

Riverina Water
Delivery Program
2025/2026 – 2028/2029
Operational Plan
2025/2026

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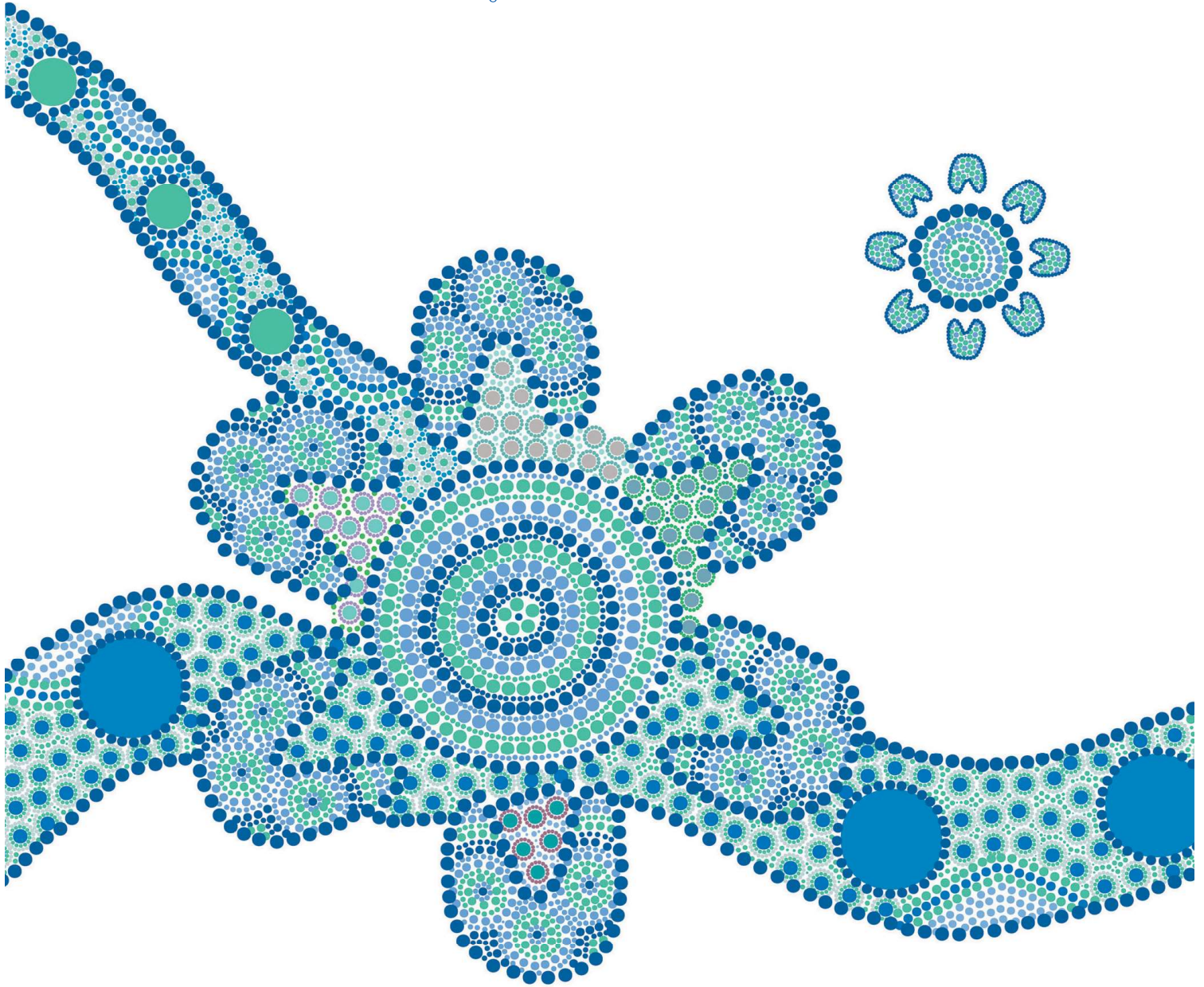
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Acknowledgement of Country

Riverina Water County Council acknowledges the Traditional and continuing Custodians of the land we supply water on, the Wiradyuri people. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and future, as well giving our respect to all First Nations Peoples living in this community.

We recognise the deep cultural connection Wiradyuri and First Nations communities have with the lands and waters of this region.



Our corporate documents feature elements from the artwork *Living Water* by Wiradyuri artist Owen Lyons. The artwork was commissioned by Riverina Water for its Reconciliation Action Plan. Learn more: rwcc.nsw.gov.au/reconciliation

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Foreword

On behalf of Riverina Water we are pleased to present our 2025/2026 – 2028/2029 Delivery Program and our Operational Plan 2025 – 2026. We present these as a combined Delivery Program/Operational Plan or DPOP.

The DPOP identifies four-year strategies that will contribute to the strategic objectives we have identified in our business activity strategic plan, *Leading into 2035*. Our DPOP is built around the four pillars in *Leading into 2035*. These pillars are:

- › Our people
- › Our operations
- › Our sustainability; and
- › Our community

We believe that striving to achieve our strategic objectives will significantly assist us to realise our vision for Riverina Water to provide passionate and professional leadership in the water industry.

The Delivery Program 2025/2026 – 2028/2029 is a statement of commitment from the Board on what we will deliver during this Board term. The Operational Plan 2025 – 2026 specifies the actions we will undertake this financial year to contribute to the strategies identified in the Delivery Program.

The DPOP is underpinned by planning including our long-term financial plan (LTFP) and our asset management plan. Resourcing is achieved through our annual budget informed by current and operational commitments as well as our longer-term financial planning and capital works budget. Our workforce management plan and IT strategic plan help us to ensure that we have the people and technological resources we need to deliver the actions contained within the DPOP.

We look forward to providing regular updates to the Board and our community on how we are going and commend the 2025/2026 – 2028/2029 Delivery Program and Operational Plan 2025 – 2026 to you.



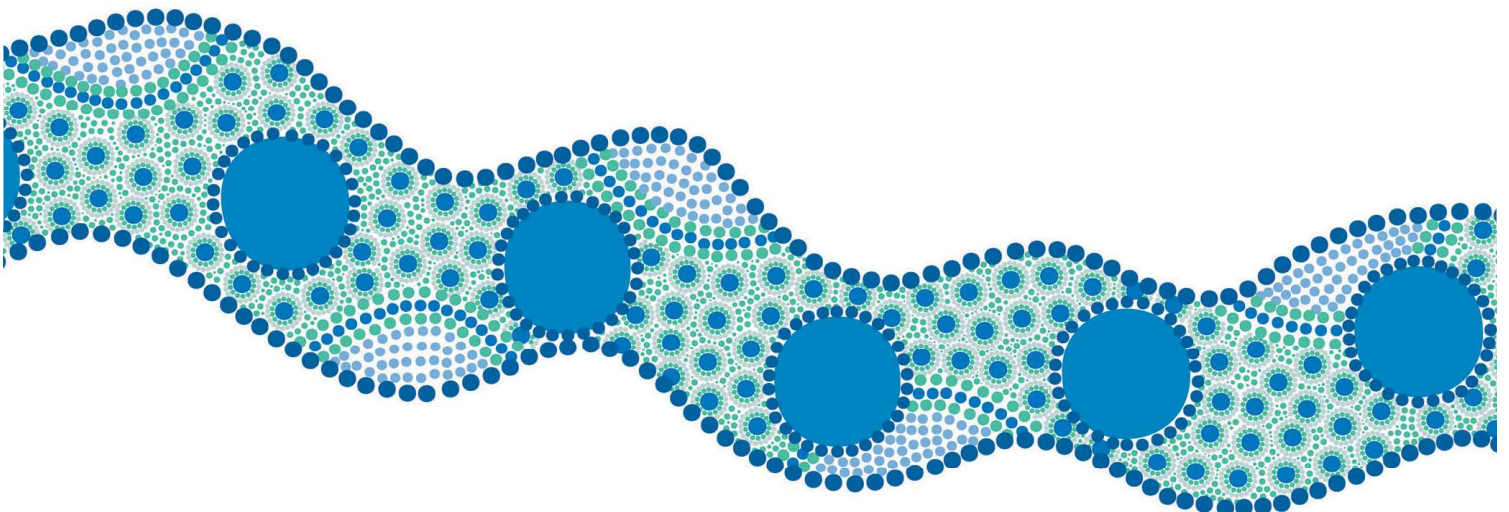
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Tim Koschel
Board chair



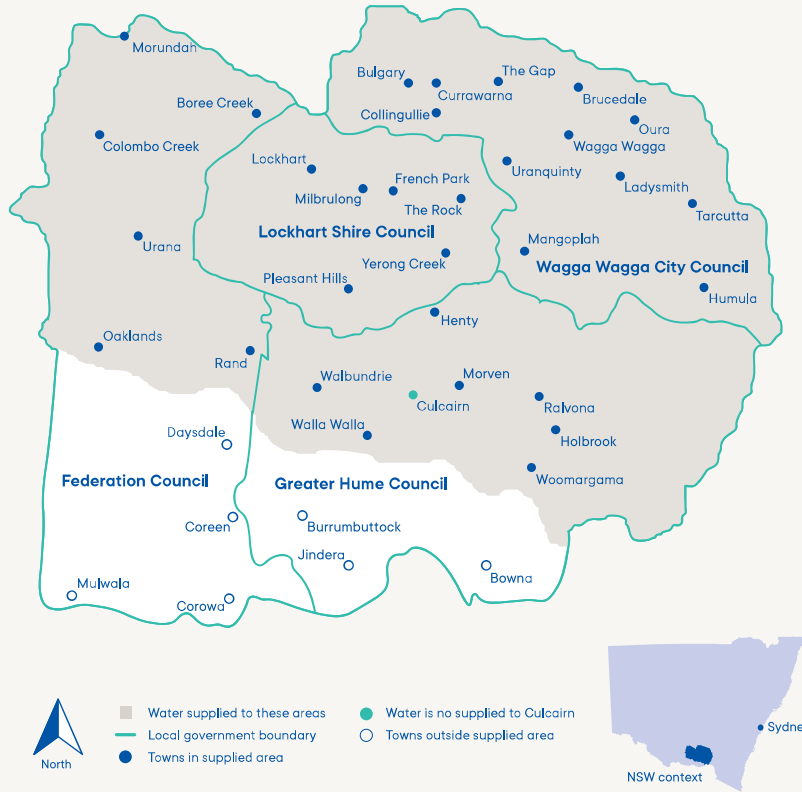
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Andrew Crakanthorp
Chief Executive Officer



Who we are

We provide safe reliable drinking water to more than 77,000 people across Greater Hume, Lockhart, parts of Federation and Wagga Wagga City Council areas covering an area of more than 15,000 square kilometres.



Our supply network

We draw water from the Murrumbidgee River and source water from 10 bores, which historically makes up 60 percent of our source water supply.



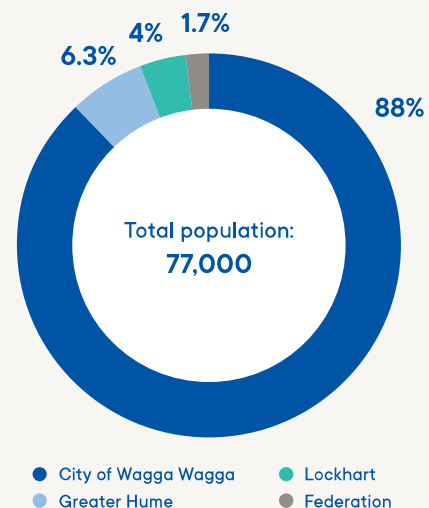
Our water supply network includes:

- > More than 80 reservoirs
- > More than 1800 kilometres of water mains
- > 16 water treatment plants

Our customers

Riverina Water services more than 6000 non-residential retail customers and two bulk supply customers; the RAAF Airbase and the Kapooka Army Base.

Our customers are diverse and range from households, to farmers, business, industry and other institutions such as hospitals, aged care facilities and education institutions such as Charles Sturt University.



Our board



Clr Tim Koschel
Wagga Wagga City
Elected to Board in 2016
Re-elected as Chairperson
Oct 2024



Clr Gail Driscoll
Lockhart Shire
Elected to Board in 2022
Elected as Deputy
Chairperson Oct 2024



