

# Dates For Your Calendar

**Millthorpe Fire Fair:** 2 August 2024

**Textures of One Art Exhibition:**  
24 August – 8 September 2024

**Bush Dance, Carcoar:** 31 August 2024

**Local Government Elections:** 14 September 2024

**Spring into Art at Newbridge:** 19-20 October 2024

**Carcoar Show:** 26 October 2024

**Millthorpe Garden Ramble:** 2-3 November 2024

**Neville Show:** 9 November 2024

**Garage Sale Trail:** 9-10 & 16-17 November 2024

**Millthorpe Markets:** 1 December 2024

**Millfest:** 1 February 2025

**Newbridge Swap Meet:** 9 February 2025

**Blayney Show:** 22 March 2025

**River Yarn Fibre Festival:** 5-6 April 2025

**Millthorpe Markets:** 6 April 2025

**Sculptures by the Bush:** April School Holidays

**Newbridge Winter Solstice:** 21 June 2025

*Some events are TBC, dates are based off previous years.*

Stay updated with other events in our region via our website, Facebook, monthly e-newsletter and Blayney Chronicle.

If you are planning an event and would like to promote it through Council, or hosting an event on Council land and need to submit an application, visit our website for information: [blayney.nsw.gov.au/our-community/events](http://blayney.nsw.gov.au/our-community/events)

## Connect with Council

### How to report an issue to Council?

Council has an online Customer Request Form you can use to report any issues with Council assets such as footpaths, community facilities and roads. This can be found on the homepage of the website.

### Get updates

Scan the QR Code to sign up to our monthly e-newsletter to receive important updates and stories from our community direct to your inbox.



### Blayney Shire Council

91 Adelaide Street, Blayney  
Monday – Friday: 9:30am–4pm.

### Blayney Library

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Fridays:**

11am–1pm & 2pm–5pm. **Saturday:** 10am–12pm

**Closed:** Wednesdays, Sundays and Public Holidays.

### Blayney Waste Depot

**Monday-Friday:** 9am–5pm. **Saturday:**

9am–12pm & 2pm–5pm. **Sunday:** 9am–12pm & 2pm–5pm (*buyback shop is not open on Sundays*). **Closed:** Christmas & New Years Day, Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

## Local Government Elections 14 September 2024

### Are you interested in becoming a Councillor?

Visit the NSW Electoral Commission website for key dates and the process for candidate nominations.

**Have you enrolled to vote or updated your details?** Visit [aec.gov.au](http://aec.gov.au)

**Are you a rate-payer but not living in Blayney Shire?** The non-residential role registrations are now open, closing at 6pm Monday 5 August 2024 visit Councils website for application forms.



# Annual Newsletter 2024/25

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# What we've achieved in 2023/24

## Accessibility Upgrades

In the last 12 months, amenities at both Carrington Park and Heritage Park have been upgraded with a focus on improving accessibility. The existing Carrington Park accessible toilet has been modernised and a completely new toilet block has been installed at Heritage Park, which includes an ambulant and accessible toilet. Improvements were also undertaken to the building entry of Council, with tactile ground indicators and a larger kick rail on the accessible ramp. At King George Oval two accessible viewing area's have been integrated as part of the grandstand upgrade.

## King George Oval Upgrades

This year saw the final upgrades to King George Oval which has been completed through a range of different state and federal grant programs. Over the last two years projects have included a new scoreboard, grandstand seating replacement and handrail repairs, fencing upgrades, new footpaths, new changeroom facilities, and reconfiguration and resurfacing of the carpark.



## Road Upgrades and Works

- ▶ Richards Lane
- ▶ Forest Reefs Road
- ▶ Unwin and Stabback St
- ▶ Forest Reefs Road and Tallwood Road Intersection
- ▶ Tallwood Road
- ▶ Neville Road
- ▶ Barry Road
- ▶ Stillingfleet Street
- ▶ Belubula Way Bridge



*Forest Reefs Road and Tallwood Road Intersection.*

## Footpath Projects

- ▶ Trunkey Street, Newbridge
- ▶ Glenorie Road, Millthorpe
- ▶ Elliott Street, Millthorpe
- ▶ Plumb Street, Blayney

## Community Financial Assistance Program

In 2023/24 Council provided almost \$185k of funding to community groups through the Community Financial Assistance Program. Some of the infrastructure highlights, include:

