

## JANUARY TO JUNE 2023 PROGRESS REPORT

2022/23  
ACTIONS  
COMPLETED  
72%

2022/23  
ACTIONS  
DEFERRED  
10%  
TO 2023/24

2022/23  
ACTIONS  
NOT COMPLETED  
9%  
AS AT 30 JUNE 2023

Working  
capital  
short-term loan  
\$3.5m  
High cash outflows  
2022/23

\$19M  
DISASTER  
RESPONSE  
PROGRAM  
DELIVERED

Despite continued wet weather and cashflow management issues resulting in delays to completion of the Disaster Response Program, Council delivered \$19M in Disaster Response in addition to 72% of its agreed operational plan actions for 2022/23. The requirement for Council to provide up-front most of the costs before recovering government disaster recovery funding introduced a significant challenge i.e., balancing the planned with the unplanned and ensuring that projects are delivered while maintaining the financial sustainability of the organisation. In response Council effectively managed cashflow to fund major natural disaster works and grant funded projects by

- Utilising a \$3.5M working capital short-term loan facility to cover high cash outflows throughout the 2022/23 year.
- Ensuring the pace of works was matched with available cash and the timing of natural disaster and grant milestone claims.
- Responsibly managing cashflow, which resulted in some projects being rephased to the 2023/24 year.

### Wolgan Valley

- Donkey Steps Track - completed
- Access reinstated to residences and businesses
- Studies commenced to determine alternate route for new Wolgan Road.

### Portland Foundations Trunk Main

Installed and connected, enabling future development and continuation of works on the Portland Foundations site.

### Clarence to Wallerawang Pipeline Project

This project will enable water security in the Lithgow City Council area.

- All required studies are progressing.
- Expression of interest for a selective tender process for design and construction of the pipeline is underway.
- Sub-options including other water sources are being developed into scenarios for inclusion in the Integrated Water Cycle Management Strategy.

### Waste Strategy 2022 - 2026 Adopted

Committed to achieving best practice for waste management & resource recovery

### Food Organics Garden Organics (FOGO)

Consultation commenced

Green Bins to be introduced in 2024  
Ahead of State Government 2030 deadline

### 2022/23 Transport Program

The following works were completed

- Hartley
- Banners Lane - 400m bitumen sealed
  - Cranebrook Park Road - 960m bitumen sealed
- Lithgow
- Hassans Walls Road - 1.2km bitumen sealed
  - Read Avenue Lane - 100m bitumen sealed
  - Stewart Street - 460m bitumen sealed
  - Musket Parade Lane - 370m bitumen sealed
  - Clwydd Street - 135m bitumen sealed
- Portland
- Ridge Street - 1800m bitumen sealed
- Rydal
- Market Street East - 290m bitumen sealed
- Wallerawang
- Barton Avenue - 690m bitumen sealed
  - Bathurst St Lane - 230m bitumen sealed
- Timber Bridge Replacement Program
- Airly Creek, Coco Creek and Crown Creek Bridges on Glen Davis Road.

### 2022/23 Financial Assistance Program

\$101,328  
FUNDED

- \$40,000 to Portland Community Pool
- \$13,325 to Arts OutWest
- \$11,500 to Lithgow Show
- \$32,881 to 15 local projects by local community groups
- \$600 to local schools for end of year academic prizes.

### Cullen Bullen Sewerage Scheme

- IDEA tank constructed.
- Leak Testing underway
- Project ontrack for completion prior to end of 2023.

### Lithgow Evolving Economy Plan (LEEP)

The draft Lithgow Evolving Economy Plan, developed to assist the Lithgow LGA to transition the economy from one based on coal and electricity was placed on exhibition.

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