

OUR COMMITMENT TO OUR COMMUNITY



SUTHERLANDSHIRE

Revised Delivery Program
2025-2029

Operational Plan
2026/27



Acknowledgement of Country

Sutherland Shire Council acknowledges the Dharawal people as the Traditional Custodians of the land within Sutherland Shire. We value and celebrate Dharawal culture and language, and acknowledge the Dharawal people's continuing connection to the land, the sea and the community. We pay respect to the Elders and their families, past, present and emerging, and through them, to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.



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Message from the Mayor



I am privileged to continue serving as Mayor, leading an organisation with a focus on community and committed to delivering the services and infrastructure to support Sutherland Shire now and into the future.

Our Delivery Program 2025–2029 and Operational Plan 2026–27 builds on the strong foundations established in the first year of this Council term. It sets out a clear, practical roadmap for how Council will continue to deliver essential services, invest in critical infrastructure and respond to the evolving needs of our growing and diverse community.

Council is responsible for managing more than \$3 billion in community assets, supporting the services and facilities residents rely on every day — from waste collection and parks to sporting facilities, libraries and local roads. This includes collecting over 210,000 waste and recycling bins each week, maintaining 552 parks and reserves, caring for 143 play spaces, and

managing more than 180 sporting fields and venues across Sutherland Shire.

In 2026–27, our focus remains on maintaining assets responsibly while continuing to invest in renewal and upgrades that enhance safety and liveability.

Key highlights include:

- \$2.75m for work on Caringbah Town Centre Park
- \$5.2m to remediate the Ferntree Reserve Landslip
- \$3.3m to upgrade Gymea Bay Baths Reserve
- \$2.7m to upgrade the Burnum Burnum Sanctuary Car Park
- \$500,000 to commence the Prince Edward Park Road Pedestrian Bridge
- \$350,000 to commence upgrades to the Engadine Leisure Centre Pool and Plantroom
- \$380,000 to the renewal of Seymour Shaw Park
- \$230,000 to upgrade Heathcote Oval
- \$23.6m in transport and public domain improvements
- \$3.2m in stormwater and water quality devices
- \$31.44m towards community facilities, fleet renewal and waste initiatives (including \$3.9m for the initial roll-out of the Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) collection and processing service to minimise waste emissions).

Environmental sustainability, community wellbeing and inclusive growth continue to shape our priorities. The Operational Plan 2026–27 outlines practical actions that support resilience, protect our natural environment and ensure Sutherland Shire remains a place where people feel connected, supported and proud to live.

As we look ahead, I encourage you to stay engaged and share your feedback to help shape the future of our much-loved area.

You can stay informed and connected by visiting Council's website and our Join the Conversation (JTC) page, subscribe to our JTC and Our Shire Spotlight e-newsletters, follow us on social media or visit one of our venues.

Together, let's continue to build a vibrant, thriving community where everyone can feel connected and enjoy a high quality of life.

I thank my fellow Councillors, our Chief Executive Officer and Council staff for their professionalism and dedication, and I thank our residents for their ongoing engagement and trust. Together, we will continue to deliver for our community and build a strong, sustainable future for the Sutherland Shire.

Councillor Jack Boyd
Mayor of Sutherland Shire

Message from the Chief Executive Officer



This Delivery Program and Operational Plan outlines the actions Council will undertake to support our community over the coming year. It provides a clear framework for delivering essential services, maintaining our assets and investing in infrastructure that supports the long-term wellbeing of our community.

Council remains in a sound financial position, enabling us to continue delivering our wide range of programs and services, while investing in the renewal and improvement of key community infrastructure, including roads, waterways, community buildings, sports facilities, parks and playgrounds, and leisure centres. These spaces are a core part of the Sutherland Shire lifestyle, and it's important they remain safe, accessible and fit for purpose for current and future generations.

We're developing our suite of strategies to reflect community needs and aspirations – new Place Plans for our town centres; a refresh of our Economic Development Strategy; creating our first Early Years Strategy; and ensuring we're future-ready with implementation of a new Resilience Strategy.

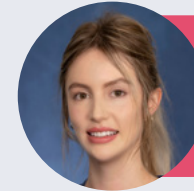
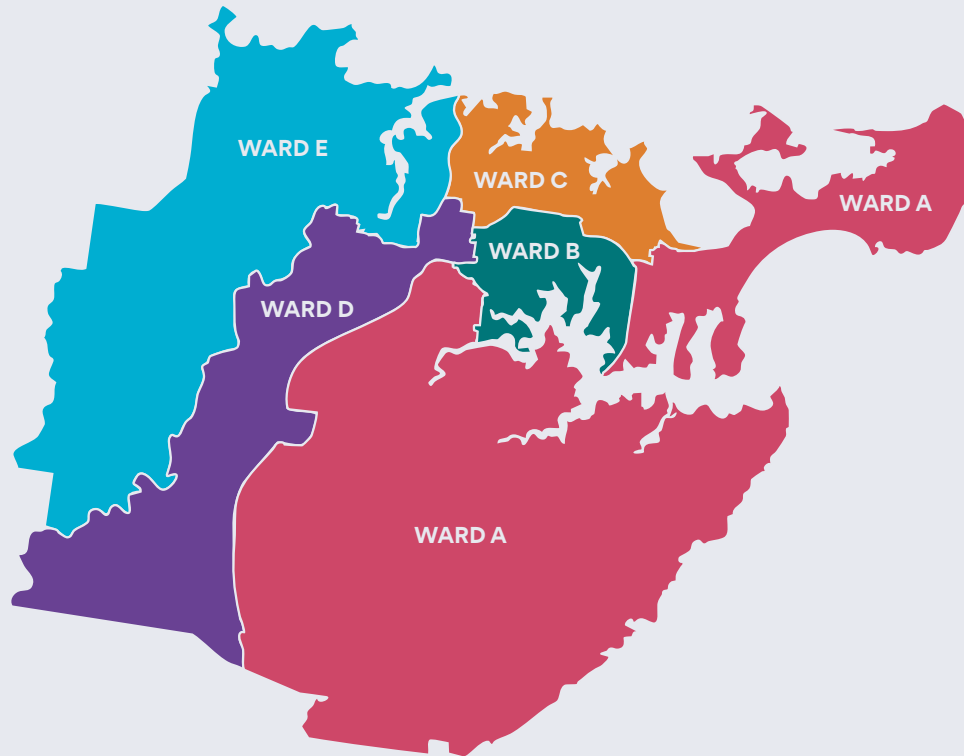
Alongside these priorities, Council remains committed to providing a positive and responsive customer experience - improving the way we engage with our community, and making our services more accessible, efficient and responsive. Ongoing digital investment supported by continual policy and process improvement will ensure residents and businesses can connect with our services more easily than ever before.

Of course, none of this would be possible without the dedication of our staff, who turn our plans into action; and the leadership of our Councillors, who continue to advocate tirelessly for our community. Thank you.

I'm proud to lead an organisation where we're all working together to create a stronger, connected, healthy, and sustainable Sutherland Shire.

Clare Phelan
Chief Executive Officer

Your Councillors



Cr Marcelle Elzerman



Cr Kal Glanznig



Cr Carol Provan OAM

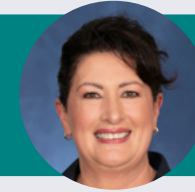
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Cr Jack Boyd
Mayor



Cr Melanie Gibbons



Cr Joanne Nicholls

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Cr Jen Armstrong



Cr Carmelo Pesce



Cr Haris Strangas

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Cr Meredith Laverty



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Cr Peter Tsambalas

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Cr Laura Cowell
Deputy Mayor



Cr Mick Maroney OAM



Cr Stephen Nikolovski

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Councillor priorities

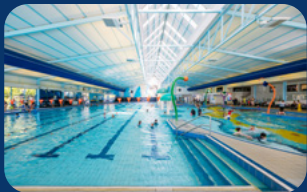
As part of preparing the 2025–2029 Delivery Program, our Councillors identified the five key priorities for delivery over the next four years. These are known as the Councillors’ Strategic Priorities.



Town centres



Waterways and stormwater



Sport and leisure precincts



Housing and development



Traffic and parking

Town centres

We want our town centres to be vibrant, liveable, and productive. By finalising place plans and creating new community spaces, we can enhance and revitalise these areas, making them attractive destinations for both residents and visitors.

Encouraging a vibrant night-time economy and supporting local businesses will increase visitation and provide opportunities for business growth and community connection.

Additionally, transforming streets into vibrant local places and holding community events and activities will further activate town centres, creating thriving hubs that people want to visit.

Overall, these efforts to develop town centres will promote community connections and support the local economy.

Over the next four years we will:

- finalise Place Plans for Miranda, Kirrawee/Sutherland and Caringbah
- develop Place Plans for Menai/Illawong, Jannali and Cronulla
- develop Public Domain Plans for Engadine, Sutherland/Kirrawee, Caringbah and Miranda Town Centres
- implement a Special Entertainment Precinct program for Cronulla
- facilitate a night-time economy that builds on current strengths and creates a diverse and vital offer for current and future needs
- plan and deliver town centre open street activation events
- deliver the Caringbah Town Centre Park.

Councillor priorities

Waterways and stormwater

Our waterways — our coastlines, beaches, rivers, bays, estuaries and creeks are a precious and inter-connected environmental asset. They support diverse ecosystems and provide valued natural beauty and amenity while contributing to the quality of life of our community.

We play an important part in preserving and maintaining them. Remediation, dredging and improving water quality play a crucial role in replenishing and cleaning the natural water network to ensure environmental health and biodiversity.

Stormwater infrastructure upgrades including drains, pipes, open channels, creeks, and stormwater quality devices, are essential to ensuring our stormwater systems are effective and better prepared for natural disasters.

By focusing on waterways protection and maintaining water quality, conducting clean-up activities along rivers and coasts, we contribute to sustainability and effective management of our natural resources.

Over the next four years we will:

- implement the Catchment and Waterways Strategy
- complete the Overland Flow Flood Study
- implement the Bate Bay Coastal Management Program
- complete the Kurnell Flood Risk Management Study and Plan
- complete the Woronora River Flood Study
- conduct annual assessments on water quality and biodiversity health
- review and implement mitigation actions from completed Flood Risk Management Studies and Plans.

Sport and leisure precincts

We want our sport and leisure facilities to be fit for purpose and accessible to all, encouraging healthy, active lifestyles. Our priority is to provide sport and leisure facilities which are high-quality and meet the evolving needs of our community.

With a commitment to creating sport and leisure precincts through the development of master plans, we aim to provide facilities for people of all ages and physical abilities, enabling everyone to participate in sports and improve their wellbeing, while fostering leaders in sports participation and performance.

Over the next four years we will:

- review the leisure centre facilities hierarchy, and the recommended functional brief specifications, with current best-practice during detailed planning phases for the recommended leisure centre and stadium redevelopment projects
- implement a funding advocacy strategy to secure capital for the recommended leisure centre and stadium redevelopment projects
- prepare a master plan for Sylvania Waters-Taren Point Recreation Precinct, incorporating Sylvania Waters Sporting Precinct, Gwawley Park and Apsley Place Reserve
- prepare a master plan for The Ridge Sports Complex and Parc Menai
- deliver Stage 3 of the Seymour Shaw Park Master Plan
- commence implementation of the revised Sports Strategy through initiation of year-one actions.

Councillor priorities

Housing and development

We want to make sure everyone in our community can find housing that meets their needs, but we know rising land and construction costs are making this difficult. Increasing housing supply is essential to bring more homes onto the market.

We aim to focus growth in and around centres where residents can access shops, transport, schools and services without having to rely on using cars. We are developing Place Plans to guide growth and to identify how we can deliver new infrastructure and services.

The creation of a new development contributions plan will help fund the infrastructure needed by our growing community. To make sure housing needs are met, we will integrate a scheme to fund affordable rental dwellings as part of the uplift in and around centres.

Over the next four years we will:

- finalise the Place Plans for Miranda, Sutherland/Kirrawee and Caringbah
- develop Place Plans for Engadine, Menai-Illawong, Jannali and Cronulla
- finalise the development and implementation of a Customer Service Charter for lodgement and assessment of development related applications
- update the Local Strategic Planning Statement.

Traffic and parking

We are committed to addressing the challenge of congested roads and the impacts on our communities. This includes looking at options for parking in town centres, implementing innovative traffic and parking solutions, providing more bike lanes, and promoting active transport and education to reduce traffic.

Through our transport advocacy plan, we will continue to partner with other government agencies with a focus on delivering improved and safer regional roads and improved public transport options which will support alternate transport options for our community.

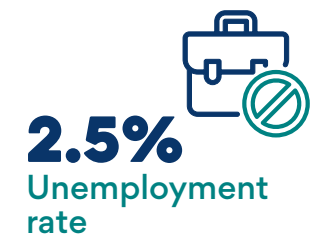
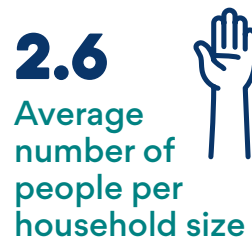
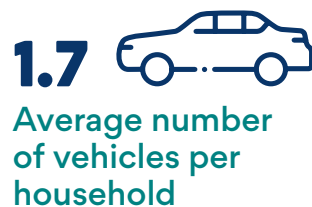
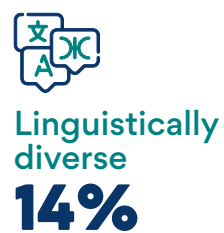
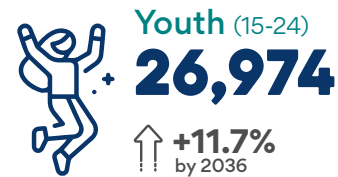
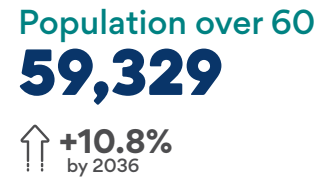
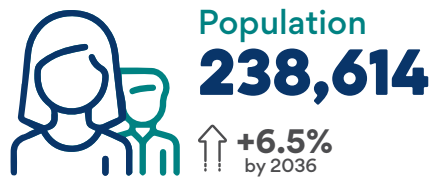
Over the next four years we will:

- develop Transport Plans for prioritised town centres
- deliver the Prince Edward Park Road pedestrian bridge project
- develop the Footpath Expansion Plan and transport Advocacy Plan
- establish and promote customer guidelines for the management and enforcement of parking restrictions
- promote public transport options as part of an education program
- develop a feasibility study for upgraded public transport options in the western area of Sutherland Shire
- develop and implement a Transport Advocacy Plan, including the following projects:
 - Sutherland to Cronulla Active Transport Link
 - duplication of Heathcote Road
 - advocate for better public transport.

About Sutherland Shire

Sutherland Shire is located at the southern border of the Sydney metropolitan area, 26 kilometres from the Sydney CBD. It's home to one of Sydney's longest surf beaches, spectacular national parks and sparkling blue waterways. Our relaxed atmosphere offers an emerging food scene, fashion and design stores mixed with easy coastal charm. Sutherland Shire is rich with history, with over 2,000 Aboriginal sites and the site of Lieutenant (later Captain) James Cook's landing place at Inscription Point in the Kamay Botany Bay National Park.

Source: profile.id — Sutherland Shire Council



Advocating for our community



A building site inspection of the new Kirrawee Library+ with NSW Premier Chris Minns and Member for Heathcote Maryanne Stuart

Our Community Plan, Towards 2035 sets an ambitious long-term vision for our community. While Council has a custodial role in initiating, preparing, and maintaining the Community Plan, it cannot be implemented alone.

Many areas in our strategic plans, such as housing, public transport, health, schools, and employment, are complex and beyond Council's direct control. Achieving the best outcomes requires collaboration with various stakeholders, including government agencies, local businesses, not-for-profits, educational institutions, and community service providers.

Council is committed to advocating for key projects and issues that are important to our community. Through strong leadership and collaboration, we aim to drive positive change at local, regional, and national levels. We advocate directly to the Federal and State Governments, ensuring our community's voices are heard. Our close partnership with local Members of Parliament helps us address key community issues effectively.

Many of the issues faced by our community are shared with other local government areas and are not unique. Our involvement with the Southern Sydney Regional Organisations of Councils (SSROC) and Resilient Sydney allows us to advocate for these issues on a regional scale. Additionally, our association with Local Government NSW enables Councillors to vote on matters impacting Sutherland Shire and the local government industry.

Through regular reports on the progress of activities, projects, and actions in the Delivery Program and annual Operational Plan, we will update the community on our advocacy efforts to achieve the priorities and strategies in our Community Plan.

Supporting our community

Our Community Plan, Towards 2025 identifies our communities' main priorities and aspirations for the future. Achieving our desired future requires collaboration across the whole community, with businesses, not for profit organisations and residents all playing a vital role.

In delivering on our community priorities, Council provides a range of services directly to the community as outlined within this Delivery Program and Operational Plan, as well as other assistance including financial and in-kind support (such as waste services, signage, barricades etc.).

Financial Assistance

Council provides financial assistance under s356 of the Local Government Act 1993, to community groups, not-for-profit organisations, as well as residents that contribute to a strong, healthy, and thriving community.

The following programs are integrated into our 2026/27 Operational Plan and Budget:

Grant/Subsidy	2026/27 Budget \$
Annual Community Grants Program	500,000
Flying Fox Amenity Grant	30,000
Heritage Community Grants	30,000
Leisure Centre Subsidies	562,930
Other community grants and subsidies	293,376
Sister Cities (Chuo City and Lakewood)	21,162
Total	1,437,468



Engaging with our community

Our Delivery Program and Operational Plan have been informed by the aspirations, knowledge and ideals that were expressed through extensive consultation with our community for our Community Plan.

Feedback provided from community-wide surveys conducted in 2018, 2021 and 2024 — where respondents rated the importance and satisfaction of our services and facilities — also contributed to the development of the Delivery Program and Operational Plan.

Achieving our shared vision requires active participation from our community. We are dedicated to providing a range of meaningful opportunities for our community to have their say on the services, plans and policies we develop. These contributions are integral to assisting Council staff and elected members in our decision-making processes.

We value the diverse experiences and knowledge within our community and we aim to leverage this knowledge to continually enhance our service delivery, understand different perspectives, identify shared solutions and build local connections and trust. Guided by our Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework, that includes our Community Engagement Strategy, we employ a range of engagement methods to continually uphold our commitment to transparent and best practice engagement with our community.

Many consultations have been undertaken through our Join the Conversation webpage and other engagement channels. These cover a range of Council's plans, projects and policies and help inform decision making for the future of Sutherland Shire.

A complete list of all community engagement undertaken in 2025/26 is included at Appendix A on [page 194](#).

Through our Join the Conversation website:

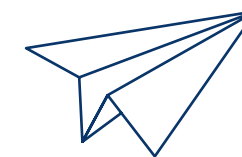
144,500

Visits to Join the Conversation website



7,299

Contributions



66,571

People viewed consultation materials



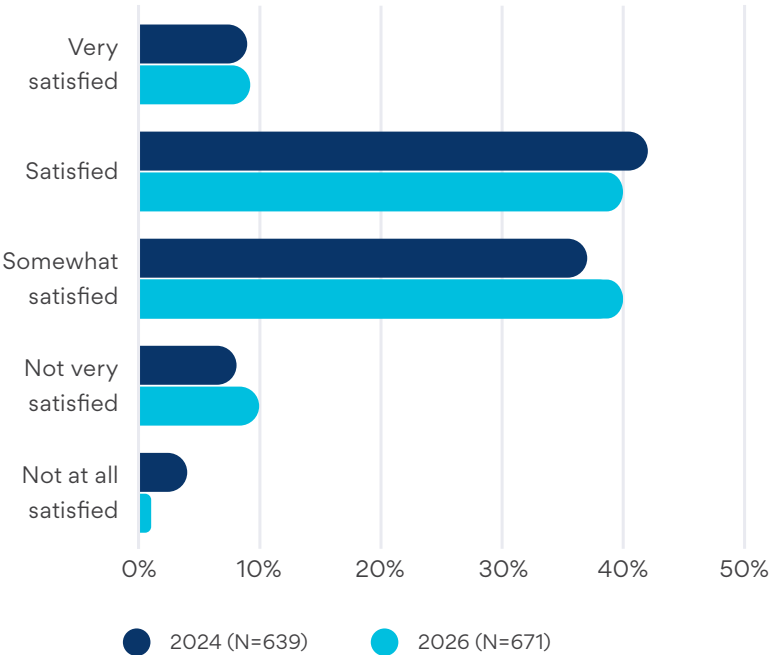
Highest contributions were provided for the following projects:

- Activating our town centres in Sutherland, Kirrawee and Miranda
- Planning for The Ridge Sporting Complex and Parc Menai
- Planning for Economic Development
- 2026 Youth Survey and Competition
- Reviewing our Sport Strategy and Implementation Plan

This information is current as of 4th June 2026

Community satisfaction and importance research

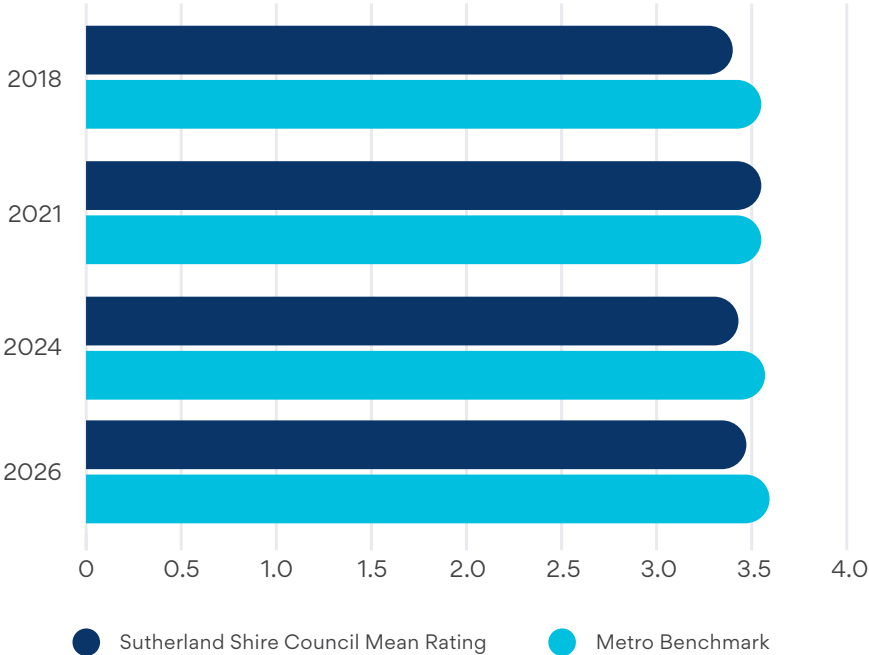
Council seeks community feedback on its performance and community priorities on a regular basis through the Community Satisfaction Survey. This research informs Council’s decisions on priorities and areas for continuous improvement. In our 2026 Community Satisfaction survey, 49% of residents reported being ‘satisfied’ or ‘very satisfied’ with Council’s performance and a further 40% ‘somewhat satisfied’. Overall satisfaction has decreased from our 2021 result.



*Based on Micromex Research NSW Community Satisfaction Survey Report May 2026.

Comparison with other NSW Councils

When compared to other Councils in New South Wales, satisfaction with Sutherland Shire Council (3.46 mean rating) is slightly below the Micromex LGA Metro Benchmark. The slight increase from 3.43 (2024) to 3.46 (2026) returns to the second highest result since the research began in 2016. Consistent results over this time, highlight sustained confidence in Council and overall service delivery.

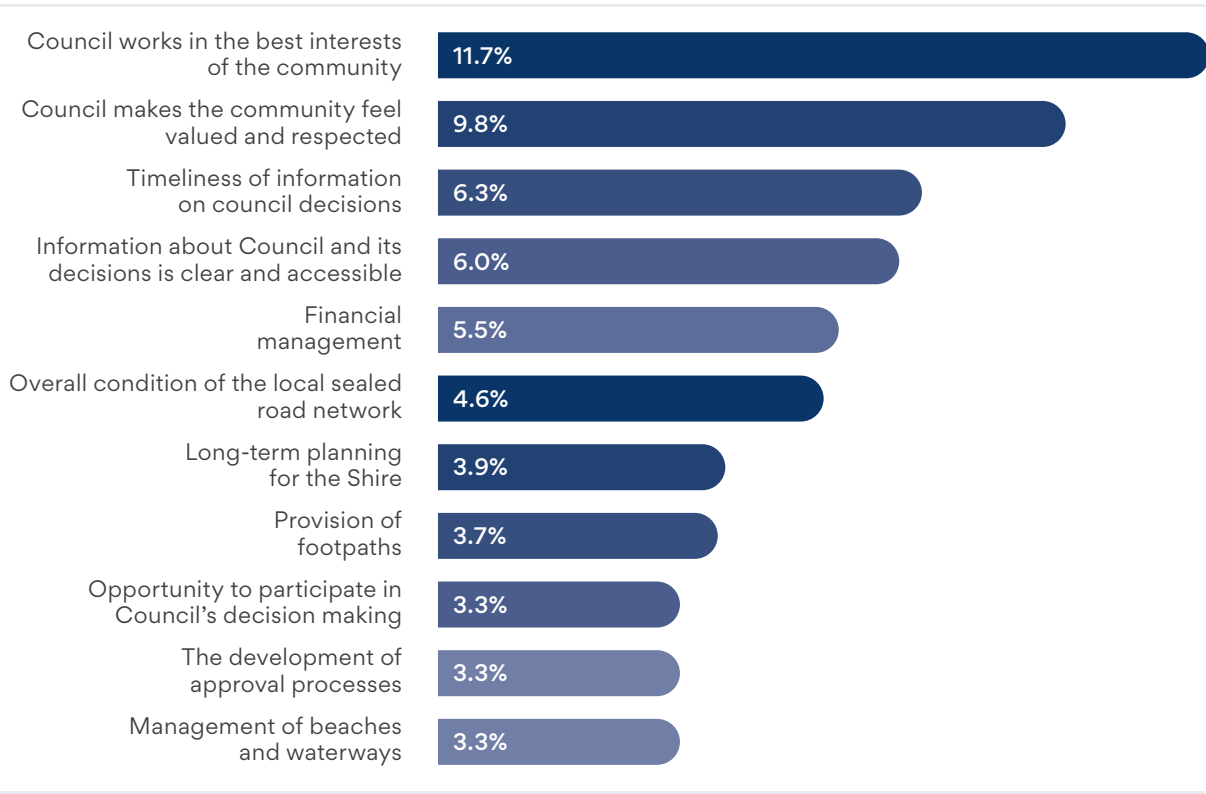


Scale: 1= not at all satisfied, 5= very satisfied.
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Community satisfaction and importance research

Key drivers of satisfaction with Sutherland Shire Council

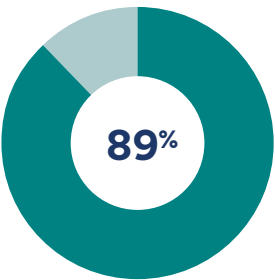
Community research showed that overall satisfaction with Council is influenced by a range of factors. Feedback from our community showed that the top eleven areas which are driving community satisfaction and describe the intrinsic community priorities contribute to nearly 60% of overall satisfaction with Council:



These areas have been considered in the development of the Delivery Program and Operation Plan to ensure a focus on identified priorities and strengthening of engagement with our community.

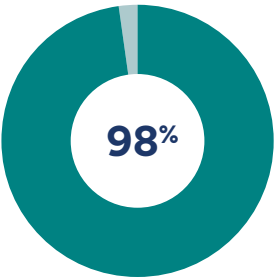
Overall satisfaction

89% of Sutherland Shire residents are at least somewhat satisfied with the performance of Council over the last 12 months.



Quality of Life

98% of Sutherland Shire residents rate their quality of life as good to excellent.



*Based on Micromex Research NSW Community Satisfaction Survey Report May 2026.



Our vision

A connected and safe community that respects people and nature, enjoying active lives in a strong local economy.

Our purpose

We believe in creating a thriving community of active lives connected to nature.

