-4	Taree Sewer Catchments 01 and 06 Servicing Strategy – <i>upgrades & renewals</i>	Develop concept design	Concept design completed	December 2025
PI-4	Tea Gardens to Hawks Nest sewer rising main – <i>new</i>	Conduct tender process and begin construction	Construction tender awarded and construction commenced	June 2026
Sewerage Network - Asset replacements and renewals				
PI-4	Forster Sewage Treatment switchboard - <i>replacement</i>	Develop detailed design of new switchboard	Design commenced	June 2026
PI-4	Tea Gardens/Hawks Nest Singing Bridge Sewer Main - <i>renewal</i>	Install replacement sewer main	Installation commenced	June 2026
PI-4	Wingham Sewer Pump Station No.8 and Rising Main - <i>new</i>	Develop concept design and obtain all necessary approvals	Concept design completed and approvals obtained	December 2025
PI-4	Sewer Pump Station (SPS) Renewal Program	Renew required assets at Gloucester SPS 05	Renewal works completed	June 2026
PI-4	Sewer Pump Station (SPS) Renewal Program	Renew required assets at Tea Gardens SPS 01	Renewal works completed	June 2026
PI-4	Sewer Pump Station (SPS) Renewal Program	Renew required assets at Old Bar SPS 03	Renewal works commenced	June 2026
PI-4	Sewer Pump Station (SPS) Renewal Program	Replace switchboards at locations based on priority	Five switchboards replaced	June 2026
PI-4	Sewer Pump Station (SPS) Renewal Program	Replace sewer pumps at locations based on priority	20 Sewer pumps replaced	June 2026
PI-4	Sewer Reticulation Renewal Program	Reline or replace sewer gravity mains and/or manholes at Taree Catchment No.20	Renewal completed	June 2026

CSP Strategy	Project Name	Activity for 2025-26 Operational Plan	Performance Measure/s	Target
PI-4	Sewer Reticulation Renewal Program	Reline or replace sewer gravity mains and/or manholes at Hawks Nest Catchment No.1	Renewal completed	June 2026
PI-4	Sewer Reticulation Renewal Program	Reline or replace sewer gravity mains and/or manholes at Forster Catchment No.18	Renewal completed	June 2026
PI-4	Sewage Treatment Plant Renewal Program	Replace current de-watering unit at Dawson Sewage Treatment Plant with Dewatering Screw Press	Replacement commenced	June 2026
PI-4	Sewage Treatment Plant Renewal Program	Renew Dawson Sewage Treatment Plant Aeration System	Renewal commenced	June 2026
PI-4	Sewage Treatment Plant Renewal Program	Replace the Reuse System at the Forster Sewage Treatment Plant	Replacement commenced	June 2026
PI-4	Sewage Treatment Plant Renewal Program	Replace UV Systems at Stroud, Lansdowne, Coopernook and Manning Point	Replacements completed	February 2026

Service Budget – Sewerage Services

Description	2024-25	2025-26
FTE	77.00	77.67
	\$	\$
Income		
Rates & User Charges	-\$45,297,000	-\$46,963,000
Fees & Other Income	-\$2,003,300	-\$3,804,000
Grants & Contributions	-\$4,500,000	-\$4,500,000
TOTAL Income	-\$51,800,300	-\$55,267,000
Expenses		
Employee Costs	\$9,347,733	\$9,505,694
Borrowing Costs	\$2,328,850	\$2,001,675
Materials, Goods & Services & Other Expenses	\$11,144,366	\$11,764,086
Depreciation	\$11,100,000	\$11,100,000
TOTAL Expenses	\$33,920,949	\$34,371,455
Net Operating Result	-\$17,879,351	-\$20,895,545
Capital Expenditure	\$35,650,000	\$56,663,000
Loan Principal Repayments	\$5,449,713	\$4,949,762
Non-Cash Adjustments	-\$11,100,000	-\$11,100,000
Net Transfers to/from Reserves	-\$9,528,000	\$0
Corporate Overhead Allocation	\$6,460,489	\$6,581,586
Net Cost of Service (Net Budget Result)	\$9,052,851	\$36,198,803

Stormwater Drainage, Flooding & Coastal Engineering

Service Description

Provide and manage an integrated stormwater drainage network (including detention basins), flood risk management and natural disaster impact mitigation.

Department	Projects & Engineering Transport Assets	Operations South Operations North
Responsibility	Executive Manager Transport & Engineering	
FTE	3	
Council Strategies and Plans	Stormwater Drainage Asset Management Plan	Great Lakes Coastal Zone Management Plan
	Stormwater Management Plans	Jimmys Beach Coastal Zone Management Plan
	Floodplain Risk Management Study & Plans for Multiple Waterways	Myall Lakes Estuary Coastal Zone Management Plan
	Manning Valley Coastal Zone Management Plan	Smiths Lake Estuary Coastal Zone Management Plan
CSP Strategies	<p>NE-2 Protect and improve the health of our coastlines, waterways, wetlands and water catchments</p> <p>NE-5 Manage risks to our environment and communities from climate change and natural disasters</p> <p>L-4 Deliver services to the community with a focus on customer service, efficiency, continuous improvement and long-term financial health</p>	

Service Deliverables

CSP Strategy	What we deliver on a day-to-day basis	Mandatory or Discretionary
NE-2	Provide coastal, flooding and drainage engineering and management expertise	Mandatory
NE-2	Provide technical advice in relation to stormwater drainage, flooding and coastal impacts of development applications	Mandatory
NE-2	Design, construct, inspect and maintain stormwater drainage network	Mandatory
NE-5	Undertake flood planning including flood studies, mapping and development of Floodplain Risk Management Plans	Mandatory
NE-5	Manage flood controls including levees and floodgates	Mandatory

Performance Measures

CSP Strategy	Performance measure description	Baseline	Target
NE-5	Stormwater drainage network asset backlog ratio	1.54% ¹³	< 2
NE-5	Stormwater drainage network renewal ratio	0.19% ¹³	> 1

Major Project Activities 2025-26

CSP Strategy	Project Name	Activity for 2025-26 Operational Plan	Performance Measure/s	Target
NE-5	Drainage improvement works funded from the stormwater levy	Renew and upgrade stormwater drainage in the following locations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newmans Avenue, Blueys Beach • Berkeley Street, Stroud • Manning Point Road, Manning Point • Oxley Street, Taree 	Stormwater drainage renewed and upgraded	June 2026
NE-5	Revision of local stormwater plans	Review and update local stormwater plan for the Gloucester central-east catchment – Ravenshaw Street to Railway Street	Stormwater plan reviewed and updated	June 2026
L-4	Introduction of Special Rate for the proposed North Tuncurry Urban Release Area	For properties in the proposed North Tuncurry Urban Release Area, apply to IPART for approval to introduce a Special Rate, to fund additional water quality management and stormwater maintenance requirements <i>(Note timing subject to ongoing discussions with Landcom)</i>	Application prepared and submitted to IPART	June 2026

¹³ Ratios have been calculated on initial project data for the purposes of this report and may vary from the ratios presented in the audited financial statements

Service Budget – Stormwater Drainage, Flooding & Coastal Engineering

Description	2024-25	2025-26
FTE	3	3
	\$	\$
Income		
Rates & User Charges	\$0	\$0
Fees & Other Income	\$0	\$0
Grants & Contributions	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Income	\$0	\$0
Expenses		
Employee Costs	\$0	\$50,000
Borrowing Costs	\$25,629	\$21,465
Materials, Goods & Services & Other Expenses	\$168,603	\$238,755
Depreciation	\$0	\$5,310,000
TOTAL Expenses	\$194,232	\$5,620,220
Net Operating Result	\$194,232	\$5,620,220
Capital Expenditure	\$835,000	\$986,730
Loan Principal Repayments	\$110,650	\$110,650
Non-Cash Adjustments	\$0	-\$5,310,000
Net Transfers to/from Reserves	\$635,000	-\$1,100,000
Net Cost of Service (Net Budget Result)	\$500,000	\$307,600

Note – Balance of Employee Costs are included in the Transport Network Service Budget

Transport Network

Service Description

Manage a transport network of roads, bridges, shared pathways (including footpaths and cycleways), streetscapes, and streetlighting throughout our 10,052 square kilometre region, including Traffic and Safety Regulation.

Department	Projects & Engineering Transport Assets	Operations South Operations North
Responsibility	Executive Manager Transport & Engineering	
FTE	255	
Council Strategies and Plans	Asset Management Strategy and Plans Asset Management Policy Pedestrian Access & Mobility Plan (PAMP)	Bucketts Way Route Upgrade Strategy MidCoast Road Strategy
CSP Strategies	<p>PI-5 Provide a safe, reliable and well-maintained road and broader transport network with options for active and shared travel</p> <p>L-4 Deliver services to the community with a focus on customer service, efficiency, continuous improvement and long-term financial health</p>	

Service Deliverables

CSP Strategy	What we deliver on a day-to-day basis	Mandatory or Discretionary
PI-5	Design, construct, maintain and inspect local ¹⁴ and regional ¹⁵ road network and bridges	Mandatory
PI-5	Design, construct, inspect and maintain shared pathway network in accordance with the Pedestrian Access & Mobility Plan	Mandatory
PI-5	Provide and maintain street and road related lighting including green energy plans and energy efficient lighting in partnership with Essential Energy	Mandatory
PI-5	Provide and manage traffic signage, line marking and a safe roadside environment	Mandatory
PI-5	Provide on and off-road car parking for road users	Mandatory

¹⁴ Local Roads are the council-controlled roads which provide for local circulation and access. It is the responsibility of Council to fund, prioritise and carry out works on Local Roads Source: Independent Panel – Road Classification Review and Transfer Information Paper

¹⁵ Regional Roads are routes of secondary importance between State Roads and Local Roads. They are designated Regional based on their significance rather than geographical location. It is the responsibility of Council to fund, prioritise and carry out works on Regional Roads. They are eligible for funding assistance from the State government in recognition of their importance to the network. Source: Independent Panel – Road Classification Review and Transfer Information Paper

CSP Strategy	What we deliver on a day-to-day basis	Mandatory or Discretionary
PI-5	Assess the impacts of development on the local and regional road network, including car parking, traffic and signage	Mandatory
PI-5	Provide traffic and transport education and awareness activities	Discretionary
PI-5	Provide traffic and transport management including appropriate parking controls	Mandatory
PI-5	Administer the function of the Weight of Loads Group on behalf of 14 Councils	Mandatory

Performance Measures

CSP Strategy	Performance measure description	Baseline	Target
PI-5	Asset renewal ratio for local roads	1.01	> 1
PI-5	Asset renewal ratio for regional roads	4.09	> 1
PI-5	Asset backlog ratio for local roads	7.89	< 2
PI-5	Asset backlog ratio for regional roads	3.76	< 2
PI-5	Asset renewal ratio for bridges	5.18	> 1
PI-5	Asset backlog ratio for bridges	1.41	< 2
PI-5	Number of education and awareness activities held	New	6

Major Project Activities 2025-26

CSP Strategy	Project Name	Activity for 2025-26 Operational Plan	Performance Measure/s	Target
Transport Network - Expansion and upgrades				
PI-5	Manning River Drive Duplication / Dawson River Bridge	Apply for grant funding opportunities to fund the detailed design to 'shovel ready'	Grant funding applications submitted	June 2026
PI-5	The Bucketts Way Corridor Upgrade Program - Stage 3	Revise the corridor upgrade strategy	Strategy revised	June 2026
PI-5	The Bucketts Way Corridor Upgrade Program - Stage 3	Apply for grant funding opportunities to fund the Stage 3 remaining works program	Applications submitted	June 2026

CSP Strategy	Project Name	Activity for 2025-26 Operational Plan	Performance Measure/s	Target
PI-5	Blueys Beach Masterplan	Apply for grant funding to fund the development of the Masterplan	Grant funding applications submitted	June 2026
PI-5	Footpath Program	Construct path on Blackhead Road from Diamond Beach Road to Tallwoods in accordance with work program	70% of full scope constructed	June 2026
Transport Network Renewals				
PI-5	Bridge Program	Undertake Bridge Renewal Program on the Mt Coxcomb Road Bridge No.1	Bridge work completed as per program	June 2026
PI-5	Cedar Party Creek Bridge Renewal	Renew the Cedar Party Creek Bridge in Wingham	Construction completed and bridge open to traffic	June 2026
PI-5	Local Roads Program – <i>resealing¹⁶ urban roads</i>	Undertake resealing works in the following urban localities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edinburgh Drive, Taree • Bent Street, Wingham • Barrington Street, Gloucester • South Street, Tuncurry • Crawford Street, Bulahdelah • Banksia Street, Boomerang Beach • Maxwell Street, Tea Gardens 	Resealing works completed as per program	June 2026
PI-5	Local Roads Program – <i>resealing rural roads</i>	Undertake resealing works in the following rural localities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scone Road, Copeland • Blackhead Road, Hallidays Point • Upper Lansdowne Road, Upper Lansdowne • The Bucketts Way, Hillville • Booral Road, Booral • Kiwarrak Drive, Rainbow Flat 	Resealing works completed as per program	June 2026

¹⁶ Resealing restores a worn road surface and protects the underlying road structure. Resealing can only be undertaken if the underlying pavement is in good condition

CSP Strategy	Project Name	Activity for 2025-26 Operational Plan	Performance Measure/s	Target
PI-5	Local Roads Program – <i>rehabilitation</i> ¹⁷ of urban roads	Undertake rehabilitation works of sealed roads (pavement and/or seal) in the following urban localities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stroud Street, Bulahdelah • Muldoon Street, Taree • King Street, Gloucester 	Rehabilitation works completed as per program	June 2026
PI-5	Local Roads Program – <i>rehabilitation of rural roads</i>	Undertake rehabilitation works of sealed roads (pavement and/or seal) in the following rural localities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lansdowne Road, Lansdowne • Diamond Beach Drive, Hallidays Point • Gloucester Tops Road, Berrico 	Rehabilitation works completed as per program	June 2026
PI-5	Local Roads Program – <i>resheeting of gravel roads</i> ¹⁸	Undertake gravel road resheeting works in the following localities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comboyne Road, Killabakh • Nowendoc Road, Number One • Central Lansdowne Road, Upper Lansdowne 	Resheeting works completed as per program	June 2026
PI-5	Regional Roads Program – <i>resealing works</i>	Undertake resealing works in the following Regional Road localities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Lakes Way, Booti Booti • The Bucketts Way, Krumbach • The Bucketts Way, Belbora 	Resealing works completed as per program	June 2026
PI-5	Regional Roads Program – <i>rehabilitation works</i>	Undertake rehabilitation works of sealed roads (pavement and/or seal) in the following Regional Road localities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Lakes Way, Forster 	Rehabilitation works completed as per program	June 2026

¹⁷ Rehabilitation refers to the comprehensive overhaul of an existing road and is typically undertaken when a road has reached the end of its lifespan, exhibiting significant structural deficiencies and deterioration

¹⁸ Gravel re-sheeting is a process used to maintain the life of an unsealed road surface. Gravel is added over the full width and length of a specified section of unsealed road

CSP Strategy	Project Name	Activity for 2025-26 Operational Plan	Performance Measure/s	Target
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Bucketts Way, Krambach The Lakes Way, Charlotte Bay 		
PI-5	Road Delineation ¹⁹ Renewal Program	Develop Road Delineation Renewal Program	Program developed	July 2025
PI-5	Road Delineation Renewal Program	Undertake delineation renewals identified for 2025-26	Delineation renewals completed as per program	June 2026
Transport Network Maintenance				
PI-5	Local Roads - <i>Heavy Patching Program</i> ²⁰	Develop Heavy Patching Program for local roads	Program developed	July 2025
PI-5	Local Roads - <i>Heavy Patching Program</i>	Undertake heavy patching works identified for 2025-26	Heavy patching works completed as per program	June 2026
PI-5	Crack Sealing Program ²¹	Develop Crack Sealing Program	Program developed	July 2025
PI-5	Crack Sealing Program	Undertake sealing works identified for 2025-26	Crack sealing works completed as per program	June 2026
PI-5	Drainage Maintenance Program ²²	Develop Drainage Maintenance Program	Program developed	July 2025
PI-5	Drainage Maintenance Program	Undertake drainage works identified for 2025-26	Drainage works completed as per program	June 2026
PI-5	Road Shoulder Grading Program ²³	Develop Road Shoulder Grading Program	Program developed	July 2025
PI-5	Road Shoulder Grading Program	Undertake grading works identified for 2025-26	Grading works completed as per program	June 2026

¹⁹ Road delineation renewal includes the replacement of guideposts and providing improved signage and line marking to improve driver safety

²⁰ Heavy patching refers to road repairs involving the excavation of a small section of damaged road. The section is then repaired and patched

²¹ Crack sealing is a highly effective preventive maintenance technique for roads which prevents water from infiltrating the road pavement

²² Effective drainage reduces deterioration of the road as it prevents water from seeping into the road base and sub-layers which can cause the road pavement to weaken over time

²³ Road shoulder grading refers to the removal of accumulated sediment along the edge of bitumen roads

CSP Strategy	Project Name	Activity for 2025-26 Operational Plan	Performance Measure/s	Target
Road Strategy Actions				
PI-5	Road Safety Strategic Plan	Develop a network-wide Road Safety Strategic Plan	Strategic Plan developed and adopted	June 2026
PI-5	Footpath Conditions Assessment	Undertake conditions assessment of footpaths across the MidCoast LGA	50% of conditions assessments completed	June 2026
PI-5	Transport Network Service Levels	Develop service levels for road maintenance treatments ²⁴	Service levels developed	June 2026
L-4	Asset AI & Rapid Defect Analysis Implementation	Develop scope of works for the integration of the Asset AI platform with the defects module in Technology One	Scope of works completed	June 2026

²⁴ Road service treatments includes activities such as grading of roads, cutting of roadside vegetation, road sweeping

Service Budget – Transport Network

Description	2024-25	2025-26
FTE	234.20	255
	\$	\$
Income		
Rates & User Charges	-\$1,153,345	-\$1,461,236
Fees & Other Income	-\$237,500	-\$266,000
Grants & Contributions	-\$39,527,904	-\$25,789,472
TOTAL Income	-\$40,918,749	-\$27,516,709
Expenses		
Employee Costs	\$25,405,429	\$19,600,356
Borrowing Costs	\$1,575,900	\$1,535,110
Materials, Goods & Services & Other Expenses	\$7,377,169	\$13,870,661
Depreciation	\$0	\$34,346,300
TOTAL Expenses	\$34,358,498	\$69,352,427
Net Operating Result	-\$6,560,251	\$41,835,718
Capital Expenditure	\$67,825,063	\$49,971,446
Loan Principal Repayments	\$4,294,028	\$4,385,200
Non-Cash Adjustments	\$0	-\$34,346,300
Net Transfers to/from Reserves	-\$23,521,703	-\$12,834,868
Corporate Overhead Allocation	\$26,161	\$47,161
Net Cost of Service (Net Budget Result)	\$42,063,298	\$49,058,357

Note – Employee Costs include the balance of employee costs from the Emergency Management and Stormwater Drainage, Flooding & Coastal Engineering services

Water Supply & Treatment

Service Description

Provide quality water supply to the community via a water network which includes extraction; treatment and testing of water; planning and construction of water infrastructure; operation and maintenance of water network; as well as 24/7 breakdown response.

Department	Water Operations Water Planning and Assets	Water Project Delivery Water Management and Treatment
Responsibility	Executive Manager Water and Systems	
FTE	119.62	
Council Strategies and Plans	Drinking Water Quality Management System Water & Systems Strategic Business Plan Integrated Water Cycle Management Strategy	Water Asset Management Plan Drought Management Plan Water Servicing Strategies Development Servicing Plans
CSP Strategies	PI-2 Deliver housing to meet demand including social, affordable and accessible housing options PI-4 Provide safe, secure and affordable water and sewerage services	

Service Deliverables

CSP Strategy	What we deliver on a day-to-day basis	Mandatory or Discretionary
PI-2	Assess impact of development on water network, including providing technical advice and approvals to connect to the water network	Mandatory
PI-4	Treat and manage water quality (including laboratory testing, compliance and Drinking Water Quality Management System)	Mandatory
PI-4	Operate, maintain and respond to breakdowns of the water network	Mandatory
PI-4	Renew water assets	Mandatory
PI-4	Plan, design and manage water assets	Mandatory

Performance Measures

CSP Strategy	Performance measure description	Baseline	Target
PI-4	Compliance to Australian Drinking Water Guidelines for monitoring program sites	100%	100%

CSP Strategy	Performance measure description	Baseline	Target
PI-4	Proportion of water assets with condition class satisfactory or above	75%	≥ 75%
PI-4	Number of unplanned water main breaks (annual)	157	< 157

Major Project Activities 2025-26

CSP Strategy	Project Name	Activity for 2025-26 Operational Plan	Performance Measure/s	Target
Water Supply & Treatment - Expansion & upgrades				
PI-4	Bulahdelah Off-River Storage Dam	Develop concept design	Concept design commenced	June 2026
PI-4	Gloucester Off-River Storage Dam	Develop concept design	Concept design commenced	June 2026
PI-4	Peg Leg Creek Off-River Storage Dam	Develop concept design and obtain necessary external approvals	Concept design and approval process commenced	June 2026
Water Supply & Treatment – Asset replacements and renewals				
PI-4	Charlotte Bay Water Main Renewal	Develop design and replace approximately 4km of water main along The Lakes Way at Charlotte Bay from Boomerang Drive to Macwood Road	Design completed and replacement commenced	June 2026
PI-4	Water Meter Renewal Program	Replace customer water meters	Minimum of 1,000 meters replaced	June 2026
PI-4	Water Reservoir Renewal Program	Renew and/or replace specific assets or parts of assets at reservoirs at Krumbach, Harrington, Wingham No.3 & Lansdowne	Renewals and replacements completed	June 2026
PI-4	Water Reticulation Renewal Program	Replace over 6km of water mains within Council areas including Tuncurry, Cundletown, Taree and Forster	Replacement of water mains completed as per program	June 2026
PI-4	Water Treatment Plant Renewal Program	Replace assets (including pumps, flowmeters, pipework, valves, electrical equipment) at Stroud, Gloucester, Bootawa, Bulahdelah, Nabiac and Tea Gardens Water Treatment Plants	Assets replaced	June 2026

CSP Strategy	Project Name	Activity for 2025-26 Operational Plan	Performance Measure/s	Target
PI-4	Water Treatment Plant renewal program	Install Potassium Dosing System at Bulahdelah Water Treatment Plant	System installed	December 2025
PI-4	Water Treatment Plant renewal program	Replace Fluoride Dosing System at Nabiac Water Treatment Plant	Assets replaced	December 2025
PI-4	Water Treatment Plant renewal program	Replace Membranes at Tea Gardens Water Treatment Plant	Assets replaced	June 2026

Service Budget – Water Supply & Treatment

Description	2024-25	2025-26
FTE	118.95	119.62
	\$	\$
Income		
Rates & User Charges	-\$49,826,071	-\$51,927,571
Fees & Other Income	-\$852,929	-\$1,151,929
Grants & Contributions	-\$4,250,000	-\$4,250,000
TOTAL Income	-\$54,929,000	-\$57,329,500
Expenses		
Employee Costs	\$9,525,681	\$11,117,842
Borrowing Costs	\$3,842,955	\$3,501,507
Materials, Goods & Services & Other Expenses	\$9,870,968	\$10,746,658
Depreciation	\$15,400,000	\$15,550,000
TOTAL Expenses	\$38,639,604	\$40,916,007
Net Operating Result	-\$16,289,396	-\$16,413,493
Capital Expenditure	\$27,983,500	\$20,968,500
Loan Principal Repayments	\$5,353,816	\$5,212,968
Non-Cash Adjustments	-\$15,400,000	-\$15,550,000
Net Transfers to/from Reserves	-\$5,495,000	\$0
Corporate Overhead Allocation	\$6,460,489	\$6,581,587
Net Cost of Service (Net Budget Result)	\$2,613,409	\$799,562



CORPORATE SERVICES

- Business Transformation Program
- Corporate Planning & Performance
- Finance
- Fleet Management
- Governance & Risk
- Information & Communications Technology
- Legal & Property
- Procurement & Stores
- Strategic Asset Planning & Project Management
- Workforce Services

Business Transformation Program

Service Description

The program aims to improve our customer experience and operational efficiencies while increasing staff productivity and engagement organisation wide. It will deliver enhanced reporting and analytics to all services for improved critical decision making. It will include remediation of current technologies and operating systems used by all departments.

Program to conclude in FY 2026-27

Responsibility	Program Manager Business Transformation	
FTE	15	
Council Strategies and Plans	ICT Strategy Information Management Framework	Customer Experience Strategy
CSP Strategies	L-4	

Performance Measures

CSP Strategy	Performance measure description	Baseline	Target
L-4	Annual efficiency benefits from implementation of the Business Transformation Program	New	≥ \$1.131million

Major Project Activities 2025-26

CSP Strategy	Project Name	Activity for 2025-26 Operational Plan	Performance Measure/s	Target
L-4	Business Transformation Program	Implement Property and Rating system (build, test, deploy, train and embed)	Implementation completed	June 2026
L-4	Business Transformation Program	Implement Human Resource Management system (build, test, deploy, train and embed)	Implementation completed	June 2026

Service Budget – Business Transformation Program

Description	2024-25	2025-26
FTE	10.80	15.00
	\$	\$
Income		
Rates & User Charges	\$0	\$0
Fees & Other Income	\$0	\$0
Grants & Contributions	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Income	\$0	\$0
Expenses		
Employee Costs	\$1,069,195	\$1,791,906
Borrowing Costs	\$0	\$0
Materials, Goods & Services & Other Expenses	\$5,927,512	\$4,403,491
TOTAL Expenses	\$6,996,707	\$6,195,398
Net Operating Result	\$6,996,707	\$6,195,398
Capital Expenditure	\$0	\$0
Loan Principal Repayments	\$0	\$0
Non-Cash Adjustments	\$0	\$0
Net Transfers to/from Reserves	\$0	-\$4,000,484
Net Cost of Service (Net Budget Result)	\$6,996,707	\$2,194,914

Corporate Planning & Performance

Service Description

Coordinate the preparation of corporate planning documents to meet the Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) requirements and support business planning. Conduct service reviews to identify service improvement initiatives.

Department	Strategy & Performance
Responsibility	Manager Organisational Strategy and People
FTE	10
Council Strategies and Plans	Community Strategic Plan
CSP Strategies	<p>L-3 Provide open and transparent leadership with a focus on clear decision-making processes and ongoing communication with the community</p> <p>L-4 Deliver services to the community with a focus on customer service, efficiency, continuous improvement and long-term financial health</p>

Service Deliverables

CSP Strategy	What we deliver on a day-to-day basis	Mandatory or Discretionary
L-3	Coordinate and prepare Council's Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) documents	Mandatory
L-3	Support strategic, business and service planning	Discretionary
L-4	Plan and deliver a program of service reviews	Mandatory
L-4	Support the delivery of service improvement activities and report on progress	Mandatory

Performance Measures

CSP Strategy	Performance measure description	Baseline	Target
L-3	Community Strategic Plan complies with the mandatory requirements of the Local Government Act and Regulations	100%	100%
L-3	Delivery Program and Operational Plan complies with the mandatory requirements of the Local Government Act and Regulations	100%	100%
L-4	Agreed and funded service improvement actions completed within 12 months of each Service Review	New	90%

CSP Strategy	Performance measure description	Baseline	Target
L-4	Identified benefits from each Service Review realised by the target date	New	90%

Major Project Activities 2025-26

CSP Strategy	Project Name	Activity for 2025-26 Operational Plan	Performance Measure/s	Target
L-3	Planning and Reporting System	Identify and procure appropriate system	Procurement process progressed	June 2026
L-3	Strategic Planning Framework	Review Council Strategies and Plans and develop a Strategic framework	Strategic framework developed	June 2026
L-4	Service Levels and Resource Alignment Program	Document and publish existing levels of service for all major service areas	Levels of service published on Council's website	June 2026
L-4	Service Levels and Resource Alignment Program	Review resource requirements against the levels of service for all major service areas	Requirements reviewed by General Manager and Executive Team	June 2026
L-4	Service Review Program	Undertake service review for Transport Network	Service review completed	December 2025
L-4	Service Review Program	Undertake service review for Public Spaces	Service review completed	June 2026

Service Budget – Corporate Planning & Performance

Description	2024-25	2025-26
FTE	7.91	10.00
	\$	\$
Income		
Rates & User Charges	\$0	\$0
Fees & Other Income	\$0	\$0
Grants & Contributions	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Income	\$0	\$0
Expenses		
Employee Costs	\$1,123,366	\$1,304,983
Borrowing Costs	\$0	\$0
Materials, Goods & Services & Other Expenses	\$329,850	\$329,850
TOTAL Expenses	\$1,452,816	\$1,634,833
Net Operating Result	\$1,452,816	\$1,634,833
Capital Expenditure	\$0	\$0
Loan Principal Repayments	\$0	\$0
Non-Cash Adjustments	\$0	\$0
Net Transfers to/from Reserves	\$0	\$0
Net Cost of Service (Net Budget Result)	\$1,452,816	\$1,634,833

Finance

Service Description

Deliver financial management and accounting services that support the business-as-usual functions of the organisation while providing analysis and strategic advice focussed on ongoing long-term financial sustainability.

Department	Finance	
Responsibility	Manager Finance	
FTE	41.34	
Council Strategies and Plans	Long Term Financial Plan Financial Sustainability Action Plan	Operational Plan including Annual Budget & Statement of Revenue Policy
CSP Strategies	<p>L-3 Provide open and transparent leadership with a focus on clear decision-making processes and ongoing communication with the community</p> <p>L-4 Deliver services to the community with a focus on customer service, efficiency, continuous improvement and long-term financial health</p>	

Service Deliverables

CSP Strategy	What we deliver on a day-to-day basis	Mandatory or Discretionary
L-3	Provide internal and external financial reporting to meet the needs of stakeholders	Mandatory
L-4	Provide accounting and financial management services to the organisation including asset accounting, taxation compliance, treasury and reconciliation functions (financial accounting)	Mandatory
L-4	Provide rating and billing services to raise and recover revenue due to Council including rates, annual charges, and user charges (revenue)	Mandatory
L-4	Provide payment services to Council's suppliers, customers and lenders	Mandatory
L-4	Provide payroll services to staff ensuring external obligations are met	Mandatory
L-4	Provide strategic financial advice to the organisation	Mandatory
L-4	Provide Business Partner services to internal clients to ensure appropriate financial and budget management of Council resources	Mandatory

Performance Measures

CSP Strategy	Performance measure description	Baseline	Target
L-4	Operating performance ratio ²⁵	3.33%	> 0.00% ²⁶
L-4	Own source operating revenue ratio ²⁵	65.71%	> 60% ²⁶
L-4	Unrestricted current ratio ²⁵	4.49 times	> 1.50 times ²⁶
L-4	Cash expense cover ratio ²⁵	15.04 months	> 3 months ²⁶
L-4	Rates and annual charges outstanding ²⁵	10.72%	< 10% ²⁶
L-4	Debt service cover ratio ²⁵	4.16 times	> 2.00 times ²⁶
L-4	Asset maintenance ratio ²⁵	105.86%	> 100% ²⁶
L-4	Infrastructure backlog ratio ²⁵	10.04%	< 2.00% ²⁶
L-4	Building and infrastructure renewal ratio ²⁵	115.59%	≥ 100% ²⁶
L-4	Financial statements prepared, audited and lodged with Office of Local Government (OLG) in accordance with Audit Office Engagement Plan	100%	100%

Major Project Activities 2025-26

CSP Strategy	Project Name	Activity for 2025-26 Operational Plan	Performance Measure/s	Target
L-4	Financial Sustainability Review Action Plan - <i>Activity-based budgeting</i>	Investigate implementation of activity-based budgeting	Report prepared and provided to Council as part of the Financial Sustainability Action Plan Report	June 2026

²⁵ Results from previous financial year

²⁶ Benchmark set by Office of Local Government (OLG)

Service Budget – Finance Department

Description	2024-25	2025-26
FTE	43.65	41.34
	\$	\$
Income		
Rates & User Charges	\$0	\$0
Fees & Other Income	-\$442,500	-\$536,000
Grants & Contributions	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Income	-\$442,500	-\$536,000
Expenses		
Employee Costs	\$4,427,373	\$4,341,564
Borrowing Costs	\$0	\$0
Materials, Goods & Services & Other Expenses	\$2,341,720	\$2,388,600
TOTAL Expenses	\$6,769,093	\$6,730,164
Net Operating Result	\$6,326,593	\$6,194,164
Capital Expenditure	\$0	\$0
Loan Principal Repayments	\$0	\$0
Non-Cash Adjustments	\$0	\$0
Net Transfers to/from Reserves	\$0	\$0
Corporate Overhead Allocation	-\$1,109,713	-\$1,285,922
Net Cost of Service (Net Budget Result)	\$5,216,880	\$4,908,243

Service Budget – Corporate Finances

This budget includes General Purpose revenues (Financial Assistance Grants, investment income, rate revenue, developer contributions, internal inter-fund transfers, transfers to and from reserves) that are not the specific responsibility of a particular management area but provide funding across all Council service areas. Inclusion of the items below within Service Areas would distort the nett cost of providing those services.

Description	2024-25	2025-26
	\$	\$
Income		
Rates & User Charges	-\$97,901,922	-\$101,898,642
Fees & Other Income	-\$9,219,900	-\$9,168,900
Grants & Contributions	-\$25,089,330	-\$27,468,254
TOTAL Income	-\$132,211,152	-\$138,535,796
Expenses		
Depreciation	\$62,879,800	\$0
Borrowing Costs	\$0	\$0
Materials, Goods & Services & Other Expenses	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Expenses	\$62,879,800	\$0
Net Operating Result	-\$69,331,352	-\$138,535,796
Capital Expenditure	\$0	\$0
Loan Principal Repayments	\$0	\$0
Non-Cash Adjustments	-\$62,879,800	\$0
Net Transfers to/from Reserves	\$15,881,946	\$18,860,480
Corporate Overhead Allocation	-\$11,788,307	-\$10,577,856
Net Cost of Service (Net Budget Result)	-\$128,117,513	-\$130,253,172

Fleet Management

Service Description

Manage Council's light, heavy and specialised fleet assets so that all safety and compliance standards are met cost-effectively while maximising operational efficiencies.

