COONAMBLE
SHIRE COUNCIL

Financial resourcing : 2026-27 Operational Budget & Revenue Statement.

Operational Plan Budget 2026-27

Section 4.1:
Budget 2026-27 Consolidated Result

Consolidated	Original Approved Budget 2025/26	QBR3 Proposed Budget 2025/26	Budget 2026/27	Estimated Projects Projects 2026/27	Budget Total 2026/27	Movement to the Original Budget $	Movement to the Original Budget %
Income							
Rates and annual charges	9,055,504	9,056,799	9,624,486	-	9,624,486	568,982	6%
User charges and fees	10,701,289	9,015,814	9,958,918	-	9,958,918	-742,371	-7%
Other revenues	1,183,499	1,416,397	1,109,912	-	1,109,912	-73,587	-6%
Grants and contributions provided for operating purposes	10,418,604	9,136,726	10,997,841	82,500	11,080,341	661,737	6%
Interest and investment income	1,087,999	1,087,999	1,010,918	-	1,010,918	-77,081	-7%
Other income	170,608	176,998	160,091	-	160,091	-10,517	-6%
Net gain from the disposal of assets	100,000	100,000	150,000	-	150,000	50,000	50%
Total income	32,717,503	29,990,733	33,012,166	82,500	33,094,666	377,163	1%
Expenses							
Employee benefits and on-costs	13,016,887	12,851,285	12,879,238	-	12,879,238	-137,649	-1%
Materials and services	10,815,904	11,923,102	10,435,477	422,500	10,857,977	42,073	0%
Borrowing costs	19,044	20,044	16,585	-	16,585	-2,459	-13%
Other expenses	1,107,705	1,118,295	1,113,143	-	1,113,143	5,438	0%
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment of non-financial assets	7,742,841	8,167,090	8,204,348	-	8,204,348	461,507	6%
Total expenses	32,702,381	34,079,816	32,648,791	422,500	33,071,291	368,910	1%
Operating result	15,122	-4,089,083	363,375	-340,000	23,375	8,253	55%
Add Back							
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment of non-financial assets	7,742,841	8,167,090	8,204,348	-	8,204,348	461,507	6%
Amount Available for Non Operating Items	7,757,963	4,078,007	8,567,723	-340,000	8,227,723	469,760	6%
Capital Income	30,522,422	28,693,415	-	26,419,908	26,419,908	-4,102,514	
Capital Expenditure							
Capital Renewal	10,242,822	7,924,469	-	8,935,547	8,935,547	-1,307,275	-13%
Capital New/Upgrade	29,793,882	24,996,436	-	25,991,336	25,991,336	-3,802,546	-13%
Total Capital Expenditure	40,036,704	32,920,905	-	34,926,883	34,926,883	-5,109,821	-13%
Borrowings	51,327	51,327	54,135	-	54,135	2,808	5%
Increase/(decrease) in total funds	-1,807,646	-200,810	8,513,588	-8,846,975	-333,387	1,474,259	-82%

Budget 2026-27 General Fund

COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL

General	Original Approved Budget 2025/26	QBR3 Proposed Budget 2025/26	Budget 2026/27	Estimated Projects Projects 2026/27	Budget Total 2026/27	Movement to the Original Budget $	Movement to the Original Budget %
Income							
Rates and annual charges	6,934,833	6,937,802	7,339,690	-	**7,339,690**	404,857	6%
User charges and fees	9,301,525	7,586,150	8,269,028	-	**8,269,028**	-1,032,497	-11%
Other revenues	1,161,194	1,386,892	1,078,957	-	**1,078,957**	-82,237	-7%
Grants and contributions provided for operating purposes	10,219,893	9,010,788	10,762,495	60,000	**10,822,495**	602,602	6%
Interest and investment income	880,237	880,237	808,734	-	**808,734**	-71,503	-8%
Other income	170,608	176,998	160,091	-	**160,091**	-10,517	-6%
Net gain from the disposal of assets	100,000	100,000	150,000	-	**150,000**	50,000	50%
Total income	**28,768,290**	**26,078,867**	**28,568,995**	**60,000**	**28,628,995**	**-139,295**	**-0%**
Expenses							
Employee benefits and on-costs	12,073,247	12,387,220	12,056,775	-	**12,056,775**	-16,472	-0%
Materials and services	9,496,003	9,452,480	8,828,333	400,000	**9,228,333**	-267,670	-3%
Borrowing costs	19,044	20,044	16,585	-	**16,585**	-2,459	-13%
Other expenses	909,915	857,505	976,743	-	**976,743**	66,828	7%
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment of non-financial assets	6,871,016	7,195,286	7,247,952	-	**7,247,952**	376,936	5%
Total expenses	**29,369,225**	**29,912,535**	**29,126,388**	**400,000**	**29,526,388**	**157,162**	**1%**
Operating result	**-600,935**	**-3,833,668**	**-557,392**	**-340,000**	**-897,392**	**-296,457**	**49%**
Add Back							
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment of non-financial assets	6,871,016	7,195,286	7,247,952	-	7,247,952	376,936	5%
Amount Available for Non Operating Items	**6,270,081**	**3,361,618**	**6,690,560**	**-340,000**	**6,350,560**	**80,479**	**1%**
Capital Income	**29,124,230**	**26,768,068**	**-**	26,419,908	**26,419,908**	-2,704,322	**-9%**
Capital Expenditure							
Capital Renewal	8,307,163	5,686,098	**-**	5,900,547	**5,900,547**	-2,406,616	-29%
Capital New/Upgrade	29,665,291	24,853,978	**-**	25,791,336	**25,791,336**	-3,873,955	-13%
Total Capital Expenditure	**37,972,454**	**30,540,076**	**-**	**31,691,883**	**31,691,883**	**-6,280,571**	**-17%**
Borrowings	51,327	51,327	54,135	-	54,135	2,808	5%
Increase/(decrease) in total funds	**-2,629,470**	**-461,717**	**6,636,425**	**-5,611,975**	**1,024,450**	**3,653,920**	**-139%**

Budget 2026-27 Water Fund

COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL

Water	Original Approved Budget 2025/26	QBR3 Proposed Budget 2025/26	Budget 2026/27	Estimated Projects Projects 2026/27	Budget Total 2026/27	Movement to the Original Budget $	Movement to the Original Budget %
Income							
Rates and annual charges	1,029,091	1,026,892	1,129,907	-	**1,129,907**	100,816	10%
User charges and fees	1,092,848	1,124,248	1,414,260	-	**1,414,260**	321,412	29%
Other revenues	8,450	14,650	16,600	-	**16,600**	8,150	96%
Grants and contributions provided for operating purposes	188,876	116,101	225,506	22,500	**248,006**	59,130	31%
Interest and investment income	103,881	103,881	101,092	-	**101,092**	-2,789	-3%
Other income	-	-	-	-	**-**	-	0%
Net gain from the disposal of assets	-	-	-	-	**-**	-	0%
Total income	**2,423,146**	**2,385,772**	**2,887,365**	**22,500**	**2,909,865**	**486,719**	**20%**
Expenses							
Employee benefits and on-costs	584,930	453,977	520,272	-	**520,272**	-64,658	-11%
Materials and services	1,043,828	1,877,639	1,282,484	22,500	**1,304,984**	261,157	25%
Borrowing costs	-	-	-	-	**-**	-	0%
Other expenses	108,360	133,360	66,200	-	**66,200**	-42,160	0%
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment of non-financial assets	471,365	522,178	515,467	-	**515,467**	44,102	9%
Total expenses	**2,208,482**	**2,987,154**	**2,384,424**	**22,500**	**2,406,924**	**198,441**	**9%**
Operating result	**214,664**	**-601,382**	**502,941**	**-**	**502,941**	**288,278**	**134%**
Add Back							
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment of non-financial assets	471,365	522,178	515,467	-	515,467	44,102	9%
Amount Available for Non Operating Items	**686,029**	**-79,204**	**1,018,408**	**-**	**1,018,408**	**332,380**	**48%**
Capital Income	981,586	1,613,974	-	-	-	-981,586	**-100%**
Capital Expenditure							
Capital Renewal	1,134,428	1,528,328	-	1,835,000	**1,835,000**	700,572	62%
Capital New/Upgrade	61,822	83,288	-	100,000	**100,000**	38,178	62%
Total Capital Expenditure	**1,196,250**	**1,611,616**	**-**	**1,935,000**	**1,935,000**	**738,750**	**62%**
Borrowings	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Increase/(decrease) in total funds	**471,365**	**-76,846**	**1,018,408**	**-1,935,000**	**-916,592**	**-1,387,956**	**-294%**