Clr Pat Bourke
Federation
Elected to Board in 2017



Clr Allana Condron
Wagga Wagga City
Elected to Board in 2024



Clr Georgie Davies
Wagga Wagga City
Elected to Board in 2022



Clr Brian Liston
Greater Hume
Elected to Board Oct 2024



Clr Jenny McKinnon
Wagga Wagga City
Elected to Board in 2022



Clr Lea Parker
Greater Hume
Elected to Board Oct 2024



Clr Dallas Tout
Wagga Wagga City
Elected to Board in 2023

Our vision

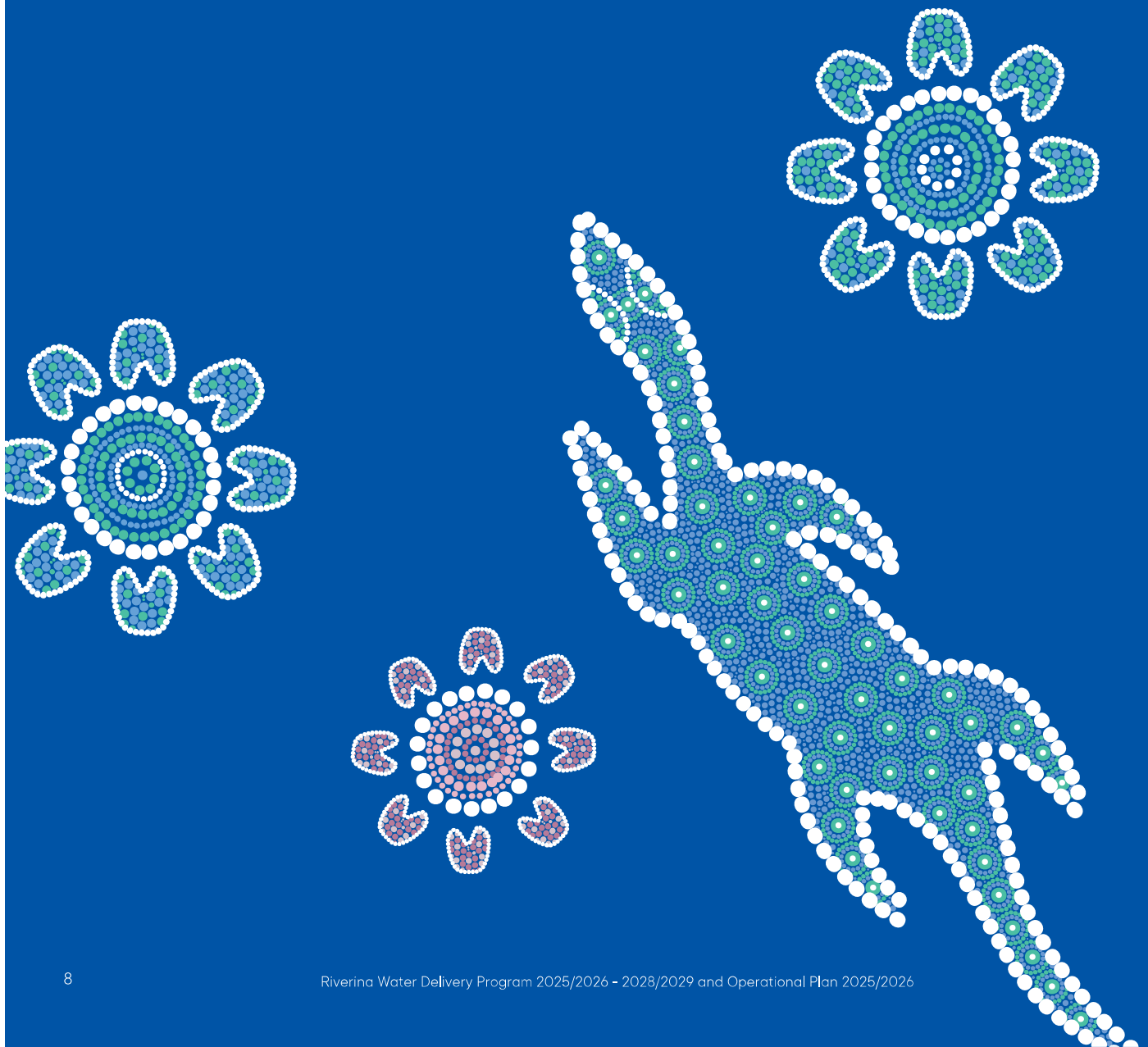
Provide passionate and professional leadership in the water industry.

Our mission

To provide our community with safe reliable water at the lowest sustainable cost.

Our values

Respect, Connection, Safety, Cooperation.



Our organisation

Our executive team



Andrew Crakanthorp
Chief Executive Officer
Appointed 2018

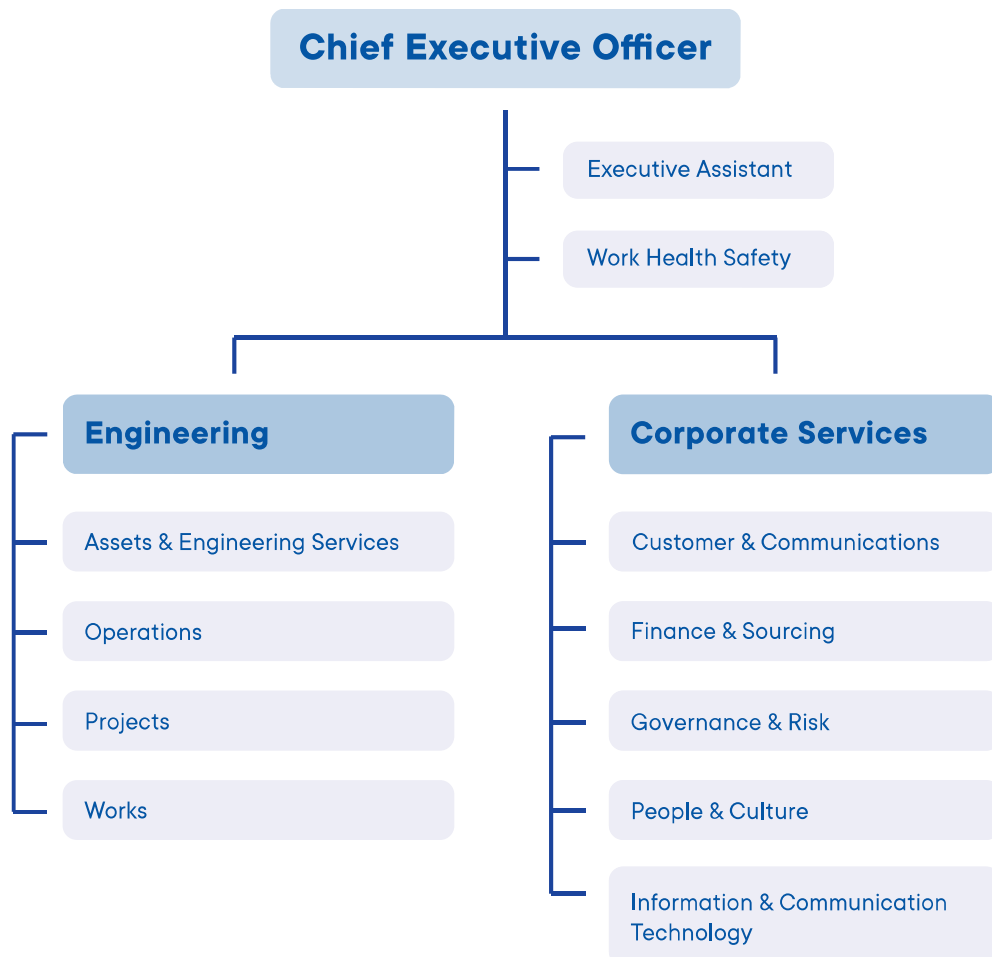


Emily Tonacia
Director Corporate Services
Appointed 2021



Troy van Berkel
Director Engineering
Appointed 2023

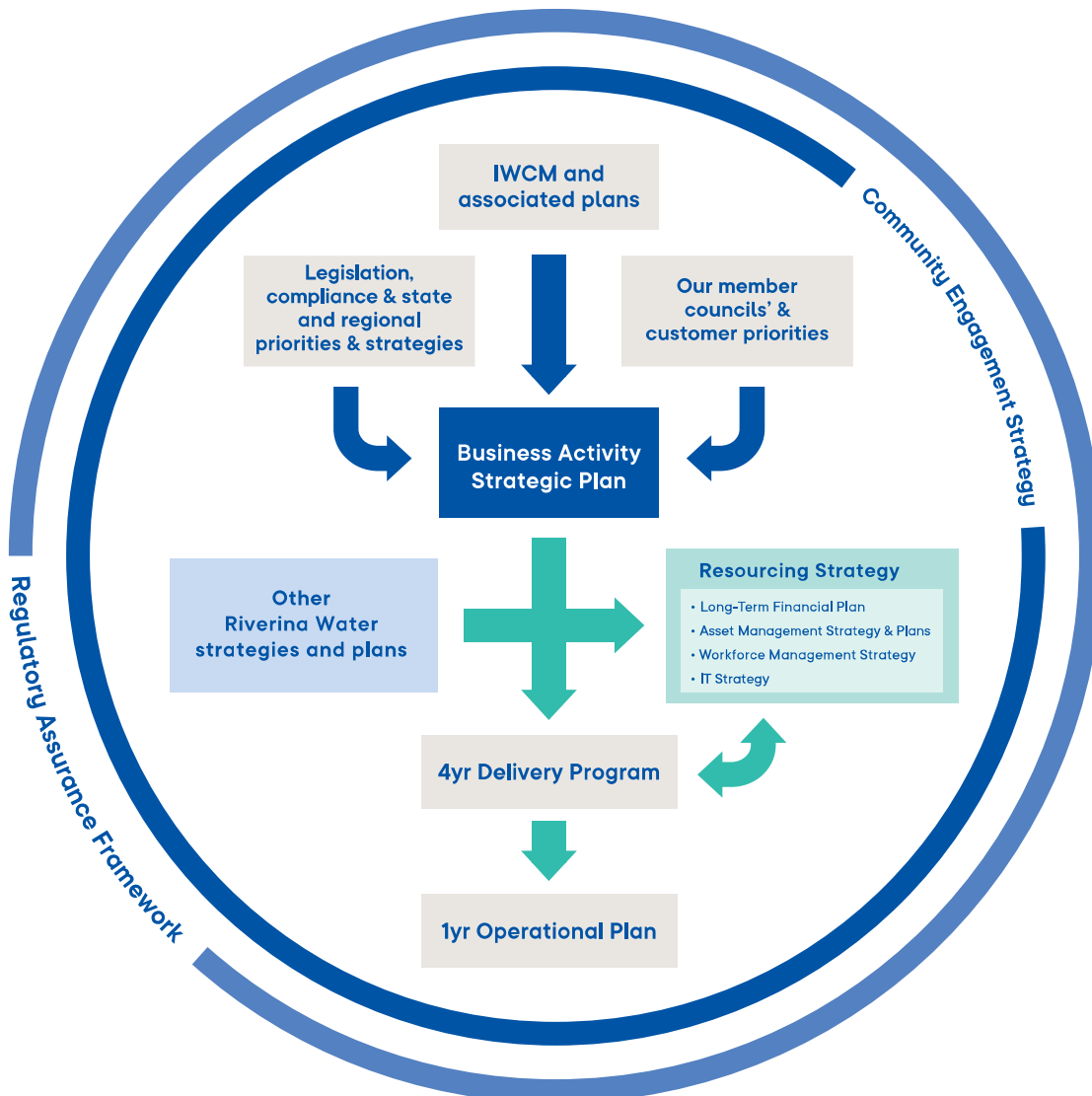
Currently there are 125 staff working for Riverina Water (1 July 2025)



Our planning context

The Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) framework determines the way councils in NSW, including county councils, develop, document and report on plans for the future for the organisation and for the community. This framework is oversighted by the Office of Local Government.

As a county council responsible for provision of water, we are also required to meet the planning expectations of the *Regulatory and assurance framework for local water utilities* (the RAF). This framework is oversighted by the Department of Primary Industry and Environment.



As per the RAF, the role of local water utilities is to deliver safe, secure, efficient and affordable water services to customers and communities, providing public health outcomes, and supporting economic development, liveability and the environment. The RAF outlines a number of key objectives that, if able to be demonstrated, would show that Riverina Water is undertaking our role as expected.

To be quality assured through the RAF, Riverina Water is required to demonstrate that we

- › Understand service needs
- › Understand water security
- › Understand water quality
- › Understand our environmental impacts
- › Understand our system capacity, capability and efficiency
- › Understand our other key risks and challenges
- › Understand solutions to deliver services
- › Understand our resourcing needs
- › Understand our revenue sources
- › Make and implement sound strategic decisions
- › Implement sound pricing and prudent financial management
- › Promote integrated water cycle management

Where are we now?

Below are some of the key challenges and opportunities facing Riverina Water. We take these into account when planning our Delivery Program strategies.

Key challenges and opportunities

| | |
|---|--|
|  Our people | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Building leadership capability and a culture of one team › Maintaining corporate knowledge › Ensuring we retain trained and engaged staff › Keeping our people safe |
|  Our operations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Introduction of the Regulatory Assurance Framework and meeting its objectives › Embedding our project management methodology › Opportunities to strengthen corporate systems and integration › Meeting our capital works program within resourcing |
|  Our sustainability | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › PFAS contamination in our water sources › Being on the front foot for development in our Service area and an improved partnership approach with member councils › Opportunity to improve our sustainability and reduce our operational footprint › Remaining financially sustainable whilst balancing affordability for our customers |
|  Our community | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Opportunity to increase community awareness of what we do › Changing ways that customers prefer to do business › Opportunity to deliver community engagement initiatives and positively contribute to our communities › Opportunity to increase water literacy in our community |



**Riverina Water
Delivery Program
2025/2026 – 2028/2029**

The Delivery Program 2025/2026 – 2028/2029 outlines what we will deliver over this next four years to achieve the strategic objectives in our business activity strategic plan, *Leading into 2035*.

Leading into 2035 has been informed by customer feedback and annual customer survey results; our integrated water cycle management plan (IWCM) and associated asset management plans; the priorities of our community as captured in our constituent councils' community strategic plans; and state, regional and local strategies and plans.

The resourcing strategy for *Leading into 2035* consists of the LTFP (long term financial plan), the workforce management plan, asset management plan, and the IT strategic plan.

The 10-year strategic focus for *Leading into 2035* is established around four pillars: our People, Our Operations, Our Sustainability and Our Community. Each pillar has a strategic objective for 2035.



What's in the Delivery Program

The Delivery Program (DP) identifies four-year strategies that will contribute to our strategic objectives. These strategies are broadly allocated to a lead Service area tasked with delivery and reporting to the Board and community on progress.

Each of the strategies in the DP has a key performance indicator or indicators, which will be a compilation from the operational plans that support the DP. Targets are provided where appropriate.

It should be noted that the strategies in the DP may contribute to more than one strategic objective and that actions in the Operational Plan (OP) may contribute to more than one DP strategy. Secondary alignment will be taken into account in our reporting.

The Delivery Program is supported by the Workforce management plan and the IT strategic plan and informed by the Asset management plan.