Department	Governance
Responsibility	Manager Governance
FTE	4
Council Strategies and Plans	Motor Vehicle Allocation and Use Policy
CSP Strategies	<p>NE-4 Conserve our natural resources and reduce our greenhouse gas emissions</p> <p>L-4 Deliver services to the community with a focus on customer service, efficiency, continuous improvement and long-term financial health</p>

Service Deliverables

CSP Strategy	What we deliver on a day-to-day basis	Mandatory or Discretionary
NE-4	Transition fleet to lower emission vehicles	Discretionary
L-4	Manage Council's light fleet assets in accordance with the Motor Vehicle Allocation and Use Policy and ensure safety and compliance standards are met cost-effectively while maximising operational efficiencies	Mandatory
L-4	Manage Council's heavy fleet assets so that all safety and compliance standards are met cost-effectively while maximising operational efficiencies	Mandatory

Performance Measures

CSP Strategy	Performance measure description	Baseline	Target
NE-4	Number of Council passenger pool vehicles that are electrified (hybrid, PHEV, BEV, FCEV)	9	10
NE-4	Number of tonnes CO ₂ emissions from Council's fleet (light commercial vehicles, passenger vehicles and trucks)	3,330	3,500 ²⁷
L-4	Replacement of fleet assets in accordance with the fleet asset replacement program	New	100%

²⁷ Target considers future fleet size and makeup – Fleet growth is projected due to reduction in use of plant hire. Plant hire emissions are not captured

CSP Strategy	Performance measure description	Baseline	Target
L-4	Fleet assets meet safety standards as specified by vehicle selection criteria in Council's Motor Vehicle Allocation & Use Policy and Fleet Procurement Guidelines	100%	100%
L-4	Utilisation targets for heavy and specialised fleet assets met for major asset categories	New	100%

Major Project Activities 2025-26

CSP Strategy	Project Name	Activity for 2025-26 Operational Plan	Performance Measure/s	Target
L-4	Fleet Replacement Program	Identify processes for migration to TechOne workflows	Processes identified	June 2026
L-4	Fleet Telematics	Define scope of telematics program based on outcomes of trial	Scope of telematics program defined, and procurement process commenced	December 2025

Service Budget – Fleet Management

Description	2024-25	2025-26
FTE	5.00	4.00
	\$	\$
Income		
Rates & User Charges	-\$950,000	-\$1,000,000
Fees & Other Income	-\$9,443,094	-\$9,675,928
Grants & Contributions	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Income	-\$10,393,094	-\$10,675,928
Expenses		
Employee Costs	\$3,155,749	\$1,995,773
Borrowing Costs	\$6,400	\$6,400
Materials, Goods & Services & Other Expenses	\$6,506,010	\$6,536,510
Depreciation	\$34,000	\$5,719,000
TOTAL Expenses	\$9,702,159	\$14,257,683
Net Operating Result	-\$690,935	\$3,581,755
Capital Expenditure	\$5,404,977	\$10,899,070
Loan Principal Repayments	\$0	\$0
Non-Cash Adjustments	\$0	-\$5,685,000
Net Transfers to/from Reserves	-\$494,025	-\$6,106,925
Corporate Overhead Allocation	-\$2,630,000	-\$2,688,900
Net Cost of Service (Net Budget Result)	\$1,590,017	\$0

Governance & Risk

Service Description

Responsible for legislative compliance, information management, records management, risk and insurance management, business continuity across the organisation and corporate support to Council and the elected representatives.

Department	Governance	
Responsibility	Manager Governance	
FTE	16.29	
Council Strategies and Plans	Governance Framework Fraud & Corruption Control Framework Policy Framework	Enterprise Risk Management Framework & Policy Internal Audit Universe & Audit Plans Information Management Framework
CSP Strategies	L-3	Provide open and transparent leadership with a focus on clear decision-making processes and ongoing communication with the community
	L-4	Deliver services to the community with a focus on customer service, efficiency, continuous improvement and long-term financial health

Service Deliverables

CSP Strategy	What we deliver on a day-to-day basis	Mandatory or Discretionary
L-3	Provide information management and records management services including legislative record keeping compliance, archiving and digitisation (including Paper-Lite initiatives to digitise legacy corporate records)	Mandatory
L-3	Provide appropriate access to government information via Government Information Public Access Act (GIPA)	Mandatory
L-4	Coordinate insurance coverage for Council and management of claims	Mandatory
L-4	Coordinate the risk management framework including climate change risk registers	Mandatory
L-4	Manage Council's Business Continuity Plan	Mandatory
L-4	Manage Council's internal audit function, including administration of internal audits and the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee	Mandatory
L-4	Manage organisational governance policies and procedures to ensure statutory compliance	Mandatory

CSP Strategy	What we deliver on a day-to-day basis	Mandatory or Discretionary
L-4	Provide corporate support to Council and the elected representatives including management of council meetings and Councillor professional development program	Mandatory

Performance Measures

CSP Strategy	Performance measure description	Baseline	Target
L-3	Percentage of formal Government Information (Public Access) Act (GIPA) applications completed within legislated timeframe	100%	100%
L-4	Percentage of agreed management actions from Internal Audits undertaken completed on time	83.7%	100%
L-4	Percentage of recommendations from audits undertaken by NSW Audit Office completed on time that are identified as a 'high and very high' risk	New	100%
L-4	Difference between average inherent strategic risk score and average residual strategic risk score	43.7%	43.7%

Major Project Activities 2025-26

CSP Strategy	Project Name	Activity for 2025-26 Operational Plan	Performance Measure/s	Target
L-3	Transition of historical documents to Museums NSW	Identify appropriate historical records and commence transition to Museums NSW	Historical records identified and transition process commenced	June 2026
L-4	Risk Register Software System	Explore, procure and implement appropriate platform	Platform procured and implementation commenced	June 2026

Service Budget – Governance & Risk

Description	2024-25	2025-26
FTE	17.78	16.29
	\$	\$
Income		
Rates & User Charges	-\$8,500	-\$8,500
Fees & Other Income	-\$112,200	-\$996,200
Grants & Contributions	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Income	-\$120,700	-\$1,004,700
Expenses		
Employee Costs	\$1,739,962	\$1,877,640
Borrowing Costs	\$0	\$0
Materials, Goods & Services & Other Expenses	\$5,125,025	\$2,385,870
TOTAL Expenses	\$6,864,987	\$4,263,510
Net Operating Result	\$6,744,287	\$3,258,810
Capital Expenditure	\$0	\$0
Loan Principal Repayments	\$0	\$0
Non-Cash Adjustments	\$0	\$0
Net Transfers to/from Reserves	-\$708,000	\$205,000
Net Cost of Service (Net Budget Result)	\$6,036,287	\$3,463,810

Information & Communications Technology

Service Description

Manage and maintain Council's Information and Communications Technology (ICT) systems and equipment to support the efficient operation of Council by delivering reliable, innovative, and secure technology solutions. The department manages and maintains Council's ICT infrastructure, including hardware, software, and communication networks, ensuring seamless connectivity across all operations.

Department	Information Technology	
Responsibility	Manager Information Technology	
FTE	33.80	
Council Strategies and Plans	ICT Strategy Information Management Framework	Customer Experience Strategy Cyber Security Strategy
CSP Strategies	PI-2 Deliver housing to meet demand including social, affordable and accessible housing options L-4 Deliver services to the community with a focus on customer service, efficiency, continuous improvement and long-term financial health	

Service Deliverables

CSP Strategy	What we deliver on a day-to-day basis	Mandatory or Discretionary
L-4	Provide centralised technical support for Council IT systems, equipment and applications	Discretionary
L-4	Oversee and maintain core IT systems that support Council services and operations	Discretionary
L-4	Explore and implement new technologies to enhance service efficiency, improve community engagement, and future-proof Council operations	Discretionary
L-4	Deliver accurate and up-to-date spatial and mapping information to support Council planning, NSW state agencies (such as emergency services), and the general public	Mandatory
L-4	Manage Council's IT infrastructure to ensure consistent and reliable operation, including the delivery of technologies and services that support 24/7 operation of Water and Sewer systems	Mandatory
L-4	Safeguard Council's digital assets and data through robust security measures and protocols	Mandatory

Performance Measures

CSP Strategy	Performance measure description	Baseline	Target
PI-2	Section 10.7 planning certificates released in 5 working days	99%	≥ 99%
L-4	Average time (business hours) taken to resolve internal information and technology helpdesk requests	10 hrs and 12 mins	≤ 12 hrs
L-4	Communication network uptime for critical assets	99%	≥ 99%
L-4	Public GIS and land information systems data refreshed every 24 hours	96%	≥ 96%
L-4	Corporate software systems available ²⁸	99.5%	99.5%

Major Project Activities 2025-26

CSP Strategy	Project Name	Activity for 2025-26 Operational Plan	Performance Measure/s	Target
L-4	Artificial Intelligence (AI) Strategy and Framework	Develop and implement an AI Strategy and Framework	AI Strategy and Framework implemented	June 2026
L-4	Data Governance Framework	Develop draft data governance framework and commence pilot program	Draft data governance framework prepared, and pilot program commenced	June 2026

²⁸ Monday to Friday between 7am to 7pm. Excluding public holidays and any hours of scheduled maintenance or Emergency Maintenance.

Service Budget – Information & Communications Technology

Description	2024-25	2025-26
FTE	33.80	33.80
	\$	\$
Income		
Rates & User Charges	-\$293,750	-\$304,750
Fees & Other Income	\$0	\$0
Grants & Contributions	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Income	-\$293,750	-\$304,750
Expenses		
Employee Costs	\$3,833,341	\$4,083,391
Borrowing Costs	\$0	\$0
Materials, Goods & Services & Other Expenses	\$8,422,081	\$8,055,994
Depreciation	\$0	\$1,820,000
TOTAL Expenses	\$12,255,422	\$13,959,385
Net Operating Result	\$11,961,672	\$13,654,635
Capital Expenditure	\$0	\$0
Loan Principal Repayments	\$0	\$0
Non-Cash Adjustments	\$0	-\$1,820,000
Net Transfers to/from Reserves	\$0	\$0
Net Cost of Service (Net Budget Result)	\$11,961,672	\$11,834,635

Legal & Property

Service Description

Provide timely and accurate legal services relating to Council operations and property portfolio management.

Department	Governance
Responsibility	Manager Governance
FTE	7
Council Strategies and Plans	Property Portfolio Strategy (<i>Draft</i>)
CSP Strategies	L-4 Deliver services to the community with a focus on customer service, efficiency, continuous improvement and long-term financial health

Service Deliverables

CSP Strategy	What we deliver on a day-to-day basis	Mandatory or Discretionary
L-4	Manage Council's property portfolio, including purchase, sale, leasing and licencing	Discretionary
L-4	Provide internal legal services and management of outsourced legal services	Mandatory

Performance Measures

CSP Strategy	Performance measure description	Baseline	Target
L-4	Vacancy rate of Council land, buildings and premises available for leasing/licencing purposes	0%	0%
L-4	Percentage increase in total revenue from leased community property portfolio	CPI ²⁹	≥ CPI ²⁹

²⁹ CPI is defined as the Consumer Price Index (All Groups) for the capital city of the State, published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics or any similar published index which replaces it. Current CPI is the CPI for the quarter last published at the relevant review date

Major Project Activities 2025-26

CSP Strategy	Project Name	Activity for 2025-26 Operational Plan	Performance Measure/s	Target
L-4	Financial Sustainability Review Action Plan - <i>Commercial Property Portfolio</i>	Finalise the Property Portfolio Strategy	Strategy endorsed by Council	December 2025
L-4	Financial Sustainability Review Action Plan - <i>Commercial Property Portfolio</i>	Undertake specific property projects as approved by the Asset Advisory Committee and the Elected Representatives	Projects undertaken	June 2026
L-4	Stroud Medical Centre Building Works	Undertake major building repair and maintenance work	Building works completed	Dec 2025

Service Budget – Legal & Property

Description	2024-25	2025-26
FTE	7.00	7.00
	\$	\$
Income		
Rates & User Charges	-\$153,200	-\$156,000
Fees & Other Income	-\$2,550,011	-\$2,758,400
Grants & Contributions	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Income	-\$2,703,211	-\$2,914,400
Expenses		
Employee Costs	\$825,620	\$880,813
Borrowing Costs	\$431,215	\$605,560
Materials, Goods & Services & Other Expenses	\$1,125,995	\$1,397,790
TOTAL Expenses	\$2,382,830	\$2,884,163
Net Operating Result	-\$320,381	-\$30,237
Capital Expenditure	\$65,000	\$0
Loan Principal Repayments	\$3,674,784	\$553,754
Non-Cash Adjustments	\$0	\$0
Net Transfers to/from Reserves	-\$2,503,717	\$529,711
Corporate Overhead Allocation	\$25,688	\$26,665
Net Cost of Service (Net Budget Result)	\$941,374	\$1,079,893

Procurement & Stores

Service Description

Provide oversight and delivery of Council's procurement activities.

Department	Governance	
Responsibility	Manager Governance	
FTE	9	
Council Strategies and Plans	Procurement Framework including Policy, Procedure, tools and templates	Procurement and Stores Service Review Report Card
CSP Strategies	L-4 Deliver services to the community with a focus on customer service, efficiency, continuous improvement and long-term financial health	

Service Deliverables

CSP Strategy	What we deliver on a day-to-day basis	Mandatory or Discretionary
L-4	Manage Council's procurement systems and activities in a way that optimises value for Council and meets all relevant policy and legislative requirements	Mandatory
L-4	Embed sustainable procurement practices that recognise economic, environmental, social and governance factors	Discretionary
L-4	Manage Council's stores inventory and distribution	Discretionary

Performance Measures

CSP Strategy	Performance measure description	Baseline	Target
L-4	Procurement tender activities compliant with relevant policies and legislation	New	100%
L-4	Sustainability included in evaluation criteria for Requests for Tender	New	100%
L-4	Instances where required stores products were unavailable to support the delivery of Council services	New	0

Major Project Activities 2025-26

CSP Strategy	Project Name	Activity for 2025-26 Operational Plan	Performance Measure/s	Target
L-4	Inventory Control	Rationalise and standardise product codes and stores items across all stores including the development of inventory control measures	Project commenced	June 2026
L-4	Procurement Framework	Develop a Procurement Framework	Procurement Framework developed	June 2026

Service Budget – Procurement & Stores

Description	2024-25	2025-26
FTE	9	9
	\$	\$
Income		
Rates & User Charges	\$0	\$0
Fees & Other Income	\$0	-\$5,000
Grants & Contributions	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Income	\$0	-\$5,000
Expenses		
Employee Costs	\$0	\$1,211,135
Borrowing Costs	\$0	\$0
Materials, Goods & Services & Other Expenses	\$0	\$163,100
TOTAL Expenses	\$0	\$1,374,235
Net Operating Result		\$1,369,235
Capital Expenditure	\$0	\$0
Loan Principal Repayments	\$0	\$0
Non-Cash Adjustments	\$0	\$0
Net Transfers to/from Reserves	\$0	\$0
Corporate Overhead Allocation	\$0	\$0
Net Cost of Service (Net Budget Result)	\$0	\$1,369,235

Note – New Service area for 2025-26. Prior year figures contained within Fleet Management service area.

Strategic Asset Planning & Project Management

Service Description

Defines the strategic direction and objectives for asset management and guides the asset management activities across all of Council's asset classes. The service also co-ordinates the development of operational and capital works programs, and implementation of the project management framework including project reporting.

Department	Strategic Asset Planning and Project Management	
Responsibility	Director Corporate Services	
FTE	3	
Council Strategies and Plans	Asset Management Strategy and Policy and associated Asset Management Plans	Project Management Framework
CSP Strategies	L-4 Deliver services to the community with a focus on customer service, efficiency, continuous improvement and long-term financial health	

Service Deliverables

CSP Strategy	What we deliver on a day-to-day basis	Mandatory or Discretionary
L-4	Develop and embed Council's Asset Management Policy and Strategy	Mandatory
L-4	Co-ordinate the development and review of Council's Asset Management Plans across all asset classes and report against their implementation	Mandatory
L-4	Facilitate project management improvement activities across all areas of Council in accordance with the Project Management Framework	Discretionary

Performance Measures

CSP Strategy	Performance measure description	Baseline	Target
L-4	Asset Management Plans reviewed and updated annually for all asset classes	New	100%
L-4	Asset Management Strategy revised and updated annually and aligned with the Long Term Financial Plan	New	100%
L-4	All projects except those assessed as 'minor works' are managed through Council's Project Management Framework	New	100%

Major Project Activities 2025-26

CSP Strategy	Project Name	Activity for 2025-26 Operational Plan	Performance Measure/s	Target
L-4	Asset Management Improvement Plan	Review and update the Asset Management Improvement Plan	Plan reviewed and updated	December 2025
L-4	Project Reporting	Develop project reporting in line with the Reporting Framework Action Plan	Project reporting delivered in line with Reporting Framework Action Plan timelines	June 2026

Service Budget – Strategic Asset Planning & Strategic Project Management

Description	2024-25	2025-26
FTE	N/A	3.00
	\$	\$
Income		
Rates & User Charges	\$0	\$0
Fees & Other Income	\$0	\$0
Grants & Contributions	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Income	\$0	\$0
Expenses		
Employee Costs	\$0	\$421,065
Borrowing Costs	\$0	\$0
Materials, Goods & Services & Other Expenses	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Expenses	\$0	\$421,065
Net Operating Result	\$0	\$421,065
Capital Expenditure	\$0	\$0
Loan Principal Repayments	\$0	\$0
Non-Cash Adjustments	\$0	\$0
Net Transfers to/from Reserves	\$0	\$0
Corporate Overhead Allocation	\$0	\$0
Net Cost of Service (Net Budget Result)	\$0	\$421,065

Note – New Service area for 2025-26. No prior year figures for this service area.

Workforce Services

Service Description

Provide workforce services to Council including workforce planning, recruitment, industrial relations advice and management, training and development, performance management, workplace health and safety, internal communications, internal change management advisory service and organisational development programs.

Department	Strategy & Performance	
Responsibility	Manager Organisational Strategy & People	
FTE	16.60	
Council Strategies and Plans	Workforce Management Strategy and Plan Work Health and Safety Management Plan	Equal Employment Opportunity Management Plan Corporate Training Plan
CSP Strategies	EP-3 Develop, attract and retain a skilled and diverse workforce L-4 Deliver services to the community with a focus on customer service, efficiency, continuous improvement and long-term financial health	

Service Deliverables

CSP Strategy	What we deliver on a day-to-day basis	Mandatory or Discretionary
EP-3	Attract and retain employees with the right skills, knowledge and behaviours to deliver a range of services	Discretionary
EP-3	Provide training and development opportunities to support staff in the delivery of Council services	Discretionary
L-4	Provide support and advisory services such as workforce planning, staff performance management, industrial relations and staff reward and recognition	Discretionary
L-4	Manage Council's Work, Health & Safety Management Program	Mandatory
L-4	Provide internal change management advisory service	Discretionary
L-4	Provide organisational development such as leadership and culture development programs	Discretionary
L-4	Provide internal communication and engagement services	Discretionary

Performance Measures

CSP Strategy	Performance measure description	Baseline	Target
EP-3	Percentage of workforce identifying as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders	3.40%	> 3.40%
EP-3	Percentage of workforce identifying as having a disability	5.76%	> 5.76%
EP-3	Percentage of positions at levels 1 - 4 (manager level and above) occupied by females	26.47%	> 30%
L-4	Number of annual workers compensation claims	38	< 27.1 ³⁰
L-4	Number of annual workers compensation lost time claims	16.7	< 14.7 ³⁰
L-4	Number of annual workers compensation significant lost time claims (exceeding 13 weeks)	0.7	< 3 ³⁰
L-4	Percentage of staff returned to pre-injury duties following an injury	96%	> 81.80% ³¹

Major Project Activities 2025-26

CSP Strategy	Project Name	Activity for 2025-26 Operational Plan	Performance Measure/s	Target
EP-3	Workforce Management Strategy - <i>Corporate training plan for Council staff</i>	Prepare a two-year training plan	Plan prepared	June 2026
EP-3	Workforce Management Strategy – <i>Council recruitment strategy</i>	Develop a recruitment strategy	Recruitment strategy developed	June 2026
EP-3	Workforce Management Strategy – <i>Female leaders' development program</i>	Develop and deliver an emerging female leader's development program	Program delivered	June 2026
EP-3	Workforce Management Strategy – <i>Council staff culture survey</i>	Roll out all-staff culture survey in 2025	Survey completed	June 2026
L-4	Workforce Management Strategy - <i>HSI Donesafe software</i>	Trial of new DoneSafe software ahead of planned implementation by StateCover from September 2025	Trial completed	September 2025

³⁰ SafeWork Australia Local Government Benchmark

³¹ SafeWork Australia National Return to Work Strategy Data

CSP Strategy	Project Name	Activity for 2025-26 Operational Plan	Performance Measure/s	Target
L-4	Workforce Management Strategy – <i>Position description reviews for leadership roles</i>	Review position descriptions for leadership roles to include performance and leadership expectations and work, health and safety metrics	Position descriptions for leadership roles reviewed and updated	June 2026
L-4	Workforce Management Strategy – <i>Manager onboarding program</i>	Design and implement manager onboarding program	Program designed and implemented	June 2026
L-4	Workforce Management Strategy – <i>Critical roles succession plans</i>	Develop succession plans for critical roles	50% of identified critical roles have formal succession plans in place	June 2026
L-4	Workforce Management Strategy – <i>Internal Communications Strategy</i>	Implement Internal Communications Strategy as identified in the action plan	Identified actions completed	June 2026

Service Budget – Workforce Services

Description	2024-25	2025-26
FTE	18.60	16.60
	\$	\$
Income		
Rates & User Charges	\$0	\$0
Fees & Other Income	-\$130,000	-\$130,000
Grants & Contributions	-\$100,000	-\$100,000
TOTAL Income	-\$230,000	-\$230,000
Expenses		
Employee Costs	\$2,442,731	\$2,734,202
Borrowing Costs	\$0	\$0
Materials, Goods & Services & Other Expenses	\$1,270,000	\$1,272,800
TOTAL Expenses	\$3,712,731	\$4,007,002
Net Operating Result	\$3,482,731	\$3,777,002
Capital Expenditure	\$0	\$0
Loan Principal Repayments	\$0	\$0
Non-Cash Adjustments	\$0	\$0
Net Transfers to/from Reserves	\$0	\$0
Net Cost of Service (Net Budget Result)	\$3,482,731	\$3,777,002



ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES & EXECUTIVE TEAM

- Mayor & Councillors
- General Manager & Executive Team

Mayor & Councillors

Service Description

Councillors: represent the interests of the community, provide leadership, and communicate and promote the interests of Council to other levels of government and relevant bodies; are responsible for making decisions in the best interest of the whole community on the provision of services and the allocation of resources; guide the activities of the Council. The Mayor is the leader and principal spokesperson and is responsible for providing strategic direction, promoting partnerships and representing Council at all levels of government.

CSP Strategies	W-2	Support the physical and mental health, and wellbeing of our community
	PI-2	Deliver housing to meet demand including social, affordable and accessible housing options
	EP-3	Develop, attract and retain a skilled and diverse workforce
	L-1	Inform, engage and involve the community in projects and decision-making
	L-3	Provide open and transparent leadership with a focus on clear decision-making processes and ongoing communication with the community

Service Deliverables

CSP Strategy	What we deliver on a day-to-day basis	Mandatory or Discretionary
W-2 PI-2 EP-3	Represent and advocate for the collective interests of residents, ratepayers and the local community with State and Federal government ³²	Mandatory
L-1	Facilitate communication with the local community	Mandatory
L-3	Uphold and represent the policies and decisions of Council	Mandatory
L-3	Be accountable to the local community for the performance of the Council	Mandatory
L-3	Make all reasonable efforts to acquire and maintain the skills necessary to perform the role of a councillor including attendance at professional development opportunities	Mandatory
L-3	Actively contribute and make considered and well-informed decisions	Mandatory
L-3	Identify emerging strategic issues and participate in the development of the integrated planning and reporting framework	Mandatory

Performance Measures

³² Priorities for the period 2025-2029 include increased funding for roads, improved public transport, improved health facilities and services, social and affordable housing options, and improved education and employment services and facilities

CSP Strategy	Performance measure description	Baseline	Target
L-1	Number of Councillors attending 50% of Community Conversations events	New	11
L-3	Number of Councillors attending 90% of Council meetings	New	11
L-3	Number of Councillors attending 80% of Councillor workshops and Council pre-meeting briefings	New	11
L-3	Average Councillor attendance at meetings where Councillors are appointed to internal committees (Reference Groups and Advisory Committees)	New	90%
L-3	Average Councillor attendance at meetings where Councillors are appointed to external committees	New	90%

Service Budget – Mayor & Councillors

Description	2024-25	2025-26
	\$	\$
Income		
Rates & User Charges	\$0	\$0
Fees & Other Income	\$0	\$0
Grants & Contributions	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Income	\$0	\$0
Expenses		
Employee Costs	\$0	\$0
Borrowing Costs	\$0	\$0
Materials, Goods & Services & Other Expenses	\$651,200	\$678,030
TOTAL Expenses	\$651,200	\$678,030
Net Operating Result	\$651,200	\$678,030
Capital Expenditure	\$0	\$0
Loan Principal Repayments	\$0	\$0
Non-Cash Adjustments	\$0	\$0
Net Transfers to/from Reserves	-\$30,000	-\$30,000
Net Cost of Service (Net Budget Result)	\$632,230	\$648,030

General Manager & Executive Team

Service Description

Provide organisational direction to achieve Council's Vision and Mission and establish governance systems that support organisational effectiveness and evidence-based decision making.

Department	Corporate Services Liveable Communities	Infrastructure & Engineering Services
Responsibility	General Manager	
FTE	12.80	
Council Strategies and Plans	MidCoast 2025 Community Strategic Plan MidCoast Delivery Program 2025-2029 MidCoast Operational Plan 2025-26	MidCoast Resourcing Strategy 2025-2029 Financial Sustainability Review Action Plan
CSP Strategies	<p>NE-4 Manage risks to our environment and communities from climate change and natural disasters</p> <p>L-3 Provide open and transparent leadership with a focus on clear decision-making processes and ongoing communication with the community</p> <p>L-4 Deliver services to the community with a focus on customer service, efficiency, continuous improvement and long-term financial health</p>	

Service Deliverables

CSP Strategy	What we deliver on a day-to-day basis	Mandatory or Discretionary
NE-5	Support implementation of the Climate Change Strategy to ensure the impacts of climate change are mitigated	Discretionary
L-1	Ensure the community has clear, accessible, timely and relevant information about Council projects and services and opportunities to participate in decisions that affect them	Mandatory
L-3	Prepare, in consultation with the Mayor and the governing body, Council's Integrated Planning and Reporting suite of plans	Mandatory
L-3	Advise the Mayor and the governing body on the development and implementation of Council's strategic plans, programs, strategies and policies	Mandatory
L-3	Provide leadership and management of Council in accordance with Council's strategic plans, programs, strategies and policies	Mandatory
L-3	Support the delivery of Councillor priorities through the Integrated Planning and Reporting process	Mandatory

CSP Strategy	What we deliver on a day-to-day basis	Mandatory or Discretionary
L-3	Ensure that the Mayor and other Councillors are given timely information and advice and the administrative and professional support necessary to effectively discharge their functions	Mandatory
L-4	Ensure long-term financial sustainability underpins all decision making and strategic planning	Mandatory
L-4	Ensure the Business Transformation Program continues to provide benefits for the organisation and the community	Discretionary
L-4	Support implementation of Council's Service Review Program	Mandatory

Performance Measures

CSP Strategy	Performance measure description	Baseline	Target
L-4	Percentage of completed actions in the Operational Plan	78%	80%

Major Project Activities 2025-26

CSP Strategy	Project Name	Activity for 2025-26 Operational Plan	Performance Measure/s	Target
L-4	Business Transformation Program ³³	Report quarterly on progress of implementation of the Program	Report provided to Council quarterly	June 2026
L-4	Financial Sustainability Review Action Plan	Report six-monthly on progress of implementation of the Action Plan	Report provided to Council in conjunction with the six-monthly Delivery Program Progress Report	June 2026
L-4	Reporting Framework (<i>Assets, Financial and Project reporting</i>)	Develop a Reporting Framework and an action plan for its implementation	Report to Council with Reporting Framework and an Action Plan for implementation	August 2025
L-4	Reporting Framework (<i>Assets, Financial and Project reporting</i>)	Implement Reporting Framework Action Plan	Actions identified for 2025-26 completed	June 2026

³³ Refer to the Business Transformation Program Service Statement on page 94 of this document

Service Budget – General Manager & Executive Team

Description	2024-25	2025-26
FTE	13.80	12.80
	\$	\$
Income		
Rates & User Charges	\$0	\$0
Fees & Other Income	\$0	\$0
Grants & Contributions	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Income	\$0	\$0
Expenses		
Employee Costs	\$2,986,198	\$3,102,959
Borrowing Costs	\$0	\$0
Materials, Goods & Services & Other Expenses	\$127,500	\$133,900
TOTAL Expenses	\$3,047,698	\$3,236,859
Net Operating Result	\$3,113,698	\$3,236,859
Capital Expenditure	\$0	\$0
Loan Principal Repayments	\$0	\$0
Non-Cash Adjustments	\$0	\$0
Net Transfers to/from Reserves	\$0	\$0
Net Cost of Service (Net Budget Result)	\$3,113,698	\$3,236,859

2025-26 Budget Summary by Service

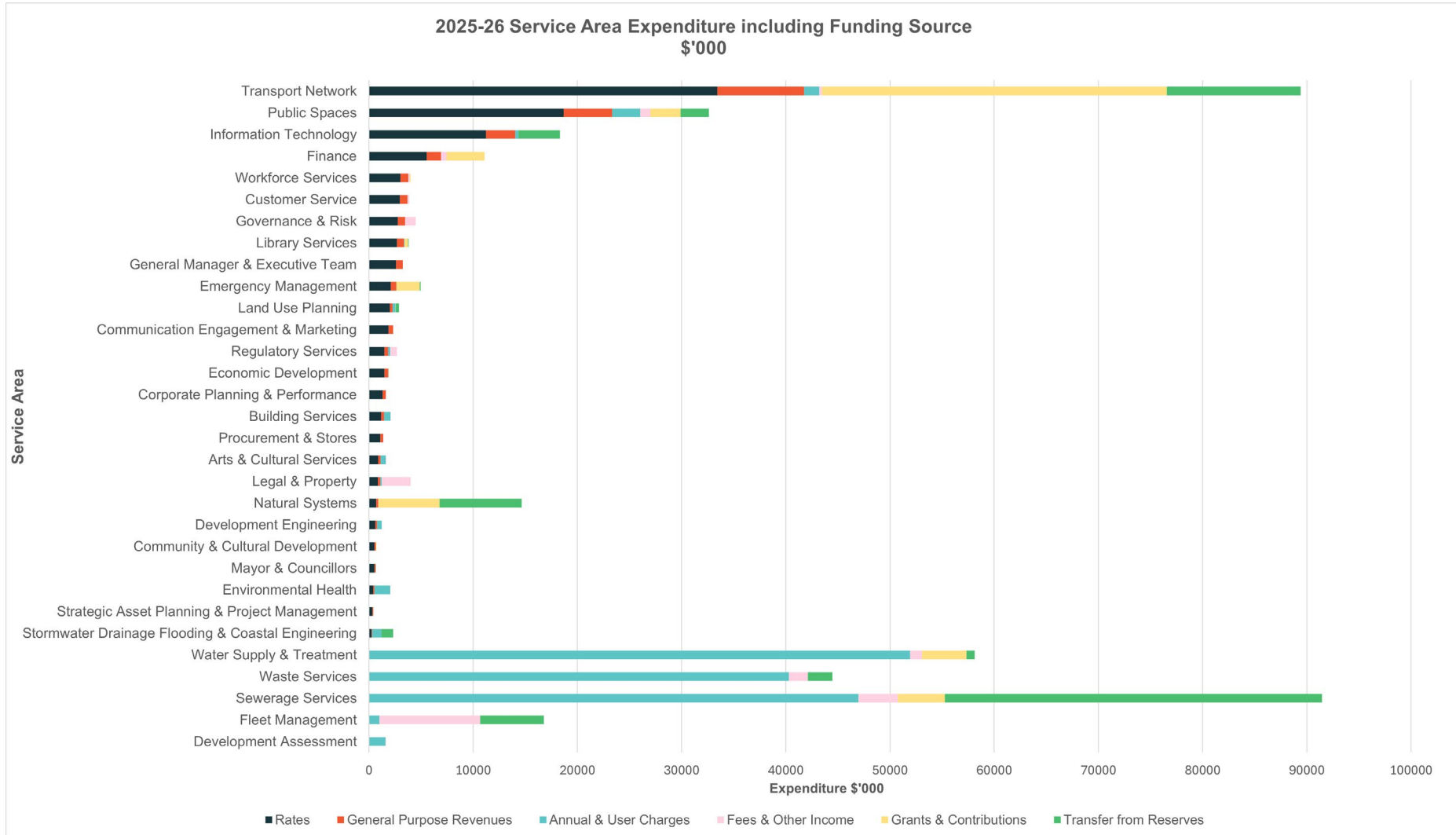
Directorate	Service Name	Net Cost of Service (Net Budget Result)
Liveable Communities	Arts & Cultural Services	\$1,127,965
	Building Services	\$1,466,472
	Communication, Engagement & Marketing	\$2,322,632
	Community & Cultural Development	\$675,662
	Customer Service	\$3,692,241
	Development Assessment	-\$444,927
	Development Engineering	\$1,223,935
	Economic Development	\$1,834,472
	Environmental Health	\$524,090
	Land Use Planning	\$1,270,731
	Library Services	\$3,358,191
	Natural Systems	\$886,968
	Public Spaces	\$24,043,699
	Regulatory Services	\$1,857,480
Waste Services	-\$179,940	
Infrastructure & Engineering	Emergency Services	\$2,625,895
	Sewerage Services	\$36,198,803
	Stormwater Drainage, Flooding & Coastal Engineering	\$307,600
	Transport Network	\$49,058,357
	Water Supply & Treatment	\$799,562
Corporate Services	Business Transformation Program ³⁴	\$2,194,914
	Corporate Planning & Performance	\$1,634,833

³⁴ The Business Transformation Program is a unique, organisation-wide initiative to improve the way we provide services to the community

Directorate	Service Name	Net Cost of Service (Net Budget Result)
	Finance	\$4,908,243
	Fleet Management	\$0
	Governance & Risk	\$3,463,810
	Information & Communications Technology	\$11,834,635
	Legal & Property	\$1,079,893
	Procurement & Stores	\$1,369,235
	Strategic Asset Planning and Project Management	\$421,065
	Workforce Services	\$3,777,002
Elected Representatives & Executive Team	Mayor & Councillors	\$648,030
	General Manager & Executive Team	\$3,236,859

2025-26 Service Area Expenditure

The below graph indicates the total expenditure applied to service areas and includes operating and where relevant, capital expenditure. There are a variety of funding sources that are applied to these service areas including rates, grants, fees & charges and transfers from cash reserves.



STATEMENT OF REVENUE POLICY 2025-26



Council's Budget

Budget Summary

Council has prepared its draft budget for the 2025-26 financial period.

The 2025-2026 budget projects that Council will receive income from continuing operations of \$344 million which consists of \$188 million in rates and annual charges, \$61 million in user charges and fees, \$14 million in interest and investment revenues, \$8 million in other revenues, \$42 million in operating grants and contributions and \$31 million received for capital works through grants and contributions.

Its operating expenditure is projected to total \$320 million which includes \$101 million in employee costs, \$8 million in borrowing costs (interest repayments), \$92 million in depreciation on community assets and \$119 million in materials, contracts and other expenses.

Council will undertake a capital works program of approximately \$154 million which includes \$51 million on transport infrastructure assets (roads, bridges, drainage, footpaths etc), \$4 million on buildings, \$7 million on parks and recreation infrastructure and \$11 million on plant and equipment replacements.

Capital expenditure of \$56 million on sewer infrastructure and \$20 million on water infrastructure is also proposed for 2025-26.