Our organisation



Clare Phelan
Chief Executive Officer



Michelle Whitehurst
Director Infrastructure

Asset Strategy and Delivery;
Civil Works and Presentation;
Facilities and Fleet; Parks and
Natural Areas; Recycling
and Waste



Jodi Tweed
Director Community

Arts and Libraries; Community
Impact and Innovation; Early
Education and Child Protection;
Sport and Leisure



Stewart Rodham
Director Planning

Urban Futures; Development
Assessment; Environment
and Regulation

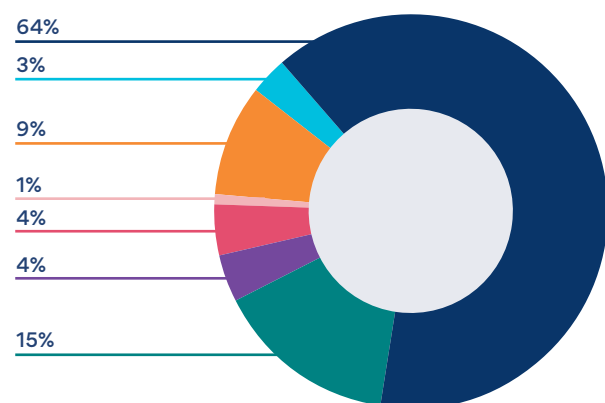


Lani Richardson
Director Corporate

Corporate Governance; Customer
and Engagement; Finance, Property
and Performance; Information
Management and Technology;
People and Culture

Financial management at a glance

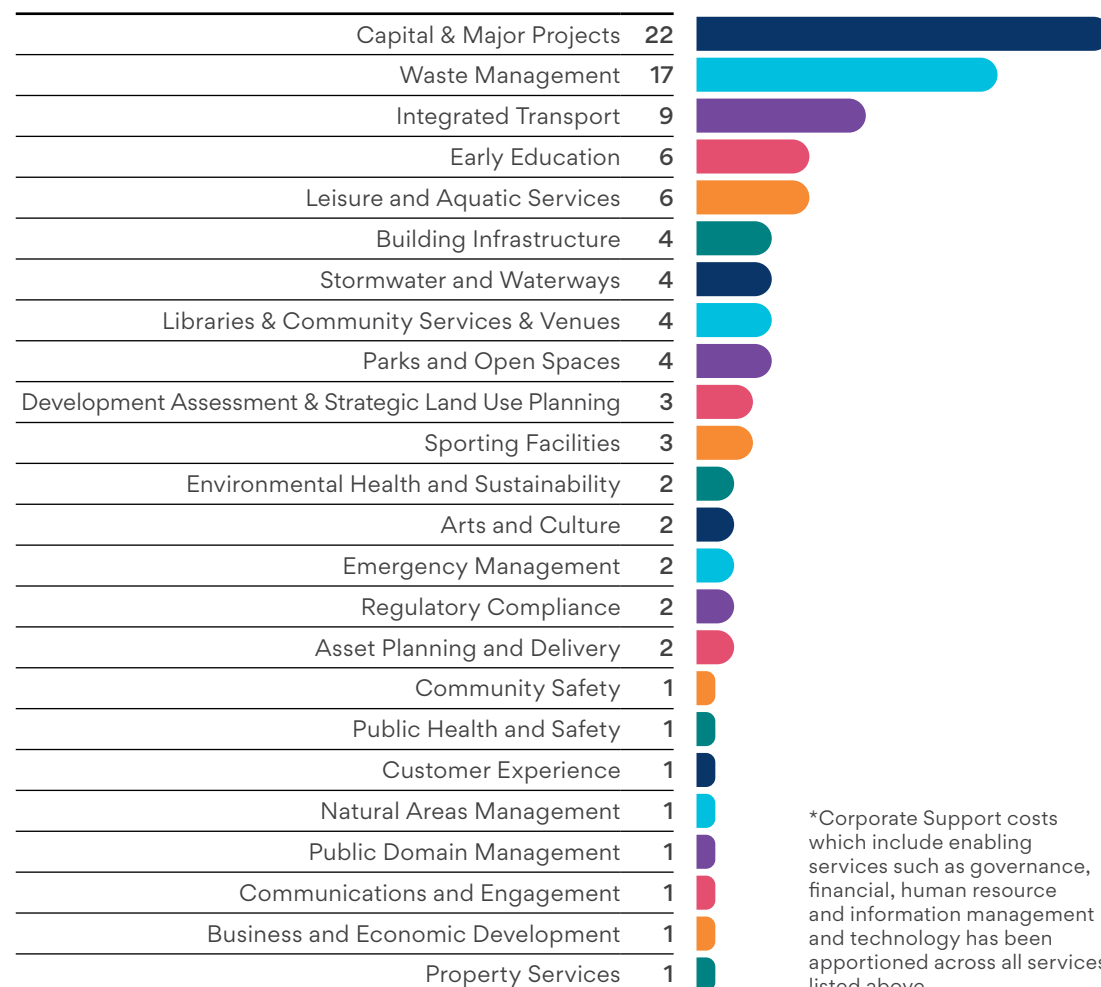
Income at a glance 2026/27 Budget by source of funds



Source of Funds	2026/27 \$,000	%
Rates and annual charges	219,723	64%
User charges and fees	52,695	15%
Interest and investment income	13,419	4%
Other income	12,697	4%
Grants and contributions provided for operating purposes	5,037	1%
Grants and contributions provided for capital purposes	30,658	9%
Other Revenue	11,433	3%
	345,512	100%

Where rates and other income goes

For every \$100 we receive in rates and other income it will be distributed across a range of services.*



*Corporate Support costs which include enabling services such as governance, financial, human resource and information management and technology has been apportioned across all services listed above.

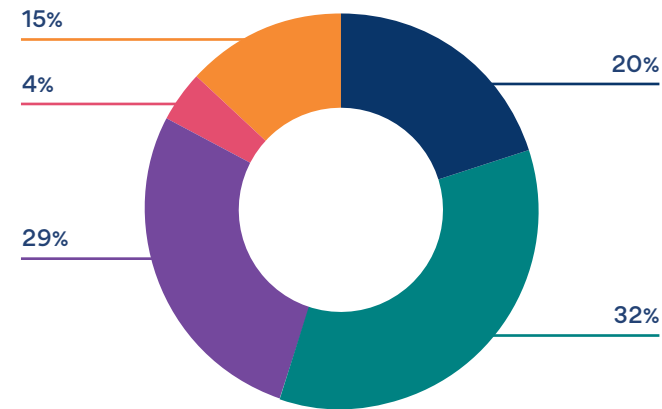
Financial management at a glance

Operational expenditure at a glance 2026/27 Operational budget by theme



Category summary	Total \$,000	%
Trusted Leadership	46,916	14%
Natural and Sustainable	97,313	30%
Prosperous and Connected	54,833	17%
Active and Vibrant	50,765	15%
Planned and Liveable	79,558	24%
	329,384	100%

Capital expenditure at a glance 2026/27 Capital budget by class of asset



Budget by class of asset	2026/27 \$,000	%
Buildings	16,487	20%
Open Space	26,740	32%
Transport Infrastructure	23,691	29%
Water Infrastructure	3,278	4%
Non-Infrastructure Assets	12,740	15%
	82,937	100%

Strategic Documents Framework

The Delivery Program and Operational Plan are informed by the Community Plan, Resourcing Strategies and other supporting documents, all of which are interrelated and work together as a strategic tool to guide the delivery of assets and services to the community.

Our long-term goals are translated into clear, measurable actions through our Delivery Program and Operational Plan, which we are committed to delivering for our community.



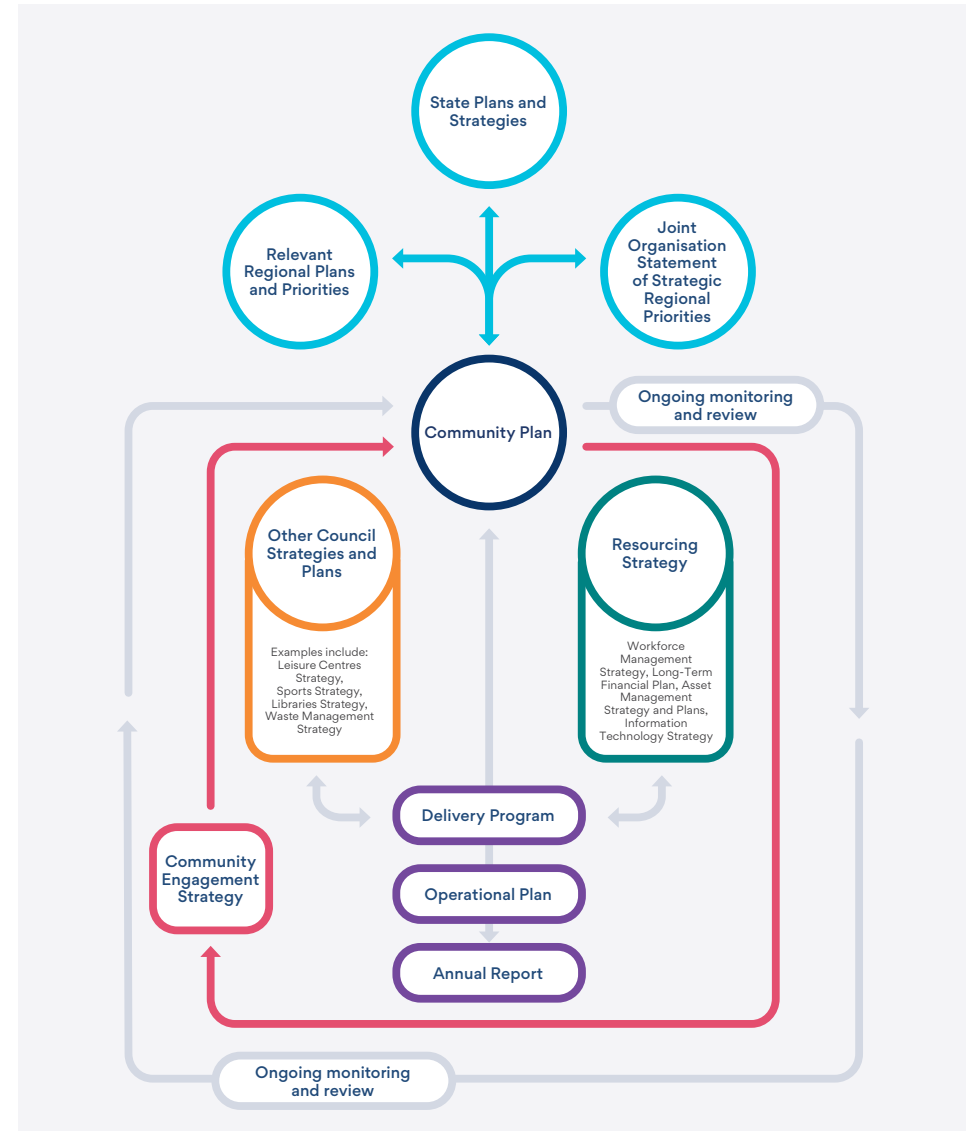
Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework

The Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework allows Council to bring all of our plans and strategies together so that we have a clear vision and an agreed roadmap for delivering community priorities and aspirations. The framework requires us to take a long-term approach to planning and decision-making based on community engagement.

The framework is led by our Community Plan, an aspirational vision for the whole Sutherland Shire that covers 10 years. The Community Plan is structured around themes, community priorities and strategies, and helps inform all other Council plans and strategies.

The Delivery Program sets out in more detail those community priorities that Council will work towards during its current term, and the Operational Plan describes Council's individual projects, actions and budgets to reach those goals for each financial year.

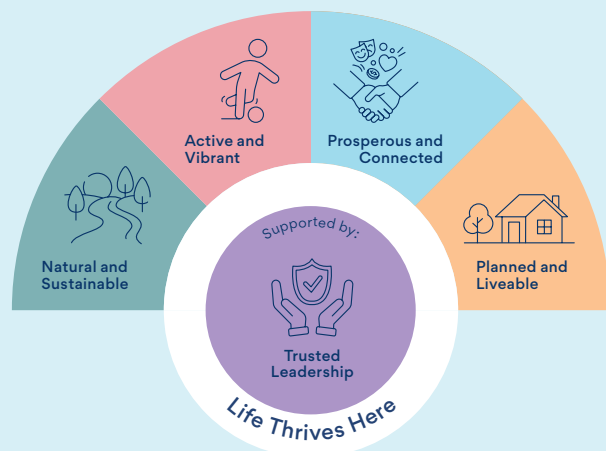
Progress is reported back to the community through quarterly progress reports, as well as through our Annual Report.



Community Plan on a page

Our vision

A connected and safe community that respects people and nature, enjoying active lives in a strong local economy.



NS Natural and Sustainable

AV Active and Vibrant

PC Prosperous and Connected

PL Planned and Liveable

TL Trusted Leadership

Community priorities:

Natural and Sustainable

- NS1 Climate action**
 - Climate adaptation and resilience
 - Reaching net zero
 - Ecological footprint
 - Natural disasters
- NS2 Natural environment**
 - Waterways management
 - Ecosystems protection
 - Tree canopy
- NS3 Sustainability**
 - Waste management
 - Sustainable behaviours
 - Energy and water conservation

Active and Vibrant

- AV1 Active lifestyles**
 - Active transport
 - Exercise and recreation
 - Sports facilities
- AV2 Spaces and places**
 - Accessible spaces
 - Attractive streetscapes
 - Town centres
 - Enhanced green spaces

Prosperous and Connected

- PC1 Community connections**
 - Community events
 - Resilient communities
 - Cultural identity
 - Cultural experiences
 - Creative participation
 - Diversity and inclusion
 - Intergenerational support
- PC2 Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander heritage**
 - Recognise and respect heritage
 - Protect places
- PC3 Safe and healthy community**
 - Health services
 - Community services
 - Community safety
 - Emergency management and services
- PC4 Jobs, local businesses and tourism**
 - Local businesses
 - Destination marketing
 - Local employment and training
- PC5 Education and learning**
 - Early education
 - Schools and tertiary education
 - Libraries

Planned and Liveable

- PL1 Housing**
 - Diverse housing
 - Affordable housing
- PL2 Balanced development**
 - Planning framework
 - Compliance monitoring
 - Urban planning
 - Cultural preservation
- PL3 Efficient transport**
 - Transport advocacy
 - Road network planning
 - Accessible parking

Trusted Leadership

- TL1 Engaged community**
 - Community engagement
 - Accessible and inclusive
 - Timely communication
- TL2 Strong partnerships with stakeholders**
 - Effective partnerships
- TL3 Transparent and honest leadership**
 - Ethical behaviour
 - Financial responsibility
 - Customer experience

Delivery Program and Operational Plan



The Delivery Program is a four-year plan that is a statement of commitment to the community from each newly elected Council, to turn the community's strategic goals into clear actions. To create the Program, we looked at the Community Plan and asked what we could achieve to bring us closer to the community's vision and aspirations. The Delivery Program and Operational Plan are structured against each of our services. They list the key strategic activities and actions that will be undertaken to reach our long-term goals.

Delivery Program and Operational Plan

Quadruple Bottom Line (QBL)

The deliverables and actions contained within the Delivery Program and Operational Plan contribute to achieving strategic objectives for the community that address social, environmental, economic and civic leadership issues. This is known as the Quadruple Bottom Line (QBL).

Alignment of our deliverables and actions to QBL themes are shown using the following symbols.



Environmental



Economic



Civic
Leadership



Social

Delivering through Services

Service Review Program

As part of our ongoing commitment to improving efficiency, quality, productivity, financial management and governance, Council has developed a Service Review program which is implemented through our Delivery Program and Operational Plan.

Service reviews are a vital process that Council uses to ensure that services and facilities meet current community needs and wants now and into the future. They ensure that Council is being effective in delivering the desired outcome for the community, and that Council is always looking at how it can improve the efficiency of its service delivery.

Council is continually improving how available resourcing (people, assets, and financing) is being utilised and redirecting savings to new or improved services.

We will undertake the following service reviews in the coming years:

Service area	Year
Parking Education and Compliance	2026-27
Fire Safety	2026-27
Community Venues	2027-28
Human Resources	2027-28
Rates and Revenue	2027-28
Community Nursery and Bushcare	2028-29
Customer Experience	2028-29

As part of the IPART approved Special Rate Variation in 2019/20, Council committed to providing an efficiency dividend from its operations to the value of \$54M by the end of the 2027/28 financial year. An efficiency dividend is an annual reduction in resources allocated to the day-to-day business operations of the Council. This commitment is largely being achieved by reducing the indexation applied to materials and services annual budget allocations. Council is including in the efficiency dividend calculations of any permanent reduction in expenses identified by the organisation. The delivery of the efficiency dividend is being incorporated into the Service Review Program to ensure a contraction of operating expenditure is not impacting service levels and/or standards.

Delivery Program and Operational Plan

Our Services

Each service outlines the core business activities, Operational Plan strategic actions, measurements, challenges, Capital works program expenditure, and resources required for delivery of the service. Services are aligned to the outcomes and strategies in our Community Plan to ensure all our activities contribute to the community's long-term vision.

Council provides two types of services to the community, external and enabling.

External service

External services are services that are provided directly to the community.

- Arts and Culture
- Business and Economic Development
- Communications and Engagement
- Community Safety
- Community Services
- Community Venues
- Customer Experience
- Development Assessment
- Early Education
- Emergency Management
- Environmental Health and Sustainability
- Integrated Transport
- Leisure and Aquatic Services
- Libraries
- Natural Areas Management
- Parks and Open Spaces
- Public Domain Management
- Public Health and Safety
- Regulatory Compliance
- Sporting Facilities
- Stormwater and Waterways
- Strategic Land Use Planning
- Waste Management

Enabling service

Enabling services are internal services that support the rest of the organisation to deliver effective and efficient services that meet the communities current and future needs.

- Asset Strategy and Delivery
- Building Infrastructure
- Corporate Governance
- Corporate Planning and Performance
- Financial Services
- Fleet Operations
- Human Resources
- Information Management and Technology
- Property
- Supply Chain Management

Community Plan alignment

All Council services contribute to delivering our Community Plan priorities.

[See page 22 for full details.](#)

Key service - External	Community Plan priorities
Arts and Culture	PC1 PC2 PC5
Business and Economic Development	PC1 PC4
Communications and Engagement	TL1 TL2 TL3
Community Safety	AV1 PC3
Community Services	AV2 PC1 PC2 PC3
Community Venues	AV2 PC1 PC3
Customer Experience	TL3
Development Assessment	NS2 AV2 PL1 PL2 PL3
Early Education	PC5
Emergency Management	PC3

Environmental Health and Sustainability	NS1 NS2 NS3
Integrated Transport	AV1 AV2 PL3
Leisure and Aquatic Services	AV1 AV2 PC3
Libraries	PC1 PC2 PC3 PC5
Natural Areas Management	NS1 NS2 NS3 PC2
Parks and Open Spaces	NS2 AV1 AV2
Public Domain Management	AV2
Public Health and Safety	AV2 PC3
Regulatory Compliance	AV2 PC3 PL2 PL3
Sporting Facilities	AV1 AV2
Stormwater and Waterways	NS1 NS2 NS3
Strategic Land Use Planning	NS2 AV2 PC2 PL1 PL2
Waste Management	NS3

Community Plan alignment

Key service - Enabling	Community Plan priorities
Asset Strategy and Delivery	NS2 AV1 AV2 PC1 PC2 PL2 TL3
Building Infrastructure	AV1 AV2 PC3 TL3
Corporate Governance	TL2 TL3
Corporate Planning and Performance	TL1 TL2 TL3
Financial Services	TL3
Fleet Operations	NS1 TL3
Human Resources	TL2 TL3
Information Management and Technology	TL3
Property	PC3 TL3
Supply Chain Management	TL3

How to read this plan

Service Name	Arts and Culture	External service	Whether the service is provided directly to the community or is an internal support service
Purpose of the service provided	This service develops and presents arts and culture programs for a diverse community and actively contributes to cultural tourism and the creative economy.		
Responsible Senior Manager	Responsibility Senior Manager Arts and Libraries Senior Manager Community Impact and Innovation	Community Plan alignment  Prosperous and Connected	Community Plan theme that the service delivers on
Discrete subservices provided that deliver the service	Subservices - Hazelhurst exhibitions, art classes, public programs and education - The Pavilion Performing Arts Centre Sutherland performance and programs - Sutherland Arts Theatre performance and public programs - Cultural and civic events programs	Quadruple Bottom Line  Social	Quadruple Bottom Line theme that the service delivers on
Council strategic documents that inform the delivery of the service	Supporting documents - Library Strategy - Cultural Strategy - Public Art Plan - Events and Activation Plan		

How to read this plan

Core activities

Activity	Responsibility
Deliver an annual calendar of cultural, civic and community events	Community Impact and Innovation
Business as usual activities that form service delivery	Division responsible for delivering action

Strategic actions

Councillor Strategic Priority

Code	Action	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	Responsibility
PDM.SA.01	Develop a works program for way-finding infrastructure	●	●			Urban Futures
* PDM.SA.02	Develop a business case to deliver street lighting	●	●			Asset Strategy and Delivery
Projects, initiatives or actions that deliver on a Councillor Strategic Priority		Projects, initiatives or actions to deliver on strategic objectives		Current year that the project will be delivered		Division responsible for delivery of project

Key service indicators

Indicator	Baseline	Target/Trend	Frequency
Number of visitors to Hazelhurst Arts Centre	80,000	Increase	Quarterly
What we will measure on the service delivery	Current actual	Targeted number or trend	How frequently this will be reported

Key challenges

- Maintaining demand for art classes
- Economic impact of increasing industry costs and risk

Major challenges to the delivery of the service

Income and operational expenditure

This year income and expenditure budgeted to deliver the service

	Budget 2026/27 \$'000	Forecast 2027/28 \$'000	Forecast 2028/29 \$'000	Forecast 2029/30 \$'000
User Charges and Fees	(19)	(20)	(20)	(21)
Grants and Contributions - Operating	(169)	(173)	(177)	(181)
Other Revenue	(209)	(211)	(213)	(215)
Total Income	(397)	(403)	(410)	(418)
Employee Costs	974	1,004	1,035	1,066
Materials and Services	500	508	517	526
Other Expenses	792	812	832	853
Total Expenses	2,325	2,372	2,433	2,496

Forecasted income and expenditure to deliver the service

Capital works program

This year capital expenditure budgeted to deliver the service

	Budget 2026/27 \$	Forecast 2027/28 \$	Forecast 2028/29 \$	Forecast 2029/30 \$
Capital - new				
Major Project - Oyster Bay Oval	-	-	100,000	250,000
Total new works	-	-	100,000	250,000
Capital - renewal				
Program - Community & Operational Buildings	1,265,920	668,078	415,995	415,995
Total renewal works	1,265,920	668,078	415,995	415,995
Capital - upgrade				
Major Project - Gunnamatta Café & Pavilion	334,010	936,294	6,000,000	10,005,076
Total upgrade works	334,010	936,294	6,000,000	10,005,076

Forecasted capital expenditure to deliver the service

* Service Plans include Internal Income and Expense which have been eliminated in the consolidated Income Statement.

External services



Bushland and Natural Areas staff

This service develops and presents arts and culture programs for a diverse community and actively contributes to cultural tourism and the creative economy.

Responsibility

Senior Manager Arts and Libraries
Senior Manager Community Impact and Innovation
Senior Manager Customer and Engagement

Subservices

- Hazelhurst exhibitions, art classes, public programs and education
- The Pavilion Performing Arts Centre Sutherland performance and programs
- Sutherland Arts Theatre performance and public programs
- Cultural and civic events programs

Supporting documents

- Library Strategy
- Cultural Strategy
- Public Art Plan
- Events and Activation Plan

Community Plan alignment



Prosperous and
Connected

Quadruple Bottom Line



Social



Economic



Core activities

Activity	Responsibility
Deliver an annual calendar of cultural, civic and community events	Community Impact and Innovation
Develop events based on local history and stories	Community Impact and Innovation
Celebrate Dharawal and First Nations culture through partnerships, exhibitions, events and programs	Arts and Libraries
Showcase content on local history and stories through partnerships, exhibitions, events and programs	Arts and Libraries
Increase representation of our diverse community in our programs and services	Community Impact and Innovation
Provide opportunities for artists and performers through partnerships, exhibitions, and events and programs	Arts and Libraries
Deliver a diverse program of events and activations across the local government area which celebrate communities and increase visitation and support economic growth of Sutherland Shire	Community Impact and Innovation
Investigate, plan and deliver event-ready spaces	Community Impact and Innovation
Consider First Nations culture and heritage for public art projects	Arts and Libraries
Promote environmentally sustainability through public art	Arts and Libraries
Use public art as a proactive strategy to reduce graffiti	Arts and Libraries
Ensure that Council delivers or supports one public art project each year	Arts and Libraries
Embed the Child Safe Standards into service practices ensuring safe and inclusive environments for children and young people	Arts and Libraries
Maintain relationships with our sister cities to promote cultural exchange, strengthen civic and community connections, and create opportunities for learning, tourism and economic growth.	Customer and Engagement

Strategic actions

Code	Action	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	Responsibility
ACL.SA.01	Develop events based on local history and stories through partnerships, events and programs that cater to a diverse range of audiences	●				Community Impact and Innovation
ACL.SA.02	Continue investigation and development of the Hazelhurst Arts Centre Master Plan/Site Plan	●				Arts and Libraries
ACL.SA.03	Deliver key actions from the Public Art Plan	●	●	●	●	Arts and Libraries
ACL.SA.04	Build on the Aboriginal Heritage Management Plan and its implementation plan for signage and placemaking to include developed interpretive signage	●				Assets Strategy and Delivery
ACL.SA.05	Identify key locations for public art installations by First Nations artists		●	●	●	Arts and Libraries
ACL.SA.06	Develop and implement a participatory public art program that engages the community in commemorating significant local historical events			●		Arts and Libraries
ACL.SA.07	Establish a framework for the Public Art Panel's role in assessing public art proposal for development applications		●			Arts and Libraries
ACL.SA.08	Commission a public art project that incorporates sustainable materials		●	●		Arts and Libraries
ACL.SA.09	Identify opportunities to integrate public art during the planning phase of Council infrastructure projects and upgrades		●	●	●	Arts and Libraries
ACL.SA.10	Commence review of the Cultural Strategy		●	●		Arts and Libraries

Key service indicators

Indicator	Baseline	Target/Trend	Frequency
Number of visitors to Hazelhurst Arts Centre Gallery	80,000	Increase	Quarterly
Number of enrolments in Hazelhurst Arts Centre Classes	4,300	Maintain	Quarterly
Number of cultural and community events provided	28	Maintain	Quarterly
Number of attendees at cultural and community events	40,030	Increase	Quarterly

Key challenges

- Maintaining demand for art classes
- Economic impact of increasing industry costs and risk
- Increasing community expectation for events and activations

Income and operational expenditure

	Budget 2026/27 \$'000	Forecast 2027/28 \$'000	Forecast 2028/29 \$'000	Forecast 2029/30 \$'000
Rates and annual Charges	-	-	-	-
User Charges and Fees	(1,109)	(1,160)	(1,213)	(1,257)
Interest and Investment Income	-	-	-	-
Other Income	-	-	-	-
Grants and Contributions - Operating	(212)	(218)	(223)	(229)
Grants and Contributions - Capital	-	-	-	-
Other Revenue	(378)	(382)	(386)	(390)
Internal Income	-	-	-	-
Total Income	(1,699)	(1,759)	(1,822)	(1,875)
Employee Costs	3,077	3,218	3,366	3,487
Borrowing Costs	298	272	239	206
Materials and Services	2,049	2,087	2,139	2,193
Depreciation and Amortisation	1,026	1,039	1,116	1,205
Other Expenses	1,877	1,924	1,972	2,021
Net loss from the disposal of asset	-	-	-	-
Internal Expense	10	10	10	10
Total Expenses	8,337	8,551	8,842	9,123
Net Cost of Service	6,638	6,791	7,020	7,248

Capital works program

	Budget 2026/27 \$	Forecast 2027/28 \$	Forecast 2028/29 \$	Forecast 2029/30 \$
Capital - renewal				
Program - Community & Operational Buildings	50,000	-	600,000	1,735,209
Total renewal works	50,000	-	600,000	1,735,209

This service builds the economic capacity of Sutherland Shire to improve the quality of life for all. The service collaborates with industry, business and education provider partners to create an environment that stimulates and supports sustainable economic growth, employment generation, and resilience.

Responsibility

Senior Manager Community Impact and Innovation

Subservices

- Support for business growth and development
- Tourism promotion
- Event and filming facilitation

Supporting documents

- Economic Strategy
- Events and Activations Plan

Community Plan alignment



Prosperous and
Connected

Quadruple Bottom Line



Social



Economic



Core activities

Activity	Responsibility
Support and encourage the growth and skills of the local business community	Community Impact and Innovation
Support the growth of tourism and proactively market Sutherland Shire as a destination of choice to potential visitors	Community Impact and Innovation
Facilitate third party events to meet social, cultural and economic needs of the community	Community Impact and Innovation
Actively promote and facilitate filming within Sutherland Shire to support the local economy	Community Impact and Innovation
Activate public spaces through events, product sampling and casual leasing opportunities to encourage visitation	Community Impact and Innovation
Implement nighttime economy programs in centres	Community Impact and Innovation
Streamline event and activations processes	Community Impact and Innovation
Partner, support and fund non-Council led events that align to Councils Events and Activations Plan	Community Impact and Innovation
Promote Events and Activations occurring through Sutherland Shire	Community Impact and Innovation

Strategic actions

★ Councillor Strategic Priority

Code	Action	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	Responsibility
BED.SA.01	Identify and prioritise suitable spaces for inclusion in Global Develop Applications to streamline event processes	●	●			Community Impact and Innovation
★ BED.SA.02	Develop and implement an activation plan for the rejuvenated Cronulla Plaza	●				Community Impact and Innovation
★ BED.SA.03	Deliver at least one town centre or precinct activation annually in each ward to support equitable community engagement and visibility	●	●	●	●	Community Impact and Innovation
BED.SA.04	Finalise and implement the Economic Development Strategy	●	●	●	●	Community Impact and Innovation
BED.SA.05	Explore and implement a sponsorship funding program to support events which bring economic benefit and visitor attraction to Sutherland Shire		●	●		Community Impact and Innovation
BED.SA.06	Develop and maintain a dynamic events calendar of 'What's On' that encompasses Council led and external events and activations across Sutherland Shire		●	●		Community Impact and Innovation
BED.SA.07	Develop and implement a sustainable events policy to encourage the elimination of single use plastics and reduce environmental impact across all Council led and supported events		●			Community Impact and Innovation

Key service indicators

Indicator	Baseline	Target/Trend	Frequency
Number of business events, webinars and training delivered	4	Maintain	Quarterly
Number of respondents to the biennial Business survey	249	350	Every 2 years
Level of business confidence indicated by businesses in the biennial Business Survey	87%	90%	Every 2 years
Number of tourism promotional campaigns delivered	2	Maintain	Quarterly
Number of quarterly visits to “Visit Sutherland Shire” webpage	15,000	17,000	Quarterly
Number of third-party events, product sampling and casual lease permits issues	300	300	Quarterly
Number of filming permits issued	150	150	Quarterly

Key challenges

- Economic impacts that affect community wealth, employment and overall standard of living
- Availability of government grants
- Reduction in support by Government for film industry
- Reduction in community groups’ volunteers
- Public domain restrictions

Income and operational expenditure

	Budget 2026/27 \$'000	Forecast 2027/28 \$'000	Forecast 2028/29 \$'000	Forecast 2029/30 \$'000
Rates and annual Charges	-	-	-	-
User Charges and Fees	(20)	(20)	(21)	(22)
Interest and Investment Income	-	-	-	-
Other Income	-	-	-	-
Grants and Contributions - Operating	(169)	(173)	(177)	(182)
Grants and Contributions - Capital	-	-	-	-
Other Revenue	(211)	(213)	(215)	(218)
Internal Income	-	-	-	-
Total Income	(399)	(407)	(414)	(421)
Employee Costs	872	912	954	988
Borrowing Costs	-	-	-	-
Materials and Services	761	775	794	814
Depreciation and Amortisation	4	1	1	1
Other Expenses	792	812	832	853
Net loss from the disposal of asset	-	-	-	-
Internal Expense	46	48	49	50
Total Expenses	2,475	2,547	2,630	2,706
Net Cost of Service	2,076	2,141	2,216	2,285

This service facilitates effective communication with our community and staff to inform and connect with the services, priorities, achievements, and decisions of Council. It also provides inclusive opportunities for community participation in Council decision-making, fostering transparency and helping to build trust and confidence in Council.

