



Upper Lachlan Shire Council Community Outreach Meeting Taralga

14 October 2025



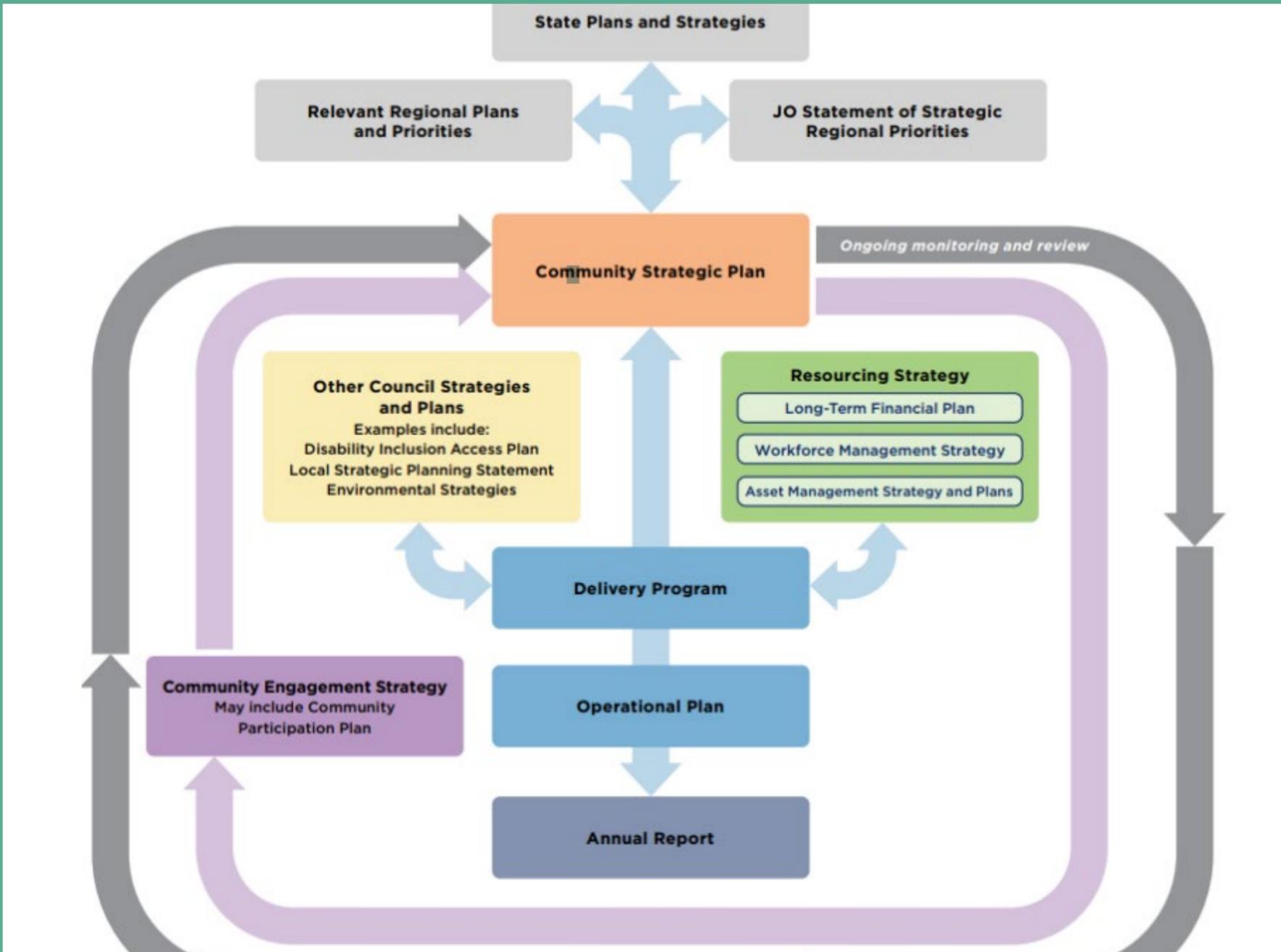
Mayor and CEO Introduction and Greetings