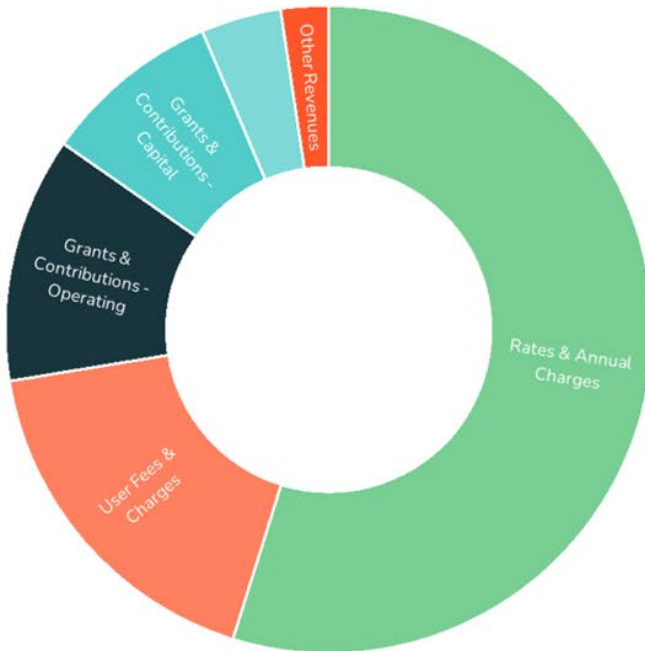
It will reduce the principal outstanding on existing borrowings by \$16.5 million. There are no new borrowings proposed for 2025-26.

Further details on the budgets allocated to Council's 31 Service areas can be found in the Service Statement section of the Operational Plan 2025-26.

The components of the Operating Income and Expenditure are set out in the following graphs.

Income & Expenditure Summary 2025-26

Income	%
Rates & Annual Charges	55%
User Fees & Charges	18%
Grants & Contributions (Capital)	9%
Grants & Contributions (Operating)	12%
Interest & Investment Revenues	4%
Other Revenues	2%



Expenses	%
Employee Expenses	31%
Materials & Contracts	33%
Depreciation	29%
Other Expenses	5%
Borrowing Costs	2%
Net Loss from Disposal of Assets	<1%

Rates and Annual Charges

Council will adopt an unchanged single rate structure for the 2025-26 financial year. Information on that structure is contained within this document.

Council's general rate income is projected to increase by 3.80%, being the final rate peg for MidCoast Council as announced by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART).

2025-26 will see the introduction of new land values following a General Revaluation of all land within the MidCoast Council area by the Valuer-Generals Department. These values have a base date of 1 July 2024 and are used to determine rates from 1 July 2025. While there has been an overall decrease in the total valuation for the MidCoast area there have been upward and downward movements for individual areas and properties.

The impact of a General Revaluation is that there will not be a standard 3.80% increase for all ratepayers. Ratepayers will experience increases and decreases in their individual rates that reflect the relative change in their valuation against the average change in valuations within their respective rate category and sub-category.

There are increases proposed for Annual Charges for Waste Management (3.80%), Water (5.50%) and Sewer (7.00%).

This Statement of Revenue Policy contains more detailed information on the revenue aspects of the draft 2025-26 budget.

Fees and Charges

The Fees and Charges Schedule is annexed to this document.

In preparing the 2025-26 Fees & Charges Schedule, Council has reviewed the relevant Pricing Category of each fee or charge and reviewed the fee based on that category. This has resulted in some movement in the level of some fees. Particular attention has been given to fees that are identified as being 'Full Cost Recovery' services and ensuring that the fee does achieve that aim.

A large proportion of the fees and charges are regulated by State Government and growth is dependent upon usage rather than indexation.

Discretionary fees have generally been increased, targeting a minimum increase of 3.80%.

Budget Estimate

The following provides information on the budget estimates of Operating and Capital income and expenditure for 2025-26. The statements contain the results on a consolidated basis as well as the component results for the General, Water and Sewer fund operations of Council.

The Budget Summary Statement that follows reports projected financial position of Council at 30 June 2026 from 2 perspectives. They are:

- Net Operating Result from Operations' – this result aligns with the Income Statement that is prepared as part of the Annual Financial Statements. It includes external income and expenditure, non-cash expenditure (like depreciation and leave entitlement accruals, fair value adjustments etc) and excludes capital expenditure and loan principal repayments.

- 'Net Budget Result' – this result includes all sources of income and funding, matching these against proposed expenditures. It includes capital expenditure, transfers to and from reserves, allocations of internal costs to projects (job-costing of labour, internal plant hire charges, corporate overheads etc), new loan borrowings and principal repayments. It also removes the impact of non-cash expenditure items to come to a result that reflects the movement in Council's working funds (cash) position. This is the view of the budget on which management reporting is based during the financial year.

The Budget Summary Statement is prepared under accounting conventions with respect to the use of + / - symbols that reflect debits and credits. Income and funding sources are shown as credits (-), while expenditures are shown as debits. As such, a budget result figure preceded by a (-) symbol reflects a surplus result.

Commentary on the various funds that make up the consolidated financial result are provided below:

General Fund

The General Fund is projected to record a small surplus Net Budget result of approximately \$33,000 for 2025-2026. The Net Budget Result takes into account all expenditure and sources of funding available to deliver services. This result includes significant additional funding for Council's Roads Network (\$7.4 million), Community Assets (\$250,000) and sets aside funds to meet unexpected events (\$2 million transfer to reserve).

There are several large distinct operational projects that are impacting the Net Operating result, including \$7.5 million in environmental projects, \$9 million in waste management projects and \$6 million in technology projects that are funded through reserves and grants.

From a Financial Statement perspective, the General Fund is projected to record a Net Operating deficit of \$16.1 million (and a Net Operating deficit before Capital Grants and Contributions of \$37.8 million). This result is in line with current and previous Long-term Financial Plan projections. Council continues to take action to address this long-term financial sustainability challenge through the adoption and implementation of a Financial Sustainability Action Plan.

Water Fund

The Water Fund is projected to record a deficit Net Budget Result of approximately \$800,000 for 2025-2026. This includes providing funding for a \$20 million Capital Works Program. This result can be met from within the accumulated surplus of this Fund. The Fund is projected to record a positive Net Operating Result during the year. This indicates that the Fund is generating sufficient revenues to cover all operating expenses including depreciation (which funds asset renewal activities).

Sewer Fund

The Sewer Fund is projected to record a large deficit Net Budget Result of approximately \$36.1 million for 2025-26. This result is driven by a large Capital Works program. This result can be met from within the accumulated surplus of this Fund. The Fund is projected to record a positive Net Operating Result during the year. This indicates that the Fund is generating sufficient revenues to cover all operating expenses including depreciation (which funds asset renewal activities).

The Sewer Fund is entering a period where a large Capital Works Program requires delivery. The ability of the Fund to meet the cashflow requirements associated with this Program will be monitored to determine whether loan funding will be required in future years.

2025-26 Budget Summary Statement

Note: A figure in the following table which has a minus sign (-) in front of it indicates an item of income, the use of a funding source (eg external reserve) or a surplus budget result.

Original Budget 2025-26	Consolidated	General Fund	Water	Sewer
External Income				
Rates and Annual Charges	-\$188,486,689	-\$129,089,224	-\$16,873,346	-\$46,524,119
User Charges and Fees	-\$60,861,811	-\$22,418,222	-\$34,606,041	-\$3,837,548
Interest and Investment Revenues	-\$13,836,829	-\$9,031,900	-\$1,039,929	-\$3,765,000
Other Revenues	-\$8,205,738	-\$7,965,738	-\$202,500	-\$37,500
Grants & Contributions - Operating	-\$42,262,713	-\$42,262,713	\$ -	\$ -
Grants & Contributions - Capital	-\$30,494,784	-\$21,744,784	-\$4,250,000	-\$4,500,000
Total Income from Continuing Operations	-\$344,148,563	-\$232,512,580	-\$56,971,816	-\$54,664,167
External Expenses				
Employee Costs	\$100,642,787	\$80,019,251	\$11,117,842	\$9,505,694
Borrowing Costs	\$7,818,335	\$2,315,153	\$3,501,507	\$2,001,675
Materials & Contracts	\$104,661,515	\$84,061,963	\$9,591,799	\$11,007,753
Depreciation	\$92,523,600	\$65,873,600	\$15,550,000	\$11,100,000
Other Expenses	\$14,491,753	\$13,541,078	\$797,175	\$153,500
Total Expenses from Continuing Operations	\$320,137,990	\$245,811,045	\$40,558,323	\$33,768,622
Net Operating Result from Continuing Operations	-\$24,010,573	\$13,298,465	-\$16,413,493	-\$20,895,545
Net Operating Result before Capital Income	\$6,484,211	\$35,043,249	-\$12,163,493	-\$16,395,545

2025-26 Budget Summary Statement (cont'd)

Original Budget 2025-26	Consolidated	General Fund	Water	Sewer
Internal Income and Allocations				
Internal Overhead Recovery	-\$15,206,835	-\$15,206,835	\$ -	\$ -
Total Internal Income and Allocations	-\$15,206,835	-\$15,206,835	\$ -	\$ -
Internal Expenses and Allocations				
Internal Overhead Allocation	\$15,206,836	\$2,043,663	\$6,581,587	\$6,581,586
Total Internal Expenses and Allocations	\$15,206,836	\$2,043,663	\$6,581,587	\$6,581,586
Net Operating Result from Continuing Operations including Internal Transactions	-\$24,010,573	\$135,292	-\$9,831,906	-\$14,313,959

2025-26 Budget Summary Statement (cont'd)

Original Budget 2025-26	Consolidated	General Fund	Water	Sewer
Balance Sheet Movements / Non-Cash Adjustments				
Capital Works - New	\$65,452,659	\$25,622,659	\$5,905,000	\$33,925,000
Capital Works - Renewal	\$88,617,922	\$51,739,922	\$14,335,000	\$22,543,000
Cost of Asset Sold	\$923,500	\$ -	\$728,500	\$195,000
Depreciation (non-cash)	-\$92,434,600	-\$65,784,600	-\$15,550,000	-\$11,100,000
Loan Repayments (Principal Only)	\$16,490,903	\$6,328,173	\$5,212,968	\$4,949,762
Proceeds from Disposal of Assets	-\$2,082,000	-\$2,082,000	\$ -	\$ -
Total Balance Sheet Movements / Non-Cash Adjustments	\$76,968,384	\$ 15,824,154	\$10,631,468	\$50,512,762
Adjust for Transfers to / from Reserves				
Internal Reserves - Transfers to	\$33,275,960	\$33,275,960	\$ -	\$ -
Internal Reserves - Transfers from	-\$41,009,687	-\$41,009,687	\$ -	\$ -
External reserves - Transfers to	\$5,636,656	\$5,636,656	\$ -	\$ -
External reserves - Transfers from	-\$13,850,410	-\$13,850,410	\$ -	\$ -
S64 / 94 Reserves - Transfers to	\$3,642,000	\$3,642,000	\$ -	\$ -
S64 / 94 Reserves - Transfers from	-\$3,687,096	-\$3,687,096	\$ -	\$ -
Total Internal Expenses & Allocations	-\$15,992,577	-\$15,992,577	\$ -	\$ -
Net Budget Result	\$36,965,234	-\$33,131	\$799,562	\$36,198,803

Ordinary Rates

Each year Council determines a rating policy for the next financial year. In determining its rating structure, Council considers the need for equity amongst all ratepayers.

Council has now entered a period where the merger protection provisions associated with rating have been addressed. A fully harmonised structure was achieved in 2024-2025 and this structure will apply in 2025-2026.

Valuations

In NSW council rates are levied based on the rateable land value of each parcel of land as supplied by the NSW Valuer General.

2025-2026 will see the introduction of new land values following a General Revaluation of all land within the MidCoast Council area by the Valuer-Generals Department. These values have a base date of 1 July 2024 and are used to determine rates from 1 July 2025. While there has been an overall decrease in the total valuation for the MidCoast area there have been upward and downward movements for individual areas and properties.

The impact of a General Revaluation is that there will not be a standard 3.80% increase for all ratepayers. Ratepayers will experience increases and decreases in their individual rates that reflect the relative change in their valuation against the average change in valuations within their respective rate category and sub-category.

The table below provides details on the movement in land values and average rate for each category / sub-category.

Movement in Land Value & Average Rates – 3.8% Rate Peg Increase

Categories / Sub-categories		2022 Land Value	2024-25 Average Rate	2024 Land Value	2025-26 Average Rate
Residential					
Residential Urban Town	Forster	3,432,291,013	\$1,681.37	3,091,581,387	\$1,736.33
	Tuncurry	1,213,871,806	\$1,535.07	1,133,368,275	\$1,617.54
	Taree	1,575,693,343	\$1,442.33	1,471,945,295	\$1,488.32
	Cundletown	204,885,700	\$1,647.93	190,549,700	\$1,689.83
	Wingham	493,644,400	\$1,432.42	490,884,160	\$1,526.45
	Gloucester	198,531,800	\$1,346.44	208,527,800	\$1,397.68
Residential Coastal Town	Green Point	129,901,000	\$1,467.64	110,292,000	\$1,436.17
	Hallidays Point	1,028,763,000	\$1,557.97	916,866,600	\$1,558.60
	Harrington/Crowdy Head	886,579,000	\$1,454.40	856,205,000	\$1,520.31
	Hawks Nest	604,949,400	\$1,506.02	617,986,400	\$1,625.43
	North Arm Cove	246,970,500	\$1,827.07	236,159,000	\$1,918.29
	Old Bar/Wallabi Point/ Manning Point	1,098,829,000	\$1,451.89	999,265,900	\$1,470.90
	Pacific Palms	1,090,398,500	\$2,523.30	1,069,262,600	\$2,726.54
	Pindimar	101,781,400	\$1,640.21	101,817,300	\$1,760.78
	Seal Rocks	88,158,000	\$3,311.06	102,048,000	\$4,127.57
	Smiths Lake	416,452,000	\$1,452.73	387,983,000	\$1,490.97
	Tea Gardens	692,260,018	\$1,580.48	646,403,678	\$1,627.20
Winda Woppa	180,180,000	\$3,708.01	193,727,000	\$3,850.19	
Residential	6,739,372,283	\$1,594.95	5,592,333,595	\$1,654.96	
Farmland					
Farmland	3,039,933,555	\$2,858.70	2,988,080,457	\$2,964.38	

Categories / Sub-categories		2022 Land Value	2024-25 Average Rate	2024 Land Value	2025-26 Average Rate
	Low Intensity	152,397,210	\$527.68	179,783,880	\$546.53
Business					
	Forster/Tuncurry	405,597,571	\$5,307.64	403,588,126	\$5,531.20
Business Urban Town	Taree	330,356,754	\$7,037.83	348,686,535	\$7,305.20
	Gloucester	54,944,980	\$2,286.46	60,446,220	\$2,375.14
Business		380,744,601	\$2,327.26	397,938,247	\$2,437.09
Mining					
Mining		27,732,000	\$38,416.72	36,003,000	\$48,804.01
Total		\$23,815,218,834		\$22,831,733,155	

Categorisation of Land

Council is required to categorise all rateable land into one of four broad categories.

These categories are Farmland, Residential, Business and Mining. Council may also create sub-categories within each of these categories.

The categories are principally determined by the “dominant use” of the land and not by the zoning of the land. Zoning may be considered when determining the category of vacant land.

Categorisation Structure

The table below indicate the categories and sub-categories that now apply to land within the MidCoast Council area. This structure will apply to the rating period commencing on 1 July 2025.

Category	Sub Category	Definition of Use
Residential		Dominant use is for residential purposes. Includes vacant land zoned to permit use for residential purposes. Excludes all properties categorised within the residential sub-categories listed below.
	Residential Urban Town	Separate sub-categories for Forster, Tuncurry, Taree, Cundletown, Wingham, Gloucester.
	Residential Coastal Town	Separate sub-categories for Hawks Nest, Tea Gardens, North Arm Cove, Pindimar, Pacific Palms, Seal Rocks, Smiths Lake, Green Point, Hallidays Point, Old Bar / Wallabi Point / Manning Point, Harrington / Crowdy Head, Winda Woppa. Includes vacant land zoned to permit residential purposes.
Business		Includes all properties which cannot be categorised as Residential or Farmland. Includes vacant land zoned for such purposes. Excludes all properties categorised within the business sub-categories listed below.
	Business Urban Town	Separate sub-categories for business properties within Forster, Tuncurry, Taree, Wingham, Cundletown, Gloucester.
Farmland		All land deemed to be Farmland in accordance with the provisions of Section 515 Local Government Act 1993. Excludes all properties categorised within the farmland sub-category listed below.
	Farmland Low Intensity	All residential type blocks at North Arm Cove, Pindimar etc which are zoned RU2 Rural Landscape. These properties cannot receive building approval, however limited agricultural use may be permitted.
Mining		Land is to be categorised as mining if it is a parcel of rateable land and is used or held for any mining purpose.

Maps showing the category / sub-category of all rateable land are available for inspection in our Administration and Customer Service Centre. Please contact our Customer Service Centre to make an appointment to view these maps.

Ratepayers who believe that their property has been incorrectly categorised can seek amendment to the categorisation. Further details can be obtained by contacting Council's revenue staff.

Rating Structure

Each year Council determines a rating policy for the next financial year. In determining its rating structure, Council considers the need for equity amongst all ratepayers.

In determining the rating structure consideration has been given to all the rating structure options available, together with an examination of the valuation range across the relevant rate base. Generally, rates levied wholly as an ad-valorem rate (rate in the dollar) would not result in an equitable distribution of the rates. As such, councils use base amounts to obtain a more equitable distribution of the rate burden.

Councils also consider the requirements of Section 536 of the Local Government Act in determining the level of the various base amounts.

(1) base amount:

- the base amount is a fixed amount and must be the same for every property subject to a particular rate
- the base amount should not collect more than 50% of the total amount of rates payable for a category or sub-category

(2) ad-valorem amount (rate in the dollar):

- the ad-valorem amount is calculated by multiplying the rateable value of a property by a rate set in the dollar by Council
- the higher the value of a property the higher the ad-valorem component
- the ad-valorem amount may be subject to a minimum amount that must be levied on a parcel of land

Minor changes to the ad-valorem rate / base amounts and total yield may be made to the following tables subject to new or amended values.

Proposed 2025-26 Rate Structure – 3.8% Rate Peg Increase

Categories / Sub-categories		Number	Base %	Base Amount	Land Value	Rate in \$	Total Rates
Residential							
Residential Urban Town	Forster	7,576	45.50%	\$790.00	3,091,581,387	0.0023190	\$13,154,417.24
	Tuncurry	3,176	48.84%	\$790.00	1,133,368,275	0.0023190	\$5,137,321.03
	Taree	6,962	48.38%	\$720.00	1,471,945,295	0.0036340	\$10,361,689.20
	Cundletown	714	42.61%	\$720.00	190,549,700	0.0036340	\$1,206,537.61
	Wingham	2,212	47.17%	\$720.00	490,884,160	0.0036340	\$3,376,513.04
	Gloucester	1,174	45.07%	\$630.00	208,527,800	0.0043220	\$1,640,877.15
Residential Coastal Town	Green Point	313	49.99%	\$718.00	110,292,000	0.0020381	\$449,520.13
	Hallidays Point	2,223	46.07%	\$718.00	916,866,600	0.0020381	\$3,464,779.82
	Harrington/Crowdy Head	2175	47.23%	\$718.00	856,205,000	0.0020381	\$3,306,681.41
	Hawks Nest	1,388	44.17%	\$718.00	617,986,400	0.0020381	\$2,256,102.08
	North Arm Cove	401	37.43%	\$718.00	236,159,000	0.0020381	\$769,233.66
	Old Bar/Wallabi Point/ Manning Point	2,705	48.81%	\$718.00	999,265,900	0.0020381	\$3,978,793.83
	Pacific Palms	1085	26.33%	\$718.00	1,069,262,600	0.0020381	\$2,958,294.11
	Pindimar	199	40.78%	\$718.00	101,817,300	0.0020381	\$350,395.84
	Seal Rocks	61	17.40%	\$718.00	102,048,000	0.0020381	\$251,782.03
	Smiths Lake	1,023	48.16%	\$718.00	387,983,000	0.0020381	\$1,525,262.15
	Tea Gardens	1,449	44.12%	\$718.00	646,403,678	0.0020381	\$2,357,817.34
Winda Woppa	167	20.52%	\$790.00	193,727,000	0.0026380	\$642,981.83	
Residential	12,765	46.53%	\$770.00	5,592,333,595	0.0020200	\$21,125,563.86	
Farmland							
Farmland		3,054	22.60%	\$670.00	2,988,080,457	0.0023450	\$9,053,228.67
	Low Intensity	3,187	49.40%	\$270.00	179,783,880	0.0049020	\$1,741,790.58

Categories / Sub-categories		Number	Base %	Base Amount	Land Value	Rate in \$	Total Rates
Business							
Business Urban Town	Forster/Tuncurry	670	16.36%	\$905.00	403,588,126	0.0076800	\$3,705,906.81
	Taree	851	8.76%	\$640.00	348,686,535	0.0162670	\$6,216,723.86
	Gloucester	248	26.52%	\$630.00	60,446,220	0.0071600	\$589,034.94
Business		1005	23.18%	\$565.00	397,938,247	0.0047280	\$2,449,277.03
Mining							
Mining		4	1.33%	\$650.00	36,003,000	0.0053500	\$195,216.05
Total		56,787			\$22,831,733,155		\$102,265,741.28

Annual Charges

Section 501 of the Local Government Act provides allows Council to make an annual charge for any of the following services provided, or proposed to be provided:

- Water Supply Services
- Sewerage Services
- Drainage Services
- Waste Management Services (other than domestic waste management services)
- Any services prescribed by the regulations.

Council will make and levy the following annual charges.

Waste Management Charges

The following waste management charges will apply to all rateable land including vacant land and properties without a kerbside collection service.

There will continue to be 2 separate waste management charges made and levied under section 501 of the Local Government Act. These charges will increase by approximately 3.80% over the amount adopted for 2024-2025.

An annual waste management charge of \$116.00 will apply to all properties within the waste collection area. The charge is to be applied to each property including vacant land, commercial, industrial, mining and farmland.

Properties containing more than one dwelling or utilising more than one service will be levied a waste management charge for each dwelling or service provided (includes units/ retirement villages and other multiple dwellings where bulk bin containers may be supplied). For example: a property containing 15 units/ dwellings will incur a waste management charge that will be the equivalent to 15 x waste management charges.

An annual waste management charge of \$53.00 will apply to all land outside the collection area including vacant land.

These waste management charges will be used to fund all expenditure associated with the provision of waste management services other than domestic waste management services. This includes principal repayments on loans for capital landfill costs, education, public place litter bins, illegal dumping and littering. Any excess funds will be placed in reserves to assist in funding future expenditure.

Particulars	Number	Charge per unit \$	Yield \$
Waste Management Charge (s501)	57,786	116.00	\$6,703,176.00
Waste Management Charge (s501) – outside collection area	993	53.00	\$52,629.00

Other Waste Management Charges

There are a number of non-domestic properties that utilise Council's mobile garbage bin services. These include commercial and industrial premises that are not currently being serviced by a privately arranged bulk bin service.

To ensure that these properties contribute to the overall cost of providing the mobile garbage bin / kerbside recycling service, it is proposed that a series of waste management service charges be levied on all such properties. These charges are to increase by approximately 3.20% over the amount adopted for 2024-2025.

Properties subject to these charges will also be subject to the annual waste management charges detailed previously in this policy statement.

These annual waste management charges are to be levied in respect of each service provided. Properties commencing a service after 1 July 2025 will be subject to a reduction in the charge based on the number of days that have expired before the service is commenced.

Particulars	Number	Charge per unit \$	Yield \$
Commercial Waste Service (2 bins) - fortnightly	2,224	558.00	\$1,240,992.00
Commercial Waste Service (2 bins) - weekly	82	669.00	\$54,858.00
Additional Commercial 240L garbage bin - weekly	246	414.00	\$101,844.00
Additional Commercial 240L recycling bin - fortnightly	48	219.00	\$10,512.00
Additional Commercial 240L recycling - weekly	7	414.00	\$2,898.00
Commercial Recycling only	22	293.00	\$6,446.00
Commercial 240L Organic bin Only	116	255.00	\$29,325.00
Additional Commercial 240L Organic Bin - fortnightly	75	200.00	\$15,000.00

Domestic Waste Management

Council is required to make and levy a domestic waste charge under section 496 of the Local Government Act on ALL rateable land where the service is deemed available, including vacant land. The domestic waste collection area incorporates the entire Council area with the exception of properties deemed inaccessible or not cost effective, and non-urban land (ie properties not permitted to have a dwelling erected upon them).

Rate pegging legislation is not applicable to domestic waste charges however the domestic waste function is required to be self-funding. This means that waste charges are set by Council to cover the cost of domestic waste collection services, landfill and waste processing costs, education and promotion, provision for future planning and all other associated services. Domestic waste management charges will increase by approximately 3.80% over the amount adopted for 2024-2025.

All properties subject to domestic waste charges will also be subject to the annual waste management charges detailed previously in this policy statement.

The comprehensive domestic waste service includes the following:

- a weekly kerbside collection of garbage using a 140L mobile garbage bin.
- a weekly kerbside collection of garbage using a 240L mobile garbage.
- a fortnightly kerbside recycling collection using a 240L mobile bin.
- a fortnightly kerbside organic collection using a 240L mobile bin (not available in some rural areas).

Council will determine the most appropriate bin type and size to suit particular properties. In instances where properties contain a large number of dwellings (such as retirement villages) it may not be practical to issue individual mobile garbage bins. Bulk bin containers or a mixture of mobile bins and bulk bins may be supplied.

- A domestic waste management service charge for the removal of household waste (including kerbside recycling and organics where available) will be applied to each domestic premises / non rateable property where the service is deemed to be available or for the use of a common collection point.
- Every dwelling in a strata lot is to be taken as a separate parcel and levied a separate charge.
- The charge may be expressed as the number of individual units or dwellings forming part of a single assessment. Properties containing more than one habitable dwelling, may be in a single ownership, will be subject to an additional domestic waste service charge for each habitable dwelling (includes units, retirement villages and other multiple occupancy dwellings where bulk bin containers may be supplied). Example: for a property containing 15 units/dwellings, the charge will be the equivalent to 15 x charge.
- A vacant domestic waste management service charge to meet a proportion of the cost of administrative and fixed cost of the domestic waste management service will be applied to all vacant land where the service is deemed available.
- Properties that require additional bins will be charged for the additional services as detailed in the table below.
- Where the service to any premises is commenced after 1 July 2025 the charge/ charges shall be reduced in proportion to the number of days that have expired before such service commences

Particulars	Number	Charge per unit \$	Yield \$
Annual Domestic Waste Service - 3 bins 140L waste (including non-rateable properties)	40,058	430.00	\$17,224,940.00
Annual Domestic Waste Service - 3 bins 240L waste	2,314	545.00	\$1,261,130.00
Domestic Waste Rural/Common Collection Point (two bin service 140L waste)	7,169	419.00	\$3,003,811.00
Domestic Waste Rural/Common Collection Point (two bin service 240L waste)	80	516.00	\$41,280.00

Particulars	Number	Charge per unit \$	Yield \$
Additional 240L Domestic Waste	54	417.00	\$22,518.00
Additional 140L Waste (red bin)	407	315.00	\$128,205.00
Additional 240L Recycling Bin (yellow bin)	93	221.00	\$20,553.00
Additional 240L Organic (green bin)	299	221.00	\$66,079.00
Wheel in - Wheel out Service	15	441.00	\$6,615.00
Vacant Land	4,224	33.00	\$139,392.00

Water Charges

Council levies charges for the provision of water supply services to its customers. Maps depicting the areas subject to these charges are available for inspection in our Administration and Customer Service Centre.

Water access annual charges for 2024-25 will increase by 5.50% from 1 July 2025.

To encourage the responsible use of water, consumption is scaled so that water usage is charged at different rates depending on the water meter size and the volume of water used. There are two rates / steps for water use. Water use is charged at the first step rate until the allowance is reached in each billing quarter. Water used above this allowance is charged at the second step rate.

The pricing structure for most residential customers (20mm connection) will see the first step rate increase by approximately 8.00% from \$3.96/kl to \$4.28/kl. An 8.00% increase will be applied to the second step rate in 2025-26 increasing the amount from \$5.25/kl to \$5.67/kl.

Council is removing the differentiated usage charge for rural customers without sewer connections and transitioning them to the standard two-step usage charge structure over three (3) years. The proposed fees and charges structure will implement a second-step usage charge with incremental premiums applied to the first-step usage charge: 11% in 2025-26, 22% in 2026-27 and 32% in 2027-28.

Council is also removing the public hospital rebate to ensure equitable contributions to the water business.

Customers using more water than the average will pay the second step rate for the portion of water they use over the average. Council's estimated revenue to be generated from water supply charges in 2025-26 is as follows:

Particulars	Estimated revenue
Annual Access Charges	\$17,634,360.00
Usage Charges	\$32,682,211.00
Total	\$50,316,571.00

Connected Land

Land supplied with water from a water main belonging to Council is subject to a two-part charge consisting of an annual water access charge based on the size of the water meter and a usage charge based on water consumed.

Annual access charges	
Meter size (mm)	Charge per unit \$
20	378.00
25	597.00
32	987.00
40	1,545.00
50	2,419.00
65	4,856.00
80	6,228.00
100	9,727.00

Usage Charges	Charge per kilolitre
Water usage - first step per quarter	\$4.28
Water usage - second step per quarter	\$5.67
Water usage - first step per quarter - industrial tariff (usage greater than 20,000kL pa)	\$4.06
Water usage - second step per quarter - industrial tariff (usage greater than 20,000kL pa)	\$6.30
Water usage - Heavy user industrial (usage greater than 100,000kL pa)	\$3.56
Non-Residential High Consumption Charge (use above current ET entitlement) / kL	\$6.27
Rural supply tariff – first step per quarter – per kL - applies to rural water supply customers who are not connected to Council’s sewerage system	\$4.28
Rural supply tariff – second step per quarter – per kL - applies to rural water supply customers who are not connected to Council’s sewerage system	\$4.75

First step usage allowance – usage above this volume will be billed at the second tier tariff	
Meter size (mm)	First step volume limit per quarter
20	35 kl
25	55 kl
32	128 kl
40	200 kl
50	313 kl
65	528 kl
80	800 kl
100	1,250 kl

Unconnected Land

An annual unconnected water access charge may apply to land situated within 225 metres of a water main belonging to Council whether that land is connected to the water supply or not.

Unconnected water access charge: \$378.00.

Sewerage Charges

Sewerage access annual charges will be subject to an increase of 7.00% in 2025-26. Annual charges in respect of sewer grinder pumps will increase by 20.00% in 2025-26 with maintenance charges increasing by 7.00%. Council's estimated revenue to be generated from annual sewerage charges in 2025-26 is as follows:

Particulars	Charge per unit	Estimated revenue
Sewer charges – connected / Volumetric	\$1,146.00	\$42,973,854.00
Sewer charges - unconnected	\$900.00	\$1,749,600.00
Approved sewer pump charges (former Great Lakes and Greater Taree City Council areas)	\$1,115.00	\$113,730.00
Sewer pump maintenance charges (former Gloucester Shire Council area)	\$284.00	\$56,800.00
Total		\$44,893,984.00

Connected Land

Land from which sewage is discharged into a sewer main belonging to Council is subject to an annual sewer charge.

Sewer Charge - connected: \$1,146.00

Council proposes to charge a reduced sewer connected charge for properties connected to the sewer using an approved pump. Maintenance of these pumps is the responsibility of the landowner. The charge is set at a figure that is lower than the standard sewer connected charge. This charge is levied in place of the standard sewer connected charge. This charge applies to relevant properties within the former Great Lakes and Greater Taree City Council local government areas. This charge will increase by 20.00% to \$1,115.00 from 1 July 2025.

Annual Approved sewer pump charge: \$1,115.00

For properties within the former Gloucester Shire Council local government area Council proposes to charge a maintenance fee in addition to the standard sewer connected charge. This additional charge applies to properties connected to the sewer using an approved pump and is a sewer pump maintenance charge. This charge will increase by 7.00% to \$284.00 from 1 July 2025.

Annual Sewer pump maintenance charge: \$284.00

Unconnected Land

A sewer unconnected charge may apply to land that is situated within 75 metres of a sewer main belonging to Council whether that land is connected to the sewer or not.

Sewer Charge - unconnected: \$900.00

Sewer Volumetric Charges

An access charge and a usage charge are applied quarterly to motels, hotels, non-strata titled units, caravan parks, licensed clubs, laundries, schools, hospitals, nursing homes, community swimming pools, shopping complexes, restaurants, preschools, service stations, factories, car wash facilities, medical centres and multiple occupancies.

Meter Size (mm)	Charge per unit
20	\$900.00
25	\$1,408.00
32	\$2,311.00
40	\$3,620.00
50	\$5,662.00
65	\$11,322.00
80	\$14,506.00
100	\$22,037.00

The above figures are multiplied by a discharge factor, which is assessed on the percentage of water purchased from Council discharged into the sewer. The factor depends on the nature of the business. Discharge factor can be obtained by contacting Council.

Usage Charge: \$3.34 per kilolitre of assessed discharge to sewerage. This is a 9.00% increase from the 2024-25 per kilolitre rate. A minimum charge will be applied to all properties charged under the volumetric formula; this charge will be equal to the standard connected charge.

These charges are in addition to any trade waste charges that may be applicable.

Granny Flats

Where a residence contains a granny flat that is occupied by a dependent relative or carer, and no financial remuneration is paid to the owner of the residence, then that assessment is to be rated as a residential property for annual water charges and be excluded from the payment of additional sewerage charges.

Where there is more than one 20mm water meter, such properties are to be levied the equivalent of one (1) meter connection provided they have completed and qualify for the reduction in the additional sewerage charges.

The owner is required to apply annually for the re-classification as a single residence for water and sewerage charges.

Non-Rateable Properties

The following sewerage charges will apply during the 2025-26 rating year

- a) Lands which belong to, and which are occupied, and used in connection with any church or any actual building used for public worship - (other than properties used as camps, caravan parks):

For each water closet / cistern on the premises: \$176.00

- b) Properties owned / occupied by organisations given a non-rateable status and used as camps, caravan parks, retreats, holiday accommodation or for recreational purposes:

It is proposed that such properties in the connected sewer area be charged sewerage on a volumetric formula (based on water consumption). Actual details of the volumetric formula are contained within the schedule of fees and charges.

- c) Land owned by the Crown and other non-rateable organisations and leased / used for the purpose of conducting a nursing home, hostel, self-contained aged unit or hospital:

It is proposed that such properties in the connected sewer area be charged sewerage on a volumetric formula (based on water consumption). Actual details of the volumetric formula are contained in the schedule of fees and charges.

- d) Lands owned by the Crown or any other non-rateable organisation (excluding those included in (a) - (c) above):

For each water closet on the premises: \$176.00

Public Reserves and other community type properties, including showgrounds are to be charged sewerage on the basis of \$176.00 per water closet.

Category	Charge per unit	Estimated yield \$
Churches	\$176.00	\$34,496.00
Non Rateable other	\$176.00	\$7,744.00
Showgrounds	\$176.00	\$19,360.00
Council Reserves	\$176.00	\$111,584.00

On-site Sewage Management

Council is responsible for ensuring the appropriate and safe disposal of wastewater from on-site sewage management systems under Section 68 of the Local Government Act 1993.

