

PROGRESS REPORT
IMPLEMENTATION OF
THE OPERATIONAL PLAN

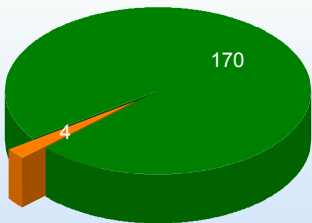
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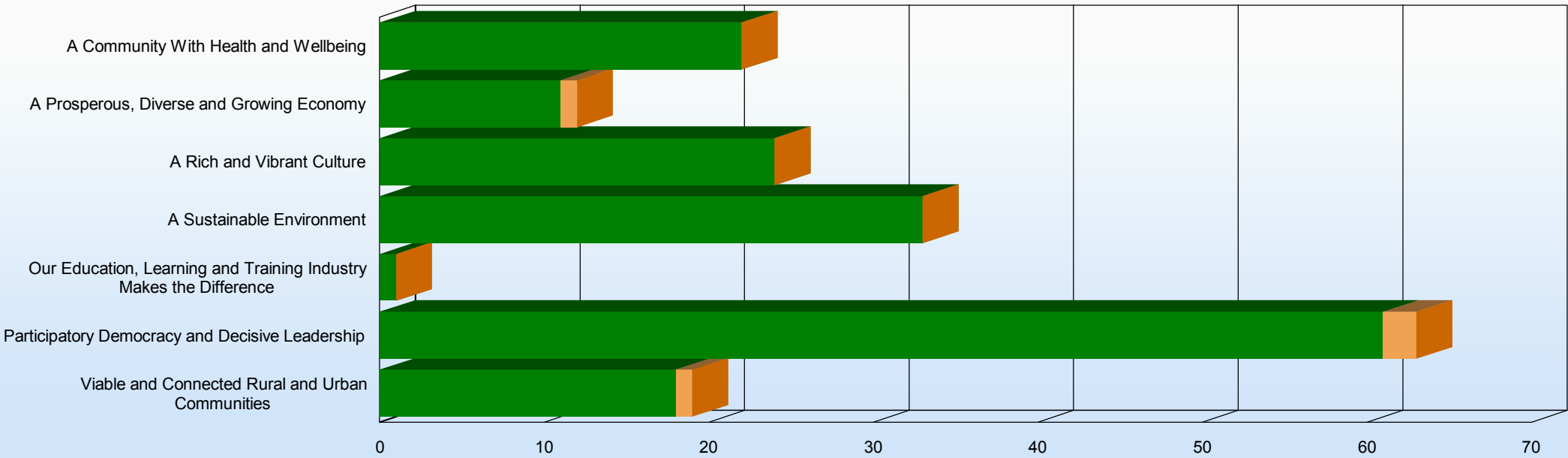
Wagga Wagga
City Council

2011/12 Operational Plan Summary

OVERALL PERFORMANCE



PERFORMANCE BY OBJECTIVE



On Target Behind Schedule Not Progressing

Objective 1: Participatory Democracy and Decisive Leadership

Strategy 1.1: Encourage our community to be engaged, involved and informed about the decisions impacting them

Council continues to actively engage with the community in a number of ways including:

- Community participation through Advisory Committees
- Village Consultations
- Councillor Lounge Program
- Quarterly Reporting of the Delivery Program
- Newsletters
- Council reports and media releases
- Specific project/program consultation

Council has undertaken consultation with the Mangoplah community in November as part of the ongoing cycle of village consultations. Specific consultation on the Wollundry Lagoon desilting project has also taken place.

The Councillors Lounge program commenced during October and many people have taken the opportunity to discuss items of interest with their councillors as they undertake their shopping at the Market Place. The Councillors Lounge program will continue until March 2012 at which time a review will be undertaken on the success of the program.

Council is developing a new Community Engagement Strategy and planning has commenced for the 2012 Community Survey which will gather perceptions and satisfaction data which Council will use to inform resource allocation and improve service delivery.