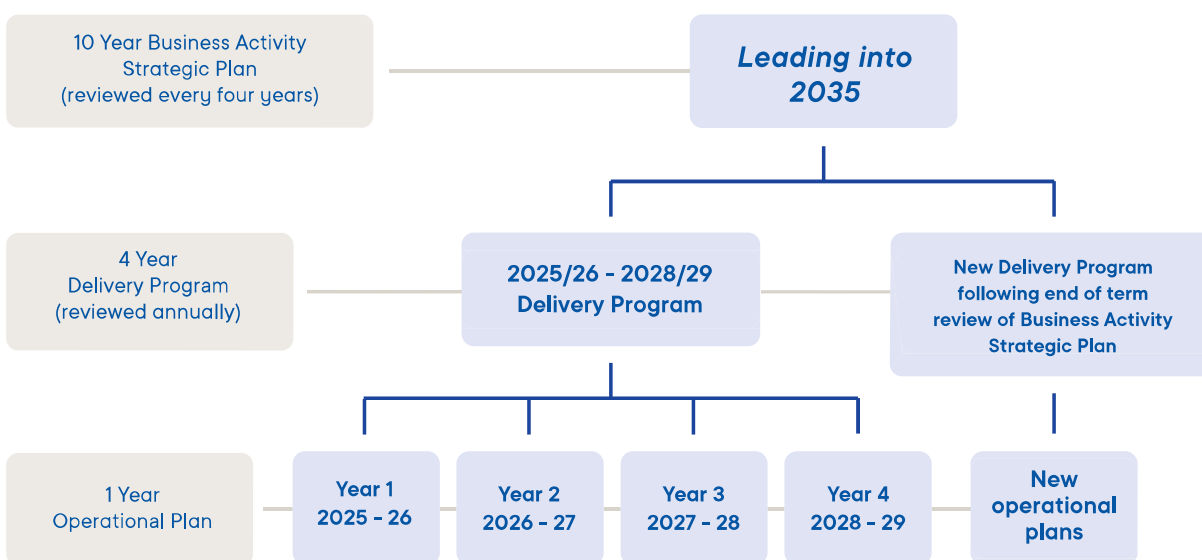
Resourcing the Delivery Program

The DP contains a budget summary for the four years including capital work expenditure, and budgeted and planned financial position. The Workforce management strategy and the IT strategy help us to ensure we have the resourcing we need to deliver our plan.

How we will achieve the Delivery Program

The Delivery Program is delivered through one-year operational plans (ie 4x operational plans per Delivery Program). The Delivery Program is reviewed annually in the preparation of the Operational Plan to ensure that the four-year strategies are still relevant and achievable.

This is also the opportunity to review the Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) to ensure that it reflects any changes that will affect our financial forecasts and sustainability.



Reporting and review

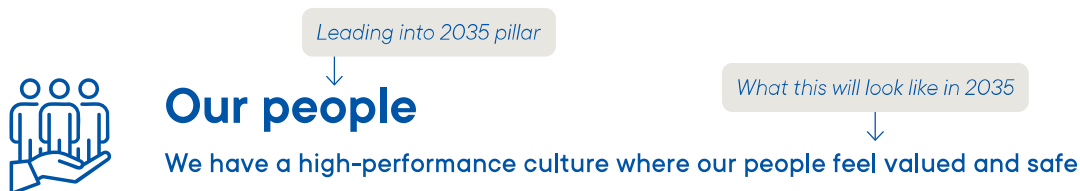
Riverina Water reviews the Delivery Program each year and reports on progress every six months through the DPOP report to the Board. The review of the Delivery Program is made prior to the development of the coming year's Operational Plan to ensure strategies are progressing and still contributing to the strategic objectives contained within *Leading into 2035*.

If there are changes required to the Delivery Program these will be highlighted in reports to the Board and incorporated into the revised DPOP for the following year.

The annual achievement of the Delivery Program is included in the Riverina Water Annual Report.

How to read the DPOP

Delivery Program



1.1 Build high performing teams ← 10 year strategic objective

We take personal responsibility, understand what is needed to succeed and effectively work together to achieve outstanding results

What this means

The area undertaking or reporting on the action

How we will determine the successful completion of the Strategy (4 year) - roll up from 4 x Operational Plans

↑ improvement or increase; ✓ achievement of; ↓ decrease
Targets are provided where applicable

Strategy

Service area

Indicator

1.1.1

Foster cross-functional collaboration

Executive
People & Culture

↑ Staff survey rating for cross unit collaboration

4 year Delivery Program Strategy

Operational Plan

Reporting to the Board*

| 2025 - 2026 Action | Measure | Service area | Reporting Qtr |
|-------------------------|--|---|---------------|
| Operational Plan action | How we will determine the successful achievement of the action. Target if set relates to date; number; frequency etc | The area undertaking or reporting on the action | |

*Reporting to the Board

We are required under IP&R guidelines to report on the progress of our DPOP to the Board and community every 6 months.

Progress and percentage complete for all actions will be shown in both the Qtr 2 and Qtr 4 report.

Commentary will be provided in the Qtr shown against the Operational Plan action.

The Qtr 2 report on progress is provided to the February Board meeting.

Progress will be shown as Completed; On Track; Requires Attention; Not yet started

The Qtr 4 report is provided to the August Board meeting and informs the Annual Report. Progress will be shown as Completed; Incomplete; To be carried over 2026 - 2027.

This report includes the achievement of the measures for the OP and progress to the measures for the DP.

Explanations for these status' will be provided in the reports where required.



Our people

We have a high-performance culture where our people feel valued and safe



1.1 Build high performing teams

We take personal responsibility, understand what is needed to succeed and effectively work together to achieve outstanding results

| Strategy | Service area | Indicator |
|--|-------------------------------|---|
| 1.1.1 Foster cross-functional collaboration | Executive People & Culture | ↑ Staff survey rating for cross unit collaboration |
| 1.1.2 Strengthen leadership, culture and engagement | Executive People & Culture | ↑ Staff survey rating for leadership and engagement |
| 1.1.3 Establish a structured succession and resourcing framework | People & Culture | ✓ Key identified roles have a succession plan in place Target: 75% |



1.2 Ensure workforce capability

We attract diverse talent and develop a skilled workforce to be able to meet our business and customer needs

| Strategy | Service area | Indicator |
|---|------------------|--|
| 1.2.1 Strengthen staff capability, agility and innovation through leveraging IT data, strategic insights and expert collaboration | ICT | ↓ Number of helpdesk tickets for capability related tasks |
| 1.2.2 Enhance and promote our Employee Value Proposition (EVP) | People & Culture | ↑ Staff survey rating for leadership and engagement |
| 1.2.3 Establish and integrate essential capabilities and knowledge | People & Culture | ↑ Staff survey rating for organisational commitment to ongoing training and development of staff |



1.3 Foster unity of belonging and purpose

We have an inclusive workplace where every person at Riverina Water feels they are part of one team working together to achieve our goals

| Strategy | Service area | Indicator |
|----------|--|--|
| 1.3.1 | Ensure inclusive and equitable policies, systems and workplaces | People & Culture Executive ↑ Increase in workforce diversity |
| 1.3.2 | Expand employment pathways to support diverse career progression | People & Culture ✓ New career pathways are established Target: Min 2 |



1.4 Partner with our people to ensure they go home safe and well

We consult, train and empower our people to undertake their work safely. Together we strive for an injury and illness free workplace

| Strategy | Service area | Indicator |
|----------|---|---|
| 1.4.1 | Demonstrate due diligence and duty of care through a systems-based approach to protect our people from harm and to strengthen our WHS culture | WHS ↑ WHS Management internal audit findings improve from “partially effective” to “effective” |
| 1.4.2 | Empower staff to take ownership of safety at Riverina Water | WHS Executive ↓ Reduction in time lapse between notification and resolution of incidents |
| 1.4.3 | Achieve strong safety leadership by embedding safety as a core value in our workplace culture | WHS Executive ↑ Increase in positive safety behaviour reporting Target: 25% p/a |
| 1.4.4 | Prioritise employee wellbeing and support | People & Culture Executive ↑ Staff survey results for employee wellbeing |



Our operations

We evidence effective asset management, informed decision making and continuous improvement



2.1 Develop and maintain robust information and management systems

We conduct our business using secure and agile systems that enable us to do our jobs well, inform decision making and achieve our goals

| Strategy | Service area | Indicator |
|--|--------------|---|
| 2.1.1 Enhance the integration and capabilities of our asset systems to empower asset owners with the tools and data needed for informed decision making | Assets | ✓ 90% of work captured in the asset management system resulting in improved efficiency and reduced reactive repairs |
| 2.1.2 Develop and commence implementation of Data Strategy, Digital Strategy and IoT Strategy | ICT | ✓ Data Strategy, Digital Strategy and IoT Strategy adopted and implementation ongoing |
| 2.1.3 Strengthen security by advancing Essential 8 maturity levels to enhance the protection of organisational systems | ICT | ↑ Essential 8 maturity levels Target: 70% maturity |
| 2.1.4 Strengthen ICT security culture through awareness, behaviour and continuous improvement | ICT | ↑ Improvement in ICT security awareness and practice evidenced in reports and campaigns |



2.2 Assure ongoing service delivery

We operate and maintain fit for purpose assets to ensure ongoing water supply and water quality to our current and future customers in line with our regulatory requirements and agreed service levels

| Strategy | | Service area | Indicator |
|----------|---|---|--|
| 2.2.1 | Enhance maintenance and operations through proactive planning, data driven decision making and asset management | Operations Works Assets | ↑ Increase in planned maintenance Target: >50% ↓ Decrease in unplanned overtime |
| 2.2.2 | Enhance the effectiveness and efficiency in the delivery of services | Governance & Corporate Planning Executive | ✓ Service reviews undertaken Target: 4 |
| 2.2.3 | Enhance water quality management by strengthening practices, culture and regulatory compliance | Operations | ✓ 100% Compliance with the Australian Drinking Water Quality Guidelines |
| 2.2.4 | Efficiently deliver the capital works program by optimising budgets and resources to ensure assets support current and future service needs | Engineering Projects | ✓ Capital works completed on schedule Target: >70% |
| 2.2.5 | Enable sustainable growth by proactively responding to development applications and advancing infrastructure planning to ensure reliable water supply for our community | Assets | ✓ Development applications reviewed and responded to within set timeframes Target: 100% |
| 2.2.6 | Align ICT service delivery with Information Technology Information Library (ITIL) principles | ICT | ✓ IT services are aligned with ITIL principles Target: 100% |
| 2.2.7 | Apply a structured business analysis framework to enhance efficiency, optimise service delivery and drive business transformation | ICT | ✓ Business projects in the ICT space apply the structured business analysis framework Target: 75% |



2.3 Proactively manage risks and opportunities

We encourage a positive risk culture to manage risks and to pursue innovation and continuous improvement across Riverina Water

| Strategy | Service area | Indicator |
|--------------|---|---|
| 2.3.1 | Complete system-based risk assessment (summer readiness) with implemented controls and proposed actions addressing gaps outside of risk appetite | Engineering |
| | | ✓ Ability to meet water demand during extended outages Target: 100% |
| 2.3.2 | Enhance risk identification, assessment and treatment capability across Riverina Water | Risk & Insurance |
| | | ↑ Formal risk assessments completed and actioned |
| 2.3.3 | Evaluate and establish the feasibility and benefits for digital metering technologies to determine the strategic position on potential rollout and alignment with operational goals | Works |
| | | ✓ Completion of business case and feasibility study for digital solutions |
| 2.3.4 | Proactively monitor and manage PFAS water supply risks to meet regulatory requirements and ensure reliability and safety of water supply | Executive Operations |
| | | ✓ PFAS within Australian Drinking Water Guideline limits |
| 2.3.5 | Ensure Riverina Water is adequately insured in line with business operation requirements | Risk & Insurance |
| | | ✓ All arising claims or events in the period have been adequately covered and or paid |



2.4 Provide effective leadership and governance

We show effective leadership to our people and community ensuring that our activities and operations are conducted in accordance with our values and good governance

| Strategy | | Service area | Indicator |
|--------------|--|--|---|
| 2.4.1 | Foster a culture that encourages accountability, professionalism and the best outcomes for Riverina Water | Executive | ↑ Staff engagement survey results ↑ Completion of actions in DPOP Target: 100% |
| 2.4.2 | Ensure policies, guidelines and procedures are current, suit organisational requirements and are effectively implemented | Executive Governance & Corporate Reporting | ✓ Currency and availability of policies, guidelines and procedures Target: 100% |
| 2.4.3 | Create and implement a governance structure to align IT initiatives with organisation goals | ICT | ✓ All significant ICT initiatives have been supported by an identified clear alignment to organisational goals |
| 2.4.4 | Collaborate with key stakeholders to support supply area growth and manage current and emerging issues | Executive | ✓ Water infrastructure projects are either delivered, responded to or planned to meet supply area growth requirements |



Our sustainability

We are environmentally responsible, financially secure and plan for the future



3.1 Responsibly manage our impact on the natural environment

We operate with an understanding of our natural resource responsibilities and seek to minimise our impact on the environment

| Strategy | Service area | Indicator |
|---|-----------------------|---|
| 3.1.1 Implement sustainable practices to support our long-term transition to net zero | Executive Engineering | ↓ Reduction in greenhouse emissions Target: 50% |
| 3.1.2 Protect and restore sites to prevent environmental degradation, ensuring sustainable land and water management | Projects Works | ✓ No environmental degradation from Riverina Water activities |



3.2 Strategically manage our assets and finances

We plan our finances and enhance and integrate our asset management to remain sustainable

| Strategy | Service area | Indicator |
|---|--------------------|--|
| 3.2.1 Inform business decisions by strong financial data and governance | Finance & Sourcing | ✓ Key business decisions directly informed by financial analysis |
| 3.2.2 Ensure robust financial planning that enables Riverina Water to achieve its stated objectives in the medium to long term | Finance & Sourcing | ✓ Performance measures as disclosed in the annual financial statements are met |
| 3.2.3 Strategically manage financial assets | Finance & Sourcing | ✓ Investment portfolio consistently outperforms the benchmark Ausbond Bank Bill Index return |
| 3.2.4 Optimise our infrastructure through improved asset life cycle management | Assets | ↑ Overall improvement in asset ratings as reported in financial statements |



3.3 Successfully deliver integrated strategies and plans

We do not plan in isolation. Our strategies and plans are informed, considered and well executed

| Strategy | Service area | Indicator |
|---|---|---|
| 3.3.1 Develop and adopt water supply infrastructure master plans with a clear roadmap for delivery, considering resources, priorities and constraints, including Western, Southern and Northern trunk strategies | Engineering | ✓ Adopted infrastructure master plans |
| 3.3.2 Provide clear direction and accountability through integrated planning and reporting | Executive Governance & Corporate Planning | ✓ Plans and reports evidence integration |
| 3.3.3 Establish a standardised project management framework | Engineering | ✓ Project management frameworks established and integrated into planning and delivery |