Within the MidCoast Council local government area there are approximately 12,100 on-site sewage management systems. Council continues to routinely inspect the operation of on-site sewage management systems, requiring upgrades in instances where systems have failed and where there is an assessed risk to public health and safety from the disposal of effluent. Council also checks pump-out systems to ensure safe disposal of wastewater, obtains and monitors the service history of aerated wastewater treatment systems, and undertakes research projects to determine sources of wastewater failures.

Particulars	Number	Charge per unit \$	Estimated yield \$
On-site sewage management approval fee	12,137	89.00	\$1,080,193.00
Total	12,137		\$1,080,193.00

Stormwater Management

Stormwater Management Service Charge

Council has resolved to continue raising a stormwater management service charge in the 2025-26 rating period.

What is stormwater management?

Stormwater management is defined as “a service to manage the quantity and quality, or both, of stormwater that flows off land, and includes a service to manage the re-use of stormwater for any purpose”. The overwhelming majority of annual stormwater runoff volume and pollutant load from an urban area is derived from the runoff from impervious surfaces, such as roads, roofs, car parks and paved areas.

The purpose of the stormwater management service charge is to provide Council with the ability to raise additional revenue to cover new or additional stormwater management services within a catchment, suburb, town, village or local government area.

Who is subject to the charge?

Council may apply the charge to parcels of rateable land categorised as residential or business within an urban area, which will benefit from the proposed new / additional stormwater services.

How much will it cost?

The Local Government Act provides that the following maximum charges can be applied:

- Residential property containing a dwelling is to be charged a maximum of **\$25.00**
- Residential strata unit is to be charged a maximum of **\$12.50** per unit
- Business properties may be charged at the rate of **\$25.00** per 350m² of land.
- Business strata units are to be charged at the rate of **\$12.50** per unit.

Following a review during 2021-2022 the charging structure is now based at the rate of \$25.00 per area 350m² scaling up to a maximum charge of \$400.00.

The following stormwater structure will be applied to all properties within the MidCoast Council area.

Category	Number	Proposed charge \$	Estimated yield \$
Residential	27,285	25.00	\$682,125.00
Residential strata	6,640	12.50	\$83,000.00
Business strata	412	12.50	\$5,150.00
Business < 700m ²	378	25.00	\$9,450.00
Business 701m ² - 1,400m ²	375	50.00	\$18,750.00
Business 1,401m ² - 2,100m ²	225	75.00	\$16,875.00
Business 2,101m ² - 2,800m ²	97	100.00	\$9,700.00
Business 2,801m ² - 3,500m ²	74	125.00	\$9,250.00
Business 3,501m ² - 4,900m ²	90	150.00	\$13,500.00
Business 4,901m ² - 6,300m ²	41	175.00	\$7,175.00

Category		Number	Proposed charge \$	Estimated yield \$
Business	6,301m ² - 8,400m ²	27	225.00	\$6,075.00
Business	8,401m ² - 11,200m ²	25	300.00	\$7,500.00
Business	> 11,201m ²	85	400.00	\$34,000.00
Total		35,754		\$902,550.00

How will the funds be spent?

The stormwater levy will be used for construction works to rectify known isolated stormwater issues and to fund prioritised works in previously completed Stormwater Management Plans. The projects delivered under the stormwater levy will eliminate or reduce the impact of localised flooding on Council infrastructure, community assets and private property.

Specifically, works will be undertaken to resolve drainage related issues including:

- Oceanic Place, Old Bar – Revetment Wall Renewal
- Eastslope Way, North Arm Cove - Drainage Renewal works.
- Maintenance of water quality assets – gross pollutant traps, wetlands and bioretention.
- Manning Point Road, Manning Point – Drainage channel maintenance works.
- Peace Parade, Pindimar – Replacement of existing infrastructure for stormwater improvements.
- Forster Keys Shops, Forster – Reline drainage pipes.

Interest Charges

(Extra charges)

Interest is charged on all overdue rates and annual and user charges in accordance with section 566 of the Local Government Act.

The maximum interest rate is determined by the Minister for Local Government. For the period from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 this has been set at 10.5%.

Council will calculate interest at the maximum percentage per annum permitted and such interest will be calculated daily on a simple interest basis.

Pensioner Concession

The Local Government Act provides for eligible pensioners to receive a reduction in their rates. This pensioner rate concession is generally 50% of the combined total of ordinary rates and the domestic waste management charge to a maximum of \$250. The State Government reimburses Council 55% of each rebate given (normally \$137.50) with Council writing off the balance of \$112.50.

For 2025-2026 it is projected that total pensioner rebates for ordinary rates and domestic waste management charges will total \$2,980,000. The State Government will reimburse \$1,639,000 with Council absorbing \$1,341,000 in its general budget.

This reduction in rates also applies to the annual water and sewer charges levied by Council. A concessional reduction of \$87.50 from both the water and sewer annual charge will continue to be provided to eligible pensioners. The State Government also reimburses Council on the same percentage basis that applies to the reduction of ordinary rates.

For 2025-26 it is projected that total pensioner rebates for water and sewer charges will total \$1,740,000 with State Government reimbursements totalling \$957,000. The amount absorbed within the water and sewer funds is \$783,000.

Ratepayers wishing to make enquiries about their eligibility for a pensioner rate concession should contact Council.

Hardship

While ratepayers are required to pay their annual rates and charges to support local government operations, Council is mindful of the need to support ratepayers who suffer genuine financial hardship. Council recognises that there may be times when ratepayers find themselves in a position where they are struggling to meet all of their financial commitments.

The options available are within Council's Hardship Assistance Policy, which can be found on Council's website. Providing that an approved hardship repayment plan is maintained Council may consider reducing or waiving interest on overdue rates in accordance with sections 564 and 567 of the Local Government Act.

Ratepayers are encouraged to make early contact with Council to discuss options should they find that they are experiencing financial difficulties.

Borrowings

Council will not utilise new loan borrowings to fund capital projects and works during 2025-26.

There are no existing loans that have a renewal clause / interest re-set trigger occurring within the 2025-26 financial year.

The repayment of all borrowings will be met from the respective fund.

Information on Council's existing loan portfolio is set out below.

Loan No.	Bank	Original Purpose	Term	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Annual Repayment (P+I)
General Fund						
212	CBA	Bridges - Gloucester	20	31/05/2027	6.86%	\$24,485
213	NAB	Bridges - Gloucester	24	26/03/2032	7.43%	\$62,831
220	NAB	Bridges - Gloucester	20	17/02/2040	4.37%	\$43,990
442A	ANZ	Waste Facilities	10	30/06/2031	2.81%	\$438,670
446A	NAB	Waste, Aquatic Centre, Supermarket Construction	10	28/05/2032	5.455%	\$270,390
454	ANZ	Waste Facilities, Boat Harbour, Roads	10	30/06/2026	3.43%	\$564,913
455	TCorp	Waste Facilities, Roads, Hockey Field	10	01/06/2027	2.92%	\$744,435
456	CBA	Roads	10	29/06/2028	3.79%	\$311,512
458	ANZ	Roads - \$100m Program	10	31/05/2029	3..20%	\$1,024,747
469	TCorp	Forster Civic Centre	15	31/05/2039	5.69%	\$238,946
470	TCorp	Jimmys Beach Sand Transfer System	5	31/05/2029	5.02%	\$132,571
470	TCorp	Gloucester – Admin Bld, Depot, Bridges	5	31/05/2029	5.02%	\$148,829
463	NAB	Roads - \$100m Program	10	30/06/2031	2.00%	\$324,440
466	CBA	Roads - \$100m Program	10	03/06/2032	4.78%	\$1,090,303
467	CBA	Forster Civic Centre	20	31/05/2043	5.83%	\$178,590
468	CBA	Roads - \$100m Program	10	31/05/2033	5.53%	\$654,401
471	TCorp	Roads - \$100m Program	10	31/05/2034	5.37%	\$1,428,851
462	TBD	YG Fit-out	15	30/06/2040	5.50% est	\$590,028
	TBD	Cedar Party Creek Bridge	20	May 2045	5.75% est	\$380,090
Water Fund						
W506	W'pac	Water Supply	20	31/01/2026	5.985%	\$780,295
W507	W'pac	Water Supply	20	31/10/2026	6.36%	\$736,551

Loan No.	Bank	Original Purpose	Term	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Annual Repayment (P+I)
W508	Dexia	Water Supply	30	21/11/2037	6.925%	\$2,539,796
W509	NAB	Water Supply	30	06/08/2038	7.413%	\$1,662,982
W514	ANZ	Water Supply	20	28/06/2032	6.52%	\$901,985
W464	CBA	Water Supply	20	10/06/2041	2.45%	\$548,836
W2024	TCorp	Water Supply	10	09/02/234	4.90%	\$1,478,778
W472	TCorp	Water Supply	5	31/05/2029	5.02%	\$103,767
Sewer Fund						
S506	W'pac	Sewer Schemes	20	31/01/2026	5.985%	\$1,170,443
S507	W'pac	Sewer Schemes	20	31/10/2026	6.36%	\$1,925,683
S508	Dexia	Sewer Schemes	30	21/11/2037	6.925%	\$1,428,636
S509	NAB	Sewer Schemes	30	06/08/2038	7.413%	\$916,640
S513	ANZ	Sewer Schemes	20	28/06/2032	6.52%	\$901,985
S514	CBA	Sewer Schemes	20	28/06/2033	5.55%	\$300,112
S465	CBA	Sewer Schemes	20	10/06/2041	2.45%	\$164,650
S472	TCorp	Sewer Schemes	5	31/05/2029	5.02%	\$185,479

2025-26 Capital Works Program

The provision of quality infrastructure facilities is one of the core business activities of local government. The following information provided indicates the capital works that Council proposes to undertake to community infrastructure during 2025-26. Roads, bridges, footpaths and drainage make up the majority of the program with a total expenditure of approximately \$51 million on these assets.

Council has priority programs relating to urban and rural road construction and rehabilitation, rural bridge construction and stormwater drainage upgrades. These programs are based on detailed condition ratings regularly undertaken by Council. Council utilises the condition data and asset hierarchy as the basis for developing asset management plans. Information on the priority of a particular road can be obtained by contacting Council's Transport Assets Section.

Council will also undertake capital works projects to its water and sewerage networks. 2025-26 will see capital projects to a value of \$20 million undertaken on the water network with \$56 million spent on the sewerage network.

Combined Capital Works Program

General Fund

Service	Sub-Program	Proposed Budget	Source of Funding			
			Transfer from Reserves	Proceeds Asset Sales	Gov't Grants/Contributions	General Revenue
Transport Network	Heavy Patching	\$3,632,354	\$282,350			\$3,350,004
	Rural Bridge Construction	\$1,446,233	\$800,000			\$646,233
	Urban Bridge Construction*	\$11,700,000	\$4,500,000		\$7,200,000	
	Rural Roads Rehabilitation	\$6,350,000	\$50,000		\$4,100,000	\$2,200,000
	Rural Road Resurfacing	\$3,429,800	\$500,000			\$2,929,800
	Unsealed Rural Roads Re-sheeting	\$2,783,600	\$400,000			\$2,383,600
	Urban Roads Rehabilitation	\$7,837,959	\$50,000		\$5,587,959	\$2,200,000
	Urban Roads Resurfacing	\$3,429,800	\$500,000			\$2,929,800
	Regional Road Rehabilitation	\$2,885,900			\$2,885,900	
	Regional Road Resurfacing	\$1,000,000			\$1,000,000	
	Cycleway Construction	\$2,353,000			\$1,953,000	\$400,000
	Kerb & Gutter Renewals	\$51,900				\$51,900
	Footpath / Cycleway Renewals	\$51,900				\$51,900
	Minor Asset Works	\$207,600				\$207,600
	Land / Road Acquisitions	\$103,800				\$103,800
	Development Applications Works	\$207,600				\$207,600
Developer Contributed Assets	\$2,000,000			\$2,000,000		
Service Sub-total		\$49,471,446	\$7,082,350		\$24,726,859	\$17,662,237
Stormwater Drainage, Flooding &	Rural Culvert Construction	\$207,600	\$200,000			\$7,600
	Stormwater Construction	\$779,130	\$779,130			

Service	Sub-Program	Proposed Budget	Source of Funding			
			Transfer from Reserves	Proceeds Asset Sales	Gov't Grants/ Contributions	General Revenue
Coastal Management	Developer Contributed Assets	\$500,000			\$500,000	
Service Sub-Total		\$1,486,730	\$979,130		\$500,000	\$7,600
Community Assets	Building Renewals Program	\$936,900				\$936,900
	CS – Capital Open Spaces & Rec – Non Grant Funded	\$150,000				\$150,000
	CSRT Signage New Installations	\$50,000				\$50,000
	Forster Main Beach Fence Replacement	\$400,000				\$400,000
	GLS Olympic Swimming & Hydrotherapy Pool	\$5,000				\$5,000
	Great Lakes Aquatic Centre – Capital Works	\$95,000				\$95,000
	Manning Aquatic Centre – Capital Works	\$100,000				\$100,000
	Community Pools – Renewal Program	\$100,000				\$100,000
	Marine Infrastructure Audit (Jetties and Wharfs)	\$30,000				\$30,000
	Playgrounds	\$285,000				\$277,400
	Saleyards Capital – Open Spaces	\$10,500				\$10,500
	Tuncurry Swimming Pool	\$20,932				\$20,932
	LRCIP R3 – Building Assets*	\$650,000				\$650,000
	Wallis Lake Suspended Boardwalk*	\$3,216,158			\$3,216,158	
	SCCF 5 – Albert Street – Amenities Upgrade*	\$413,146			\$413,146	
SCCF 5 – Blackhead Skatepark Construction*	\$608,929			\$608,929		

Service	Sub-Program	Proposed Budget	Source of Funding			
			Transfer from Reserves	Proceeds Asset Sales	Gov't Grants/ Contributions	General Revenue
	LSCA417 – Bulahdelah Tennis Courts Upgrade*	\$100,000			\$100,000	
	Cedar Party Creek Recreation Reserve Upgrade*	\$794,000				\$794,000
	Solar Panel Installation – MALC & GLAC*	\$560,000	\$560,000			
Service Sub-Total		\$8,525,565	\$560,000		\$4,338,233	\$3,627,332
Open Space & Recreation	Beach Access Works	\$202,000				\$202,000
Service Sub-Total		\$202,000				\$202,000
Libraries	Library Resources	\$260,000			\$50,000	\$210,000
	Library Operations Support	\$30,000				\$30,000
	Local Special Projects	\$110,000			\$110,000	
Service Sub-Total		\$400,000			\$160,000	\$240,000
Arts & Culture	MEC – Capital Renewals	\$70,000				\$70,000
	MRAG – Capital Buildings Renewals	\$9,000				\$9,000
Service Sub-Total		\$79,000				\$79,000
Emergency Management	RFS Contributed Assets	\$1,000,000			\$1,000,000	
Service Sub-Total		\$1,000,000			\$1,000,000	
Procurement, Fleet & Stores	Plant & Fleet Replacements	\$10,899,070	\$4,024,926	\$2,082,000		\$4,792,144
Service Sub-Total		\$10,899,070	\$4,024,926	\$2,082,000		\$4,792,144
Natural Systems	Dunns Creek Water Quality Improvement*	\$2,019,948	\$1,431,114		\$588,834	
Service Sub-Total		\$2,019,948	\$1,431,114		\$588,834	
Waste Management	28 Muldoon St, Land Contamination Clean-up	\$1,678,822	\$1,678,822			
	Non-Domestic Collection – Stage 3 Bin Enclosure Project	\$200,000	\$200,000			

Service	Sub-Program	Proposed Budget	Source of Funding			
			Transfer from Reserves	Proceeds Asset Sales	Gov't Grants/ Contributions	General Revenue
	Gloucester Waste Facility – Leachate / Stormwater Dam / Drainage Infrastructure	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000			
	Taree Waste Facility – Landfill Liner Construction	\$400,000	\$400,000			
Service Sub-Total		\$3,278,822	\$3,278,822			
Total General Fund Capital Works Program		\$77,362,581	\$17,356,342	\$2,082,000	\$31,313,926	\$26,610,313

Notes: * indicates 2025-26 funding allocations for current works.

Water Fund

Program	Sub-Program	Proposed Budget	Funding Source
Water Fund Capital Works	BN-WRT-00 Brimbin Supply Main & Reservoir	\$25,000	Water Revenues & Accumulated Water Funds
	Bootawa Lab Testing Equipment Water	\$50,000	Water Revenues & Accumulated Water Funds
	BO-WPS-1A electrical Renewals - 11kV switch gear	\$200,000	Water Revenues & Accumulated Water Funds
	BO-WTP-01 Emergency Generator	\$300,000	Water Revenues & Accumulated Water Funds
	Building Renewals Prog. - Water	\$50,000	Water Revenues & Accumulated Water Funds
	Bulahdelah Off River Storage Stage 1	\$100,000	Water Revenues & Accumulated Water Funds
	BU-WTP-01 Potassium Dosing Upgrade	\$135,000	Water Revenues & Accumulated Water Funds
	CB-WRT-00 Lakes Way Charlottes Bay Water Main Renewal	\$3,200,000	Water Revenues & Accumulated Water Funds
	Cundletown Access Bridges to Water Mains Renewals	\$100,000	Water Revenues & Accumulated Water Funds
	Dams, Weirs & Aquifer Renewals Program	\$50,000	Water Revenues & Accumulated Water Funds
	DA-WPS-01 Valve Automation - New	\$250,000	Water Revenues & Accumulated Water Funds
	Emergency Desalination Plant Design	\$100,000	Water Revenues & Accumulated Water Funds
	GE-RES-00 Renewals Prog.	\$700,000	Water Revenues & Accumulated Water Funds
	GE-WPS-00 Renewals Prog.	\$250,000	Water Revenues & Accumulated Water Funds
	GE-WRT-00 New Mains	\$300,000	Water Revenues & Accumulated Water Funds
	GE-WRT-00 Renewals Prog.	\$2,000,000	Water Revenues & Accumulated Water Funds
	GE-WRT-00 Unplanned Renewals	\$200,000	Water Revenues & Accumulated Water Funds
	GE-WRT-00 Water charging stations for water carters	\$600,000	Water Revenues & Accumulated Water Funds
	GE-WTP-00 Renewals Prog.	\$2,700,000	Water Revenues & Accumulated Water Funds
Gloucester Off River Storage	\$100,000	Water Revenues & Accumulated Water Funds	

Program	Sub-Program	Proposed Budget	Funding Source
	GL-WPS- Jacks Road PS Relocation & Pump Renewal	\$100,000	Water Revenues & Accumulated Water Funds
	GL-WPS Raw Water Offtake Refurbishment Renewal	\$250,000	Water Revenues & Accumulated Water Funds
	HR-RES-01 Repair Works	\$675,000	Water Revenues & Accumulated Water Funds
	KO-WPS-01 Kolodong Pump Upgrade	\$50,000	Water Revenues & Accumulated Water Funds
	KR-WRT-00 Karuah Bridge Renewal	\$500,000	Water Revenues & Accumulated Water Funds
	LA-RES-01 Roof Replacement	\$190,000	Water Revenues & Accumulated Water Funds
	NA-WTP-01 Flouride System Upgrade	\$190,000	Water Revenues & Accumulated Water Funds
	OI-WRT-00 Cowans Lane to Manning Point Road	\$650,000	Water Revenues & Accumulated Water Funds
	Peg Leg Creek Dam (New)	\$1,500,000	Water Revenues & Accumulated Water Funds
	Reservoir Demolition Program	\$650,000	Water Revenues & Accumulated Water Funds
	SCADA/Elect Renewals - Water	\$400,000	Water Revenues & Accumulated Water Funds
	Smart Meter Installation Program	\$1,000,000	Water Revenues & Accumulated Water Funds
	Standard Meter Installation Program	\$300,000	Water Revenues & Accumulated Water Funds
	TG-WTP-01 Membrane Renewals	\$100,000	Water Revenues & Accumulated Water Funds
	Water- Capital Buildings	\$800,000	Water Revenues & Accumulated Water Funds
	Water Services Solar Systems - Water	\$225,000	Water Revenues & Accumulated Water Funds
	Developer Contributed Assets	\$1,250,000	Water Revenues & Accumulated Water Funds
Total Water Fund Capital Works Program		\$20,240,000	

Sewer Fund

Program	Sub-Program	Proposed Budget	Funding Source
Sewer Fund Capital Works	Bootawa Lab Testing Equipment Sewer	\$50,000	Sewer Revenue & Accumulated Sewer Funds
	Building Renewals Prog. - Sewer	\$40,000	Sewer Revenue & Accumulated Sewer Funds
	DR-STP-01 Aeration System Renewal	\$500,000	Sewer Revenue & Accumulated Sewer Funds
	DR-STP-01 Balance Tank	\$5,300,000	Sewer Revenue & Accumulated Sewer Funds
	DR-STP-01 Growth Upgrade	\$500,000	Sewer Revenue & Accumulated Sewer Funds
	DR-STP-01 Sludge Dewatering	\$500,000	Sewer Revenue & Accumulated Sewer Funds
	Effluent Discharge Pipe Renewal	\$150,000	Sewer Revenue & Accumulated Sewer Funds
	FO-STP-01 Admin Bld Refurb & Ramp to Lagoon	\$535,000	Sewer Revenue & Accumulated Sewer Funds
	FO-STP-01 Forster STP Switchboard Renewals	\$100,000	Sewer Revenue & Accumulated Sewer Funds
	FO-STP-01 Reuse System Upgrade	\$125,000	Sewer Revenue & Accumulated Sewer Funds
	Forster STP Media Replacement	\$310,000	Sewer Revenue & Accumulated Sewer Funds
	GE-RTP-00 Reuse Scheme Renewals Program	\$200,000	Sewer Revenue & Accumulated Sewer Funds
	GE-SPS-00 Pump Renewals Prog.	\$450,000	Sewer Revenue & Accumulated Sewer Funds
	GE-SPS-00 Switchboard Renewals SB03	\$425,000	Sewer Revenue & Accumulated Sewer Funds
	GE-SPS-00 Switchboard Renewals SB04	\$130,000	Sewer Revenue & Accumulated Sewer Funds
	GE-SPS-00 Raise SB for TS-03 & WG-04	\$628,000	Sewer Revenue & Accumulated Sewer Funds
	GE-SRT-00 New Sewer Mains	\$50,000	Sewer Revenue & Accumulated Sewer Funds
	GE-SRT-00 Renewals Prog.	\$1,750,000	Sewer Revenue & Accumulated Sewer Funds
	GE-STP-00 Renewals Prog.	\$600,000	Sewer Revenue & Accumulated Sewer Funds
	GL-SPS-05 Upgrade Renewal	\$200,000	Sewer Revenue & Accumulated Sewer Funds

Program	Sub-Program	Proposed Budget	Funding Source
	GL-STP-01 Replacement	\$6,300,000	Sewer Revenue & Accumulated Sewer Funds
	HN-STP-01 Upgrade Project - Stages 2 and 3	\$17,500,000	Sewer Revenue & Accumulated Sewer Funds
	HP-STP-01 Sludge Dewatering Area Improvements	\$450,000	Sewer Revenue & Accumulated Sewer Funds
	HR-STP-01 Upgrade Project	\$1,500,000	Sewer Revenue & Accumulated Sewer Funds
	OB-SPS-03 Mechanical / Electrical Upgrade	\$250,000	Sewer Revenue & Accumulated Sewer Funds
	OB-SPS-08 & Rising Main	\$5,000,000	Sewer Revenue & Accumulated Sewer Funds
	Old Bar Precinct 2B Gravity System	\$550,000	Sewer Revenue & Accumulated Sewer Funds
	Plant & Equipment Renewals - Sewer	\$800,000	Sewer Revenue & Accumulated Sewer Funds
	SCADA/Elect Renewals - Sewer	\$150,000	Sewer Revenue & Accumulated Sewer Funds
	SCADA Cyber Security Works Phase 2	\$325,000	Sewer Revenue & Accumulated Sewer Funds
	TA-DPT-01 Vacuum Truck Spoil Works	\$100,000	Sewer Revenue & Accumulated Sewer Funds
	TA-SPS-01 & TA-SPS-06 Upgrade	\$650,000	Sewer Revenue & Accumulated Sewer Funds
	TA-SPS-10 Renewal	\$100,000	Sewer Revenue & Accumulated Sewer Funds
	TA-SPS-36 New Pump Station	\$25,000	Sewer Revenue & Accumulated Sewer Funds
	TG-SPS-01 Renewal	\$100,000	Sewer Revenue & Accumulated Sewer Funds
	TG-SPS-13 New Pump and Rising Main (includes bridge crossing)	\$5,000,000	Sewer Revenue & Accumulated Sewer Funds
	TG-SRT-00 Singing Bridge Crossing	\$2,000,000	Sewer Revenue & Accumulated Sewer Funds
	TS-SPS-12 Diversion to Dawson & New Pump	\$300,000	Sewer Revenue & Accumulated Sewer Funds
	UV System Replacement	\$500,000	Sewer Revenue & Accumulated Sewer Funds
	WG-SPS-08 Wingham Brush Pump Station	\$600,000	Sewer Revenue & Accumulated Sewer Funds
	Water Services – Solar Systems - Sewer	\$225,000	Sewer Revenue & Accumulated Sewer Funds

Program	Sub-Program	Proposed Budget	Funding Source
	Developer Contributed Assets	\$1,500,000	Sewer Revenue & Accumulated Sewer Funds
Total Sewer Fund Capital Works Program		\$56,468,000	

Pricing Policy

Council's fees and charges are levied in accordance with clause 201 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021.

The Council reviews its schedule of Fees and Charges annually as part of its budget process with the view of optimising Council's revenue base, while attempting to ensure that the level of fees and charges are fair and equitable for residents and other users of Council services.

The Council, when setting fees and charges, considers the nature of the service and recognises any community service obligation and wider policy objectives including equity and social justice.

The purpose of this Pricing Policy is to outline how Council charges and recovers approved fees and charges for:

- Supplying products, services or commodities
- Giving information
- Providing a service relating to the exercise of Council's regulatory functions
- Allowing use or benefit from Council's assets, possessions facilities or enclosures

In determining the amount to be charged for goods and services the following factors are considered:

- The cost of providing the service
- The importance of the service to the community
- Prices fixed by the relevant industry body or bodies
- Any factors specified in the Local Government regulations
- User-pays principle, and
- Market prices

All Council's fees and charges are reviewed on an annual basis prior to finalisation of Council's annual operating budget. However, in special circumstances, fees and charges can be reviewed and approved by Council in accordance with the Local Government Act and Regulations.

The major consideration in reviewing fees and charges shall be full or true cost recovery or market price on a fee for service (user-pays) basis. However, this principle will only be applied where the cost of the service provision can be accurately determined and the end user can be easily identified.

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Note:

Amounts relating to certain Regulatory Price fees identified in the Fees & Charges Schedule are set external to Council and therefore these may change depending on when Council is made aware of the applicable amounts to be charged for the 2025-26 financial year.

Council will amend the Fees & Charges Schedule with the updated amounts once notified of the changes.



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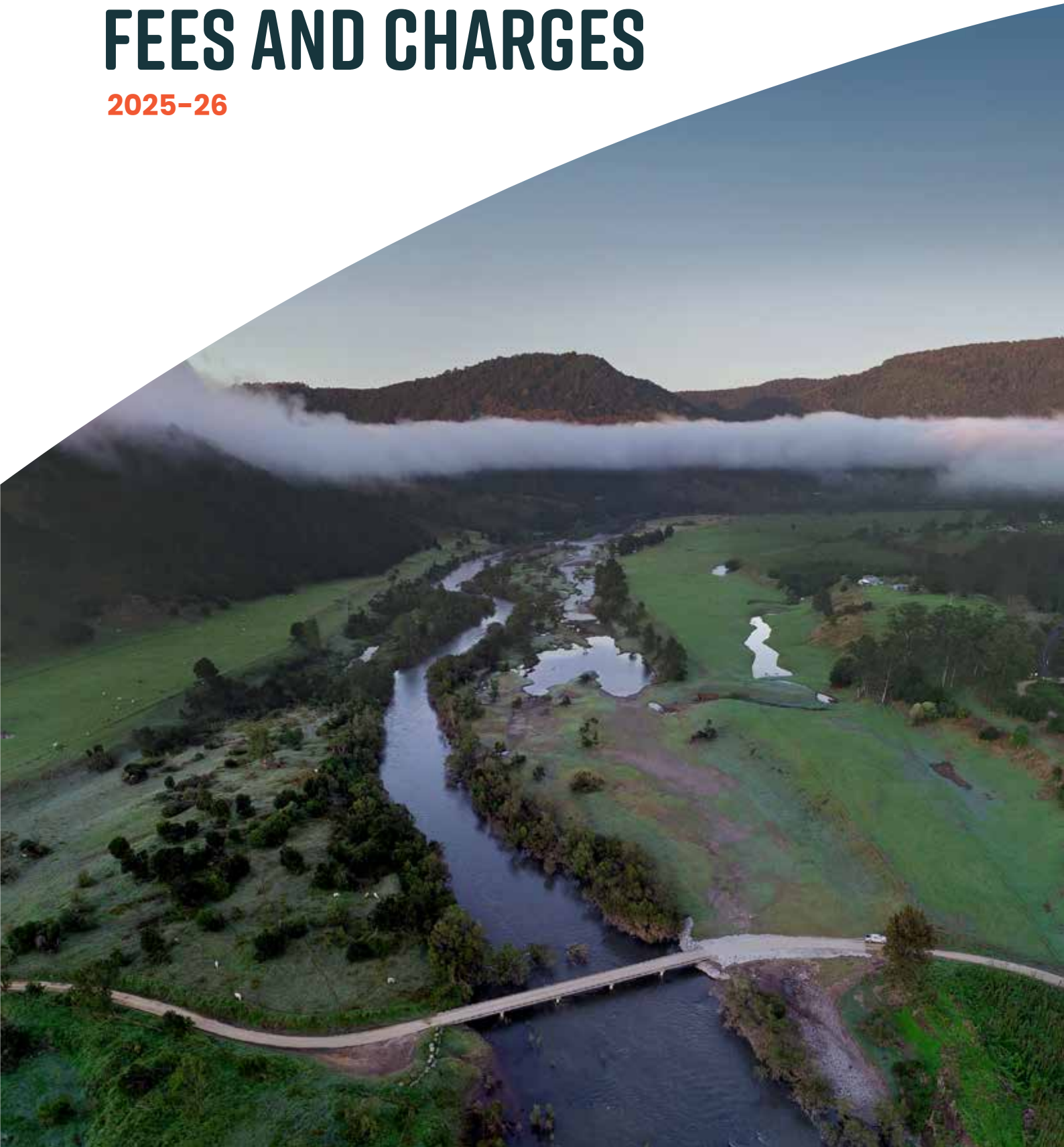


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Name	Year 25/26		Pricing Category
	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)	

MidCoast Council

Art Gallery Sales

Commission – art and craft sales	33% of sale value	ROR
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Swimming Pools (Council)

Council Maintained Facilities

Unsupervised Pools (Bulahdelah, Krumbach, Nabiac, Stroud)

Season Pass Card – Adult (16+)	\$47.27	\$52.00	PCR
Season Pass Card - Adult (16+) - with returned card	\$42.73	\$47.00	PCR
Season Pass Card – Adult Concession	\$37.72	\$41.50	PCR
Season Pass Card - Adult Concession - with returned card	\$33.18	\$36.50	PCR
Replacement Card	\$4.55	\$5.00	PCR
Casual Entry – Adult	\$4.73	\$5.20	PCR
Entry – Child (Under 16 – With accompanying paying adult)	\$0.00	\$0.00	ZCR
Lane Hire (Per hour)	\$32.73	\$36.00	PCR
School Swimming Carnival Entry – Per student	\$4.09	\$4.50	PCR
Swim Club		By Quotation	PCR

Gloucester Pool

Olympic Pool Entry Fees

School Swimming Carnival Entry – Per child (Conducted between the hours of 9am to 1pm)	\$4.09	\$4.50	PCR
Lane Hire (Per hour)	\$32.73	\$36.00	PCR
Spectators/Carers (Dry)	\$0.91	\$1.00	PCR
Entry – Adult	\$5.64	\$6.20	PCR
Entry – Concession/Child (Under 16)	\$4.73	\$5.20	PCR
Entry – Family (Medicare card)	\$13.18	\$14.50	PCR
Day Pass (Multiple entry) – Adult	\$8.45	\$9.30	PCR
Day Pass (Multiple Entry) – Concession/Child	\$7.09	\$7.80	PCR
Day Pass (Multiple Entry) – Family (Medicare Card)	\$20.91	\$23.00	PCR
3 Month Pass – Adult	\$170.00	\$187.00	PCR
3 Month Pass – Concession/Child	\$141.82	\$156.00	PCR
3 Month Pass – Family	\$320.91	\$353.00	PCR
Season pass – Adult	\$281.82	\$310.00	PCR
Season pass – Concession/Child	\$236.36	\$260.00	PCR
Season pass – Family	\$545.45	\$600.00	PCR

Swimming Squads

1st child per family – Per term	\$113.64	\$125.00	ROR
2nd child per family – Per term	\$101.82	\$112.00	PCR
3rd and subsequent children per family – Per term	\$90.91	\$100.00	PCR

Name	Year 25/26		Pricing Category
	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)	

Learn to Swim Classes

Parent/Child Classes for Infants	\$14.55	\$16.00	ROR
1 on 1	\$45.45	\$50.00	ROR
1 on 1 per term (10 weeks - Payment up front)	\$386.36	\$425.00	ROR
1 on 1 - 20 minute lesson for infants (Under 36 months)	\$23.64	\$26.00	PCR
1 on 1 - 20 minute lesson for infants (Under 36 months) - (10 weeks - Payment up front)	\$200.00	\$220.00	PCR
Group Lessons	\$14.55	\$16.00	ROR
Group Lessons per term (10 weeks - Payment up front)	\$123.64	\$136.00	ROR
Learn to Swim Instructor for school programs – Hourly rate	\$54.55	\$60.00	ROR

Hydrotherapy Pool Entry Fees

Spectators (Carers at no charge)	\$0.91	\$1.00	PCR
Entry – Adult	\$8.00	\$8.80	PCR
Entry – Concession/Child (Under 16)	\$6.82	\$7.50	PCR
Day Pass (Multiple entry) – Adult	\$11.36	\$12.50	PCR
Day Pass (Multiple entry) – Concession/Child	\$10.00	\$11.00	PCR
3 Month Pass – Adult	\$240.91	\$265.00	PCR
3 Month Pass – Concession/Child	\$181.82	\$200.00	PCR
Annual Pass – Adult	\$684.09	\$752.50	PCR
Annual pass – Concession/Child	\$581.82	\$640.00	PCR

Boat Moorings

Mooring Fees Only

Unauthorised use of Council's private berths included in Forster Boat Harbour will be charged the advertised Daily rate applicable plus any administration fees required. For information on vacancies, please contact Council.