Responsibility

Senior Manager Customer and Engagement

Subservices

- Corporate communications
- Media and public relations
- Community engagement
- Internal communications
- Brand management

Supporting documents

- Community Engagement Strategy
- Customer Experience Strategy

Community Plan alignment



Trusted
Leadership

Quadruple Bottom Line



Civic
Leadership



Core activities

Activity	Responsibility
Provide internal advice, and facilitate effective engagement that ensures alignment with Council's Community Engagement Strategy	Customer and Engagement
Manage and enhance Council's corporate communication channels to support community awareness of, and engagement with, Council priorities, services, achievements and decisions	Customer and Engagement
Facilitate effective media and public relations management in line with Council's policies and strategies to ensure clear, timely and accurate external communication that supports positive public perception of Council	Customer and Engagement
Deliver internal communications and employee engagement initiatives that connect, educate and inspire employees on Council's key priorities and achievements	Customer and Engagement

Strategic actions

Code	Action	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	Responsibility
CAE.SA.01	Build Council's brand equity by developing and implementing a Brand Strategy and framework		●			Customer and Engagement
CAE.SA.02	Review the Internal Communications Framework to support the effective delivery of employee communications and engagement	●				Customer and Engagement
CAE.SA.03	Review and update the Community Engagement Strategy based on social justice principles and industry best practice, to facilitate effective engagement with the community that informs decision making	●				Customer and Engagement
CAE.SA.04	Undertake a biennial community satisfaction research to inform ongoing service planning	●		●		Customer and Engagement
CAE.SA.05	Investigate new and emerging communication technologies to reach and engage our diverse and dispersed workforce		●	●		Customer and Engagement
CAE.SA.06	Implement uplifts to the Customer Service Centre operational systems, to enhance the delivery of reliable and effective omni-channel functionality which meets evolving customer and business needs		●	●		Customer and Engagement

Key service indicators

Indicator	Baseline	Target/Trend	Frequency
Number of followers of corporate social media profiles and pages	61,600	Increase	Quarterly
E-newsletter open rate	53%	Increase	Quarterly
Average unique website customers per month	90,000	Maintain	Quarterly
Number of Our Shire e-newsletter subscribers	6,016	Increase	Quarterly
Total visitors to consultation pages on Join the Conversation	114,000	Maintain	Quarterly
Number of Join the Conversation eDM subscribers	13,316	Increase	Quarterly

Key challenges

- Strengthening community trust in Council through delivering effective communication about the services, priorities and decisions of Council through channels which effectively reach our community
- Building community participation in decision-making through engagement activities that are inclusive, timely and optimise opportunities for meaningful participation
- Communications support and capability uplift to drive positive customer experiences across all Council services
- Social media management with continuously evolving legal and liability risk
- Threats to brand and reputation through misinformation
- Ensuring internal communications channels reach and engage a dispersed and diverse workforce

Income and operational expenditure

	Budget 2026/27 \$'000	Forecast 2027/28 \$'000	Forecast 2028/29 \$'000	Forecast 2029/30 \$'000
Rates and annual Charges	-	-	-	-
User Charges and Fees	-	-	-	-
Interest and Investment Income	-	-	-	-
Other Income	-	-	-	-
Grants and Contributions - Operating	-	-	-	-
Grants and Contributions - Capital	-	-	-	-
Other Revenue	-	-	-	-
Internal Income	(688)	(706)	(724)	(742)
Total Income	(688)	(706)	(724)	(742)
Employee Costs	2,691	2,815	2,944	3,050
Borrowing Costs	-	-	-	-
Materials and Services	544	555	568	583
Depreciation and Amortisation	-	-	-	-
Other Expenses	21	22	22	23
Net loss from the disposal of asset	-	-	-	-
Internal Expense	-	-	-	-
Total Expenses	3,257	3,391	3,535	3,656
Net Cost of Service	2,569	2,685	2,811	2,914

To protect and enhance the wellbeing of our community by delivering proactive safety programs, maintaining essential public safety infrastructure, and promoting responsible behaviours. Through ocean safety and lifeguard services, responsible pet ownership initiatives, and community engagement programs, we strive to create a safe, inclusive, and resilient environment for all residents and visitors.

Responsibility

Senior Manager Community Impact and Innovation
Senior Manager Environment and Regulation
Chief Information Officer
Senior Manager Early Education and Child Protection

Subservices

- Child Safety
- Companion animal control and education
- Proactive Community Safety Programs
- Ocean Safety and Lifeguards

Supporting documents

- Safer Communities Strategy
- Child Safe Action Plan
- Draft Companion Animal Plan

Community Plan alignment



Active and
Vibrant



Prosperous and
Connected

Quadruple Bottom Line



Social



Core actions

Action	Responsibility
Strengthen the protection of public and Council assets through CCTV technology and vehicle barriers, aligned with Australia's crowded places strategy to deter threats and enable rapid response	Information Management and Technology
Provide a high-quality animal shelter facility which promotes best practice in the care of companion animals and promotion of responsible pet ownership	Community Impact and Innovation
Enhance community safety by implementing targeted initiatives, education campaigns, and long-term programs, with a focus on vulnerable groups to maximise safety and accessibility for all	Community Impact and Innovation
Prevent and reduce crime through joint safety initiatives with NSW Police	Community Impact and Innovation
Deliver a high-quality ocean safety service to the community, by collaborating with coastal agencies to enhance emergency preparedness, provide surf awareness, and promote education initiatives	Community Impact and Innovation
Deliver proactive programs addressing domestic and family violence	Community Impact and Innovation
Ensure compliance with the Companion Animals Act through regulatory activities	Environment and Regulation
Enhance child safety by embedding the Child Safe Standards across all Council services and programs	Early Education and Child Protection

Strategic actions

Code	Action	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	Responsibility
CFS.SA.01	Investigate redevelopment and partnership opportunities for the Animal Shelter				●	Community Impact and Innovation
CSF.SA.02	Implement the Child Safe Action Plan		●	●	●	Early Education and Child Protection
CSF.SA.03	Implement a trial of a Code Red initiative to provide daytime respite and protection for vulnerable members of the community		●			Community Impact and Innovation
CSF.SA.04	Commence review of the Safer Communities Strategy			●		Community Impact and Innovation

Key service indicators

Indicator	Baseline	Target/Trend	Frequency
Number of information session promoting responsible pet ownership	8	Maintain	Quarterly
% of animals rehomed through the animal shelter	80%	Maintain	Quarterly
Number of crime prevention and safety programs	10	Maintain	Quarterly
Number of proactive companion animal patrols	365	Maintain	Quarterly
Number of rock safety fishing patrols	52	Maintain	Quarterly
Number of attendees at surf awareness and survival education programs to community groups and members	850	Increase	Quarterly
Number of students at surf awareness and survival education programs for local schools	3,500	Increase	Quarterly

Key challenges

- Ensuring responsible pet ownership
- Increase in companion animals in the Sutherland Shire local government area
- Increase in youth crime and antisocial behaviour in public spaces
- Increase in alcohol related crime during summer months
- Reliance on police resources and other stakeholders to address youth crime, antisocial behaviour and alcohol related crime across the local government area
- Maintaining effective coverage of non-patrolled areas adjoining the Bate Bay area
- Communicating safety programs across a diverse community

Income and operational expenditure

	Budget 2026/27 \$'000	Forecast 2027/28 \$'000	Forecast 2028/29 \$'000	Forecast 2029/30 \$'000
Rates and annual Charges	-	-	-	-
User Charges and Fees	(530)	(555)	(580)	(601)
Interest and Investment Income	-	-	-	-
Other Income	-	-	-	-
Grants and Contributions - Operating	(60)	(61)	(63)	(65)
Grants and Contributions - Capital	-	-	-	-
Other Revenue	(160)	(162)	(163)	(165)
Internal Income	-	-	-	-
Total Income	(750)	(778)	(807)	(831)
Employee Costs	3,857	4,034	4,220	4,371
Borrowing Costs	-	-	-	-
Materials and Services	426	434	445	456
Depreciation and Amortisation	609	618	663	716
Other Expenses	10	10	11	11
Net loss from the disposal of asset	-	-	-	-
Internal Expense	14	15	15	15
Total Expenses	4,916	5,111	5,353	5,570
Net Cost of Service	4,166	4,333	4,547	4,740

This service supports the development of a healthy, connected, and inclusive local community by partnering with community service providers and groups to respond to challenges, generate solutions and promote health and wellbeing.

Responsibility

Senior Manager Community Impact and Innovation

Subservices

- Child, youth and family programs
- Disability programs
- Seniors programs
- Indigenous programs
- Multicultural programs
- Grant planning and management

Supporting documents

- Disability Inclusion Action Plan
- Reconciliation Action Plan
- Community Development Strategy

Community Plan alignment



Active and
Vibrant



Prosperous and
Connected

Quadruple Bottom Line



Social



Core activities

Activity	Responsibility
Facilitate the community grants and subsidies program (s356 of Local Government Act)	Community Impact and Innovation
Capture the financial value of the community services provided to the community	Community Impact and Innovation
Increase representation of our diverse community in our programs and services	Community Impact and Innovation
Partner with community organisations and relevant agencies to support emergency preparedness and disaster recovery for the community	Community Impact and Innovation
Coordinate grants and subsidies to support prioritised community development	Community Impact and Innovation
Work with community partners to deliver services and programs that support our community	Community Impact and Innovation

Strategic actions

Code	Action	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	Responsibility
CMS.SA.01	Deliver actions outlined in the Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2026 -2030	●	●	●	●	Community Impact and Innovation
CMS.SA.02	Develop a Diversity and Inclusion Framework including support for the implementation of the Multicultural Action Plan	●				Community Impact and Innovation
CMS.SA.03	Undertake a social study to understand existing and future demographic, community and social needs to inform planning	●		●		Community Impact and Innovation
CMS.SA.04	Undertake detailed mapping and gap analysis of community services by sector to understand our existing and future community services needs and inform planning Incorporated into CMS.SA.03					Community Impact and Innovation
CMS.SA.05	Develop and implement deliverables of the Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan	●	●	●	●	Community Impact and Innovation
CMS.SA.06	Identify and map full extent of contributions by Council to the community	●				Community Impact and Innovation
CMS.SA.07	Facilitate opportunities for senior residents to access information and services regarding the Australian Government's aged care reforms		●			Community Impact and Innovation
CMS.SA.08	Deliver actions outlined in the Multicultural Action Plan		●	●	●	Community Impact and Innovation
CMS.SA.09	Commence Review of the Community Development Strategy			●		Community Impact and Innovation

Key service indicators

Indicator	Baseline	Target/Trend	Frequency
Number of respondents to biannual customer satisfaction surveys	320	15% annual growth	Biannual
Youth participation rates in Council initiatives	2,000	Maintain	Quarterly
Number of programs supported by the annual Community Grants Program	47	Maintain	Quarterly
Number of organisations reached by the annual Community Grants Program	58	Increase	Quarterly
Number of sector support initiatives undertaken	40	Maintain	Quarterly

Key challenges

- Increased demands on local service providers
- Increased needs to provide culturally appropriate services
- Industrial challenges in NSW Health mental health sector
- Increased homelessness in the Local Government Area

Income and operational expenditure

	Budget 2026/27 \$'000	Forecast 2027/28 \$'000	Forecast 2028/29 \$'000	Forecast 2029/30 \$'000
Rates and annual Charges	-	-	-	-
User Charges and Fees	-	-	-	-
Interest and Investment Income	-	-	-	-
Other Income	-	-	-	-
Grants and Contributions - Operating	(110)	(112)	(115)	(118)
Grants and Contributions - Capital	-	-	-	-
Other Revenue	(29)	(29)	(30)	(30)
Internal Income	(63)	(64)	(66)	(67)
Total Income	(201)	(206)	(211)	(215)
Employee Costs	684	716	748	775
Borrowing Costs	-	-	-	-
Materials and Services	245	249	256	262
Depreciation and Amortisation	-	-	-	-
Other Expenses	-	-	-	-
Net loss from the disposal of asset	-	-	-	-
Internal Expense	-	-	-	-
Total Expenses	929	965	1,004	1,037
Net Cost of Service	728	759	794	822

This service facilitates efficient operation, management, promotion, maintenance and strategic development of Council's community venues to meet the community's social, economic and cultural needs.

Responsibility

Senior Manager Community Impact and Innovation

Subservices

- Booking facilitation approvals and customer support
- Facility renewal and maintenance
- Venue marketing and promotion

Supporting documents

- Community Venues Strategy
- Property Strategy

Community Plan alignment



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Core activities

Activity	Responsibility
Manage the hiring of Council venues whilst meeting the agreed service level guidelines	Community Impact and Innovation
Increase the utilisation and activation of community buildings	Community Impact and Innovation

Strategic actions

Code	Action	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	Responsibility
CMV.SA.01	Increase the utilisation and activation of community buildings	●	●			Community Impact and Innovation
CMV.SA.02	Develop a delivery program for audiovisual service improvements in identified venues	●				Community Impact and Innovation
CMV.SA.03	Undertake a community buildings audit to rationalise assets and ensure financial sustainability	●				Community Impact and Innovation
CMV.SA.04	Deliver the Gunnamatta Pavilion and café including upgrading food and beverage facilities; renovating and constructing pavilion building; and enhancing and upgrading landscaping	●	●	●	●	Asset Strategy and Delivery
CMV.SA.05	Develop a program of community building uplift to ensure assets are attractive, flexible and purposeful and rational assets ensuring financial sustainability		●	●	●	Community Impact and Innovation
CMV.SA.06	Align community venue service levels, asset management and governance standards between Volunteer Management Committees and Council		●	●		Community Impact and Innovation
CMV.SA.07	Commence review of the Community Venues Strategy				●	Community Impact and Innovation
CMV.SA.08	Explore opportunities for alternate use of community venues during non-peak periods				●	Community Impact and Innovation

Key service indicators

Indicator	Baseline	Target/Trend	Frequency
Net promoter score from booking process	59	60	Quarterly
Number of venue bookings	15,500	Increase	Quarterly
Average venue utilisation	22%	25%	Quarterly

Key challenges

- Overall venue space for hire is divided among small, outdated and single purpose facilities
- Venue renewals to be considered as part of Council's strategic place plan development

Income and operational expenditure

	Budget 2026/27 \$'000	Forecast 2027/28 \$'000	Forecast 2028/29 \$'000	Forecast 2029/30 \$'000
Rates and annual Charges	-	-	-	-
User Charges and Fees	(1,399)	(1,463)	(1,530)	(1,585)
Interest and Investment Income	-	-	-	-
Other Income	-	-	-	-
Grants and Contributions - Operating	-	-	-	-
Grants and Contributions - Capital	-	-	-	-
Other Revenue	-	-	-	-
Internal Income	-	-	-	-
Total Income	(1,399)	(1,463)	(1,531)	(1,586)
Employee Costs	404	422	442	458
Borrowing Costs	-	491	478	463
Materials and Services	164	167	171	175
Depreciation and Amortisation	998	1,013	1,088	1,175
Other Expenses	-	-	-	-
Net loss from the disposal of asset	-	-	-	-
Internal Expense	-	-	-	-
Total Expenses	1,566	2,094	2,178	2,271
Net Cost of Service	167	630	647	685

Capital works program

	Budget 2026/27 \$	Forecast 2027/28 \$	Forecast 2028/29 \$	Forecast 2029/30 \$
Capital - new				
Major Project - Oyster Bay Oval	-	-	100,000	250,000
Total new works	-	-	100,000	250,000
Capital - renewal				
Program - Community & Operational Buildings	1,368,976	668,078	415,995	415,995
Total renewal works	1,368,976	668,078	415,995	415,995
Capital - upgrade				
Major Project - Gunnamatta Café & Pavilion	100,000	936,294	6,000,000	10,005,076
Total upgrade works	100,000	936,294	6,000,000	10,005,076

The service facilitates the provision of effective, customer centric service delivery across Council, to deliver positive experiences that build trust in Council.

The service manages customer enquiries through Council's customer service centre, call centre and online digital platforms, to facilitate effective resolution of enquiries. This service also drives the delivery of Council's Customer Experience Strategy to strengthen customer centric service delivery and culture within the organisation.

Responsibility

Senior Manager Customer and Engagement

Subservices

- Customer service centre
- Customer strategy and improvement

Supporting documents

- Customer Experience Strategy

Community Plan alignment



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Core activities

Activity	Responsibility
Develop and deliver a positive and responsive customer experience for the community, through effective management of customer service channels and touchpoints	Customer and Engagement
Provide strategic business partnering, including expert advice, support, resources and training, to drive customer-centric culture, capability and decision-making across Council	Customer and Engagement
Facilitate effective development and delivery of key customer performance reporting, to inform customer-centric service planning and identify improvement opportunities	Customer and Engagement
Manage Council's 'Voice of Customer' program, capturing key customer experience metrics at identified customer touchpoints, with feedback informing ongoing service planning	Customer and Engagement
Create and deploy training programs at all stages of the employee life cycle which build capability to deliver customer-centric service	Customer and Engagement

Strategic actions

Code	Action	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	Responsibility
CEX.SA.01	Implement actions in the Customer Experience Strategy	●				Customer and Engagement
CEX.SA.02	Establish formal governance frameworks (business rules, standards, service levels and metrics) and supporting resources required to deliver and maintain a consistent customer experience	●	●			Customer and Engagement
CEX.SA.03	Deliver a community education campaign, involving a range of activities aimed at enhancing understanding of Council services, decisions and commitment to customer experience	●				Customer and Engagement
CEX.SA.04	Deliver a customer experience program for staff that builds capability, resources, tools and accountability, to enhance service delivery and meet customer needs	●				Customer and Engagement
CEX.SA.05	Establish a formal framework to guide the collection, analysis, actions and close the loop on customer feedback, to support customer centric decision-making	●				Customer and Engagement
CEX.SA.06	Review key customer service centre operational systems, to ensure they are delivering reliable and effective omni-channel functionality which meets customer and business needs	●				Customer and Engagement

Strategic actions

Code	Action	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	Responsibility
CEX.SA.07	Review accessibility status of customer facing systems to enhance inclusion	●				Customer and Engagement
CEX.SA.08	Develop customer experience benchmark program to measure and report on progress against strategic metrics every two years		●			Customer and Engagement
CEX.SA.09	Upgrade our customer service centre to be modern and fit for future, reflecting our commitment to customer experience		●	●		Customer and Engagement
CEX.SA.10	Create a digital customer experience scorecard/ dashboard displaying key customer metrics		●			Customer and Engagement
CEX.SA.11	Develop customer response service levels to enable timely and reliable communications with customers to drive accountability and elevate the importance of customer experience		●			Customer and Engagement
CEX.SA.12	Investigate digital tools, including the use of AI to enhance access to Council information and services for staff and customers and support more timely and efficient interactions		●	●		Customer and Engagement
CEX.SA.13	Incorporate customer experience as a criterion in planning and decision-making governance frameworks		●	●		Customer and Engagement

Key service indicators

Indicator	Baseline	Target/Trend	Frequency
Customer effort score	68%	Increase	Quarterly
Customer satisfaction score	63%	Increase	Quarterly
Net promoter score	8	Increase	Quarterly
Customer experience (CX) maturity score			
(CX Maturity Framework 1= Basic 2= Reactive 3 = Intermediate)	1.93	3	Quarterly
Call Centre: average wait time	1:30 mins	1:30mins	Quarterly

Key challenges

- Strengthening of customer-centric culture and capability across all Council service areas
- Fostering clear ownership and accountability of customer interactions, so customers receive empathetic, timely and accurate communication
- Support for positive customer experience as key digital and service transformation projects are delivered

Income and operational expenditure

	Budget 2026/27 \$'000	Forecast 2027/28 \$'000	Forecast 2028/29 \$'000	Forecast 2029/30 \$'000
Rates and annual Charges	-	-	-	-
User Charges and Fees	-	-	-	-
Interest and Investment Income	-	-	-	-
Other Income	-	-	-	-
Grants and Contributions - Operating	-	-	-	-
Grants and Contributions - Capital	-	-	-	-
Other Revenue	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Internal Income	-	-	-	-
Total Income	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Employee Costs	3,309	3,461	3,620	3,751
Borrowing Costs	-	-	-	-
Materials and Services	540	550	564	578
Depreciation and Amortisation	-	-	-	-
Other Expenses	-	-	-	-
Net loss from the disposal of asset	-	-	-	-
Internal Expense	-	-	-	-
Total Expenses	3,849	4,012	4,185	4,329
Net Cost of Service	3,849	4,011	4,184	4,328

This service manages the assessment and determination of development, modification, and review applications under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. It also issues construction, complying development, and subdivision certificates. All processes follow state, regional, and local planning policies, aiming to guide development towards sustainable outcomes that balance social, economic, and environmental considerations.

Responsibility

Senior Manager Development Assessment

Subservices

- Planning enquiries
- Pre-application discussions
- Development assessment
- Certification services

Supporting documents

- Sutherland Shire Development Control Plan 2015
- Sutherland Shire Local Environmental Plan 2015

Community Plan alignment



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Development Assessment

Core activities

Activity	Responsibility
Pursue initiatives to attract experienced staff and ensure capabilities around the assessment of complex applications	Development Assessment
Develop and support a skilled, knowledgeable, and dedicated workforce through ongoing professional development and training	Development Assessment
Maintain high standards of governance, ensuring services align with regulatory requirements and best practices in development assessment	Development Assessment
Monitor performance against the Development Assessment Customer Service Charter and Ministerial Expectations for development assessment	Development Assessment

Strategic actions

★ Councillor Strategic Priority

Code	Action	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	Responsibility
★ DAS.SA.01	Implement remaining actions of the Development Assessment Improvement Program	●				Development Assessment
★ DAS.SA.02	Finalise the development and implementation of a Customer Service Charter for lodgement and assessment of development related applications	●	●			Development Assessment
★ DAS.SA.03	Revise Council's Development Advisory Service to include a range of offerings, suitable to the scale of development proposed	●	●			Development Assessment
★ DAS.SA.04	Review standard conditions of consent to ensure consistency with State Government reforms and requirements	●	●			Development Assessment

Key service indicators

Indicator	Baseline	Target/Trend	Frequency
Development assessment time frames	105 days	95 Days 2026/2027	Quarterly
Median net determination days	80 days	Decrease	Quarterly
Number outstanding development applications > 95 days*	n/a	Decrease	Quarterly
Number outstanding development applications < 95 days*	n/a	Increase	Quarterly

*no baseline as this measure changes with ministers expectations

Key challenges

- Application quality
- Unpredictable lodgement numbers
- High number of properties in environmentally sensitive/challenged areas
- Low and Mid-Rise housing reforms
- Infrastructure challenges associated with supporting new density

Income and operational expenditure

	Budget 2026/27 \$'000	Forecast 2027/28 \$'000	Forecast 2028/29 \$'000	Forecast 2029/30 \$'000
Rates and annual Charges	-	-	-	-
User Charges and Fees	(3,348)	(3,501)	(3,663)	(3,794)
Interest and Investment Income	-	-	-	-
Other Income	-	-	-	-
Grants and Contributions - Operating	-	-	-	-
Grants and Contributions - Capital	-	-	-	-
Other Revenue	-	-	-	-
Internal Income	-	-	-	-
Total Income	(3,348)	(3,501)	(3,663)	(3,794)
Employee Costs	9,306	9,734	10,182	10,549
Borrowing Costs	-	-	-	-
Materials and Services	451	460	471	483
Depreciation and Amortisation	2	2	2	2
Other Expenses	-	-	-	-
Net loss from the disposal of asset	-	-	-	-
Internal Expense	-	-	-	-
Total Expenses	9,760	10,196	10,655	11,033
Net Cost of Service	6,412	6,695	6,993	7,239

The service is dedicated to nurturing every child's potential by providing high-quality, inclusive early education and care across eleven centres. Each day, over 500 children from birth to school age are welcomed into safe, engaging environments where they can learn, grow, and thrive. Children's wellbeing and development is prioritised by investing in a skilled and passionate workforce, maintaining strong governance, and ensuring sustainable practices.

Responsibility

Senior Manager Early Education and Child Protection

Subservices

- Early education centres

Supporting documents

- Disability Inclusion Action Plan
- Child Safe Action Plan

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Core activities

Activity	Responsibility
Operate and manage 11 early education and care centres for children birth to school age	Early Education and Child Protection
Provide inclusive education and care	Early Education and Child Protection
Develop and support a skilled, knowledgeable and dedicated workforce through ongoing professional development and training	Early Education and Child Protection
Maintain high standards of governance, ensuring services align with regulatory requirements and best practices in early education	Early Education and Child Protection
Foster collaborative partnerships with families and communities, promoting a supportive network around each child's learning journey	Early Education and Child Protection
Maintain engaging, well equipped and safe facilities that foster children's learning, exploration, and development in both indoor and outdoor spaces	Early Education and Child Protection

Strategic actions

Code	Action	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	Responsibility
CHS.SA.01	Implement the annual program of business improvement initiatives	●	●	●	●	Early Education and Child Protection
CHS.SA.02	Review and implement Child Safe Action Plan	●				Early Education and Child Protection
CHS.SA.03	Develop and implement an Early Years Strategy	●	●	●	●	Early Education and Child Protection
CHS.SA.04	Review digital systems for the management of children's records		●			Early Education and Child Protection

Key service indicators

Indicator	Baseline	Target/Trend	Frequency
Occupancy rate	95.35%	97%	Quarterly
% of families who have reported that our services are inclusive and supportive of all backgrounds	88%	>80%	Annual
% of centres who hold an overall rating of Meeting or Above the National Quality	100%	100%	Annual
% of families who report that their child's educational outcomes have benefited from their attendance	89%	>90%	Annual
% of families who have expressed an overall satisfaction with the service	92%	>90%	Six-monthly
% of Educators who stay and work in Children's Services	91.74%	>75%	Six-monthly

Key challenges

- Attracting and retaining employees
- Maintaining educators skills and knowledge
- Increased number of children presenting with trauma, behaviour challenges and additional needs
- Funding gap, resources and process to support children with additional needs
- Increased level of compliance and expectations from legislative body
- Balancing the requirements from all stakeholder groups
- Maintaining and modernising facilities
- Keeping up to date with technology advancements
- Sector changes and uncertainty with government direction and investment

Income and operational expenditure

	Budget 2026/27 \$'000	Forecast 2027/28 \$'000	Forecast 2028/29 \$'000	Forecast 2029/30 \$'000
Rates and annual Charges	62	65	67	70
User Charges and Fees	(19,585)	(20,486)	(21,428)	(22,199)
Interest and Investment Income	-	-	-	-
Other Income	-	-	-	-
Grants and Contributions - Operating	(2,338)	(2,399)	(2,459)	(2,520)
Grants and Contributions - Capital	-	-	-	-
Other Revenue	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)
Internal Income	(4,735)	(4,858)	(4,979)	(5,104)
Total Income	(26,600)	(27,682)	(28,803)	(29,758)
Employee Costs	18,185	19,022	19,897	20,613
Borrowing Costs	-	-	-	-
Materials and Services	2,546	2,593	2,658	2,725
Depreciation and Amortisation	218	220	235	254
Other Expenses	-	-	-	-
Net loss from the disposal of asset	-	-	-	-
Internal Expense	5,657	5,805	5,950	6,098
Total Expenses	26,607	27,639	28,740	29,690
Net Cost of Service	7	(43)	(64)	(69)

Capital works program

	Budget 2026/27 \$	Forecast 2027/28 \$	Forecast 2028/29 \$	Forecast 2029/30 \$
Capital - renewal				
Program - Early Education Centres	688,609	688,609	688,609	688,609
Total renewal works	688,609	688,609	688,609	688,609

This service supports emergency service organisations, representing the interests of our community's safety and wellbeing on issues relating to emergency management, including planning, preparation, response and recovery activities, natural disaster relief, and the emergency services levy.