3.4 Plan for and respond to changes in the internal and external context

We are a resilient organisation that anticipates change and can positively respond to internal and external challenges

| Strategy | Service area | Indicator |
|---|--------------------|---|
| 3.4.1 Proactively manage water entitlements to meet current and future demand and support growth | Executive | ✓ Overall water entitlements are increased in order to meet future demand as identified in the IWCOMP |
| 3.4.2 Achieve organisational resilience through adequate incident management response planning | Risk & Insurance | ✓ Incidents are managed within the set targets as per the individual response plans Target: 85% |
| 3.4.3 Embed centre-led procurement practices that are aligned with LGNSW determined principles for sustainable procurement | Finance & Sourcing | ✓ Compliance with updated procurement policies and procedures Target: 100% |
| 3.4.4 Ensure drought preparedness to help mitigate the impacts of drought | Operations | ✓ Drought management plan in place and supporting documentation completed |



Our community

We provide exceptional customer service and demonstrate social responsibility to our community



4.1 Build stronger relationships with our diverse communities

We engage openly, listen actively and collaborate meaningfully with our diverse community to foster trust, mutual understanding and long-lasting connections

| Strategy | Service area | Indicator |
|--|--|---|
| 4.1.1 Respectfully engage with our First Nations Community and their heritage | Executive Customer & Communications | ✓ Reconciliation Action Plans developed and implemented in line with Reconciliation Australia |
| 4.1.2 Increase the awareness, understanding and perceived value of the role Riverina Water plays in the community | Customer & Communications | ↑ Customer awareness of Riverina Water's roles and impact measured via annual survey Target: 10% increase in awareness |
| 4.1.3 Build and maintain strong relationships across stakeholders to improve the flow of information and ensure decisions are inclusive and well-informed | Customer & Communications | ✓ Specific stakeholder engagement sessions are delivered Target: At least one per year |



4.2 Understand and respond to our customer needs and expectations

We actively seek feedback, anticipate customer needs and deliver responsive services that enhance satisfaction and build trust

| Strategy | Service area | Indicator |
|---|---------------------------|---|
| 4.2.1 Enhance customer experience through digital and technology uplift | Customer & Communications | ↑ Customers using digital services via customer portal Target: 25% of customer base |
| 4.2.2 Develop an enhanced understanding of customers and their expectations through data, insights and analytics to help inform our service offering | Customer & Communications | ↑ Customer survey participation rates Target: 10% increase |
| 4.2.3 Support the financial wellbeing of our customers | Customer & Communications | ✓ Customer satisfaction when accessing financial assistance Target: 85% satisfaction |



4.3 Actively support and contribute to our community

We champion initiatives that enrich our community and demonstrate our commitment to making a positive impact

| Strategy | Service area | Indicator |
|--|---------------------------|---|
| 4.3.1 Invest in our community and support the enhancement of the social, cultural and environmental life of our community | Customer & Communications | ✓ Community awareness of the benefits created by community support initiatives as measured in annual survey Target: 30% positive responses |



4.4 Improve water literacy in our community

We help our customers and community to understand where their water comes from and manage their water usage

| Strategy | Service area | Indicator |
|---|---------------------------|--|
| 4.4.1 Promote responsible water use by delivering clear education, practical resources and consistent messaging that supports lasting behaviour change | Customer & Communications | ↑ Customer awareness of water supply process as measured in annual survey Target: 10% increase in awareness over four years |
| 4.4.2 Provide accessible and relevant educational information and opportunities to our customers and the community | Customer & Communications | ✓ Primary schools in supply area utilise educational material or participate in education opportunity Target: 50% |



Our corporate planning, review and reporting timeframes

| Plan | Time frame | Review | Reporting |
|---|--------------------------------|--|--|
| Leading into 2035 (Business Activity Strategic Plan) | Minimum 10 years | Reviewed by the new Board (normally every 4 years) | Progress reported to new Board through the End of Term report. Highlights in Annual Report. |
| Asset Management Plan and associated policy and strategy | Plan 20+ years, policy 4 years | Reviewed every 4 years, but annually as part of the review of the Delivery Program and preparation of the Operational Plan | Periodic reporting to management. |
| Long Term Financial Plan | Minimum 10 years | Reviewed annually as part of the review of the Delivery Program and development of the Operational Plan | Periodic reporting to management. Annually. |
| Workforce Management Strategy | 4 years, aligned to the DP | Reviewed as part of the review of the Delivery Program and development of the Operational Plan | Periodic reporting to management. Actions contained within the strategy that are included in the DPOP are reported every 6 months. |
| IT Strategy | 4 years, aligned to the DP | Reviewed annually | Periodic reporting to management. Annually. |
| Delivery Program | 4 years (Board term) | Reviewed annually as part of the development of the Operational Plan. New every 4 years | Reported every six months to the Board. Annually. |
| Operational Plan | 1 year | Developed annually | Reported every 6 months to the Board. |



Delivery Program budget summary

Budgeted financial statements

| Income statement | Last year | Current year | Projected years | | |
|---|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | 2024/2025 \$ | 2025/2026 \$ | 2026/2027 \$ | 2027/2028 \$ | 2028/2029 \$ |
| Income from continuing operations | | | | | |
| Revenue | | | | | |
| Rates and annual charges | 5,960,773 | 6,584,587 | 6,723,307 | 6,864,801 | 7,009,125 |
| User charges and fees | 26,279,896 | 27,603,891 | 28,155,769 | 28,718,684 | 29,292,858 |
| Interest and investment revenue | 1,960,000 | 1,571,000 | 1,388,560 | 1,152,773 | 1,115,806 |
| Other revenues | 532,269 | 491,881 | 494,884 | 497,948 | 501,072 |
| Grants and contributions provided for operating purposes | 34,900 | 25,000 | 25,000 | 25,000 | 25,000 |
| Grants and contributions provided for capital purposes | 2,000,000 | 3,039,138 | 3,071,180 | 3,103,703 | 3,103,703 |
| Total income from continuing operations | 36,767,838 | 39,315,497 | 39,858,700 | 40,362,909 | 41,047,564 |
| Expenses from continuing operations | | | | | |
| Employee benefits and on-costs | 11,031,911 | 13,324,607 | 13,857,591 | 14,411,895 | 14,700,766 |
| Borrowing costs | 98,589 | 363,983 | 968,270 | 1,235,038 | 1,118,025 |
| Materials and contracts | 15,061,686 | 12,584,669 | 12,844,292 | 11,518,951 | 11,757,824 |
| Depreciation and amortisation | 9,470,000 | 9,092,500 | 9,256,165 | 9,422,776 | 10,592,386 |
| Other expenses | 266,000 | 266,000 | 267,000 | 268,020 | 269,060 |
| Total expenses from continuing operations | 35,928,186 | 35,631,759 | 37,193,319 | 36,856,680 | 38,438,062 |
| Operating result from continuing operations | 839,652 | 3,683,739 | 2,665,382 | 3,506,230 | 2,609,503 |
| Net operating result for the year | 839,652 | 3,683,739 | 2,665,382 | 3,506,230 | 2,609,503 |
| Net operating result before grants and contributions provided for capital purposes | (1,160,348) | 644,601 | (405,798) | 402,527 | (494,200) |

Budgeted financial statements

| Balance sheet | Current year | | Projected years | |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | 2025/2026 \$ | 2026/2027 \$ | 2027/2028 \$ | 2028/2029 \$ |
| Assets | | | | |
| Current assets | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 23,835,991 | 19,417,638 | 15,778,078 | 11,977,947 |
| Receivables | 5,550,639 | 5,576,367 | 5,619,987 | 5,660,448 |
| Inventories | 4,017,111 | 4,099,985 | 3,676,927 | 3,753,177 |
| Total current assets | 33,403,741 | 29,093,989 | 25,074,992 | 21,391,572 |
| Non-current assets | | | | |
| Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment includes intangibles (water licences) | 408,470,593 | 425,214,428 | 436,791,652 | 441,199,266 |
| Total non-current assets | 408,470,593 | 425,214,428 | 436,791,652 | 441,199,266 |
| Total assets | 441,874,334 | 454,308,417 | 461,866,644 | 462,590,838 |
| Liabilities | | | | |
| Current liabilities | | | | |
| Payables | 4,114,303 | 4,221,409 | 4,133,564 | 4,215,106 |
| Borrowings | 154,943 | 154,943 | 1,966,851 | 2,076,790 |
| Provisions | 4,279,000 | 4,279,000 | 4,279,000 | 4,279,000 |
| Total current liabilities | 8,548,245 | 8,655,352 | 10,379,415 | 10,570,896 |
| Non-current liabilities | | | | |
| Borrowings | 5,462,698 | 15,124,293 | 17,452,227 | 15,375,437 |
| Total Non-current liabilities | 5,462,698 | 15,124,293 | 17,452,227 | 15,375,437 |
| Total liabilities | 14,010,943 | 23,779,645 | 27,831,642 | 25,946,333 |
| Net assets | 427,863,391 | 430,528,772 | 434,035,002 | 436,644,505 |
| Equity | | | | |
| Retained earnings | 168,906,391 | 171,571,772 | 175,078,002 | 177,687,505 |
| Revaluation reserves | 258,957,000 | 258,957,000 | 258,957,000 | 258,957,000 |
| Council equity interest | 427,863,391 | 430,528,772 | 434,035,002 | 436,644,505 |
| Total equity | 427,863,391 | 430,528,772 | 434,035,002 | 436,644,505 |

Capital works plan

| Description | Last year | Current year | Projected years | | |
|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | 2024/2025 \$ | 2025/2026 \$ | 2026/2027 \$ | 2027/2028 \$ | 2028/2029 \$ |
| Capital Works Expenditure | 17,578,469 | 18,089,624 | 26,000,000 | 21,000,000 | 15,000,000 |





Riverina Water Operational Plan 2025/2026

Foreword

This Operational Plan describes the actions we will undertake in the 2025 – 2026 financial year to contribute to the Delivery Program 2025/2026 – 2028/2029 and to our objectives in our 10-year business activity strategic plan, *Leading into 2035*.

During 2025 – 2026 we will continue our leadership development initiatives and foster opportunities for cross functional collaboration on our journey to building high performing teams at Riverina Water. To ensure our workforce capability we will be establishing and integrating essential capabilities and knowledge and to help foster a sense of belonging and purpose for our people, we will be looking at creating employment and work experience opportunities for individuals facing employment barriers.

One of our shared values is safety and we will be continuing to partner with our people to ensure they go home safe and well. During 2025 – 2026 we will be embedding our new BeSafe software for notifications of incidents and near misses, as well as developing and implementing a safety leadership program and continuing the rollout of the WELL program.

There will be a big focus on our cyber security and the development of our ICT strategies. We will be looking to implement focused preventative maintenance programs for our assets and, through the implementation of the new project management framework we will be looking to improve on the delivery of our capital works plan.

Our capital works budget for 2025 – 2026 is over \$18m and includes commencement of the construction of the solar pilot plant. Key projects include commencing construction of the new Store and Depot at The Rock; construction of a new access road and reservoir at Oura; finalising internal road works at the Hammond Avenue site in Wagga; continuing to invest heavily in digitising our telemetry network; awarding the first contracts to commence construction of the solar plant in Koorinal Avenue, Wagga; and upgrade works at the Humula Water Treatment Plant

We will continue to monitor any presence of PFAS in our water supply and we will be working with key agencies and stakeholders to ensure that any impact on the safety and reliability of our drinking water is managed and maintained.

We will be looking to build stronger relationships with our diverse communities through the rolling out of Year 1 actions in our Customer & Community Engagement Strategy. Initiatives include the implementation of our current Reconciliation Action Plan. We will also be developing an education program on water usage and the role of Riverina Water.

The Operational Plan will be resourced through an annual budget reflecting income and operational and capital expenditure planned for during 2025 – 2026. We rely on a number of factors when modelling our budget and continue to seek to provide quality drinking water at the lowest sustainable cost.

We look forward to 2025 – 2026 and will be providing six-monthly reports to the Board and our community on how we are tracking.



A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'A Crakanthorp', written in a cursive style.

Andrew Crakanthorp
Chief Executive Officer

About the Operational Plan

The Operational Plan 2025 – 2026 (OP) is management's action plan for Year 1 of the 2025/2026 – 2028/2029 Delivery Program (DP). An operational plan is prepared each year identifying projects, programs or activities to help Riverina Water to deliver on the strategies within the DP for that year.

The Operational Plan includes a detailed annual budget and has been informed among other things by internal and external audits, enterprise risk reviews, workforce planning, capital works and asset management planning, community feedback and management priorities.

Achieving the Operational Plan

Actions in the Operational Plan (OP) are allocated to Service areas or to the Executive (CEO/Directors) depending on the action. The Executive are allocated actions where the achievement of the action is tasked across the organisation or senior management has responsibility for implementation. More than one Service area may be tasked with an action and this will be shown against the relevant action.

As the OP is an annual plan, progress is generally measured in terms of outputs. If possible, measures will have targets.

Not every strategy in the DP is actioned every year in the Operational Plan. The OP will be marked with "No action this year" when a DP strategy does not have an action in that particular year.

If an action is not achieved in a given year, a decision may be made to roll that into the following year's Operational Plan and this will be reported to the Board and community in the Qtr 4 progress report.

Reporting and review

DPOP strategies and actions are entered into our planning and reporting software. Tasks relating to these actions are allocated to staff so that ongoing monitoring and reporting to management occurs on a quarterly basis.

As well as progress of the OP being monitored by management each quarter, a Quarterly Budget Review is made by management and provided to the Board. The six-monthly report to the Board on the Delivery Program includes the mid-year report of the Operational Plan.

This report highlights progress of an action. It will also highlight where actions are delayed or may not be delivered in the financial year as planned. In these instances, and depending on the reason for the delay, budget adjustments may need to be made, and actions rolled into the following year's Operational Plan. Rollover of actions not achieved will be considered in the development of the next Operational Plan.

Achievement and highlights from the Operational Plan are included in the Annual Report.