Strategy 1.2: Develop Wagga Wagga as a regional leader with a strong identity

Council continues to proactively develop its regional leader status and promote a strong identity for the City in a number of ways:

- Participating in and promoting regional cooperation through the Riverina Eastern Regional Organisation of Councils (REROC), Riverina Regional Cities (Wagga Wagga, Albury and Griffith) and The NSW Inland Forum (Dubbo, Tamworth and Wagga Wagga).
- Building partnerships with State and Federal Government through regular meetings with local members and lobbying for improved levels of funding to Ministers
- Hosting regional and statewide conferences - For example, Wagga Wagga is hosting the NSW Water Management conference in July 2012.
- Submissions on key issues which are of critical importance to Local Government at regional, state and national levels. Council has recently made a submission to the Expert Panel established to advance the question of Constitutional Recognition of Local Government.
- Attracting major events to the City. Council has adopted a new Major Events Policy and has entered into a three year sponsorship arrangement with the Greater Western Sydney AFL team. The City is also hosting a pre-season NRL match between the Canberra Raiders and Canterbury Bulldogs in February 2012.
- The Evocities marketing campaign has raised the profile of Wagga Wagga among Sydney residents and has been successful in prompting a number of families to move to Wagga Wagga

Strategy 1.3: Lead the community with responsible, sustainable, effective, efficient and customer focussed organisations

Council is on track with the programmed actions for 2011/12 which contribute to a responsible, sustainable, effective and customer focussed organisation.

Council has implemented the first phase of its e-business strategy which has enabled residents to make online requests for service and certificates associated with property conveyancing which are now processed and paid for online.

The Workforce Plan is currently being reviewed and updated. The Workforce Plan provides the strategic direction to create a sustainable workforce with a focus on improved attraction, renewal and development of the workforce, and alignment of the workforce with corporate goals and objectives.

Council has recently adopted a Risk Management Framework comprising a Risk Management Strategy and Policy. As there are very few significant activities or initiatives conducted within Council that are risk free, risk management is a primary competency of all Council staff. The strategy sets out the management system in which these skills can be developed and applied and helps all Council staff, contractors and volunteers apply a systematic risk management approach to those uncertainties they are most concerned with.

The Annual Report and the Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2011 were completed and audited in the December quarter. The key financial indicators for Council are sound but Council faces an enormous challenge to maintain and replace key infrastructure. This issue is not unique to Wagga Wagga City Council.

Objective 2: A Community With Health and Wellbeing

Strategy 2.1: Ensure health and support services address the needs of all sectors in the community

Council over this quarter has delivered externally funded programs and services against agreements and standards relevant to each program area such as the Regional Family Day Care Service, Regional Home and Community Care programs, Housing Community Assistance Program, Aboriginal Family Assistance program.

Council has facilitated and participated on a number of community forums and continues to work collaboratively across a range of government and non government agencies in addressing health and support service levels.

Council has been successful with partnership grants in addressing local needs for example the Attorney General Safer Bars project, program funding for engagement of disadvantaged groups in Council and other government agency activities such as the Wiradjuri Cultural Festival, school holiday programs and NSW Housing design out crime initiative.

Strategy 2.2: Promote fun, exercise and fitness as a way of life in Wagga Wagga

Through Council's Cultural , Social, Recreation and Tourism services a range of events, public programs, exhibitions, performances, festivals and place infrastructure has been delivered against annual delivery schedules. New and upgraded infrastructure has promoted higher use of active spaces for example but not limited to the completion of three suburban playgrounds, the new adventure playground at Apex Park, the various projects for the Regional Local Infrastructure Program, opens space BBQ facilities, Koorringal Skate Park and Botanic Gardens works.

Council has worked closely with sporting and recreation groups to promote participation and engagement with the broader community through direct licence use of Council and Crown land areas, utilisation of Council facilities across community halls and community centres, sporting fields and passive recreation areas. Council works closely with a number of organisations to convene events and festivals across the City with some direct sponsorship and/or in kind assistance.