Responsibility

Local Emergency Management Officer

Subservices

- Emergency management support
- Hazard reduction on Council land

Supporting documents

- Sutherland Shire Emergency Management Plan
- Draft Resilience Strategy

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Emergency Management

Core activities

Activity	Responsibility
Ensure the Emergency Operations Centre is resourced with leading technology, administration, and facilities to support lead combat agencies during emergency events	Local Emergency Management Officer
Implement recommendations from the NSW Bushfire Inquiry and the Royal Commission into National Natural Disaster Arrangements	Local Emergency Management Officer
Implement improvements from the Royal Commission into National Natural Disaster Arrangements	Local Emergency Management Officer
Develop a Rural Fire Service service level agreement	Local Emergency Management Officer

Strategic actions

Code	Action	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	Responsibility
EMG.SA.01	Undertake a review of environmental factors for identified areas of bushfire hazard reduction programs	●	●	●	●	Asset Strategy and Delivery
EMG.SA.02	Review the Sutherland Shire Emergency Management Plan	●	●	●		Infrastructure Directorate
EMG.SA.03	Develop a Disaster Adaptation Plan		●			Infrastructure Directorate
EMG.SA.04	Develop a Sutherland Shire Recovery Plan			●		Infrastructure Directorate

Key service indicators

Indicator	Baseline	Target/Trend	Frequency
% of Asset Protection Zone maintenance program completed (103 sites)	85%	90%	Quarterly
% of Administrative staff and Local Emergency management group staff completing emergency management training	90%	80%	Annual
Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC) meetings held	4	4	Quarterly
Number of sites prepared for controlled burns	6	8*	Quarterly

* No. of controlled burns identified by the RFS in line with Sutherland Bushfire Risk Management Plan - this number is subject to change and is dependent on conditions

Key challenges

- Rural Fire Service – Service Level Agreement negotiations
- Resourcing hazard reductions programs
- Increased frequency and consequence of natural disasters
- Recovery and claims processing of disaster recovery funding arrangements
- Securing external grant funding
- Emergency levy legislative reforms

Income and operational expenditure

	Budget 2026/27 \$'000	Forecast 2027/28 \$'000	Forecast 2028/29 \$'000	Forecast 2029/30 \$'000
Rates and annual Charges	-	-	-	-
User Charges and Fees	-	-	-	-
Interest and Investment Income	-	-	-	-
Other Income	-	-	-	-
Grants and Contributions - Operating	-	-	-	-
Grants and Contributions - Capital	-	-	-	-
Other Revenue	-	-	-	-
Internal Income	-	-	-	-
Total Income	0	0	0	0
Employee Costs	735	769	804	833
Borrowing Costs	-	-	-	-
Materials and Services	292	297	305	312
Depreciation and Amortisation	249	251	269	291
Other Expenses	6,807	6,987	7,162	7,341
Net loss from the disposal of asset	-	-	-	-
Internal Expense	-	-	-	-
Total Expenses	8,083	8,305	8,541	8,778
Net Cost of Service	8,083	8,305	8,541	8,778

Capital works program

	Budget 2026/27 \$	Forecast 2027/28 \$	Forecast 2028/29 \$	Forecast 2029/30 \$
Capital - upgrade				
Program - Community & Operational Buildings	77,050	-	-	-
Total upgrade works	77,050	-	-	-

This service contributes to a healthy and sustainable environment for people and nature. This includes environmental monitoring, climate change mitigation and adaptation, tree removal assessments and approvals, tree planting programs and environmental sustainability initiatives.

Responsibility

Senior Manager Facilities and Fleet
Senior Manager Environment and Regulation
Senior Manager Parks and Natural Areas
Senior Manager Urban Futures

Subservices

- Tree management and planting
 - Environmental monitoring
 - Environmental and sustainability education
 - Climate change mitigation and adaptation
 - Pollution / incident investigation
 - Cronulla Woollooware Wastewater Re-use Scheme
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Supporting documents

- Climate Strategy 2050
- Tree and Bushland Strategy
- Draft Resilience Strategy
- Draft Biodiversity Strategy

Community Plan alignment



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Environmental



Core activities

Activity	Responsibility
Work with the NSW Environment Protection Authority to establish a regional air quality monitoring station within Sutherland Shire	Environment and Regulation
Optimise the supply of recycled water through the Cronulla Woollooware Wastewater Reuse Scheme and collaborate with stakeholders to explore additional opportunities for scheme integration across suitable locations	Facilities and Fleet
Compliance of regulations for trees and bushland	Environment and Regulation
Seek grant funding opportunities to support tree planting programs	Parks and Natural Areas
Monitor canopy change (growth and losses), tree removal, planting and establishment rates	Urban Futures
Maintain networks and collaboration to improve tree and bushland outcomes	Parks and Natural Areas
Develop and maintain a public tree inventory	Parks and Natural Areas
Manage risks from trees in accordance with intervention levels and industry best practice	Parks and Natural Areas
Embed best-practice decarbonisation, water sensitive urban design, and net-zero principles into local planning controls, policies, design standards, and public domain guidelines	Urban Futures

Strategic actions

Code	Action	25/26	26/27	27/28	28/29	Responsibility
EHS.SA.01	Finalise development of the draft Climate Strategy	●				Urban Futures
EHS.SA.02	Implement actions from the Climate Strategy	●				Urban Futures
EHS.SA.03	Deliver the annual Public Tree Planting Program and proactively increase tree canopy coverage in urban and natural areas	●				Parks and Natural Areas
EHS.SA.04	Finalise and implement the Resilience Strategy	●	●	●	●	Urban Futures
EHS.SA.05	Develop and implement proactive tree management program		●	●		Parks and Natural Areas
EHS.SA.06	Review and update Council's Native Plant Selector list		●	●		Parks and Natural Areas
EHS.SA.07	Review the Urban Tree and Bushland Policy		●	●		Environment and Regulation Parks and Natural Areas
EHS.SA.08	Update the Development Control Plan and planning controls to protect and increase canopy in the public and private domain		●	●		Urban Futures
EHS.SA.09	Develop a communication plan to enhance community awareness of the value of trees		●	●		Urban Futures
EHS.SA.10	Transition Council facilities from gas to electric as part of renewal and operational upgrade programs			●	●	Asset Strategy and Delivery
EHS.SA.11	Develop a verge maintenance policy		●			Parks and Natural Areas
EHS.SA.12	Create and deliver community programs promoting sustainable living, net-zero buildings and vehicles, energy efficiency, and renewables		●	●	●	Urban Futures
EHS.SA.13	Investigate establishing equitable energy emissions reduction pilot program for community, apartments to support renters, strata, and landlords and local businesses			●	●	Urban Futures
EHS.SA.14	Implement the emissions reduction actions within Council's suite of transport strategies			●	●	Urban Futures
EHS.SA.15	Implement the electric vehicle position paper recommendations		●	●	●	Urban Futures
EHS.SA.16	Update Council Meeting and Council-led event guidelines with net zero and climate mitigation clauses		●			Urban Futures
EHS.SA.17	Upgrade streetlighting to best practice LED standards		●	●		Asset Strategy and Delivery
EHS.SA.18	Complete Performance Requirement Summary to determine Council's sustainability criteria for the design and construction of new builds and major retrofits				●	Urban Futures
EHS.SA.19	Develop Council's offsetting approach for our remaining emissions, ensuring alignment with government emissions reporting criteria and third-party validation		●		●	Urban Futures

Key service indicators

Indicator	Baseline	Target/Trend	Frequency
Urban tree canopy cover	24.70%	24.70%	Annual
Corporate emissions	2024/2025 6,203 tCO ₂ e	Net zero by 2030	Annual
Community emissions	2023-24 1,851,580 tCO ₂ e	Net zero by 2050	Annual
Number environment and sustainability education events	20	Maintain	Quarterly
% customer demands met for recycled water	80%	90%	Quarterly
% public tree inspections completed within service standard	75%	>90%	Quarterly
Private property tree inspections per quarter	240	Maintain	Quarterly
% of critical and urgent tree maintenance works completed on time	70%	>95%	Quarterly
Number of public place trees removed versus trees planted	200	Positive Increase	Quarterly
Number of proactive tree inspections completed	2000	Increase	Quarterly

Key challenges

- Balancing the removal of trees for safety and/or development purposes, while ensuring the preservation of tree canopy to support environmental health
- Embedding community resilience and climate mitigation and adaptation into Council's decision-making processes
- Encouraging the community to adopt sustainable practices
- Securing funding and expertise to deliver programs effectively
- Balancing diverse opinions and maintaining transparency to build trust on environmental issues

Income and operational expenditure

	Budget 2026/27 \$'000	Forecast 2027/28 \$'000	Forecast 2028/29 \$'000	Forecast 2029/30 \$'000
Rates and annual Charges	-	-	-	-
User Charges and Fees	(545)	(570)	(596)	(618)
Interest and Investment Income	-	-	-	-
Other Income	-	-	-	-
Grants and Contributions - Operating	-	-	-	-
Grants and Contributions - Capital	-	-	-	-
Other Revenue	(42)	(43)	(43)	(43)
Internal Income	(120)	(123)	(126)	(129)
Total Income	(707)	(736)	(766)	(791)
Employee Costs	3,693	3,863	4,041	4,187
Borrowing Costs	-	-	-	-
Materials and Services	4,499	4,582	4,697	4,814
Depreciation and Amortisation	4	4	4	4
Other Expenses	514	527	540	554
Net loss from the disposal of asset	-	-	-	-
Internal Expense	124	127	130	134
Total Expenses	8,835	9,104	9,413	9,692
Net Cost of Service	8,128	8,368	8,647	8,902

This service provides and facilitates integrated transport choices for the community which are safe, accessible and efficient for present and future needs.

Responsibility

Chief Engineer
Senior Manager Civil Works and Presentation
Senior Manager Urban Futures

Subservices

- Active transport–shared pathways, footpaths, cycleways
- Traffic and transport planning
- Parking management
- Road safety education
- Public wharves

Supporting documents

- Active Transport Strategy
- Public Transport Strategy
- Public Domain Strategy
- Asset Management Strategy
- Parking Strategy
- Roads and Freight Strategy
- Road Safety Plan

Community Plan alignment



Active and
Vibrant



Planned and
Liveable

Quadruple Bottom Line



Social



Core activities

Activity	Responsibility
Provide and maintain local transport infrastructure, including roads, active transport and public transport assets	Civil Works and Presentation
Manage parking through the provision and maintenance of road shoulders and off-street car parks, and associated parking controls	Civil Works and Presentation
Provide and maintain public domain infrastructure in town centres, including paved footpaths and street furniture	Civil Works and Presentation
Advocate to the NSW Government and its agencies for the timely planning and delivery of transport and road safety improvements in Sutherland Shire as identified in Council's adopted strategies	Urban Futures
Develop and deliver road safety education programs, campaigns and events that aim to reduce road trauma on roads in Sutherland Shire	Asset Strategy and Delivery
Provide compliant street lighting at all pedestrian crossings via a prioritised four-year rolling program within ten years	Asset Strategy and Delivery
Identify future road-widening acquisition needs and reflect this in future LEPs, DCPs and Developer Contribution Plans	Urban Futures
Assess current impacts and identify and implement measures to manage heavy vehicle trip growth, including load limits through residential precincts	Urban Futures
Identify and plan for traffic and transport works required in association with high density precinct developments consistent with the principles of a 'movement and place' framework	Urban Futures

Strategic actions

★ Councillor Strategic Priority

Code	Action	25/26	26/27	27/28	28/29	Responsibility
★ ITS.SA.01	Identify footpath pavement gaps between existing service and defined service levels and propose an improvement works program to address service gaps	●	●			Asset Strategy and Delivery
★ ITS.SA.02	Establish and promote customer guidelines for the management and enforcement of parking restrictions	●	●	●	●	Urban Futures
★ ITS.SA.03	Develop a business case to deliver the study on lighting for the whole Sutherland Shire to improve public safety	●	●			Asset Strategy and Delivery
★ ITS.SA.04	Promote public transport options as part of an education program	●	●	●	●	Urban Futures
★ ITS.SA.05	Develop and implement the Bike Plan and Footpath Expansion Plan	●	●	●	●	Urban Futures
★ ITS.SA.06	Develop a feasibility study for upgraded public transport options in the western area of the Shire		●			Asset Strategy and Delivery
★ ITS.SA.07	Investigate the viability of grade separation for pedestrians in Cronulla Street at Cronulla Train Station	●	●			Urban Futures
★ ITS.SA.08	Deliver a road safety program for e-bikes	●	●	●	●	Asset Strategy and Delivery
★ ITS.SA.09	Develop and implement a Transport Advocacy Plan, including the Sutherland to Cronulla Active Transport Link, and duplication of Heathcote Road	●	●	●		Urban Futures
★ ITS.SA.10	Deliver the Prince Edward Park Road pedestrian bridge project	●	●	●		Asset Strategy and Delivery
★ ITS.SA.11	Advocate for the expedited delivery of the Kogarah to Miranda metro line		●	●		Urban Futures
★ ITS.SA.12	Evolve the Summer Transport Management Plan to better manage traffic/parking demand at and around beachfronts, boat ramps, public reserves and National Parks		●	●	●	Urban Futures
★ ITS.SA.13	Develop Transport Plans for prioritised town centres		●	●	●	Urban Futures
★ ITS.SA.14	Investigate and develop safety upgrades for Captain Cook Drive and prioritise implementation		●	●		Urban Futures
★ ITS.SA.15	Consult with the community for improved safety measures in High Pedestrian activity Areas in Bundeena, Cronulla, Engadine, Jannali, Kirrawee and Sutherland centres		●	●		Urban Futures
★ ITS.SA.16	Investigate the viability of additional vehicular rail overpasses and town centre bypasses in Caringbah, Jannali and Sutherland		●	●	●	Urban Futures
★ ITS.SA.17	Investigate the feasibility of grade separation for Cronulla Street at Cronulla Railway Station to enhance pedestrian cross-road connectivity and safety		●	●	●	Urban Futures

Key service indicators

Indicator	Baseline	Target/Trend	Frequency
Number of advocacy representations to the state government and its agencies	12	Maintain	Quarterly
% of integrated transport assets renewed in Capital Program versus Asset Management Plan	90%	100%	Annual
Number of road safety programs, campaigns events	8 per year	Maintain	Quarterly
Maintenance works scheduled versus completed	New measure	>95%	Quarterly

Key challenges

- Inflationary pressure on contractor and material pricing
- Meeting community expectations on service levels for new transport assets and maintenance of transport assets
- Effectiveness of advocacy for strategic transport assets and the improved asset management practices on the State road network
- Pedestrian safety with respect to use and misuse of micromobility devices
- Community participation in road safety education programs and campaigns
- Reducing car dependency
- Influencing public transport provision
- Balancing growth, via housing targets, against infrastructure

Income and operational expenditure

	Budget 2026/27 \$'000	Forecast 2027/28 \$'000	Forecast 2028/29 \$'000	Forecast 2029/30 \$'000
Rates and annual Charges	-	-	-	-
User Charges and Fees	(754)	(788)	(825)	(854)
Interest and Investment Income	-	-	-	-
Other Income	-	-	-	-
Grants and Contributions - Operating	(11,377)	(4,302)	(4,136)	(4,239)
Grants and Contributions - Capital	-	-	-	-
Other Revenue	(22)	(22)	(23)	(23)
Internal Income	(2,335)	(2,396)	(2,456)	(2,517)
Total Income	(14,488)	(7,509)	(7,439)	(7,634)
Employee Costs	4,894	5,119	5,354	5,547
Borrowing Costs	1	1	1	1
Materials and Services	6,667	6,790	6,960	7,134
Depreciation and Amortisation	20,321	21,043	21,867	22,554
Other Expenses	2	2	2	2
Net loss from the disposal of asset	-	-	-	-
Internal Expense	1,547	1,588	1,627	1,668
Total Expenses	33,432	34,543	35,811	36,906
Net Cost of Service	18,944	27,034	28,372	29,272

Capital works program

	Budget 2026/27 \$	Forecast 2027/28 \$	Forecast 2028/29 \$	Forecast 2029/30 \$
Capital - new				
Major Project - Oyster Bay Oval	-	-	20,000	50,000
Program - Active Transport	911,500	963,100	1,040,000	1,000,000
Total new works	911,500	963,100	1,060,000	1,050,000
Capital - renewal				
Program - Active Transport	585,900	853,200	601,600	257,700
Program - Car Park	430,100	144,100	351,000	222,500
Program - Community & Operational Buildings	188,497	-	-	-
Program - Kerb and Gutter	125,800	128,600	140,000	110,000
Program - Road Pavement	4,850,000	4,850,000	6,189,500	6,825,100
Program - Road Structures	130,000	3,105,100	385,100	385,100
Program - Roads to Recovery	7,443,625	266,775	-	-
Program - Street Furniture	82,600	82,600	82,600	82,600
Program - Traffic Facilities	361,577	119,700	93,700	-
Total renewal works	14,198,099	9,550,075	7,843,500	7,883,000

Capital works program

	Budget 2026/27 \$	Forecast 2027/28 \$	Forecast 2028/29 \$	Forecast 2029/30 \$
Capital - upgrade				
Major Project - Burnum Burnum Sanctuary Car Park	2,700,000	2,300,000	-	-
Major Project - Cronulla Foreshore Infrastructure Improvements	-	200,000	700,000	4,000,000
Major Project - Prince Edward Park Road Pedestrian Bridge	500,000	4,500,000	-	-
Program - Active Transport	1,834,518	2,536,565	1,941,210	465,000
Program - Kerb and Gutter	606,100	1,583,200	1,468,200	1,888,800
Program - Street Furniture	1,051,100	1,006,700	1,006,700	913,599
Program - Traffic Facilities	1,780,622	1,229,450	979,900	-
Total upgrade works	8,472,340	13,355,915	6,096,010	7,267,399

The Leisure and Aquatics service delivers high-quality facilities and programs designed to enhance health, fitness, and wellbeing across our community. It manages three leisure centres, an indoor sports complex, and a seasonal outdoor pool — providing safe, accessible spaces for recreation and personal growth.

Responsibility

Senior Manager Sports and Leisure
Chief Engineer

Subservices

- Como swimming pool
- Sutherland Shire Leisure Centres
- Swim programs
- Health and fitness programs
- School activities
- Health promotion and support

Supporting documents

- Leisure Centre Strategy
- Safer Communities Strategy

Community Plan alignment



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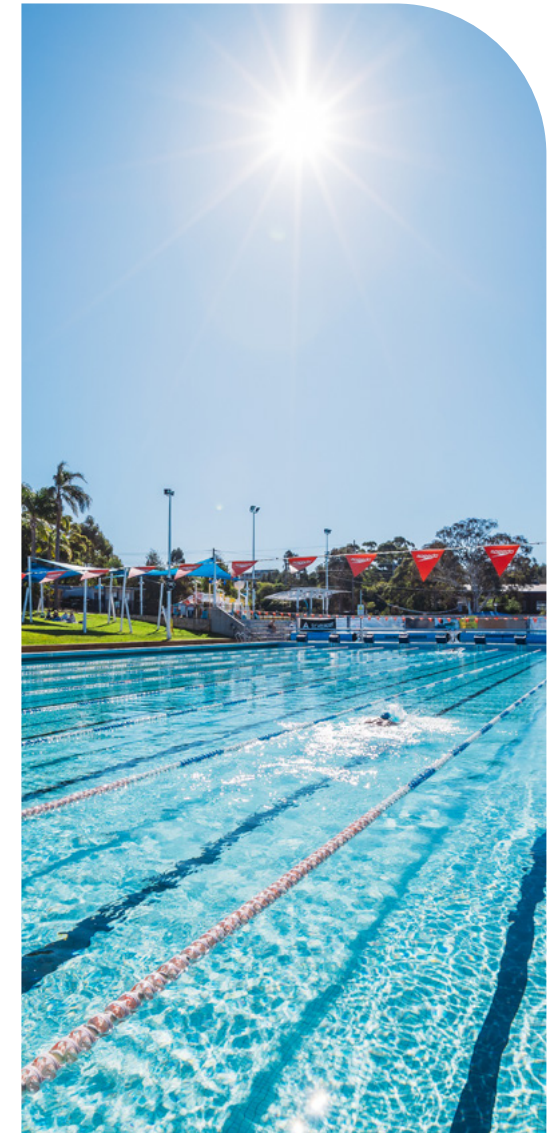
Quadruple Bottom Line



Social



Economic



Core activities

Activity	Responsibility
Provide high quality, safe leisure facilities for the community to engage in health and fitness activities, including swimming, water sports, indoor sports and general fitness	Sports and Leisure
Maintain a culture of continually reviewing and refining our mix of products and services, to ensure they are tailored to the needs of the community	Sports and Leisure
Proactively engage with our key stakeholders and user groups, and ensure our facilities, programs and services are easy to find, access and enjoy	Sports and Leisure
Facilitate and promote active healthy living to improve the wellbeing of those in the community who require additional support through partnerships in the community	Sports and Leisure
Monitor and review the performance of leisure services in line with the Sutherland Shire Leisure Centre Strategy and Implementation Plan	Sports and Leisure
Maintain and further develop learn-to-swim opportunities for all residents, including youth, adults and vulnerable community groups	Sports and Leisure
Build new and existing partnerships with key sporting bodies and schools to promote high performance programming and encourage advancement of the local sports community	Sports and Leisure
Embed the Child Safe Standards into service practices ensuring safe and inclusive environments for children and young people	Sports and Leisure

Strategic actions

★ Councillor Strategic Priority

Code	Action	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	Responsibility
★ LAS.SA.01	Review the leisure centre facilities hierarchy and the recommended functional brief specifications with current best practice during detailed planning phases for the recommended Leisure Centre and Stadium redevelopment projects	●	●	●		Sports and Leisure
★ LAS.SA.02	Complete a feasibility study and business case for a complete redesign and integration of the Sutherland Leisure Centre and the indoor Sports Stadium	●				Asset Strategy and Delivery
★ LAS.SA.03	Implement a funding advocacy strategy to secure capital for the recommended Leisure Centre and Stadium redevelopment projects	●	●	●		Sports and Leisure
★ LAS.SA.04	Deliver the Engadine Leisure Centre pool and plant room rebuild	●	●	●	●	Asset Strategy and Delivery
★ LAS.SA.05	Complete required upgrades to centres to ensure functionality, accessibility and safety requirements are satisfactory and will be in place until the recommended leisure centre and stadium redevelopment projects can occur	●	●	●	●	Asset Strategy and Delivery
★ LAS.SA.06	Investigate the feasibility of enhancements to the Engadine Leisure Centre including interior design improvements	●			●	Asset Strategy and Delivery
★ LAS.SA.07	Identify future opportunities for Como Swimming Pool			●	●	Sports and Leisure

Key service indicators

Indicator	Baseline	Target/Trend	Frequency
Leisure centre attendance	1,100,000	Increase	Quarterly
Customer experience score in leisure centres	3.9	4/5	Quarterly
Number of Sutherland high performance squad participants	210	225	Quarterly
Number of learn-to-swim lessons delivered	65,978	Increase	Quarterly
Number of fitness members (not including Fitness Passport)	2,450	2,500	Quarterly

Key challenges

- Retention of skilled and qualified staff
- Balancing maintenance of ageing assets with business requirements
- Meeting service standards and expectations of customers at an affordable level
- Communicating safety programs across a diverse community
- Rising costs of utility charges

Income and operational expenditure

	Budget 2026/27 \$'000	Forecast 2027/28 \$'000	Forecast 2028/29 \$'000	Forecast 2029/30 \$'000
Rates and annual Charges	-	-	-	-
User Charges and Fees	(12,729)	(13,315)	(13,927)	(14,428)
Interest and Investment Income	-	-	-	-
Other Income	-	-	-	-
Grants and Contributions - Operating	-	-	-	-
Grants and Contributions - Capital	-	-	-	-
Other Revenue	(87)	(88)	(89)	(90)
Internal Income	-	-	-	-
Total Income	(12,816)	(13,402)	(14,016)	(14,518)
Employee Costs	9,660	10,105	10,569	10,950
Borrowing Costs	2	2	2	2
Materials and Services	4,092	4,168	4,272	4,379
Depreciation and Amortisation	5,564	5,579	5,923	6,293
Other Expenses	563	577	591	606
Net loss from the disposal of asset	-	-	-	-
Internal Expense	146	150	154	158
Total Expenses	20,028	20,581	21,512	22,387
Net Cost of Service	7,211	7,178	7,496	7,869

Capital works program

	Budget 2026/27 \$	Forecast 2027/28 \$	Forecast 2028/29 \$	Forecast 2029/30 \$
Capital - renewal				
Major Project - Engadine Leisure Centre Pool and Plantroom Renewal	350,000	350,000	500,000	7,445,250
Program - Sports Facilities and Fields	600,946	-	-	-
Total renewal works	950,946	350,000	500,000	7,445,250

This service provides the community and visitors of all ages with information, leisure and educational resources in all formats. Building a literate, informed and connected community and developing libraries as hubs of knowledge where everyone can discover, relax, research, connect and learn.

Responsibility

Senior Manager Arts and Libraries

Subservices

- Library programs and events
- Technology provision to library users
- Library Spaces
- Information provision and sharing
- Local History Collection
- Home Library Service

Supporting documents

- Library Strategy
- Cultural Strategy
- Disability Inclusion Action Plan
- Community Venues Strategy
- Information Technology Strategy

Community Plan alignment



Prosperous and
Connected

Quadruple Bottom Line



Social



Core activities

Activity	Responsibility
Provide library service that includes, resources, spaces, online access and outreach	Arts and Libraries
Promote Sutherland Shire Libraries services through pop-up library and other forms of outreach	Arts and Libraries
Increase connection and improving knowledge of Dharawal and First Nations culture through events and programs	Arts and Libraries
Increase representation of our diverse community in our programs and services including people with disabilities, culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) audiences and LGBTQIA++ communities	Arts and Libraries
Provide e-safety resources to library staff and Sutherland Shire community	Arts and Libraries
Embed the Child Safe Standards into service practices ensuring safe and inclusive environments for children and young people	Arts and Libraries

Key service indicators

Indicator	Baseline	Target/Trend	Frequency
Number of library memberships	7,200	Increase	Quarterly
Circulation of items borrowed	1,280,000	Increase	Quarterly
Program and event attendance	50,000	Increase	Quarterly
Voice of Customer satisfaction	80%	Increase	Quarterly

Strategic actions

Code	Action	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	Responsibility
LIB.SA.01	Investigate opportunities to provide library services outside opening hours	●	●	●		Arts and Libraries
LIB.SA.02	Identify opportunities for future place plans where locating library facilities can be integrated with other relevant valued community services			●		Arts and Libraries
LIB.SA.03	Commence review of the Library Strategy		●			Arts and Libraries

Key challenges

- Challenges to resources held in the collection
- Rapid pace of technology advancement
- Oversight of Classification Board and Office of the eSafety Commissioner updates due to challenges nationally for library resources of certain genres
- Increased challenging behaviours in spaces

Income and operational expenditure

	Budget 2026/27 \$'000	Forecast 2027/28 \$'000	Forecast 2028/29 \$'000	Forecast 2029/30 \$'000
Rates and annual Charges	-	-	-	-
User Charges and Fees	(426)	(445)	(466)	(482)
Interest and Investment Income	-	-	-	-
Other Income	-	-	-	-
Grants and Contributions - Operating	(730)	(749)	(768)	(787)
Grants and Contributions - Capital	-	-	-	-
Other Revenue	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Internal Income	-	-	-	-
Total Income	(1,158)	(1,197)	(1,236)	(1,272)
Employee Costs	7,735	8,091	8,463	8,767
Borrowing Costs	-	-	-	-
Materials and Services	1,614	1,644	1,685	1,727
Depreciation and Amortisation	2,173	1,405	1,538	1,667
Other Expenses	-	-	-	-
Net loss from the disposal of asset	-	-	-	-
Internal Expense	19	20	20	21
Total Expenses	11,541	11,159	11,706	12,183
Net Cost of Service	10,383	9,963	10,470	10,911

Capital works program

	Budget 2026/27 \$	Forecast 2027/28 \$	Forecast 2028/29 \$	Forecast 2029/30 \$
Capital - new				
Program - Library Resources Improvement	1,150,000	1,150,000	1,150,000	1,178,000
Total new works	1,150,000	1,150,000	1,150,000	1,178,000
Capital - renewal				
Program - Community & Operational Buildings	171,875	171,875	-	-
Total renewal works	171,875	171,875	-	-

This service contributes to the management and planning of land based natural areas. This includes volunteer management and partnerships, and management of natural areas. The aim of this service is to enhance and protect natural areas.

Responsibility

Senior Manager Urban Futures
Senior Manager Parks and Natural Areas
Senior Manager Environment and Regulation
Senior Manager Civil Works and Presentation

Subservices

- Natural resource management and planning
- Greenweb
- Bushcare
- Community nursery
- Introduced species management
- Aboriginal cultural heritage management
- Bushwalking tracks
- Grey-headed flying fox management
- Native animal management

Supporting documents

- Open Space Strategy
- Tree and Bushland Strategy
- Draft Biodiversity Strategy

Community Plan alignment



Natural and Sustainable



Prosperous and Connected

Quadruple Bottom Line



Social



Environmental



Natural Areas Management

Core activities

Activity	Responsibility
Maintain and enhance the Bushcare program to support and develop volunteers' skills and engagement	Parks and Natural Areas
Deliver Council's Greenweb program	Environment and Regulation
Deliver bush regeneration program	Parks and Natural Areas
Deliver invasive species program	Parks and Natural Areas
Deliver fire mitigation works in natural areas	Parks and Natural Areas
Maintain networks and collaboration to improve tree and bushland outcomes	Parks and Natural Areas
Deliver Bushcare educational programs	Parks and Natural Areas
Deliver Aboriginal heritage education programs to support cultural awareness and preservation	Parks and Natural Areas
Collect and maintain data on Aboriginal cultural heritage sites and landscapes to support their ongoing preservation	Parks and Natural Areas
Seek grant funding opportunities to support remediation of bushland areas and natural waterways	Parks and Natural Areas

Strategic actions

Code	Action	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	Responsibility
NAM.SA.01	Develop a Koala Plan of Management	●	●			Environment and Regulation
NAM.SA.02	Develop and implement the Biodiversity Strategy	●	●			Urban Futures
NAM.SA.03	Implement appropriate fire hazard reduction programs to maintain the ecological integrity of natural areas and reduce bushfire hazard risk	●	●	●	●	Parks and Natural Areas
NAM.SA.04	Implement and deliver programs that remediate bushland areas, reduce invasive species, and protect natural waterways		●	●	●	Parks and Natural Areas
NAM.SA.05	Review and update the Greenweb layers within the Development Control Plan		●	●		Urban Futures
NAM.SA.06	Identify and protect trees and bushland areas with Aboriginal cultural significance		●			Parks and Natural Areas
NAM.SA.07	Develop and deliver a priority dune restoration works program in line with the Dune Management Plan		●			Parks and Natural Areas
NAM.SA.08	Develop a parks maintenance 4-year plan and program		●			Parks and Natural Areas

Key service indicators

Indicator	Baseline	Target/Trend	Frequency
% of works scheduled versus completed	80%	>95%	Quarterly
Number of active Bushcare volunteers	500	Maintain	Quarterly
Number of volunteer hours contributed to Bushcare	3,900	Maintain	Quarterly
Number of invasive species programs	13	Maintain	Quarterly
Greenweb participation	870	Increase	Annual
Number of Greenweb grants awarded	10	Maintain	Annual
% of scheduled parks maintenance work completed on time	80%	>90%	Quarterly
Number of Bushcare educational events held	10	Maintain	Quarterly

Key challenges

- Ageing tree canopy
- Climate change
- Bushfire risk management
- Evolving NSW State legislation and policy frameworks

Natural Areas Management

Income and operational expenditure

	Budget 2026/27 \$'000	Forecast 2027/28 \$'000	Forecast 2028/29 \$'000	Forecast 2029/30 \$'000
Rates and annual Charges	-	-	-	-
User Charges and Fees	(7)	(7)	(7)	(8)
Interest and Investment Income	-	-	-	-
Other Income	-	-	-	-
Grants and Contributions - Operating	(266)	(273)	(280)	(287)
Grants and Contributions - Capital	-	-	-	-
Other Revenue	-	-	-	-
Internal Income	(150)	(154)	(157)	(161)
Total Income	(422)	(434)	(445)	(456)
Employee Costs	2,060	2,155	2,254	2,336
Borrowing Costs	-	-	-	-
Materials and Services	1,093	1,114	1,142	1,170
Depreciation and Amortisation	-	-	-	-
Other Expenses	-	-	-	-
Net loss from the disposal of asset	-	-	-	-
Internal Expense	150	154	157	161
Total Expenses	3,304	3,423	3,553	3,667
Net Cost of Service	2,881	2,989	3,109	3,211

This service supports use and information about outdoor spaces including parks, playgrounds, skate parks and recreational facilities such as wharves and jetties. It aims to enhance our connection to nature and encourage an active lifestyle for all.