Budget 2026-27 Sewerage Fund

Sewerage	Original Approved Budget 2025/26	QBR3 Proposed Budget 2025/26	Budget 2026/27	Estimated Projects Projects 2026/27	Budget Total 2026/27	Movement to the Original Budget $	Movement to the Original Budget %
Income							
Rates and annual charges	1,091,580	1,092,105	1,154,889	-	**1,154,889**	63,309	6%
User charges and fees	306,916	305,416	275,630	-	**275,630**	-31,286	-10%
Other revenues	13,855	14,855	14,355	-	**14,355**	500	4%
Grants and contributions provided for operating purposes	9,835	9,837	9,840	-	**9,840**	5	0%
Interest and investment income	103,881	103,881	101,092	-	**101,092**	-2,789	-3%
Other income	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Net gain from the disposal of assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Total income	**1,526,067**	**1,526,094**	**1,555,806**	**-**	**1,555,806**	**29,739**	**2%**
Expenses							
Employee benefits and on-costs	358,710	10,088	302,191	-	**302,191**	-56,519	-16%
Materials and services	276,073	592,983	324,660		**324,660**	48,586	18%
Borrowing costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Other expenses	89,430	127,430	70,200	-	**70,200**	-19,230	0%
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment of non-financial assets	400,460	449,626	440,929	-	**440,929**	40,469	10%
Total expenses	**1,124,673**	**1,180,127**	**1,137,979**	**-**	**1,137,979**	**13,306**	**1%**
Operating result	**401,394**	**345,967**	**417,826**	**-**	**417,826**	**16,433**	**4%**
Add Back							
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment of non-financial assets	400,460	449,626	440,929	-	440,929	40,469	10%
Amount Available for Non Operating Items	**801,854**	**795,593**	**858,755**	**-**	**858,755**	**56,902**	**7%**
Capital Income	416,606	311,373	-	-	-	-416,606	**-100%**
Capital Expenditure							
Capital Renewal	801,231	710,043	-	1,200,000	**1,200,000**	398,769	50%
Capital New/Upgrade	66,769	59,170	-	100,000	**100,000**	33,231	50%
Total Capital Expenditure	**868,000**	**769,213**	**-**	**1,300,000**	**1,300,000**	**432,000**	**50%**
Borrowings	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Increase/(decrease) in total funds	350,460	337,753	858,755	-1,300,000	-441,245	-791,704	-226%

ADMINISTRATION AND GOVERNANCE

COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL

Key Service Levels

Governance

- Manage governance framework, policies & delegations
- Support council & committees (agendas, minutes) & ARIC functions
- Administer GIPA, privacy & statutory compliance
- Coordinate IP&R requirements
- Maintain governance systems & tools

Elected Members

Elected Members

Administer

- Councillor fees, travel and subsistence
- Elected member training

Elections

- Electoral Commission liaison
- Candidate and community information
- Caretaker protocols

Civic Functions and Representation

Organise

- Receptions
- Official duties
- Delegates to peak/state bodies
- Civic events (eg citizenship ceremonies)
- Local celebrations (eg Australia Day)

Information Technology

- Provide user support, service desk & training
- Maintain secure, reliable infrastructure, systems & cloud services
- Manage cybersecurity, data protection & business continuity
- Oversee assets, vendors, performance & continuous improvement

People and Culture

- Lead HR strategy, governance & organisational culture
- Manage workforce planning, recruitment & development
- Oversee employee relations, payroll & WHS compliance
- Maintain performance, risk, records & continuous improvement

Recurrent Operations

	2025/26 Approved Budget			2026/27 Budget		
	Revenue	Expense	Operating Result	Revenue	Expense	Operating Result
Asset Management - Depreciation	-	1,617,956	(1,617,956)	-	1,787,311	(1,787,311)
Civic Activities	10,000	-	10,000	12,400	-	12,400
Corporate Services Support	333,650	5,396,480	(5,062,830)	123,500	5,484,262	(5,360,762)
Disposal of Council Assets	100,000	-	100,000	150,000	-	150,000
Engineering & Works	-	1,589,099	(1,589,099)	-	1,775,807	(1,775,807)
Engineering Technical Support	-	-	-	-	-	-
General Purpose Revenues	10,118,776	-	10,118,776	10,594,388	-	10,594,388
Governance	-	368,621	(368,621)	-	451,934	(451,934)
Insurance	40,000	-	40,000	31,200	-	31,200
Interest	880,237	-	880,237	808,734	-	808,734
Plant Operations	167,595	(2,636,410)	2,804,005	108,100	(1,802,595)	1,910,695
Stores & Procurement	5,000	-	5,000	5,000	-	5,000
Workforce Operations	91,945	(121,397)	213,342	15,490	(247,019)	262,509
	11,747,203	6,214,349	5,532,854	11,848,812	7,449,700	4,399,112

Projects for 2026/27

	2026/27 Budget		
	Income	Cost	Council Funded
Capital Renewal Projects			
Building and Premises Works	-	150,000	150,000
Information and Technology Capital Replacement Program	-	175,000	175,000
Information and Technology Screens	-	10,000	10,000
Coonamble - Depot Upgrade mealroom & toilets, linemarking	-	126,085	126,085
Coonamble - Workshop Electrical Upgrades	-	42,690	42,690
Plant Replacement	99,606	1,095,667	996,061
Total Renewal	99,606	1,599,442	1,499,836

	2026/27 Budget		
	Income	Cost	Council Funded
Capital New Projects			
Gulargambone - Depot Yard Security fencing	-	92,580	92,580
Total New	-	92,580	92,580
Operating Projects			
Enterprise System Software Replacement	-	75,000	75,000
Demolition/Cleanup of buildings and structures on council land	-	165,000	165,000
Total Operating			240,000

COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL

PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

Recurrent Operations

	2025/26 Approved Budget			2026/27 Budget		
	Revenue	Expense	Operating Result	Revenue	Expense	Operating Result
Fire Services	559,149	30,402	528,747	550,957	34,239	516,718
Emergency Services	-	28,790	(28,790)	-	31,175	(31,175)
Rural Fire Services	-	765,408	(765,408)	-	761,238	(761,238)
Animal and Regulatory Control Services	11,325	171,951	(160,626)	21,000	231,156	(210,156)
Other Public Order & Safety	-	11,343	(11,343)	-	18,400	(18,400)
Public Order & Safety - Depreciation	-	88,200	(88,200)	-	88,411	(88,411)
	570,474	1,096,094	(525,620)	571,957	1,164,619	(592,662)