Strategy 2.3: Implement programs to help people feel safe at home and in public spaces

Council has delivered a range of programs to contribute to the safety of people at home and in public spaces through the following service areas:

Regulatory Services' levels for companion animal and livestock services, impounding abandoned articles, litter and dumped rubbish enforcement, parking enforcement services, food premises to meet required legislative standards, inspections for cooling towers, implementation of food hygiene and public health educational program, implementation of the public health immunisation program, partnership program with maintaining fire trails, managing alfresco dining and display of goods, and through assessment and approvals of development.

Increased community safety is also being delivered through a number of actions associated with Council's adopted Alcohol Management Strategy and Street Lighting Strategy as well as the development of the awnings over road reserve policy.

Strategy 2.4: Keep our community spaces clean and healthy

In line with the implementation of the actions contained in Council's Environmental Sustainability Strategy Council has implemented a range of ecological and environmental educational programs across the community to encourage community responsibility for keeping our City and water ways free of rubbish, pollution and aesthetically pleasing for community use.

Activities include regular promotional activity via media promotion of Council's green guide and other community related messages, Council's web site and social media platforms, community active days for clean up areas, school and general community educational and public programs and community partnership initiatives with groups like Erin Earth, Tidy Towns, CROW, Landcare etc...

Council has delivered environmental monitoring services and responds to community concerns regarding clean and healthy spaces. Council is also implementing remediation of the former Tarcutta Street Gas Works site.

Strategy 2.5: Provide a variety of housing options

Council via the Planning Directorate continues to ensure that strategic planning documents provide flexibility of choice which assists the creation of housing options within the LGA.

The Planning Directorate continues to process and determine development, construction certificate and activity approval applications in a efficient and timely fashion working with stakeholders to ensure flexibility of design is achieved where required and justified.

Strategy 2.6: Ensure that a range of services, facilities and programs are available for people of all ages and abilities to enjoy

Council had delivered a range of cultural and social services and programs for all ages through the Wagga Wagga City Library, Riverina Regional Library and mobile library service, Art Gallery spaces, the Civic Theatre and performance spaces at the amphitheatre and music bowl, the Botanic Gardens and Civic Centre Museum sites, Oasis Swimming and Stadium Centre, sporting and recreation grounds and outreach suburban facilities such as Tolland, Koorinal and Ashmont. Council has sponsored and convened events and festivals for all ages across the City.

Council has secured recreation events and has endorsed to enter into partnership agreements with sporting organisations such as Greater Western Sydney to bring a range of programs and opportunities to the local community of all ages.

Council is an active partner in auspicing on behalf of Federal and State government a range of social programs that have implemented a range of services to people in isolated and disadvantaged areas of our City. This has also included the construction of the Ashmont Community Centre and associated programs being delivered particularly to young people of the area.

Strategy 2.7: Promote environmentally sustainable principles for healthy living

Implementation of Council's Environmental Sustainability Strategy has continued against the actions within the strategy.

A range of environmental initiatives have been implemented addressing healthy living through community programs and promotions. Council has an active Environmental Advisory Committee that works collaboratively on a range of projects and provides recommendations for Council consideration.

As part of the development assessment process, environmental sustainability principles are applied against Council's statutory requirements. Also as part of urban release planning, Council has finalised the conservation and environmental zoned area for public healthy living as part of the Lloyd West development. Council is progressing a range of initiatives to promote to the wider community environmentally sustainability principles through examples like the energy savings programs on Council facilities, the design and study into the development of wetlands as part of the requirements on Council to decommission the Narung Street treatment ponds, the successful community Great Green Challenge and through monitoring and assessment processes on preservation of trees and ecology conservation areas.

Objective 3: Viable and Connected Rural and Urban Communities

Strategy 3.2: Improve and maintain local community facilities

Councils infrastructure renewal and maintenance programs for 2011/12 are progressing well. The programs for cleaning and renewing culverts and the rehabilitation of sewer mains at the risk of failure are well advanced. The reconstruction of the lane way at 86 Hammond Ave has been completed and the road reseal program, which includes the resealing of around 60Kms of urban and rural roads is also well advanced.