Responsibility

Senior Manager Civil Works and Presentation
Chief Engineer
Senior Manager Parks and Natural Areas

Subservices

- Parks and reserves
- Playgrounds
- Wharves and jetties
- Dog off-leash areas
- Skate parks

Supporting documents

- Play Strategy
- Open Space Strategy
- Sport Strategy
- Tree and Bushland Strategy

Community Plan alignment



Natural and
Sustainable



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Quadruple Bottom Line



Environmental



Social



Core activities

Activity	Responsibility
Deliver parks and reserves maintenance programs	Parks and Natural Areas
Maintain Council's foreshore assets including boat ramps, launch facilities, wharves pontoons, tidal baths and ocean pools	Civil Works and Presentation

Strategic actions

★ Councillor Strategic Priority

Code	Action	25/26	26/27	27/28	28/29	Responsibility
POS.SA.01	Plan and provide for open space that meets the current and future needs of the community	●				Asset Strategy and Delivery
POS.SA.02	Support the implementation of the Tree and Bushland Strategy	●				Asset Strategy and Delivery
POS.SA.03	Deliver Cooper Street Reserve Stage 2-Phase 2 which includes an accessible wheelchair swing and associated works and commence Stage 3 which includes village green and fitness station	●	●			Asset Strategy and Delivery
★ POS.SA.04	Deliver the Caringbah Town Centre Park which includes an inclusive playground, picnic and nature play area, disabled parking and connectivity to the town centre	●	●	●		Asset Strategy and Delivery
POS.SA.05	Deliver the GyMEA Bay Reserve and Baths Master Plan and upgrades including planning, design and staged construction of the short and medium term improvements	●	●	●		Asset Strategy and Delivery
POS.SA.06	Prepare the Bate Bay Parks (Cronulla Foreshore) Master Plan	●	●			Asset Strategy and Delivery
POS.SA.08	Review the Scylla Bay Master Plan	●	●			Asset Strategy and Delivery

Strategic actions

Code	Action	25/26	26/27	27/28	28/29	Responsibility
POS.SA.09	Prepare the Camellia Gardens Master Plan	●	●			Asset Strategy and Delivery
POS.SA.10	Prepare the Sutherland Park Master Plan			●	●	Asset Strategy and Delivery
POS.SA.11	Review the Swallow Rock Reserve Master Plan			●		Asset Strategy and Delivery
POS.SA.12	Prepare the Carina Bay Reserve Master Plan				●	Asset Strategy and Delivery
POS.SA.13	Deliver the Oyster Bay Reserve Stage 1 including community building, amenities car park and shared path			●	●	Asset Strategy and Delivery
POS.SA.14	Deliver Cronulla Foreshore Infrastructure Improvements			●	●	Asset Strategy and Delivery
POS.SA.15	Deliver the Burnum Burnum Sanctuary Car Park		●	●		Asset Strategy and Delivery
POS.SA.16	Review the Open Space and Play strategies		●	●		Parks and Natural Areas
POS.SA.17	Review the Sutherland Park Master Plan			●	●	Asset Strategy and Delivery

Key service indicators

Indicator	Baseline	Target/Trend	Frequency
% of parks maintenance proactive works completed	80%	>95%	Quarterly
% of playground operational safety and compliance inspection completed	80%	>95%	Quarterly
% of parks and reserves works completed	80%	>95%	Quarterly

Key challenges

- Refining the works management system to further enhance monitoring, reporting and decision making
- Ensuring application and compliance of Work Health and Safety (WHS) systems
- Addressing skills shortages and strengthening staff attraction to ensure service continuity

Income and operational expenditure

	Budget 2026/27 \$'000	Forecast 2027/28 \$'000	Forecast 2028/29 \$'000	Forecast 2029/30 \$'000
Rates and annual Charges	-	-	-	-
User Charges and Fees	-	-	-	-
Interest and Investment Income	-	-	-	-
Other Income	-	-	-	-
Grants and Contributions - Operating	-	-	-	-
Grants and Contributions - Capital	-	-	-	-
Other Revenue	(286)	(289)	(292)	(295)
Internal Income	(1,246)	(1,278)	(1,310)	(1,343)
Total Income	(1,532)	(1,567)	(1,602)	(1,638)
Employee Costs	5,975	6,250	6,538	6,773
Borrowing Costs	3	2	2	2
Materials and Services	3,285	3,346	3,430	3,515
Depreciation and Amortisation	4,141	3,798	4,131	4,484
Other Expenses	-	-	-	-
Net loss from the disposal of asset	-	-	-	-
Internal Expense	1,415	1,452	1,488	1,525
Total Expenses	14,819	14,849	15,588	16,300
Net Cost of Service	13,287	13,281	13,986	14,662

Capital works program

	Budget 2026/27 \$	Forecast 2027/28 \$	Forecast 2028/29 \$	Forecast 2029/30 \$
Capital - new				
Major Project - Caringbah Town Centre Park	2,750,000	2,750,000	-	-
Major Project - Cronulla Foreshore Infrastructure Improvements	-	-	-	300,000
Program - Foreshore Facilities	912,500	-	-	-
Program - Parks	80,000	390,000	650,000	-
Program - Playground	300,000	55,000	425,000	300,000
Total new works	4,042,500	3,195,000	1,075,000	600,000
Capital - renewal				
Program - Foreshore Facilities	3,158,582	150,000	3,300,000	-
Program - Playground	2,609,496	3,155,000	2,040,000	2,070,000
Total renewal works	5,768,078	3,305,000	5,340,000	2,070,000
Capital - upgrade				
Major Project - Cooper Street Reserve	130,000	1,000,000	-	-
Major Project - Ferntree Reserve Landslip	5,200,000	-	-	-
Major Project - GyMEA Bay Baths	3,300,000	-	-	-
Program - Parks	350,000	185,000	265,000	1,500,000
Program - Playground	212,000	1,182,000	2,190,000	1,850,000
Total upgrade works	9,192,000	2,367,000	2,455,000	3,350,000

This service provides, facilitates and maintains attractive and quality public areas in town centres and between private property boundaries and road carriageways.

Responsibility

Senior Manager Civil Works and Presentation
Chief Engineer
Senior Manager Parks and Natural Areas
Senior Manager Facilities and Fleet
Senior Manager Urban Futures
Senior Manager Recycling and Waste

Subservices

- Statutory approvals
- Public place presentation
- Town centre management
- Road reserve maintenance

Supporting documents

- Asset Management Strategy
- Public Domain Strategy
- Disability Inclusion Action Plan
- Climate Strategy 2050

Community Plan alignment

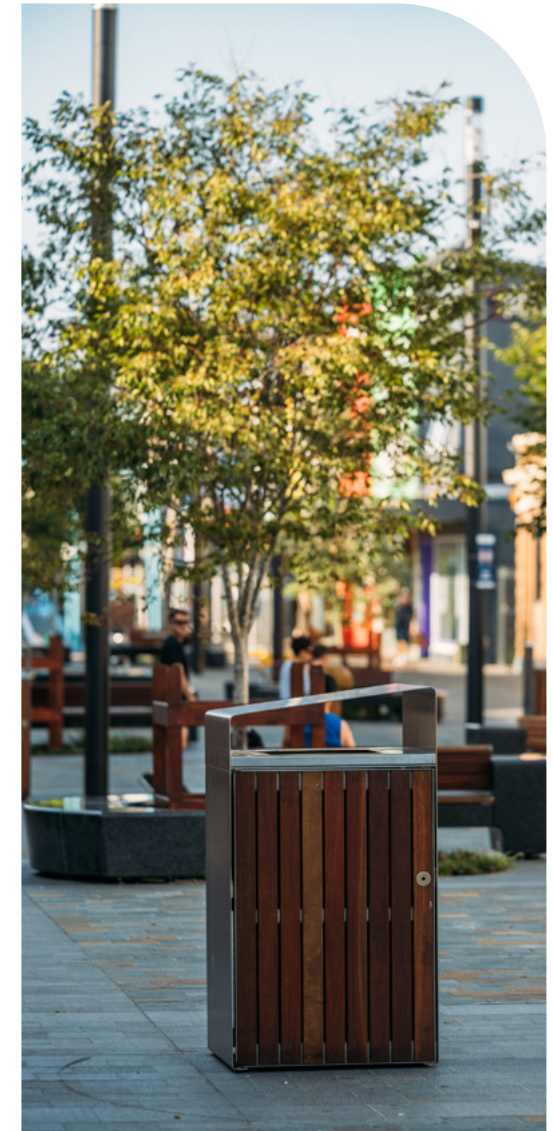


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Core activities

Activity	Responsibility
Mitigate graffiti vandalism in line with the Graffiti Management Plan and Policy	Facilities and Fleet
Maintain public domain assets and infrastructure	Civil Works and Presentation
Review the annual street sweeping service program with a view to improving the service frequency	Civil Works and Presentation
Deliver an annual pressure washing program in town centres and villages	Recycling and Waste

Strategic actions

★ Councillor Strategic Priority

Code	Action	25/26	26/27	27/28	28/29	Responsibility
PDM.SA.01	Develop a works program for way-finding infrastructure, highlighting cultural and economic focal points	●	●			Urban Futures
★ PDM.SA.02	Develop a business case to deliver street lighting for priority pedestrian routes to public transport hubs in Sutherland Shire	●	●			Asset Strategy and Delivery
★ PDM.SA.03	Complete the public domain plan for Jannali Town Centre	●				Asset Strategy and Delivery
★ PDM.SA.04	Develop a public domain plan for Sutherland/Kirrawee Town Centre	●	●	●		Urban Futures
★ PDM.SA.05	Develop a public domain plan for Engadine Town Centre		●	●		Urban Futures
★ PDM.SA.06	Develop a public domain plan for Caringbah Town Centre		●	●		Urban Futures
★ PDM.SA.07	Develop a public domain plan for Miranda Town Centre		●	●	●	Urban Futures
★ PDM.SA.08	Deliver the Cronulla Town Centre Stage 2C-Plaza upgrade which includes a new amenity building, performance stage, investigation of a digital screen, seating and landscaping along with the relocation of the clock within the tower	●	●			Asset Strategy and Delivery

Strategic actions

★ Councillor Strategic Priority

Code	Action	25/26	26/27	27/28	28/29	Responsibility
★ PDM.SA.09	Review the Bundeena Town Centre Master Plan			●	●	Asset Strategy and Delivery
PDM.SA.10	Integrate best practice decarbonisation outcomes into the Public Domain Manual		●	●		Asset Strategy and Delivery
★ PDM.SA.11	Upgrade streetlighting to best practice LED standards		●			Asset Strategy and Delivery
PDM.SA.12	Review operating model of Town Centre presentation		●			Civil Works and Presentation

Key service indicators

Indicator	Baseline	Target/Trend	Frequency
% of graffiti removed within 7 days	70%	>80%	Quarterly
% of graffiti proactively reported by Council employees	60%	>60%	Quarterly
% of street sweeping service delivered as per service schedule	New measure	>95%	Quarterly
Tonnages collected by Road Broom	973	Maintain	Quarterly
% of road broom spoil material recycled	95%	>95%	Quarterly
Number of town centres pressure cleaned	18	Maintain	Quarterly
% of public place litter bins collected as per daily collection schedule	New measure	100%	Quarterly
% of public place assets litter picked and completed as per daily schedule	New measure	100%	Quarterly

Key challenges

- Uncertainty with future development and the ability to plan for future changes
- Meeting community expectations of public domain asset management
- Uplifting and maintaining service delivery standards for public place presentation
- Unpredictable volume, locations and frequency of graffiti
- Increased use of e-bikes in public spaces
- Frequency and severity of extreme weather and storm events

Income and operational expenditure

	Budget 2026/27 \$'000	Forecast 2027/28 \$'000	Forecast 2028/29 \$'000	Forecast 2029/30 \$'000
Rates and annual Charges	-	-	-	-
User Charges and Fees	(1,749)	(1,829)	(1,914)	(1,982)
Interest and Investment Income	-	-	-	-
Other Income	-	-	-	-
Grants and Contributions - Operating	-	-	-	-
Grants and Contributions - Capital	-	-	-	-
Other Revenue	(27)	(28)	(28)	(28)
Internal Income	(720)	(739)	(757)	(776)
Total Income	(2,496)	(2,596)	(2,699)	(2,787)
Employee Costs	1,364	1,427	1,493	1,546
Borrowing Costs	8	7	6	6
Materials and Services	992	1,011	1,036	1,062
Depreciation and Amortisation	326	332	339	345
Other Expenses	-	-	-	-
Net loss from the disposal of asset	-	-	-	-
Internal Expense	796	817	837	858
Total Expenses	3,486	3,594	3,710	3,817
Net Cost of Service	990	998	1,012	1,030

Capital works program

	Budget 2026/27 \$	Forecast 2027/28 \$	Forecast 2028/29 \$	Forecast 2029/30 \$
Capital - upgrade				
Cronulla Town Centre Stage 2C - Cronulla Central Façade including Clock Relocation	271,409	-	-	-
Program - Public Domain	297,500	50,000	300,000	-
Total upgrade works	568,909	50,000	300,000	-

This service upholds health and safety standards to promote community wellbeing. It provides inspections to ensure fire and swimming pool safety in private property and businesses as well as public health inspections.

Responsibility

Senior Manager Environment and Regulation

Subservices

- Fire Safety
- Swimming Pool Safety
- Public health inspections

Supporting documents

- Safer Communities Strategy

Community Plan alignment



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Environmental



Core activities

Activity	Responsibility
Deliver an annual online community education campaign for swimming pool safety	Environment and Regulation
Deliver an annual online community education campaign for building fire safety	Environment and Regulation
Provide a high-quality food safety inspection program which promotes best practice in food preparation	Environment and Regulation

Key service indicators

Indicator	Baseline	Target/Trend	Frequency
Number of people aware for building fire safety campaign	6,100	Maintain	Annual
Number of people aware for swimming pool safety campaign	50,000	Maintain	Annual
% of annual public health premises inspection program completed	98%	100%	Quarterly

Strategic actions

Code	Action	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	Responsibility
PHS.SA.01	Review of Compliance and Enforcement Policy and implement education Program	●			●	Environment and Regulation

Key challenges

- Increasing backlog of Annual Fire Safety statements
- Managing increased volumes under the Essential Fire Services Register
- Ensuring compliance with Council's Swimming Pool Inspection Program
- Maintaining the Swimming Pool Register
- Ensuring all Public Health Inspection Programs are completed annually

Income and operational expenditure

	Budget 2026/27 \$'000	Forecast 2027/28 \$'000	Forecast 2028/29 \$'000	Forecast 2029/30 \$'000
Rates and annual Charges	-	-	-	-
User Charges and Fees	-	-	-	-
Interest and Investment Income	-	-	-	-
Other Income	-	-	-	-
Grants and Contributions - Operating	-	-	-	-
Grants and Contributions - Capital	-	-	-	-
Other Revenue	(91)	(91)	(92)	(93)
Internal Income	-	-	-	-
Total Income	(91)	(91)	(92)	(93)
Employee Costs	2,673	2,796	2,924	3,029
Borrowing Costs	2	2	2	2
Materials and Services	1,493	1,520	1,558	1,597
Depreciation and Amortisation	28	28	29	30
Other Expenses	-	-	-	-
Net loss from the disposal of asset	-	-	-	-
Internal Expense	60	61	63	64
Total Expenses	4,255	4,408	4,576	4,722
Net Cost of Service	4,165	4,316	4,484	4,629

This service regulates and enforces environmental and safety standards across the Sutherland Shire area. It involves the monitoring, investigation and enforcement of non-compliance relating to development, public health, environment (such as air, water and noise pollution and abandoned property), public safety (footpath/roadway obstructions and public space safety), and parking enforcement. Education and community awareness raising programs and information also form part of this service.

Responsibility

Senior Manager Environment and Regulation

Subservices

- Development compliance
- Environmental compliance
- Parking education and compliance
- Abandoned property

Supporting documents

- Safer Communities Strategy

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Core activities

Activity	Responsibility
Develop and deliver an annual road safe school education program, promoting safe driving behaviours by motorists around schools	Environment and Regulation
Promote safety of pedestrians near roadways through active patrols, focused on community awareness and implementation	Environment and Regulation
Investigate reports of unauthorised building or development	Environment and Regulation
Investigate reports of pollution	Environment and Regulation

Key service indicators

Indicator	Baseline	Target/Trend	Frequency
Number of education days provided to motorists promoting safe driving behaviour	4	Maintain	Quarterly
Number of portable radars deployed to school zone areas	120	Maintain	Quarterly
Number of school zones patrolled	1,250	Maintain	Quarterly
Number of light traffic patrols within targeted areas	100	Maintain	Quarterly
Number of investigations for unauthorised development/dwellings	800	Maintain	Quarterly
% Water pollution incidents responded to within service standards	90%	Maintain	Quarterly

Key challenges

- Managing staff safety in a regulatory environment
- Increase in development complaints
- Meeting customer service standards with increasing volume of customer complaints
- Prioritising regulatory compliance resources on high-risk matters, to ensure resources are targeted where they are most needed
- Increased traffic congestion and parking complaints surrounding schools, beaches, town centres and shopping centres
- Increased abandoned and unattended property on public land and roadways
- Managing community expectations, within legislated and delegated powers

Income and operational expenditure

	Budget 2026/27 \$'000	Forecast 2027/28 \$'000	Forecast 2028/29 \$'000	Forecast 2029/30 \$'000
Rates and annual Charges	-	-	-	-
User Charges and Fees	(1,273)	(1,332)	(1,393)	(1,443)
Interest and Investment Income	-	-	-	-
Other Income	-	-	-	-
Grants and Contributions - Operating	-	-	-	-
Grants and Contributions - Capital	-	-	-	-
Other Revenue	(7,624)	(7,701)	(7,778)	(7,855)
Internal Income	-	-	-	-
Total Income	(8,897)	(9,032)	(9,171)	(9,298)
Employee Costs	6,843	7,158	7,487	7,756
Borrowing Costs	0	0	0	0
Materials and Services	1,191	1,214	1,244	1,275
Depreciation and Amortisation	-	-	-	-
Other Expenses	-	-	-	-
Net loss from the disposal of asset	-	-	-	-
Internal Expense	-	-	-	-
Total Expenses	8,035	8,371	8,731	9,032
Net Cost of Service	(863)	(661)	(439)	(267)

This service manages sporting facilities including natural and synthetic sportfields, tennis courts, synthetic athletic facilities and indoor sporting facilities. By fostering and sustaining partnerships with sporting and recreational organisations, this service aims to promote active lifestyles and enhance overall wellbeing.

Responsibility

Senior Manager Parks and Natural Areas
Senior Manager Sports and Leisure
Chief Engineer

Subservices

- Indoor sports centres
- Sports playing fields
- Sports courts

Supporting documents

- Open Space Strategy
- Sport Strategy
- Leisure Centre Strategy
- Property Strategy
- Community Venues Strategy
- Play Strategy

Community Plan alignment



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Social



Core activities

Activity	Responsibility
Ensure adequate, fair, and equitable provision of sporting facilities	Sports and Leisure
Maximise the utilisation of our existing sports fields and facilities	Sports and Leisure
Support sport participation and community outcomes through the provision of supporting infrastructure and amenities designed to modern standards	Sports and Leisure
Balance the provision of open space that is fit-for-purpose to provide opportunities for active and passive recreation users to access facilities	Sports and Leisure
Collaborate with local sports organisations to understand priorities and drive decision-making in line with the Sutherland Shire Sports Strategy	Sports and Leisure
Explore opportunities for additional funding, partnerships, and innovations that will enhance participation	Sports and Leisure
Monitor and review the performance of sport services in line with the Sutherland Shire Sport Strategy and Implementation Plan	Sports and Leisure
Provide ongoing season reports to highlight key milestones of our large and diverse sporting community	Sports and Leisure
Deliver sports field maintenance programs	Parks and Natural Areas
Maintain sports field conditions to mitigate safety risks and support optimal usage capacity	Parks and Natural Areas
Maintain and improve turf quality and resilience across Council's sports fields to support optimal usage	Parks and Natural Areas
Maintain networks and collaboration with all stakeholders to support continuous improvement of sports field condition	Parks and Natural Areas
Embed the Child Safe Standards into service practices ensuring safe and inclusive environments for children and young people	Sports and Leisure

Strategic actions

★ Councillor Strategic Priority

Code	Action	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	Responsibility
★ SPO.SA.01	Develop and pilot new inclusive and accessible designs for sports fields facilities	●	●			Sports and Leisure
★ SPO.SA.02	Ensure our facility allocation process is fit-for-purpose based on user groups and participation	●				Sports and Leisure
★ SPO.SA.03	Plan and provide for sports precincts that meet the current and future needs of the community	●				Sports and Leisure
★ SPO.SA.04	Review the Sport Strategy and develop new four-year implementation plan	●	●			Sports and Leisure
★ SPO.SA.05	Implement new turf technologies to enhance playing surfaces on sports fields	●	●	●	●	Parks and Natural Areas
★ SPO.SA.06	Review chemical application and implement new methods to reduce chemical use on sports fields	●	●	●	●	Parks and Natural Areas
★ SPO.SA.07	Deliver the Seymour Shaw Playing Fields Stage 2 which includes re-levelling fields, amenity upgrades, upgrading netball control rooms to a multi-purpose building, bleacher seating, relocating cricket nets, and carpark stages 1 and 2	●				Asset Strategy and Delivery
★ SPO.SA.08	Deliver the Seymour Shaw Park Stage 3 upgrade which includes tennis courts, exercise equipment, clubhouse and amenities	●	●	●	●	Asset Strategy and Delivery
★ SPO.SA.09	Progress the planning and design of golf clubhouse facilities to support and enhance The Ridge Golf Course and Driving Range operations	●	●	●	●	Asset Strategy and Delivery
★ SPO.SA.10	Deliver Heathcote Oval Stage 2 sports field improvements and commence Stage 3 including carpark and entry road upgrade, multi-sporting court, clubhouse and amenities upgrade	●	●	●	●	Asset Strategy and Delivery
★ SPO.SA.11	Prepare the Ridge, Parc Menai Master Plan	●	●			Asset Strategy and Delivery
★ SPO.SA.12	Prepare the Sylvania Waters - Taren Point Recreation Precinct Master Plan	●	●			Asset Strategy and Delivery
★ SPO.SA.13	Establish a 4-year sports maintenance plan to ensure optimal asset condition and usability of sports precincts		●			Parks and Natural Areas
★ SPO.SA.14	Undertake an irrigation audit for sports fields and implement water usage optimisations		●			Parks and Natural Areas
★ SPO.SA.15	Commence implementation of the revised Sports Strategy through initiation of year-one actions		●	●	●	Sports and Leisure

Key service indicators

Indicator	Baseline	Target/Trend	Frequency
Asset renewal ratio	100%	Maintain	Quarterly
Sporting allocation hours	274,000	Maintain	Six-monthly
Kareela Synthetic Fields allocation hours	4,200	Maintain	Six-monthly
Number of school bookings using sports fields and athletics tracks	6,731	Maintain	Quarterly
% of sports field proactive works completed on time	85%	>90%	Quarterly
% of change of season works completed on time	100%	Maintain	Six-monthly

Key challenges

- Managing competing sport and community user groups on current provision of sports facilities
- Limited sports field spaces to address future community needs
- High participation rates and current demand on existing sports fields
- Maintaining the sustainability and standards of sports facility assets and infrastructure
- Securing State and Federal Government funding for planned sport infrastructure improvements
- Vandalism and misuse of sporting facilities
- The accelerated growth of emerging sports is further impacting the carrying capacity of sports fields
- Retention of Skilled and qualified staff

Income and operational expenditure

	Budget 2026/27 \$'000	Forecast 2027/28 \$'000	Forecast 2028/29 \$'000	Forecast 2029/30 \$'000
Rates and annual Charges	-	-	-	-
User Charges and Fees	(5,569)	(5,825)	(6,093)	(6,313)
Interest and Investment Income	-	-	-	-
Other Income	-	-	-	-
Grants and Contributions - Operating	(464)	(476)	(488)	(501)
Grants and Contributions - Capital	-	-	-	-
Other Revenue	(97)	(98)	(99)	(100)
Internal Income	(120)	(123)	(126)	(129)
Total Income	(6,251)	(6,523)	(6,807)	(7,043)
Employee Costs	2,805	2,934	3,069	3,180
Borrowing Costs	-	-	-	-
Materials and Services	4,210	4,288	4,395	4,505
Depreciation and Amortisation	2,568	2,446	2,629	2,821
Other Expenses	-	-	-	-
Net loss from the disposal of asset	-	-	-	-
Internal Expense	120	123	126	129
Total Expenses	9,703	9,791	10,219	10,635
Net Cost of Service	3,452	3,268	3,412	3,592

Capital works program

	Budget 2026/27 \$	Forecast 2027/28 \$	Forecast 2028/29 \$	Forecast 2029/30 \$
Capital - new				
Major Project - The Ridge Golf Clubhouse	454,754	362,500	3,000,000	3,000,000
Program - Sports Facilities and Fields	1,670,000	4,450,000	2,240,000	6,400,000
Total new works	2,124,754	4,812,500	5,240,000	9,400,000
Capital - renewal				
Program - Sports Facilities and Fields	3,885,013	823,000	844,583	631,042
Total renewal works	3,885,013	823,000	844,583	631,042
Capital - upgrade				
Major Project - Heathcote Oval	227,808	1,772,630	4,650,250	-
Major Project - Seymour Shaw	377,817	250,000	2,500,000	2,500,000
Program - Sports Facilities and Fields	5,010,000	7,615,000	7,322,916	9,996,716
Total upgrade works	5,615,625	9,637,630	14,473,166	12,496,716

This service provides safe, functional and effectively managed flood catchments, coastlines and stormwater infrastructure. It includes drains, pipes, open channels, creeks and stormwater quality devices and Council managed waterways to meet current and future community needs, whilst preserving and enhancing our environment.