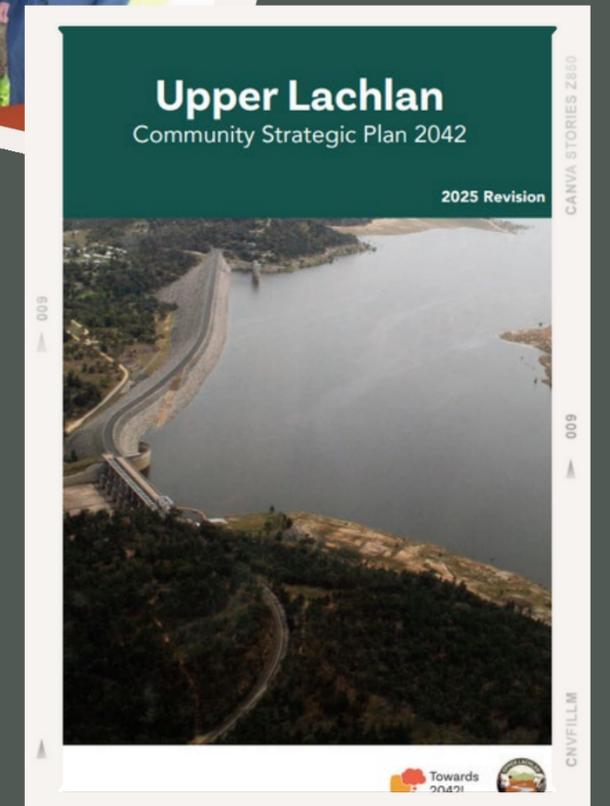
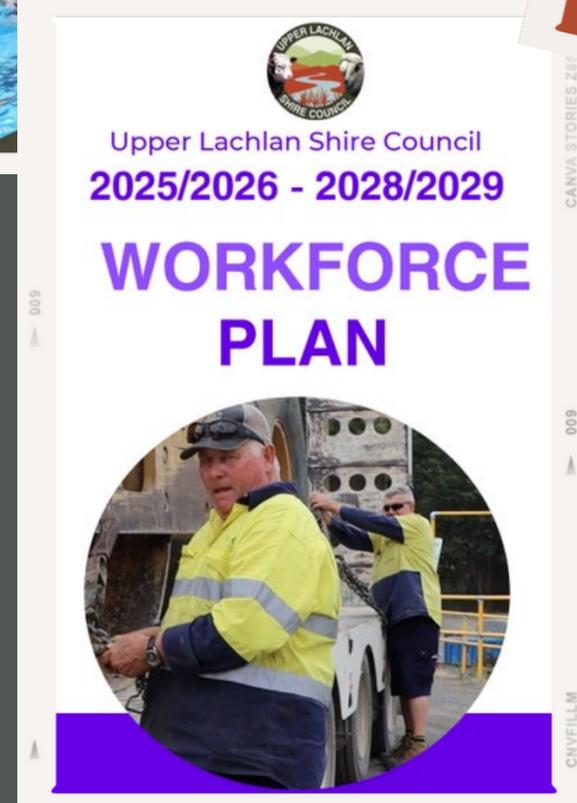
Paul Culhane
Mayor



Alex Waldron
Chief Executive Officer



ULSC - Strategic Documents



Financial Performance Indicators

Performance Measures	2022/2023	2023/2024	2024/2025
Unrestricted Current Ratio	✓	✓	✓
Own Source Operating Revenue Ratio	✗	✗	✗
Rates and Annual Charges Outstanding	✓	✓	✓
Debt Service Cover Ratio	✓	✓	✓
Building and Infrastructure Renewals Ratio	✗	✓	✓
Operating Performance Ratio	✓	✗	✗