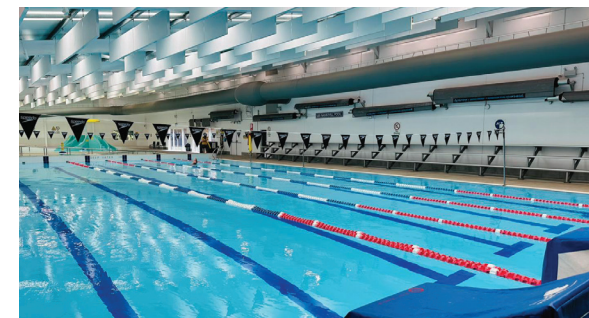
- ▶ Millthorpe Museum Kitchen Upgrade
- ▶ Blayney Golf Club Machinery Shed extension

- ▶ Walkway at Newbridge Showground
- ▶ Dog training yards at Blayney Showground
- ▶ Kitchen update at Millthorpe School of Arts
- ▶ Surface upgrades at Neville Showground
- ▶ CWA Millthorpe new fence
- ▶ Carcoar Showground electrical upgrades
- ▶ Outdoor seating for Hobbys Yards Hall
- ▶ New BBQs at Bakers Shaft Reserve
- ▶ Napier Oval Canteen Upgrades

This program also provides annual recurring funding for specific outings, including: Council rates and charges, insurances, school activities, or the holding of a regular community event or cultural activity.

## CentrePoint Sport and Leisure Centre Update

Belgravia Leisure has been engaged to manage CentrePoint from 1 August 2024. Belgravia Leisure is well established company in the management of sports and leisure centres. CentrePoint is Blayney Shire's multipurpose aquatic and leisure centre providing a range of services to the local community with gym facilities , swimming lessons, aqua aerobics, fitness classes and indoor sports.

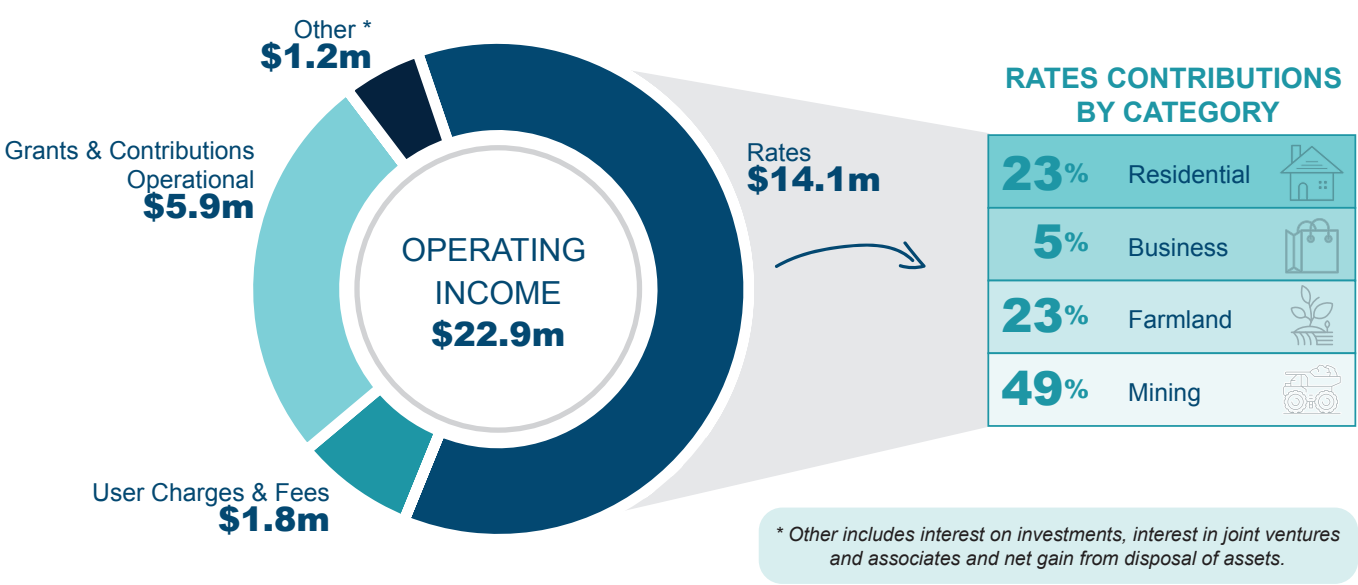




# 2024/25 Operational Plan Snapshot

The Operational Plan sets out Blayney Shire Council's objectives for the coming year, and the resources and activities required to achieve our goals. This summary provides a snapshot of projected; income, operational and capital expenditure, and key projects for the next financial year.

## Operating Income



## Special Rate Variation (SRV)

Over the last 12 months, Council has been engaging with the community regarding a Special Rate Variation. The variation is a 10% increase to the general rate for 3 consecutive years, commencing 1 July 2024.