HEALTH REGULATORY AND PLANNING SERVICES

Key Service Levels

Building Certification	Health Administration	Regulatory Administration	Town Planning
- Assess Construction & Complying Development Certificates - Conduct critical stage inspections - Issue Occupation & Building Information Certificates - Provide technical building advice - Maintain certification records & documentation	- Conduct food safety & public health inspections - Assess on-site sewage systems - Monitor pollution & environmental hazards - Investigate health complaints & nuisances - Deliver compliance programs & community education	- Patrol urban & rural areas for animal control compliance - Respond to animal management complaints & incidents - Investigate illegal dumping & issue penalties - Remove abandoned vehicles & goods - Promote responsible pet ownership	- Assess Development & Modification Applications - Provide planning advice to stakeholders - Coordinate internal & external referrals - Maintain statutory registers & records - Prepare reports & recommendations

Recurrent Operations

	2025/26 Approved Budget			2026/27 Budget		
	Revenue	Expense	Operating Result	Revenue	Expense	Operating Result
Building Control	35,500	5,000	30,500	41,500	5,000	36,500
Health Administration	82,075	604,331	(522,256)	10,000	262,835	(252,835)
Regulatory Administration	5,000	186,069	(181,069)	55,000	188,109	(133,109)
Town Planning	89,200	82,600	6,600	101,500	60,500	41,000
	211,775	878,000	(666,225)	208,000	516,443	(308,443)

ENVIRONMENT

Key Service Levels

Waste Collection and Disposal	Landfill management Coonamble	Quambone Transfer Station	Gulargambone Transfer Station	Solida Waste Mgt - Education
Ensure waste is collected according to the scheduled timetable to maintain customer satisfaction, reduce complaints and keep streets clean - Garbage truck weekly pick ups	Maximise landfill lifespan by efficient compaction & cover practices and reduce landfill disposal by diverting recyclable and salvageable materials from the mixed waste streams. -Daily compaction of waste with appropriate plant. -Provide cover as required. -Deposit waste to designated areas	Maximise resource recovery and reduce landfill disposal by diverting recyclable and salvageable materials from the mixed waste streams - Collect two 15m3 bins every three weeks - Provide hook truck to pick up bulky goods, green waste and scrap steel	Maximise resource recovery and reduce landfill disposal by diverting recyclable and salvageable materials from the mixed waste streams - Collect one 30m3 bin every fortnight. - Provide hook truck with bin to pick up bulky goods, green waste and scrap steel	Increases community understanding of what goes in each bin, reduce confusion and support correct waste behaviours.

Recurrent Operations

	2025/26 Approved Budget			2026/27 Budget		
	Revenue	Expense	Operating Result	Revenue	Expense	Operating Result
Flood Mitigation	-	25,000	(25,000)	-	40,000	(40,000)
Stormwater Management	500	10,000	(9,500)	500	5,000	(4,500)
Street Cleaning	-	311,995	(311,995)	-	306,500	(306,500)
Noxious Plants & Animals	-	134,170	(134,170)	-	139,800	(139,800)
Other Environmental Services	-	6,490	(6,490)	-	2,500	(2,500)
Waste & Emp Initiatives Admin	-	239,654	(239,654)	-	255,072	(255,072)
Solid Waste Management - Collection	1,068,063	369,025	699,038	1,268,595	293,300	975,295
Solid Waste Management - Disposal	483,300	1,028,071	(544,771)	359,100	919,437	(560,337)
Environmental Services Depreciation	-	215,000	(215,000)	-	186,750	(186,750)
	1,551,863	2,339,405	(787,542)	1,628,195	2,148,358	(520,163)

Projects for 2026/27

	2026/27 Budget		
	Income	Cost	Council Funded
Operating Projects			
Coonamble Waste Depot - Software package waybridge	-	33,333	33,333
Total Operating	-	33,333	33,333

	2026/27 Budget		
	Income	Cost	Council Funded
Capital New Projects			
Coonamble Waste Depot - Conveyor belt to load card board	-	50,000	50,000
Coonamble Waste Depot - Extended forks for loader	-	10,000	10,000
Coonamble Waste Depot - Litter fences	-	20,000	20,000
Coonamble Waste Depot - Rotating Bale grab for skid steer	-	15,000	15,000
Total New	-	95,000	95,000

COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SERVICES & EDUCATION

Recurrent Operations

	2025/26 Approved Budget			2026/27 Budget		
	Revenue	Expense	Operating Result	Revenue	Expense	Operating Result
Aged & Disabled	5,000	15,000	(10,000)	5,000	15,000	(10,000)
Children & Youth Services	15,000	182,625	(167,625)	4,000	114,157	(110,157)
Education	-	3,000	(3,000)	-	3,000	(3,000)
Other Community Services	-	194,339	(194,339)	-	229,684	(229,684)
Community Services - Depreciation	-	15,100	(15,100)	-	16,171	(16,171)
	20,000	410,064	(390,064)	9,000	378,013	(369,013)

HOUSING & COMMUNITY SERVICES

Recurrent Operations

	2025/26 Approved Budget			2026/27 Budget		
	Revenue	Expense	Operating Result	Revenue	Expense	Operating Result
Council Housing	66,300	124,085	(57,785)	68,300	168,601	(100,301)
Public Cemeteries	94,370	140,470	(46,100)	100,000	174,988	(74,988)
Public Conveniences	-	127,615	(127,615)	-	124,500	(124,500)
Street Lighting	42,000	140,400	(98,400)	43,000	145,000	(102,000)
Housing & Community Depreciation	-	104,500	(104,500)	-	106,046	(106,046)
	202,670	637,070	(434,400)	211,300	719,135	(507,835)

Projects for 2026/27

	2026/27 Budget		
	Income	Cost	Council Funded
Capital Renewal Projects			
Renovations Residential Premises	-	100,000	100,000
Total Renewal	-	100,000	100,000

	2026/27 Budget		
	Income	Cost	Council Funded
Capital New Projects			
Coonamble - Cemetery additional headstone lawn area	-	18,561	18,561
Coonamble - Cemetery extension plan	-	38,530	38,530
Coonamble - Cemetery seal roads	-	32,680	32,680
Gulargambone - Cemetery seal roads	-	12,896	12,896
Total New	-	102,667	102,667

COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL

WATER SUPPLY OPERATIONS

Recurrent Operations

	2025/26 Approved Budget			2026/27 Budget		
	Revenue	Expense	Operating Result	Revenue	Expense	Operating Result
Coonamble Water Operations	2,018,972	1,503,577	515,395	2,416,511	1,627,421	789,091
Coonamble Water Depreciation	-	383,630	(383,630)	-	418,965	(418,965)
Gulargambone Water Operations	328,551	126,505	202,046	372,482	145,046	227,436
Gulargambone Water Depreciation	-	63,420	(63,420)	-	70,096	(70,096)
Quambone Water Operations	75,623	107,035	(31,412)	98,372	96,490	1,882
Quambone Water Depreciation	-	24,315	(24,315)	-	26,406	(26,406)
	2,423,146	2,208,482	214,664	2,887,365	2,384,424	502,941