Cash Flow Position

- Actions taken to address the long-term financial sustainability of Council.
- Cash position has improved at 30 June 2025. Council unrestricted cash position has improved from 117K (2023) to \$1.524 million (2025).
- Asset sales proceeds have been used to replenish internal restricted reserve funds such as the buildings and infrastructure reserve and plant replacement reserve. These sales were not used to artificially increase the unrestricted cash reserves.
- Council has taken measures to increase discretionary cash position including service level decisions taken by Council, management undertaking business unit service reviews and an organisation restructure with reduction in workforce numbers in 2024.
- Annual budget savings achieved of over \$1.5 million as a result of measures taken by Council.



Upper Lachlan Shire Council

2025-2026

OPERATIONAL PLAN



Operational Plan 2025/2026

- Council operational budget for 2025/2026 is \$43 million.
- Operational Plan is a public document on Council website reviewed and updated each financial year.

Upper Lachlan Shire - Ordinary Rates Income

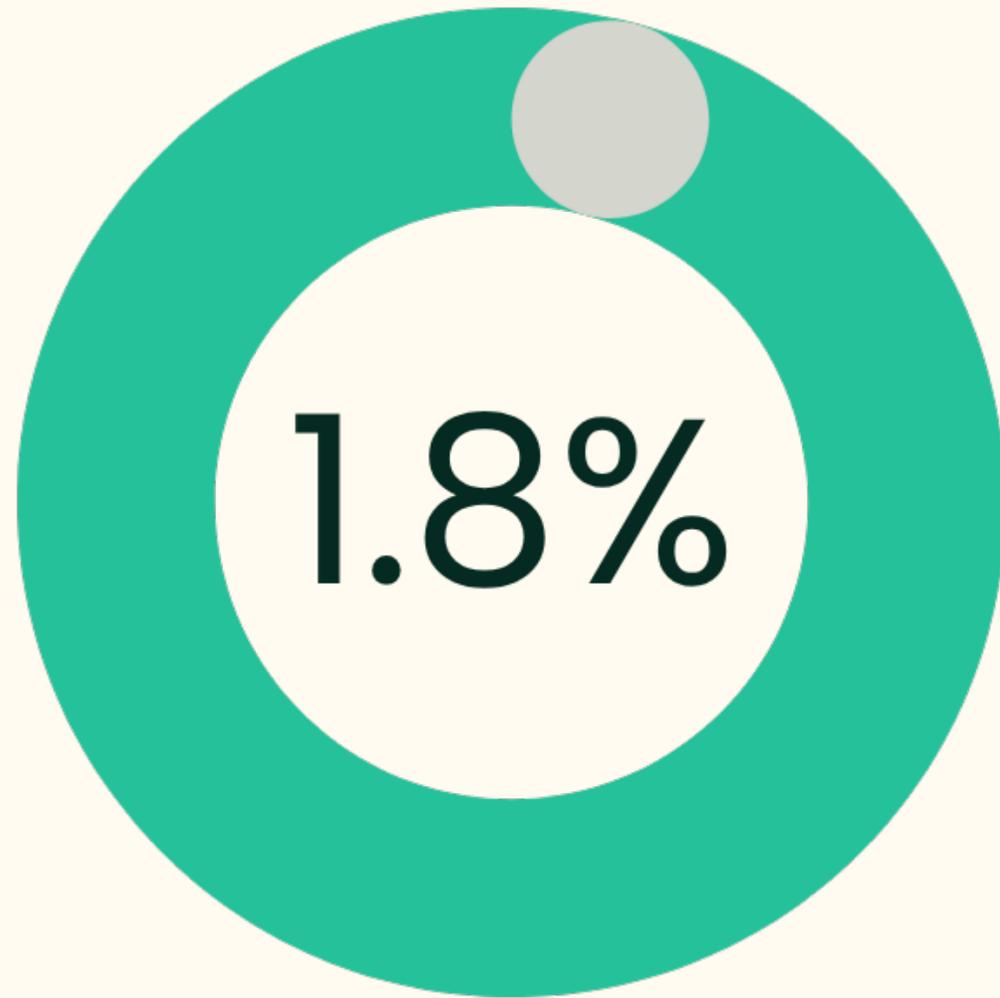


- Council ordinary rates total income is \$9.65 million (per annum). This equates to 23% of all income sources in the operating budget.