Objective 4: A Rich and Vibrant Culture

Strategy 4.1: Promote and facilitate a thriving regional arts community

Council has delivered against the annual schedules a range of cultural public programs, exhibitions, performances, and cultural events through Council's cultural facilities of the City Library, Regional Museum, Art Gallery and National Art Glass Gallery spaces, Civic Theatre and outdoor performance spaces. Council produces a quarterly cultural guide detailing Council's Cultural facility programs for the community.

In addition Council generates cultural activity by:

- Sponsoring cultural organisations across the City
- Working collaboratively to convene a range of cultural programs such as festivals and outreach programs within the urban area and at neighbourhood based locations e.g. Wiradjuri Festival and the Multicultural Festival
- Implementing Council's Public Art Plan across the City
- Sourcing and supporting external grants to assist other organisations to deliver cultural and local arts initiatives
- Making available Council's own cultural and other social infrastructure facilities to host a range of arts and cultural events

Strategy 4.2: Develop the river as Wagga Wagga's cultural heart

Several initiatives have been made by Council to develop the river as Wagga Wagga's cultural heart. Projects such as the construction of a boat ramp at Wiradjuri Reserve, the renovation of the Wilks Park toilet facility and the installation of a dump point at Wilks Park are encouraging the community to use the river for recreational and cultural activities.

In Partnership with the NSW Crown Lands Department, Council is continuing to investigate other projects that will bring an array of recreational, cultural, commercial and residential developments to the river which aim to reinforce the relationship between the iconic Murrumbidgee River and Wagga Wagga. Plans to develop a major community facility, new caravan park facilities, refurbished amenities and new recreational spaces along the river have progressed. Council staff have also investigated the condition of Hampden Bridge with a community workshop planned for 16 February 2012 to discuss the findings.

Strategy 4.3: Facilitate the development of Wagga Wagga as a major cultural centre and develop a 'keeping place' for our heritage

Council has facilitated and developed cultural heritage through a variety of ways including the following:

- Assisting the Office of Environment and Heritage with the process of Aboriginal Place Nominations for the Wagga Wagga Local Government Area.**
- Implementing the Riverside Masterplan with further analysis of the multi community centre components for development of which will be determined formally by Council.**
- Implementing land use planning and assessment for development under heritage and conservation controls and the implementation of the Heritage grants scheme for the community.**
- Through the Museum and Library collection programs undertaking local research and social history that has significant heritage value and strengthens cultural identity.**
- By program delivery across Council's cultural facilities to value heritage through a variety of exhibitions and performances.**

Strategy 4.4: Develop Wagga Wagga as a centre for entertainment, retail, dining, recreation and leisure, catering for all ages

All major community events for the quarter have successfully occurred. These include Little Big Day out and a very Wagga Christmas and Australia day preparations.

Objective 5: A Prosperous, Diverse and Growing Economy

Strategy 5.1: Stimulate prosperity through economic development strategies

The Wagga Wagga Airport's capital infrastructure improvements are at the forefront of economic development strategies for the City of Wagga Wagga, this financial year. Design work for the aviation industrial precinct is well advanced and expressions of interest have been called from suitable contractors.

A tender for the provision of paid car parking at the Wagga Wagga Airport was awarded in December and work is to be completed by March 2012.

The proposed Riverina Intermodal Freight and Logistic Hub project, to be located at the Bomen Business Park, has been submitted to the round two Regional Development Australia Fund as a worthy project for Federal Government funding.

The Fitzmaurice Street upgrade project is underway, consultation with business owners has been completed. The design and construction tender has been awarded with the design work on lighting / electrical currently underway.

Strategy 5.2: Attract a range of industries via connected business hubs

The Riverina Intermodal Freight and Logistics (RIFL) Hub is a large infrastructure project aimed at establishing a new and much larger rail terminal in Bomen that can be accessed by heavy trucks from the Sturt and Olympic Highway. The concept plan for the hub has been developed. Council is seeking Federal Government funding for the project via the Regional Development Australia Fund. The RIFL Hub project was selected as a priority project for the Riverina and as a result is eligible to apply for a grant from the RDAF with the application due on 15th February 2012. Council is requesting just under \$15 million from the Federal Government towards the project.