Projects for 2026/27

	2026/27 Budget		
	Income	Cost	Council Funded
Capital Renewal Projects			
Bore 5/Reservoir 5 Fencing Upgrade	-	80,000	80,000
Coonamble - Mains Replacement Program -	-	100,000	100,000
Coonamble - Mains relining program	-	250,000	250,000
Coonamble - Meter replacement program	-	25,000	25,000
Coonamble - WTP sed lagoon Refurbishment works	-	40,000	40,000
Coonamble Bore's - Refurbishment/Renewal	-	250,000	250,000
Coonamble Water Treatment Plant - Capital Renewal	-	400,000	400,000
Gulargambone - Mains Replacement Program	-	50,000	50,000
Gulargambone - Meter replacement program	-	5,000	5,000
Gulargambone Rd Bore Shed Replacement	-	150,000	150,000
Gulargambone Reservoir upgrades	-	50,000	50,000
Quambone - Mains Replacement	-	50,000	50,000
Quambone - Meter replacement program	-	5,000	5,000
Quambone Reservoir Improvements	-	30,000	30,000
Telemetry Replacement - Water	-	300,000	300,000
Valve Replacement Program	-	50,000	50,000
Total Renewal	-	1,835,000	1,835,000

	2026/27 Budget		
	Income	Cost	Council Funded
Capital New Projects			
Reservoir improvement program	-	100,000	100,000
Total New	-	100,000	100,000
Operating Projects			
Coonamble AOSP-WTP Op Review upgrade	22,500	22,500	-
Total Operating	22,500	22,500	-

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SEWERAGE SERVICES OPERATIONS

Recurrent Operations

	2025/26 Approved Budget			2026/27 Budget		
	Revenue	Expense	Operating Result	Revenue	Expense	Operating Result
Coonamble Sewerage Operations	1,265,785	617,853	647,932	1,297,965	607,783	690,182
Coonamble Sewerage Depreciation	-	318,460	(318,460)	-	351,250	(351,250)
Gulargambone Sewerage Operations	260,282	106,360	153,922	257,841	89,267	168,573
Gulargambone Sewerage Depreciation	-	82,000	(82,000)	-	89,679	(89,679)
	1,526,067	1,124,673	401,394	1,555,806	1,137,979	417,826

Projects for 2026/27

	2026/27 Budget		
	Income	Cost	Council Funded
Capital Renewal Projects			
Coonamble - Mains relining	-	200,000	200,000
Coonamble - SSWP STP Replacement Option Report and Concept Design	-	215,000	215,000
Coonamble - STP Building Improvements	-	20,000	20,000
Coonamble - STP Plant - Equipment Renewal	-	30,000	30,000
Coonamble - Main Junction Replacement Program	-	50,000	50,000
Coonamble - SPS (minor pump stations excluding SPS 1 & 2) upgrades	-	50,000	50,000
Coonamble - Sewer rising main replacement from Tooloon St SPS	-	200,000	200,000
Gularambone Mains - Relining	-	100,000	100,000
Gulargambone Sewer Treatment Plant - Equipment Renewal	-	35,000	35,000
Telemetry Replacement - Sewer	-	300,000	300,000
Total Renewal	-	1,200,000	1,200,000

Allow for Business Plans to commence

	2026/27 Budget		
	Income	Cost	Council Funded
Capital New Projects			
Coonamble - Sewer effluent reuse facilities upgrade	-	100,000	100,000
Total New	-	100,000	100,000

RECREATION AND CULTURE

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Key Service Levels

Health Libraries	Parks and Gardens	Health Hall Operations	Sporting Grounds Operations	Swimming Pools	Other Sport and Recreation
Council operates 3 libraries - Coonamble (30.5 hours pw) - Quambone (4 hours pw) - Gulargambone (15 hrs pw) Visitation or number lends to be recorded	Council operates and maintains 12 main parks - Coonamble (8) - Quambone (1) - Gulargambone (3) Weekly mow - Smith St, McDonald F/nightly - Broome, C - Lions, Janet Cant	Maintenance occurs as incidents or faults are detected and cleaning as required. Utilisation is still to be determined.	Council operates and maintains sportsgrounds at Coonamble, Gulargambone & Quambone. The Quambone facility has limited use. - Mowing weekly (3 wk in winter) - Toilet/changerooms scheduled cleaning - Maintenance reactive Utilisation still to be determined	Council operates 3 pools Oct - Apr - Coonamble (49 hrs pw-contractor managed) - Quambone (daylight - unmanned) - Gulargambone (50 hrs pw) Grounds mowed weekly Quambone and fortnightly Gulargambone	Includes town approach maintenance - Coonamble mow and whipper snip fortnightly

Recurrent Operations

	2025/26 Adjusted Budget			2026/27 Budget		
	Income	Expense	Operating Result	Income	Expense	Operating Result
Museums Operations	200	33,925	(33,725)	-	25,297	(25,297)
Parks & Gardens Operations	1,250	468,825	(467,575)	5,000	453,157	(448,157)
Public Hall Operations	-	24,238	(24,238)	-	38,397	(38,397)
Public Libraries	82,950	338,553	(255,603)	82,750	341,931	(259,181)
Showground Operations	28,250	221,115	(192,865)	33,500	232,118	(198,618)
Sporting Grounds Operations	20,700	252,860	(232,160)	24,400	245,934	(221,534)
Swimming Pools	10,000	644,002	(634,002)	10,000	691,383	(681,383)
Other Cultural Services	-	14,735	(14,735)	-	14,735	(14,735)
Other Sport & Recreation	-	102,120	(102,120)	-	96,374	(96,374)
Recreation & Culture Depreciation	-	675,000	(675,000)	-	759,821	(759,821)
	143,350	2,775,373	(2,632,023)	155,650	2,899,148	(2,743,498)

Projects for 2026/27

	2026/27 Budget		
	Income	Cost	Council Funded
Capital Renewal Projects			
Quambone Pool Cleaner replacement	-	5,000	5,000
Coonamble - Pool renew concrete concourse	-	24,563	24,563
Coonamble Pool Cleaner replacement	-	25,000	25,000
Gulargambone - Lions Park Shade sails	-	25,870	25,870
Gulargambone - Sportsground grandstands	-	25,410	25,410
Coonamble - Smith Park Shade sails	-	25,870	25,870
Coonamble Pool Leak fix	-	100,000	100,000
Showground Upgrades	-	126,335	126,335
Total Renewal	-	358,048	358,048

	2026/27 Budget		
	Income	Cost	Council Funded
Capital New Projects			
Coonamble - McDonald Park Picnic Tables	-	5,600	5,600
Coonamble - Sportsground Carparks	-	141,750	141,750
Gulargambone - Swimming Pool Amenities Upgrade	-	86,452	86,452
Gulargambone - Swimming Pool Landscaping	-	22,631	22,631
Quambone Campsite Solar Lighting	-	8,547	8,547
Quambone Park Solar Lighting	-	8,547	8,547
Quambone Tennis Court Improved Access	-	9,865	9,865
Total New	-	283,392	283,392
Operating Projects			
Coonamble Museum - Review, reactivate and automate display	40,000	40,000	-
Warrena Ck Reserve - Masterplan and Management Plan	20,000	20,000	-
Total Operating	60,000	60,000	-

MINING, MANUFACTURING & CONSTRUCTION

Key Service Levels

Quarry Operations

Provide reliable, compliant supply of aggregates and quarry materials at 2025/26 published rates.