Responsibility

Senior Manager Civil Works and Presentation
Chief Engineer
Senior Manager Environment and Regulation
Senior Manager Urban Futures

Subservices

- Stormwater improvement and maintenance
- Coastal management
- Flood risk management
- Strategic water quality monitoring

Supporting documents

- Draft Catchment and Waterways Strategy
- Asset Management Strategy
- Bate Bay Coastal Management Plan

Community Plan alignment



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Environmental



Core activities

Activity	Responsibility
Conduct annual assessments and reporting on water quality and biodiversity health through the Strategic Water Monitoring Program (SWaMP)	Environment and Regulation
Restore and remediate natural waterways	Parks and Natural Areas
Review and implement mitigation actions from completed Flood Risk Management Studies and Plans	Asset Strategy and Delivery
Review and implement mitigation actions identified in completed Coastal Management Programs and Coastal Zone Emergency Action Sub-plans	Asset Strategy and Delivery
Maintain service levels to reduce the risk of blockage and surcharge of Council's stormwater infrastructure	Civil Works and Presentation
Conduct annual CCTV inspections of high-risk stormwater assets to inform renewals	Asset Strategy and Delivery
Maintain stormwater asset registers to prioritise work and schedule targeted inspections and maintenance in line with asset plan	Asset Strategy and Delivery

Strategic actions

★ Councillor Strategic Priority

Code	Action	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	Responsibility
★ STW.SA.01	Implement the Bate Bay Coastal Management Program	●	●	●	●	Asset Strategy and Delivery
★ STW.SA.02	Undertake Stage 1 of the Port Hacking Coastal Management Program	●	●	●		Asset Strategy and Delivery
★ STW.SA.03	Develop a Catchment and Waterways Strategy	●				Asset Strategy and Delivery
★ STW.SA.04	Complete the Kurnell Flood Risk Management Study and Plan		●			Asset Strategy and Delivery
★ STW.SA.05	Complete the Woronora River Flood Study		●			Asset Strategy and Delivery
★ STW.SA.06	Complete the Overland Flow Flood Study	●	●			Asset Strategy and Delivery
★ STW.SA.07	Revise the Stormwater Specification Manual	●				Asset Strategy and Delivery
★ STW.SA.08	Develop and implement an annual proactive CCTV program	●				Asset Strategy and Delivery
★ STW.SA.09	Review and implement mitigation actions from completed Flood Risk Management Studies and Plans			●	●	Asset Strategy and Delivery

Strategic actions

★ Councillor Strategic Priority

Code	Action	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	Responsibility
★ STW.SA.10	Undertake an audit of Council's existing stormwater maintenance strategy to identify gaps, risks, and inefficiencies		●			Asset Strategy and Delivery
★ STW.SA.11	Review and update the Stormwater asset management plan to set renewal priorities and align budgets to risk needs		●			Asset Strategy and Delivery
★ STW.SA.12	Review and update dredging policy		●			Asset Strategy and Delivery
★ STW.SA.13	Undertake assessment to determine pollutant hotspots, quantify loads and determine vulnerable areas within Sutherland Shire's Georges River Catchment		●			Asset Strategy and Delivery
★ STW.SA.14	Undertake assessment to determine pollutant hotspots, quantify loads and determine vulnerable areas within the Port Hacking and Pacific Ocean catchments		●			Asset Strategy and Delivery
★ STW.SA.15	Define Coastal Management Program scope, stakeholders and study area for Port Hacking		●			Asset Strategy and Delivery
★ STW.SA.16	Assist the Georges River Keeper in defining Coastal Management Plan scope, stakeholders and study area for Georges River		●			Asset Strategy and Delivery

Key service indicators

Indicator	Baseline	Target/Trend	Frequency
% of water quality for creeks and catchments fair or better	87%	Increase	Quarterly
% of scheduled maintenance works completed by due date	87%	>95%	Quarterly
Capital New, Upgrade and Renewal budget allocation completion	73%	>85%	Annual
Gross pollutants removed from stormwater networks (tonnes)*	N/A	Maintain	Quarterly
% of sample swimming sites (beaches and baths) rated 'Good' or 'better'	70%	Increase	Annual

*no baseline due to the variability of external factors

Key challenges

- Climate change and increased storm activity
- Increasing urban density and hard surfaces
- Completing up-to-date flood studies and management plans
- Ensuring development of flood-prone land addresses risks

Income and operational expenditure

	Budget 2026/27 \$'000	Forecast 2027/28 \$'000	Forecast 2028/29 \$'000	Forecast 2029/30 \$'000
Rates and annual Charges	(2,203)	(2,222)	(2,240)	(2,259)
User Charges and Fees	-	-	-	-
Interest and Investment Income	(127)	(133)	(139)	(146)
Other Income	-	-	-	-
Grants and Contributions - Operating	(210)	(215)	(220)	(226)
Grants and Contributions - Capital	-	-	-	-
Other Revenue	-	-	-	-
Internal Income	-	-	-	-
Total Income	(2,540)	(2,570)	(2,600)	(2,631)
Employee Costs	3,444	3,603	3,769	3,904
Borrowing Costs	-	-	-	-
Materials and Services	3,178	3,236	3,317	3,400
Depreciation and Amortisation	6,983	7,144	7,375	7,612
Other Expenses	-	-	-	-
Net loss from the disposal of asset	-	-	-	-
Internal Expense	851	873	895	917
Total Expenses	14,456	14,856	15,356	15,834
Net Cost of Service	11,916	12,287	12,756	13,203

Capital works program

	Budget 2026/27 \$	Forecast 2027/28 \$	Forecast 2028/29 \$	Forecast 2029/30 \$
Capital - new				
Program - Stormwater Drainage	185,000	35,000	990,835	5,000
Program - Water Quality Improvement	1,155,050	2,175,200	1,115,050	1,155,050
Total new works	1,340,050	2,210,200	2,105,885	1,160,050
Capital - renewal				
Program - Stormwater Drainage	1,483,150	145,000	2,167,050	-
Program - Water Quality Improvement	-	25,000	-	-
Total renewal works	1,483,150	170,000	2,167,050	-
Capital - upgrade				
Program - Stormwater Drainage	440,122	3,309,700	2,230,955	4,155,000
Program - Water Quality Improvement	15,000	150,000	-	-
Total upgrade works	455,122	3,459,700	2,230,955	4,155,000

This service provides land use planning in accordance with federal state, regional and local environmental legislation and policies. Land use planning includes precinct planning, preparation and assessment of planning proposals, local environmental plans and development control plans, heritage management, planning studies, and management of Developer Contributions and Planning Certificates.

Responsibility

Senior Manager Urban Futures

Subservices

- Place Plans strategic planning
- Heritage Advice
- Management of Development contributions
- Advocacy

Supporting documents

- Local Housing Strategy
- Local Strategic Planning Statement
- Sutherland Shire Development Control Plan 2015
- Sutherland Shire Local Environmental Plan 2015
- Disability Inclusion Action Plan
- Tree and Bushland Strategy
- Environment and Sustainability Strategy
- Draft Caringbah Place Plan
- Draft Sutherland-Kirrawee Place Plan
- Draft Miranda Place Plan

Community Plan alignment



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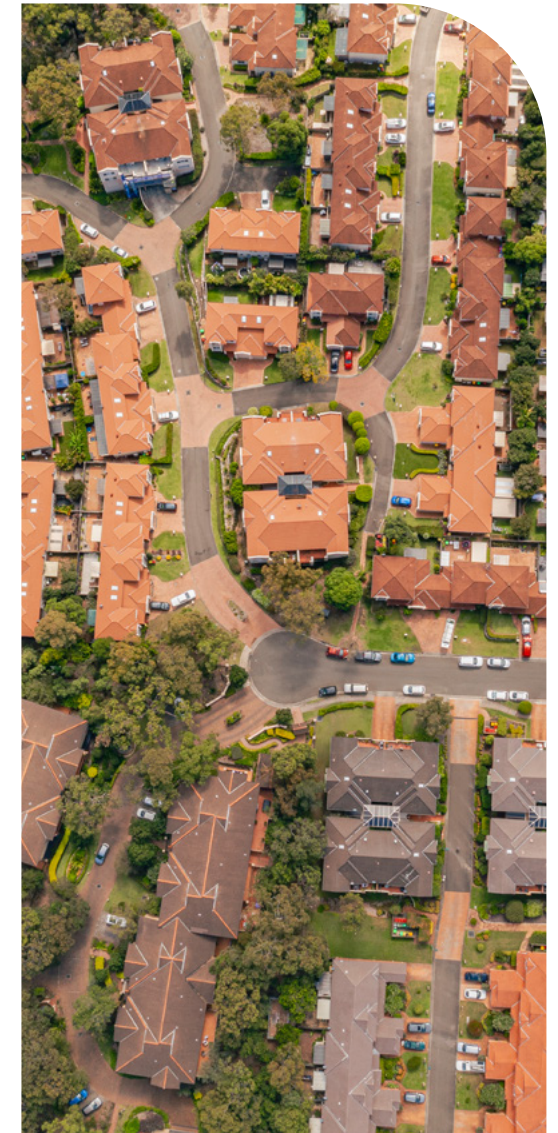
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Social



Environmental



Core activities

Activity	Responsibility
Provide planning advice and information to Council, and internal and external customers, based on the State and local planning framework and environmental constraints	Urban Futures
Prepare planning instruments, policy documents to effect State strategies and local Council decisions	Urban Futures
Promote and protect Sutherland Shire's heritage	Urban Futures
Manage and monitor Council's development contribution framework	Urban Futures
Manage and issue planning certificates under section 10.7 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act	Urban Futures
Work with the NSW Government to understand the timing of infrastructure delivery, implications for housing development, and to advocate for improved infrastructure and services for the local community	Urban Futures
Investigate the inclusion of design controls in DCP2015 to improve the contextual fit of multi-dwelling development in the R2 zone and apartments in the R3 zone	Urban Futures
Revise development contributions plans as part of any proposed precinct level rezoning to ensure that infrastructure provision is aligned with growth	Urban Futures
Work with the Department of Planning, Housing, and Infrastructure to confirm acceptance that the Housing Strategy will deliver capacity for 6,000 additional dwellings between 2024/25 and 2029/30	Urban Futures
Advocate for Independent Living Units to be included in the pipeline of housing delivery and contribute to the achievement of Housing targets	Urban Futures
Advocate for Federal Government funding for residential aged care beds in Sutherland Shire so that the national target of 80 places per 1000 people aged 70+ is achieved	Urban Futures
Monitor affordable housing delivery across Sutherland Shire through State and local planning mechanisms	Urban Futures

Strategic actions

★ Councillor Strategic Priority

Code	Action	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	Responsibility
★ SLP.SA.01	Finalise and implement the Local Housing Strategy through Place Plans	●				Urban Futures
★ SLP.SA.02	Update the Local Strategic Planning Statement		●	●	●	Urban Futures
★ SLP.SA.03	Develop Miranda Place Plan	●	●	●		Urban Futures
★ SLP.SA.04	Develop Sutherland-Kirrawee Place Plan	●	●	●		Urban Futures
★ SLP.SA.05	Develop Caringbah Place Plan	●	●	●	●	Urban Futures
★ SLP.SA.06	Develop Menai-Illawong Place Plan		●	●	●	Urban Futures
★ SLP.SA.07	Develop Jannali Place Plan		●	●	●	Urban Futures
★ SLP.SA.08	Develop Cronulla Place Plan		●	●	●	Urban Futures
★ SLP.SA.09	Implement Special Entertainment Precinct program for Cronulla	●	●			Urban Futures
★ SLP.SA.10	Investigate options for nighttime economy programs		●	●	●	Urban Futures
SLP.SA.11	Review the section 7.11 and 7.12 Developer Contributions Plan	●				Urban Futures
SLP.SA.12	Update the Sutherland Shire Development Control Plan	●				Urban Futures
SLP.SA.13	Review existing development controls requiring the provision of charging facilities for electric vehicles on private property	●				Urban Futures
★ SLP.SA.14	Develop Engadine Place Plan		●	●		Urban Futures

Key service indicators

Indicator	Baseline	Target/Trend	Frequency
Number of advocacy representations	New measure	Maintain	Quarterly
Average number of days to provide initial heritage advice	4.4 days	5 days	Quarterly
% of planning certificates provided within 3 days	99.69%	95%	Quarterly

Key challenges

- Availability of accurate and timely data to inform decision-making
- Development contributions are levied in accordance with legislative requirements State intervention where mandated planning or housing requirements are not met

Income and operational expenditure

	Budget 2026/27 \$'000	Forecast 2027/28 \$'000	Forecast 2028/29 \$'000	Forecast 2029/30 \$'000
Rates and annual Charges	-	-	-	-
User Charges and Fees	(649)	(679)	(710)	(736)
Interest and Investment Income	-	-	-	-
Other Income	-	-	-	-
Grants and Contributions - Operating	-	-	-	-
Grants and Contributions - Capital	-	-	-	-
Other Revenue	-	-	-	-
Internal Income	-	-	-	-
Total Income	(649)	(679)	(710)	(736)
Employee Costs	1,573	1,646	1,722	1,783
Borrowing Costs	-	-	-	-
Materials and Services	244	248	255	261
Depreciation and Amortisation	-	-	-	-
Other Expenses	30	31	32	32
Net loss from the disposal of asset	-	-	-	-
Internal Expense	-	-	-	-
Total Expenses	1,847	1,925	2,008	2,077
Net Cost of Service	1,199	1,246	1,298	1,341

This service provides strategic planning input and operational waste management and education services for the community. Delivering domestic (residential), non-domestic (public place) and business waste collection and disposal services, along with resource recovery and cleansing services.

Responsibility

Senior Manager Recycling and Waste

Subservices

- Domestic waste collection and management
- Public litter collection
- Business waste collection and management
- Illegal dumping management
- Commercial waste
- Community education and waste minimisation

Supporting documents

- Waste Management Strategy
- Climate Strategy 2050

Community Plan alignment



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Environmental



Core activities

Activity	Responsibility
Design and implement innovative waste management services and education programs to initiate community behaviour change and to improve resource recovery	Recycling and Waste
Contribute to ensuring beaches are clean and free from litter for safe long-term use through awareness and waste removal activities	Recycling and Waste
Develop and deliver innovative community waste and sustainability education and engagement	Recycling and Waste
Investigate and deliver commercial waste avoidance programs	Recycling and Waste
Participate in regional waste diversion and minimisation projects in collaboration with the Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils	Recycling and Waste
Review and develop Council's corporate waste avoidance and minimisation plans, strategies and policies	Recycling and Waste
Develop waste management services financial modelling to future proof services	Recycling and Waste
Strategic planning, design and placemaking for best waste management outcomes	Recycling and Waste
Advocate and support innovations for emergency and problem waste	Recycling and Waste
Implement organics processing and landfill diversion	Recycling and Waste

Strategic actions

Code	Action	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	Responsibility
WMG.SA.01	Implement Council preferred operating model for a food organic garden organic (FOGO) collection and processing service	●	●	●		Recycling and Waste
WMG.SA.02	Implement Council preferred service delivery model for a community recycling centre (CRC) in the Sutherland Shire local government area	●	●	●	●	Recycling and Waste
WMG.SA.03	Implement organics processing and landfill diversion	●				Recycling and Waste
WMG.SA.04	Investigate options/feasibility for local eco industrial park		●	●	●	Recycling and Waste
WMG.SA.05	Assess Energy from Waste (EfW) technology solutions as a longer term option for Council when it is economically, environmentally and practically viable for the community			●	●	Recycling and Waste
WMG.SA.06	Investigate opportunities for public private partnerships and attracting investment upon commissioning of new Community Recycling Centre and associated Economic Hub			●	●	Recycling and Waste
WMG.SA.07	Advocate and work with government, developers, and businesses to minimise waste emissions through reducing food waste, resource recovery from landfill, and FOGO processing facilities		●	●		Recycling and Waste

Key service indicators

Indicator	Baseline	Target/Trend	Frequency
% landfill diversion	47%	80% by 2030	Six-monthly
% of recycling contamination	10%	6%	Quarterly
Number of waste education workshops, events and campaigns	12	Maintain	Quarterly

Key challenges

- Lack of waste and resource recovery industry infrastructure planning and investment
- Industries slow adoption of, and investment in new technologies
- Minimal education and application of circular economy principles
- Community safety risks posed by incorrect disposal of hazardous materials
- Absence of mature markets for recovered and recycled materials
- Supply chain resourcing impacts such as delays in purchasing waste trucks and bins

Income and operational expenditure

	Budget 2026/27 \$'000	Forecast 2027/28 \$'000	Forecast 2028/29 \$'000	Forecast 2029/30 \$'000
Rates and annual Charges	(46,444)	(48,302)	(50,234)	(51,992)
User Charges and Fees	(2,193)	(2,294)	(2,399)	(2,486)
Interest and Investment Income	(1,437)	(1,500)	(1,569)	(1,649)
Other Income	-	-	-	-
Grants and Contributions - Operating	-	-	-	-
Grants and Contributions - Capital	-	-	-	-
Other Revenue	(244)	(247)	(249)	(252)
Internal Income	(1,875)	(1,923)	(1,972)	(2,021)
Total Income	(52,194)	(54,266)	(56,423)	(58,399)
Employee Costs	15,947	16,680	17,447	18,075
Borrowing Costs	11	10	8	7
Materials and Services	37,668	38,365	39,324	39,507
Depreciation and Amortisation	2,767	2,411	2,681	2,992
Other Expenses	-	-	-	-
Net loss from the disposal of asset	-	-	-	-
Internal Expense	8,387	8,605	8,820	9,041
Total Expenses	64,779	66,071	68,281	69,623
Net Cost of Service	12,585	11,805	11,858	11,223

Capital works program

	Budget 2026/27 \$	Forecast 2027/28 \$	Forecast 2028/29 \$	Forecast 2029/30 \$
Capital - new				
Major Project - Community Recycling Centre (CRC) and Circular Economy Hub (CEH)	600,000	1,300,000	3,000,000	2,400,000
Program - FOGO	3,912,738	600,000	400,000	-
Total new works	4,512,738	1,900,000	3,400,000	2,400,000

Enabling services



A woman using a charger on a Sutherland Shire electric fleet vehicle

This service leads all infrastructure asset management to ensure we effectively plan for future improvements and effectively care for our existing assets. It also provides the survey, planning and designs needed for infrastructure works.

Responsibility

Senior Manager Civil Works and Presentation
Chief Engineer

Subservices

- Asset systems and condition management
 - Infrastructure design
 - Survey
 - Infrastructure standards and design advice
-

Supporting documents

- Asset Management Strategy
- Climate Strategy 2050

Community Plan alignment



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Social



Economic



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Core activities

Activity	Responsibility
Plan, design and deliver the Capital Works Program	Asset Strategy and Delivery
Develop and implement a risk-based asset inspection framework to support strategic asset management program	Asset Strategy and Delivery

Strategic actions

Code	Action	25/26	26/27	27/28	28/29	Responsibility
ASD.SA.01	Implement the Asset Management Improvement Plan to improve asset management maturity levels to support a long-term view of investment and risk management for infrastructure	●	●	●	●	Asset Strategy and Delivery
ASD.SA.02	Develop and implement environmental improvement actions for former landfill site Ferntree Gully, Engadine	●	●	●		Asset Strategy and Delivery
ASD.SA.03	Develop a plan for the review of plans of management and when reviewing, incorporate relevant information as required by Crown Lands such as consideration of Country and Aboriginal Cultural Heritage and alignment with Council strategies	●	●	●		Asset Strategy and Delivery
ASD.SA.04	Prepare an Open Space Design Guidelines chapter for incorporation into Council's Public Domain Design Manual	●				Asset Strategy and Delivery
ASD.SA.05	Develop a Public Amenities Service Analysis and Implementation Plan	●	●			Asset Strategy and Delivery
ASD.SA.06	Review the Open Space Asset Management Plan, service level agreements to enable and align with Open Space Strategies and action	●				Asset Strategy and Delivery

Strategic actions

Code	Action	25/26	26/27	27/28	28/29	Responsibility
ASD.SA.07	Document technical levels of service for all infrastructure asset classes to inform technical service delivery agreements, intervention levels, and works prioritisation		●	●	●	Asset Strategy and Delivery
ASD.SA.08	Develop a decision-making framework for data driven asset renewal program and implement tools and systems to support the framework	●	●	●	●	Asset Strategy and Delivery
ASD.SA.09	Identify key asset's function capacity constraints to support and improve community resilience		●	●	●	Asset Strategy and Delivery
ASD.SA.10	Identify critical assets and conduct risk assessment and assign risk ratings for all infrastructure asset classes	●	●	●	●	Asset Strategy and Delivery
ASD.SA.11	Implement the emissions reduction actions within Council's suite of transport strategies			●		Asset Strategy and Delivery
ASD.SA.12	Increase the use and trials of low emission and recycled materials in Council civil works as part of capital, renewal, and operational upgrade programs		●	●	●	Asset Strategy and Delivery

Key service indicators

Indicator	Baseline	Target/Trend	Frequency
Rate of survey requests completed on time	90%	Maintain	Quarterly
% of assets with condition fair or above	85%	85%	Quarterly
% asset re-evaluation program completed on time	100%	Maintain	Quarterly
Asset maturity level	Basic	Intermediate	Quarterly
% Capital projects on schedule	75%	90%	Quarterly

Key challenges

- Inflationary pressure on contractor and material pricing
- Frequency of natural disaster recovery works causing high demand for contractor and material supply

Income and operational expenditure

	Budget 2026/27 \$'000	Forecast 2027/28 \$'000	Forecast 2028/29 \$'000	Forecast 2029/30 \$'000
Rates and annual Charges	-	-	-	-
User Charges and Fees	-	-	-	-
Interest and Investment Income	(3,031)	(3,163)	(3,308)	(3,477)
Other Income	-	-	-	-
Grants and Contributions - Operating	-	-	-	-
Grants and Contributions - Capital	(11,433)	(10,632)	(10,552)	(10,507)
Other Revenue	-	-	-	-
Internal Income	-	-	-	-
Total Income	(14,464)	(13,795)	(13,860)	(13,984)
Employee Costs	4,283	4,480	4,687	4,855
Borrowing Costs	-	-	-	-
Materials and Services	1,708	1,312	1,345	1,379
Depreciation and Amortisation	17	15	16	18
Other Expenses	-	-	-	-
Net loss from the disposal of asset	-	-	-	-
Internal Expense	-	-	-	-
Total Expenses	6,009	5,807	6,048	6,252
Net Cost of Service	(8,455)	(7,988)	(7,812)	(7,732)

This service delivers maintenance, compliance, and minor works projects across all Council building assets including sports clubhouses, community venues, administration centres, libraries, leisure centres, public toilets, entertainment venues, and the Art Gallery to ensure infrastructure operates to agreed standards.

The division also provides technical and compliance expertise, embedding asset management principles and partnering with service managers to uphold the quality, safety, and service standards of Council facilities in line with community expectations.

Responsibility

Chief Engineer
Senior Manager Facilities and Fleet
Chief Information Officer

Subservices

- Building improvements
 - Building maintenance
 - Facility management
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Supporting documents

- Community Venues Strategy
- Asset Management Strategy
- Disability Inclusion Action Plan
- Leisure Centre Strategy
- Property Strategy
- Climate Strategy 2050
- Graffiti Management Plan

Community Plan alignment



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Social



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Core activities

Activity	Responsibility
Implement service business partner model with service managers	Facilities and Fleet
Deliver facilities minor works annual program	Facilities and Fleet
Monitor and advise on building energy management performance	Facilities and Fleet
Transition from a highly reactive maintenance model to a proactive, planned maintenance model	Facilities and Fleet
Align service delivery to strategic plans and actions	Facilities and Fleet
Provide building access management services	Information Management and Technology

Strategic actions

Code	Action	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	Responsibility
BIN.SA.01	Develop Depots Master Plan		●	●		Facilities and Fleet
BIN.SA.02	Develop and implement the strategic procurement and contracts plan	●				Facilities and Fleet
BIN.SA.03	Transition from a highly reactive maintenance model to a proactive, planned maintenance model	●				Facilities and Fleet
BIN.SA.04	Align service delivery to strategic plans and actions	●				Facilities and Fleet
BIN.SA.05	Revise service level agreement	●				Facilities and Fleet
BIN.SA.06	Increase Council's on-site solar and battery storage as part of renewal and operational upgrade programs		●	●		Asset Strategy and Delivery
BIN.SA.07	Continue our operational 100% renewable electricity procurement		●	●	●	Facilities and Fleet

Key service indicators

Indicator	Baseline	Target/Trend	Frequency
Building minor Capital Works Program Delivery delivered	85%	95%	Quarterly
% of proactive planned maintenance	60%	70%	Quarterly
% of work orders completed within time frame	80%	90%	Quarterly
Buildings Annual Fire Safety Statement Compliance	85%	95%	Quarterly
% of implementation of annual energy efficiency improvement capital program for facilities	85%	90%	Quarterly

Key challenges

- Service delivery and resourcing re-alignment to current strategic plans and actions
- Continued enhancement of information and data systems to enabled informed decision making and automation
- Financial sustainability to fund maintenance activities aligned to strategic service demands and standards
- Impacts due to increasing market demands and rising costs of materials and contractors
- Council buildings reaching end of life and not fit for purpose

Income and operational expenditure

	Budget 2026/27 \$'000	Forecast 2027/28 \$'000	Forecast 2028/29 \$'000	Forecast 2029/30 \$'000
Rates and annual Charges	-	-	-	-
User Charges and Fees	-	-	-	-
Interest and Investment Income	-	-	-	-
Other Income	-	-	-	-
Grants and Contributions - Operating	(218)	(224)	(230)	(235)
Grants and Contributions - Capital	-	-	-	-
Other Revenue	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Internal Income	(2,481)	(2,545)	(2,609)	(2,674)
Total Income	(2,700)	(2,770)	(2,839)	(2,910)
Employee Costs	4,811	5,032	5,264	5,453
Borrowing Costs	2	2	2	2
Materials and Services	6,972	7,101	7,279	7,461
Depreciation and Amortisation	3,090	3,097	3,334	3,611
Other Expenses	-	-	-	-
Net loss from the disposal of asset	-	-	-	-
Internal Expense	2,320	2,380	2,439	2,500
Total Expenses	17,195	17,612	18,317	19,027
Net Cost of Service	14,495	14,842	15,478	16,116

Capital works program

	Budget 2026/27 \$	Forecast 2027/28 \$	Forecast 2028/29 \$	Forecast 2029/30 \$
Capital - renewal				
Program - Community & Operational Buildings	4,089,564	5,293,359	2,682,685	2,682,685
Program - Public Amenities	177,292	927,292	277,292	77,292
Total renewal works	4,266,856	6,220,651	2,959,977	2,759,977
Capital - upgrade				
Program - Community & Operational Buildings	602,974	403,333	403,333	404,800
Program - Public Amenities	284,390	6,745,000	22,000	302,500
Total upgrade works	887,364	7,148,333	425,333	707,300

This service partners with the business to deliver the full spectrum of corporate governance services to the organisation and community.

Responsibility

Senior Manager Corporate Governance

Subservices

- Legal services
 - Governance
 - Enterprise risk management
 - Work health and safety and injury management
 - Insurance and claims management
 - Internal assurance
 - Executive leadership and support
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Supporting documents

- Workforce Strategy

Community Plan alignment



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Core activities

Activity	Responsibility
Provide corporate legal services to the business	Corporate Governance
Provide insurance and claims management to the business	Corporate Governance
Provide injury management including claims processing, return to work facilitation	Corporate Governance
Deliver internal assurance program	Corporate Governance
Facilitate the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee	Corporate Governance
Facilitate Council meetings and provide Councillor support	Corporate Governance
Enhance and embed core elements of Governance Framework	Corporate Governance
Enhance and embed core elements of enterprise risk management	Corporate Governance
Provide Executive Leadership by planning, managing, and monitoring Council performance, developing and implementing strategies, and ensuring the successful achievement of strategic objectives	Executive Team
Support the ongoing implementation of a comprehensive employee Health and Wellbeing Program	Corporate Governance
Implement core elements of Safety Road Map	Corporate Governance

Strategic actions

Code	Action	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	Responsibility
CGO.SA.01	Implement supportive and comprehensive Health and Wellbeing Program	●				Corporate Governance
CGO.SA.02	Develop and implement revised Risk Appetite Statement and Key Risk Indicators	●				Corporate Governance
GSO.SA.03	Develop and implement enhanced Council decision-making processes to ensure our community is engaged and informed	●	●	●		Corporate Governance
GSO.SA.04	Implement core elements of Safety Road Map	●				Corporate Governance
GSO.SA.05	Facilitate successful conduct of the 2028 local government elections and induction of the new Council		●	●	●	Corporate Governance

Key service indicators

Indicator	Baseline	Target/Trend	Frequency
% Council meeting minutes finalised and published within three working days of meeting	100%	100%	Quarterly
% of division risk registers reviewed and reported in line with the annual plan	80%	100%	Quarterly
% of internal assurance reviews undertaken in line with Strategic Internal Assurance Plan	80%	100%	Annual
Achieve low risk rating in annual workers compensation self-insurance audit	Medium	Low	Annual
Audit Rating for WHS Management System elements audited	Acceptable	Acceptable or higher	Annual
Lost time injury frequency rate	25	Towards zero	Quarterly
Total recordable injury frequency rate	141.7	Towards zero	Quarterly
Return to work rate	92%	Increase	Quarterly
Working rate	96%	Increase	Quarterly

Key challenges

- Responding to ongoing Local Government governance reforms
- Responding to legislation reforms for workers compensation
- Maintaining performance data quality
- Stakeholder engagement on legal issues to facilitate positive legal outcomes
- Stakeholder engagement to support uplift in safety culture across the organisation
- Maintaining safety system currency
- Ongoing management of workers compensation claims

Income and operational expenditure

	Budget 2026/27 \$'000	Forecast 2027/28 \$'000	Forecast 2028/29 \$'000	Forecast 2029/30 \$'000
Rates and annual Charges	-	-	-	-
User Charges and Fees	-	-	-	-
Interest and Investment Income	-	-	-	-
Other Income	-	-	-	-
Grants and Contributions - Operating	-	-	-	-
Grants and Contributions - Capital	-	-	-	-
Other Revenue	(140)	(141)	(143)	(144)
Internal Income	(2,002)	(2,054)	(2,105)	(2,158)
Total Income	(2,142)	(2,195)	(2,248)	(2,302)
Employee Costs	7,977	9,584	10,025	10,388
Borrowing Costs	-	-	-	-
Materials and Services	7,004	7,133	7,312	7,494
Depreciation and Amortisation	619	622	659	704
Other Expenses	16	16	2,216	17
Net loss from the disposal of asset	-	-	-	-
Internal Expense	-	-	-	-
Total Expenses	15,615	17,355	20,212	18,603
Net Cost of Service	13,473	15,160	17,964	16,301

This service works collaboratively across the entire organisation to support the development of Council's strategic planning framework. Council ultimately has one vision, one program, and one plan being the Community Strategic Plan, Delivery Program, and Operational Plan. The service also focuses on developing governance frameworks and processes to support the strategic planning cycle, including performance measurement and business improvement programs.