Forster (Outside Harbour - Includes Power and Water)

Daily and Weekly rates are classed as casual

Monthly, Quarterly, Six Monthly & Annual rates are subject to licence agreement

Daily	\$63.64	\$70.00	ROR
Weekly	\$326.36	\$359.00	ROR
Monthly	\$408.18	\$449.00	ROR
Quarterly	\$1,192.73	\$1,312.00	ROR
Six-monthly	\$2,339.09	\$2,573.00	ROR
Annual	\$4,595.45	\$5,055.00	ROR

Forster (Inside Harbour - No Power or Water)

Swing Moorings

Daily and Weekly rates are classed as casual

Monthly, Quarterly, Six Monthly & Annual rates are subject to licence agreement

Daily	\$53.64	\$59.00	ROR
Weekly	\$267.27	\$294.00	ROR
Monthly	\$274.55	\$302.00	ROR

Name	Year 25/26		Pricing Category
	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)	

Swing Moorings [continued]

Quarterly	\$799.09	\$879.00	ROR
Six-monthly	\$1,570.00	\$1,727.00	ROR
Annual	\$3,057.27	\$3,363.00	ROR

Fixed Wooden Wharf (Includes Power & Water)

Daily and Weekly rates are classed as casual

Monthly, Quarterly, Six Monthly & Annual rates are subject to licence agreement

Daily	\$77.27	\$85.00	ROR
Weekly	\$382.73	\$421.00	ROR
Monthly	\$672.73	\$740.00	ROR
Quarterly	\$1,970.91	\$2,168.00	ROR
Six-monthly	\$3,851.82	\$4,237.00	ROR
Annual	\$7,570.00	\$8,327.00	ROR

Floating Pontoon

Daily and Weekly rates are classed as casual.

Monthly, Quarterly, Six Monthly & Annual rates are subject to licence agreement.

These are more expensive due to additional security fencing.

Daily	\$100.00	\$110.00	ROR
Weekly	\$505.45	\$556.00	ROR
Monthly	\$751.82	\$827.00	ROR
Quarterly	\$2,183.64	\$2,402.00	ROR
Six-monthly	\$4,311.82	\$4,743.00	ROR
Annual	\$8,451.82	\$9,297.00	ROR

Annual Licence Agreements

Metered Services (water & electricity) - licence holders will be invoiced at current rates for services where separately metered

Allows the owner of the boat to stay on the boat for 90 days per year	Note - Fees may be paid monthly, quarterly, six monthly or annually. The Fees as detailed above will apply	ROR
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Biosecurity (Previously Referred to as "Noxious Weeds")

Biosecurity Regulation 2017

Application for Certificate from local control authority as to weed control notices, expenses & charges on land – Clause 28 Schedule 7	\$200.00	\$200.00	RP
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Biosecurity Act 2015 - Recovery of Costs

Contractor Charge – Weed Control – Cost Recovery Works	At Cost	FCR
To comply with a control order – Section 76	\$150.00 per hour	RP
To comply with a Biosecurity Zone – Section 88	\$150.00 per hour	RP

Name	Year 25/26		Pricing Category
	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)	

Biosecurity Act 2015 - Recovery of Costs [continued]

For action taken by an authorised officer – Section 104	\$150.00 per hour		RP
To prepare/give an individual biosecurity direction – Section 132	\$150.00 per hour		RP
To comply with an individual biosecurity direction – Section 133	\$150.00 per hour		RP
To prepare/accept an individual biosecurity undertaking – Section 146	\$150.00 per hour		RP
To comply with a biosecurity undertaking – Section 147	\$150.00 per hour		RP

Regional Partner Activities - D2 Inter-Partner Standard Fee

Per hour – 1 Control Unit (1 Staff & Plant Unit)	\$67.27	\$74.00	RP
Per hour – Staff	\$50.59	\$55.65	RP

Caravan Parks/Camping Reserves/Manufactured Home Estates - Approvals Approval Fees and Charges

Inspection Fee per site (Minimum Fee \$250)	\$9.00	\$9.00	FCR
New Approval to operate approval per site	\$8.00	\$8.00	FCR
New Approval to operate per site – Minimum Fee	\$78.00	\$78.00	FCR
Annual Fee per site	\$6.00	\$6.00	FCR
Annual Fee per site – Minimum Fee	\$78.00	\$78.00	FCR
Reinspect (Non-compliance) Per site	\$8.00	\$8.00	FCR
Reissue Approval to Operate to New Operator	\$45.00	\$45.00	FCR
Notice of Completion within a Caravan Park or lodgement for Certificate of Completion within a Manufactured Home Estate	\$322.00	\$322.00	FCR
Reinspection of manufactured home, moveable dwelling, relocatable home or associated structure	\$104.00	\$104.00	FCR
Section 82 Local Government Act Objection Assessment Fee	\$473.00	\$473.00	FCR

Application to install structures

Application to Install Manufactured Home, Relocatable Home, Moveable Dwelling, Rigid Annexe or Associated Structure	\$322.00	\$322.00	FCR
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Cemetery Fees

NSW Government - Cemeteries and Crematoria NSW Interment Levy

Note: The Levy does not apply to the interment of destitute people or children under the age of 12.

Per Cremation	\$41.00	\$45.10	RP
Per Ash Interment	\$63.00	\$69.30	RP
Per Burial (Interment)	\$156.00	\$171.60	RP

Name	Year 25/26		Pricing Category
	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)	

All Cemeteries

Note 1: The following are GST exempt - Deposits, Allotment and Administrative fees, Niche Allotment and Administrative fees, Works permits, Family history enquiries and Private burial permits.

Note 2: Council's policy is for single-depth graves only, double depth graves are available only to pre-existing reservations

Note 3: Bungwahl Cemetery is managed by the Bungwahl Cemetery Trust, but uses Council's scale of fees and charges

Deposit to reserve (refundable with fee of 20% of total amount paid)	\$460.00	\$460.00	FCR
Allotment and Administration Fee	\$2,200.00	\$2,200.00	FCR
Interment Fee	\$1,836.36	\$2,020.00	FCR
Still born to age 6		No charge	ZCR
Plaque Fee (For lawn sections only - For other sections contact a Stonemason)		By Quotation	FCR

Columbariums

Brick Style

Deposit to reserve (refundable with fee of 20% of total amount paid)	\$460.00	\$460.00	FCR
Niche Allotment and Administration Fee	\$465.00	\$465.00	FCR
Interment Fee - Including Instalment of Plaque	\$368.18	\$405.00	FCR
Niche vase		By Quotation	FCR
Plaque Fee		By Quotation	FCR

Granite Columbariums - Forster, Tuncurry, Bulahdelah & Tea Gardens

Deposit- Single niches and 'memorial only' spaces (refundable with fee of 20% of total amount paid)	\$460.00	\$460.00	FCR
Niche Allotment and Administration Fee	\$605.00	\$605.00	FCR
Interment Fee - Including Instalment of Plaque	\$368.18	\$405.00	FCR
Feature Columns – (Must be purchased in pairs, side by side, with full payment in advance)	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	FCR
Feature Columns family name plaque & niche plaques		By Quotation	FCR
Plaque Fee		By Quotation	FCR

Memorials

Memorial Gardens

Deposit to reserve (refundable with fee of 20% of total amount paid)	\$460.00	\$460.00	FCR
Allotment and Administration Fee	\$605.00	\$605.00	FCR
Interment Fee - Including Instalment of Plaque	\$368.18	\$405.00	FCR
Plaque Fee		By Quotation	FCR

Wings of a Butterfly & Peaceful Playground Infants' Ashes Garden Tuncurry Cemetery

Fees do not apply to children from stillborn up to 6 years of age. Peaceful Playground Ashes Garden & Memorial Wall are for infants only and as such fees do not apply.

Deposit to reserve (refundable with fee of 20% of total amount paid)	\$460.00	\$460.00	FCR
Allotment and Administration Fee	\$605.00	\$605.00	FCR
Interment Fee - Including Instalment of Plaque	\$368.18	\$405.00	FCR
Plaque Fee		By Quotation	FCR

Name	Year 25/26		Pricing Category
	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)	

Family Gardens

Deposit to reserve (refundable with fee of 20% of total amount paid)	\$460.00	\$460.00	FCR
Allotment and Administration Fee	\$2,165.00	\$2,165.00	FCR
Interment Fee - Including Instalment of Plaque	\$368.18	\$405.00	FCR
Additional Ashes Interment Fee - Including Instalment of Plaque	\$240.91	\$265.00	FCR
Plaque Fee		By Quotation	FCR

Other Cemetery Fees

Additional fees may apply:

- In the case of difficult sites
- Based on an evaluation of site location, soil type, adjacent monuments, etc
- Funeral Directors arriving unattended to booked Interment

Interment Allotment Right – Transfer Fee	\$385.00	\$385.00	FCR
Interment Allotment Right – Transfer Fee - (If holder or intended holder is deceased)		No charge	ZCR
Interment Allotment Right – Relinquishment Fee		20% of Fee paid	FCR
Interment of ashes in to existing Interment site / Removal of ashes from Interment site	\$240.91	\$265.00	FCR
Scattering of ashes in Cemetery	\$63.64	\$70.00	FCR
Request to be present for family placement of ashes/plaque – (Up to 3pm weekdays)	\$277.27	\$305.00	FCR
Grave dig Fee double depth first interment (When not included in original reservation) – Historical reservations only	\$2,036.36	\$2,240.00	FCR
Grave dig Fee (When not included in original reservation)	\$1,368.18	\$1,505.00	FCR
Open existing monument (For purpose of second Interment including ashes, gravel/ concrete skin etc)	\$240.91	\$265.00	FCR
Administration Fee for Family History enquiries (Single Enquiry – no charge).		Single Enquiry - No charge	ZCR
Administration Fee for Family History enquiries (Multiple Enquiries \$100 per 30 minutes or part thereof)	\$100.00	\$100.00	FCR
Memorial only Sites - Instalment of Plaque only	\$236.36	\$260.00	ZCR
Cemetery Monumental Work Permit – Permit to carry out works in a Cemetery	\$265.00	\$265.00	FCR
Replacement of plaques (Bronze & granite) & plinths (All types)		By Quotation	FCR
War Graves Memorials		By Quotation	FCR
Exhumation: (For General and Lawn Cemetery plots) Requires approval by the NSW Public Health Unit		By Quotation	FCR
Approval of private burial site (Including processing and inspection)		By Quotation	FCR
Approval is required for activities outside the hours of 9am - 3pm weekdays and will incur additional Fees by quotation		By Quotation	FCR

Name	Year 25/26		Pricing Category
	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)	

Certificates

Local Government Act 1993

Section 603 (Rates & Charges) Certificate	\$100.00	\$100.00	RP
Section 603 (Rates & Charges) Certificate – (Additional Copies of Certificates issued)	\$32.50	\$32.50	PCR
Certificates as to Orders and Notices – EP & A Act and LG Act	\$100.00	\$100.00	FCR
For all urgent certificates an additional Fee is applicable	\$105.00	\$105.00	FCR

Environment Planning & Assessment Act 1979

s10.7 Certificates (Previously s149(2)) – Planning Certificate under the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979	\$69.00	\$69.00	RP
s10.7 Certificates (Previously s149(2) & (5))	\$174.00	\$174.00	RP
Required urgently – Additional Fee	\$105.00	\$105.00	FCR

Swimming Pools Inspection Program - Inspection for Certificate of Compliance

Swimming pool register form enter information	\$9.09	\$10.00	PCR
Application for a swimming pool exemption	\$250.00	\$250.00	RP
First inspection since the person became the owner	\$136.36	\$150.00	RP
Subsequent inspections after the first inspection since the person became the owner	\$90.91	\$100.00	RP
First inspection since a certificate of compliance in relation to the premises ceased to be valid	\$136.36	\$150.00	RP
Subsequent inspections after the first inspection since a certificate of compliance in relation to the premises ceased to be valid	\$90.91	\$100.00	RP
Swimming pool CPR signs	\$27.27	\$30.00	FCR

Conveyancing Act 1919

Additional costs may be charged if a copy of the Certificate of Title is not supplied

Sec 88G Certificate – No inspection required (cl. 48 Conveyancing (General) Reg)	\$10.00	\$10.00	RP
Sec 88G Certificate – Inspection required to issue certificate (cl. 48 Conveyancing (General) Reg)	\$175.00	\$175.00	PCR
Certificates on Restricted Titles	\$65.00	\$65.00	RP

Companion Animals Act

As per Companion Animals Act 1998 and the Companion Animals Regulation 2019

Assistance Animal		Nil	RP
Dangerous Dog Collars – 25mm x 55cm	\$42.73	\$47.00	RP
Dangerous Dog Collars – 40mm x 65cm	\$57.27	\$63.00	RP
Dangerous Dog Signs	\$19.09	\$21.00	RP
Declared Animals – Declared dog annual compliance inspection	\$164.00	\$164.00	RP
Declared Animals – Declared dog initial compliance inspection	\$164.00	\$164.00	RP
Dog – Service of the State		Nil	RP
Dog – Working		Nil	RP

Name	Year 25/26		Pricing Category
	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)	

Companion Animals Act [continued]

Follow up property compliance inspection (Declared dogs)	\$163.49	\$163.49	RP
Second and subsequent inspections \$150.00 - initial inspection \$0			
Description	Fee		
Initial Inspection	Nil		
Second and Subsequent Inspections	\$150.00		
Dog Registration – Not desexed or desexed (After relevant age)	\$262.00	\$262.00	RP
Dog Registration – Not desexed (Not recommended for desexing)	\$78.00	\$78.00	RP
Dog Registration – Desexed (By relevant age)	\$78.00	\$78.00	RP
Dog Registration – Desexed (By relevant age – Eligible pensioner)	\$34.00	\$34.00	RP
Dog Registration – Desexed (Sold by pound/shelter)	Nil		RP
Dog Registration – Not desexed (Recognised breeder)	\$78.00	\$78.00	RP
Dogs – Annual Fee – (Declared dangerous or of a restricted breed) – In addition to one off lifetime registration	\$230.00	\$230.00	RP
Cat Registration – Desexed or Not Desexed	\$68.00	\$68.00	RP
Cat Registration – Not Desexed (Not recommended for desexing)	\$68.00	\$68.00	RP
Cat Registration – Not Desexed (Recognised breeder)	\$68.00	\$68.00	RP
Cat Registration – (Eligible pensioner)	\$34.00	\$34.00	RP
Cat Registration – Desexed (Sold by pound/shelter)	Nil		RP
Cats – Annual Fee – (Not desexed by four months of age) – In addition to one off lifetime registration	\$96.00	\$96.00	RP
Permit or Registration late fee (Where animal is not registered within 28 days of the required registration date)	\$22.00	\$22.00	RP
Data processing Fee (Multiple forms in excess of 3) e.g. Breeders etc	\$12.00	\$12.00	RP
Certificate of Compliance – Dangerous/restricted animal enclosure	\$150.00	\$150.00	RP
Dog or Cat microchipping	\$29.72	\$32.69	RP

Surrender Dog/Cat

Surrender of Dog (subject to Council assessment that it is suitable for rehoming)	\$150.00	\$150.00	PCR
Surrender of Cat	\$100.00	\$100.00	PCR

Impounding Dog/Cat

Impound Fee – Dog or Cat – Rate per day	\$40.00	\$40.00	PCR
Impounding transport fee	\$50.00	\$50.00	PCR
Veterinary/Duty of care Fees		At Cost	PCR

Adoption of Dog/Cat

Adoption of Dog (Desexed prior to being impounded)		Nil	PCR
Adoption of Dog	\$454.55	\$500.00	PCR
Adoption of Cat	\$272.73	\$300.00	PCR

Animal Catching Cage

Hire of animal catching cage (Per week) Service no longer provided	\$0.00	\$0.00	PCR
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Name	Year 25/26		Pricing Category
	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)	

Copying, Printing and Microfilm Research

Copying Charges - Per Page (double sided is charged as 2 pages)

GST is included in these fees however if copying arises following a response in respect for information OR in respect of any permission, authority, licence or exemption the GST should be deducted from the fee quoted

Not For Profit Organisations receive a 50% discount on Copying rates listed below

A4 – Black & White	\$0.91	\$1.00	ROR
A4 – Colour	\$1.36	\$1.50	ROR
A3 – Black & White	\$1.82	\$2.00	ROR
A3 – Colour	\$2.73	\$3.00	ROR

Plan Printing

GST is included in these fees however if copying arises following a response in respect for information OR in respect of any permission, authority, licence or exemption the GST should be deducted

AO – Large sheet	\$29.09	\$32.00	ROR
B1 – Medium Large sheet	\$20.91	\$23.00	ROR
A1 – Medium Sheet	\$18.18	\$20.00	ROR
A2 – Small Sheet	\$16.36	\$18.00	ROR
A1 – Film	\$74.55	\$82.00	ROR
Compact Disc/USB	\$22.73	\$25.00	ROR

Microfilm Research Fee

Microfilm Research Fee – Per hour	\$38.00	\$38.00	PCR
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Credit Card Fee

Council is recovering the overall Fees charged to Council by financial institutions. This fee may be varied upwards or downwards based on current "Review of Card Payments Regulations"	0.58% to 0.60%	FCR
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Development

Advice

Advice to Private Certifiers regarding compliance with development conditions or construction requirements (Per Hour with a Minimum Fee of \$235.00)	\$213.64	\$235.00	PCR
Exempt/Complying Development Advice	\$272.73	\$300.00	PCR
Rural dwelling entitlement letter	\$350.00	\$350.00	PCR
Preliminary Assessment Fee	\$545.00	\$599.50	PCR
Request for formal planning advice – Per hour (Plus \$250 where inspection of the property is required)	\$181.82	\$200.00	PCR

Name	Year 25/26		Pricing Category
	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)	

Subdivision Certificate

Subdivision Certificate (Maximum fee 15 lots) Per lot	\$360.00	\$360.00	RP
Sign Documents under Part 6 Division 4 Conveyancing Act 1919 (i.e. 88B instrument when CC / Subdivision Certificate issued by Private Certifier)	\$420.00	\$420.00	RP
Application to vary, release or modify restrictive or positive covenants	\$420.00	\$420.00	RP

Development Applications - General

Fee calculated from Table below following reference to guideline cost to determine estimated cost of development fee for Development Applications

Relevant Directors have the discretion to determine if these fees will be applied to "Not for profit" community organisations

Estimated cost up to \$5,000	\$138.00	\$138.00	RP
Estimated cost of work \$5,001 - \$50,000	\$212.00	\$212.00	RP
Plus per thousand (or part thereof)	\$3.00	\$3.00	RP
Estimated cost of work \$50,001 - \$250,000	\$442.00	\$442.00	RP
Plus per thousand (or part thereof)	\$3.64	\$3.64	RP
Estimated cost of work \$250,001 - \$500,000	\$1,455.00	\$1,455.00	RP
Plus per thousand (or part thereof)	\$2.34	\$2.34	RP
Estimated cost of work \$500,001 - \$1,000,000	\$2,189.00	\$2,189.00	RP
Plus per thousand (or part thereof)	\$1.64	\$1.64	RP
Estimated cost of work \$1,000,001 - \$10m	\$3,280.00	\$3,280.00	RP
Plus per thousand (or part thereof)	\$1.44	\$1.44	RP
Estimated cost of work exceeds \$10m	\$19,915.00	\$19,915.00	RP
Plus per thousand (or part thereof)	\$1.19	\$1.19	RP

Development Applications - Erection of a Dwelling House (Construction Cost \$100,000 or Less)

Dwelling	\$571.00	\$571.00	RP
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Development Application - Subdivision

Subdivision involving new road	\$833.00	\$833.00	RP
Plus per additional lot	\$65.00	\$65.00	RP
Subdivision – No new road	\$414.00	\$414.00	RP
Plus per additional lot	\$53.00	\$53.00	RP
Strata	\$414.00	\$414.00	RP
Plus per additional lot	\$65.00	\$65.00	RP

Development Application - Advertising Signs

If the fee calculated in accordance with the above table for development applications - general is greater than the fee listed below - the greater fee will apply

DA for Advertising Sign	\$357.00	\$357.00	RP
Plus for each additional advertisement	\$93.00	\$93.00	RP

Name	Year 25/26		Pricing Category
	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)	

Development Application - Development Not Involving Erection of a Building, Carrying Out of a Work, the Subdivision of Land or the Demolition of a Building or Work

Relevant Directors have the discretion to determine if these fees will be applied to "Not for profit" community organisations

DA Fee	\$357.00	\$357.00	RP
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Designated Development

Designated development application Fee (To be paid in addition to Development Application Fees)	\$1,154.00	\$1,154.00	RP
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Integrated Development

Approval Fee – This Fee must be made payable to the relevant approval authority	\$401.00	\$401.00	RP
Processing Fee for handling an integrated development application	\$176.00	\$176.00	RP

Development Requiring Concurrence

Concurrence Fee – This Fee must be made payable to the relevant concurrence authority	\$401.00	\$401.00	RP
Processing Fee – Payable to Council	\$176.00	\$176.00	RP

Amendment of DA Prior to Consent

Amend site of single dwelling (Residential zones only)	\$138.00	\$138.00	FCR
Minor amendment of DA prior to consent (Assessed by responsible officer)	Fee 25% of original DA Fee		RP
Major amendment of development application (To be assessed by responsible officer)	Fee 50% of original DA Fee		RP

Modification of Development Consent

Modification of a Consent under section 4.55(1) – Minor error, misdescription or miscalculation	\$89.00	\$89.00	RP
Where application is made to address a minor error, misdescription or miscalculation made by Council, there will be no Fee			
Modification of a Consent under section 4.55(1A) – Minimal environmental impact	\$809.00 or 50% of original DA Fee, whichever is lesser clause is now 4.55(1A)		RP

Modification of Consent Under Section 4.55(2) or 4.56(1) and Not Deemed to be of Minimal Environmental Impact

Where original DA Fee was less than \$107.27	50% of original DA Fee		RP
Where original DA Fee was \$107.27 or more and DA does not involve erection of a building, carrying out of a work or the demolition of a work or building	50% of original DA Fee		RP
Where DA involves erection of a dwelling house with an estimated cost of construction of \$100,000 or less	\$238.00	\$238.00	RP

Name	Year 25/26		Pricing Category
	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)	

Any other development application refer to table below (based on estimated cost of development)

Estimated cost up to \$5,000	\$69.00	\$69.00	RP
Estimated cost of work \$5,001 – \$250,000	\$106.00	\$106.00	RP
Plus per thousand (or part thereof)	\$1.50	\$1.50	RP
Estimated cost of work \$250,001 – \$500,000	\$628.00	\$628.00	RP
Plus per thousand (or part thereof)	\$0.85	\$0.85	RP
Estimated cost of work \$500,001 – \$1,000,000	\$893.00	\$893.00	RP
Plus per thousand (or part thereof)	\$0.50	\$0.50	RP
Estimated cost of work \$1,000,001 – \$10m	\$1,238.00	\$1,238.00	RP
Plus per thousand (or part thereof)	\$0.40	\$0.40	RP
Estimated cost of work exceeds \$10m	\$5,943.00	\$5,943.00	RP
Plus per thousand (or part thereof)	\$0.27	\$0.27	RP

Review of Determination

Review for any other DA per Table below (Based on estimated cost of development)

Review where DA does not involve the erection of a building, the carrying out of a work or the demolition of a work or building	50% of original DA Fee		RP
Review where DA involves the erection of a dwelling house with estimated construction cost of \$100,000 or less	\$238.00	\$238.00	RP
Estimated cost up to \$5,000	\$69.00	\$69.00	RP
Estimated cost of work \$5,001 – \$250,000	\$107.27	\$107.27	RP
Plus per thousand (or part thereof)	\$1.50	\$1.50	RP
Estimated cost of work \$250,001 – \$500,000	\$628.00	\$628.00	RP
Plus per thousand (or part thereof)	\$0.85	\$0.85	RP
Estimated cost of work \$500,001 – \$1,000,000	\$894.00	\$894.00	RP
Plus per thousand (or part thereof)	\$0.50	\$0.50	RP
Estimated cost of work \$1,000,001 – \$10m	\$1,238.00	\$1,238.00	RP
Plus per thousand (or part thereof)	\$0.40	\$0.40	RP
Estimated cost of work exceeds \$10m	\$5,943.00	\$5,943.00	RP
Plus per thousand (or part thereof)	\$0.27	\$0.27	RP
Additional Amount where notification of application required to be given by Section 8.2 of the EP&A Act	\$640.00	\$640.00	RP

Review of Modification Application

Fee for a review of a decision for an application under Section 8.9	50% of the Fee that was payable in respect of the application that is the subject of the review		RP
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Review of Decision to Reject a Development Application

Fee for review of Decision to reject a development application under Section 8.2 (I)(C)

(a) If the estimated cost of the development is less than \$100,000	\$69.00	\$69.00	RP
(b) If the estimated cost of the development is \$100,000 or more and less than or equal to \$1,000,000	\$188.00	\$188.00	RP
(c) If the estimated cost of the development is more than \$1,000,000	\$313.00	\$313.00	RP

Name	Year 25/26		Pricing Category
	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)	

Advertising/Notification - Local

Advertising / Public Exhibition (fee up to)	\$1,105.00	\$1,105.00	RP
S4.59 Notifications - Public Notification of Determination (fee up to)	\$36.00	\$36.00	RP

Advertising/Notification - Where Development Requires Advertising - Clause 252 EP & A Regulation 2021

(a) in the case of designated development (fee up to)	\$2,785.00	\$2,785.00	RP
(b) advertised development (fee up to)	\$1,386.00	\$1,386.00	RP
(c) prohibited development (fee up to)	\$1,386.00	\$1,386.00	RP
(d) where an environmental planning instrument or DCP requires notice to be given otherwise than as referred to in paragraph (a) (b) or (c) (fee up to)	\$1,386.00	\$1,386.00	RP

Note: Council shall refund the unexpended portion of the costs at the time of giving notice

Complying Development Applications

Complying Subdivisions

Due to the competitive nature of the services involved, these fees are not disclosed as this may place Council at a commercial disadvantage.

Particulars in relation to these fees may be obtained by contacting Council's Customer Service Centre on (02) 7955 7777 for an individual quote.

Subdivision (other than strata subdivision) / Strata Subdivision (Certificate up to 2 units)	By Quotation	FCR
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Other Complying Development

Due to the competitive nature of the services involved, these fees are not disclosed as this may place Council at a commercial disadvantage.

Particulars in relation to these fees may be obtained by contacting Council's Customer Service Centre on (02) 7955 7777 for an individual quote.

Fee	By Quotation	FCR
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Construction Certificates

Due to the competitive nature of the services involved, these fees are not disclosed as this may place Council at a commercial disadvantage.

Particulars in relation to these fees may be obtained by contacting Council's Customer Service Centre on (02) 7955 7777 for an individual quote.

Fee	By Quotation	ROR
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Withdraw of Construction Certificate

Administration Fee where application withdrawn/cancelled by the applicant within 7 days of lodgement and where no assessment commenced by Council officer	\$63.64	\$70.00	RP
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Principal Certifying Authority (PCA) Fees

Due to the competitive nature of the services involved, these fees are not disclosed as this may place Council at a commercial disadvantage.

Particulars in relation to these fees may be obtained by contacting Council's Customer Service Centre on (02) 7955 7777 for an individual quote.

Class 1 & Class 10 Development / Class 2 – Class 9 Development by private certifier	By Quotation	ROR
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Name	Year 25/26		Pricing Category
	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)	

Other Construction Certificate Related Fees

Due to the competitive nature of the services involved, these fees are not disclosed as this may place Council at a commercial disadvantage

Particulars in relation to these fees may be obtained by contacting Council's Customer Service Centre on (02) 7955 7777 for an individual quote

Issue of letter from Council to indicate inspections have been carried out	\$90.91	\$100.00	ROR
Out of Hours Inspection		By Quotation	ROR

Fee for Lodgement of Certificates with Council - Clause 263(2) EPA Reg. 2000

Complying Development Certificate	\$32.73	\$36.00	RP
Part 4A Certificate – Construction Certificate	\$36.36	\$40.00	RP
Part 4A Certificate – Occupation Certificate	\$36.36	\$40.00	RP
Part 4A Certificate – Subdivision Certificate	\$45.00	\$45.00	RP

Building Certificate - Class 1 & 10 buildings (Cl. 260 EP&A Reg)

Building – Section 149D Certificate (Class 1 & 10 Buildings) (cl. 260 EP&A Reg)	\$400.00	\$400.00	RP
Additional Fee – More than 1 inspection required to issue building certificate (cl. 260 EP&A Reg)	\$180.00	\$180.00	RP

Building Certificate - Other Than Class 1 & 10 buildings (Cl. 260 EP&A Reg)

Floor area not exceeding 200m ²	\$400.00	\$400.00	FCR
Floor area exceeding 200m ² but not exceeding 2000m ²	\$400.00 + 50c per m ² over 200m ²		RP
Floor area exceeding 2000m ²	\$1,300.00 + 7.5c per m ² over 2000m ²		RP
Unauthorised Works	\$400.00 plus: Maximum DA Fee		RP
Unauthorised Works	\$400.00 plus: Maximum CC Fee		RP
Unauthorised Works	\$400.00 plus: Maximum CDC Fee		RP
Building – Section 149G Copy of Building Certificate (cl. 261 EP&A Reg)	\$13.00	\$13.00	RP
Section 150 (2) Certified Copy of Doc, plan or map (cl. 262 EP&A Reg)	\$53.00	\$53.00	RP
In the case where the application relates to a part of a building and that part consists of an external wall only or does not otherwise have a floor area	\$400.00	\$400.00	RP

Fire Safety Measures

Administration Fee for the handling and management of annual fire safety statements

Lodgement of Annual Fire Safety Statement (AFSS) prior to required date	\$54.55	\$60.00	RP
Lodgement of Annual Fire Safety Statement (AFSS) after the required date	\$109.09	\$120.00	RP
Inspection, where requested, of fire safety measures	\$363.64	\$400.00	RP

Building Reports

As determined by Director Liveable Communities

Building Report – Historic	\$330.00	\$330.00	FCR
Building Report – Assessment Against Standards – Including Exempt & Complying Development	\$227.27	\$250.00	FCR

Name	Year 25/26		Pricing Category
	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)	

Boarding Houses Act 2012

Inspection of Premises

Initial inspection Fee	\$250.00	\$250.00	FCR
Re-inspection Fee	\$250.00	\$250.00	FCR

Damage Bonds

For the purpose of funding repairs to damage of Council assets and ensuring compliance with Council's standards and specifications - Includes pre/post inspections

Environmental Management Bond		By Quotation	ZCR
Outstanding Works Bond		By Quotation	ZCR
Water Quality Bond		By Quotation	ZCR
Application/Administration Fee includes a pre & post inspection (Non-refundable)	\$500.00	\$500.00	FCR
Subsequent Inspections – Post inspections	\$250.00	\$250.00	FCR
Damage Bond – Single Dwellings & Construction of Swimming Pool & Operations involving major excavations (Minimum bond) (\$2,000.00 refundable)	\$2,200.00	\$2,200.00	ZCR
Damage Bond – Development (Including subdivision, dual occupancy or equivalent – Up to \$400,000)	\$4,200.00	\$4,200.00	ZCR
Damage Bond – Developments (Including subdivisions) with value greater than \$400,000		Bond is charged at 1%	ZCR
Dwelling Relocation Bonds – Minimum Charge	\$5,200.00	\$5,200.00	ZCR

Applications for Approval under Section 68 of the Local Government Act

Application for stormwater connection Fee	\$260.00	\$260.00	FCR
Application for onsite detention works – Impervious area <2,500Sqm	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	FCR
Application for onsite detention works – Impervious area >2,500Sqm	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	FCR
Checking of amended OSD plans	\$400.00	\$400.00	FCR
Drainage Inspection Fee	\$260.00	\$260.00	FCR
Plumbing Inspection Fee	\$260.00	\$260.00	FCR
Application to install manufactured or moveable dwelling on land NOT in a caravan park including inspection fees (3 x inspections)	\$870.00	\$870.00	FCR
Install a domestic oil or solid fuel heater	\$300.00	\$300.00	FCR

Application to Erect Hoarding or Occupy a Work Zone

Base Fee	\$100.00	\$100.00	FCR
Class A - Base Fee plus \$10/Square metre/Per month (Application Fee not applicable if part of Building Approval)			
Class B - Base Fee plus \$20/Square metre/Per month			
Occupy car park in CBD – (Per car park per day)	\$40.00	\$40.00	FCR
No base Fee applies			

Dishonoured Payments

All Dishonoured Cheques/Payment Transfers/Direct Debits Administration Fee (PLUS any Bank Charges as appropriate)	\$21.00	\$21.00	PCR
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Drainage Reserve Licence Agreement

Forster Keys – Jetty, Slipway or Revetment Wall	\$235.00	\$235.00	FCR
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Name	Year 25/26		Pricing Category
	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)	

Permanent Structures in Road Reserve (Per Square Metre Per Annum)

Forster	\$300.00	\$300.00	ROR
Tuncurry	\$250.00	\$250.00	ROR
Taree	\$230.00	\$230.00	ROR
Gloucester/Wingham/Harrington/Tea Gardens/Hawks Nest/Hallidays Point/Old Bar	\$230.00	\$230.00	ROR
Stroud/Bulahdelah/Nabiac	\$200.00	\$200.00	ROR
Small Regional Areas such as Krumbach	\$180.00	\$180.00	ROR

Easement Application or Release

Application Fee for Research and Easement Documentation	\$618.18	\$680.00	FCR
Plus all Third-Party Costs (Including Other Government Agency, Survey, Legal, Valuation and any Land Purchase Costs)		At Cost	FCR

Engineering Works

Engineering Plans - Approval/Supervision Fees

Engineering checking of Development Application Plans – (Minimum Fee 2 Hours)	Hourly Fee is \$250 with a minimum Fee of \$500		FCR
Engineering advice to Private Certifiers	\$295.45	\$325.00	FCR
Plans requiring additional checking due to amendments being necessary will incur an additional Fee under S177 based per hour per staff member (Minimum 1 hour)	\$375.00	\$375.00	FCR
Application for Public Engineering Works Permit (PEWP)	\$375.00	\$375.00	FCR
Application for subdivision Works Certificate	\$509.09	\$560.00	FCR
Drainage – Per metre	\$20.00	\$20.00	FCR
Urban Roads - Per metre (Total including kerb and gutter)	\$17.50	\$17.50	FCR
Footpath – Per metre	\$12.50	\$12.50	FCR
Kerb and Gutter/Road Shoulder – Per metre	\$12.50	\$12.50	FCR
Rural Residential Road – Per metre	\$12.50	\$12.50	FCR
Rural (Sealed) – Per metre	\$12.50	\$12.50	FCR
(Note: t = Roads > 1km rate subject to negotiation)			
Rural (Unsealed) – Per metre	\$12.50	\$12.50	FCR
(Note: t = Roads > 1km & special works (Including divided roads, roundabouts, bridges, major drainage, rate subject to negotiation)			

Maintenance/Defects Bond

Bond administration Fee (Includes release inspection)	\$400.00	\$400.00	FCR
Maintenance bond of 5% of the cost of construction of civil engineering works (Minimum \$2,700)		Min \$2,700.00	ZCR
Bond will be lodged with Council to cover defects which may arise within a period of 24 months of the completion of the works This bond is refundable upon completion of the maintenance period			

Additional Inspections of Engineering Works

Additional inspection	\$250.00	\$250.00	FCR
When additional inspections are required due to presentation of unsatisfactory or incomplete works, an inspection fee per visit will be charged for subsequent inspections of the failed section of work			

Name	Year 25/26		Pricing Category
	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)	

Private Works and External Works on Public Land

Kerbing & Guttering - Contribution Payable by Owner

Kerb & Gutter construction for properties with single street frontage

For properties with single street frontage – Price per lineal metre	\$99.00	\$99.00	PCR
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Kerb & Gutter construction for properties with multiple street frontage

For properties with multiple street frontage – Price per lineal metre	\$64.00	\$64.00	PCR
Residential Layback Construction (Standard 3.1m length) Only	\$830.00	\$830.00	PCR
Additional or wider residential layback construction per lineal metre (Standard 3.1m lineal length)	\$235.00	\$235.00	PCR
Commercial Layback per lineal metre (Maximum 6m)	\$365.00	\$365.00	PCR

Industrial Estate Signs

Initial Application Fee	\$471.82	\$519.00	FCR
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Road/Reserve/Park/Building Naming Submission (Roads Act 1993 - Section 162)

All Advertising is at cost

1-2 Street Names (Includes 1 round of advertising)	\$500.00	\$500.00	FCR
3-5 Street Names (Includes 1 round of advertising)	\$600.00	\$600.00	FCR
6-10 Street Names (Maximum 10 names per submission – Includes 1 round of advertising)	\$700.00	\$700.00	FCR
Naming of Reserve / Park or Building (Includes 1 round of advertising)	\$500.00	\$500.00	FCR
Naming of Bridge (Includes 1 round of advertising)	\$500.00	\$500.00	FCR
Advertising Fee – If additional advertising is required	\$70.00	\$70.00	FCR

Driveways - (Roads Act 1993 - Section 138)

Standard Vehicular Crossing – All areas (Urban & Rural)	\$395.00	\$395.00	FCR
Additional Inspections	\$250.00	\$250.00	FCR

Private Works

Civil Works	By Quotation	ROR
Quoted Price per Civil Works Incl Employee Costs Plant & Equipment Costs Materials Plus 15% Administration Fee 25% Warranty 10% GST		
Cost Recovery	At Cost + GST	FCR
Actuals Incl Employee Costs Plant & Equipment Costs Materials Plus 15% Administration Fee		

Name	Year 25/26		Pricing Category
	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)	

Private Works [continued]

Float Move	\$42 Admin Fee + At Cost	FCR
Quoted Price per Float Move Plus \$20 Administration Fee		
Quoted Price per Float Move Plus \$40 Administration Fee		

Events

Additional Fees may apply including waste, electricity, road closures etc

Application Fees - For Events

Administration Fee	\$135.00	\$135.00	PCR
Administration Fee – not for profit	\$67.50	\$67.50	PCR
Event Application Fee	\$270.00	\$270.00	PCR
Event Application Fee - not for profit (50% discount)	\$145.00	\$145.00	PCR
Event Refundable Bond	\$580.00	\$580.00	ZCR
Major Event Refundable Bond	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	ZCR
Ground use fee major event (circus, carnival, music event) - per day	\$545.00	\$599.50	PCR
General camping/festival/circuses - per site per day	\$23.00	\$25.30	PCR
Additional Services		At Cost + GST	PCR

Film & TV

Charges are set by the NSW Office of Local Government Local Filming Protocol 2009.