- 7mm, 10mm, 14mm, 20mm aggregates and DGB (10 000 t)
- Precoated: 7mm, 10mm, 14mm (20 000 t)
- Rockfill 20/40mm (20 000 t)
- 20mm crusher run (10 000 t)
- DGB20mm, DGS20mm and DGS40mm (40 000 t)

Recurrent Operations

	2025/26 Adjusted Budget			2026/27 Budget		
	Income	Expense	Operating Result	Income	Expense	Operating Result
Quarries, Pits & Crusher Operations	3,783,772	2,826,442	957,331	4,633,768	3,694,106	939,662
Mining & Const Depreciation	-	90,680	(90,680)	-	93,012	(93,012)
	3,783,772	2,917,122	866,651	4,633,768	3,787,118	846,650

Projects for 2026/27

	2026/27 Budget		
	Income	Cost	Council Funded
Capital Renewal Projects			
Quarry Refurbishment and Upgrades		300,000	300,000
Total Renewal	-	300,000	300,000

	2026/27 Budget		
	Income	Cost	Council Funded
Capital New Projects			
Quarry Refurbishment and Upgrades	-	200,000	200,000
Total New	-	200,000	200,000

Operating Projects			
Software Package - Weighbridge	-	33,000	33,000
Total Operating	-	33,000	33,000

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TRANSPORT & COMMUNICATION

Recurrent Operations

	2025/26 Adjusted Budget			2026/27 Budget		
	Income	Expense	Operating Result	Income	Expense	Operating Result
Financial Assist Grant- Roads	2,238,204	-	2,238,204	2,374,702	-	2,374,702
Roads to Recovery Grant Funds	1,636,486	-	1,636,486	1,766,660	-	1,766,660
Regional Roads Block Funding	1,473,900	-	1,473,900	1,503,400	-	1,503,400
State Roads - M & R	4,750,270	4,055,435	694,835	2,704,400	2,215,400	489,000
Aerodromes	3,228	134,700	(131,472)	5,900	124,092	(118,192)
Flood Damage Funding	-	-	-	450,000	-	450,000
Urban Roads - Local	-	162,500	(162,500)	-	175,000	(175,000)
Sealed Rural Roads - Local	-	300,000	(300,000)	-	290,000	(290,000)
Unsealed Rural Roads - Local	-	720,000	(720,000)	-	741,600	(741,600)
Sealed Rural Roads - Regional	-	732,060	(732,060)	-	598,077	(598,077)
Unsealed Rural Roads - Regional	-	139,990	(139,990)	-	69,200	(69,200)
Local Bridges - M & R	-	25,000	(25,000)	-	50,000	(50,000)
Bridges SRR - Regional	-	40,800	(40,800)	-	27,100	(27,100)
Ancillary Services - Footpaths	-	245,000	(245,000)	-	265,100	(265,100)
Ancillary Services - Kerb & Guttering	-	24,000	(24,000)	-	19,600	(19,600)
Bus Shelters & Parking	-	7,500	(7,500)	-	7,800	(7,800)
Transport & Communication Depreciation	-	4,009,700	(4,009,700)	-	4,093,677	(4,093,677)
	10,102,088	10,596,685	(494,597)	8,805,062	8,676,646	128,416

Projects for 2026/27

	2026/27 Budget		
	Income	Cost	Council Funded
Capital Renewal Projects			
Coonamble - Footpaths/Cycleways	-	100,000	100,000
Gulargambone - Footpaths/Cycleways	-	50,000	50,000
Kerb and Gutter Renewal	-	30,084	30,084
Regional Emergency Road Repair Fund	990,550	990,550	-
Regional Roads - Culvert	47,898	47,898	-
Regional Roads - Rehabilitation	588,536	588,536	-
Regional Roads - Reseals	80,003	80,003	-
Regional Roads - Resheeting	93,086	93,086	-
Rural Roads - Culvert	-	208,528	208,528
Rural Roads - Rehabiliation	658,317	658,317	-
Rural Roads - Reseals	232,659	232,659	-
Rural Roads - Resheeting	281,162	411,796	130,634
Urban Roads - Reseal	-	6,980	6,980
Urban Roads - Resheeting	-	14,620	14,620
Total Renewal	2,972,211	3,513,057	540,846

	2026/27 Budget		
	Income	Cost	Council Funded
Capital New Projects			
Aerodrome - Upgrades	130,060	130,060	-
Construction Carpark - rear of Coonamble Pool	-	300,000	300,000
Sealed Roads Extension Program	790,400	790,400	-
Tooraweenah Road - Extension of Sealed length	16,651,237	16,651,237	-
Total New	17,571,697	17,871,697	300,000

ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Key Service Levels

Economic Development	Tourism & Area Promotion
Support business growth & diversification - Develop workforce to enable growth - Deliver infrastructure to support growth - Revitalise CBDs across key towns - Promote the LGA as a place to live, work & invest	Delop a visitor economy through - Visitor Information - Visitor accommodation & facilities - destination development - marketing - events - sponsorhip, partner or host events

Recurrent Operations

	2025/26 Adjusted Budget			2026/27 Budget		
	Income	Expense	Operating Result	Income	Expense	Operating Result
Council Property NEI -	6,500	78,680	(72,180)	6,700	86,436	(79,736)
Truckwash	50,000	32,795	17,205	40,000	29,906	10,094
Caravan Parks	35,000	35,680	(680)	45,000	38,100	6,900
Saleyards	102,000	121,350	(19,350)	66,800	133,905	(67,105)
Farming	83,080	54,320	28,760	68,451	37,123	31,328
Service NSW Agency	114,615	98,770	15,845	118,500	100,818	17,682
Tourism & Area Promotion	43,900	435,926	(392,026)	151,800	410,394	(258,594)
Economic Development	-	545,163	(545,163)	-	425,673	(425,673)
Industrial Development	-	9,500	(9,500)	-	8,100	(8,100)
Economic Affairs Depreciation	-	92,880	(92,880)	-	116,753	(116,753)
	435,095	1,505,064	(1,069,969)	497,251	1,387,207	(889,956)

Projects for 2026/27

	2026/27 Budget		
	Income	Cost	Council Funded
Capital Renewal Projects			
Coonamble Saleyards - Renewal of facilities	-	30,000	30,000
Total Renewal	-	30,000	30,000
Operating Projects			
Software Package - weighbridge	-	33,333	33,333
Total Operating	-	33,333	33,333

	2026/27 Budget		
	Income	Cost	Council Funded
Capital New Projects			
Additional Accomodation - Riverside Caravan Park	376,000	376,000	-
Artesian Bathing Experience	5,500,000	6,500,000	1,000,000
Coonamble CBD - Activation / Revitalisation Program	-	150,000	150,000
Flags and Visitor Signage	-	50,000	50,000
Mural Art Trail - Coonamble Shire	-	70,000	70,000
Total New	5,876,000	7,146,000	1,270,000