Our people

We have a high-performance culture where our people feel valued and safe



1.1 Build high performing teams

We take personal responsibility, understand what is needed to succeed and effectively work together to achieve outstanding results

DP 1.1.1 Foster cross-functional collaboration

| | 2025 - 2026 Action | Measure | Service area | Reporting Qtr |
|---------|--|---|--------------|----------------|
| 1.1.1.1 | Create approach and opportunities for cross functional collaboration | Opportunities are offered Target: 2p/a | Executive | Qtr 2 Qtr 4 |

DP 1.1.2 Strengthen leadership, culture and engagement

| | 2025 - 2026 Action | Measure | Service area | Reporting Qtr |
|---------|---|--|------------------|----------------|
| 1.1.2.1 | Launch leadership development initiatives | Riverina Water leaders have had exposure to the leadership development initiatives Target: 100% | People & Culture | Qtr 2 Qtr 4 |
| 1.1.2.2 | Implement staff survey action plans | Yr 1 identified actions are implemented Target: 30 June 2026 | People & Culture | Qtr 4 |

DP 1.1.3 Establish a structured succession and resourcing framework

| | 2025 - 2026 Action | Measure | Service area | Reporting Qtr |
|---------|---|--|-----------------------------|---------------|
| 1.1.3.1 | Develop approach to organisational knowledge management, including retention and transfer | Approach is developed and approved Target: 30 June 2026 | Knowledge & Capability Lead | Qtr 4 |



1.2 Ensure workforce capability

We attract diverse talent and develop a skilled workforce to meet our business and customer needs

DP 1.2.1 Strengthen staff capability, agility and innovation through leveraging IT data, strategic insights and expert collaboration

| | 2025 - 2026 Action | Measure | Service area | Reporting Qtr |
|---------|--|---|--------------|---------------|
| 1.2.1.1 | Leverage IT Service Desk data to identify IT skill gaps and training needs | Reduction in identified skill gaps Target: 20% reduction | ICT | Qtr 4 |

DP 1.2.2 Enhance and promote our Employee Value Proposition (EVP)

| | 2025 - 2026 Action | Measure | Service area | Reporting Qtr |
|---------|--|---|-------------------------------|---------------|
| 1.2.2.1 | Develop a clear Employee Value Proposition (EVP) | EVP developed EVP included in recruitment and onboarding | Executive People & Culture | Qtr 4 |

DP 1.2.3 Establish and integrate essential capabilities and knowledge

| | 2025 - 2026 Action | Measure | Service area | Reporting Qtr |
|---------|---|--|------------------|---------------|
| 1.2.3.1 | Deliver the annual staff training plan | Identified annual training plan delivered Target: 75% | People & Culture | Qtr 4 |
| 1.2.3.2 | Progress the OCR (job evaluation) project | Project is delivered as per plan | People & Culture | Qtr 4 |



1.3 Foster unity of belonging and purpose

We foster an inclusive workplace where every person at Riverina Water feels they are part of one team working together to achieve our goals

DP 1.3.1 Ensure inclusive and equitable policies, systems and workplaces

| | 2025 - 2026 Action | Measure | Service area | Reporting Qtr |
|---------|---|--|-------------------------------|---------------|
| 1.3.1.1 | Implement Year 1 actions from the Disability Inclusion Action Plan (DIAP) | 2025 - 2026 identified actions implemented Target: 100% | Executive People & Culture | Qtr 4 |
| 1.3.1.2 | Review and enhance staffing policies and operational standards | Relevant policies and standards reviewed and approved | People & Culture | Qtr 4 |

DP 1.3.2 Expand employment pathways to support diverse career progression

| | 2025 - 2026 Action | Measure | Service area | Reporting Qtr |
|---------|--|-----------------------------|------------------|---------------|
| 1.3.2.1 | Create employment and work experience opportunities for individuals facing employment barriers | One new opportunity created | People & Culture | Qtr 4 |



1.4 Partner with our people to ensure they go home safe and well

We consult, train and empower our people to undertake their work safely. Together we strive for an injury and illness free workplace

DP 1.4.1 Demonstrate due diligence and duty of care through a systems-based approach to protect our people from harm and to strengthen our WHS culture

| | 2025 - 2026 Action | Measure | Service area | Reporting Qtr |
|---------|--|--|--------------|---------------|
| 1.4.1.1 | Implement Year 1 of the Work Health & Safety Management System Improvement Program | WHS policy, framework and planning procedure embedded and functional Policies and procedures review project 50% completed Target: 30 June 2026 | WHS | Qtr 4 |

DP 1.4.2 Empower staff to take ownership of safety at Riverina Water

| | 2025 - 2026 Action | Measure | Service area | Reporting Qtr |
|---------|---|--|--------------|----------------|
| 1.4.2.1 | Embed the everyday use of <i>BeSafe</i> for notification and investigation of incidents and near misses | System reports Lessons learned and safety alerts Target: 2x lessons learned per department | WHS | Qtr 2 Qtr 4 |

DP 1.4.3 Achieve strong safety leadership by embedding safety as a core value in our workplace culture

| | 2025 - 2026 Action | Measure | Service area | Reporting Qtr |
|---------|---|---|--------------|----------------|
| 1.4.3.1 | Develop and implement a safety leadership program | Safety leadership program implemented Target: 30 June 2026 | Executive | Qtr 2 Qtr 4 |

DP 1.4.4 Prioritise employee wellbeing and support

| | 2025 - 2026 Action | Measure | Service area | Reporting Qtr |
|---------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------|----------------|
| 1.4.4.1 | Continue rollout of the WELL program | Wellbeing initiatives delivered Target: 6 | Executive | Qtr 2 Qtr 4 |



Our operations

We evidence effective asset management, informed decision making and continuous improvement



2.1 Develop and maintain robust information and management systems

We conduct our business using secure and agile systems that enable us to do our jobs well, inform our decision making and help us achieve our goals

DP 2.1.1 Enhance the integration and capabilities of our asset systems to empower asset owners with the tools and data needed for informed decision making

| | 2025 - 2026 Action | Measure | Service area | Reporting Qtr |
|---------|---|--|--------------|---------------|
| 2.1.1.1 | Migrate quality assured pipe break data to new platforms for asset renewal planning | Relevant historic pipe break data is integrated into asset system Target: 100% relevant data migrated | Assets | Qtr 4 |
| 2.1.1.2 | Develop and implement enhanced quality assurance processes for GIS data capture | Structured process documented and implemented Target: 30 June 2026 | Assets | Qtr 4 |

DP 2.1.2 Develop and commence implementation of Data Strategy, Digital Strategy and IoT Strategy

| | 2025 - 2026 Action | Measure | Service area | Reporting Qtr |
|---------|--------------------------|--|--------------|---------------|
| 2.1.2.1 | Develop Digital Strategy | Adoption of Digital Strategy Target: 30 June 2026 | ICT | Qtr 4 |

DP 2.1.3 Strengthen security by advancing Essential 8 maturity levels to enhance the protection of organisational systems

| | 2025 - 2026 Action | Measure | Service area | Reporting Qtr |
|---------|---|--|--------------|---------------|
| 2.1.3.1 | Establish a cybersecurity framework that aligns with the Essential 8 guidelines | Completion of assessment and creation of roadmap Target: 30 June 2026 | ICT | Qtr 4 |

DP 2.1.4 Strengthen ICT security culture through awareness, behaviour and continuous improvement

| | 2025 - 2026 Action | Measure | Service area | Reporting Qtr |
|---------|---|--|--------------|---------------|
| 2.1.4.1 | Roll out cyber awareness training campaign to all staff | All staff members complete the awareness training as required. Target: 100% | ICT | Qtr 4 |



2.2 Assure ongoing service delivery

We operate and maintain our assets to ensure ongoing water supply and water quality to our current and future customers in line with our regulatory requirements and agreed service levels

DP 2.2.1 Enhance maintenance and operations through proactive planning, data-driven decision making and asset management

| | 2025 - 2026 Action | Measure | Service area | Reporting Qtr |
|---------|--|--|-------------------------------|---------------|
| 2.2.1.1 | Develop a proactive maintenance schedule for critical assets leveraging staff knowledge based on system risk assessments | Preventative maintenance programs implemented for high-risk critical assets Target: 50% | Operations Works Assets | Qtr 4 |

DP 2.2.2 Enhance effectiveness and efficiency in the delivery of services

| | 2025 - 2026 Action | Measure | Service area | Reporting Qtr |
|---------|---------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|---------------|
| 2.2.2.1 | Establish approach to service reviews | Service review approach developed and approved Target: 31 March 2026 | Governance & Corporate Planning | Qtr 4 |

DP 2.2.3 Enhance water quality management by strengthening practices, culture and regulatory compliance

| | 2025 - 2026 Action | Measure | Service area | Reporting Qtr |
|---------|---|--|--------------|---------------|
| 2.2.3.1 | Establish a water quality improvement working group and implement Year 1 priority actions | Yr 1 water quality improvement program actions implemented Target: 30 June 2026 | Operations | Qtr 4 |
| 2.2.3.2 | Update drinking water management plan | Brief developed and consultant engaged to undertake the work | Operations | Qtr 4 |

DP 2.2.4 Efficiently deliver the capital works program by optimising budgets and resources to ensure assets support current and future service needs

| | 2025 - 2026 Action | Measure | Service area | Reporting Qtr |
|---------|--|--|--------------|----------------|
| 2.2.4.1 | Prioritise the capital works program using the enterprise risk framework | Projects in the immediate capital plan are assessed and ranked based on risk criteria and supported by a project charter Target: 100% of projects | Projects | Qtr 2 Qtr 4 |

DP 2.2.5 Enable sustainable growth by proactively managing development applications and advancing infrastructure planning to ensure a reliable and resilient water supply for our community

| | 2025 - 2026 Action | Measure | Service area | Reporting Qtr |
|---------|--|---|--------------|---------------|
| 2.2.5.1 | Review and refine development application processes to establish clear service levels and criteria for inclusion in capital planning | Service levels and processes are documented | Assets | Qtr 4 |

DP 2.2.6 Align ICT service delivery with Information Technology Information Library (ITIL) Principles

| | 2025 - 2026 Action | Measure | Service area | Reporting Qtr |
|---------|---|--------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| 2.2.6.1 | Review and align relevant ICT procedures with ITIL practices and principles | Roadmap to alignment developed | ICT | Qtr 4 |

DP 2.2.7 Apply a structured business analysis framework to enhance efficiency, optimise service delivery and drive business transformation

| | 2025 - 2026 Action | Measure | Service area | Reporting Qtr |
|--|---------------------|---------|--------------|---------------|
| | No action this year | | | N/A |



2.3 Proactively manage risks and opportunities

We encourage a positive risk culture to manage risks and to pursue innovation and continuous improvement across Riverina Water

DP 2.3.1 Complete system-based risk assessment (summer readiness) with implemented controls and proposed actions, addressing gaps outside of risk appetite

| | 2025 - 2026 Action | Measure | Service area | Reporting Qtr |
|---------|--|---|--------------|----------------|
| 2.3.1.1 | Commence a system-based risk assessment (summer readiness) identifying controls, gaps and proposed actions | System based risk assessment is completed for two systems | Engineering | Qtr 2 Qtr 4 |

DP 2.3.2 Enhance risk identification, assessment and treatment capability across Riverina Water

| | 2025 - 2026 Action | Measure | Service area | Reporting Qtr |
|---------|--|--|------------------|---------------|
| 2.3.2.1 | Implement Year 1 actions from forward plan to increase strategic risk management | Completion of scheduled team risk workshops Target: 12 Risk Steering Committee established and functioning as per developed Terms of Reference | Risk & Insurance | Qtr 4 |
| 2.3.2.2 | Commence process for the implementation of risk management software | Consultant engaged to undertake work Target: 31 March 2026 | Risk & Insurance | Qtr 4 |

DP 2.3.3 Evaluate and establish the feasibility and benefits for digital metering technologies to determine the strategic position on their potential rollout and alignment with operational goals

| | 2025 - 2026 Action | Measure | Service area | Reporting Qtr |
|---------|---|---------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| 2.3.1.1 | Commence organisational business case development by undertaking smart metering trial | Digital meter trial progressing | Assets | Qtr 4 |

DP 2.3.4 Proactively monitor and manage PFAS water supply risks to meet regulatory requirements and ensure reliability and safety of water supply

| | 2025 - 2026 Action | Measure | Service area | Reporting Qtr |
|---------|--|--|--------------|----------------|
| 2.3.4.1 | Work with key agencies to implement actions to mitigate PFAS risks | Any identified risks are mitigated as per appropriate treatment plan | Executive | Qtr 2 Qtr 4 |

DP 2.3.5 Ensure Riverina Water is adequately insured in line with business operation requirements

| | 2025 - 2026 Action | Measure | Service area | Reporting Qtr |
|---------|-----------------------------------|---|------------------|---------------|
| 2.3.5.1 | Complete annual insurance renewal | Annual insurance renewals completed in line with risks to Riverina Water at a reasonable cost | Risk & Insurance | Qtr 4 |



2.4 Provide responsible leadership and governance

We show effective leadership to our people and community, ensuring that our activities and operations are conducted in accordance with our values and good governance principles

DP 2.4.1 Foster a culture that encourage accountability, professionalism and the best outcomes for Riverina Water

| | 2025 - 2026 Action | Measure | Service area | Reporting Qtr |
|---------|--|--|---------------------------------|---------------|
| 2.4.1.1 | Identify and address potential non-compliance issues across all levels of the organisation | Compliance reports completed as required Target: 0 non-compliance | Governance & Corporate Planning | Qtr 4 |

DP 2.4.2 Ensure policies, guidelines and procedures are current, suit organisational requirements and are effectively implemented

| | 2025 - 2026 Action | Measure | Service area | Reporting Qtr |
|---------|---|--|---------------------------------|---------------|
| 2.4.2.1 | Establish a clear and efficient process for approving, publishing, reviewing and communicating IT policies, guidelines and procedures | Process reviewed and required modifications made Target: 30 June 2026 | ICT | Qtr 4 |
| 2.4.2.2 | Review policy framework and support procedures to ensure these remain fit for purpose | Framework reviewed and required modifications made | Governance & Corporate Planning | Qtr 4 |

DP 2.4.3 Create and implement a governance structure to align IT initiatives with organisation goals

| | 2025 - 2026 Action | Measure | Service area | Reporting Qtr |
|---------|-------------------------------------|---|--------------|---------------|
| 2.4.3.1 | Establish an ICT Steering Committee | Committee is established with a clear and agreed charter Target: 31 March 2026 | ICT | Qtr 4 |