The SRV is needed to assist in addressing the forecast deficits in our Long-Term Financial Plan (LTFP). The SRV will ensure we have financial capacity to maintain the standard of our assets, services and community facilities, including: roads, bridges, culverts, parks, footpaths and buildings.

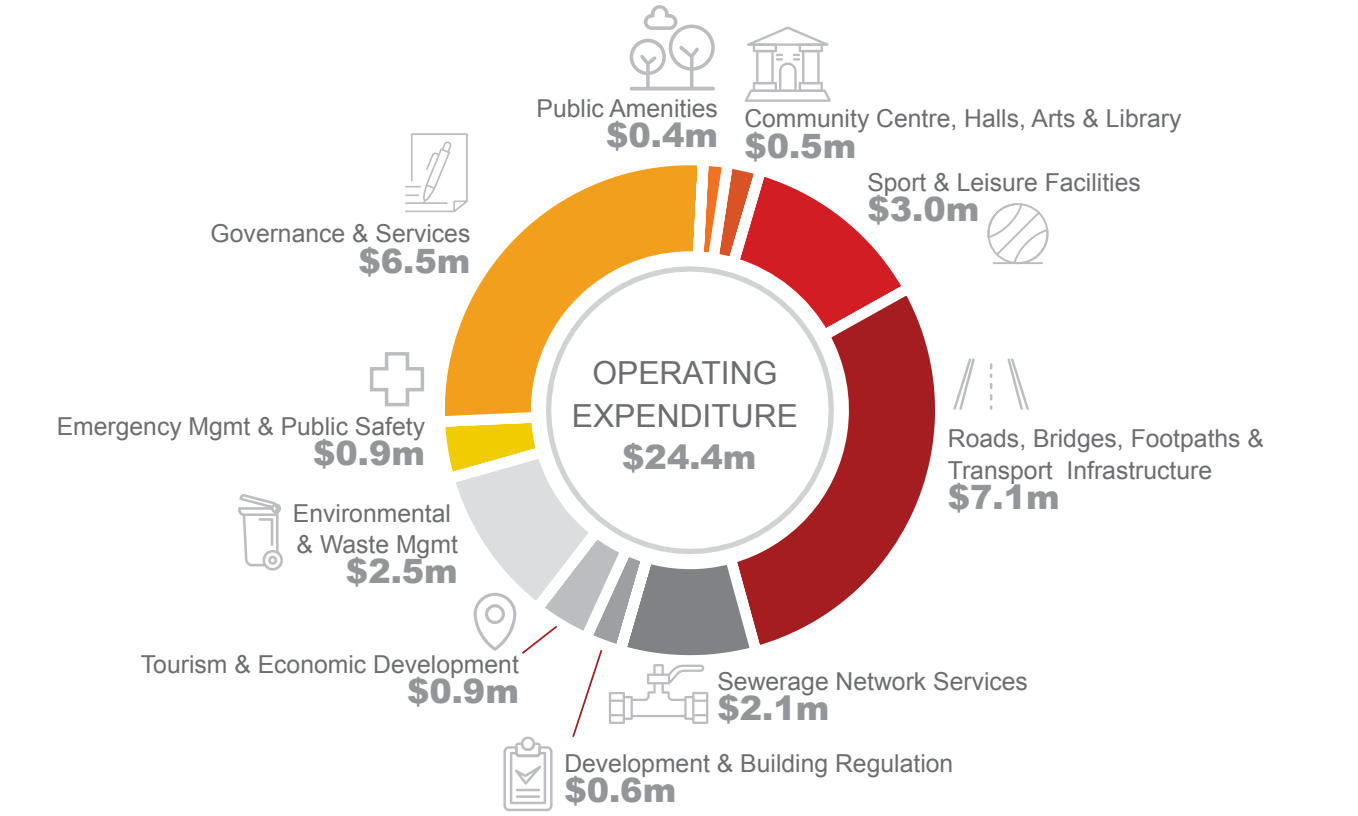
For 2024/25 (including this rate notice) the 10% increase is only applied to the general rate charge of the rates notice (not the TOTAL amount). Additional charges (such as waste and sewer) have only increased on average by 4%.

- The rate increase follows;
- ▶ a review of Councils financial position and operations (2022-2023),
  - ▶ a Community Engagement period (November – December 2023),
  - ▶ review and approval from the NSW Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) (February – May 2024) and
  - ▶ public exhibition of Councils Delivery Program and Operational Plan (May 2024).