Strategy 5.3: Increase levels of visitation by Tourist and Business people

Commercial and Economic Development staff manned a stall at the November 2011 Farmers Market promoting the Evocities brand and campaign. Participating at this event enabled staff to speak with many local residents and visitors on the benefits of relocating to Wagga Wagga and encouraging them to spread the word to family and friends.

A new service can now be offered to conference and event organisers whereby delegates/participants can register online via the visitwagga.com website. This was utilised for the International Millinery Forum for National and International delegates. Facebook has also been added to the tourism website.

City Brand promotional material was created in-house to be provided to participants attending the 2012 Bowls Pennant Championships, Riverina Regional Tourism Planner, Seniors Magazine, CSU Graduates, to be included in the Kapooka March Out Guide, Regional Express OutThere Magazine and Tourism Operator Newsletter.

A cross directorate team has been formed to work on organising the 2012 Local Government and Shires Water Conference. This conference will be held in Wagga Wagga in July 2012. Wagga Wagga is responsible for arranging booking of venue, sourcing catering, accommodation and assisting the LGSA conference staff with the running of the conference.

Strategy 5.4: Implement leading edge infrastructure and communication technology to link everyone within and outside Wagga Wagga

The review of the Wagga Wagga Spatial Plan has commenced. Intensive work has begun on reviewing population and affordability trends and on the preparation of a Project Management Plan (completed) and a Community Consultation Strategy. The Spatial Plan, once completed, will inform future changes to the Wagga Wagga Local Environmental Plan 2010.

Communicating information to the public regarding planning issue is a complex issue. A redesign of how this information is provided has been completed. A series of fact sheets on particular planning and building topics provides a step by step process for people choosing to use the corporate website.

A new viewing software product which contains local mapping information for public use has been uploaded to the corporate website. The software is called Dekho and provides geographical information of all sorts from land use zones to aerial photography.

Strategy 5.5: Grow our agricultural sector

Riverina Oils and Bio Energy commenced construction in September 2011, plant commissioning is programmed for May 2012. This plant will crush 170,000t of grain per year to produce edible oils. Capital investment is in the order of \$55M. Construction employment is in the order of 130 jobs and once completed will require 52 employees to operate this downstream value adding agricultural enterprise.

Strategy 5.6: Provide employment opportunities for all

Wagga Wagga City continues to work with several commercial in confidence property and business developers who are interested in developing projects in Wagga Wagga that have local employment opportunities.

Recently, Douglas Aerospace announced their commitment to operate their business in Wagga Wagga. Their business activity includes external painting and internal refurbishment of aircraft. The business will require up to 40 direct jobs once fully operational.

Objective 6: A Sustainable Environment

Strategy 6.1: Effectively manage the natural environment

Council has managed the natural environment through a variety of programs including the following:

- Developing scope of works for the engagement of a consultant to undertake design concepts for the rehabilitation of Narrung Street Treatment Works ponds for a wetlands.
- The Maldhangilanna Restoration Team continued work on clearing woody weeds, revegetation work and habitat rehabilitation projects on public lands - including along the Murrumbidgee River, Pomingalana Reserve, Lake Albert and Silvalite Reserve.
- Implementation of noxious weed program including control works on public lands, inspection of private properties and extension activities to raise awareness.
- Liaising on activities with Wagga Wagga Urban Landcare Group, Climate Rescue of Wagga, Wagga Wagga Tidy Towns Sustainable Community Committee and Erin Earth.
- Preparation for Cleanup Australia Day and National Tree Day 2012.

Strategy 6.3: Integrate management strategies to encourage water conservation and enhance and protect water quality

Council has encouraged water conservation and protected water quality through a variety of programs including the following:

- Monitoring water quality of the Murrumbidgee River, Lake Albert and Wollundry Lagoon
- Provided support to the Sir Joseph Banks garden competition and promotion of water conservation initiatives
- Finalised guidelines to allow water wise gardening on nature strips
- Compliance with license requirements for solid waste management and sewage treatment works
- Developing design and tender specifications for implementing former Tarcutta Street gasworks remediation
- Ongoing monitoring and management of contaminated land sites
- Implementation of Councils Urban Salinity Management Plan including monitoring the piezometer network
- Investigated environmental breaches and taken the appropriate action to ensure compliance with relevant legislation.