DP 2.4.4 Collaborate with key stakeholders to support supply area growth and management of current and emerging issues

| | 2025 - 2026 Action | Measure | Service area | Reporting Qtr |
|---------|---|--|--------------|----------------|
| 2.4.4.1 | Conduct regular meetings with our constituent councils on Riverina Water service delivery matters | Monthly and quarterly meetings held with Wagga Wagga City Council Meetings held with three rural councils as needed | Executive | Qtr 2 Qtr 4 |



Our sustainability

We are environmentally responsible, financially secure and plan for the future



3.1 Responsibly manage our impact on the natural environment

We operate with an understanding of our natural resource responsibilities and minimise our impact on the environment

DP 3.1.1 Implement sustainable practices to support our long term transition to net zero

| | 2025 - 2026 Action | Measure | Service area | Reporting Qtr |
|---------|---|---|--------------|---------------|
| 3.1.1.1 | Commence construction of the Solar Pilot Plant | Stage 1 started – HV microgrid started | Engineering | Qtr 2 |
| 3.3.1.2 | Review and realign net zero initiatives to strategic objectives | Determination on way forward for Riverina Water to achieve net zero | Executive | Qtr 4 |

DP 3.1.2 Protect and restore sites to prevent environmental degradation, ensuring sustainable land and water management

| | 2025 - 2026 Action | Measure | Service area | Reporting Qtr |
|---------|---|--|--------------|---------------|
| 3.1.2.1 | Continue protection and restoration projects in capital works program | Completion of projects as per project plan | Projects | Qtr 4 |



3.2 Strategically manage our assets and finances

We plan our finances and enhance and integrate our asset management to remain sustainable

DP 3.2.1 Inform business decisions by strong financial data and governance

| | 2025 - 2026 Action | Measure | Service area | Reporting Qtr |
|---------|--|---|--------------------|---------------|
| 3.2.1.1 | Increase information and controls around budget management | Variance between projected and actual financial outcomes at year end Target: <30% | Finance & Sourcing | Qtr 4 |
| 3.2.1.2 | Embed and streamline finance service delivery and business processes | Business processes are reviewed and improvements implemented Target: 2 x processes | Finance & Sourcing | Qtr 4 |

| DP 3.2.2 Ensure robust financial planning that enables Riverina Water to achieve its stated objectives in the medium to long term | | | | |
|--|--|--|---------------------|----------------------|
| | 2025 - 2026 Action | Measure | Service area | Reporting Qtr |
| 3.2.2.1 | Implement a financing strategy which clearly informs decision making for funding of major capital works with consideration to current and future users (intergenerational equity), risk and operational requirements | Financing strategy is endorsed Target: 30 June 2026 | Finance & Sourcing | Qtr 4 |
| 3.2.2.2 | Develop long term financial plan scenarios to model financial projections on a range of future service levels to improve decision making for the future | Long term financial plan scenarios are endorsed following public exhibition Target: 30 June 2026 | Finance & Sourcing | Qtr 4 |
| 3.2.2.3 | Review and update developer service charges to reflect infrastructure requirements for 30 yr growth model | Revised Developer Service Plan is adopted Target: 30 June 2026 | Assets | Qtr 4 |
| DP 3.2.3 Strategically manage financial assets | | | | |
| | 2025 - 2026 Action | Measure | Service area | Reporting Qtr |
| 3.2.3.1 | Make investment decisions in line with policy objectives as opportunities arise | Monthly investment reports are presented to the Board in accordance with legislative requirements Target: 6 x Board reports | Finance & Sourcing | Qtr 4 |
| 3.2.3.2 | Ensure investment policy risk and return objectives are appropriate to meet organisational requirements | Endorsement of Investment Policy by Board Target: 30 June 2026 | Finance & Sourcing | Qtr 4 |
| DP 3.2.4 Optimise our infrastructure through improved asset life cycle management | | | | |
| | 2025 - 2026 Action | Measure | Service area | Reporting Qtr |
| 3.2.4.1 | Develop road map to improve asset management practices based on established target asset management maturity level | Asset management improvement plan developed Target: 30 June 2026 | Assets | Qtr 4 |
| 3.2.4.2 | Conduct an assessment of current ICT assets to identify areas where consolidation can be achieved | Assessment is completed Target: 31 March 2026 | ICT | Qtr 4 |



3.3 Successfully deliver integrated strategies and plans

We do not plan in isolation. Our strategies and plans are informed, considered and well-executed

DP 3.3.1 Develop and adopt water supply infrastructure master plans with a clear roadmap for delivery, considering resources, priorities and constraints, including Western, Southern and Northern trunk strategies

| | 2025 - 2026 Action | Measure | Service area | Reporting Qtr |
|---------|--|--|--------------|---------------|
| 3.3.1.1 | Develop an approach to master planning that will provide a detailed roadmap for delivering infrastructure based on resources, priorities and constraints | Approach to master planning is adopted by Manex Target: 31 Dec 2025 | Engineering | Qtr 2 |

DP 3.3.2 Provide clear direction and accountability through integrated planning and reporting

| | 2025 - 2026 Action | Measure | Service area | Reporting Qtr |
|---------|--|---|---------------------------------|---------------|
| 3.3.2.1 | Continue development of organisational performance reporting | Performance dashboards developed and reviewed by management | Governance & Corporate Planning | Qtr 4 |
| 3.3.2.2 | Commence implementation of outcomes of Regulatory Assurance review | Identified actions for Yr 1 are delivered Target: 30 June 2026 | Executive | Qtr 4 |

DP 3.3.3 Establish a standardised project management framework

| | 2025 - 2026 Action | Measure | Service area | Reporting Qtr |
|---------|---|---|--------------|---------------|
| 3.3.3.1 | Commence rollout of Procore in line with adopted project plan | Procore project management module implemented as per project plan | Engineering | Qtr 4 |
| 3.3.3.2 | Establish and implement a standardised project management framework for ICT | Project management framework for ICT is implemented | ICT | Qtr 4 |



3.4 Plan for and respond to changes in the internal and external context

We are a resilient organisation that anticipates change and can positively respond to internal and external challenges

DP 3.4.1 Proactively manage water entitlements to meet current and future demand and to support growth

| | 2025 - 2026 Action | Measure | Service area | Reporting Qtr |
|---------|------------------------------------|--|--------------|---------------|
| 3.4.1.1 | Develop water entitlement strategy | Water entitlement strategy adopted Target: 30 June 2026 | Executive | Qtr 4 |

DP 3.4.2 Achieve organisational resilience through adequate incident management response planning

| | 2025 - 2026 Action | Measure | Service area | Reporting Qtr |
|---------|--|---|------------------|---------------|
| 3.4.2.1 | Develop a fit-for-purpose incident management response framework including the development and review of allocated sub-plans | Reviewed Business Continuity Plan endorsed Emergency management framework endorsed | Risk & Insurance | Qtr 4 |

DP 3.4.3 Embed centre-led procurement practices that are aligned with LGNSW determined principles for sustainable procurement

| | 2025 - 2026 Action | Measure | Service area | Reporting Qtr |
|---------|---|--|--------------------|----------------|
| 3.4.3.1 | Develop a fit-for-purpose sustainable procurement roadmap and commence first year actions | Yr 1 actions implemented Target: 30 June 2026 | Finance & Sourcing | Qtr 2 Qtr 4 |

DP 3.4.4 Ensure drought preparedness to help mitigate the impacts of drought

| | 2025 - 2026 Action | Measure | Service area | Reporting Qtr |
|---------|----------------------------------|--|--------------|---------------|
| 3.4.3.1 | Finalise drought management plan | Drought management plan is endorsed Target: 31 Dec 2025 | Operations | Qtr 2 |



Our community

We provide exceptional customer service and demonstrate social responsibility to our community



4.1 Build stronger relationships with our diverse communities

We engage openly, listen actively and collaborate meaningfully with our diverse community to foster trust, mutual understanding and long-lasting connections

DP 4.1.1 Respectfully engage with our First Nations community and their heritage

| | 2025 - 2026 Action | Measure | Service area | Reporting Qtr |
|---------|---|---|----------------------|---------------|
| 4.1.1.1 | Implement current Reconciliation Action Plan | All action items in the Reflect RAP 2024/2025 are completed Target: 31 Dec 2025 | Customer & Community | Qtr 2 |
| 4.1.1.2 | Commence development of the next Reconciliation Action Plan, meaningfully engaging First Nations people to ensure innovative opportunities for reconciliation | Draft RAP is developed in line with Reconciliation Australia requirements Target: 30 June 2026 | Customer & Community | Qtr 4 |

DP 4.1.2 Increase the awareness, understanding and perceived value of the role Riverina Water plays in the community

| | 2025 - 2026 Action | Measure | Service area | Reporting Qtr |
|---------|---|---|----------------------|---------------|
| 4.1.2.1 | Invest in brand awareness initiatives, marketing, and information sharing | Annual marketing campaign developed and implemented Target: 30 June 2026 | Customer & Community | Qtr 4 |

DP 4.1.3 Build and maintain strong relationships across stakeholders to improve the flow of information and ensure decisions are inclusive and well-informed

| | 2025 - 2026 Action | Measure | Service area | Reporting Qtr |
|---------|--|--|----------------------|---------------|
| 4.1.3.1 | Offer community consultation via the stakeholder engagement matrix | All identified opportunities for public participation are offered to relevant stakeholders | Customer & Community | Qtr 4 |



4.2 Understand and respond to our customer needs and expectations

We actively seek feedback, anticipate customer needs and deliver responsive services that enhance satisfaction and build trust

DP 4.2.1 Enhance customer experience through digital and technology uplift

| | 2025 - 2026 Action | Measure | Service area | Reporting Qtr |
|---------|---|---|----------------------|---------------|
| 4.2.1.1 | Complete rollout of customer service portal | New users registered for customer portal Target: 5,000 new users | Customer & Community | Qtr 2 |
| 4.2.1.2 | Review information architecture of website | Content and structure action plan developed, and implementation commenced Target: 30 June 2026 | Customer & Community | Qtr 4 |

DP 4.2.2 Develop an enhanced understanding of customers and their expectations through data, insights and analytics to help inform our service offerings

| | 2025 - 2026 Action | Measure | Service area | Reporting Qtr |
|---------|--|--|----------------------|---------------|
| 4.2.2.1 | Complete annual customer survey | Customer survey participation Target: 1,000 community members | Customer & Community | Qtr 4 |
| 4.2.2.2 | Develop levels of service (LoS) document | LoS document approved Target: 30 June 2026 | Customer & Community | Qtr 4 |

DP 4.2.3 Support the financial wellbeing of our customers

| | 2025 - 2026 Action | Measure | Service area | Reporting Qtr |
|---------|---|--|----------------------|---------------|
| 4.2.3.1 | Undertake review of our current debt management and hardship policy and processes | Relevant policies are adopted by Board | Customer & Community | Qtr 4 |



4.3 Actively support and contribute to our community

We champion initiatives that enrich our community and demonstrate our commitment to making a positive impact

DP 4.3.1 Invest in our community and support the enhancement of the social, cultural and environmental life of our community

| | 2025 - 2026 Action | Measure | Service area | Reporting Qtr |
|---------|---|---|----------------------|---------------|
| 4.3.1.1 | Provide funding opportunities that support community projects and initiatives | Available funding is fully expended | Customer & Community | Qtr 4 |
| 4.3.1.2 | Seek opportunities to be involved in initiatives that contribute to our industry that potentially extend broader than our local community | Membership of Water Aid and participation in other initiatives or offerings Target: >1 | Executive | Qtr 4 |



4.4 Improve water literacy in our community

We help our customers and community to understand where their water comes from and manage their water usage

DP 4.4.1 Promote responsible water use by delivering clear education, practical resources and consistent messaging that supports lasting behaviour change

| | 2025 - 2026 Action | Measure | Service area | Reporting Qtr |
|---------|--|---|----------------------|---------------|
| 4.4.1.1 | Review approach to demand management in line with the NSW water efficiency framework | Customer initiatives to support demand management are developed, scoped and endorsed by the Board | Customer & Community | Qtr 4 |

DP 4.4.2 Provide accessible and relevant educational information and opportunities to our customers and the community

| | 2025 - 2026 Action | Measure | Service area | Reporting Qtr |
|---------|--|---|----------------------|---------------|
| 4.4.2.1 | Implement education program and offering | Schools utilise education material or participate in education opportunity Target: 5 x schools | Customer & Community | Qtr 4 |

Our service level promises

We will have a focus on the review of our services and agreed service levels over this delivery program.

Reticulated water supply is to be available to all urban areas and villages with the Riverina Water Service area up to elevations that the reservoir systems can serve. It will be available to land within rural areas where supply lines exist or can be laid at a practical and economically recoverable cost.

The service connection and meter will be installed according to adopted procedures and will generally be located adjacent to or within the road reserve containing the water main. Urban domestic customers will normally be served with one meter per assessment.

Pressure and flow

Riverina Water will provide pressure between 12 and 120 metres head at the water meter when service has no flow.

Riverina Water will provide water to each connection at an available flow rate not less than

Diameter of service pipe (mm)

| | | | | |
|----|----|----|----|----|
| 20 | 25 | 32 | 40 | 50 |
|----|----|----|----|----|

Minimum flow rate (litres per minute)

| | | | | |
|----|----|----|----|-----|
| 20 | 35 | 60 | 90 | 160 |
|----|----|----|----|-----|

Trickle feed option is on an economic basis case by case.

The minimum flow rate available for rural properties may be less where elevations or operational factors limit the supply. In some situations the flow may be restricted to 11kl/day. In such situations, or where part of the land being serviced has elevations higher than the head available, approval may be granted for a private balance tank and pressure system to be installed at the owner's cost.

Direct pumping from Riverina Water mains is not permitted.

Consumption restrictions

Water restrictions may be applied to encourage wise water use, to reduce excessive demand, or to conserve water resources in times of drought.

Restrictions may also be applied at the request of state or commonwealth government or to comply with an adopted Water Sharing plan.