(Note : information above excludes annual charges for water, DWM & sewer)

- Farmland rating category account for 64% of total ordinary rates income.
 - Residential rating categories accounts for 28% of total ordinary rates income.
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Taralga Ordinary Rates Income



Taralga town locality (includes surrounding parishes) has 235 rates assessments with ordinary rates income totaling \$168,835 (per annum).

This is 1.80% of the total ordinary rates of the Upper Lachlan Shire

Water, Sewer & Waste - Taralga

- **Taralga Water supply Annual charge \$157,226 based on 234 assessments**
 - **Taralga Water consumption user pay charges \$149,971**
 - **Taralga Sewer Annual charge \$291,951 based on 245 assessments**
 - **Domestic Waste Management \$145,172 based on 227 assessments**
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Council Services Provided to Taralga Region

- Roads/Bridges/Footpath
- Water and Sewer
- DWM Waste Collection / Waste Transfer Station
- Spaces available to community groups includes Halls/Buildings
- Sporting Field/Playground
- Administrator for Windfarm CEP program
- Cemetery management
- Parks and Gardens
- Ranger / Animal Control
- Biosecurity / Noxious Weeds Control



Taralga

Taralga Projects Past 3 Years

□ CAPITAL WORKS PROJECTS (EXCLUDES MAINTENANCE/OPERATIONS)

These are projects completed in Taralga district
from 2023 - 2025

\$989,600

MR258 Wombeyan
Caves Road - Slope
stability works

\$15,000

Automatic Rain Guage
with alerts to SES and
Council - At Taralga
STP

\$180,000

Church Street and
Court Street - Heavy
Patch and Resealing

\$62,500

Raised Pedestrian
Crossing - Orchard
Street

\$42,500

Pedestrian Lighting at
raised crossing -
Orchard Street

\$969,000

MR258 Wombeyan
Caves Road - Natural
Disaster Restoration

\$105,000

Sealing unsealed road
- Cooper to Martyn
Streets

\$3,000 annually

Line-marking in
various locations

\$193,000

Gomonamarra Creek
- Culvert upgrade

\$373,000

Golspie Road
rehabilitation

\$791,500

Heavy Patching -
MR256 Taralga to
Goulburn Road

\$73,000

RERRF repairs -
MR256 Taralga to
Goulburn Road

\$325,000

MR248E Laggan to
Taralga Road Pavement
Rehabilitation

\$148,000

Bannaby Road
rehabilitation

Curraweela Bridge over Burra Burra Creek

\$3.5 MILLION

MR256 TABLELANDS WAY
Taralga to Oberon Road
Burra Burra @ Curraweela Creek



Taralga Forward Works Plan

□ CAPITAL WORKS PROJECTS (EXCLUDES MAINTENANCE/OPERATIONS)

\$100,000

Stormwater Improvements to Church street

\$100,000

Taralga Water Supply Fund – Water Mains Replacement-Hydrants and valves

\$55,000

Taralga Sewage Fund – Sewer Main Renewal and condition assessment

\$2.4 million

MR256 Tablelands Way Road Rehabilitation – Taralga to Oberon Road

\$100,000

Heavy Patching – MR256 Taralga to Oberon Road

\$250,000

Taralga Water Supply Fund – Taralga Dam structural Repairs

\$50,000

Macarthur Street Sewer Extension

\$825,000

MR258 Wombeyan Caves Road Guardrail project 2025/2026

\$100,000

Orchard Street – Kerb and Gutter Project 2025/2026

\$62,000

Lighting installation at Pedestrian Crossing in Taralga

Taralga Forward Works Plan Continued

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MAINTENANCE/OPERATIONS)