Strategy 6.4: Develop sustainable built and natural environments for current and future generations through effective land management and planning

The Planning Directorate continues to promote the development of sustainable built and natural environments by the regular review and monitoring of key land use planning policy documents (Local Environmental Plan and Development Control Plans, Heritage Study). Such reviews are undertaken in consultation with key community and industry stakeholders which promote quadruple bottom line policy considerations and endeavours to ensure development outcomes recognise intergenerational equity issues within the Wagga Local Government Area.

Strategy 6.5: Minimise the ecological footprint by reducing resource consumption and implementing effective waste management strategies

Work is continuing on the implementation of Council's Resource Recovery Strategy. Business case for a glass crushing facility at the Gregadoo Waste Management Centre has been completed. The business case showed that the implementation of a glass crushing facility is not viable at this time.

Concept designs for the new Resource Recovery Centre have been finalised. Preparation of the contract documentation for the construction of the facility is underway.

Construction of the cover over the transfer station at the Gregadoo waste management centre has commenced.

Strategy 6.6: Improve ambient air quality and reduce both energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions across the Local Government Area

Council has implemented the following programs to improve ambient air quality and reduce both energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions:

- The purchase of 100% green power for the Civic Centre building
- The finale of the inaugural Great Green Challenge over the last six months which resulted in five families and one business make sustainable living changes to reduce their impacts on the environment
- Monitor its energy consumption and promote energy efficiency initiatives
- Funding opportunities are being explored for the implementation of Cogeneration to reduce energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions at the Oasis Aquatic Centre
- Energy efficiency projects were implemented involving the Airport, the Civic Centre and the Civic Theatre. The project involved re-lamping, power factor correction and adjustment of the building management system. The project was funded jointly by council and a low interest loan from Low Carbon Australia.
- Continued to respond and investigate incidents regarding air pollution.
- Continued to implement the 'Let's Clear the Air' program. Educational pamphlets on clean air initiatives were printed and distributed.

Strategy 6.7: Lead sustainable environmental practices

Council has implemented the following programs to lead sustainable environmental practices:

- Continued to liaise with key stakeholders including Government Departments, Environmental groups and organisations as part of implementing Council's environmental programs
- Participation in the Sustainability Advantage Program, an initiative of the NSW Office of Environment And Heritage (formerly DECCW). Council is currently applying for the program's Bronze Level Recognition.

Objective 7: Our Education, Learning and Training Industry Makes the Difference

Strategy 7.1: Develop and promote Wagga Wagga as a centre of learning excellence

The Evocities marketing campaign has provided a direct external marketing opportunity for Wagga Wagga to highlight the capacity of the City as a centre of learning excellence. A series of marketing and promotional pamphlets and web site information is incorporated into the Evocities website/s.

The new Centre for Inland Engineering at the NSW TAFE Riverina Institute provides highly specialised and tailored training solutions. A major feature of this facility is the industry partners it has secured including Airservices Australia, Essential Energy and Snowy Hydro Limited.

Strategy 7.2: Develop a culture of lifelong community education and learning

Council does not specifically deliver services or activities relating to formal education, however council does engage with the community in various education programs relating to the services that it does provide. For example, environmental education in schools, health education, building and development industry, traffic safety and training of early childhood carers which are aligned to the previous objectives within this plan.

It is Council's role to facilitate the provision of actions to meet this objective. This is achieved through forming close ties and regular meetings with the key providers including Charles Sturt University, Riverina Institute of TAFE and the Defence Force. These actions will be delivered by government agencies, business, community organisations or other groups with a stake in the community.

Exception Report

Strategy 1.3: Lead the community with responsible, sustainable, effective, efficient and customer focussed organisations

Decommission of Old Systems

BEHIND SCHEDULE

The conversion of the data within the LGIS system is proving to be more complex than first anticipated, causing delays in the progress of the overall project. Staff are still working on a process to convert the data and migrate into Council's current corporate systems.

