

Long Term Financial Plan, Delivery Plan, Operations Plan And Revenue Policy

Council has resolved to place the draft 2024/25 Long Term Financial Plan, Delivery Plan, Operational Plan and Revenue Policy on public exhibition, with submission being received up until Friday 7th June 2024. Council's rate income for 2024/2025 is subject to a cap of 4.5% by IPART with the rate scenario of applying the full 4.5% increase included, while also continued moving the Farmland categories to 60% of the total yield. Water charges have increased by 4.5%. Waste Charges increased to cover cost of three bins per service. Sewer Charges increased by 4.5%. The main substantial change is the possible introduction of waste fees, and these are detailed on page 17 of the Revenue Policy. The fees are being introduced as part of the way that waste management is being administered and managed, to reduce the volume going to landfill and conserve the limited space at the facility. The draft budget presented is a budget for the future. The budgets for the respective funds show sound financial projections for the short to medium term for Council. The budgets can be best described as responsible given the current economic climate and income and have been formulated on the basis that there is a downturn in the Australian economy with cost-of-living pressures and the capacity to pay a real issue for the community.

Draft Policy - Sale (Trade) of Water

As a Local Water Utility (LWU), Council is permitted to engage in Temporary Trade of Town Water Allocations with the approval of DPE – Water (i.e. requires Ministerial approval). Council has in the past traded some of its town water supply when opportunity has presented. Each year Council generally trades some of its PID allocation to other users within the PID. Given Council's responsibilities as a Local Water Utility and its ability to make additional income from Surplus Water, it is important that there are robust systems and controls in place. In addition, Council may sell in accordance with the Water Management Act 2000, reticulated water to industry and projects including those located outside the Shire, as part of its current allocation, provided it does not impact the current users. This policy on the Sale (Trade) of Water has been developed to meet community expectations, maximise returns and minimise risk. Analysis indicates that Water Usage will not exceed 1400 ML in a Dry Year and 1150 ML in a Wet Year. Accordingly, Council nominates that up to 750 ML of Town Water can be sold (traded) at any time after the commencement of the Water Year up until 31 October. This results in a Recommended Safety Margin of up to 905 ML which is 65% for a Dry Year and 75% for a Wet Year. Council has resolved to place the draft policy on public exhibition and comments will be received up until Friday 7th June 2024.

Housing Facilitation Project

Hay Shire Council recently received funding under the Regional Housing Strategic Planning Fund to undertake a Planning Proposal to change the Hay Local Environmental Plan (LEP), which governs the land uses and zoning of properties. One of the initiatives the funding covers is the removal of minimum lot sizes in the existing urban areas of Hay. The minimum lot size for the Hay Urban Area is 550m². This prevents the densifying of the urban area, which is the most economically and environmentally sustainable form of urban development. Removing the minimum lot size will facilitate the development of smaller houses on smaller lots, which can have a positive impact on the housing crisis. Council has resolved to proceed with the Planning Proposal for removal of the minimum lot size in the Hay Urban Area.

Car Boot Sale is BACK!!

Date – Saturday May 18
Time – 9am to 1pm
Venue – Swimming Pool car park



Limited spaces, so call into Council's office and fill out your registration form.

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Cr Carol Oataway

Deputy Mayor

Cr Lionel Garner

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EVENTS

MAY

9 Hay CWA Casserole Lunch

18 Mood, Mindfulness & Matcha - Saltbush Stretch studio

31 Art Exhibition Night - Saltbush Stretch Studio

JUNE

6 Hay CWA Casserole Lunch

7-10 Hay Plains Bowls Tournament

8-9 Mini Nationals

8-9 Club Standard & Triumph

15 Hay Merino Sheep Show

Lachlan Street Upgrade

Transport for NSW is upgrading the road surface through Hay to provide a smoother, safer and stronger road. They are carrying out work to upgrade a one kilometre section of Lachlan Street (Cobb Highway) at Hay. The project will be carried out in two stages. Work includes:

- establishing a temporary work site
- protecting underground services
- using machinery to remove the old road surface
- laying a new road surface
- line marking.

Work on Lachlan Street between Brunker Street and just past Leonard Street from Monday 6 May to Friday 28 June, weather permitting. The Murray Street intersection near the bowling club will also be resurfaced.

The first stage of work will involve lining stormwater pipes and digging up sections of Lachlan Street to install concrete protection to underground utilities.