Budget 2026-27 Reserve Movements

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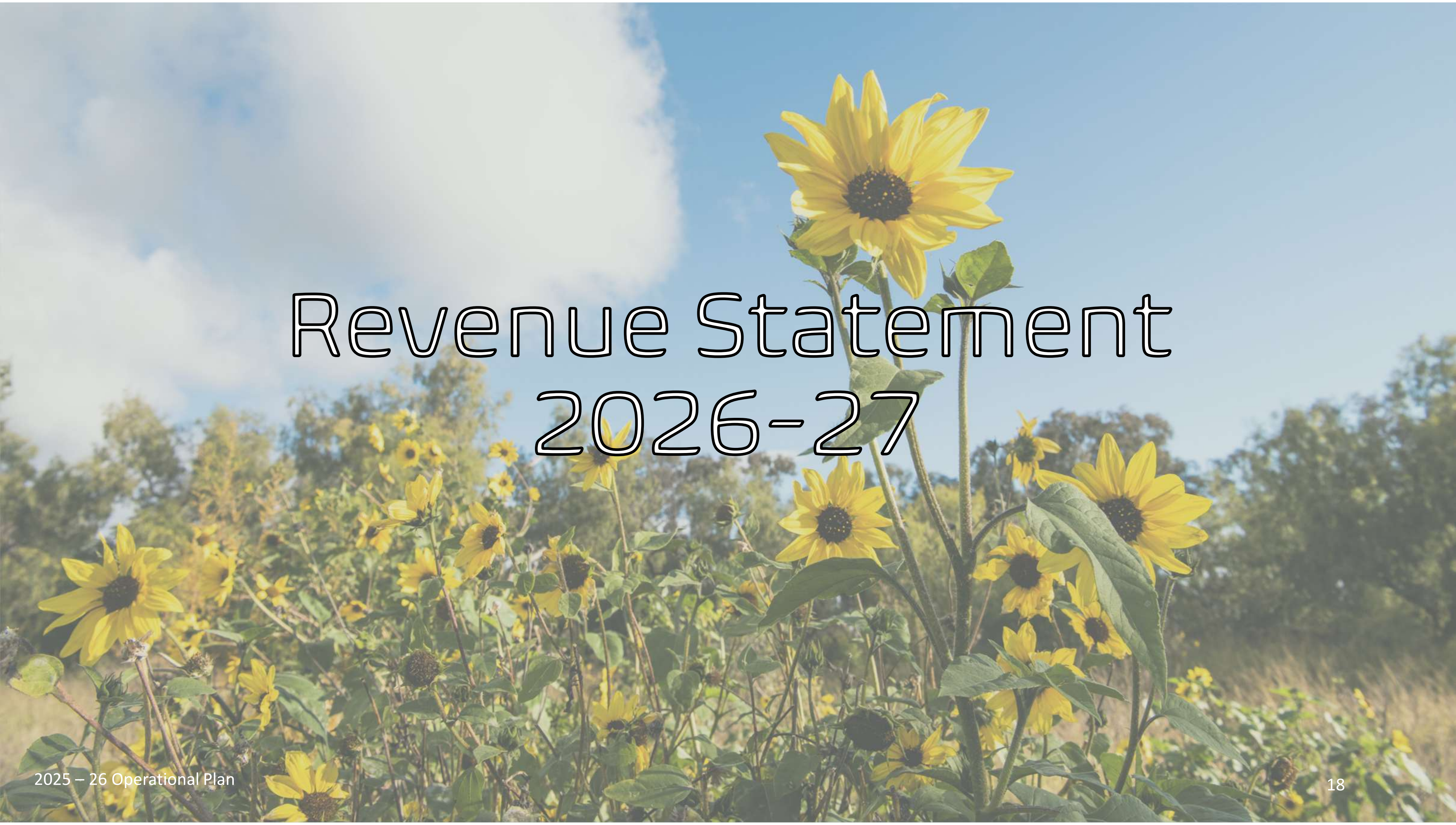
Reserve/Fund Name	Opening	Projects		Recurrent Operations		Total		Closing
		Transfer to	Transfer from	Transfer to	Transfer from	Transfer to	Transfer from	
	1/07/2026	2026/27	2026/27	2026/27	2026/27	2026/27	2026/27	30/06/2027
	Forecasted BR3	Draft Budget	Draft Budget	Draft Budget	Draft Budget	Draft Budget	Draft Budget	Draft Budget
INTERNALLY RESTRICTED								
Building and Premises	435,218.00	-	(75,000.00)	-	-	-	(75,000.00)	360,218.00
General	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Community	140,808.07	-	-	-	-	-	-	140,808.07
Corporate	1,615,247.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,615,247.00
Housing	100,255.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	100,255.00
Transport	2,986,837.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,986,837.00
Recreation	75,674.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	75,674.00
Governance	785,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	785,000.00
Mines	1,232,399.00	-	(500,000.00)	-	-	-	(500,000.00)	732,399.00
Public	43,124.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	43,124.00
Waste	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Internally Restricted	7,414,562.07	-	(575,000.00)	-	-			6,839,562.07
EXTERNALLY RESTRICTED								
Water Supplies	3,500,561.76	-	(1,935,000.00)	1,018,408.28	-	1,018,408.28	(1,935,000.00)	2,583,970.04
Sewerage Services	4,815,717.94	-	(1,300,000.00)	858,755.31	-	858,755.31	(1,300,000.00)	4,374,473.25
Unused Loans	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unexpended Specific Purpose Grants	7,294,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,294,000.00
Domestic Waste Management	145,409.00	-	-	159,886.68	-	159,886.68	-	305,295.68
Total Externally Restricted	15,755,688.70	-	(3,235,000.00)	2,037,050.28	-	2,037,050.28	(3,235,000.00)	14,557,738.98
	23,170,250.77	-	(3,810,000.00)	2,037,050.28	-	2,037,050.28	(3,235,000.00)	21,397,301.05



Revenue Statement 2026-27

Section 4.2: Financial Information

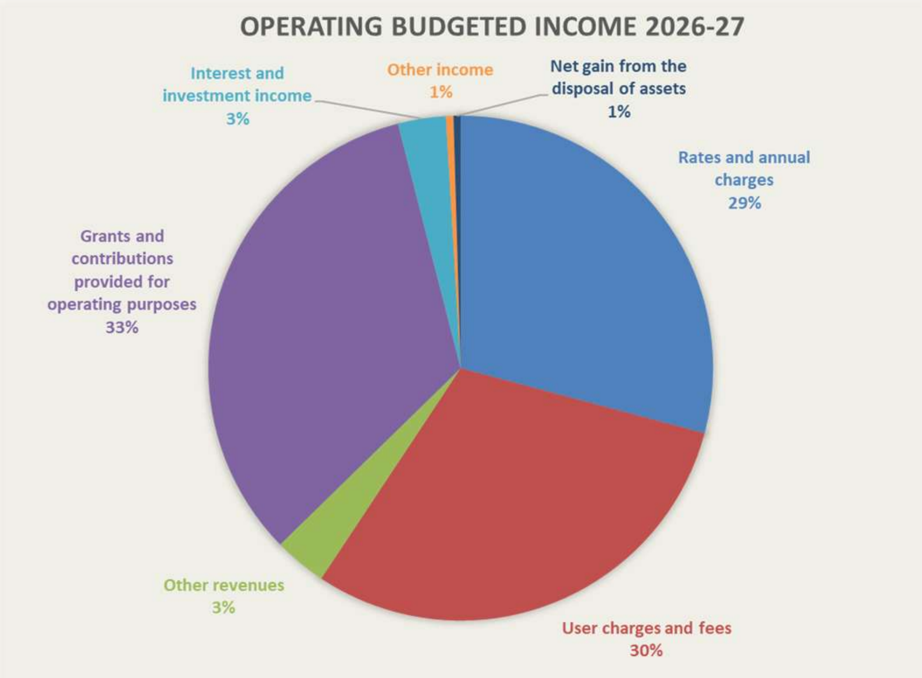
4.2.1 Revenue Policy (Section 405)