Responsibility

Chief Financial Officer

Subservices

- Integrated Planning and Reporting
- Organisational performance
- Business improvement

Community Plan alignment



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Core activities

Activity	Responsibility
Monitor progress and performance against adopted plans, and provide updates to the community	Finance, Property and Performance
Facilitate effective development and delivery of the annual Operational Plan	Finance, Property and Performance
Monitor and review the Continuous Improvement Framework	Finance, Property and Performance
Provide advice to ensure alignment and integration of strategies	Finance, Property and Performance
Source external grant funding opportunities and coordinate applications by Council	Finance, Property and Performance

Strategic actions

Code	Action	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	Responsibility
CPP.SA.01	Undertake Service Reviews for: - Parking Education and Compliance - Fire Safety		●			Finance, Property and Performance
CPP.SA.02	Develop a forward program for Service Reviews	●				Finance, Property and Performance
CPP.SA.03	Implement the Operational Projects Management Framework	●				Finance, Property and Performance
CPP.SA.04	Source external grant funding opportunities and coordinate applications by Council	●				Finance, Property and Performance
CPP.SA.05	Develop a centre-led grant management capability	●				Finance, Property and Performance
CPP.SA.06	Undertake a review of strategic documents and implementation plans to ensure alignment with Strategic Management Framework	●	●			Finance, Property and Performance
CPP.SA.07	Develop a Corporate Performance Dashboard to monitor and report against Community Plan outcomes			●		Finance, Property and Performance

Key service indicators

Indicator	Baseline	Target/Trend	Frequency
Grant funding dollars received	\$10,730,773*	Increase	Quarterly
Successful grant applications	New measure	Increase	Quarterly
Service reviews conducted	1	2	Quarterly
% of organisational strategic actions delivered and/or on track to be delivered within agreed timeframes	78%	Increase	Quarterly
Number of strategic management workshops delivered	22	Maintain	Quarterly
Attendance at strategic workshops	New measure	Increase	Quarterly

*Excluding Financial Assistance Grants

Key challenges

- Securing of grant funding to support strategic project delivery
- Access to consistent and accurate information across a range of data sources to support organisational performance reporting
- Engagement with a broad range of stakeholders to inform the development of strategies and plans
- Implementation of change across the organisation resulting from Service Review recommendations
- Increased reporting requirements mandated by the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework
- Maintaining and improving data quality

Income and operational expenditure

	Budget 2026/27 \$'000	Forecast 2027/28 \$'000	Forecast 2028/29 \$'000	Forecast 2029/30 \$'000
Rates and annual Charges	-	-	-	-
User Charges and Fees	-	-	-	-
Interest and Investment Income	-	-	-	-
Other Income	-	-	-	-
Grants and Contributions - Operating	-	-	-	-
Grants and Contributions - Capital	-	-	-	-
Other Revenue	-	-	-	-
Internal Income	(375)	(385)	(395)	(405)
Total Income	(375)	(385)	(395)	(405)
Employee Costs	777	813	850	881
Borrowing Costs	-	-	-	-
Materials and Services	22	22	22	23
Depreciation and Amortisation	-	-	-	-
Other Expenses	-	-	-	-
Net loss from the disposal of asset	-	-	-	-
Internal Expense	-	-	-	-
Total Expenses	799	835	873	904
Net Cost of Service	423	450	478	499

This service provides all aspects of Council’s financial management including management accounting, financial accounting, taxation management, treasury, payroll, accounts payable, accounts receivable, rates and internal and external financial reporting.

Responsibility

Chief Financial Officer
Chief Human Resource Officer

Subservices

- Payroll
 - Accounts payable
 - Rates and receivables management
 - Banking and treasury
 - Financial accounting
 - Financial systems management
 - Financial planning and analysis
 - Strategic financial management
-

Supporting documents

- Asset Management Strategy
- Long Term Financial Plan
- Climate Strategy 2050

Community Plan alignment



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Core activities

Activity	Responsibility
Provide a reliable and trustworthy payroll service to the business	People and Culture
Provide an efficient and effective accounts payable function	Finance, Property and Performance
Levy and collect rates, annual charges and other receivables to contribute to adequate liquidity	Finance, Property and Performance
Implement measures to facilitate appropriate financial management and control	Finance, Property and Performance
Facilitate a finance business partnering model across all levels of the business	Finance, Property and Performance
Monitor Council's progress against the financial strategy parameters as set out in the Long Term Financial Plan	Finance, Property and Performance
Continually increase Council's financial divestment from fossil fuels	Finance, Property and Performance

Strategic actions

Code	Action	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	Responsibility
FIN.SA.01	Review and update the Long Term Financial Plan	●	●	●	●	Finance, Property and Performance
FIN.SA.02	Monitor Council's progress against the financial strategy parameters as set out in the Long Term Financial Plan	●				Finance, Property and Performance

Key service indicators

Indicator	Baseline	Target/Trend	Frequency
Operating performance ratio	1.26%*	>0%	Quarterly
Own source operating revenue ratio	87.39%*	>=60%	Quarterly
Infrastructure renewals ratio	134.6%	>=100%	Quarterly
Debt service cover ratio	15.38x*	2.00x	Quarterly
Unrestricted current ratio	3.67%	>=1.5	Annual
Rates, annual charges, interest and extra charges outstanding percentage	4.83%*	<5%	Annual
Cash expense cover ratio	10.98*	>=3	Annual

*based on 25/26 Q3 forecast result

Key challenges

- Formulating robust, long-term funding approaches to support the implementation of Council's adopted strategies and associated action plans.
- Driving continuous improvement and integration of new OneCouncil modules, including payroll, property and rating, finance, and strategic asset management, to optimise efficiency and compliance.
- Updating and refining asset accounting methodologies, including a comprehensive review and rewording of the Asset Accounting Determination to ensure clarity, consistency, and alignment with best practice.
- Addressing the imbalance between revenue streams and expenditure growth, while maintaining service delivery and financial sustainability.
- Responding to legislative rate capping requirements and their impact on revenue generation, long-term financial planning, and service provision.

Income and operational expenditure

	Budget 2026/27 \$'000	Forecast 2027/28 \$'000	Forecast 2028/29 \$'000	Forecast 2029/30 \$'000
Rates and annual Charges	(171,173)	(178,790)	(186,912)	(194,142)
User Charges and Fees	(468)	(489)	(512)	(530)
Interest and Investment Income	(8,824)	(8,484)	(8,685)	(8,903)
Other Income	-	-	-	-
Grants and Contributions - Operating	(13,099)	(12,775)	(13,461)	(13,860)
Grants and Contributions - Capital	-	-	-	-
Other Revenue	(370)	(374)	(378)	(381)
Internal Income	(1,063)	(1,091)	(1,118)	(1,146)
Total Income	(194,997)	(202,004)	(211,066)	(218,963)
Employee Costs	5,440	5,688	5,946	6,158
Borrowing Costs	150	137	120	104
Materials and Services	1,726	1,759	1,802	1,847
Depreciation and Amortisation	-	-	-	-
Other Expenses	-	-	-	-
Net loss from the disposal of asset	5,500	5,888	6,136	6,819
Internal Expense	-	-	-	-
Total Expenses	12,817	13,471	14,005	14,929
Net Cost of Service	(182,181)	(188,533)	(197,061)	(204,035)

This service oversees the full lifecycle management of Council's fleet assets including plant and equipment along with the operation of fleet and fabrication workshops.

Responsibility

Senior Manager Facilities and Fleet

Subservices

- Fleet asset management
 - Fleet maintenance
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Supporting documents

- Climate Strategy 2050

Community Plan alignment



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Environmental

Core activities

Activity	Responsibility
Deliver revised contemporary Fleet Management Determination/Guidelines	Facilities and Fleet
Deliver annual fleet capital renewal program	Facilities and Fleet
Develop and implement the strategic procurement and contracts plan	Facilities and Fleet

Key service indicators

Indicator	Baseline	Target/Trend	Frequency
% of passenger vehicles transition to battery electric vehicles	10%	85% by 2030	Annual
Fleet procurement purchase order compliance	70%	90%	Quarterly
Fleet planned maintenance ratio	60%	70%	Quarterly
% fleet capital renewal program delivered	80%	95%	Quarterly

Strategic actions

Code	Action	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	Responsibility
FLG.SA.01	Implement the Fleet Transition Plan to reduce fleet emissions	●	●	●	●	Facilities and Fleet
FLG.SA.02	Develop and implement the strategic procurement and contracts plan	●				Facilities and Fleet
FLG.SA.03	Implement the Fleet Transition Plan actions		●	●	●	Facilities and Fleet

Key challenges

- Impact of supply chain delays on asset lifecycles, condition and safety leading to potential service level interruptions, increased maintenance, and operating costs
- Failure to maintain agreed maintenance service levels for plant and vehicle fleets which can result in unsafe and non-compliant assets due to internal and external resourcing challenges
- Financial sustainability of renewals and maintenance is threatened by market demand and rising costs
- Enhancement of information and data systems is necessary to enable informed decision-making and automation

Income and operational expenditure

	Budget 2026/27 \$'000	Forecast 2027/28 \$'000	Forecast 2028/29 \$'000	Forecast 2029/30 \$'000
Rates and annual Charges	-	-	-	-
User Charges and Fees	-	-	-	-
Interest and Investment Income	-	-	-	-
Other Income	-	-	-	-
Grants and Contributions - Operating	-	-	-	-
Grants and Contributions - Capital	-	-	-	-
Other Revenue	(108)	(109)	(110)	(111)
Internal Income	(2,065)	(2,118)	(2,171)	(2,226)
Total Income	(2,173)	(2,227)	(2,281)	(2,337)
Employee Costs	3,304	3,456	3,615	3,745
Borrowing Costs	5	5	4	4
Materials and Services	1,297	1,321	1,354	1,388
Depreciation and Amortisation	175	165	176	188
Other Expenses	-	-	-	-
Net loss from the disposal of asset	(1,655)	(757)	(1,268)	(1,339)
Internal Expense	436	447	458	470
Total Expenses	3,562	4,637	4,340	4,456
Net Cost of Service	1,389	2,410	2,058	2,119

Capital works program

	Budget 2026/27 \$	Forecast 2027/28 \$	Forecast 2028/29 \$	Forecast 2029/30 \$
Capital - new				
Program - Vehicle Sales and Purchases	7,677,233	5,002,850	7,167,700	7,781,000
Total new works	7,677,233	5,002,850	7,167,700	7,781,000

This service partners with the business to deliver the full spectrum of people related services across the employee lifecycle.

Responsibility

Chief Human Resource Officer

Subservices

- Attraction, recruitment and onboarding
 - Training and development
 - Retention, engagement and leadership development
 - Employee relations
-

Supporting documents

- Workforce Strategy
- Disability Inclusion Action Plan
- Climate Strategy 2050
- Customer Experience Strategy

Community Plan alignment



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Core activities

Activity	Responsibility
Deliver efficient and effective recruitment and onboarding services tailored to the needs of each Directorate	People and Culture
Develop and deliver learning, training and organisational development services including leadership capability development	People and Culture
Provide effective business partnering including employee relations advice and management services	People and Culture
Implement a contemporary talent acquisition operating model enabled by OneCouncil Technology and integrated within the HR Life Cycle	People and Culture
Support the implementation of the actions of Council's Safety Roadmap	People and Culture
Conduct annual workforce needs analysis and develop Enterprise and Directorate Workforce Plans	People and Culture
Deliver and embed the OneCouncil Human Resources and Payroll technology, processes and data reporting	People and Culture
Complete a training needs analysis for staff knowledge	People and Culture
Adapt existing frameworks to incorporate sustainability	People and Culture
Support a child safe culture by equipping all employees with the knowledge, training and expectations required to uphold the Child Safe Standards, and by ensuring recruitment, onboarding and performance processes promote safe, inclusive and respectful engagement with children and young people	People and Culture

Strategic actions

Code	Action	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	Responsibility
HRE.SA.01	Develop and implement an Employee Value Proposition aligning to organisational strategy and culture	●	●			People and Culture
HRE.SA.02	Develop and implement a Diversity and Inclusion Plan	●	●			People and Culture
HRE.SA.03	Develop and implement an Employee Experience Framework	●	●	●		People and Culture
HRE.SA.04	Develop and implement a Leadership Development Strategy and Competency Framework	●	●	●	●	People and Culture
HRE.SA.05	Develop and implement a Talent Management and Development Strategy	●	●	●	●	People and Culture
HRE.SA.06	Review and renegotiate the Core Enterprise Agreement	●	●			People and Culture
HRE.SA.07	Develop and implement an organisational culture development program including a refreshed values program	●	●	●	●	People and Culture
HRE.SA.08	Oversee and continue to evolve the "Pathfinders" career pathways program		●	●	●	People and Culture
HRE.SA.09	Implement a 'Day in the Life' program for staff to collaborate and work with other teams outside of their own - including a frontline program for Leadership and other identified roles		●	●		People and Culture
HRE.SA.10	Develop a formal process for staff to share ideas to improve customer-centric service delivery to encourage innovation, participation and ownership		●	●		People and Culture
HRE.SA.11	Develop and implement a Volunteer Policy and supporting framework		●	●		People and Culture

Key service indicators

Indicator	Baseline	Target/Trend	Frequency
Number of business days to fill position	55 days	<60 days	Quarterly
Number of business days to hire position	45 days	<45 days	Quarterly
Turnover rate	16%	<15.5%	Quarterly
Internal promotion rate	15.2%	Increase	Quarterly
Internal mobility	31.5%	Maintain	Quarterly
% employees to complete mandatory training	80%	80%	Quarterly
% overall employee engagement participation	50%	Increase	Quarterly
Overall employee engagement score	7.5	Increase	Quarterly

Key challenges

- Developing succession plans for critical specialist and leadership roles
- Leveraging benefits of new HR/Payroll technology to deliver enhanced value-added services
- Complex industrial environment related to employment conditions

Income and operational expenditure

	Budget 2026/27 \$'000	Forecast 2027/28 \$'000	Forecast 2028/29 \$'000	Forecast 2029/30 \$'000
Rates and annual Charges	-	-	-	-
User Charges and Fees	-	-	-	-
Interest and Investment Income	-	-	-	-
Other Income	-	-	-	-
Grants and Contributions - Operating	(1,405)	(1,442)	(1,478)	(1,515)
Grants and Contributions - Capital	-	-	-	-
Other Revenue	-	-	-	-
Internal Income	(626)	(642)	(658)	(674)
Total Income	(2,031)	(2,084)	(2,136)	(2,189)
Employee Costs	4,764	4,983	5,212	5,400
Borrowing Costs	-	-	-	-
Materials and Services	1,511	1,539	1,577	1,617
Depreciation and Amortisation	3	3	2	2
Other Expenses	-	-	-	-
Net loss from the disposal of asset	-	-	-	-
Internal Expense	-	-	-	-
Total Expenses	6,278	6,525	6,792	7,019
Net Cost of Service	4,247	4,441	4,656	4,830

This service delivers modern, mobile and secure digital technology that empowers our staff and customers, enabling the delivery of highly valued services and infrastructure to our community.

Responsibility

Chief Information Officer

Subservices

- Technology infrastructure management and operations
 - Technology strategy and solutions delivery
 - Information access, and records management
 - Information privacy and cybersecurity
 - Mapping, land information and geospatial services
 - Information technology customer support
 - Software application management services
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Supporting documents

- Information Technology Strategy
- Climate Strategy 2050

Community Plan alignment



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Core activities

Activity	Responsibility
Provide contemporary, reliable, secure and fit-for-purpose information management and technology services	Information Management and Technology
Continue to optimise and improve cyber security maturity	Information Management and Technology
Optimise and maintain currency of core information technology infrastructure, endpoints and operating systems	Information Management and Technology
Maintain currency of OneCouncil integrated application suite	Information Management and Technology
Provide effective and compliant Records Management and GIPA (Government Information Public access) services	Information Management and Technology

Strategic actions

Code	Action	25/26	26/27	27/28	28/29	Responsibility
IMT.SA.01	Move critical information technology services to a hybrid cloud platform	●	●	●		Information Management and Technology
IMT.SA.02	Digitise physical records archive enabling internal information self-service for improved service delivery to the community	●	●	●		Information Management and Technology
IMT.SA.03	Achieve full deployment of the OneCouncil integrated application suite	●				Information Management and Technology
IMT.SA.04	Develop an AI governance and value assessment capability	●				Information Management and Technology
IMT.SA.06	Develop and implement a Data Governance Strategy	●	●	●		Information Management and Technology
IMT.SA.07	Uplift Call Centre technology for enhanced customer experience		●	●		Information Management and Technology
IMT.SA.08	Implement Enterprise-wide integrated Point of Sale Solution		●	●		Information Management and Technology
IMT.SA.09	Implement a standard digital workforce rostering solution		●			Information Management and Technology
IMT.SA.10	Sustain and enhance OneCouncil modules to deliver increased value from the technology		●	●	●	Information Management and Technology

Strategic actions

Code	Action	25/26	26/27	27/28	28/29	Responsibility
IMT.SA.11	Investigate leveraging AI to assist with Service Delivery efficiency		●	●	●	Information Management and Technology
IMT.SA.12	Establish Artificial Intelligence (AI) guardrails to mitigate risks		●			Information Management and Technology
IMT.SA.13	Implement Infrastructure Monitoring solution to increase availability and performance		●			Information Management and Technology
IMT.SA.14	Upgrade office computing equipment to ensure best practice energy efficiency as part of scheduled renewal programs		●	●	●	Information Management and Technology

Key service indicators

Indicator	Baseline	Target/Trend	Frequency
Availability of Council's website	100%	99.90%	Quarterly
Availability of information technology services that are critical to Council business functions	100%	99.90%	Quarterly
GIPA Requests completed within service level agreement (20 day standard, 30 day specified conditions)	98%	95%	Quarterly

Key challenges

- Embedding of the OneCouncil platform and associated support model
- Supporting new and legacy platforms as well as developing capability and capacity for emerging technology such as AI
- Increasing cyber security threats and implementation of associated mitigations

Income and operational expenditure

	Budget 2026/27 \$'000	Forecast 2027/28 \$'000	Forecast 2028/29 \$'000	Forecast 2029/30 \$'000
Rates and annual Charges	-	-	-	-
User Charges and Fees	(130)	(136)	(142)	(147)
Interest and Investment Income	-	-	-	-
Other Income	-	-	-	-
Grants and Contributions - Operating	-	-	-	-
Grants and Contributions - Capital	-	-	-	-
Other Revenue	(6)	(6)	(6)	(6)
Internal Income	(1,439)	(1,476)	(1,513)	(1,551)
Total Income	(1,575)	(1,618)	(1,661)	(1,704)
Employee Costs	7,715	8,070	8,442	8,745
Borrowing Costs	7	6	6	5
Materials and Services	8,988	7,124	7,188	7,217
Depreciation and Amortisation	380	226	222	218
Other Expenses	-	-	-	-
Net loss from the disposal of asset	-	-	-	-
Internal Expense	-	-	-	-
Total Expenses	17,090	15,426	15,858	16,185
Net Cost of Service	15,516	13,808	14,196	14,481

This service facilitates effective and best use of Council property to ensure assets are efficient and economically viable and can meet the changing needs of the community.

Responsibility

Senior Manager Community Impact and Innovation
Chief Financial Officer

Subservices

- Strategic property development
 - Leasing and licences
 - Acquisitions and disposals
-

Supporting documents

- Property Strategy

Community Plan alignment



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Economic



Social

Core activities

Activity	Responsibility
Leverage opportunities for private sector investment in new community-orientated infrastructure	Community Impact and Innovation
Strategic management of the Property Reserve	Finance, Property and Performance
Review and rationalise end-of-life properties	Community Impact and Innovation
Maximise occupancy and utilisation of community buildings to meet the social and economic needs of the community	Community Impact and Innovation

Key service indicators

Indicator	Baseline	Target/Trend	Frequency
Rate of community occupants with an occupational agreement	87%	100%	Quarterly
Number of new outdoor dining permits issued to local businesses	7	Maintain	Quarterly
Occupancy rate of commercial properties	97.60%	>95%	Quarterly

Strategic actions

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Code	Action	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	Responsibility
PPS.SA.01	Leverage the commercial potential of land and property holdings including commercialisation of open space, Gunnamatta Pavilion and The Ridge Golf Club	●				Finance, Property and Performance
★ PPS.SA.02	Town Centre optimisation and activation in Jannali, Caringbah and Miranda	●				Finance, Property and Performance
PPS.SA.03	Review of surplus land holdings	●	●	●	●	Finance, Property and Performance
PPS.SA.04	Identify strategic acquisitions and disposals to meet the social and economic needs of the community	●	●	●	●	Finance, Property and Performance
PPS.SA.05	Review of the community leasing policy and occupancy arrangements		●	●		Community Impact and Innovation
PPS.SA.06	Commence review of the Property Strategy				●	Finance, Property and Performance
PPS.SA.07	Redevelopment of the North Cronulla Surf Life Saving Club		●	●	●	Assets Strategy and Delivery

Key challenges

- Optimising the performance and community value of Council's property portfolio while maintaining its intended purpose and ensuring financial sustainability
- Ensuring occupants of Council property have a current formal agreement and abide by their obligations
- Leveraging commercial potential to support service delivery
- Availability of properties for strategic acquisition to meet service delivery
- Leveraging appropriate commercial opportunities from Council assets

Income and operational expenditure

	Budget 2026/27 \$'000	Forecast 2027/28 \$'000	Forecast 2028/29 \$'000	Forecast 2029/30 \$'000
Rates and annual Charges	35	37	38	40
User Charges and Fees	(214)	(224)	(235)	(243)
Interest and Investment Income	-	-	-	-
Other Income	(5,037)	(5,668)	(5,802)	(6,662)
Grants and Contributions - Operating	-	-	-	-
Grants and Contributions - Capital	-	-	-	-
Other Revenue	(2,710)	(2,737)	(2,764)	(2,792)
Internal Income	-	-	-	-
Total Income	(7,925)	(8,592)	(8,762)	(9,657)
Employee Costs	1,313	1,373	1,437	1,488
Borrowing Costs	-	-	-	-
Materials and Services	983	1,001	1,026	1,052
Depreciation and Amortisation	65	65	70	75
Other Expenses	14	14	14	15
Net loss from the disposal of asset	-	-	-	-
Internal Expense	3	3	3	3
Total Expenses	2,377	2,456	2,549	2,632
Net Cost of Service	(5,548)	(6,135)	(6,213)	(7,025)

Capital works program

	Budget 2026/27 \$	Forecast 2027/28 \$	Forecast 2028/29 \$	Forecast 2029/30 \$
Capital - new				
Major Project - North Cronulla Surf Life Saving Club Redevelopment	1,200,000	8,185,000	14,535,000	5,068,419
Total new works	1,200,000	8,185,000	14,535,000	5,068,419
Capital - renewal				
Program - Community & Operational Buildings	1,778,251	1,042,572	138,703	138,703
Total renewal works	1,778,251	1,042,572	138,703	138,703

This service delivers supply chain management for Council operations by taking a centre-led approach to procurement, ensuring value for money outcomes. It partners with the business to enter, manage, and review contracts for a range of goods, services, and works, and oversees inventory control and management to ensure accurate stock levels, timely replenishment, and secure storage.

Responsibility

Senior Manager Corporate Governance
Senior Manager Facilities and Fleet

Subservices

- Preferred Supplier Agreement management
 - Tender management
 - Quotation management
 - Contract management
 - Procurement data analytics and reporting
 - Inventory control and management
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Supporting documents

- Climate Strategy 2050

Community Plan alignment



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Core activities

Activity	Responsibility
Provide procurement, contract advice and training	Corporate Governance
Enhance vendor partnerships	Corporate Governance
Manage quote, tender and preferred supplier processes	Corporate Governance
Deliver Council's internal stores and warehousing for high-volume, low-value inventory, ensuring accurate stock control, timely replenishment, and secure storage to support operational efficiencies and value	Facilities and Fleet
Manage ethical and sustainable procurement, including supplier due diligence, to mitigate supply chain risks and meet modern slavery obligations	Corporate Governance

Key service indicators

Indicator	Baseline	Target/Trend	Frequency
Purchase Order Compliance	75%	Increase	Quarterly
Average tender evaluation timeframe	68 days	45 days	Quarterly
Procurement Cycle time	200 days	105 days	Quarterly

Strategic actions

Code	Action	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	Responsibility
SCM.SA.01	Develop procurement data analytics functionality	●				Corporate Governance
SCM.SA.02	Develop and implement a Contract Management Framework	●	●			Corporate Governance
SCM.SA.03	Develop a sustainable procurement roadmap		●	●		Corporate Governance
SCM.SA.04	Update procurement, tender, contract, and financial processes that allow Council's scope 3 emissions categories to be captured and measured		●	●	●	Corporate Governance
SCM.SA.05	Improve procurement processes and frameworks to reduce emissions within our supply chain and educate staff on expectations for carbon neutral goods and services		●	●		Corporate Governance

Key challenges

- Effective management of suppliers for safety management and financial risk
- Providing adequate support for improvement of procurement maturity
- Effective planning to ensure value-for-money and to maximise social enterprise purchasing
- Maintaining and improving supplier performance and compliance
- Effective management of inventory and project deliverables
- Proactive risk management and planning for potential supply chain disruption
- Lack of barcode and automated issuing technology
- Efficiencies pressure to rationalise stock with reliable just in time delivery

Income and operational expenditure

	Budget 2026/27 \$'000	Forecast 2027/28 \$'000	Forecast 2028/29 \$'000	Forecast 2029/30 \$'000
Rates and annual Charges	-	-	-	-
User Charges and Fees	-	-	-	-
Interest and Investment Income	-	-	-	-
Other Income	-	-	-	-
Grants and Contributions - Operating	-	-	-	-
Grants and Contributions - Capital	-	-	-	-
Other Revenue	(55)	(56)	(56)	(57)
Internal Income	-	-	-	-
Total Income	(55)	(56)	(56)	(57)
Employee Costs	1,358	1,420	1,486	1,539
Borrowing Costs	-	-	-	-
Materials and Services	89	90	93	95
Depreciation and Amortisation	-	-	-	-
Other Expenses	-	-	-	-
Net loss from the disposal of asset	-	-	-	-
Internal Expense	-	-	-	-
Total Expenses	1,447	1,511	1,578	1,634
Net Cost of Service	1,392	1,455	1,522	1,577

Financial management



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Projected income statement

	Budget 2026/27 \$'000	Forecast 2027/28 \$'000	Forecast 2028/29 \$'000	Forecast 2029/30 \$'000
Income from Continuing Operations				
Revenue				
Rates and Annual Charges	219,723	229,212	239,280	248,284
User Charges and Fees	52,695	55,119	57,654	59,730
Interest and Investment Revenue	13,419	13,280	13,701	14,175
Other Revenue	12,697	12,824	12,953	13,082
Other Income	5,037	5,668	5,802	6,662
Grants and Contributions provided for Operating Purposes	30,658	23,420	24,098	24,763
Grants and Contributions provided for Capital Purposes	11,433	10,632	10,552	10,507
Total Income from Continuing Operations	345,662	350,154	364,040	377,203
Expenses from Continuing Operations				
Employee Benefits and On-Costs	153,530	161,830	169,271	175,364
Borrowing Costs	490	939	871	802
Materials and Services	108,545	108,096	110,684	112,500
Depreciation and Amortisation	52,329	51,527	54,368	57,265
Other Expenses	10,645	10,922	13,395	11,475
Net Losses from the Disposal of Assets	3,845	5,131	4,868	5,481
Total Expenses from Continuing Operations	329,384	338,445	353,457	362,888
Operating Result from Continuing Operations	16,277	11,709	10,584	14,316
Net Operating Result for the year before Grants and Contributions provided for Capital Purposes	4,844	1,077	32	3,808

Projected statement of financial position

	Budget 2026/27 \$'000	Forecast 2027/28 \$'000	Forecast 2028/29 \$'000	Forecast 2029/30 \$'000
Assets				
Current Assets				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	18,808	10,434	8,437	7,473
Investments	224,007	224,007	209,007	199,007
Receivables	30,221	31,139	32,092	32,921
Inventories	561	575	590	604
Other	2,212	2,212	2,212	2,212
Total Current Assets	275,809	268,367	252,337	242,217
Non-Current Assets				
Investments	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
Receivables	612	624	653	677
Infrastructure, Property, Plant and Equipment	3,276,213	3,373,223	3,468,730	3,556,438
Investment Property	83,100	83,600	84,105	84,615
Right of Use Assets	3,143	5,338	4,596	6,903
Total Non-Current Assets	3,413,068	3,512,785	3,608,084	3,698,633
Total Assets	3,688,877	3,781,152	3,860,421	3,940,850
Liabilities				
Current Liabilities				
Payables	31,204	34,705	38,461	42,361
Contract Liabilities	5,227	5,363	5,497	5,635
Lease Liabilities	1,267	1,300	1,332	1,366
Borrowing	1,858	2,161	2,231	2,305
Provisions	2,516	2,631	2,752	2,852
Employee Leave Provisions	38,483	40,253	42,105	43,621
Total Current Liabilities	80,556	86,413	92,380	98,139
Non-Current Liabilities				
Lease Liabilities	834	592	328	334
Borrowing	7,477	13,584	11,353	9,047
Provisions	8,751	9,153	9,483	9,824
Employee Leave Provisions	790	827	865	896
Total Non-Current Liabilities	17,852	24,156	22,028	20,102
Total Liabilities	98,407	110,570	114,408	118,241
Net Assets	3,590,469	3,670,582	3,746,013	3,822,609
Equity				
Retained Earnings	1,843,978	1,860,256	1,871,965	1,882,549
IPPE Revaluation Reserve	1,746,491	1,810,327	1,874,048	1,940,060
Total Equity	3,590,469	3,670,582	3,746,013	3,822,609

Projected cashflow statement

	Budget 2026/27 \$'000	Forecast 2027/28 \$'000	Forecast 2028/29 \$'000	Forecast 2029/30 \$'000
Cash Flows from Operating Activities				
Receipts				
Rates and Annual Charges	219,131	228,663	238,719	247,784
User Charges and Fees	54,586	57,097	59,724	61,940
Investment and Interest Revenue Received	13,362	13,220	13,639	14,124
Grants and Contributions	42,357	34,350	34,967	35,599
Other	31,591	32,182	32,848	33,841
Payments				
Employee Benefits and On-Costs	(151,220)	(158,415)	(166,772)	(173,261)
Materials and Services	(118,422)	(115,810)	(117,328)	(119,115)
Borrowing Costs	(478)	(928)	(859)	(790)
Bonds, Deposits & Retention amounts paid	-	-	-	-
Other	(11,754)	(12,056)	(14,782)	(12,666)
Net Cash provided (or used in) Operating Activities	79,153	78,305	80,154	87,456
Cash Flows from Investing Activities				
Receipts				
Sale of Investment Securities	105,000	100,000	115,000	110,000
Sale of Infrastructure, Property, Plant and Equipment	1,655	695	938	965
Payments				
Purchase of Investment Securities	(100,000)	(100,000)	(100,000)	(100,000)
Purchase of Infrastructure, Property, Plant and Equipment	(87,940)	(92,515)	(94,610)	(96,080)
Net Cash provided (or used in) Investing Activities	(81,285)	(91,821)	(78,672)	(85,115)
Cash Flows from Financing Activities				
Receipts				
Borrowings and advances	-	8,500	-	-
Repayments				
Borrowings and advances	(1,806)	(2,090)	(2,161)	(2,231)
Leases	(1,508)	(1,269)	(1,318)	(1,074)
Net Cash provided (or used in) Financing Activities	(3,314)	5,141	(3,479)	(3,305)
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(5,446)	(8,375)	(1,996)	(964)
plus: Cash and Cash Equivalents - beginning of year	24,255	18,808	10,434	8,437
Cash and Cash Equivalents - end of the year	18,808	10,434	8,437	7,473
plus: Investments - end of the year	274,007	274,007	259,007	249,007
Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments - end of the year	292,815	284,440	267,444	256,480

Projected ratios

Budget Performance	Target	Budget 2027	Forecast 2028	Forecast 2029	Forecast 2030
1 Operating Performance Ratio measures the extent to which a council has succeeded in containing operating expenditure within operating revenue	>0%	2.61% ✓	1.69% ✓	1.25% ✓	2.40% ✓
2 Own Source Operating Revenue Ratio measures fiscal flexibility. It is the degree of reliance on external funding sources	>=60%	87.82% ✓	90.28% ✓	90.48% ✓	90.65% ✓
3 Infrastructure Renewals Ratio assesses the rate at which these assets are being renewed against the rate at which they are depreciating	>=100%	125.3% ✓	122.0% ✓	103.9% ✓	114.1% ✓
4 Available Funds cash levels less externally and internally restricted reserves	5%-9%	7.3% ✓	7.2% ✓	7.0% ✓	6.8% ✓
5 Debt Service Cover Ratio measures the availability of operating cash to service loan repayments	2.00x	18.47x ✓	13.54x ✓	13.71x ✓	16.28x ✓
6 Unrestricted Current Ratio represents a council's ability to meet short-term obligations as they fall due	>=1.5	3.41 ✓	3.18 ✓	2.60 ✓	2.47 ✓
7 Rates, Annual Charges, Interest and Extra Charges Outstanding Percentage expressed as a percentage of total rates and charges available for collection in the financial year	<5%	4.87% ✓	4.87% ✓	4.88% ✓	4.88% ✓
8 Cash Expense Cover Ratio liquidity ratio indicates the number of months a council can continue paying for its immediate expenses without additional cash inflow	>=3	9.68 ✓	9.01 ✓	8.48 ✓	7.87 ✓

Annual Capital Works and Asset Replacement Program

Sutherland Shire Council is responsible for over \$3 billion worth of assets that support a wide range of services and facilities to the community.