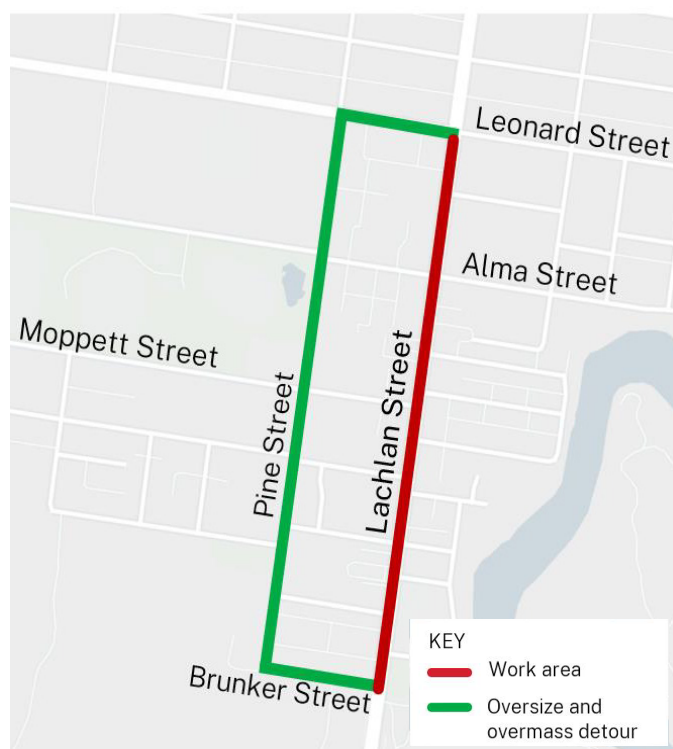
Work will be carried out from Monday 6 May to Friday 31 May and will involve single lane closures.

To limit impacts to the community, work will be carried out in a combination of day and night shifts, Monday to Saturdays between 7am to 5pm or 7pm to 3am, weather permitting.

The second stage of work will involve removing the old road and laying a new road surface. Work will start Tuesday 11 June and is expected to be complete by the end of June, weather permitting.

Starting from Brunker Street and moving north towards Leonard Street in about 150-metre sections, work will be carried out seven days a week in two shifts between 7am to 5pm and 5.30pm to 12.30am for two weeks, then return to day shift for the final week. Two Sunday shifts on 16 and 23 June will be night work.

Resurfacing of the Murray Street intersection will be carried out after work is finished in the town centre.



Development Applications

MARCH-JULY 2023

No.	Address	Development	Decision
2022-26	19 Murray St, Hay	Solar Farm	Approved
2023-8	104 Lachlan St, Hay	Demolition & levelling site	Approved
2023-9	212 George St, Hay	Fence & Carport	Approved
2023-10	362 Lang St, Hay	Carport	Approved
2023-12	413 Murray St, Hay	House Extensions	Approved
2023-13	365 Cadell St, Hay	Shed & Carport	Approved
2023-16	419 Bank St, Hay	Carport	Approved
2023-17	330 Moama St, Hay	Farm Shed	Approved
2023-18	433 Church St, Hay	Demolish & New Transportable Dwelling	Approved
2023-20	371 Church St, Hay	New Shed & Relocate Old Shed	Approved
2023-21	218 Sidonia Rd, Hay	Dwelling & 3 Car Garage	Approved
2023-23	306 Macauley St, Hay	Shed	Approved

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2023-15	314 Macauley St, Hay	Carport	Approved
2023-24	25880 Sturt Hwy, Hay	Demolish Dwelling and Construct Dwelling & Pool	Approved
2023-25	375 Russell St, Hay	Subdivision/Realignment	Approved
2023-26	438 Orson St, Hay	Carport	Approved
2023-27	522 Brewery St, Hay	Shed	Approved
2023-28	4 Nailor St, Hay	4 x Cabins	Approved
2023-29	350 Church St, Hay	Extension to Deck	Approved
2023-30	438 Moppett St, Hay	Shed	Approved
2023-31	227 Lachlan St, Hay	Fence	Approved
2023-32	102 Farlows Ln, Hay	Deck & Carport	Approved
2023-33	109 Thelangerin Rd	Extension to Shed	Approved
2023-36	242 Bourke St, Hay	Transportable Dwelling	Approved
2023-40	5 Boon St, Hay	Extension to Verandah	Approved
2022-14	1 Archer St, Hay	Extension to shed + office	Approved

What's happening at the Hay Library?

Rhyme Time: Children's reading and activities are held every Tuesday commencing at 10.30am for 0-5 years old.

Knitting & Scrabble Groups: Are held each Wednesday at 10am. Come and enjoy some knitting and scrabble with good company and a cuppa.

On Thursday the 30th of May at 2:00pm

Movie at the Hay Library!

Light Refreshments Provided

Biggest Morning Tea

Date: Thursday 23rd May 2024

Where: Witcombe Place

Time: 10:00am to 12:00pm