Manage Fraud Management Framework

BEHIND SCHEDULE

Review of Council's Fraud Management Framework has commenced. This is being reviewed in line with Council's Good Governance Framework to ensure alignment of objectives.

Review & Manage Good Governance Framework

BEHIND SCHEDULE

Review of the Good Governance Framework has commenced. Due to the level of research required and the necessity to align the Framework with Council's Fraud Management Framework it is anticipated that the project will be completed by 30 March 2012.

Upgrade Online Recruitment

BEHIND SCHEDULE

Upgrades to Aurion Online Recruitment will occur in two stages: Stage 1 will address the lodgement of applications directly into Aurion. A project plan has been completed and a quote is being sought from Aurion re time and cost to complete the implementation of this stage. Stage 2 will be a major upgrade of the online recruitment system and streamline backend processing of applications. Stage 2 is likely to occur in the latter part of 2011/2012 financial year.

Engage internal and external resources to ensure undrawn sewer diagrams for Wagga Wagga LGA are drawn These diagrams will be linked to relevant operating systems which will ensure quality and timely advice is provided upon request

BEHIND SCHEDULE

Council's plumbing services currently holds on record over 2000 undrawn sewerage services diagrams requiring conversion. The conversion of undrawn diagrams allows a digital copy to be linked to internal databases and mapping systems. As a result plumbing services can successfully provide fast and accurate information to multiple stakeholders. Due to unforeseen staff leave, project completion is currently at 15% after 25% project time expended.

Current completion at 35%.

Implement a software solution to meet the needs of the new Awnings Policy

BEHIND SCHEDULE

The Information Services Division has only been approached by the business owner in late December to continue progressing with the project. The policy is expected to be endorsed in January, however Information Services is still awaiting requirements documentation from the business owner before the project can continue.

Identify mobile computing requirements for the organisation and develop a strategy to meet the needs

BEHIND SCHEDULE

The Governance Section finished collating data for the Gathering Information Project in December 2011. Due to the slight delay in receiving this information, the project is likely to be completed a couple of months behind schedule.

The requirements for the solution will now be compiled and developed between January/February 2012, before being submitted to the steering committee for approval.

Review and report recommendations for Councils Job Evaluation System

BEHIND SCHEDULE

Information has been sourced from Hays and Mercer on their job evaluation systems, while a trip was made to Griffith Council to seek information on the implementation of the Hays job evaluation system. The information will be assessed prior to a report being prepared for e-team in March 2012.

Strategy 3.2: Improve and maintain local community facilities

Construct Culvert Crossing at Boiling Down Creek

BEHIND SCHEDULE

Designs for a new crossing at the entrance of the Gregadoo Waste Management Centre are currently being finalised. Contractors will be sought to complete the construction phase of the project scheduled for completion this financial year. Designs have been delayed due to specific requirements needed for leachate detention.

Implement Cycleways

BEHIND SCHEDULE

Construction Drawings have been reviewed and are currently being finalised ready for detailed estimates to be compiled. Delivery of this project is expected to be by the end of the financial year

Replace Electrical substation at Jubilee Park

BEHIND SCHEDULE

The upgrade of the electrical substation at Jubilee Park will allow for the future electricity needs of the entire precinct to be met. Future developments on this site may include the Lloyd community centre as well as future upgrades to sporting facilities.

The successful contractor has commenced the design which will be completed by the end of January 2012. The design aspect of his project will take approximately 8 weeks longer than expected.

A tender process for the construction will commence once design works have been completed.

Conduct Glenfield Road Corridor Study

NOT PROGRESSING

A project Concept and Brief is being developed. The project is dependant on the current review of the Section 94 planning in relation to the Urana Street overpass. The project plan for the study will be finalised and an expression of interest developed for the market.

Replace seal on road to Pomigalarna Reserve

BEHIND SCHEDULE

Construction will begin in early 2012. Some delays have occurred on this project due to the availability of suitable contractors and council staff.

Develop infrastructure plans for CBD and hospital precinct

BEHIND SCHEDULE

The efficiency of the Hospital precinct will be subject of review once the rebuild has been completed. Council is about to appoint a Strategic Transport Planner to address this area as well as that of the whole of CBD movement systems, parking and Urban Design issue.