Filming Approval Fee (Per Day)

Under 10 crew	\$0.00	\$0.00	RP
11-25 crew	\$150.00	\$150.00	RP
26-50 crew	\$300.00	\$300.00	RP
50 plus crew	\$500.00	\$500.00	RP
Filming on private property - parking plan/unit base plan approval only	\$150.00	\$150.00	RP

Traffic Management Plans assessment/approval

Low impact	\$100.00	\$100.00	RP
Medium impact	\$300.00	\$300.00	RP
High impact	As per road closure fees via a qualified traffic management company		RP

Flood Certificates

Flood Level Certificate	\$125.00	\$125.00	PCR
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Government Information Public Access (GIPA)

Application by an individual for personal information about that individual (Fee includes 20 hrs free processing time and any photocopying required – A processing charge of \$30.00 per hour is applicable after first 20hrs)	\$30.00	\$30.00	RP
All other applications – e.g. for matters not relating to personal information of the applicant	\$30.00	\$30.00	RP

Name	Year 25/26		Pricing Category
	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)	

Government Information Public Access (GIPA) [continued]

Processing Charges per hour. Subject to consideration of discounts for financial hardship or special public benefit	\$30.00	\$30.00	RP
Internal Review Application Fee	\$40.00	\$40.00	RP
Retrieval of records - For information stored offsite		By Quotation	PCR

Property Information Package

Property Information Package (approvals, consents and plans)

Property Information for a property development that is post July 2010			RP
Within 30 Business days	\$0.00	\$0.00	RP
Urgent Fee	\$100.00	\$100.00	PCR
Property Information for a property development that is pre July 2010			PCR
Within 30 business days	\$100.00	\$100.00	PCR
Within 10 business days	\$200.00	\$200.00	PCR
Urgent Fee (in addition to above)	\$100.00	\$100.00	PCR

Impounding

Vehicles

Storage of Impounded Vehicle	\$176.45	\$176.45	PCR
Administration Fee	\$124.55	\$124.55	PCR
Storage – Per day	\$36.35	\$36.35	PCR

Articles

Fee for Release – Other Articles	\$114.20	\$114.20	PCR
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Keys

Amenities Key - Disabled MLAK

MLAK Key – Disability Access	\$24.55	\$27.00	FCR
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Forster Boat Harbour & Community Storage Compound

Each Additional Key	\$150.00	\$165.00	FCR
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Reserves, Parks, Sporting Fields & Showgrounds

Key Deposit (Refundable)	\$150.00	\$150.00	ZCR
Additional Key – Max 2 keys (Non-Refundable)	\$54.55	\$60.00	FCR

Land and Rating information

Copy of prior years' Rate Notice/Instalment Notice (Provided to property owner only)	\$22.50	\$22.50	PCR
Itemised Statement of Rate Account (Provided to property owner only)	\$22.50	\$22.50	PCR
Property searches, search of historical rate records, use of Rate Book, Valuation Book or Transfers Register (Subject to PPIP Act limitations) at cost \$95.00 per hour or part thereof	\$95.00 per hour or part thereof		PCR

Name	Year 25/26		Pricing Category
	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)	

Land Use Planning

Planning Applications

Planning Proposals

Council will determine the category of the application. Should the NSW Department of Planning identify that the Planning Proposal falls in a higher category, the difference in fee will be payable to Council prior to progressing the application further.

Any study required to support a Planning Proposal, Development Control Plan or Voluntary Planning Agreement will be prepared and paid for by the applicant.

Pre-Lodgement Meetings

Pre-lodgement meeting (Basic category) (Non-refundable)	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00	FCR
Pre-lodgement meeting (Standard/Release Area Program category) (Non-refundable)	\$3,750.00	\$3,750.00	FCR
Pre-lodgement meeting (Complex and principal category) (Non-refundable)	\$6,250.00	\$6,250.00	FCR
Follow up pre-lodgement meeting (Non-refundable)	75% of the initial pre-lodgement meeting Fee		FCR

Basic Category

Application Fee (Non-refundable)	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00	ROR
Plus the cost of any independent consultants engaged by Council to review any aspect of a Planning Proposal			
Plus Council's cost of public notification			

Standard/Release Area Program Category

Application Fee (Non-refundable)	\$108,000.00	\$108,000.00	ROR
Plus the cost of any independent consultants engaged by Council to review any aspect of a Planning Proposal			
Plus Council's cost of public notification			

Complex Category

Application Fee (Non-refundable)	\$180,000.00	\$180,000.00	ROR
Plus the cost of any independent consultants engaged by Council to review any aspect of a Planning Proposal			
Plus Council's cost of public notification			

Principal Category

Application Fee (Non-refundable)	\$240,000.00	\$240,000.00	ROR
Plus the cost of any independent consultants engaged by Council to review any aspect of a Planning Proposal			
Plus Council's cost of public notification			

Voluntary Planning Agreements

Management Fee (Non-refundable)	\$21,600.00	\$21,600.00	ROR
Management Fee for a conservation clause Planning Agreement (Non-refundable)	\$21,600.00	\$21,600.00	ROR
Management Fee for amendments to a Planning Agreement (Non-refundable)	By Quotation		ROR
Management Fee for a Works-in-kind agreement (Non-refundable)	By Quotation		ROR
Legal fees for the preparation, negotiation and execution of a Planning Agreement (paid prior to the preparation of Planning Agreement) (Non-refundable)	By Quotation		ROR

Name	Year 25/26		Pricing Category
	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)	

Development Control Plans

Council prepared Development Control Plan (Non-refundable)		By Quotation	ROR
Stage 1 – Lodgement and assessment up until 100 hours staff time (Non-refundable)	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	ROR
Plus the cost of any independent consultants engaged by Council to review any aspect of a DCP			
Plus Council's cost of public notification			
Stage 2 – Above 100 hours staff time (Paid prior to DCP adoption) (Non-refundable)		\$300 per hour above 100 hours staff time	ROR
Plus the cost of any independent consultants engaged by Council to review any aspect of a DCP			
Plus Council's cost of public notification			

Contributions Plans

Council prepared Contributions Plan (Non-refundable)		By Quotation	ROR
Stage 1 - Lodgement and assessment up until 100 hours staff time (Non-refundable)	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	ROR
Plus the cost of any independent consultants engaged by Council to review any aspect of a Contribution Plan			
Plus Council's cost of public notification			
Stage 2 – Above 100 hours staff time (Paid prior to Contribution Plan adoption) (Non-refundable)		\$300 per hour above 100 hours staff time	ROR
Plus the cost of any independent consultants engaged by Council to review any aspect of a Contribution Plan			
Plus Council's cost of public notification			

Other Land Use Planning Charges

Staff attendance at workshops or meetings for development or land-use proposals (Non-refundable)		By Quotation	FCR
Council co-ordination of specialist study preparation or peer review (Non-refundable)		By Quotation	FCR
Public Hearing (Additional Fee if required) (Non-refundable)		By Quotation	FCR
Formal rezoning enquiries that require research and a written reply - Per hour (Plus \$100 where inspection of the property is required) (Non-refundable)		\$250 per hour	FCR
Additional copies of the LEP (Non-refundable)	\$69.00	\$69.00	RP
Please note that Local Environmental Plans are free to download from the NSW Legislation website			

Lease and Licence Fees

Lease and Licence Rental

Commercial Lease or Licence		Market pricing Per Annum	ROR
Community Lease or Licence		Market pricing subject to any applicable rebate Per Annum	PCR

Commercial Lease or Licence Administration Fees

Commercial Lease	\$818.18	\$900.00	FCR
Commercial Licence (for a term of more than 12 months)	\$818.18	\$900.00	FCR
Commercial Licence (for a term of less than 12 months)	\$409.09	\$450.00	PCR
Renewal or Assignment of Commercial Lease (without ammendment)	\$409.09	\$450.00	PCR

Name	Year 25/26		Pricing Category
	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)	

Community Lease or Licence Administration Fees

Community Lease or Licence to a Local Community Group or Local Community Sporting Club	\$136.36	\$150.00	PCR
Community Lease or Licence to all other user groups (for a term of less than 12 months)	\$136.36	\$150.00	PCR
Community Lease or Licence to all other user groups (for a term of more than 12 months)	\$272.73	\$300.00	PCR
Renewal or Assignment of Community Lease or Licence (without amendment)	\$136.36	\$150.00	PCR

Fees to Other Parties (Commercial and Community Leases and Licences)

Survey Fees		At Cost	FCR
Valuation Fees		At Cost	FCR
Legal Fees		At Cost	FCR
Consultant Fees		At Cost	FCR
Lease Registration Fees		At Cost	FCR
Statutory Fees		At Cost	FCR
Advertising Fees		At Cost	FCR

Keys & Access Cards (Commercial and Community Leases and Licences)

Deposit (Refundable) max 2 key sets	\$150.00	\$150.00	ZCR
Additional or Replacement Key or Access Card (per key or card)	\$45.45	\$50.00	FCR

Library

Inter-library loans – Physical delivery Fee	\$33.18	\$36.50	RP
Annual Book Club Membership (Per book club)	\$135.00	\$135.00	PCR
Lost or Damaged Library Material	Replacement Cost of Item		FCR
Commission – Art and craft sales	18% of sale value		ROR
Enhanced technology support & training	\$155.00 p/h or part thereof		FCR
Exam invigilation	\$84.91	\$93.40	ROR
Enhanced research support	\$155.00 p/h or part thereof		FCR
Laminating – Business Card	\$2.82	\$3.10	FCR
Printing/Photocopying – A4 black & white per printed side	\$0.18	\$0.20	FCR
Printing/Photocopying – A4 Colour per printed side	\$0.36	\$0.40	FCR
Printing/photocopying – A3 black & white per printed side	\$0.36	\$0.40	FCR
Printing/Photocopying – A3 colour per printed side	\$0.72	\$0.80	FCR
Laminating – A4	\$4.73	\$5.20	FCR
Laminating – A3	\$9.45	\$10.40	FCR

Licences

Grazing Licence – Per week – Per head of stock (Unless set by tender process)	\$6.00	\$6.00	PCR
Live on-site	\$200.00	\$200.00	FCR

Vehicles on Beaches

Beach vehicle permit – Valid for 12 months from date of purchase	\$110.00	\$110.00	ROR
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Name	Year 25/26		Pricing Category
	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)	

Vehicles on Beaches [continued]

Beach vehicle permit – Pensioners and Seniors – Valid for 12 months from date of purchase	\$52.00	\$52.00	ROR
Beach vehicle permit – Replacement sticker	\$26.00	\$26.00	ROR
Short term beach vehicle permit – Valid for 30 days from date of purchase	\$68.00	\$68.00	ROR
Beach Craft Licence	\$1,715.00	\$1,715.00	ROR

Health Inspections

Inspection – Hair, Beauty & Skin Penetration	\$260.00	\$260.00	FCR
Inspection – Public Swimming Pool	\$260.00	\$260.00	FCR
Inspection – Legionnaires	Min \$260 + (\$130.00 per 1/2 hour) after the initial hour		FCR
Inspection – Pre-purchase & Report	\$356.00	\$356.00	FCR
Inspection – Environmental Industrial Compliance	\$260.00	\$260.00	FCR
Re-inspection & Follow-up inspections	\$260.00	\$260.00	FCR
Improvement notice/prohibition – Regulated system	\$635.00	\$635.00	RP
Improvement Notice/prohibition order – Skin Pen and Swimming Pools	\$295.00	\$295.00	RP
Clean Up Notice Administration Fee	\$821.00	\$821.00	RP
Clean-up Notice - Depositing litter or waste under Section 94(2)	\$267.00	\$267.00	
Pollution Prevention Notice/Noise Control Administration Fee	\$821.00	\$821.00	RP
Asbestos test Fee	\$135.00	\$135.00	FCR

Food

Annual administration Fee	\$390.00	\$390.00	RP
Annual administration Fee – Pro rata (For businesses that cease or commence trade part way through year)	\$30.00 per month		FCR
Inspection Fee	Min \$260.00 + (\$130.00 per 1/2 hour) after the initial hour		FCR
Inspection – Pre-purchase & Report	\$356.00	\$356.00	FCR
Inspection – Food Vending Vehicle	\$260.00	\$260.00	FCR
Inspection – Food vending vehicle or trailer (Garaged/based outside MidCoast LGA only) / Temporary food stall at event/ Community operated school canteens	\$130.00	\$130.00	FCR
Re-Inspection (other than minor matter(s))	\$310.00	\$310.00	FCR
Follow-up Inspection (minor matter(s))	\$137.00	\$137.00	PCR
Improvement Notice	\$330.00	\$330.00	RP

Other Regulatory control

Inspection of property for private burial (Minimum Fee 1 hour)	\$260.00	\$260.00	FCR
Administration fee for application to erect amusement device – Per device	\$38.00	\$38.00	FCR
Inspection (Administration fee) LG Act	\$260.00	\$260.00	FCR
UPSS (Underground petroleum storage system) Existing system inspection Fee	\$260.00	\$260.00	FCR

Name	Year 25/26		Pricing Category
	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)	

Transport of Waste Over Public Place

Bulk solid trade waste/Putrescible	\$1,557.00	\$1,557.00	FCR
Effluent and/or Sullage	\$779.00	\$779.00	FCR
Grease Trap Waste	\$779.00	\$779.00	FCR
Medical/Mineral Waste	\$182.00	\$182.00	FCR
Bulk Waste Non-Putrescible	\$343.00	\$343.00	FCR

Livestock Impounding

(Includes Cattle, Horses, Goats, Sheep & Pigs) (Impounding Act 1993)

Transportation to Pound		At Cost	PCR
Market Place		At Cost	PCR
Pound Fees per day for each animal	\$37.00	\$37.00	PCR
Advertising		At Cost	PCR
Veterinary Fees		At Cost	PCR

Private Impounding

Daily maintenance fees for impounded animals

Horse, cow (Includes calf)	\$47.00	\$47.00	PCR
Rams, ewes, wethers or lambs, goat or pig	\$37.00	\$37.00	PCR
Veterinary Care		At Cost	PCR
Transportation		At Cost	PCR

Public Spaces (Unattended Property) Act 2021

Livestock Impounding		At Cost	FCR
Fee for loss or damage attributable to an animal taken into possession while it was unattended, including on private land without the permission of the occupier of the land, S55(4)(c)			

Public GIS Maps - Per Map Sheet

Public GIS generated map - Includes Base Map or Aerial Imagery plus additional layers as selected by user e.g. planning zones, bushfire zones, etc

Generated by standard print templates (A4 or A3)

PDF or JPG	\$6.50	\$6.50	PCR
A4 – (Printed)	\$8.00	\$8.00	PCR
A3 – (Printed)	\$9.50	\$9.50	PCR

Customised Geographical System Output

Editing GIS software (Mapinfo, QGIS, ArcGIS) generated high quality and complex mapping or spatial data output to customer's specifications

Printed output to involve data creation, modification or complex thematic styling

Output provided in hardcopy printed format (A4 to A0 sheet size) or in an appropriate electronic format as discussed with customer

Aerial imagery included as required

Name	Year 25/26		Pricing Category
	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)	

Editing GIS software (Mapinfo, QGIS, ArcGIS) generated high quality and complex mapping or spatial data output to customer's specifications [continued]

A4 – Xerox Laser Printed	Hourly rate of \$142 charged in blocks of .25Hr plus \$8.00 print Fee	PCR
A3 – Xerox Laser Printed	Hourly rate of \$142 charged in blocks of .25Hr plus \$9.00 print Fee	PCR
A2 – Plotter Printed	Hourly rate of \$142 charged in blocks of .25Hr plus \$31.00 print Fee	PCR
A1 – Plotter Printed	Hourly rate of \$142 charged in blocks of .25Hr plus \$39.50 print Fee	PCR
A0 – Plotter Printed	Hourly rate of \$142 charged in blocks of .25Hr plus \$48.50 print Fee	PCR
Electronic map sheet image output to customer's requirements (e.g.JPG, PNG)	Hourly rate of \$142 charged in blocks of .25Hr	PCR
Spatial data output only (e.g. MIF, TAB, SHP, DXF, GeoTIFF) to Customer's requirements	Hourly rate of \$142 charged in blocks of .25Hr	PCR

Onsite Sewage Management Systems

On-site Sewage Management Systems s68 Applications

Application to Install a Domestic Septic System	\$603.00	\$603.00	FCR
Application to Install a Non - Domestic Septic System <10,000L/d capacity	\$1,022.00	\$1,022.00	FCR
Application to Install a Non - Domestic Septic System >10,000L/d capacity	\$2,017.00	\$2,017.00	FCR
Application to Alter a design of a Domestic Septic System	\$499.00	\$499.00	FCR
Application to alter a design of a non-domestic system	\$603.00	\$603.00	FCR
Tank changeover or amend an approval to install/alter a Septic System	\$270.00	\$270.00	FCR

On-site Sewage Management Program - Registration, Annual Fees & Inspections

Register a Septic System for the first time	\$250.00	\$250.00	FCR
Pre-purchase inspection and report for a septic system (property for sale)	\$416.00	\$416.00	FCR
Re-inspection & Follow-up inspections	\$260.00	\$260.00	FCR
Annual fee for operation of a Septic System (levy)	\$89.00	\$89.00	FCR

Overdue Rates and Charges/Debt Collection

Accrual of interest on overdue rates and charges

Council will use the interest rate as determined by the Minister for Local Government for the interest payable on overdue rates and charges

Applicable to general council rates, annual charges (including waste management, water, and sewer), and other debts

Interest accrues on a daily basis on rates and charges that remain unpaid after they become due and payable

Current interest rate on overdue rates and charges	Rate is 10.5%	RP
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Name	Year 25/26		Pricing Category
	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)	

Water Restriction Devices & Account Collection Fees

Council issues reminder notices on all overdue accounts. Outstanding accounts will be subject to interest charges and other debt recovery action

An account collection fee will be applied to the account if it becomes overdue and a notice for the installation of a restrictive washer is delivered to the property of the water meter

If the account remains unpaid after the notice is delivered, then a restrictive washer may be installed until such time as payment is made or satisfactory arrangements are agreed in regards to outstanding account

Account collection	\$95.00	\$95.00	PCR
Removal of water restriction device – During office hours	\$144.00	\$144.00	FCR
Removal of water restriction device – After hours	\$420.00	\$420.00	FCR

Unhealthy Blocks Clearing

Clearing of unhealthy block		At Cost	FCR
Administration charge	\$312.00	\$312.00	PCR

Privacy and Personal Information Protection (PPIP)

Access to Personal Information-Applications under PPIP Act		Nil	RP
Copying Charges		Nil	RP

Professional Advice and Research Fees

An hourly (or part thereof) charge is made for staff time consumed in dealing with enquiries undertaken at the request of or for the benefit of individuals/organisations that involves researching and analysing information so as to prepare a written or oral response or professional opinion. This includes interpretation and analysis of Council records.	\$188.18	\$207.00	RP
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The Fee is to be estimated and payment to be made before the investigation is commenced and is subject to any necessary adjustment on conclusion of the investigation
Relevant Directors have the discretion to determine when this fee will be applied in relation to an enquiry

Public Gates - (Roads Act 1993 - Section 128)

Public Gate Application – Stage 1 (Fee includes cost of advertising)	\$780.00	\$780.00	FCR
Public Gate Application – Stage 2 – (Section 138 permit)	\$260.00	\$260.00	FCR

Road Closures/Opening

Road Closure Applications Stage 1	\$1,820.00	\$1,820.00	FCR
Road Closure Applications Stage 2	\$1,040.00	\$1,040.00	FCR
Road Opening Applications	\$915.00	\$915.00	FCR
Plus Third-Party Costs (Including Other Government Agency, Survey, Legal, Valuation and Land Purchase costs)		At Cost	FCR

Road Closures - Temporary - For Events

NOTE: Prescribed deposit to be paid in addition where Council lodges application with Lands Department.

Temporary Road Closure Application		At Cost	FCR
Additional costs relate to Advertising			

Name	Year 25/26		Pricing Category
	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)	

Roads Activity (Section 138)

Also applies to consent to carry out Section 138 Roads Act activities

Application/Administration Fee (Non-refundable)	\$260.00	\$260.00	FCR
Damage Bond	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00	ZCR
Subsequent Inspections (If required)	\$260.00	\$260.00	FCR
Rectifications Works at cost (+11% on labour and 2.5% on materials) - No GST			

Streetlight Glare Shields

Provision of Luminaire Glare Shield (Customer requested)	\$571.78	\$628.96	RP
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Reserves and Showgrounds

Events - Portable Electricity Setup & Usage

Portable power set up for events	\$227.27	\$250.00	FCR
Event daily power usage	\$34.55	\$38.00	FCR

Commercial Activities on Public Lands – Excluding Events Listed Elsewhere

Single session commercial activity	\$47.00	\$47.00	FCR
Three-month licence for a sole operator	\$360.00	\$360.00	FCR
Six-month licence for a sole operator	\$650.00	\$650.00	FCR
Annual licence for a sole operator	\$1,285.00	\$1,285.00	FCR
Fee Payable if DA required			

Access Through Park Bond

Bond (Refundable) for Commercial Purposes	\$500.00	\$500.00	ZCR
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Sports Fields & Showgrounds - Lighting Set-up/Changes (Initial lighting setup/ shutdown or daylight-saving change or user requested time resets)

All Areas	\$140.91	\$155.00	FCR
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Refocus Lights

Refocus individual lights at all parks (Including plant and staff costs)	At Cost + GST - Minimum \$300		FCR
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Sporting Fields

Goal post installation and removal (Outside of seasonal use)	\$300.00	\$330.00	FCR
Use of grounds when closed (Sporting clubs) Excluding repair costs	\$150.00	\$165.00	FCR

Cleaning/Garbage Removal/Restoration Charge

Where considered necessary by the Director Liveable Communities a bond will be taken prior to use of the ground. Organisations or clubs failing to leave grounds and amenities in a tidy state shall be subject to a cleaning Fee.

Hourly rate for each employee is charged for work done by Council Staff plus restoration Fees at cost	At Cost + GST - Minimum \$300.00		FCR
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Name	Year 25/26		Pricing Category
	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)	

Lighting - Electricity Charges: Rate per hour

When controlled by an Illuminator, lighting is charged as metered or from 5pm AEST to 8pm AEDT and charged in half hour increments.

Any Park/Reserve not specified will be charged at Cost (incl GST)

Aub Ferris Sport Complex Nabiac	\$16.55	\$18.20	FCR
Blackhead Sportsground	\$22.00	\$24.20	FCR
Boronia Park Netball	\$23.82	\$26.20	FCR
Boronia Park Soccer – Field #1 Water St	\$12.82	\$14.10	FCR
Boronia Park Soccer – Field #2 Godwin St	\$23.64	\$26.00	FCR
Boronia Park Soccer – Field #3 Kularoo Dr	\$12.82	\$14.10	FCR
Bulahdelah – Jack Ireland Sports Complex	\$11.91	\$13.10	FCR
Bulahdelah Show Ground – Arena Lights	\$16.55	\$18.20	FCR
Central Park	\$7.73	\$8.50	FCR
Chatham Park	\$4.09	\$4.50	FCR
Cooperook Oval	\$8.64	\$9.50	FCR
Cundletown Oval – Eastern Field	\$9.64	\$10.60	FCR
Cundletown Oval – Western Field	\$9.64	\$10.60	FCR
Edinburgh Park	\$6.00	\$6.60	FCR
EG Trad – Eastern Soccer Field	\$22.00	\$24.20	FCR
EG Trad – Western Soccer Field	\$21.09	\$23.20	FCR
EG Trad – Richard Crook Field (Union) – Training Half Lights	\$8.64	\$9.50	FCR
EG Trad – Richard Crook Field (Union) – Full Lights	\$16.55	\$18.20	FCR
Esmond Hogan Park	\$11.00	\$12.10	FCR
Forster Sports Complex	\$18.18	\$20.00	FCR
Gloucester District Park – Oval #1	\$29.27	\$32.20	FCR
Gloucester District Park – Oval #3 Bert Gallagher	\$19.09	\$21.00	FCR
Gloucester Netball	\$11.00	\$12.10	FCR
Gloucester Soccer - per pole	\$3.73	\$4.10	FCR
Gloucester Soccer - full set	\$14.91	\$16.40	FCR
Lansdowne Oval – Junior Field (East)	\$9.55	\$10.50	FCR
Lansdowne Oval – Main Field (West)	\$11.91	\$13.10	FCR
Muscio Park	\$5.00	\$5.50	FCR
Myall Park	\$13.73	\$15.10	FCR
North Tuncurry Sports Complex – Harry Elliott Oval	\$16.55	\$18.20	FCR
North Tuncurry Sports Complex – Peter Barclay Touch	\$23.36	\$25.70	FCR
North Tuncurry Sports Complex – Peter Barclay Union	\$23.36	\$25.70	FCR
Old Bar Netball	\$5.00	\$5.50	FCR
Old Bar Sports Field – Western Field #1	\$29.27	\$32.20	FCR
Old Bar Sports Field – Eastern Field #2	\$29.27	\$32.20	FCR
Old Bar Sports Field Total (Cricket)	\$65.91	\$72.50	FCR
Omaru Park – Field #4	\$12.73	\$14.00	FCR
Omaru Park – Field #5 - Full	\$16.55	\$18.20	FCR
Omaru Park - Field #5 - Training	\$8.27	\$9.10	FCR
Omaru Park - Field #6	\$13.73	\$15.10	PCR
Omaru Park - Field #7	\$8.27	\$9.10	FCR
Omaru Park - Field - Junior	\$5.55	\$6.10	PCR

Name	Year 25/26		Pricing Category
	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)	

Lighting - Electricity Charges: Rate per hour [continued]

Pacific Palms Sports Complex	\$19.27	\$21.20	FCR
Stroud Showground – Arena/Sports Field	\$16.55	\$18.20	FCR
Stroud Showground – Rodeo Arena	\$24.27	\$26.70	FCR
Taree Park – Johnny Martin Oval	\$9.64	\$10.60	FCR
Taree Recreation Centre – Criterium Track	\$8.64	\$9.50	FCR
Taree Recreation Centre – Field #1 Frank Mills	\$16.55	\$18.20	FCR
Taree Recreation Centre – Field #2	\$24.73	\$27.20	FCR
Taree Recreation Centre – Field #3 Danny Buderus (Training)	\$20.18	\$22.20	FCR
Taree Recreation Centre – Field #3 Danny Buderus (Full lights)	\$40.27	\$44.30	FCR
Taree Recreation Centre – Field #4 (Training)	\$20.18	\$22.20	FCR
Taree Recreation Centre – Field #4 (Full lights)	\$40.27	\$44.30	FCR
Taree Recreation Centre – Field #1 to #4 Total	\$121.64	\$133.80	FCR
Taree Recreation Centre – Hockey #1 Allan Taylor Field	\$43.91	\$48.30	FCR
Taree Recreation Centre – Hockey #2 Terry Lauanders Field	\$22.00	\$24.20	FCR
Taree Recreation Centre – Hockey #3	\$36.64	\$40.30	FCR
Taree Recreation Centre – Netball Courts #1 & #2	\$4.09	\$4.50	FCR
Taree Recreation Centre – Netball Courts #3 & #4	\$4.09	\$4.50	FCR
Taree Recreation Centre – Netball Court #5	\$3.18	\$3.50	FCR
Taree Recreation Centre – Netball Court #7	\$3.18	\$3.50	FCR
Taree Recreation Centre – Netball Total	\$13.64	\$15.00	FCR
Taree Recreation Centre – Soccer	\$22.00	\$24.20	FCR
Taree Rugby Park – Union Field	\$23.32	\$25.65	FCR
Tinonee Recreation Reserve – Bob Collier Oval	\$8.64	\$9.50	FCR
Tuncurry Sports Complex – Field #1 (Competition)	\$15.55	\$17.10	FCR
Tuncurry Sports Complex – Fields #2 & #3 (Total)	\$15.55	\$17.10	FCR
Tuncurry Sports Complex – South St Oval	\$5.91	\$6.50	FCR
Wingham Sport Complex – Field #1 East (Rugby League Training)	\$18.36	\$20.20	FCR
Wingham Sport Complex – Field #1 West (Rugby League Training)	\$18.36	\$20.20	FCR
Wingham Sport Complex – Field #1 Total (Rugby League)	\$36.64	\$40.30	FCR
Wingham Sport Complex – Field #2 Warriors (Soccer Training)	\$25.64	\$28.20	FCR
Wingham Sport Complex – Field #2 Warriors (Soccer Competition)	\$51.27	\$56.40	FCR
Wingham Sport Complex – Field #3 Ken Malpass (Jr Soccer)	\$17.91	\$19.70	FCR
Wingham Sport Complex – Field #4 Ken Malpass (Touch)	\$17.91	\$19.70	FCR
Wrigley Park	\$7.73	\$8.50	FCR

Gloucester Recreation Centre

Half Court Hire Fee	\$23.64	\$26.00	PCR
Full Court Hire Fee	\$42.73	\$47.00	PCR
Casual Basketball	\$5.00	\$5.50	PCR
School Sport – Per person	\$2.55	\$2.80	PCR
Badminton	\$29.55	\$32.50	PCR
Aerobic classes (Without lights)	\$19.09	\$21.00	PCR

Name	Year 25/26		Pricing Category
	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)	

Casual Hirers

Full Day (9am to 4pm)	\$454.55	\$500.00	PCR
Evening (4pm to 12am)	\$563.64	\$620.00	PCR
Bond (Refundable)	\$500.00	\$500.00	ZCR

Not for Profit Rate

Full Day (9am to 4pm)	\$227.27	\$250.00	PCR
Evening Hire (4pm to 12am)	\$409.09	\$450.00	PCR
Bond (Refundable)	\$500.00	\$500.00	ZCR

Showgrounds

Bulahdelah Showground

Not for profit user groups that are members of the showground committee are exempt from booking Fees.

Showground Arena – Per day (Including use of general areas)	\$172.73	\$190.00	PCR
Showground Arena – Hourly Fee (Including use of general areas)	\$30.00	\$33.00	PCR

Bulahdelah Showground Camping

Powered – Per Site, Per Night	\$26.36	\$29.00	PCR
Unpowered – Per Site, Per Night	\$20.91	\$23.00	PCR

Nabiac Showground

Not for profit user groups that are members of the showground committee are exempt from booking Fees.

Horse Arena – Daily	\$81.82	\$90.00	PCR
Horse Arena – Hourly	\$15.45	\$17.00	PCR
Kiosk (Available as part of existing event) – Per Day	\$40.91	\$45.00	PCR
Showground Arena Lights – Hourly	\$20.00	\$22.00	PCR
Showground Arena – Daily (Including use of general areas)	\$172.73	\$190.00	PCR
Showground Arena – Hourly (Including use of general areas)	\$30.00	\$33.00	PCR
Stockyards Facility – Per Day	\$427.27	\$470.00	PCR

Nabiac Showground Camping

Campers must be part of an existing arena event at the showground

Powered – Per Site, Per Night	\$26.36	\$29.00	PCR
Unpowered – Per Site, Per Night	\$20.91	\$23.00	PCR

Stroud Showground

Not for profit user groups that are members of the showground committee are exempt from booking Fees.

Horse Arena – Daily	\$81.82	\$90.00	PCR
Horse Arena – Hourly	\$15.45	\$17.00	PCR
Showground Arena Lights – Hourly	\$20.00	\$22.00	PCR
Showground Arena – Daily (Including use of general areas)	\$172.73	\$190.00	PCR
Showground Arena – Hourly (Including use of general areas)	\$30.00	\$33.00	PCR

Name	Year 25/26		Pricing Category
	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)	

Stroud Showground [continued]

Entire showground – Exclusive use – (Includes showground arena and horse arena and camping sites) – Per day	\$909.09	\$1,000.00	PCR
Use of Showground Buildings (Excluding MPC) – Per Day, Per Building	\$45.45	\$50.00	PCR

Stroud Showground Camping

Powered – Per Site, Per Night	\$26.36	\$29.00	PCR
Unpowered – Per Site, Per Night	\$20.91	\$23.00	PCR

Camp Grounds

Barrington Reserve – Per Site, Per Night	\$20.91	\$23.00	PCR
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Community and Minor Events

Bond (Refundable)	\$500.00	\$500.00	ZCR
Ground Fee – General Use – Per Day	\$100.00	\$110.00	PCR
Ground Fee – Local Community Group – No Charge	\$0.00	\$0.00	PCR

Community Spaces Bookings

Dog Training Fenced Area - Exclusive Use	\$13.64	\$15.00	PCR
Weddings and Special Ceremonies on Council Managed Land (Exclusive use not granted)	\$140.91	\$155.00	PCR

Rural Address Post/Numbers

Rural Address Plate with Reflective Numbers – Basic	\$95.45	\$105.00	FCR
Rural Address Post with Reflective Numbers (incl. install)	\$377.27	\$415.00	FCR

Sale & Stockyards

Sale Yards - Gloucester Only

Yard dues and Fees are applicable to all sales and also to occasional operators using the facilities at the saleyards.