The program is prepared to support our Community Plan and considers our:

- Resourcing Strategy (including Asset Management Strategy and Long-Term Financial Plan)
- Delivery Program
- Relevant resolutions of Council
- Any adopted Informing Strategies and associated Action Plans
- Confirmed grants and contributions.

Assets managed by Council include:

- Childcare centres
- Community buildings
- Footpaths and cycleways
- Leisure centres
- Libraries
- Local roads and car parks
- Playfields
- Playgrounds
- Stormwater pipes and drains
- Wharfs, jetties and boat ramps.



Skaters at Seymour Shaw Youth Precinct

Many of the projects delivered by our capital works and asset renewal programs are multi-year projects, and move through a process of engagement, planning, design and delivery.

The first part of the summary table that follows contains the major projects that are in the 2026/27 financial year. The subsequent part of the table represents the remaining components of the four-year capital program.

The four-year program is based on current strategies and asset data. As we move closer, asset condition, service levels and costs to renew/upgrade are refined, and will result in ongoing adjustment to forward capital programs.

Annual Capital Works and Asset Replacement Program

	Budget 2026/27 \$	Forecast 2027/28 \$	Forecast 2028/29 \$	Forecast 2029/30 \$
Major Projects				
Major Project - Burnum Burnum Sanctuary Car Park	2,700,000	2,300,000		
Major Project - Caringbah Town Centre Park	2,750,000	2,750,000		
Major Project - Community Recycling Centre (CRC) and Circular Economy Hub (CEH)	600,000	1,300,000	2,400,000	2,400,000
Major Project - Cooper Street Reserve	130,000	1,000,000		
Major Project - Cronulla Foreshore Infrastructure Improvements		200,000	700,000	4,300,000
Major Project - Cronulla Town Centre Stage 2C - Cronulla Central Façade including Clock Relocation	271,409			
Major Project - Engadine Leisure Centre Pool and Plantroom Renewal	350,000	350,000	500,000	7,445,250
Major Project - Ferntree Reserve Landslip	5,200,000			
Major Project - Gunnamatta Café & Pavilion	100,000	936,294	6,000,000	10,005,076
Major Project - Gymea Bay Baths	3,300,000			
Major Project - Heathcote Oval	227,808	1,772,630	4,650,250	
Major Project - North Cronulla Surf Life Saving Club Redevelopment	1,200,000	8,185,000	14,535,000	5,068,419
Major Project - Oyster Bay Oval			120,000	300,000
Major Project - Prince Edward Park Road Pedestrian Bridge	500,000	4,500,000		
Major Project - Seymour Shaw	377,817	250,000	2,500,000	2,500,000
Major Project - The Ridge Golf Clubhouse	454,754	362,500	3,000,000	3,000,000
Major Projects Total	18,161,788	23,906,424	35,005,250	35,018,745
Buildings				
Program - Community & Operational Buildings	8,327,187	7,579,218	4,240,716	5,377,392
Program - Early Education Centres	688,609	688,609	688,609	688,609
Program - Public Amenities	461,682	7,672,292	299,292	379,792
Program - Sports Facilities and Fields	3,885,959	605,000	1,282,499	1,317,708
Buildings Total	13,363,437	16,545,119	6,511,116	7,763,501
Open Space				
Program - Foreshore Facilities	4,071,082	150,000	3,300,000	
Program - Parks	430,000	575,000	915,000	1,500,000
Program - Playground	3,121,496	4,392,000	4,655,000	4,220,000
Program - Sports Facilities and Fields	7,280,000	12,283,000	9,125,000	15,710,050
Open Space Total	14,902,578	17,400,000	17,995,000	21,430,050

Annual Capital Works and Asset Replacement Program

	Budget 2026/27 \$	Forecast 2027/28 \$	Forecast 2028/29 \$	Forecast 2029/30 \$
Water Infrastructure				
Program - Stormwater Drainage	2,108,272	3,489,700	5,388,840	4,160,000
Program - Water Quality Improvement	1,170,050	2,350,200	1,115,050	1,155,050
Water Infrastructure Total	3,278,322	5,839,900	6,503,890	5,315,050
Transport				
Program - Active Transport	3,331,918	4,352,865	3,582,810	1,722,700
Program - Car Park	430,100	144,100	351,000	222,500
Program - Kerb and Gutter	731,900	1,711,800	1,608,200	1,998,800
Program - Public Domain	297,500	50,000	300,000	
Program - Road Pavement	4,850,000	4,850,000	6,189,500	6,825,100
Program - Road Structures	130,000	3,105,100	385,100	385,100
Program - Roads to Recovery	7,443,625	266,775		
Program - Street Furniture	1,133,700	1,089,300	1,089,300	996,199
Program - Traffic Facilities	2,142,199	1,349,150	1,073,600	
Transport Total	20,490,942	16,919,090	14,579,510	12,150,399
Non-Infrastructure Assets				
Program - Fleet Renewals	7,677,233	5,002,850	7,167,700	7,781,000
Program - FOGO	3,912,738	600,000	400,000	
Program - Library Resources Improvement	1,150,000	1,150,000	1,150,000	1,178,000
Non-Infrastructure Total	12,739,971	6,752,850	8,717,700	8,959,000
Grand Total	82,937,038	87,363,383	89,312,466	90,636,745

Capital Works Program Funding Statement

	Budget 2026/27 \$'000	Forecast 2027/28 \$'000	Forecast 2028/29 \$'000	Forecast 2029/30 \$'000
Infrastructure Capital Expenditure				
Roads	23,691	23,719	14,580	12,150
Stormwater Drainage	3,278	5,840	6,504	5,315
Open Space/Recreational Assets	26,740	21,630	22,965	27,030
Buildings	16,487	29,422	36,546	37,182
Total Infrastructure	70,197	80,611	80,595	81,678
Non-Infrastructure Capital Expenditure				
Land	-	-	-	-
Plant & Equipment	11,590	5,603	7,568	7,781
Library Books	1,150	1,150	1,150	1,178
Total Other	12,740	6,753	8,718	8,959
Total Capital Expenditure	82,937	87,363	89,312	90,637
Source of Funds				
General Revenue	40,309	44,916	45,262	31,495
Grants and Contributions	9,454	1,231	642	350
Plant Replacement Reserve (Proceeds from Sale) GR	1,549	568	1,020	873
Plant Replacement Reserve (Proceeds from Sale) DWM	106	189	248	465
External Reserves				
Developer Contributions	8,935	16,333	9,204	21,697
Domestic Waste Management	5,430	2,991	5,072	7,835
Stormwater Levy	1,718	1,788	1,080	1,155
Lucas Heights Resource Recovery Park VPA	1,215	8,985	4,650	3,000
Woollooware Bay Town Centre VPA	2	-	-	-
Breen Resources VPA	-	120	-	-
Internal Allocations				
Child Care Centres - Asset Renewal Fund	689	689	689	689
Capital Works in Progress	11,390	29	7	189
Sutherland Shire Climate Strategy Reserve	603	403	403	405
Leisure Centre Strategy Reserve	238	-	-	109
North Cronulla Surf Life Saving Facility Fund	1,200	8,185	14,535	5,068
Strategic Priorities Reserve	100	936	6,500	17,307
Total Source of Funds	82,937	87,363	89,312	90,637
Surplus / (Deficit)	-	-	-	-

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Rates

The total amount Council is allowed to increase its rate revenue from rateable properties in the rating year is set by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal NSW (IPART) on behalf of the Minister for Local Government. This process is known as the 'Rate Peg'. The rate peg allowable for Council for 2026/27 for 4.2%. For further information on how the rate peg is calculated please refer to IPART's [website](#).

Council determines the allocation of rates for each property based on categorisation, property values, pricing and the application of minimum rates. Council's rating structure contains two primary categories of ordinary rate as defined within the Local Government Act 1993.

- Residential
- Business

The Business category has been divided into 5 sub-categories. The general Ordinary Business Rate is applicable to those properties categorised business that do not fall within the sub-categories boundaries.

- Kurnell Finished Fuel Terminal Facility
- Kurnell Sand Mining
- Menai Quarry and Filling
- Miranda Core Major Shopping Complex
- Sylvania Southgate Commercial Centre

Categorisation Maps showing property categorisation, sub-categorisation are available on Council's webpage [Rating Categories | Sutherland Shire Council](#).

The table shows Council's rating structure, number of rateable properties and pricing that will apply for 2026/2027.

Rating Structure and Pricing 2026/27

	Number of properties	Ad Valorem Rate*	Minimum Rate	Rate Income 2026/27
Residential Rates				
Residential Rate	88,700	\$0.0016044950	\$1,147.87	150,331,759
Business Subcategories				
Ordinary Rate	5,324	\$0.0029792180	\$1,147.87	19,827,484
Business Subcategories - Major				
Kurnell Finished Fuel Terminal Facility	7	\$0.0138204530	\$1,147.87	702,259
Kurnell Sand Mining	1	\$0.0207514300	\$1,147.87	109,775
Menai Quarrying and Filling	1	\$0.0125018120	\$1,147.87	7,276
Miranda Core Major Shopping Complex	5	\$0.0144633770	\$1,147.87	1,821,995
Sylvania Southgate Commercial Centre	4	\$0.0065991530	\$1,147.87	226,879
TOTAL	94,042			\$173,027,428

*The ad valorem rate is the amount the land value is multiplied by to calculated individual rates. This is shown in the same way on individual rate notices.

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The rates revenue shown in the previous table assumes the full 4.2% rate peg increase in accordance with the IPART determination. The increase on individual properties may vary from this as a result of the recent review of land valuations provided by NSW Valuer General.

Land Values

Land values are determined by NSW Valuer General and have been used to determine the ad valorem rate to calculate the individual ratepayer(s) rates for 2026/27. A general revaluation of land within Council areas usually occurs every three years. Council will be using the base date of 1 July 2024 for this calculation.

Charges

Waste Management Services

Council levies a Domestic Waste Management Charge under section 496 of the Local Government Act 1993. This charge will apply uniformly to each parcel of rateable land for which the service is available.

The charge is reviewed annually to ensure it covers the full operating cost of services including weekly collection of putrescible waste, fortnightly collection of green-waste and recyclable materials, two clean-ups annually, and education services.

Domestic Waste Management Charges for 2026/27 have increased by 4.11% and is estimated to yield \$46.654 million. These will be charged as follows:

	Proposed Annual Charge 2026/27
Regular & Shared Service Annual Charge	\$507
Waste Service Section 496 Availability – Multi Unit Dwellings with Private Domestic Waste Contractor	\$99
Waste Service Section 496 Availability – Vacant Land	\$99
Improved Land Annual Charge – Recycling, Cleanup and Greenwaste Service	\$213
Regular Additional Service – 120 Litre (RAS) – Annual Charge	\$438
Strata Additional Service – 240 Litre – (SAS) – Quarterly Charge	\$217
Strata Additional Recycling Waste Service – 240 Litre – Quarterly Charge	\$43
Strata Additional Recycling Service – 660 Litre – Quarterly Charge	\$258
Greenwaste Additional Service (Non Fire Prone Area) – Greater than 2 bins	\$148
Greenwaste Additional Service (Fire Prone Area) – Greater than 3 bins	\$148
Recycle Additional Service – Greater than 2 bins	\$174

A “Shared” service charge applies to those situations where a property owner shares a 240L bin for putrescible garbage and recycling. “Shared” services exist only in home units and some villa/townhouse developments.

A “Regular” service charge currently applies to all other domestic waste services. They are mostly 120L bin services for putrescible waste and apply to some villa and townhouse developments and all single dwelling households.

Council has adopted a Waste Management Strategy 2022-42 and the actions from the strategy will be funded from the Domestic Waste Management Reserve.

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Stormwater Management Service Charge

Council levies a Stormwater Management Service Charge under Clause 496A of the Local Government Act 1993.

The charge is applicable to rateable land categorised within the residential and business categories and is projected to generate \$2.19 million. The charge will be levied as follows:

Rating Category	Property Type	Proposed Annual Charge 2026/27
Residential	House	\$25.00
	House – Pensioner	\$12.50
	Strata Unit	\$12.50
	Strata Unit – Pensioner	\$6.25
Business	Recreational Facilities	\$25.00
	Commercial Property – Strata Scheme	The greater of \$5.00 or the relevant proportion (being the proportion that the unit entitlement of an individual lot to that of the aggregate entitlement) of the maximum annual charge that would apply if the property were not in a strata scheme.
	Commercial Property – Other	Where total land area $\leq 350\text{m}^2$, a minimum charge of \$25.00 minimum charge applies. Where total land area is $> 350\text{m}^2$, a charge of \$0.071429 per m^2 applies and is capped at \$20,000.

This charge will fund a program to assist with improving the health of our rivers, reduce flooding and promote the harvesting and reuse of stormwater. The program for 2026/2027 is as follows:

	\$
Program – Stormwater Drainage Renewal	1,703,272
Planned Maintenance – Stormwater Water Quality Device Cleaning	745,800
Program – New Water Quality Improvement	15,000
Stormwater Asset Data and Planning	170,000
Clean, Healthy Waterways	100,000
Stormwater Drainage Investigations and Flood Advice	100,000
Flood Studies	54,830
Total	2,888,902

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Pensioner Rebates

Mandatory Rebate

The mandatory rebate under Section 575 of the Local Government Act 1993 will be to a maximum of \$250 per assessment, calculated as one half of the combined rates plus domestic waste charge — whichever is the lesser amount. The pensioner concession will only be granted from the start of the next quarter after the ratepayer(s) became eligible to a maximum rebate dating back to 1 July of the previous year.

Council will verify the concessional eligibility on a regular basis. If eligibility is not confirmed the rebate will be reversed based on the number of remaining full quarters in the rating year.

The maximum of \$250 is determined by the State Government and has remained unchanged at that level since 1989. The government subsidises councils with 55% of mandatory rebates granted.

Eligibility conditions for the mandatory rebate are:

- Be the owner or spouse of the owner and reside at the property.
- Hold either a current Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) or,
- Gold card embossed with 'TPI' (Totally Permanently Incapacitated) or,
- Gold card embossed with 'EDA' (Extreme Disablement Adjustment), or
- A Veterans Affairs Gold Card and receives income supplement support.

Voluntary Rebate

The voluntary rebate will be granted as per Council policy, under Section 582 of the Local Government Act, to a maximum of \$105 per assessment. Eligibility conditions for the voluntary rebate are:

- The ratepayer must firstly be eligible for a mandatory rebate.
- The owner must have been a ratepayer in the Sutherland Shire for the immediate past three years.

Stormwater Rebate

Council provides a 50% rebate to all eligible pensioners on the applicable stormwater charge, under 5.6 if the Stormwater Management Services Charge Guidelines 2006. Council will provide discounts totalling \$114,493 for the 2026/27 financial year.

Life Tenants

Council will grant a pensioner concession where an eligible pensioner, who is not the owner of the property, has a life interest in the property and is responsible for the payment of rates. Council requires confirmation in writing (preferably from a legal representative) with a copy of the Will of a deceased estate, and/or a copy of the Certificate of Title (if the life tenancy is registered).

Pensioner in Aged Care

Where a pensioner rebate has been granted to an eligible pensioner, the pensioner rebate will continue to apply after the eligible pensioner enters aged care for up to two years, providing the property is vacant and not being rented during that time. After two years eligibility will cease.

Hardship

Council acknowledges that ratepayer(s) may experience financial difficulty in paying their Rates and Charges. Council has a Debt Management and Hardship Policy that provides the framework for relief to anyone genuinely experiencing hardship.

Please contact Council to discuss further options available.

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Interest Charges

Interest will be charged on all overdue Rates and Charges. The interest rate applicable will be the maximum amount as determined by the Minister of Local Government.

Charges for work on private land

On some occasions Council carries out work for external parties or on private land. In performing this work Council is either utilising excess capacity of its resources and thereby generating additional income for the council, or acting in a community service role.

Works of this nature include, but are not limited to:

- sweeping roads on private lands
- constructing car parks for government bodies
- undertaking engineers' design drawings
- mowing and gardening of school grounds
- road pavement testing
- hiring out of Council plant
- repairs of private vehicles and issuing of inspection certificates (pink slips)
- environmental assessment work.

Council's pricing policy considers competitive neutrality, the actual cost (including overheads) of carrying out the work and the current market rates relevant to the work.

Schedule of fees and charges

Fees and charges encompass the following:

- Regulatory functions of the Council under the Local Government Act 1993, Chapter 7.
- Charge for actual use of a service (s502).
- Fees for any service provided (s608).
- Annual charges for use of public places (s611).
- The fees and charges reflect our pricing policy and are in a separate document, available on Council's website.

In determining a pricing structure for 2026/27, the general nature of the types of services, products or commodities have been assessed in relation to current charges, GST and inflationary costs. Pricing structures provide revenue from particular services but have regard for limitations imposed by public accountability issues and community service obligations.

Borrowings

Council does not plan to undertake any new borrowings in 2026/27.

Cleanaway Planning Agreement

As part of the Planning Agreement with Cleanaway for the Lucas Heights Resource Recovery Park, Council receives an annual monetary contribution to support project delivery. The agreement requires a minimum of 20% of the funding to be spent in the areas of D and E ward (defined area) most impacted by the operation of the Lucas Heights Resource Recovery Park. The table below shows the proposed funding allocations from these contributions for the 2026/27 financial year.

Defined Area

Prince Edward Park Road Woronora - Pedestrian Bridge	500,000
Engadine Leisure Centre Pool and Plantroom Rebuild	112,000
The Ridge Golf Academy & Clubhouse	454,754
Heathcote Oval Stage 3	147,808
Defined Area Total	1,214,562

Undefined Area

The Pavilion (Loan Repayments)	2,104,433
Undefined Area Total	\$2,104,433

Grand Total 2026/27	\$3,318,995
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Engaging with the Community Join The Conversation - Consultations July 2025 to June 2026

Consultation Name	Date
Draft Provision of Kerb-Side Hardstands Policy	June 2025
Alcohol Free Zone Woollooware	June 2025
Activating our town centres in Sutherland, Kirrawee and Miranda	June 2025
Draft Innovate RAP	June 2025
Draft Events and Activation Plan	June 2025
Camellia Gardens Flying-fox CMP	June 2025
Planning for Resilience	July 2025
Naming Proposal: Frank Cridland Walkway	July 2025
Draft Councillor Induction and Professional Development Policy	July 2025
Child Safe Organisation Policy Review	July 2025
Planning for Prices Circuit (Stage 3)	July 2025
Planning Proposal C3 & C4 zoning	July 2025
Our plan for FOGO	August 2025
Access and Inclusion Survey 2025	August 2025
Draft Electric Vehicle (EV) Position Paper	August 2025
Draft Wildlife Protection Policy	August 2025
Draft Lobbying of Council Officials Policy (2 surveys)	August 2025
Cooper Street Stage 2	August 2025
Gunnamatta Park playground	September 2025
Naming Proposal: Bundeena Memorial Reserve Walkway	September 2025
Oyster Bay Water Management Plan	September 2025
Jannali Public Domain Plan	September 2025
Oyster Bay Water Management Plan	September 2025
Engadine Town Centre Parking Review	October 2025
Concept Design: Oak Park and Shelly Beach Building Renewal	October 2025
Playground renewal and consolidation – Brigalow Place Reserve Engadine	October 2025
Code of Meeting Practice	October 2025
Public Forum Policy	October 2025
Temporary Access Fire Trails and Reserves Policy	November 2025
Reviewing our Sport Strategy and Implementation Plan	November 2025
Woronora Flood Risk Study Management Plan	November 2025

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Consultation Name	Date
DCP Amendments – Vehicular Access, Traffic, Parking, and Bicycles	November 2025
DCP Amendments – General, Stormwater, and Flooding Controls	November 2025
Planning Proposal for 117-131 Taren Point Road, Taren Point	November 2025
Draft VPA 13 Endeavour Rd Caringbah	November 2025
Draft Data Breach Notification Policy	January 2026
CCTV Operations Policy	January 2026
Invasive Species & Wildlife Protection Area Policy	January 2026
Amended VPA Breen Resources	January 2026
Temporary Access Fire Trails and Reserves Policy	January 2026
Planning for Economic Development	February 2026
Naming Proposal: Margaret Corbett Netball Complex	February 2026
Draft Compliance and Enforcement Policy Review	February 2026
Planning for Community Recycling Centres	February 2026
Planning for Kurnell Flood Risk Management Study and Plan	February 2026
Planning for Sutherland Shire Centenary Park, Miranda	February 2026
Draft Diversity Equity and Inclusion Framework	March 2026
Draft Local Infrastructure Contributions Plan	March 2026
2026 Youth Survey and Competition	March 2026
Naming Proposal: Dulumunmun Dreaming Place	March 2026
Draft Catchment and Waterways Strategy	March 2026
Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2026-2030	March 2026
Special Entertainment Precinct Cronulla	March 2026
Croston Road Playground and Brigalow Place Reserves	March 2026
Minor Amendments LEP	March 2026
Draft Local Infrastructure Contributions Plan	March 2026
2026 Youth Survey and Competition	March 2026
Naming Proposal: Dulumunmun Dreaming Place	March 2026
Draft Catchment and Waterways Strategy	March 2026
Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2026-2030	March 2026
Special Entertainment Precinct Cronulla	March 2026
Croston Road Playground and Brigalow Place Reserves	March 2026

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Consultation Name	Date
Minor Amendments LEP	March 2026
Draft Koala Management Plan	March 2026
Our Delivery Program and Operational Plan	April 2026
Draft Community Engagement Strategy	April 2026
Draft CES 2026-2030	April 2026
Planning for The Ridge Sporting Complex and Parc Menai	May 2026
Planning for Sylvania Taren Point Recreation Precinct	May 2026
Draft VPA 67 Gerrale St Cronulla	May 2026
Outdoor Dining Policy and Schedules Review 2026	May 2026
Investment Policy Review	May 2026
Cronulla Foreshore Master Plan	May 2026
Shaping the Cronulla Place Plan	May 2026
Shaping the Caringbah Place Plan	May 2026
Planning for Shelly Park Playground, Cronulla	May 2026

Supporting Documents Framework

Council has developed a suite of interconnected strategies and plans (known as Supporting Documents) that help guide the direction of the Sutherland Shire.

The Community Plan is the lead document and informs the Delivery Program, Operational Plan and all other supporting documents. This framework shows how our documents align to the themes of the Community Plan, ensuring our efforts work together to deliver on the aspirations and priorities of our community.

The following Supporting Documents have been adopted by Council as final. Documents identified as 'draft' are currently in development.

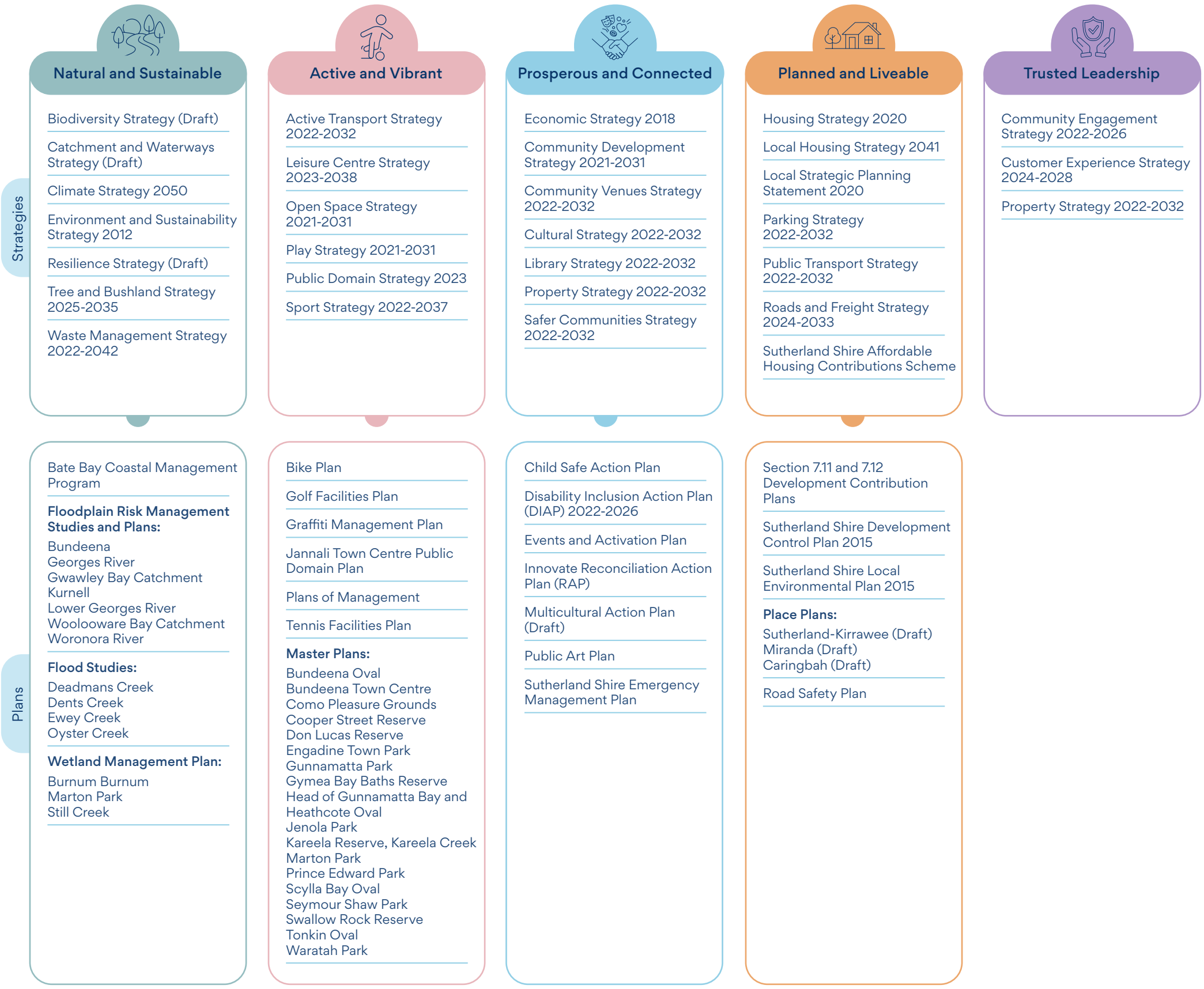
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Core



Community Plan, towards 2035 and Delivery Program / Operational Plan

Resourcing Strategies:
Long Term Financial Plan 2025-2035
Asset Management Strategy and Plans 2025-2035
Workforce Strategy 2025-2029
Information Technology Strategy 2025-2029



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