Replace Carpet - Wollundry Cottage

NOT PROGRESSING

Quotations were sought to refurbish the Wollundry Cottage including carpet replacement. Due to the excessive cost of the project a decision was made by the Executive Team not to progress.

Humula pressure Reticulation Scheme

BEHIND SCHEDULE

This project is subject to a review of the existing pressure sewer systems. The review will be undertaken this financial year.

Implement pressure sewer reticulation scheme - San Isidore

BEHIND SCHEDULE

This project is subject to a review of the existing pressure sewer systems. The review will be undertaken this financial year.

Design and Construct Sewer Scheme - Oura

BEHIND SCHEDULE

This project is subject to a review of the existing pressure sewer systems. The review will be undertaken this financial year.

Strategy 4.2: Develop the river as Wagga Wagga's cultural heart

Design Community Facility

NOT PROGRESSING

A workshop was held on 15 November 2011 to discuss Council's intention to develop a Major Community Facility (MCF). A brief presentation was received which highlighted what was endorsed in the 2007 Special Rate Variation (SRV) submission and what the Riverside Master Plan recommends. In summary, the SRV proposed the following in relation to the provision of a MCF;

"The provision of a multipurpose facility to include a visitor centre, museum and interactive sports facility (sporting hall of fame)". The budget defined for this project in the SRV was \$8.4m (design - \$800,000, Stage 1 construction - \$3.8m, Stage 2 construction - \$3.8m). This project was postponed whilst the Riverside Master Plan was developed.

The Riverside Master Plan proposed a MCF at the intersection of Morrow Street and Tarcutta Street. This proposed MCF has the potential to house an array of functions including conference facilities, blackbox theatre space, integrated museum and visitor information centre, commercial space and car parking. The scope and makeup of this proposal (developed by consultant) was estimated to cost approximately \$50m which was in excess of Council's SRV budgeted amount of \$8.4m.

When considering Council's budget and Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) in 2010/11, Council committed \$24.8m towards a MCF. The type of facilities to be included in this proposal and the impact this major financial commitment has on the LTFP needs to be considered further. With this in mind, it was agreed at the workshop that Council staff would investigate and analyse what facilities are currently available to the community. This desktop investigation will include an analysis of existing and proposed conference/convention facilities, theatre spaces, museum and hall facilities. A further workshop will occur in February 2012 to review this information and agree on a way forward.

Strategy 5.4: Implement leading edge infrastructure and communication technology to link everyone within and outside Wagga Wagga

Finalise the cadastre redraw project and implement the updated cadastre

BEHIND SCHEDULE

A quote to complete the realignment of Cadastre based GIS layers, to the new Cadastre layer of improved positional accuracy has been obtained from 1Spatial. The quote is comprehensive and allows staff to be self sufficient once the consultant has finished the work.

A search for two further quotes has been requested, but other suppliers may not be available, as this is a very niche market. A review of performance by 1Spatial has also been requested to determine reliability.

Digitise old paper records to mitigate the risk of loss, improve access to information, and eliminate the need to retain original copies in archive facilities

BEHIND SCHEDULE

This project has slowed down after the project officer successfully applied for another position within council, leaving the role vacant since November 2011. A new part time contract for 10 hours per week has been signed by one of the Records part time staff, starting 10 January 2012. Records will be contacting an employment agency at the start of February for a full time, 4 month contract for the position of temporary Records Officer. At this stage of the project over 500 Development Application have been scanned.

Strategy 6.4: Develop sustainable built and natural environments for current and future generations through effective land management and planning

Review LEP: finalise Deferred Areas

BEHIND SCHEDULE

Council has received advice from the Director-General Dept of Planning and Infrastructure, that the Deferred Areas must be re-exhibited and that finalisation of the Deferred Areas is required by July 2012. In accordance with the D-G's instructions to the Southern Regional Planning Panel, exhibition materials have been submitted by Council to the Panel, as the first step in the finalisation process. The prescribed exhibition period is 28 days.



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