All Fees apply whether the animal is sold or unsold.

Sale Day Fees may include up to four days use of the yards after sale day, Non Sale Day Fees for occasional operators will then apply.

Regular Sale

Agent Booking Fee	\$400.00	\$440.00	PCR
Agent Fee – Per head	\$3.59	\$3.95	PCR
Yard Dues – Per head	\$7.55	\$8.30	PCR

Other Sales

Agent booking Fee includes all sales except Regular Sales	\$540.91	\$595.00	PCR
Agent fees – Per head	\$3.59	\$3.95	PCR
Yard Dues – (Horse or Bull Sale) – Per head	\$15.45	\$17.00	PCR

Name	Year 25/26		Pricing Category
	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)	

Other Sales [continued]

Yard Dues – (Other than Horse or Bull Sale) – Per head	\$7.55	\$8.30	PCR
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Use of Saleyards on Non-Sale Days

By Agents – Yard Dues – Per head	\$7.55	\$8.30	PCR
By Agents – Agent fee – Per head	\$3.59	\$3.95	PCR
Transfer of animal – Per head	\$2.09	\$2.30	PCR

Use of Liveweight Scales

Scales – Per head	\$1.25 inc GST per head Min Fee of \$105 inc GST		PCR
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Use of Scanner

Scanner – Per head	\$0.65 inc GST per head Min Fee \$105 inc GST		PCR
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Sundry Fees

Fee for the exhibition of products at saleyards (Prior Council approval is required)	\$59.09	\$65.00	PCR
Machinery/Other Sale	\$395.45	\$435.00	PCR

Hire of Auction Ring

Fee	\$122.73	\$135.00	PCR
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Truck Wash Keys

Fee	\$19.09	\$21.00	ROR
Water Charge – Avdata truck wash – Per minute	\$0.59	\$0.65	ROR

Cattle destruction

Fee	At Cost (Vet or Other)		FCR
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Removal of dead animals

Fee	\$290.91	\$320.00	FCR
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Stockyards - Nabiac Only

Stockyard dues, Fees etc.

Agent booking Fee – Daily rate	\$400.00	\$440.00	PCR
Agent Fee – (Per head)	\$3.59	\$3.95	PCR
Yard dues – (Per head)	\$7.55	\$8.30	PCR

Signs

Signs - Directional and Tourist

Cost of New Sign, replacement and maintenance including freight & erection.	At Cost + GST (Min. \$330.00)		FCR
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Name	Year 25/26		Pricing Category
	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)	

Street Banners

Design and Print	Price on Application (Pre bookings required)	
Installation & removal of street banners	Price on application (Pre bookings required)	FCR

Subpoena and Notice to Produce Fees

To be paid upon request or service of subpoena and includes payment for up to one hour of staff time.	\$130.00	\$130.00	RP
Processing Fee – Charged for work undertaken in excess of the one hour included in conduct fee which may include file retrieval, researching, reviewing and collating files and documents.	\$100.00	\$100.00	FCR

Taree Airport

RPT Operations (Freight) - As Per Contract

Daily Courier/Freight Operations – 1 flight per day	\$1,590.91	\$1,750.00	PCR
Daily Courier/Freight Operations – 2 flights per day	\$3,181.82	\$3,500.00	PCR

Non-RPT Operations

Grass Runway Usage - Closure of Runway #12-30 - full day	\$909.09	\$1,000.00	PCR
Grass Runway Usage - Closure of Runway #12-30 - half day	\$500.00	\$550.00	PCR
Grass Runway Usage - Closure of Runway #12-30 - per hour	\$136.36	\$150.00	PCR
Paved Runway Usage - Closure of Runway # 04-22 - full day	\$2,386.36	\$2,625.00	PCR
Paved Runway Usage - Closure of Runway # 04-22 - half day	\$1,227.27	\$1,350.00	PCR
Paved Runway Usage - Closure of Runway # 04-22 - per hour	\$318.18	\$350.00	PCR
Paved Runway Usage - Non Closure of Runway (eg model aircraft) / per day	\$136.36	\$150.00	PCR
Access to Airport (From Private Property) - Annual Fee	\$618.18	\$680.00	PCR
Local light aircraft commercial facility usage Fee (Covers use of Airport including parking) – Annual fee payable in advance	\$1,836.36	\$2,020.00	PCR
Obstacle Limitation Surface (OLS) Information – Per Request	\$1,145.45	\$1,260.00	PCR
Airport Reporting Officer Supervision – Hourly Rate	\$87.27	\$96.00	FCR

Pavement Concession Paperwork

Initial Monthly Fee (between the hours of 6am - 6pm) + Subsequent fees as per below listing	\$18.18	\$20.00	PCR
Initial Monthly Fee - after hours (between the hours of 6.01pm - 5.59am) + Subsequent fees as per below listing	\$27.27	\$30.00	PCR
Aircraft per tonne - up to 7000kg	\$13.64	\$15.00	PCR
Aircraft 7001kg - 9000kg	Base Fee is \$80.00 incl gst + additional rate of \$24.20 incl gst per 1000kg		PCR
Aircraft 9001kg - 15000kg	Base Fee is \$80.00 Incl gst + additional rate of \$37.00 Incl gst per 1000kg		PCR
Aircraft 15001kg - 25000kg	Base Fee is \$80.00 Inc gst + additional rate of \$48.50 Incl gst per 1000kg		PCR

Name	Year 25/26		Pricing Category
	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)	

Pavement Concession Paperwork [continued]

Aircraft 25001kg - 30000kg	Base Fee is \$80.00 Inc gst + additional rate of \$61.00 Incl gst per 1000kg	PCR
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Manning River Aero Club

Local Light Aircraft incl Landing and Touch & Go - Annual / per aircraft (non Commercial)	\$454.55	\$500.00	PCR
Local Light Aircraft initial minimum monthly fee incl Landing and Touch & Go + subsequent fees according to aircraft weight as per below	\$18.18	\$20.00	PCR
Fee for subsequent usage as per above / per 1000kg	\$11.09	\$12.20	PCR
Club Day Movements - incl Landing/Parking, Touch & Go) per day	\$18.18	\$20.00	PCR
Local Light Aircraft training facility usage Fee (Covers use of Airport incl parking and Touch & Go) – Annual fee payable in advance	\$2,272.73	\$2,500.00	PCR

Aircraft Parking Fees

Grass – Daily Rate	\$7.27	\$8.00	PCR
Apron – Daily Rate up to 2000 kg	\$13.64	\$15.00	PCR
Apron – Daily Rate 2001 kg – 5000 kg	\$30.00	\$33.00	PCR
Apron – Daily Rate 5001 kg – 10000 kg	\$38.18	\$42.00	PCR
Apron – Daily Rate 10001 kg – 15000 kg	\$57.27	\$63.00	PCR
Apron – Daily Rate 20001 kg – 25000 kg	\$158.00	\$173.80	PCR
Apron – Daily Rate 25001 kg – 30000 kg	\$250.00	\$275.00	PCR

Helicopter Fees

Parking - Grass – Daily Rate	\$27.27	\$30.00	PCR
Landing Fee	\$27.27	\$30.00	PCR

Training

Training Flight Fee (for aircraft that touch the runway) per Touch and Go - Local	\$4.55	\$5.00	PCR
Approved users with direct access to taxiways - eligible for private access or a member of Manning River Aero Club.			
Training Flight Fee (for aircraft that touch the runway) per Touch and Go - Non Local	\$9.09	\$10.00	PCR
Local light aircraft commercial - incl Access, Touch & Go & Landing Fees - Annual Fee	\$2,272.73	\$2,500.00	PCR

Other

Casual hangar hire of hangar 8 – (Monthly)	\$331.82	\$365.00	PCR
Long term storage fees within this hangar are subject to quotation by council			
Airport Groundsperson - After hours callout charge – Minimum Fee	\$377.27	\$415.00	PCR

Airside Vehicle Parking - Daily

Small Vehicle – Daily Rate	\$19.09	\$21.00	PCR
Fuel Trucks – Small – Daily Rate	\$28.64	\$31.50	PCR
Fuel Trucks – Large – Daily Rate	\$38.18	\$42.00	PCR

Name	Year 25/26		Pricing Category
	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)	

Tourism & Marketing

Tourism Partnership Program

Entry Level	\$100.00	\$110.00	PCR
Package 1	\$250.00	\$275.00	PCR
Package 2	\$454.55	\$500.00	PCR
Package 3	\$600.00	\$660.00	PCR
Package 4	\$1,363.64	\$1,500.00	PCR
Package 5	\$2,272.73	\$2,500.00	PCR
Advertising		By Quotation	PCR
Tear-off Barrington Coast destination maps	\$15.00	\$16.50	PCR

Tree Inspection

Tree Inspection – Tree Removal Applications	\$260.00	\$260.00	FCR
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Vehicles - Heavy/Wide Loads

Route Assessment and Supervision of Heavy/Wide Loads (Per hour)	\$245.00	\$245.00	FCR
Council's supervision of loads after 3:00pm on weekdays and at all times on weekends/public holidays will incur penalty rates			

Vehicles - Electric Charging Stations

Electric Recharge Rate (Per kW/hr)	\$0.27	\$0.30	FCR
Fee applies to council provided EV charging stations.			
EV Charging Session Fee	\$0.27	\$0.30	FCR
EV Idle Fee-charged per minute after 5 minutes idle time	\$0.10	\$0.11	FCR

Venue Hire

Administration Centres

Key Deposit (Refundable)	\$150.00	\$150.00	ZCR
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Gloucester Meeting Rooms

Professional Rate Including Government Bodies

Hourly (Per Hour, 2 hours minimum)	\$28.18	\$31.00	PCR
Half Day (Up to 4 hours)	\$84.55	\$93.00	PCR
Full day	\$150.91	\$166.00	PCR

Not For Profit Rate

Hourly (Per Hour, 2 hours minimum)	\$19.09	\$21.00	PCR
Half Day (Up to 4 hours)	\$61.82	\$68.00	PCR
Full Day	\$100.00	\$110.00	PCR

Stroud and Tea Gardens District Office Meeting Rooms

Elections (Per day)	\$454.55	\$500.00	FCR
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Name	Year 25/26		Pricing Category
	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)	

Professional Rate Including Government Bodies

Hourly (Per Hour, 2 hours minimum)	\$28.18	\$31.00	PCR
Half Day (Up to 4 hours)	\$84.55	\$93.00	PCR
Full Day	\$150.91	\$166.00	PCR

Not For Profit Rate

Hourly (Per Hour, 2 hours minimum)	\$19.09	\$21.00	PCR
Half Day (Up to 4 hours)	\$61.82	\$68.00	PCR
Full Day	\$100.00	\$110.00	PCR

Yalawanyi Ganya

Council Chambers

High technology room including zoom facilities, large screen, lecturn, and microphone. If technology is required additional costs apply as set up **must** be completed by MidCoast Council staff - see pricing below

Room is only available during Office Hours

Professional Rate Including Government Bodies

Half Day (Up to 4 hours)	\$331.82	\$365.00	PCR
Full Day	\$659.09	\$725.00	PCR
Bond (Refundable)	\$500.00	\$500.00	ZCR
MidCoast Council Audio/Tech staff required (Per hour)	\$159.09	\$175.00	FCR

Not For Profit Rate

Half Day (Up to 4 hours)	\$218.18	\$240.00	PCR
Full Day	\$431.82	\$475.00	PCR
Bond (Refundable)	\$250.00	\$250.00	ZCR
MidCoast Council Audio/Tech staff required (Per hour)	\$159.09	\$175.00	FCR

Wallingat Room (Capacity 4)

Room is only available during office hours

Professional Rate Including Government Bodies

Hourly (Per Hour, 2 hours minimum)	\$28.18	\$31.00	PCR
Half Day (Up to 4 hours)	\$84.55	\$93.00	PCR
Full Day	\$150.91	\$166.00	PCR

Not For Profit Rate

Hourly (Per Hour, 2 hours minimum)	\$19.09	\$21.00	PCR
Half Day (Up to 4 hours)	\$61.82	\$68.00	PCR
Full Day	\$100.00	\$110.00	PCR

Manning Regional Art Gallery

Venue Hire for commercial functions and events

- Excludes community partnerships where an agreed MOU is approved by Manager Libraries, Community & Cultural Services.

Name	Year 25/26		Pricing Category
	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)	

Whole Centre

Professional Rate Including Government Bodies

Hourly booking	\$86.36	\$95.00	FCR
Minimum 2 hour booking, outside operating hours or by negotiation			
Half Day	\$217.27	\$239.00	FCR
Bookings are only available on Sundays and/or Mondays and are subject to availability			
Full Day	\$434.55	\$478.00	FCR
Bookings are only available on Sundays and/or Mondays and are subject to availability			
Staff (Per hour) – As per client agreement	By Quotation		FCR

Not For Profit Rate

Hourly booking	\$42.73	\$47.00	PCR
Minimum 2 hour booking, outside operating hours or by negotiation			
Half Day	\$109.09	\$120.00	PCR
Bookings are only available on Sundays and/or Mondays and are subject to availability			
Full Day	\$217.27	\$239.00	PCR
Bookings are only available on Sundays and/or Mondays and are subject to availability			
Staff (Per hour) – As per client agreement	By Quotation		FCR

Gallery Studios

Small Studio Room (up to 8 People)

Professional Rate Including Government Bodies

Half Day	\$66.36	\$73.00	FCR
Full Day	\$132.73	\$146.00	FCR
Staff (Per hour) – As per client agreement	By Quotation		FCR

Not For Profit Rate

Half Day	\$33.18	\$36.50	PCR
Full Day	\$66.36	\$73.00	PCR
Staff – (Per hour) – As per client agreement	By Quotation		FCR

Outdoor Undercover Art Space

Professional Rate Including Government Bodies

Half Day	\$47.27	\$52.00	FCR
Full Day	\$94.55	\$104.00	FCR
Staff (Per hour) – As per client agreement	By Quotation		FCR

Not For Profit Rate

Half Day	\$23.64	\$26.00	PCR
Full Day	\$47.27	\$52.00	PCR
Staff (Per hour) – As per client agreement	By Quotation		FCR

Name	Year 25/26		Pricing Category
	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)	

Forster Civic Centre

Forster Civic Centre Rooms are available during library access hours. Technology support charged separately see Library Fees. Use for Elections State and Federal as per halls hire fees. Catering quotes provided upon request. Excludes community partnerships where an agreed MOU is approved by Manager Libraries, Community & Cultural Services.

Bond (Refundable)	\$260.00	\$260.00	ZCR
Bond for Major Functions (Refundable) Payable for all large events including parties, conferences, and events with Alcohol etc. Refundable after satisfactory inspection of facility.	\$525.00	\$525.00	ZCR
Major Function incl. Atrium use bookings		By Quotation	FCR

Coolongolook #1 (Capacity up to 70 People)

Professional Rate Including Government Bodies

Hourly	\$104.09	\$114.50	FCR
Half Day (Up to 4 hours)	\$255.00	\$280.50	FCR
Full Day (Business hours)	\$443.64	\$488.00	FCR
After hours (From 7am to 9am or 5pm to 10pm)		\$155 p/h	FCR
Catering Kitchen – Half and Full Day Use	\$99.09	\$109.00	FCR
Staff onsite support (Per hour)	\$75 per hour or part thereof		PCR

Not For Profit Rate

Hourly	\$52.27	\$57.50	PCR
Half Day (Up to 4 hours)	\$127.73	\$140.50	PCR
Full Day (Business hours)	\$221.82	\$244.00	PCR
After hours (From 7am to 9am or 5pm to 10pm)		\$75 p/h	PCR
Catering Kitchen – Half and Full Day Use	\$99.09	\$109.00	FCR
Staff onsite support (Per hour)	\$75 per hour or part thereof		PCR

Coolongolook #2 (Capacity up to 60 People)

Professional Rate Including Government Bodies

Hourly	\$94.55	\$104.00	PCR
Half Day (Up to 4 hours)	\$235.91	\$259.50	PCR
Full Day (Business hours)	\$425.00	\$467.50	PCR
After hours (from 7am to 9am or 5pm to 10pm)		\$150 p/h	PCR
Catering kitchen – Half and Full Day Use	\$99.09	\$109.00	PCR
Staff onsite support (Per hour)	\$75 per hour or part thereof		PCR

Not For Profit Rate

Hourly	\$47.27	\$52.00	PCR
Half Day (Up to 4 hours)	\$118.18	\$130.00	PCR
Full Day (Business hours)	\$212.73	\$234.00	PCR
After hours (From 7am to 9am or 5pm to 10pm)		\$75 p/h	PCR
Catering Kitchen – Half and Full Day Use	\$99.09	\$109.00	PCR
Staff onsite support (Per hour)	\$75 per hour or part thereof		PCR

Name	Year 25/26		Pricing Category
	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)	

Combined Coolongolook #1 & #2 (Capacity up to 130 People)

Professional Rate Including Government Bodies

Hourly	\$141.82	\$156.00	PCR
Half Day (Up to 4 hours)	\$349.55	\$384.50	PCR
Full Day (Business hours)	\$613.64	\$675.00	PCR
After hours (From 7am to 9am or 5pm to 10pm)		\$150 p/h	PCR
Catering Kitchen – Half and Full Day Use	\$99.09	\$109.00	FCR
Staff onsite support (Per hour)	\$75 per hour or part thereof		PCR

Not For Profit Rate

Hourly	\$70.91	\$78.00	PCR
Half Day (Up to 4 hours)	\$175.00	\$192.50	PCR
Full Day (Business hours)	\$306.82	\$337.50	PCR
After hours (From 7am to 9am or 5pm to 10pm)		\$75 p/h	ROR
Catering Kitchen – Half and/or Full Day Use	\$99.09	\$109.00	PCR
Staff onsite support (Per hour)	\$75 per hour or part thereof		PCR

Wallamba (Capacity up to 50 People)

Professional Rate Including Government Bodies

Hourly	\$94.55	\$104.00	PCR
Half Day (Up to 4 hours)	\$235.91	\$259.50	PCR
Full Day (Business hours)	\$405.91	\$446.50	PCR
Catering Kitchen – Half and Full Day Use	\$99.09	\$109.00	PCR
After hours (From 7am to 9am or 5pm to 10pm)		\$150 p/h	PCR
Staff onsite support (Per hour)	\$75 per hour or part thereof		PCR

Not For Profit Rate

Hourly	\$47.27	\$52.00	PCR
Half Day (Up to 4 hours)	\$118.18	\$130.00	PCR
Full Day (Business hours)	\$203.18	\$223.50	PCR
After hours (From 7am to 9am or 5pm to 10pm)		\$75 p/h	ROR
Catering Kitchen – Half and Full Day Use	\$99.09	\$109.00	PCR
Staff onsite support (per hour)	\$75 per hour or part thereof		PCR

Wang Wauk (Capacity up to 50 People)

Professional Rate Including Government Bodies

Hourly	\$94.55	\$104.00	PCR
Half Day (Up to 4 hours)	\$235.91	\$259.50	PCR
Full Day (Business hours)	\$405.91	\$446.50	PCR
After hours (From 7am to 9am or 5pm to 10pm)		\$150 p/h	PCR
Catering Kitchen – Half and/or Full Day Use	\$99.09	\$109.00	PCR
Staff onsite support (Per hour)	\$75 per hour or part thereof		PCR

Name	Year 25/26		Pricing Category
	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)	

Not For Profit Rate

Hourly	\$47.27	\$52.00	PCR
Half Day (Up to 4 hours)	\$118.18	\$130.00	PCR
Full Day (Business hours)	\$203.18	\$223.50	PCR
After hours (From 7am to 9am or 5pm to 10pm)		\$75 p/h	PCR
Catering Kitchen – Half and Full Day Use	\$99.09	\$109.00	PCR
Staff onsite support (per hour)	\$75 per hour or part thereof		PCR

Combined Wallamba & Wang Wauk (Capacity up to 100 People)

Professional Rate Including Government Bodies

Hourly	\$141.82	\$156.00	PCR
Half Day (Up to 4 hours)	\$349.55	\$384.50	PCR
Full day (Business hours)	\$594.55	\$654.00	PCR
After hours (From 7am to 9am or 5pm to 10pm)		\$150 p/h	PCR
Catering Kitchen – Half and Full Day Use	\$99.09	\$109.00	PCR
Staff onsite support (Per hour)	\$75 per hour or part thereof		PCR

Not For Profit Rate

Hourly	\$70.91	\$78.00	PCR
Half Day (Up to 4 hours)	\$175.00	\$192.50	PCR
Full Day (Business hours)	\$297.27	\$327.00	PCR
After hours (From 7am to 9am or 5pm to 10pm)		\$75 p/h	PCR
Catering Kitchen – Half and Full Day Use	\$99.09	\$109.00	PCR
Staff onsite support (Per hour)	\$75 per hour or part thereof		PCR

Library Meeting Rooms

Small Library Meeting Rooms

Small library meeting rooms are available for hire at Gloucester, Tea Gardens, Wingham, Harrington, Forster, and Taree Libraries. Only available during library access hours. Technology support charged separately (see Library Fees.)

Catering quotes provided upon request.

Excludes community partnerships where an agreed MOU is approved by Manager Libraries, Community & Cultural Services.

Professional Rate Including Government Bodies

Hourly	\$28.64	\$31.50	FCR
Half Day (Up to 4 hours)	\$85.00	\$93.50	FCR
Full Day (Up to 7 hours maximum)	\$122.73	\$135.00	FCR

Not For Profit Rate

Hourly	\$14.55	\$16.00	PCR
Half Day (Up to 4 hours)	\$42.73	\$47.00	PCR
Full Day (Up to 7 hours maximum)	\$61.36	\$67.50	PCR

Name	Year 25/26		Pricing Category
	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)	

Large Library Meeting Rooms

Large library meeting rooms are available for hire at Taree, Harrington, Hallidays Point, Tea Gardens, & Wingham Libraries. Only available during library access hours. Technology support charged separately (see Library Fees.)

Catering quotes provided upon request.

Excludes community partnerships where an agreed MOU is approved by Manager Libraries, Community & Cultural Services.

Professional Rate Including Government Bodies

Hourly	\$56.82	\$62.50	FCR
Half Day (Up to 4 hours)	\$122.73	\$135.00	FCR
Full Day (Up to 7 hours maximum)	\$217.27	\$239.00	FCR

Not For Profit Rate

Hourly	\$28.64	\$31.50	PCR
Half Day (Up to 4 hours)	\$61.36	\$67.50	PCR
Full Day (Up to 7 hours maximum)	\$108.64	\$119.50	PCR

Manning Entertainment Centre

Theatre Hire

Catering quotes provided upon request. Excludes community partnerships where an agreed MOU is approved by Manager Libraries, Community & Cultural Services.

Bare Walls Flett Studio	\$45.45	\$50.00	FCR
No Staff or equipment. Space hire only. Business Hours Monday to Friday 9am-4pm. \$50 per hour - 1 Hour Block			
Bare Walls Flett Studio (Staffed)	\$45.45	\$50.00	FCR
No equipment. With staff required at additional cost. Space hire only - Weekends & After Hours – \$50 per hour - minimum 3 hours.			
Catering Kitchen - Half and Full Day use	\$100.00	\$110.00	FCR
Dance Floor Tarkett		Per Event	FCR
Major Function - Use of whole Manning Entertainment Centre		By Quotation	FCR
MEC Breakout room - Add-on Rate - Per Hour	\$27.27	\$30.00	FCR
MEC Breakout room - Stand Alone Rate - Per Hour	\$54.55	\$60.00	FCR
Professional Performance Main Auditorium (11% Gross Box Office or a minimum Fee of \$1,250 whichever is greater) Per performance	\$1,136.36	\$1,250.00	ROR
Professional Performance Flett Studio (11% Gross Box Office or a minimum Fee of \$700 whichever is greater) Per performance	\$636.36	\$700.00	ROR
Community Performance Main Auditorium (10% Gross Box Office or a minimum Fee of \$550 whichever is greater) Per performance	\$568.18	\$625.00	PCR
Community Performance Flett Studio (10% Gross Box Office or a minimum Fee of \$220 whichever is greater) Per performance	\$318.18	\$350.00	PCR
Taree Film Society - Use of Flett Studio - Per Event	\$200.00	\$220.00	PCR
Professional Hire Rate Main Auditorium (Meetings, Conferences, Seminars, Rehearsals) Per hour	\$226.36	\$249.00	ROR
Professional Hire Rate Flett Studio (Meetings, Conferences, Seminars, Rehearsals) Per hour	\$135.45	\$149.00	ROR
Community Hire Rate Main Auditorium (Meetings, Conferences, Seminars, Rehearsals) Per hour	\$90.91	\$100.00	PCR

Name	Year 25/26		Pricing Category
	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)	

Theatre Hire [continued]

Community Hire Rate Flett Studio (Meetings, Conferences, Seminars, Rehearsals) Per hour	\$68.18	\$75.00	PCR
Foyer only Professional Rate – Per hour	\$57.27	\$63.00	ROR
Foyer only Community Rate – Per hour	\$30.00	\$33.00	PCR
Dark Day Fee Main Auditorium – Professional Rate – Per day	\$568.18	\$625.00	FCR
Dark Day Fee Flett Studio – Professional Rate – Per day	\$318.18	\$350.00	FCR
Dark Day Fee Main Auditorium – Community Rate – Per day	\$331.82	\$365.00	FCR
Dark Day Fee Flett Studio – Community Rate – Per day	\$159.09	\$175.00	FCR
Staff – (Per hour) As per client agreement		By Quotation	FCR
Piano – Professional hire – Per performance	\$327.27	\$360.00	ROR
Cleaning – As per agreement with client		Fees set by contract cleaners	PCR

Ticket Fees (Paid By The Ticket Purchaser)

Booking Fee where the ticket price is \$0			Where the ticket price is \$0 there is no booking fee for Ticket Purchaser. The Hirer is charged an Event Build Administration Fee.	ROR
Booking Fee where the ticket price is \$0.01-\$10.00	\$1.14	\$1.25		ROR
Booking Fee where the ticket price is \$10.01-\$30.00	\$2.18	\$2.40		ROR
Booking Fee where the ticket price is \$30.01-\$49.99	\$3.41	\$3.75		ROR
Booking Fee where the ticket price is \$50 and over	\$4.55	\$5.00		FCR
Exchange Fee (Per transaction)	\$5.18	\$5.70		ROR
Postal Delivery of tickets (Per transaction)	\$5.45	\$6.00		ROR
Refund Fee (Per transaction)	\$5.18	\$5.70		ROR

Administration Fees (Paid By Hirer)

Bulk Ticket Print		Per Ticket	FCR
Complimentary Tickets		Per Ticket	FCR
Event Build Administration Fee - A fee incurred with \$0 ticket fee charge	\$327.27	\$360.00	FCR
External Ticketing Event Set-up Fee		Per Event	FCR
Late Processing Penalty		All performance booking forms to be supplied minimum 30 days before performance date. Should Council receive late documentation a Late Processing Penalty \$150 will be incurred.	FCR
Marketing costs		Marketing Packages by Quotation	ROR
Merchandising		10% of total sales	FCR
Security Deposit - Payable on booking confirmation	\$350.00	\$350.00	FCR
Ticketing Event Amendment Fee	\$54.55	\$60.00	FCR
Event Cancellation/Rescheduling Fees		Deposit Retained, Additional Charges for Ticket Refunds/Exchanges, Administration, Marketing Costs and Staffing May Apply	FCR

Name	Year 25/26		Pricing Category
	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)	

Halls

Note: Cleaning is the responsibility of the hirer

Failure to leave facilities in a neat & tidy condition will result in a \$75 per hour Fee with a minimum of \$150

All bookings are subject to a cancellation Fee of 25% plus GST of the original agreed price

Not all halls are available for bookings outside of core hours. Those that are will be issued a key which must be collected during business hours

All Halls

Fees relate to all Halls unless listed elsewhere in this document

Use for Elections State and Federal – All Halls (Per Day)	\$454.55	\$500.00	FCR
Use for Commercial Auctions/Sales – All Halls (Per Day)	\$472.73	\$520.00	FCR
Use of Hall for Community Markets	\$90.91	\$100.00	PCR
Bond for Major Functions - (Refundable)	\$500.00	\$500.00	ZCR
Payable for all large events including weddings, parties etc Refundable after satisfactory inspection of facility			
Key Deposit – (Refundable)	\$150.00	\$150.00	ZCR
Additional Key (Per key) – (Non-Refundable)	\$54.55	\$60.00	FCR

Halls - Individually Listed Below

Includes Allworth Community Hall, Booral Soldiers Memorial Hall, Bulahdelah School of Arts Hall, Bunyah Public Hall, Coolongolook Hall, Coomba Park Community Hall, Gloucester Senior Citizens Centre, Harrington Function Centre, Hawks Nest Community Hall, Limeburners Creek Hall, Monkerai School of Arts, Nabiac Showground Hall, Nerong Community Centre, North Arm Cove Community Centre, Ormsby House, Pacific Palms Community Centre, Stratford Hall, Stroud School of Arts Hall, Stroud Showground MPC, Taree Function Room - 21 Manning River Drive and Wootton Community Centre.

Hourly (Per Hour, 2 hours minimum)	\$22.73	\$25.00	PCR
Half Day (Up to 4 hours)	\$72.73	\$80.00	PCR
Full Day	\$136.36	\$150.00	PCR
Functions - (Includes Out of Business Hours)	\$318.18	\$350.00	PCR

Waste Management Services

NOTE: NSW Section 88 (S88) Regional Levy of \$97.90 is included in certain Fees as indicated below

Domestic Waste Collection Service s.496

Annual Domestic Waste Service Rural/Common Collection Point – 2 bins 240L waste (incl. NSW Sect 88 Levy)	\$516.00	\$516.00	FCR
Annual Domestic Waste Service – 3 bins 140L waste (incl. NSW Sect 88 Levy)	\$430.00	\$430.00	FCR
Annual Domestic Waste Service – 3 bins 240L waste (incl. NSW Sect 88 Levy)	\$545.00	\$545.00	FCR
Annual Domestic Waste Service Rural/Common Collection Point – 2 bins 140L waste (incl. NSW Sect 88 Levy)	\$419.00	\$419.00	FCR
Domestic Waste Management – Non-rateable (incl. NSW Sect 88 Levy)	\$430.00	\$430.00	FCR
Additional 140L Domestic waste bin (red) (incl. NSW Sect 88 Levy)	\$315.00	\$315.00	FCR
Additional 240L Domestic recycling bin (yellow)	\$221.00	\$221.00	FCR
Additional 240L Domestic organic bin (green)	\$221.00	\$221.00	FCR
Additional Waste Service – 240L garbage bin	\$417.00	\$417.00	FCR
Domestic Waste Management – Vacant Land	\$33.00	\$33.00	FCR
Wheel in – Wheel out Service	\$441.00	\$441.00	FCR

Name	Year 25/26		Pricing Category
	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)	

Commercial Waste Collection Service s.501

Commercial Waste Service (2 bins) – Fortnightly Recycle (incl. NSW Sect 88 Levy)	\$558.00	\$558.00	FCR
Commercial Waste Service (2 bins) – Weekly Recycle (incl. NSW Sect 88 Levy)	\$669.00	\$669.00	FCR
Commercial 240L recycling bin service only	\$293.00	\$293.00	FCR
Commercial 240L organic bin service only	\$255.00	\$255.00	FCR
Commercial 240L garbage bin (incl. NSW Sect 88 Levy)	\$414.00	\$414.00	FCR
Additional Commercial 240L recycling bin – Weekly	\$414.00	\$414.00	FCR
Additional Commercial 240L recycling bin – Fortnightly	\$219.00	\$219.00	FCR
Additional Commercial 240L organic bin – Fortnightly	\$200.00	\$200.00	FCR
Annual Waste Management Charge (Sec 501)	\$116.00	\$116.00	FCR
Annual Waste Management Charge (Sec 501) Properties outside collection area	\$53.00	\$53.00	FCR

Waste Management For Events

Hire MGB or Recycling Bin	\$24.55	\$27.00	FCR
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Other Waste Management Services

Additional Holiday Collections (Waste & Recycling) (Includes S88 Levy)	\$16.00	\$16.00	FCR
Contaminated Bin reinstatement	\$102.00	\$102.00	FCR
Mobile Rubbish, Recycling & Greenwaste Bin Wheel in Wheel out Service	\$457.00	\$457.00	FCR
Loading – Per vehicle	\$13.64	\$15.00	FCR
Bulky Waste Collection	\$187.00	\$187.00	FCR

General Waste Disposal - All Areas

NOTE: NSW Section 88 (S88) Levy \$97.90 is included in certain Fees as indicated below

Waste Disposal - (Sites With No Weighbridge)

Recyclables – Domestic		Nil	PCR
Motor Oil – Domestic		Nil	PCR
Chemicals – Domestic & labelled (<20kg or 20 litres)		Nil	PCR
Vehicle Lead Acid Batteries		Nil	PCR
Scrap metal (Clean) – Per tonne		Nil	PCR
Sorted Car Boot/Mobile Garbage Bins – General waste incl. treated timber	\$22.73	\$25.00	PCR
Car Boot/Mobile Garbage Bins – clean green waste or commercial recycling incl. bricks, tiles & concrete	\$9.09	\$10.00	PCR
Unsorted Car Boot/Mobile Garbage Bins	\$30.00	\$33.00	PCR
Sorted Utilities, Vans – General waste incl. treated timber	\$57.27	\$63.00	PCR
Sorted Utilities, Vans – Clean green waste or commercial recycling incl. bricks, tiles & concrete	\$28.18	\$31.00	PCR
Unsorted Utilities, Vans	\$94.55	\$104.00	PCR
Sorted Small Trailers (Standard 7' x 4') – General waste incl. treated timber	\$57.27	\$63.00	PCR
Sorted Small Trailers (Standard 7' x 4') – Clean green waste or commercial recycling incl. bricks, tiles & concrete	\$28.18	\$31.00	PCR
Unsorted Small Trailers (standard 7' x 4')	\$94.55	\$104.00	PCR
Sorted Large Trailer – General waste incl. treated timber > 7 x 4	\$98.18	\$108.00	PCR
Sorted Large Trailer – Clean green waste or commercial recycling incl. bricks, tiles & concrete >7 x 4	\$45.45	\$50.00	PCR

Name	Year 25/26		Pricing Category
	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)	

Waste Disposal - (Sites With No Weighbridge) [continued]

Unsorted Large Trailer > 7 x 4	\$141.82	\$156.00	PCR
Mattresses or bases – Per item	\$31.82	\$35.00	PCR
Small Animal (e.g. Dog, Cat)	\$17.27	\$19.00	PCR

Waste Disposal Trucks - (Sites With No Weighbridge)

(Up to 1 Tonne) Single Rear Axle With Two Rear Wheels Or Four Small Wheels

Sorted Greenwaste & commercial recycling incl. bricks, tiles & concrete	\$76.36	\$84.00	PCR
General Sorted Waste incl. treated timber (incl. NSW Sect 88 Levy)	\$238.18	\$262.00	PCR

