

Performance Statement



Performance statement

For the year ended 30 June 2022

Description of the Municipality

Yarriambiack Shire Council is situated in the Grampians and Mildura & Murray Outback Regions and provides a link between Horsham in the south and Mildura in the northern end of that region. The Yarriambiack Creek is the main natural feature traversing the Shire. The area is also linked by road and rail systems that run in a north-south direction. The area has an almost ideal climate with a short winter and delightful autumn and spring. Summer temperatures can be hot, particularly in the north.

Yarriambiack Shire has an estimated residential population of 6,658 people. Warracknabeal is the main service centre of the area, with a catchment pattern that extends from the northern Wimmera to the Southern Mallee. It is complemented by Hopetoun in the north and Minyip, Murtoa and Rupanyup in the south, with 13 small towns spread throughout the Municipality.

The Shire is the heartland of grain production and handling in the Wimmera and Mallee. The dry-land farming area produces one quarter of Victoria's total production of wheat and barley and is noted for the production of lambs and wool.

Of the population, almost half the workforce is employed in agriculture. Many other residents depend indirectly on farming as they are employed in services used by the farming population. The population trends are remarkably similar to other areas across most of the Wimmera/Mallee.

Townships and Areas

- Ailsa
- Angip
- Areegra
- Aubrey
- Bangerang
- Beulah
- Boolite
- Brim
- Cannum
- Crymelson
- Hopetoun
- Hopevale
- Jung
- Kellalac
- Kewell
- Lah
- Lascelles
- Lawler
- Longerongong
- Lubeck
- Minyip
- Murra Warra
- Murtoa
- Patchewollock
- Rich Avon West
- Roseberry
- Rupanyup
- Sheep Hills
- Speed
- Tempy
- Turriff
- Wallup
- Warracknabeal
- Wilkur
- Willenabrina
- Woomelang
- Wyperfeld National Park
- Yaapeet
- Yarto
- Tempy
- Woomelang
- Yaapeet
- Laen

Borders

Yarriambiack Shire shares borders with the municipalities of:

- Mildura Rural City Council
- Buloela Shire Council
- Hindmarsh Shire Council
- Northern Grampians Shire Council
- Horsham Rural City Council

Overview of 2022

During the financial year council experienced a number of achievements. Our IT transformation to upgrade hardware and software has met with state-wide success as Council won the 2021 MAV Digital Leadership Achievement of the Year. We have continued our pursuit of Federal and State funding to finance projects in many of towns. Among the new projects is the redevelopment of the Hopetoun Powerhouse building to create a venue for an artist in residence. Grants were obtained to upgrade our 14 halls and significant finance was obtained to develop netball and tennis facilities at Beulah, Brim and Rupanyup. We have successfully delivered a transformed library service through Yarriambiack Libraries with an increased borrowing rate from 9% to 14% and our first year of 3-year-old Kinder reported nearly 100% of eligible children had participated. All our achievements are elaborated on in more detail throughout the Annual Report.

BASIS OF PREPARATION

Council is required to prepare and include a performance statement within its Annual Report. The performance statement includes the results of the prescribed sustainable capacity, service performance and financial performance indicators and measures together with a description of the municipal district and an explanation of material variations in the results. This statement has been prepared to meet the requirements of the Local Government Act 1989 and Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014.

Where applicable, the results in the performance statement have been prepared on accounting bases consistent with those reported in the Financial Statements. The other results are based on information drawn from Council information systems or from third parties (e.g. Australian Bureau of Statistics).

The performance statement presents the actual results for the current year and for the prescribed financial performance indicators and measures, the results forecast by the council's strategic resource plan. The Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014 requires explanation of any material variations in the results contained in the performance statement. Council has adopted materiality thresholds relevant to each indicator and measure and explanations have not been provided for variations below the materiality thresholds unless the variance is considered to be material because of its nature.

The forecast figures included in the performance statement are those adopted by council in its strategic resource plan on 24 June 2020 and which forms part of the council plan. The strategic resource plan includes estimates based on key assumptions about the future that were relevant at the time of adoption and aimed at achieving sustainability over the long term. Detailed information on the actual financial results is contained in the General Purpose Financial Statements. The strategic resource plan can be obtained by contacting council.

