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Operational Plan 2024/2025 and Long-Term Financial Plan adopted

Warrumbungle Shire Council has finalised its Operational Plan for 2024/2025, alongside a comprehensive Long-Term Financial Strategy. These critical documents outline the Council's vision, priorities, and financial roadmap for the coming year and beyond.

"The Operational Plan 2024/2025 outlines the strategic initiatives, projects, and actions that Council will undertake in the short-term to meet the evolving needs and aspirations of our community," said Warrumbungle Shire Council Mayor, Councillor Ambrose Doolan. "It reflects extensive consultation with residents, businesses, and stakeholders to ensure alignment with our expectations and priorities."

Key highlights of the Operational Plan include:

- Road Operations – (\$7.1M)
- Water (\$3.79M), Sewer (\$5.4M) and Waste Services (\$85K)
- Plant and Equipment Improvement and Renewal – (\$2M).
- Urban Services including Town Streets related works, Ovals, Parks, Swimming Pools and other amenities improvements – (\$2.7M).
- Roads Improvement and Renewal – Stage 1 - State Forrest Road Coolah - (\$2.5M)
- Mendooran Water Supply Scheme Upgrades – (\$450K)

"In conjunction with the Operational Plan, the council has also adopted a Long-Term Financial Plan to provide a roadmap for financial direction of the Council into the future. This strategy outlines mechanisms for revenue generation, expenditure control, debt management, and reserves planning to ensure financial resilience and stability," Cr Doolan explained.

"Council has made some significant improvements to its operations in recent years and after many years of financial deficits there has been three consecutive years of positive financial results. The improvement in Council's financial position has come about through fortunate timing of grant funding, significantly improved operations and difficult decisions being made. Further difficult decisions need to be made in order for the Council to remain financially sustainable."

“By making hard, but financially responsible decisions, we will be able to maintain and improve the services to our community. Many of these decisions are not popular ones but need to be made for the greater good,” said Cr Doolan.

Both the Operational Plan 2024/2025 and the Long-Term Financial Strategy are now available for public viewing on the [council's website](#). Residents, businesses, and stakeholders are encouraged to review these documents to gain insights into the council's priorities and financial outlook.

“Council remains committed to transparent, accountable, and responsible governance, working collaboratively with the community to build a vibrant, prosperous, and inclusive municipality for all,” Cr Doolan concluded.

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