

## **SUMMARY OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO OPERATIONAL PLAN 2023-24**

The draft operational plan was endorsed at the May Council meeting and placed on public exhibition until 26 June 2023.

During the public exhibition period, submissions were received from Council staff in relation to the 2024 *Fees & Charges*.

The following changes are recommended to Council's 2024 *Fees & Charges*:

- Adjust 'Liquid Trade Waste Dump (per load)', 'Flood Level Peg installation', and 'Inspection and issue of permit [Vegetation Clearing Permit]' charges to be GST-exclusive, based on the finalisation of Council's external GST review. The former two charges are provided at cost. The GST-inclusive amount of the latter charge is proposed to remain the same as exhibited.
- Relocate 'Equestrian Centre (per annum)' charge from 'Stock Pound: Sustenance Charges' to 'Council Facilities: Recreation Ground – User Charges' to more accurately reflect its nature.
- Update fees for planning services to reflect the CPI-adjusted increased fee unit calculated under Schedule 4 Part 1 (1) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021*.
- Update companion animal registration and annual permit fees based on new fee information received from the Office of Local Government (which increases the baseline registration fee for a dog from \$69 to \$75 and for a cat from \$59 to \$65).
- Include the sale of mulch from Jerilderie consistent with current practice but not previously recognised in the *Fees & Charges* document. A price of \$32.50/cubic metre has been set for 2023-24.
- Discontinue the charge for hiring of crockery and cutlery at the Jerilderie Racecourse, as there is minimal cutlery available.
- Expand the availability of concessional gym membership pricing (currently available for students) to Pensioner Concession Card holders.

Staff also identified that section 1.3.2 of the previously-adopted Delivery Program (reproduced below) had been omitted from the Operational Plan due to an administrative error, and these items have now been incorporated.

**1.3.2: Work with the community to provide a diverse mix of community entertainment and wellbeing activities**

	<b>Action</b>	<b>Progress measure</b>	<b>Responsible Team</b>
1.3.2.1	Support planned cultural and wellbeing activities and events in the Murrumbidgee Local Government Area	Support cultural and well-being activities as required	Planning, Community & Development
1.3.2.2	Provide library services within the Murrumbidgee Local Government Area	Maintain and staff library building in Jerilderie.  Continue membership of Western Riverina Libraries.  Partner with Western Riverina Libraries to provide a bookmobile service in Coleambally and Darlington Point.	Planning, Community & Development
1.3.2.3	Maintain public halls throughout the Murrumbidgee Local Government Area	Maintain all public halls to an acceptable level and undertake routine maintenance in a timely manner	Planning, Community & Development

There are no changes proposed to the Budget figures or other sections of the report at this time.