Sustainable Capacity Indicators

For the year ended 30 June 2022

Indicator/measure	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	Material Variations
<i>Population</i>					
Expenses per head of municipal population [Total expenses / Municipal population]	\$3,107.69	\$3,661.46	\$3,847.91	\$4,165.09	No material variation
Infrastructure per head of municipal population [Value of infrastructure / Municipal population]	\$20,901.47	\$21,125.26	\$21,505.92	\$21,461.32	No material variation
Population density per length of road [Municipal population / kilometres of local roads]	1.39	1.41	1.39	1.34	No material variation
<i>Own-source Revenue</i>					
Own-source revenue per head of municipal population [Own-source revenue / Municipal population]	\$1,972.81	\$2,017.72	\$2,246.21	\$2,232.13	No material variation
<i>Recurrent grants</i>					
Recurrent grants per head of municipal population [Recurrent grants / Municipal population]	\$1,320.07	\$1,477.77	\$2,289.77	\$2,839.56	There has been an increase in the financial assistance grant (\$1.777 million), which is due to payment of half the 2022/23 allocation being paid in June 2022.
Disadvantage Relative socio-economic disadvantage [Index of Relative Socio-economic Disadvantage by decile]	1	1	1	1	No material variation
<i>Workforce turnover</i>					
Percentage of staff turnover [Number of permanent staff resignations and terminations / Average number of permanent staff for the financial year] ×100	9.0%	10.9%	16.84%	18.49%	No material variation

Sustainable Capacity Definitions

“adjusted underlying revenue” means total income other than:

- (a) non-recurrent grants used to fund capital expenditure; and
- (b) non-monetary asset contributions; and
- (c) contributions to fund capital expenditure from sources other than those referred to above

“infrastructure” means non-current property, plant and equipment excluding land

“local road” means a sealed or unsealed road for which the council is the responsible road authority under the Road Management Act 2004

“population” means the resident population estimated by council

“own-source revenue” means adjusted underlying revenue other than revenue that is not under the control of council (including government grants)

“relative socio-economic disadvantage”, in relation to a municipality, means the relative socio-economic disadvantage, expressed as a decile for the relevant financial year, of the area in which the municipality is located according to the Index of Relative Socio-Economic Disadvantage

“SEIFA” means the Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas published from time to time by the Australian Bureau of Statistics on its Internet website

“unrestricted cash” means all cash and cash equivalents other than restricted cash.

Service Performance Indicators

For the year ended 30 June 2022

<i>Indicator/measure</i>	<i>2018/19</i>	<i>2019/20</i>	<i>2020/21</i>	<i>2021/22</i>	<i>Material Variations</i>
<i>Aquatic Facilities</i>					
Utilisation					
Utilisation of aquatic facilities	0.51	0.35	0.49	0.48	During the 2021/22 summer the number of visitors to the Hopetoun Pool decreased slightly by 119 visitors. [Number of visits to aquatic facilities / Municipal population]
<i>Animal Management</i>					
Health and safety					
Animal management prosecutions	0%	0%	100%	0%	No animal prosecutions occurred during the 2021/22 financial year. [Number of successful animal management prosecutions / Number of animal management prosecutions] x 100
<i>Food Safety</i>					
Health and safety					
Critical and major non-compliance notifications	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	0%	Council engages proactively with businesses to achieve compliance through education.
<i>Governance Satisfaction</i>					
Satisfaction with Council decisions	63	58	61	60	Based on the annual Community Satisfaction Survey completed in the 2021/22 financial year. [Community satisfaction rating out of 100 with how council has performed in making decisions in the interest of the community]

Service Performance Indicators

For the year ended 30 June 2022

Indicator/measure	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	Material Variations
<i>Libraries</i>					
Participation Active library borrowers in municipality	9%	9.61%	8.13%	5.37%	Council is continuing to promote and educate the community on how to use the new library service.
[Number of active library borrowers in the last three years / The sum of the population for the last three years] x100					
<i>Maternal and Child Health (MCH)</i>					
Participation Participation in the MCH service	93%	90.08%	90.00%	80.25%	Council continue to have an acceptable participation rate in the MCH service.
[Number of children who attend the MCH service at least once (in the year) / Number of children enrolled in the MCH service] x100					
Participation Participation in the MCH service by Aboriginal children					
	100%	93.75%	98.48%	72.73%	Variation reflects small number of Aboriginal people within the Shire. Participation in key ages and stage visits reflect the results over the years.
[Number of Aboriginal children who attend the MCH service at least once (in the year) / Number of Aboriginal children enrolled in the MCH service] x100					