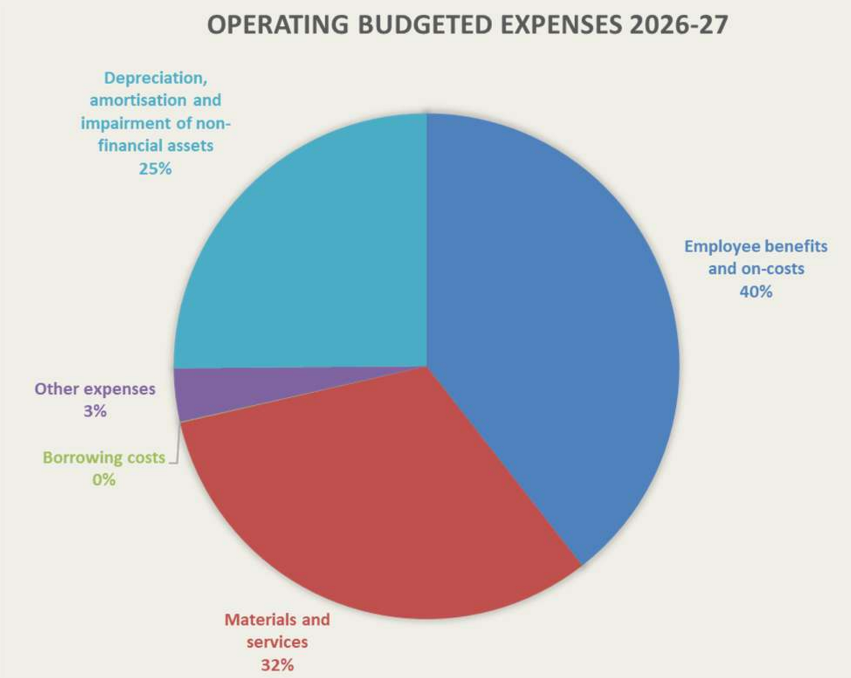
The Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) has determined that Council's general income may be increased by the rate peg, which is 3.5% for the 2026-27 year. The rate peg is only applicable to Ordinary Rates and does not apply to Annual Charges, with the exception of the Drainage Service Charge, which is part of Council's general income.

The Revenue Policy includes the following statements for the 2026-27 year:

1. Statement of Budgeted Income and Expenses
2. Rates Statement
3. Annual Charges Statement and Charges for Actual Use of Services Statement
4. Pensioner Concession Rates Rebate
5. Fees and Charges Statement
6. Statement of Proposed Borrowings
7. Interest on Overdue Rates & Charges

4.2.1 Statement of Budgeted Income and Expenses for 2026-27





4.2.3 RATES STATEMENT

Section 405 of the Local Government Act 1993 requires a Statement of Council's Revenue Policy to be included in the Operational Plan. This document constitutes the Coonamble Shire Council Revenue Policy and is prepared in accordance with Section 405 of the Local Government Act 1993.

IPART has determined that Council's general income may be increased by the rate peg, which is 3.5% for the 2026-27 year.

Section 494 of the Local Government Act 1993 requires Council to make and levy ordinary rates for the year 2026-27.

All figures are based on valuations on hand in November 2025. Council, in levying the 2026-27 rates must take necessary steps to avoid exceeding the allowable notional yield for 2026-27.

The ad-valorem amounts contained within this document may be varied slightly prior to the Making of the Rates and Charges for 2026-27, depending on the current land valuations at the adoption of the rates, to ensure Council does not exceed its allowable notional yield.

	2025-26			2026-27				
Ordinary Category	Min.$	Cents in $	Estimated Yield ($)	Min.$	Cents in $	Estimated Yield ($)	Increase Rate %	Increase Amount %
Ordinary - Coonamble	570	1.5505	635,831	590	1.36444	646,648	-12.000	3.509
Ordinary – Gulargambone	570	1.088	103,170	590	0.95744	107,380	-12.000	3.509
Ordinary - Village	560	1.377	69,440	580	1.21176	71,340	-12.000	3.571
Farmland	455	0.2507	4,554,407	470	0.20608	4,686,304	-17.798	3.297
Small Rural Holdings	590	0.7806	174,064	610	0.72596	190,992	-7.000	3.390
Rural Residential	560	0.634	87,445	580	0.59596	92,650	-6.000	3.571
Business	620	2.06	225,945	640	1.80625	239,425	-15.000	3.226
Total Ordinary			5,850,302			6,034,739		

Increases in Minimums	Previous Years		2026-27				
	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	Changes ($)	No of Assess on Min	Total Assess	% min
Ordinary - Coonamble	545	570	590	20	798	1,026	78%
Ordinary - Gulargambone	545	570	590	20	182	182	100%
Village Ordinary	535	560	580	20	123	123	100%
Farmland	435	455	470	15	74	806	9%
Small Rural Holdings	565	590	610	20	22	92	24%
Rural Residential	535	560	580	20	61	122	50%
Business	590	620	640	20	110	212	52%
Total					1,370	2,563	

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4.2.4 ANNUAL CHARGES STATEMENT AND CHARGES FOR ACTUAL USE OF SERVICES STATEMENT (SECTION 405)

(a) DOMESTIC WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICE CHARGE (SECTION 496)

Domestic Waste Management Charges are determined in accordance with the Reasonable Cost Guidelines issued under Section 504(3) of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW). These guidelines require that income from domestic waste management charges not exceed the reasonable cost of providing the service. Accordingly, Council applies a strict cost-recovery approach to waste services.

Revenue raised from these charges cannot be used to generate a surplus for other purposes, and ordinary rate income must not subsidise domestic waste services, except where permitted through internal loan arrangements that are repayable.

Compliance with these requirements is subject to an independent audit. Council provides a standard Domestic Waste Management Service to residential properties, which generally consists of one bin collected weekly. Variations to the standard service may apply in specific circumstances, including arrangements for certain commercial or non-residential properties. Where a bi-weekly service applies, it is defined as one bin collected twice weekly. This is only an option for Coonamble Commercial ratepayers.

Additional domestic waste services may be requested by residents, including extra bins or increased service levels. Such services are provided on a user-pays basis and are charged in accordance with the Council's adopted Fees and Charges Schedule.

2026-27 Domestic Waste Management Charge (per service)

Particulars	2025-26 Charge $	2026-27 Charge $	Estimated Yield $	No of Services
Coonamble	550	660	706,860	1,071
Coonamble – additional service	310	370	41,070	111
Gulargambone	550	660	117,480	178
Gulargambone – additional service	310	370	6,290	17
Quambone	550	660	30,360	46
Quambone – additional service	310	370	740	2
Coonamble/Vacant Land	110	130	13,000	100
Gulargambone/ Vacant Land	110	130	3,380	26
Quambone/Vacant Land	110	130	4,290	33
Coonamble Commercial	550	660	109,560	166
Gulargambone Commercial	550	660	17,160	26
Quambone Commercial	550	660	3,960	6
Rural Waste Management Charge	45	50	40,100	802

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(b) OTHER WASTE MANAGEMENT CHARGES (SECTION 501)

2026-27 Commercial Waste Management Charge (Per Service)

Commercial Waste Management Charge (Per Service)	2025-26	2026-27	Increase $
Coonamble	$550 service	$660 service	110
Coonamble – (Biweekly Service)	$860 service	$1,030 service	170
Gulargambone	$550 service	$660 service	110
Quambone	$550 service	$660 service	110

(c) WATER SUPPLY SERVICE ACCESS CHARGE and (d) SEWERAGE SERVICE CHARGE

Coonamble Shire Council adopts best practice water pricing principles in accordance with the NSW Government's Regulatory and Assurance Framework for Local Water Utilities to ensure the long-term financial sustainability, efficiency and equity of its water supply and sewerage services.