Please visit our website for more background information on the SRV via [blayney.nsw.gov.au/srv](http://blayney.nsw.gov.au/srv) or scan the QR code here ▶



## Operating Expenditure



## Community Engagement – Community Strategic Plan

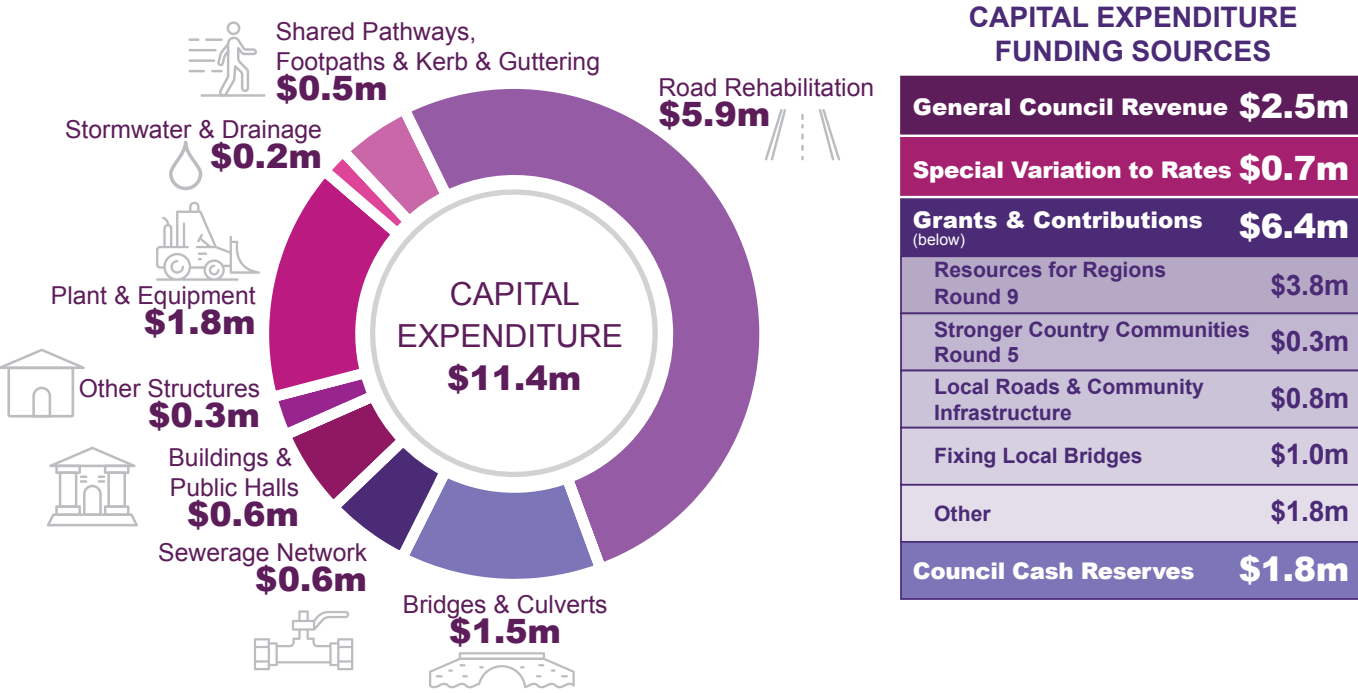
Following Local Government elections on Saturday 14 September 2024, within the first 12 months Council must complete a new Community Strategic Plan (CSP).

The CSP is a community document which identifies priorities and aspirations for the future of the Shire covering a period of at least 10 years. The CSP is developed by the community, endorsed by Council and must address civic leadership, social environmental and economic issues. The CSP forms an important reference point for Council to develop annual budgets and operational plans.

**How to get involved?**  
Council will be conducting community engagement on the new CSP seeking input from the community. We want as many people from the community as possible to be involved in the process which may include community surveys and town/village meetings.

To stay up to date, we encourage you to sign up to our email newsletter (via the QR code overpage) or to register for posted updates and have any surveys mailed directly to you, *please call us on 6368 2104.*

## Capital Expenditure Program



## Project Highlights

ROADS	
Browns Creek Road	\$0.6m
Richards Lane	\$1.2m
Forest Reefs Rd	\$0.3m
Hobbys Yards Rd	\$2.0m

FOOTPATHS & SHARED PATHWAYS	
Heritage Pavement for Millthorpe Village – Victoria St – Montgomery St	\$0.3m

BRIDGES, CULVERTS & STORMWATER	
Newbridge Road Culvert	\$0.2m
Coombing Street Crossing	\$1.0m

OTHER STRUCTURES	
Blayney Rotary Lookout	\$0.2m

SEWER NETWORK	
Replacement/Lining Sewer Mains	\$0.5m

Read more on the Current Projects section of the Council website which includes the funding sources, project scope and timelines for the above works.

\$9 million (73% of capital expenditure) will be spent on stormwater and drainage, footpaths, bridges and culverts, and road rehabilitation in 2024/25.