Service Performance Indicators

For the year ended 30 June 2022

Indicator/measure	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	Material Variations
Roads					
Satisfaction					
Satisfaction with sealed local road	42	40	39	38	Based on the annual Community Satisfaction Survey completed in the 2021/2022 financial year.
[Community satisfaction rating out of 100 with how council has performed on the condition of sealed local roads]					
Statutory Planning					
Decision making					
Council planning decisions upheld at VCAT	0%	0%	0%	0%	No planning applications were sent to VCAT during the 2020-2021 financial year.
[Number of VCAT decisions that did not set aside council's decision in relation to a planning application / Number of VCAT decisions in relation to planning applications] x100					
Waste Collection					
Waste diversion					
Kerbside collection waste diverted from landfill	24.78%	2.18%	21.54%	16.30%	During the 2020-2021 year the recyclable industry has resumed accepting waste as per previous years.
[Weight of recyclables and green organics collected from kerbside bins / Weight of garbage, recyclables and green organics collected from kerbside bins] x100					

Service Performance Definitions

“Aboriginal child” means a child who is an Aboriginal person

“Aboriginal person” has the same meaning as in the Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006

“active library member” means a member of a library who has borrowed a book from the library

“annual report” means an annual report prepared by a council under Sections 131, 132 and 133 of the Act

“CALD” means culturally and linguistically diverse and refers to persons born outside Australia in a country whose national language is not English

“class 1 food premises” means food premises, within the meaning of the Food Act 1984, that have been declared as class 1 food premises under Section 19C of that Act “class 2 food

“premises” means food premises, within the meaning of the Food Act 1984 , that have been declared as class 2 food premises under Section 19C of that Act

“critical non-compliance outcome notification” means a notification received by council under Section 19N(3) or (4) of the Food Act 1984 , or advice given to council by an authorised officer under that Act, of a deficiency that poses an immediate serious threat to public health

“food premises” has the same meaning as in the Food Act 1984

“local road” means a sealed or unsealed road for which the council is the responsible road authority under the Road Management Act 2004

“major non-compliance outcome notification” means a notification received by a council under Section 19N(3) or (4) of the Food Act 1984, or advice given to council by an authorised officer under that Act, of a deficiency that does not pose an immediate serious threat to public health but may do so if no remedial action is taken

“MCH” means the Maternal and Child Health Service provided by a council to support the health and development of children within the municipality from birth until school age

“population” means the resident population estimated by Council

“WorkSafe reportable aquatic facility safety incident” means an incident relating to a council aquatic facility that is required to be notified to the Victorian WorkCover Authority under Part 5 of the Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004

Financial Performance Indicators

For the year ended 30 June 2022

Dimension/indicator/measure	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	Material Variations
Efficiency									
EXPENDITURE LEVEL									
Expenses per property assessment [Total expenses / Number of property assessments]	\$2,955.86	\$3,502.59	\$3,621.43	\$3,838.43	\$3,902	\$3,536	\$3,615	\$3,696	No material variation
REVENUE LEVEL									
Average rate per property assessment [General rates and Municipal charges / Number of property assessments]	New in 2020	\$1,634.34	\$1,835.43	\$1,876.14	\$1,900	\$1,935	\$1,971	\$2,008	No material variation
Liquidity									
WORKING CAPITAL Current assets compared to current liabilities [Current assets / Current liabilities] x 100	265.80%	223.14%	193.36%	242.65%	214%	241%	290%	311%	Current liabilities have decreased by \$3 million due to lower trade payables, a decrease in unexpended grants and decreases in provisions.
UNRESTRICTED CASH Unrestricted cash compared to current liabilities [Unrestricted cash / Current liabilities] x 100	145.37%	154.69%	131.90%	203.37%	(4%)	6%	31%	36%	The increase in grant monies will lead to an increase in unrestricted cash in future years.