WORKS PENDING GRANT SUCCESS

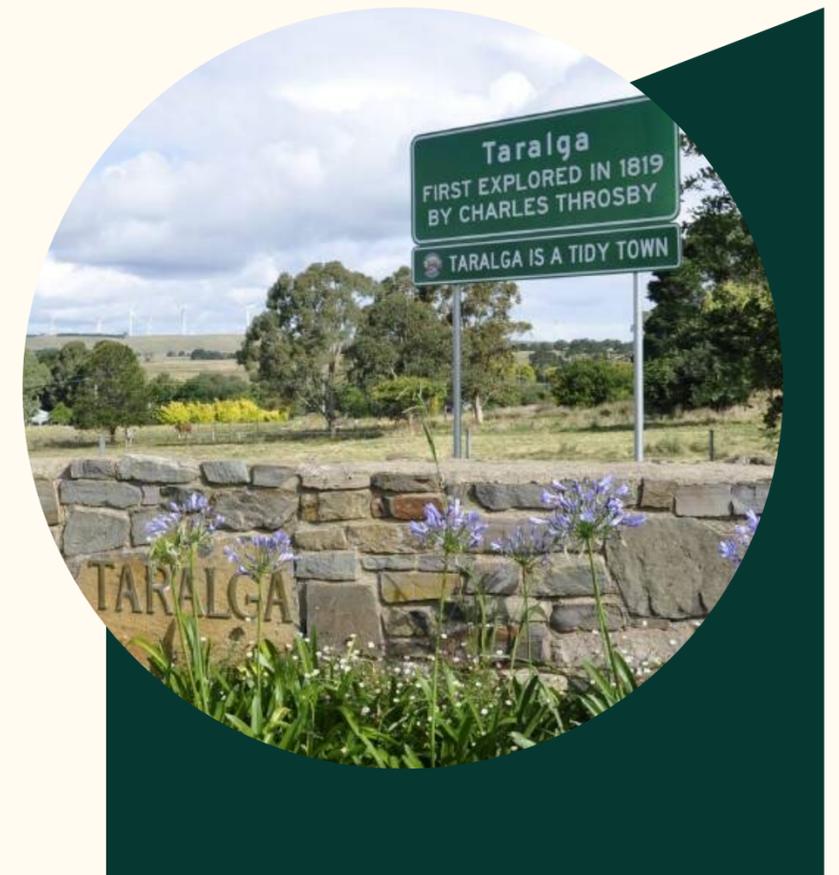
- Road Safety Upgrades for Taralga /Goulburn Road
 - New kerb and gutter on Orchard Street
 - New footpath on Orchard and Hillas Street
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Water Sewer and Waste - Update

Bore water testing and Woolshed Creek town water supply tested for water quality and PFAS – PFAS levels below current guidelines

Taralga Waste Transfer Station

- Driveway repairs at transfer station
- Vegetation removal
- Scrap Steel bay refurbished after collection



Taralga WTP



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- Off river storage dam vegetation removal
 - Assessment on repairing of the Dam and Risk Report finalized for the Dam now progressing Dam Safety Management Plan
 - Membrane replacement and capacity upgrade within treatment plant
 - Integration of bores to the Water Treatment Plant (WTP)
 - Small upgrades to potable water network and leak repairs ongoing
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Taralga STP



Taralga STP

- PIRMP finalised (Pollution Incident Response Management Plan)
 - Ultraviolet treatment unit replaced
 - Effluent water reuse system installed to reduce potable water usage in the inlet treatment process
 - Sewer infiltration monitoring and defect repairs ongoing
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On behalf of ULSC – Thank you for your attendance