(Up to 3 Tonne) Single Rear Axle With Four Normal Size Wheels

Sorted Greenwaste & commercial recycling incl. bricks, tiles & concrete	\$221.82	\$244.00	PCR
General Sorted Waste incl. treated timber (incl. NSW Sect 88 Levy)	\$700.91	\$771.00	PCR

(Up to 6 Tonne) Tandem Rear Axle (Bogie Drive) - Stroud Only

Scrap Metal		Nil	ZCR
Sorted Greenwaste & commercial recycling incl. bricks, tiles & concrete	\$530.91	\$584.00	PCR

(Up to 8 Tonne) Twin Steer With Twin Rear Axles - Stroud Only

Scrap Metal		Nil	ZCR
Sorted Greenwaste & commercial recycling incl. bricks, tiles & concrete	\$619.09	\$681.00	FCR

Tyres - All Sites

Light Truck / 4WD – Each	\$20.91	\$23.00	FCR
Light Truck / 4WD on Rim – Each	\$43.64	\$48.00	FCR
Motorcycle – Each	\$10.91	\$12.00	FCR
Motorcycle on Rim – Each	\$21.82	\$24.00	FCR
Passenger – Each	\$10.91	\$12.00	FCR
Passenger on Rim – Each	\$21.82	\$24.00	FCR
Super Single – Each	\$95.45	\$105.00	FCR
Super Single on Rim – Each	\$197.27	\$217.00	FCR
Tractor Large (1m – 2m) – Each	\$371.82	\$409.00	FCR
Tractor Small (0m – 1m) – Each	\$187.27	\$206.00	FCR
Truck – Each	\$48.18	\$53.00	FCR
Truck on Rim – Each	\$98.64	\$108.50	FCR

Waste Disposal - (Sites With Weighbridge)

Sites currently include Tuncurry, Bucketts Way, Gloucester & Tea Gardens

Asbestos is not accepted at Transfer Stations

Front Lift commercial trucks	\$308.18	\$339.00	ROR
Weighbridge Ticket (Certification) – Tuncurry Site only	\$45.45	\$50.00	FCR
Weighbridge Use (View Scales Only)	\$12.73	\$14.00	FCR
Bonded Asbestos (incl. NSW Sect 88 Levy) – Minimum Charge	\$67.27	\$74.00	FCR

Name	Year 25/26		Pricing Category
	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)	

Waste Disposal - (Sites With Weighbridge) [continued]

Bonded Asbestos – Per tonne (incl. NSW Sect 88 Levy)	\$416.36	\$458.00	FCR
Friable Asbestos (incl. NSW Sect 88 Levy) – Minimum charge	\$110.91	\$122.00	FCR
Friable Asbestos – Per tonne (incl. NSW Sect 88 Levy)	\$479.09	\$527.00	FCR
Sorted Weighbridge – General waste – (incl. NSW Sect 88 Levy) – Minimum Charge	\$19.09	\$21.00	FCR
Sorted Weighbridge – General waste – Per tonne (incl. NSW Sect 88 Levy)	\$280.00	\$308.00	FCR
Recyclables – Commercial (Subsidised) – Minimum Charge	\$17.27	\$19.00	PCR
Recyclables – Commercial (Subsidised) Per tonne	\$94.55	\$104.00	PCR
Recyclables – Domestic		Nil	PCR
Motor Oil – Domestic		Nil	PCR
Chemicals – Domestic & labelled (<20kg or 20 litres)		Nil	PCR
Vehicle Lead Acid Batteries		Nil	PCR
Scrap Metal (Clean) – Per tonne		Nil	PCR
Approved clean dry fill – Inert <40mm diameter – Per tonne – (Gloucester & Bucketts Way Only)	\$105.45	\$116.00	PCR
Sorted Weighbridge – Clean green waste – Minimum Charge	\$12.73	\$14.00	FCR
Sorted Weighbridge – Clean green waste – Per tonne	\$89.09	\$98.00	FCR
Unsorted Waste – (incl. NSW Sect 88 Levy) – Minimum Charge	\$47.27	\$52.00	FCR
Unsorted Waste – (incl. NSW Sect 88 Levy)	\$490.91	\$540.00	FCR
Bricks, tiles, concrete – Minimum Charge	\$12.73	\$14.00	PCR
Bricks, tiles, concrete – Per tonne	\$94.55	\$104.00	PCR
Treated Timber – (incl. NSW Sect 88 Levy) – Minimum Charge	\$19.09	\$21.00	FCR
Treated Timber – Per tonne (incl. NSW Sect 88 Levy)	\$280.00	\$308.00	FCR
Mattresses or bases – Per item	\$31.82	\$35.00	FCR
Special Burial		By Quotation	FCR
Crushed concrete (Purchase) Per tonne	\$15.45	\$17.00	FCR

Charities

Registered Charities – Approved Exemptions Only		Nil	PCR
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Low Hazard Waste

Oyster Sticks as per proximity regulation (Manning and Forster areas only) – Special Bury (Includes per Tonne S88 Levy)	\$280.00	\$308.00	FCR
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Name	Year 25/26		Pricing Category
	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)	

Water Services

Water

Annual Access Charges

Annual connected – Water access – 20mm	\$378.00	\$378.00	FCR
Annual connected – Water access – 25mm	\$597.00	\$597.00	FCR
Annual connected – Water access – 32mm	\$987.00	\$987.00	FCR
Annual connected – Water access – 40mm	\$1,545.00	\$1,545.00	FCR
Annual connected – Water access – 50mm	\$2,419.00	\$2,419.00	FCR
Annual connected – Water access – 65mm	\$4,856.00	\$4,856.00	FCR
Annual connected – Water access – 80mm	\$6,228.00	\$6,228.00	FCR
Annual connected – Water access – 100mm	\$9,727.00	\$9,727.00	FCR

Usage Charges

Council has a 2 step system of charges for water use. The size of the water meter determines the step allowance at which the increase in the price of water takes effect as shown on the following table:

Meter Size	First Step (kilolitres) per quarter
20mm	35
25mm	55
32mm	128
40mm	200
50mm	313
65mm	528
80mm	800
100mm	1250

First Step per quarter \$4.28 per kilolitre
Second Step per quarter \$5.67 per kilolitre

Water usage – First step – Per kilolitre (See table above)	\$4.28	\$4.28	FCR
Water usage – Second step – Per kilolitre (See table above)	\$5.67	\$5.67	FCR
Water usage – First step - Industrial tariff (Usage greater than 20,000 kL/a)	\$4.06	\$4.06	FCR
Water usage – Second step - Industrial tariff (Usage greater than 20,000 kL/a)	\$6.30	\$6.30	FCR
Rural supply tariff – First Step - Per kilolitre (See table above) Applies to rural water supply customers who are not connected to Council's sewerage system	\$4.28	\$4.28	FCR
Rural supply tariff - Second Step – Per kilolitre (See table above) Applies to rural water supply customers who are not connected to Council's sewerage system	\$4.75	\$4.75	FCR
Water usage – Heavy user industrial (Usage greater than 100,000 kL/a)	\$3.56	\$3.56	FCR
Non-Residential High Consumption Charge (Use above current ET entitlement)/kL	\$6.27	\$6.27	FCR

Unconnected Land

An annual unconnected water access charge may apply to land that is situated within 225 metres of a water main belonging to MidCoast Council whether that land is connected to the water supply or not

Annual unconnected – Water access	\$378.00	\$378.00	FCR
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Name	Year 25/26		Pricing Category
	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)	

Sewerage

Connected Land

Annual connected	\$1,146.00	\$1,146.00	FCR
Land from which sewerage is discharged into a sewer main belonging to MidCoast Council is subject to an annual sewer connected charge			
Annual approved grinder/low pressure sewer pump	\$1,115.00	\$1,115.00	FCR
A reduced sewer connected charge is set for properties connected to the sewer using an approved pump, maintenance of these pumps is the responsibility of the land-owner			
Annual sewer pump maintenance – Gloucester and Barrington	\$284.00	\$284.00	FCR
Gloucester & Barrington properties connected to the sewer using an approved low pressure / grinder pump attract a maintenance charge in addition to the standard connected charge.			
Supply of Grinder Pump for Pressure Sewer System (Gloucester and Barrington only)	\$7,668.00	\$7,668.00	FCR

Unconnected Land

Annual unconnected	\$900.00	\$900.00	FCR
A sewer unconnected charge may apply to land that is situated within 75 metres of a sewer main belonging to MidCoast Council whether that land is connected to the sewer or not			

Commercial Access & Usage

An access charge and a usage charge are applied quarterly to motels, hotels, non-strata titled units, caravan parks, licensed clubs, laundries, schools, hospitals, nursing homes, community swimming pools, shopping complexes, restaurants, preschools, service stations, factories, car wash facilities, medical centres and multiple occupancies

The access charges are multiplied by a discharge factor, the discharge factor is assessed on the percentage of water purchased from MidCoast Council discharged into the sewer

The factor dependant on the nature of the business, discharge factors can be obtained by contacting Council

A minimum charge equal to the standard connected charge will be applicable

Annual commercial access – 20mm	\$900.00	\$900.00	FCR
Annual commercial access – 25mm	\$1,408.00	\$1,408.00	FCR
Annual commercial access – 32mm	\$2,311.00	\$2,311.00	FCR
Annual commercial access – 40mm	\$3,620.00	\$3,620.00	FCR
Annual commercial access – 50mm	\$5,662.00	\$5,662.00	FCR
Annual commercial access – 65mm	\$11,322.00	\$11,322.00	FCR
Annual commercial access – 80mm	\$14,506.00	\$14,506.00	FCR
Annual commercial access – 100mm	\$22,037.00	\$22,037.00	FCR
Usage (Per kL assessed discharge to sewerage system)	\$3.34	\$3.34	FCR

Non-Rateable Properties

Annual non-rateable – Church	\$176.00	\$176.00	FCR
Annual non-rateable – Other	\$176.00	\$176.00	FCR
Annual non-rateable – Showgrounds	\$176.00	\$176.00	FCR
Annual non-rateable – Council reserves	\$176.00	\$176.00	FCR

Name	Year 25/26		Pricing Category
	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)	

Liquid Trade Waste

Detailed descriptions of charging categories are available in the "Policy for discharge of Liquid Trade Waste to MidCoast Council's Sewerage Systems"

Application Fee

Application Fee – Charging category 1	\$184.00	\$184.00	FCR
Application Fee – Charging category 2	\$299.00	\$299.00	FCR
Application Fee – Charging category 2S	\$239.00	\$239.00	FCR
Application Fee – Charging category 3 (Per hour, minimum 6 hours)	\$144.00	\$144.00	FCR
By quotation based on \$144.00 per hour of assessment and processing time with a minimum cost of 6 hours (\$864.00)			
Application Fee – Charging category P	\$596.00	\$596.00	FCR
Approval Renewal - Charging category 1	\$147.00	\$147.00	FCR
Approval Renewal - Charging category 2	\$239.00	\$239.00	FCR
Approval Renewal - Charging category 2S	\$191.00	\$191.00	FCR
Approval Renewal - Charging category P	\$477.00	\$477.00	FCR

Re-Inspection Fee

Re-inspection	\$179.00	\$179.00	FCR
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Annual Trade Waste & Usage Fees

Annual trade waste – Charging category 1	\$168.00	\$168.00	FCR
Annual trade waste – Charging category 2	\$212.00	\$212.00	FCR
Annual trade waste – Charging category 2S	\$214.00	\$214.00	FCR
Annual trade waste – Charging category 3	\$756.00	\$756.00	FCR
Industrial charges by quotation at time of application based on cost associated with regular monitoring of discharge with a minimum cost of \$756.00			
Trade waste usage per kL – Charging category 2	\$3.46	\$3.46	FCR

Non-Compliance Trade Waste Usage Charge

If the discharger has not installed or maintained appropriate pre-treatment equipment, the following trade waste usage charges may be applied

Non-compliance trade waste usage – Charging category 1 – (Per kL)	\$3.46	\$3.46	FCR
Non-compliance trade waste usage – Charging category 2 – (Per kL)	\$20.72	\$20.72	FCR

Excess Mass Charges

Actual charges are based on a sliding scale, depending on concentration.

Details of formulae available in the "Policy for discharge of Liquid Waste to MidCoast Water's Sewerage Systems".

For all other restricted substances exceeding approved limit not listed below will be by quotation.

Excess mass – Charging category 3 – Biochemical oxygen demand – Per kg	\$0.82	\$0.82	FCR
Excess mass – Charging category 3 – Suspended solids – Per kg	\$0.95	\$0.95	FCR
Excess mass – Charging category 3 – Oil and grease – Per kg	\$1.10	\$1.10	FCR
Excess mass – Charging category 3 – Aluminium – Per kg	\$3.57	\$3.57	FCR

Name	Year 25/26		Pricing Category
	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)	

Excess Mass Charges [continued]

Excess mass – Charging category 3 – Sulphate – Per kg	\$3.57	\$3.57	FCR
Excess mass – Charging category 3 – Ammonia – Per kg	\$2.76	\$2.76	FCR
Excess mass – Charging category 3 – Nitrogen – Per kg	\$0.53	\$0.53	FCR
Excess mass - Charging category 3 - Phosphorous - Per kg	\$1.90	\$1.90	FCR

Food Waste Disposal Charge

Where food waste disposal unit has been installed at an eligible facility

Annual food waste disposal – Per bed	\$37.60	\$37.60	FCR
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Septic Waste Disposal Charge

Includes all liquid waste disposed of at nominated sewage treatment plant

Septic waste disposal – Bulk liquid (Per kL)	\$5.41	\$5.41	FCR
Septic waste disposal – Septage (Per kL)	\$30.28	\$30.28	FCR
Septic waste disposal – Port a loo/chemical toilet (Per unit)	\$2.52	\$2.52	FCR

Backflow Prevention

Backflow Prevention Devices - Commercial, Industrial & Mixed Development Greater Than 20mm

QR Code Tag	\$10.80	\$10.80	FCR
Registration of Backflow Prevention Device	\$75.70	\$75.70	FCR
Overdue Registration	\$111.00	\$111.00	FCR
Testing of Backflow Prevention Device	\$295.00	\$295.00	FCR

Additional charges will apply where maintenance or repair is required following completion of the works
 Fee does not apply to inspections and maintenance or repairs conducted by Private Certified Plumbers

Overdue Notice - Failed Test Results (Notice to Comply within 30 days)	\$111.00	\$111.00	FCR
Non-compliance of Backflow Prevention Device Notice	\$2,500.00 plus \$250.00 for each day the offence continues and/or subject to the disconnection of the property drinking water supply.		FCR

Fee applicable where a suitable device is not installed or maintained to test requirements

Recycled Water

For all recycled water supply schemes except for Stroud

Recycled Water usage

Recycled water (per kL) – Level 1	\$0.05	\$0.05	PCR
Recycled water (per kL) – Level 2	\$0.06	\$0.06	PCR

Name	Year 25/26		Pricing Category
	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)	

Standpipe Hire and Usage

Sale Of Water - Metered Standpipes

Hire of metered standpipe (Does not include water used)

It should be noted that only MidCoast Council metered standpipes are to be used within MidCoast Council's area of operations

Hire of metered standpipe – 25mm – Annual	\$626.00	\$626.00	FCR
Hire of metered standpipe – 25mm – Weekly	\$156.00	\$156.00	FCR
Hire of metered standpipe – 25mm – Daily	\$70.00	\$70.00	FCR
Hire of metered standpipe – 65mm – Annual	\$1,204.00	\$1,204.00	FCR
Hire of metered standpipe – 65mm – Weekly	\$307.00	\$307.00	FCR
Hire of metered standpipe – 65mm – Daily	\$74.00	\$74.00	FCR
Water used per kL	\$6.27	\$6.27	FCR
Hire of metered standpipe – Bond	\$1,390.00	\$1,390.00	FCR

Sale Of Water - Water Filling Station

Moneca Water Station is an electronic water hydrant located at Gloucester

Water Filling Station – Water used per kL	\$6.27	\$6.27	FCR
Water Filling Station – Issue access card	\$76.00	\$76.00	FCR
Water Filling Station – Issue replacement card	\$76.00	\$76.00	FCR

Special Meter Reading

This shall be payable when an owner requires that the meter be read for conveyancing or other reasons

Special meter reading	\$136.00	\$136.00	FCR
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Water Meter Accuracy Tests

Fee is payable in advance and will be refunded only if the meter is found to be registering outside the 3% variance allowed

Water meter accuracy test for 20mm and 25mm meters	\$154.00	\$154.00	FCR
Water meter accuracy test 32mm and above	\$382.00	\$382.00	FCR

Drainage Diagram

Fee is charged for the provision of a drainage diagram or a letter advising that the sewer is unavailable if that is the case

Note: Property owners and plumbers are supplied with a non-certified drainage diagram free of charge

Drainage diagram	\$93.00	\$93.00	FCR
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Grinder Pump Station

Application	\$140.00	\$140.00	FCR
Annual grinder pump station	\$140.00	\$140.00	FCR

Name	Year 25/26		Pricing Category
	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)	

Section 68 or Water Management Act Application Fees For Service Provision To Building Development - Water & Sewer (Plumbing & Drainage)

Complying development and local development

This includes the assessment of the development for service provision, notice of conditions/approvals and /or issue of certificate stating all Council issues have been dealt with for the submission of Complying and Local Development to Council.

All approvals/notices are required under section 68 of the Local Government Act 1993, amounts are based on the assessment and processing time for a standard premises taking one hour

Note : North Karuah development

If a development is submitted for North Karuah, a development application fee payable to Hunter Water may be applicable depending on the type of development

Consultation with Council's technical officer may be required to determine fee payable

Houses/Flats/Units/Duplexes (Per Premises)

Only applies to premises located on a single lot, includes alterations and additions

House/flats/units/duplexes (Per premises) – Up to 5 premises	\$140.00	\$140.00	FCR
House/flats/units/duplexes (Per premises) – 6 to 12 premises	\$132.00	\$132.00	FCR
House/flats/units/duplexes (Per premises) – 13 to 25 premises	\$63.00	\$63.00	FCR
House/flats/units/duplexes (Per premises) – Onsite caravans	\$74.00	\$74.00	FCR
Modification or review of an application	\$70.00	\$70.00	FCR
Administration fee for 'no impact' applications	\$35.00	\$35.00	FCR

Other

Sewer main condition assessment (For build-over sewer)	\$368.00	\$368.00	FCR
Hostels/motels/aged care hostels/accommodation units (Per room or unit)	\$74.00	\$74.00	FCR
Non-residential/commercial/industrial – Less than 400m sq. total floor area	\$162.00	\$162.00	FCR
Non-residential/commercial/industrial – Greater than 400m sq. total floor area		By Quotation	FCR
Other development – By quotation based on \$136 per hour assessment and processing		By Quotation	FCR
Additions – Extensions/alterations/garages/awnings/swimming pools	\$106.00	\$106.00	FCR
Assessment of unserviced areas - preliminary servicing advice	\$159.00	\$159.00	FCR
Exempt Development Certificate – Per application	\$91.00	\$91.00	FCR

Plumbing Inspections

Residential Plumbing Inspections

Dwelling (Detached) – Water inspection	\$275.00	\$275.00	FCR
Dwelling (Detached) – Sewer inspection	\$275.00	\$275.00	FCR
Dual occupancy (Attached dwellings only) – Water inspection	\$430.00	\$430.00	FCR
Dual occupancy (Attached dwellings only) – Sewer inspection	\$430.00	\$430.00	FCR
Flats and units (Per unit) – Water inspection	\$185.00	\$185.00	FCR
Flats and units (Per unit) – Sewer inspection	\$185.00	\$185.00	FCR
Swimming pool installation – Sewer inspection	\$99.00	\$99.00	FCR

Name	Year 25/26		Pricing Category
	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)	

Non-Residential Plumbing Inspections

Low load assessment with floor area <400sqm – Water inspection	\$275.00	\$275.00	FCR
Low load assessment with floor area <400sqm – Sewer inspection	\$275.00	\$275.00	FCR
Medium load assessment with floor area <400sqm – Water inspection	\$441.00	\$441.00	FCR
Includes inspection of trade waste installations			
Medium load assessment with floor area <400sqm – Sewer inspection	\$504.00	\$504.00	FCR
Includes inspection of trade waste installations			
Greater than 400sqm floor area – Water inspection		By Quotation	FCR
Greater than 400sqm floor area – Sewer inspection		By Quotation	FCR
High load assessment – Water inspection		By Quotation	FCR
High load assessment – Sewer inspection		By Quotation	FCR

Alterations and Additions (Residential & Non-Residential)

Minor and medium – Water inspections	\$275.00	\$275.00	FCR
Minor and medium – Sewer inspections	\$275.00	\$275.00	FCR
Major – Water inspections		By Quotation	FCR
Major – Sewer inspections		By Quotation	FCR

Water Pressure Certificates

Fee is charged per site for pressure and flow information required for fire service calculations

Water pressure certificate	\$379.00	\$379.00	FCR
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Subdivision Approval, Construction Inspection and Acceptance

Assessment of Sub-Division

Lots created or adjusted – Up to 4 lots. Maximum 4 hours, additional hours charged at \$120/h	\$360.00	\$360.00	FCR
Lots created or adjusted – Over 4 lots (Per lot)	\$90.00	\$90.00	FCR

Inspection and Approval of Engineering Works

Sewer line – Up to 50m	\$554.00	\$554.00	FCR
Sewer line – Over 50m (Per metre)	\$10.30	\$10.30	FCR
Water main – Up to 50m	\$464.00	\$464.00	FCR
Water main – Over 50m (Per metre)	\$8.60	\$8.60	FCR
Rising main (Per metre)	\$8.30	\$8.30	FCR
Pumping station		By Quotation	FCR
Special inspection of engineering works (Per visit)	\$358.00	\$358.00	FCR

Disinfection of Water Mains

200mm main – Per metre of main	\$8.10	\$8.10	FCR
Assessment Fee – Minor	\$80.00	\$80.00	FCR
Disinfection Site Establishment	\$495.00	\$495.00	FCR
Disinfection Site Establishment – Travel per km outside 100km radius	\$2.00	\$2.00	FCR
Overnight rate for private work outside 100km radius	\$384.00	\$384.00	FCR
100mm main – (Per metre of main)	\$4.70	\$4.70	FCR

Name	Year 25/26		Pricing Category
	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)	

Disinfection of Water Mains [continued]

150mm main – (Per metre of main)	\$6.40	\$6.40	FCR
250mm main – (Per metre of main)	\$8.40	\$8.40	FCR
Other main sizes	By Quotation		FCR

Maintenance Bond

A maintenance bond of 5% of the cost of construction of works with a minimum of \$2,781 shall be lodged with Council to cover defects, which may arise within a period of 24 months of the completion of the works

Bond Administration Fee (Includes release inspection)	\$416.00	\$416.00	FCR
Maintenance Bond	5% or minimum \$2,781.00		ZCR

Acceptance of Engineering Works

This includes the issue of a certificate of compliance, acceptance of easements, preparation of drainage and adjustments to Council's Water asset plans

Lots created or adjusted – up to 4 lots. Maximum 4 hours, additional hours charged at \$120/h	\$360.00	\$360.00	FCR
Lots adjusted or created – Over 4 lots (Per lot)	\$90.00	\$90.00	FCR

Water & Sewer Developer Charges

Water and Sewer Developer Charges are calculated and charged in accordance with the Council's adopted Equivalent Tenement Policy

Fees for Service:

A development or other activity that has not generated a requirement to pay developer contributions under Section 306 of the Water Management Act, will be issued with an invoice for payment of the equivalent of developer contributions under Section 608 of the Local Government Act

Water Connection Charge:

- Bulahdelah, Gloucester, Manning, Tea Gardens, Harrington & Stroud Areas: \$7,326.00
- North Karuah - Nil

Sewer Connection Charge:

- Service Catchment Area - Bulahdelah, Stroud, Coopernook, Lansdowne, Harrington, Manning Point, Gloucester, Old Bar, Forster, Taree & Wingham: \$10,111.00
- Service area Hawks Nest, North Karuah & Hallidays Point: \$3,672.00

Amalgamated Lots Connection Charge:

Where existing amalgamated parcels of land become separated into individual parcels of land ('de-amalgamated') a charge equivalent to 1 equivalent tenement (ET) will be levied where these parcels of land have been amalgamated for more than a 10 year period, if the period of amalgamation is less than 10 years then payment of unpaid charges for those years the parcel of land has been amalgamated will become payable.

MidCoast Council will not issue a Certificate of Compliance for any development until these charges have been paid

High Consumption Tariff:

For non-residential development proposals which are identified to place high water and sewer demands on the water and/or sewer networks, a high consumption tariff may be applied to the development in lieu of upfront water and sewer s.64 developer contributions. The tariff to be levied on a development shall be determined upon application for assessment in accordance with s.64 and s.68 of the Local Government Act 1993. The application of the high consumption tariff is at the sole discretion of MidCoast Council and shall be applied on a case-by-case basis through internal assessment and endorsement from the Director of Infrastructure & Engineering Services

Sewer Scheme – Bulahdelah, Coopernook, Forster, Gloucester, Harrington, Lansdowne, Manning Point, Old Bar, Stroud, Taree & Wingham	\$10,111.00	\$10,111.00	FCR
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Name	Year 25/26		Pricing Category
	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)	

Water & Sewer Developer Charges [continued]

Sewer Scheme – Hawks Nest, Hallidays Point & North Karuah	\$3,672.00	\$3,672.00	FCR
Water Supply Scheme – Bulahdelah, Gloucester, Manning, Tea Gardens, Hawks Nest & Stroud	\$7,326.00	\$7,326.00	FCR
Water Supply Scheme – North Karuah		Nil	ZCR

Water Service Connections/Disconnections/Re-Connections/Alterations

New Connections and Re-Connections

Charges apply for water service connections for standard domestic, commercial or industrial service, larger services will be connected at actual costs.

Development charges will be applicable in areas where rates have not previously been charged.

20mm meter	\$3,092.00	\$3,092.00	FCR
25mm meter	\$3,203.00	\$3,203.00	FCR
32mm meter	\$3,932.00	\$3,932.00	FCR
40mm meter	\$5,580.00	\$5,580.00	FCR
50mm meter	\$7,345.00	\$7,345.00	FCR
>50mm meter		By Quotation	FCR
20mm meter in pre-laid service area (Per meter)	\$522.00	\$522.00	FCR
25mm meter in pre-laid service area (Per meter)	\$640.00	\$640.00	FCR
20mm meter to dual occupancy in pre-laid service area (Per meter)	\$1,807.00	\$1,807.00	FCR
Pre-lay a 20mm copper service without a meter (Subdivisions)	\$2,913.00	\$2,913.00	FCR
Pre-lay a 25mm copper service without a meter (Subdivisions)	\$3,058.00	\$3,058.00	FCR
Replace damaged or stolen 20mm meter	\$466.00	\$466.00	FCR
Replace damaged or stolen 25mm meter	\$569.00	\$569.00	FCR
Replace damaged or stolen other sized meter		By Quotation	FCR
Water meter bank for multi-unit/commercial developments (Not including high rise)		By Quotation	FCR

Disconnections

Fee applies where a water meter is required to be removed, the service is capped off below ground level

An annual unconnected water access charge may apply to land that is situated within 225 metres of a water main belonging to Council whether that land is connected to the water supply or not

Water service disconnection	\$531.00	\$531.00	FCR
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Meter Downsizing/Alterations

Minor alteration or downsizing from 25mm to 20mm	\$378.00	\$378.00	FCR
Downsizing – Other meter		By Quotation	FCR
Fit meter with a lockable top	\$298.00	\$298.00	FCR
Water meter pit installation – Existing meter	\$397.00	\$397.00	FCR

Installation of Fire Services and Mains Cut Ins

Fees apply for the installation of a fire service to the public water main

Road crossings are not included and long fire services must be priced by quote

100mm x 100mm	\$4,057.00	\$4,057.00	FCR
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Name	Year 25/26		Pricing Category
	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)	

Installation of Fire Services and Mains Cut Ins [continued]

150mm x 100mm	\$4,256.00	\$4,256.00	FCR
200mm x 100mm	\$4,613.00	\$4,613.00	FCR
250/225mm x 100mm	\$4,960.00	\$4,960.00	FCR
300mm x 100mm	\$5,043.00	\$5,043.00	FCR
150mm x 150mm	\$4,469.00	\$4,469.00	FCR
200mm x 150mm	\$5,061.00	\$5,061.00	FCR
300mm x 150mm	\$5,359.00	\$5,359.00	FCR
Disinfection Draw Hydrant	\$2,780.00	\$2,780.00	FCR
All other sizes		By Quotation	FCR

Sewer Junction Installations

Fee is charged where it is necessary to install an additional sewer junction to service a proposed development or residence

The Fee is considered a deposit only and the customer accepts that the disclaimer below applies as a condition to Council undertaking the work

Further costs may be invoiced upon discovery of conditions requiring abnormal works

Development charges will be applicable to allotments where rates have not previously been charged

Sewer Main Relining Fee – Per meter		By Quotation	FCR
Connect to 0m to 1.5m deep sewer	\$2,938.00	\$2,938.00	FCR
Connect to 1.5m to 3.0m deep sewer	\$4,482.00	\$4,482.00	FCR
Connect to 3.0m to 4.5m deep sewer	\$5,615.00	\$5,615.00	FCR
Other conditions		By Quotation	FCR
Sewer service disconnection	\$531.00	\$531.00	PCR

Water Asset Adjustment/Relocation

Adjustment to water hydrant (Raise, lower, offset)		By Quotation	FCR
Adjustment to water valve (Raise, lower, offset)		By Quotation	FCR
Adjustment to water meter (Raise, lower, offset)		By Quotation	FCR
Adjustment to water main (Raise, lower, offset)		By Quotation	FCR

Sewer Asset Adjustment/Relocation

Adjustment to sewer pit (Raise, lower, offset)		By Quotation	FCR
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Environmental Laboratory

Physical Tests (Water and Wastewater Samples)

% Transmission	\$26.32	\$28.95	ROR
Colour (apparent)	\$27.64	\$30.40	ROR
Colour (True)	\$28.95	\$31.85	ROR
Conductivity	\$19.27	\$21.20	ROR
Dissolved Oxygen	\$23.36	\$25.70	ROR
pH	\$17.32	\$19.05	ROR

Name	Year 25/26		Pricing Category
	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)	

Physical Tests (Water and Wastewater Samples) [continued]

Salinity	\$19.27	\$21.20	ROR
Temperature	\$7.27	\$8.00	ROR
Total Dissolved Solids	\$40.18	\$44.20	ROR
Total Suspended Solids	\$37.27	\$41.00	ROR
Turbidity	\$21.95	\$24.15	ROR

Chemical Tests (Water and Wastewater Samples)

Alkalinity (Total)	\$26.95	\$29.65	ROR
Alkalinity (Bicarbonate)	\$26.95	\$29.65	ROR
Alkalinity (Carbonate)	\$26.95	\$29.65	ROR
BOD5	\$81.55	\$89.70	ROR
Carbon Dioxide	\$44.82	\$49.30	ROR
CBOD5	\$83.95	\$92.35	ROR
Chloride	\$57.86	\$63.65	ROR
Chlorophyll-a	\$79.59	\$87.55	ROR
COD	\$71.39	\$78.53	ROR
DOC	\$51.73	\$56.90	ROR
Fluoride	\$58.91	\$64.80	ROR
Free Chlorine	\$10.91	\$12.00	ROR
Hardness (Calcium) - calculation when job already requests Calcium	\$7.36	\$8.10	ROR
Hardness (Magnesium) - calculation when job already requests Calcium and Magnesium	\$7.36	\$8.10	ROR
Hardness (Total) - calculation when job already requests Calcium and Magnesium	\$7.36	\$8.10	ROR
Sulphate	\$57.86	\$63.65	ROR
TOC	\$41.50	\$45.65	ROR
Total Chlorine	\$10.91	\$12.00	ROR

Nutrients Tests (Water and Wastewater Samples)

Ammonia NH3-N	\$28.18	\$31.00	ROR
Nitrate Nitrogen NO3-N - calculation when job already requests Nitrite & NOx	\$7.36	\$8.10	ROR
Nitrite Nitrogen NO2-N	\$28.95	\$31.85	ROR
Oxidised Nitrogen NOx-N	\$33.09	\$36.40	ROR
Soluble Reactive Phosphorus	\$47.00	\$51.70	ROR
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen – calculation when job already requests Total Nitrogen & NOx	\$7.36	\$8.10	ROR
Total Nitrogen	\$30.55	\$33.60	ROR
Total Phosphorus	\$31.32	\$34.45	ROR

Microbiological Testing (Water and Wastewater Samples)

E.coli – Enzyme Substrate	\$37.00	\$40.70	ROR
E.coli by MF	\$34.50	\$37.95	ROR
Enterococci	\$60.41	\$66.45	ROR
Faecal Coliform	\$34.50	\$37.95	ROR
Faecal Coliform (Presumptive)	\$29.77	\$32.75	ROR
Heterotrophic Plate Count at 20°C	\$33.91	\$37.30	ROR
Heterotrophic Plate Count at 22°C	\$33.91	\$37.30	ROR

Name	Year 25/26		Pricing Category
	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)	

Microbiological Testing (Water and Wastewater Samples) [continued]

Heterotrophic Plate Count at 35°C	\$33.91	\$37.30	ROR
Pseudomonas aeruginosa	\$78.05	\$85.85	ROR
Total Coliforms – Enzyme Substrate	\$36.95	\$40.65	ROR

Metals Testing

Boron and Uranium, digestion included (individual test run)	\$82.00	\$90.20	ROR
Individual element (Metals Digestion charge will be added per sample)	\$12.00	\$13.20	ROR
Mercury, digestion included (individual test run)	\$82.00	\$90.20	ROR
Metals Digestion	\$19.00	\$20.90	ROR
Metals scan for all listed elements, digestion included	\$82.00	\$90.20	ROR

(Aluminium; Antimony; Arsenic; Barium; Beryllium; Cadmium; Calcium; Chromium; Cobalt; Copper; Iron; Lead; Magnesium; Manganese; Molybdenum; Nickel; Potassium; Selenium; Silver; Sodium; Strontium; Thallium; Tin; Vanadium; Zinc)

Oyster Flesh Tests - (Oysters)

E.coli in Bi-Valve Molluscs	\$64.73	\$71.20	ROR
E.coli in Bi-Valve Molluscs (Processed)	\$55.68	\$61.25	ROR

Sampling Fees

Sample pick-up fee per batch if possible (Route on Sampling Runs only, maximum 15 minutes)	\$24.77	\$27.25	ROR
Sample pick-up fee per batch if possible (Not on Sampling Runs) - charged per half an hour	\$55.27	\$60.80	ROR
Sampling Fee per hour	\$100.50	\$110.55	ROR

General

Administration Fee (applied per batch of samples)	\$30.00	\$33.00	ROR
Filtration charge	\$10.00	\$11.00	ROR
Weekend surcharge (Per hour) plus list Fees & charges	\$266.91	\$293.60	ROR
Urgent Analysis (if possible) - 100% surcharge. Price on Application.	\$0.00	\$0.00	ROR
Public Holiday Surcharge (Per hour) plus list Fees & charges	\$315.73	\$347.30	ROR