Financial Performance Indicators

For the year ended 30 June 2022

Dimension/Indicator/measure	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	Material Variations
Obligations									
LOANS AND BORROWINGS									
Loans or borrowings compared to rates	0.81%	0.63%	0.45%	0%	3%	3%	3%	2%	Council has paid out all loans and therefore has no current borrowings.
<i>[Interest bearing loans and borrowings / Rate revenue] x 100</i>									
Loans or borrowings repayments compared to rates	0.17%	0.17%	0.00%	0.44%	0.38%	0.67%	0.36%	0.35%	No material variation
<i>[Interest and principal repayments on interest bearing loans and borrowings / Rate revenue] x 100</i>									
INDEBTEDNESS									
Non-current liabilities compared to own source revenue	4.72%	9.61%	6.13%	5.06%	9%	9%	8%	8%	Council's non current liabilities have decreased due to reductions in provisions and loans. Council intends to borrow funds in future years depending on grant funding being available.
<i>[Non-current liabilities / Own source revenue] x 100</i>									
ASSET RENEWAL AND UPGRADE									
Asset renewal and upgrade compared to depreciation	New in 2020	165.82%	128.97%	137.23%	159%	103%	101%	97%	Council continues to prioritise asset renewal and upgrade but received less road funding compared to previous financial year.
<i>[Asset renewal and upgrade expense / Asset depreciation] x 100</i>									

Financial Performance Indicators

For the year ended 30 June 2022

Dimension/indicator/measure	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	Material Variations
Operating position									
ADJUSTED UNDERLYING RESULT Adjusted underlying surplus (or deficit)	10.90%	4.15%	15.17%	18.46%	15%	(7%)	(7%)	(8%)	The surplus is higher than previous years due to increased grant funding.
<i>[Adjusted underlying surplus (deficit)/ Adjusted underlying revenue] x100</i>									
Stability									
RATES CONCENTRATION Rates compared to adjusted underlying revenue	52.78%	49.57%	42.99%	39.86%	56%	58%	58%	58%	No material variation
<i>[Rate revenue / Adjusted underlying revenue] x 100</i>									
RATES EFFORT Rates compared to property values	0.57%	0.49%	0.47%	0.42%	0.30%	0.29%	0.29%	0.29%	No material variation
<i>[Rate revenue / Capital improved value of rateable properties in the Municipality] x 100</i>									

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“adjusted underlying revenue” means total income other than:

- (a) non-recurrent grants used to fund capital expenditure; and
- (b) non-monetary asset contributions; and
- (c) contributions to fund capital expenditure from sources other than those referred to above

“adjusted underlying surplus (or deficit)” means adjusted underlying revenue less total expenditure

“asset renewal expenditure” means expenditure on an existing asset or on replacing an existing asset that returns the service capability of the asset to its original capability

“current assets” has the same meaning as in the AAS

“current liabilities” has the same meaning as in the AAS

“non-current assets” means all assets other than current assets

“non-current liabilities” means all liabilities other than current liabilities

“non-recurrent grant” means a grant obtained on the condition that it be expended in a specified manner and is not expected to be received again during the period covered by a council's Strategic Resource Plan

“own-source revenue” means adjusted underlying revenue other than revenue that is not under the control of council (including government grants

“population” means the resident population estimated by Council

“rate revenue” means revenue from general rates, municipal charges, service rates and service charges

“recurrent grant” means a grant other than a non-recurrent grant

“residential rates” means revenue from general rates, municipal charges, service rates and service charges levied on residential properties

“restricted cash” means cash and cash equivalents, within the meaning of the AAS, that are not available for use other than for a purpose for which it is restricted, and includes cash to be used to fund capital works expenditure from the previous financial year

“unrestricted cash” means all cash and cash equivalents other than restricted cash

Performance Statement

Certification of the Performance Statement

In my opinion the accompanying performance statement has been prepared in accordance with the Local Government Act 1989, the Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014.

ANITA J MCFARLANE

Corporate Services Manager

Date: September 2022

In our opinion the accompanying performance statement of the Yarriambiack Shire Council for the year ended 30 June 2022 presents fairly the results of Council's performance in accordance with the Local Government Act 1989 and the Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014.

The performance statement contains the relevant performance indicators, measures and results in relation to service performance, financial performance and sustainable capacity.

At the date of signing, we are not aware of any circumstances that would render any particulars in the performance statement to be misleading or inaccurate.

We have been authorised by the Council and by the Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014 to certify this performance statement in its final form.

KARLY KIRK

Councillor

Date: September 2022

KYLIE ZANKER

Councillor

Date: September 2022

TAMMY SMITH

Chief Executive Officer

Date: September 2022