Stage 1 water restrictions in the Riverina Water Service area are implemented automatically during the NSW daylight saving period unless otherwise specified by the CEO. Stage 1 restrictions may be extended beyond the NSW daylight savings period at the discretion of the CEO if the daily rolling weekly water usage is more than 70 megalitres per day. The Water Restrictions Policy 2.06 outlines Riverina Water triggers for further restrictions and is available on our website.

Interruptions to supply

Planned – domestic customers will receive 24 hours written notice and industrial customers will receive 7 days' written notice.

Unplanned – not to occur more than 2 times per year if lasting up to 12 hours. Not to occur more than 5 times per year lasting up to 5 hours.

Water for firefighting purposes

Riverina Water will provide fire flows in reticulation systems in accordance with NSW Water Directorate Fire Flow guidelines.

A positive residual head should be maintained while supplying fire flow plus 75% of the design peak instantaneous demand.

Internal systems designed for fire-fighting purposes must recognise that direct pumping from Riverina Water mains is not permitted.

Potable water supply

Where it can be achieved, water quality should meet the 2011 Australian Drinking Water Guidelines published jointly by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) and the National Resource Management Ministerial Council. Some aesthetic or taste parameters may not be achieved at times in some village and rural areas.

Response time

Response time is defined as time to have staff on site to commence rectification of a problem after notification by the public or Riverina Water staff. Riverina Water aims to meet the following response times depending on priority.

Priority 1 – defined as failure to maintain continuity or quality of supply to a large number of customers or to a critical user at a critical time.

1 hour (during working hours)

2 hours (after working hours)

Priority 2 – defined as failure to maintain continuity or quality of supply to a small number of customers or to a critical user at a non-critical time.

3 hours (during working hours)

4 hours (after working hours)

Priority 3 – defined as failure to maintain continuity or quality of supply to a single customer.

One working day

Priority 4 – defined as a minor problem or complaint which can be dealt with at a time convenient to the customer and Riverina Water.

Within 2 weeks

The levels of service (LOS) listed above largely shape the objectives and requirements for operation, maintenance and provision of capital works within Riverina Water's water supply schemes. Achievement of target levels of service is the primary objective of the system.

Management of drinking water quality

Riverina Water's management system for drinking water quality includes NSW Health Drinking Water Monitoring Program Supplies, NSW Code of Practice for Fluoridation of Public Water Supplies and the NSW Best Practice Management of Water Supply and Sewerage Framework and Best Practice Management of Water Supply and Sewerage Guidelines.

The Australian Drinking Water Guidelines (ADWG 2011) provides a structure risk-based approach to drinking water management and satisfied the requirement for a quality assurance program in the Public Health Act 2010. The ADWG is structured into four general areas comprising:

1. Commitment to drinking water quality management
 - a. Commitment to management
2. System analysis and management
 - a. Assessment of the water supply system
 - b. Preventative measures for drinking water
 - c. Operational procedures and process control
 - d. Verification
 - e. Management of incidents and emergencies
3. Supporting requirements
 - a. Training and awareness
 - b. Community involvement
 - c. Research and development
 - d. Documentation and reporting

4. Review, evaluation and auditing
 - a. Evaluating and audit
 - b. Continual improvement

Catastrophe

Any situation of this nature would prompt immediate actions involving senior personnel and emergency services with the aim of containing and resolving the situation as quickly as possible. Consideration would be made at the declaration of a business continuity event.

Customer complaints and enquiries of a general nature

Respond to 95% of written complaints or inquiries within 10 working days.

Respond to 95% of personal complaints or inquiries within 1 working day.

Special customers

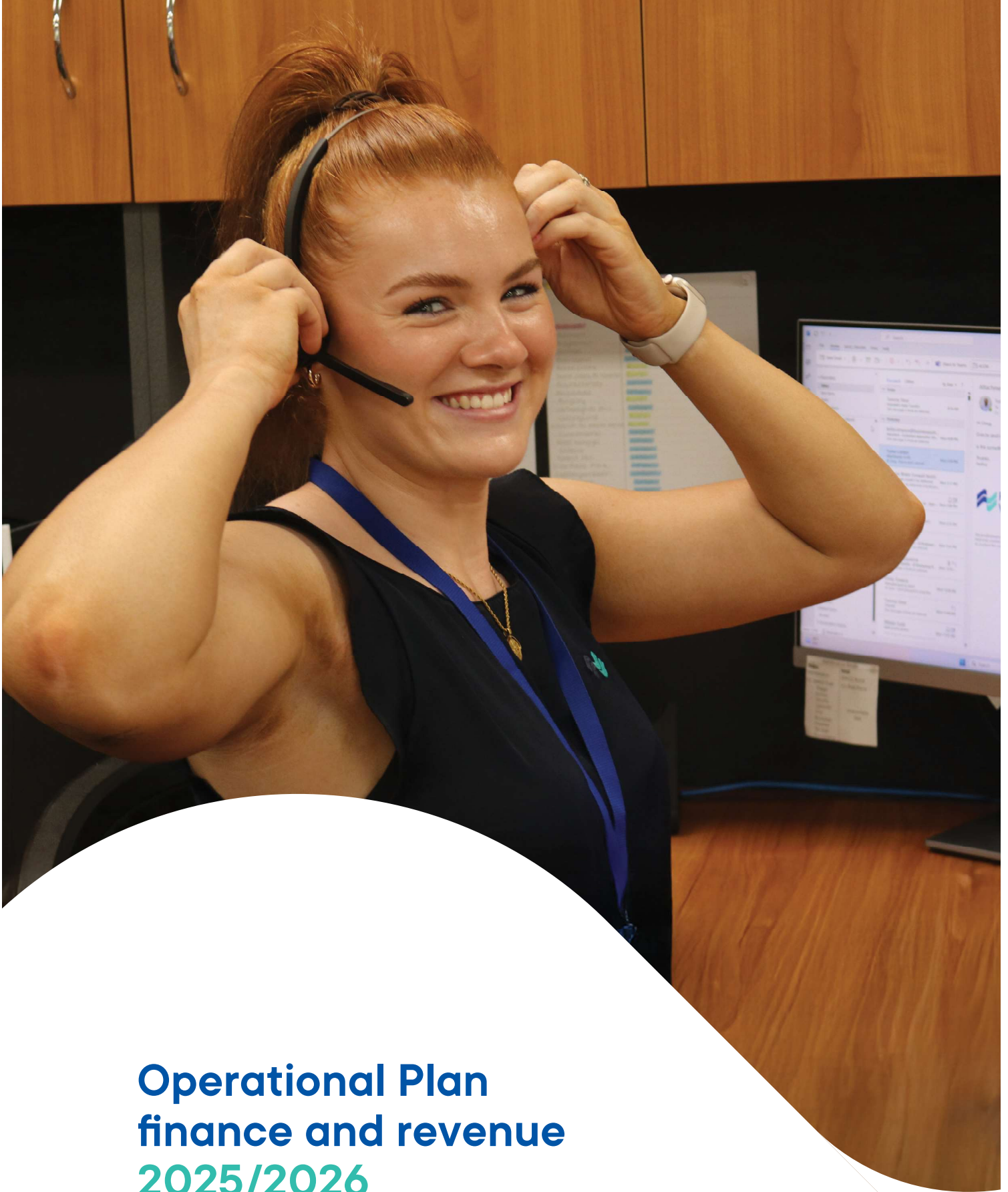
Certain customers may have special needs by virtue of specific health, commercial or industrial circumstances. Specific levels of service and associated charges may be negotiated with these customers.

Customer relations

The most significant contributions to good customer relations are quality of service, good communication and responsive action.

Our customers consist of water users (most of the population and businesses), landowners, land developers, plumbers and builders.

All staff are expected to deal with customers in a friendly and helpful manner. Staff who regularly have customer contact will receive appropriate training for their role.



Operational Plan
finance and revenue
2025/2026

Budgeted financial statements

| | Last year 2024/2025 \$ | Current year 2025/2026 \$ |
|---|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Income statement | | |
| Income from continuing operations | | |
| Revenue | | |
| Rates & annual charges | 5,960,773 | 6,584,587 |
| User charges & fees | 26,279,896 | 27,603,891 |
| Interest & investment revenue | 1,960,000 | 1,571,000 |
| Other revenues | 532,269 | 491,881 |
| Grants & contributions provided for operating purposes | 34,900 | 25,000 |
| Grants & contributions provided for capital purposes | 2,000,000 | 3,039,138 |
| Total income from continuing operations | 36,767,838 | 39,315,497 |
| Expenses from continuing operations | | |
| Employee benefits & on-costs | 11,031,911 | 13,324,607 |
| Borrowing costs | 98,589 | 363,983 |
| Materials & contracts | 15,061,686 | 12,584,669 |
| Depreciation & amortisation | 9,470,000 | 9,092,500 |
| Other expenses | 266,000 | 266,000 |
| Total expenses from continuing operations | 35,928,186 | 35,631,759 |
| Operating result from continuing operations | 839,652 | 3,683,739 |
| Net operating result for the year | 839,652 | 3,683,739 |
| Net operating result before grants and contributions provided for capital purposes | (1,160,348) | 644,601 |

Budgeted financial statements

| Balance sheet | Current year 2025/2026 \$ |
|--|---------------------------------|
| Assets | |
| Current assets | |
| Cash & cash equivalents | 23,835,991 |
| Receivables | 5,550,639 |
| Inventories | 4,017,111 |
| Total current assets | 33,403,741 |
| Non-current assets | |
| Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment includes intangibles (water licences) | 408,470,593 |
| Total non-current assets | 408,470,593 |
| Total assets | 441,874,334 |
| Liabilities | |
| Current liabilities | |
| Payables | 4,114,303 |
| Borrowings | 154,943 |
| Provisions | 4,279,000 |
| Total current liabilities | 8,548,245 |
| Non-current liabilities | |
| Borrowings | 5,462,698 |
| Total non-current liabilities | 5,462,698 |
| Total liabilities | 14,010,943 |
| Net assets | 427,863,391 |
| Equity | |
| Retained earnings | 168,906,391 |
| Revaluation reserves | 258,957,000 |
| Council equity interest | 427,863,391 |
| Total equity | 427,863,391 |

Capital works plan

| Description | Current year 2025/2024 \$ |
|--|---------------------------------|
| Management | |
| Land and buildings for admin, depots and workshops | 4,990,324 |
| Plant and equipment (incl. solar installation) | 6,672,500 |
| Intangibles | - |
| Minor capital works budget | 150,000 |
| Total management | 11,812,824 |
| Sources | 110,000 |
| Total sources | 110,000 |
| Treatment plants | 361,800 |
| Total treatment plants | 361,800 |
| Pumping stations | 225,000 |
| Total pumping stations | 225,000 |
| Reservoirs | 1,425,000 |
| Total reservoirs | 1,425,000 |
| Mains, services and meters | |
| Mains | 2,615,000 |
| Sub-total mains | 2,615,000 |
| Services | 880,000 |
| Sub-total services | 880,000 |
| Meters | 660,000 |
| Sub-total meters | 660,000 |
| Total mains, services and meters | 4,155,000 |
| Totals | 18,089,624 |

Recommended development servicing charges

Urban (residential) development servicing charge

| Urban - including township and village - single residential lots | Tax | 2024/2025 | | | 2025/2026 | | |
|--|-----|---|------------|---------|---|------------|---------|
| | | Cost per lot (based on lot size) | | | Cost per lot (based on lot size) | | |
| | | <450m² | 450-2000m² | >2000m² | <450m² | 450-2000m² | >2000m² |
| Lots where developers have prepaid the fees appropriate at time of development | | Nil - (note only applies for a single residence on the lot) | | | Nil - (note only applies for a single residence on the lot) | | |
| Lots (not prepaid) existing prior to 01/01/1994 and 2nd or subsequent services (only where availability fees are being paid) | N | 1st Service - Nil - (note only applies for a single residence on the lot) 2nd and subsequent service based on \$4,348 per E.T. | | | 1st Service - Nil - (note only applies for a single residence on the lot) 2nd and subsequent service based on \$4,348 per E.T. | | |
| Lots (not prepaid) created since 01/01/1994 | N | \$4,874 | \$4,874 | \$5,850 | \$4,992 | \$4,992 | \$5,992 |
| Urban - including township & village - multiple residential units | | Price for multiple units | | | Price for multiple units | | |
| Lots where developers have prepaid the fees | | Nil - provided correct charges have been prepaid | | | Nil - provided correct charges have been prepaid | | |
| Lots (not prepaid) existing prior to 01/01/1994 | N | Fee applicable for newly created lots less \$4,874 | | | Fee applicable for newly created lots less \$4,992 | | |
| Lots (not prepaid) created since 01/01/1994 | | | | | | | |
| Multi-residential lots (medium density 1-2 storey) | | Developer charge per dwelling | | | Developer charge per dwelling | | |
| Dual occupancy - 1 Bedroom | | | | | | | |
| Dual occupancy - 2 Bedrooms | N | \$4,874 if lot size > 450m2 per dwelling | | | \$4,992 if lot size > 450m2 per dwelling | | |
| Dual occupancy - 3 or more Bedrooms | | | | | | | |
| Duplex - 1 Bedroom | | | | | | | |
| Duplex - 2 Bedrooms | | Units priced, as below, if lot size <450m² per dwelling | | | Units priced, as below, if lot size <450m² per dwelling | | |
| Duplex - 3 or more Bedrooms | | | | | | | |
| Units - 1 Bedroom | N | \$1,950 | | | \$1,997 | | |
| Units - 2 Bedrooms | N | \$2,924 | | | \$2,995 | | |
| Units - 3 or more Bedrooms | N | \$3,899 | | | \$3,993 | | |

| Multi-residential lots (high density >2 storey) | | Developer charge per dwelling | |
|--|---|--|--|
| Multi storey apartments - 1 Bedroom | N | \$1,608 | \$1,647 |
| Multi storey apartments - 2 Bedrooms | N | \$2,437 | \$2,496 |
| Multi storey apartments - 3 or more Bedrooms | N | \$3,266 | \$3,345 |
| NOTE: The minimum Developer Servicing Charge per Lot is \$4,992 | | | |
| Urban - additional costs (to be read in conjunction with the DSP) | | | |
| Lots which require significant supply mains in advance of sequential development | N | An amount calculated to recoup the cost of the supply main | An amount calculated to recoup the cost of the supply main |

