

THEME 12:

As a ratepayer, I expect Council to operate efficiently and effectively. What will you do to ensure resources are being used wisely?

Our ongoing work

We use clear budgeting and monitoring processes to maintain Council’s long-term financial health and ensure the transparent, responsible use of public funds.

- Deliver prudent financial management including responsible budgeting, cost control, and long-term financial planning to maximise value for ratepayers.
- Facilitate the collaboration with Councillors and the community to align financial decisions with strategic priorities.
- Deliver yearly operational budgets by assessing each expense individually, ensuring that all spending is necessary and responds directly to community needs.
- Deliver the Long-Term Financial Plan to demonstrate to the community the long-term financial sustainability of Council.

Our work is guided by legal and Council-approved processes that support good decision-making and ensure everyone’s role is clearly understood.

- Deliver on the requirement to maintain long-term financial viability of the Council with priority in achieving the best outcomes for the community, including future generations.
- Provide gender impact assessments on key initiatives, in line with the Gender Equality Act 2020, to enhance gender equity in public spaces, Council projects and programs.

- Develop and make available on Council’s website, a four-year professional development training program in line with the Local Government Act 2020 and Local Government (Governance and Integrity) Regulations 2020.
- Deliver ongoing mandatory councillor professional development training annually by December in line with the Local Government Act 2020 and Local Government (Governance and Integrity) Regulations 2020.
- Coordinate and deliver Mayor and Deputy Mayor training annually within one month after their election to those respective positions in line with the Local Government Act 2020.
- Annually review the councillor group commitment to work as a team.

We undertake continuous improvement across all Council operations to ensure responsible use of public funds, effective service delivery and the ability to adapt to the changing needs of the community.

- Deliver responsible and best practice investment in, and maintenance of, community assets to support long-term service delivery through the Asset Management Plans.
- Deliver training and practical opportunities for staff to develop their skills and ensure a highly skilled, effective workforce.

Strategic Priority

SP54	Deliver service and innovation reviews to identify ways to improve efficiency, investing in technology like artificial intelligence to boost productivity, optimise resource use and lower costs.	DAP
SP55	Deliver the long-term financial sustainability of Council through the optimisation of resources, infrastructure and asset management.	HP DAP

HP Health Plan DAP Disability Action Plan

Community quote:

“I appreciate the difficulties Council faces in balancing the budget and appreciate the challenge this poses to Councillors.”