Council sets water supply and sewerage charges to achieve full cost recovery of the efficient cost of service provision, including operating, maintenance, administrative and capital costs. Pricing is set at no less than the lower bound cost of service delivery and does not exceed the upper bound of efficient costs.

Water and sewerage pricing is cost-reflective, fair and equitable, and structured to promote the efficient and sustainable use of water services. Council applies a two-part tariff structure, comprising a fixed service availability charge and a usage-based charge. Usage charges are set based on the marginal cost of supply to encourage efficient consumption, while fixed charges recover the residual revenue requirement.

Council ensures that separate revenue requirements are established for water supply and sewerage services, and that each service is financially self-sustaining. Pricing decisions are based on sound demand forecasts, efficient cost estimates, and long-term strategic planning.

Council maintains price stability and affordability by adopting multi-year pricing paths and considering the impact of pricing on customers, including vulnerable groups. Where necessary, price increases will be phased in over time and supported by appropriate hardship and concession policies.

In accordance with legislative requirements, Council is ring-fencing water supply and sewerage operations from its general-purpose activities. Revenue generated from water and sewerage charges will be used solely for the provision of those services, and financial reporting clearly separates these functions.

Coonamble Shire Council commits to transparent and accountable pricing practices, ensuring that pricing methodologies are evidence-based, clearly documented, and subject to appropriate review and audit processes.

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2026-27 Water Access Charges

Item	Access charge for Coonamble ($)	Access charge for Gulargambone ($)	Access charge for Quambone ($)	Estimated Yield per Item ($)
Access charge (20mm meter)	$510	$570	$570	$861,150
Access charge (25mm meter)	$800	$895	$895	$79,730
Access charge (32mm meter)	$1,306	$1,460	$1,460	-
Access charge (40mm meter)	$2,040	$2,280	$2,280	$46,320
Access charge (50mm meter)	$3,188	$3,565	$3,565	$56,081
Access charge (65mm meter)	$5,390	$6,025	$6,025	-
Access charge (75mm meter)	$7,171	$8,015	$8,015	$15,186
Access charge (80mm meter)	$8,160	$9,120	$9,120	-
Access charge (100mm meter)	$12,750	$14,250	$14,250	$92,250

2026-27 Water User Charges

	2025-26				2026-27			
Town/Village	Usage Charge – 1st Tier ($/kl)	2nd Tier Pricing Limit (kl)	Usage Charge 2nd Tier ($/kl)	Est. Yield ($)	Usage Charge – 1st Tier ($/kl)	2nd Tier Pricing Limit (kl)	Usage Charge 2nd Tier ($/kl)	Est Yi ($)
Coonamble	$1.70	450	$2.60	1,032,490	$1.90	450	$2.90	1,317
Gulargambone	$1.30	450	$2.00	90,730	$1.40	450	$2.20	125
Quambone	$1.60	430	$2.60	20,560	$1.70	430	$2.80	34

A minimum charge, being the amount equivalent to a 20mm water service charge, will apply to each parcel of rateable land which does not have a water service connected but to which a water service is available in accordance with the provision of Section 552 (1) (b) of the Local Government Act 1993.

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2026-27 Residential Sewer Charges

The annual sewerage service charge to apply to all residential multiple residence properties where individual separate occupancies are situated on a single parcel of land (includes non-strata flats, units, villas and dwellings within retirement villages) will be the number of occupancies x the residential single dwelling annual charge x .75.

	2025-26		2026-27	
Town/Village	**Annual Domestic Charge ($)**	**Estimated Yield ($)**	**Annual Domestic Charge ($)**	**Estimated Yield ($)**
Coonamble Residential	890	871,310	940	921,200
Gulargambone Residential	890	159,310	940	168,260
Coonamble – Flats	690	68,310	730	72,270
Gulargambone – Flats	810	10,530	850	11,050

2026-27 Non-Residential Sewer Charges

The sewer charge for non-residential customers is not less than that of residential customers – a minimum charge of $940 for Coonamble and Gulargambone. Non-residential services are also subject to a sewer discharge factor (usage charge) related to water consumption.

The treatment charge per kilolitre is 410 cents for both Coonamble and Gulargambone.

4.2.5 PENSIONER CONCESSION RATES REBATE

Coonamble Shire Council provides a Pensioner Concession Rates Rebate to eligible ratepayers in accordance with relevant legislation. This rebate is intended to assist pensioners and qualifying concession card holders with the cost of municipal rates and associated service charges.

Eligible applicants may receive a rebate of up to **$250 per annum** on ordinary rates and domestic waste management charges. In addition, where applicable, a rebate of up to **$87.50 per annum** may be applied to annual water charges and **$87.50 per annum** to annual sewerage charges, where such services are provided by Council.

To qualify for the rebate, applicants must hold a valid **Pensioner Concession Card** issued by Services Australia or an eligible **Department of Veterans' Affairs Gold Card** (endorsed as Totally Permanently Incapacitated (TPI) or Extreme Disablement Adjustment (EDA)). War widows, widowers, or wholly dependent partners who meet eligibility requirements may also qualify.

The rebate is only applicable to the property that is the applicant's **sole or principal place of residence**, and it must be occupied by the eligible pensioner. Ratepayers are not entitled to claim the rebate on multiple properties within the same period.

Where a property is jointly owned, each eligible owner must submit an individual application to receive the full entitlement. Failure to do so may result in a proportional or partial rebate being applied.

Applicants are required to provide consent for the Council to verify their eligibility with Services Australia or the Department of Veterans' Affairs. Eligibility may be reviewed periodically to ensure continued compliance.

Coonamble Shire Council reserves the right to refuse or revoke a rebate where eligibility criteria are not met or where false or misleading information has been provided.

4.2.6 FEES AND CHARGES STATEMENT (SECTION 405)

Coonamble Shire Council has resolved to apply fees and user charges for the services it provides, in accordance with the *Local Government Act*. It is authorised to charge and recover approved fees for a wide range of services, including service delivery, provision of information, regulatory functions (such as approvals and inspections), and access to facilities.

When determining fees, Council must consider key factors such as:

- the **cost of providing the service**
- any **recommended or benchmark pricing** from relevant authorities
- the **importance of the service to the community**
- any **legislative requirements or regulations**

The detailed schedule of fees and charges for the 2026 - 27 financial year is included in the Revenue Policy document attached to the budget report. This document also outlines the purpose and pricing basis for each fee or charge.

4.2.7 Statement of Borrowings

Council borrows funds to provide infrastructure and community assets which are not able to be funded out of normal revenue sources.
The loans are based on periods which represent the economic life of the facility or asset or a reasonable fixed term, whichever is the lesser.

Loans are raised by the Council from banks or other recognised financial institutions and secured by a mortgage deed over the revenue of the Council.

Loan Purpose	Principal O/Stand 30/06/2026	Principal O/Stand 30/06/2027	Principal Repaid 2026-27	Interest Payable 2026-27
General Fund				
Infrastructure (Fixed)	$353,239	$299,104	$54,135	$15,585
Sewerage Fund				
Nil	-	-	-	-
Water Fund				
Nil	-	-	-	-
	$353,239	$299,104	$54,135	$15,585

4.2.8 Interest on Overdue Rates and Charge

2026-27 Maximum Rate of Interest Payable on Overdue Rates and Charges

In accordance with section 566(3) of the Local Government Act 1993, the maximum rate of interest payable on overdue rates and charges for the period 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027 (inclusive) is to be 9.50% per annum.