Rural development servicing charge

| Rural location | Tax | 2024/2025 Price per service connection \$ | | | | | 2025/2026 Price per service connection \$ | | | | |
|--------------------|-----|--|-------|-------|--------|--------|--|-------|-------|--------|--------|
| | | 20mm | 25mm | *32mm | *40mm | *50mm | 20mm | 25mm | *32mm | *40mm | *50mm |
| Rural pipelines ** | N | 5,850 | 5,850 | 9,583 | 14,976 | 23,399 | 5,992 | 5,992 | 9,815 | 15,338 | 23,965 |

Additional costs

* The availability of a service connection greater than 25mm diameter is dependent on the capacity to supply within the reticulation network and must have Engineering Approval

** If a tapping direct to Goldenfields Water County Council large diameter main is required, the customer must arrange this with GWCC. They will be a GWCC customer

Commercial or industrial development servicing charges

| Service size | Tax | 2024/2025 \$ | | | | | 2025/2026 \$ | | | | |
|----------------|-----|-----------------|--------|--------------------|--------|--------|-----------------|--------|--------------------|--------|--------|
| | | <80 mm | 80 mm | 100mm (min 4 E.T.) | 150 mm | 200 mm | <80 mm | 80 mm | 100mm (min 4 E.T.) | 150 mm | 200 mm |
| Minimum charge | N | 4,874 | 12,481 | 19,496 | 43,872 | 77,997 | 4,992 | 12,783 | 19,968 | 44,934 | 79,885 |

Recommended service connection fees

Urban service connection

| Urban - including township and village - single residential/commercial/industrial developments | Tax | 2024/2025 | | | | | 2025/2026 | | | | |
|--|-----|---|------|-------|-------|-------|---|------|-------|-------|-------|
| | | Price per service connection for single unit \$ | | | | | Price per service connection for single unit \$ | | | | |
| | | 20mm | 25mm | *32mm | *40mm | *50mm | 20mm | 25mm | *32mm | *40mm | *50mm |
| Lots where developers have prepaid the fees appropriate at time of Development | N | NIL | 604 | 1,203 | 2,005 | 2,674 | NIL | 664 | 1,323 | 2,206 | 2,941 |

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| All other lots including 2nd or subsequent services | N | 1,523 | 2,127 | 2,726 | 3,528 | 4,197 | 1,675 | 2,340 | 2,999 | 3,881 | 4,617 |
|---|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|

* The availability of a service connection greater than 25mm is dependent on capacity to supply with the reticulation network and must have Engineering Approval.

| Urban - including township and village - multiple residential units | Tax | Price for multiple units \$ | | | | | | Price for multiple units \$ | | | | | |
|---|-----|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------------|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------------|
| | | 1 unit | 2 units | 3 units | 4 units | 5 units | Extra units | 1 unit | 2 units | 3 units | 4 units | 5 units | Extra units |
| Lots where developers have prepaid the fees | | No additional Service Connection Charge provided correct fees as per the following line have been paid | | | | | | No additional Service Connection Charge provided correct fees as per the following line have been paid | | | | | |

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|
| All other lots including 2nd or subsequent services | N | 1,523 | 1,827 | 2,131 | 2,435 | 2,739 | 304 | 1,675 | 2,009 | 2,344 | 2,678 | 3,013 | 334 |
|---|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|

These prices apply to multi-unit residential developments provided for by water connection(s) at any one time, and include the cost of bulk and individual meters. In the case of individual metering of strata units, the owner is responsible for internal plumbing required.

Urban - additional costs

| | | | |
|--|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| a) Where Baylis Street pavers need to be disturbed | N | As per WWCC charges | As per WWCC charges |
|--|---|---------------------|---------------------|

| | | | |
|---|---|--|--|
| b) Where the service requires a rail crossing and approval from the Railway Authorities | N | The fees and charges that rail authority imposes | The fees and charges that rail authority imposes |
| c) Where the service connection generates other similar extraordinary costs | N | A fee assessed on a similar basis | A fee assessed on a similar basis |
| Road underboring | N | \$142.00 per metre | \$156 per metre |

Rural service connection

| Rural location | Tax | 2024/2025 Price per service connection \$ | | | | | 2025/2026 Price per service connection \$ | | | | |
|---|-----|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | | 20mm | 25mm | *32mm | *40mm | *50mm | 20mm | 25mm | *32mm | *40mm | *50mm |
| Rural pipelines ** | N | 1,738 | 2,385 | 2,929 | 3,751 | 4,453 | 1,912 | 2,624 | 3,222 | 4,126 | 4,898 |
| Walbundrie to Rand Pipeline Urangeline/Bidgeemia Rural Scheme & Other Rural Schemes | | Refer to Engineering staff regarding availability and costing for these schemes | | | | | Refer to Engineering staff regarding availability and costing for these schemes | | | | |
| Some rural spur lines incur additional costs. Refer to Engineering or Customer Services Officer. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Additional costs | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Where the service requires a rail crossing and approval from the Railway Authorities | N | The fees and charges that rail authority imposes | | | | | The fees and charges that rail authority imposes | | | | |
| Where the service connection generates other similar extraordinary costs | N | A fee assessed on a similar basis | | | | | A fee assessed on a similar basis | | | | |
| Road underboring | N | \$142 per metre | | | | | \$156 per metre | | | | |

* The availability of a service connection greater than 25mm diameter is dependent on the capacity to supply within the reticulation network and must have Engineering Approval

** If a tapping direct to Goldenfields Water County Council large diameter main is required, the customer must arrange this with GWCC. They will be a GWCC customer

Availability charges for 2025/2026

| Availability charge per property, residential, strata unit or customer | | 2024/2025 \$ | 2025/2026 \$ |
|--|-----|-------------------|-------------------|
| Domestic | Tax | Per quarter | Per quarter |
| Built upon or connected property | N | 45 | 49.50 |
| Each additional dwelling erected on each parcel of property | N | 45 | 49.50 |
| Vacant land not connected (within 225 metres or adjacent to a main) – urban only | N | 22.50 | 24.75 |
| Commercial/Industrial | | | |
| Built upon or connected property | N | 50 | 55 |
| Non-metered connected premises | N | 95 | 104.50 |
| Each additional strata unit | N | 50 | 55 |
| Other | | | |
| Government Departments, including police stations, court houses, schools, staff housing, public offices, etc | N | 50 | 55 |
| Churches and similar “non-rateable” property | N | Usage charge only | Usage charge only |
| Additional fee for separate fire service connected | N | 50 | 55 |

* Customers serviced through Goldenfields Water County Council will be charged at the relevant rate.

Usage charges for 2025/2026

| Water Tariffs \$ per kilolitre | Tax | 2024/2025 | 2025/2026 |
|--|-----|-----------|-----------|
| General tariff | | | |
| All users (except as detailed below) | N | | |
| First 125 kls per quarter | | 1.61 | 1.77 |
| Balance per kilolitre per quarter | | 2.41 | 2.65 |
| Strata title units and flats | | | |
| First 125 kls per quarter per unit | N | 1.61 | 1.77 |
| Balance per kilolitre per quarter | | 2.41 | 2.65 |
| (For Strata complexes and Flats where units are not individually metered the total metered consumption will be evenly apportioned between units) | | | |
| Industrial tariffs for processing & manufacturing industries as well as livestock marketing centres with consistent year round usage connected since 01/07/2009 | | | |
| First 41 kls per month | N | 1.61 | 1.77 |
| Balance above 42 kls per month | | 2.41 | 2.65 |
| Balance above 3,000 kls per month | | 2.41 | 2.65 |
| Applicable to large scale processing & manufacturing industries as well as livestock marketing centres with consistent year round usage and specifically approved by Council | | | |
| First 3,000 kls per month | N | 1.61 | 1.77 |
| Balance above 3,000 kls per month | | 1.61 | 1.77 |
| Commercial tariff | | | |
| All users (except as detailed below) | N | | |
| First 125 kls per quarter/41 kls per month | | 1.61 | 1.77 |
| Balance per kilolitre per quarter | | 2.41 | 2.65 |
| Community facilities | | | |
| Hospitals, Schools / TAFE / University | N | 1.61 | 1.77 |
| Parks and Gardens, Council Swimming Pools | | | |
| Non-Potable water | | | |
| First 125 kls per quarter | N | 0.79 | 0.87 |
| Balance per kilolitre per quarter | | 1.19 | 1.31 |
| Metered supply to standpipe agents or constituent Councils | N | 2.25 | 2.48 |

| | | | |
|---|---|------------------|------|
| Supply from fixed standpipe and water filling stations (Minimum charge \$10.00 when via an Agent) | N | 3.45 | 3.80 |
| Bulk supply Application of this tariff will be at the discretion of the Council | N | 1.61 | 1.77 |
| Primary producers tariff Applicable to all rural services along Council's trunk mains | N | 1.61 | 1.77 |
| Rebates | | | |
| Eligible pensioner | | \$30 per quarter | |
| Kidney dialysis machine users | | 20kl per quarter | |

Sundry fees and charges for 2025/2026

| Sundry fees and charges | Tax | 2024/2025 | 2025/2026 |
|--|-----|---|---|
| Search/enquiry certificate fee - s603 (as for property transfer) | N | \$100 | \$100 |
| Fee for providing information in writing, including Special meter reading | N | \$85.50 | \$94.00 |
| Formal GIPA access application | N | \$33.00 | \$30.00 |
| Formal GIPA processing fee | N | \$71 per hour | \$78 per hour |
| Reconnection fee - requires new service fee | N | Appropriate connection fee | Appropriate connection fee |
| Reconnection fee - new service not required | N | \$190.50 + cost of meter if required | \$209.50 + cost of meter if required |
| Remove flow restricting device | N | \$190.50 | \$209.50 |
| Meter repairs - s636 LG Act | Y | \$122.50 per hour | \$135 per hour |
| Meter test deposit | N | \$82.50 | \$91.00 |
| Test fees for backflow prevention devices | | | |
| Rpz devices | N | \$129 | \$142 |
| Other devices | N | \$101 | \$111 |
| Leak detection (minimum 1 hour) | Y | \$122.50 per hour | \$135 per hour |
| Water main locating involving potting or excavation | N | \$122.50 per hour | \$135 per hour |
| Dishonoured payments fee | N | | |
| Interest on overdue accounts | N | 10.5% per annum | 10.5% per annum |
| Written quotation fee | Y | \$93.50 | \$103.00 |
| Service call | Y | \$122.50 per hour | \$135 per hour |
| Plumbing permit including standard inspections | N | \$122.50 | \$135.00 |
| Additional plumbing inspection due to non- compliance | N | \$201 | \$221 |
| Non-compliance with water restrictions | N | \$283.50 | \$312.00 |
| Water filling station access | N | \$304 | \$335 |

| | | | |
|--|---|--|--|
| Replacement water filling station key | Y | \$62 | \$68 |
| Pressure and flow analysis application fee | N | \$198 | \$218 |
| Clearing of shrubs and small bushes | Y | \$122.50 per hour | \$135 per hour |
| Repair to damaged water main | N | Actual costs plus 20% | Actual costs plus 20% |
| Private works | Y | Actual costs plus 20% unless a fixed quotation | Actual costs plus 20% unless a fixed quotation |
| Copy of water notice | Y | \$12 | \$13 |
| Copy of financial data on properties | Y | \$11 | \$12 |
| Copy of 603 certificate administration | Y | \$12 | \$13 |
| Fee for reallocation of electronic payment | Y | \$11 | \$12 |

Glossary

- › **Annual Report**
Report on Riverina Water's implementation of the Delivery Program and Operational Plan, as well as information prescribed by the Regulation.
- › **Asset/s**
Things owned by Riverina Water that have current or future economic value. Riverina Water's main water supply assets include: water source works including water supply bores; treatment plants; reservoirs; pumping stations; water mains; land and buildings; plant and equipment; IT
- › **Asset management planning**
Includes an asset management policy, an asset management strategy and asset management plan for each class of assets. The strategy and plans are minimum of 10 years.
- › **BASP**
Business Activity Strategic Plan *Leading into 2035*. 10-year plan identifying the main priorities for Riverina Water, objectives and strategies for achieving those objectives.
- › **BeSafe**
Work health & safety management and reporting system
- › **Board**
Governing body of Riverina Water. Made up of councillors from Greater Hume Council, Federation Council, Lockhart Shire and Wagga Wagga City Council
- › **Capex**
Capital expenditure budget
- › **Constituent council**
Member council of Riverina Water – Greater Hume Council, Federation, Lockhart Shire and Wagga Wagga City Council
- › **DIAP**
Disability Inclusion Action Plan. A document that set out Riverina Water's strategy for identifying and addressing practice which might result in discrimination against people with disability.
- › **DP**
Delivery Program. 4-year plan. Identifies principal activities or strategies to deliver the BASP. Reviewed every year as part of the development of the Operational Plan. Includes 4- year budget forecasts.
- › **IoT**
Internet of Things
- › **IP&R**
Integrated planning and reporting
- › **ICT**
Information and Communication Technology
- › **ITIL principles**
Information Technology Infrastructure Library - IT service delivery management methodology
- › **IT/OT**
Integration of information technology and operational technology
- › **IWCM**
Integrated Water Cycle Management. 30-year strategic plan.
- › **LTFP**
Long term financial plan. Minimum of 10 years. Reviewed annually as part of the development of the Operational Plan.
- › **Manex**
Management executive group
- › **Measure**
The way achievement of an action is assessed. Also referred to as a success indicator.
- › **Net zero**
Target to negate the amount of greenhouse gases produced by Riverina Water
- › **OCR project**
Job evaluation system/PD review project
- › **OP**
Operational Plan. 1 year plan detailing the activities and actions to achieve the Delivery Program. Includes annual budget.
- › **PFAS**
Per-and Polyfluoroalkyl substances
- › **RAF**
Regulatory assurance framework
- › **RAP**
Reconciliation Action Plan. A formal plan setting out how Riverina Water is committed to contributing to reconciliation with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.
- › **Service area**
Organisational area, also known as a department or section
- › **Strategy**
Strategy is a plan showing longer-term goals and how they are to be achieved (eg workforce strategy, asset management strategy)
- › **Workforce management plan**
4-year plan to address the human resourcing requirements of the Delivery Program

