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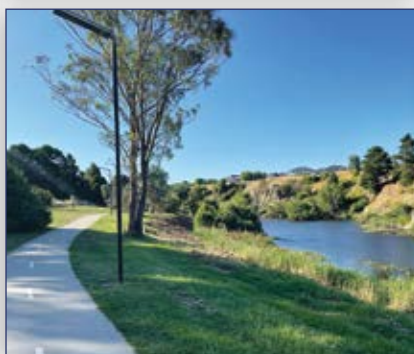
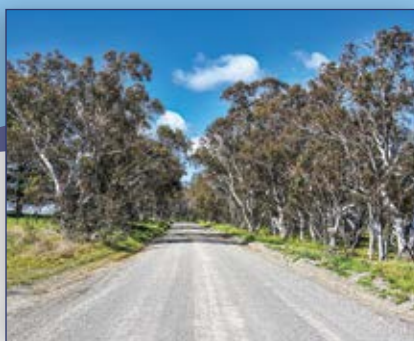
Goulburn Mulwaree Council acknowledges and pays our respects to the Aboriginal elders both past and present as well as emerging leaders and acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we all live.





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## About

Goulburn Mulwaree Council has prepared the 2023-2026 Priority Projects Plan on behalf of the community. Council has developed a plan that reflects the needs of our community and highlights the importance of each individual project.

Goulburn Mulwaree Council is a local government area located in the Southern Tablelands of New South Wales, about 200 kilometres south-west of the Sydney CBD and 95 kilometres north-east of the Canberra CBD. Goulburn Mulwaree Council encompasses the city of Goulburn and the villages of Marulan, Tarago, Towrang, Tallong, Parkesbourne, Windellama, Bungonia, Lake Bathurst and Middle Arm. The Council area estimated resident population for 2022 was 32,394, with a population density of 10.05 persons per square km.



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# 1

## Road Infrastructure



### Overview of Project

Commence a program to review our inventory of road infrastructure and condition assessment. This will assist Goulburn Mulwaree Council in preparing short and long term asset management plans, future works programs and asset valuation purpose.

### Regional Significance

Goulburn Mulwaree Council covers approximately 3,223km<sup>2</sup>. We have a substantial transportation asset network spread across the urban and rural network. The road infrastructure network includes approx. 800km of sealed roads and 380km of unsealed roads. We also have 39 bridges, 63 major culverts, 2,600 minor culverts, 150km of footpath, 280km of kerb & gutter, 20km of guardrail and 20km of shared pathways.

Our Council provides maintenance, renewal and upgrade programs for sealed and unsealed roads, bridges and causeways to meet service levels set by Council.

Our Council will pursue grant funding for roads and related assets. We will plan asset rehabilitations to ensure that the highest priority assets are targeted for renewal each financial year. Priorities must be based on risk factors including asset condition, age, classification and serviceability.

### Estimate of Cost

Approx. \$120M - \$150M



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## Run-O-Waters Second Access



### Overview of Project

Construction of a new road resulting in the connection of Pockely Drive and Mary Street. The project will comprise several stages consisting of land procurement, planning and design and road construction.

### Regional Significance

Run-O-Waters is currently served by a single point of access and egress, via Ducks Lane. This has led to community concerns in relation to ongoing safety and wellbeing of Run-O-Waters residents, primarily the ability to evacuate the precinct in an emergency for example, a bushfire, or for emergency services such as the Ambulance Service to access residents in need of medical assistance.

Given the future growth that needs to be accommodated within the city over the next 10-15 years, completion of the project will provide access to a future urban release area with potential for approximately 1,700 new homes.

### Estimate of Cost

\$5M



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## Marulan Master Planning



### Overview of Project

Identification and master planning of current and future infrastructure needs, including civil and public utility infrastructure, open space and recreation, highway access and public transport opportunities, emergency services, health and education.

### Regional Significance

There are numerous State significant-scale extractive developments in the Marulan locality, providing a platform for employment opportunities on a regionally significant scale. The Town of Marulan continues to experience significant growth as a result of the employment opportunities. This growth aligns with the NSW Government's strategic direction for regional growth on the Hume Highway corridor.

### Estimate of Cost

\$400k for Masterplan and associated studies including biodiversity, transport, etc.





# Waterway Improvement



## Overview of Project

Develop a Waterways Strategy and Action Plan, to rehabilitate and improve our waterways as well as recreational linkages across the region. Council has completed excellent work in river rehabilitation work and this is to aim to complete, enhance and maintain this work.

## Regional Significance

As a city nestled between the Mulwaree and Wollondilly Rivers a healthy river ecology is paramount to our success.

The ongoing development of River Walking Tracks and recreational facilities has provided public space for recreational pursuits to our community. Not only has this benefited our residents healthy lifestyle it has also provided regional benefits including Tourism.

Walking tracks help users develop more regular walking routines, as well as offer alternative environments that are safe. Adding walking tracks to community recreation area encourage an active wellness culture in your community and helps make it a better place to live for everyone.

## Estimate of Cost

An initial grant allocation of \$500K together with ongoing funding of \$100K per annum will assist in creating and then maintaining healthy waterways for future generations.



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## Goulburn Regional Museum and Archive Facility



### Overview of Project

The development of a regional museum and archive facility celebrating the city's close ties to the wool industry.

### Regional Significance

The development of a comprehensive regional museum and archive facility is the chance to make a statement about Australia's First Inland City and the industry itself.

An investigation encompassing existing large wool stores not far from the Big Merino complex, would firm up options for this innovative project.

### Estimate of Cost

\$250K for Feasibility Study and \$5M - \$10M for the construction of the Museum.



# Goulburn Community Centre



## Overview of Project

The proposed Goulburn Community Centre involves a major undertaking. It is envisaged that the project will deliver modern, sustainable, environmentally friendly purpose-built civic space for local community and visitors to enjoy. A Community Centre Working Party has been established and planning is being undertaken in consultation with current users of Council facilities and community organisations.

## Regional Significance

A new Goulburn Community Centre will act as a central anchor point in the revitalisation of the delivery of Council's Community Services Programs and activities in the Goulburn Mulwaree Local Government Area and surrounding areas.

The new Community Centre will be a regional asset which will provide community, social, recreation, respite and event opportunities suitable for a wide range of ages and abilities.

A new Goulburn Community Centre will inject much needed capital into the local and regional economy with the construction utilising local trades and contractors where possible.

## Estimate of Cost

\$6M - \$8M





# Goulburn Rail Trail



## Overview of Project

The Goulburn Rail Trail will repurpose the disused rail corridor within the Goulburn Mulwaree LGA as a unique off-road cycling and walking track, creating a 25km recreation facility which will boost the visitor economy of the region. The project is forecast to attract 41,500 visitors annually (plus 25,000 local users), which will have an initial effect on the regional economy of \$58 million. The Trail will also create new business opportunities, provide health benefits for users, preserve, and promote items of local heritage significance and create opportunities for environmental education.

## Regional Significance

The addition of a rail trail facility provides a new and unique tourism opportunity for Goulburn Mulwaree. The investigative reports clearly demonstrate that the utilisation of the disused rail corridor, in conjunction with linkages to the urban shared pathways and river walks, will be a substantial and long-term driver for economic and business growth for the Goulburn Mulwaree community. There are many additional social and health benefits associated with this project.

The addition of a rail trail facility makes Goulburn a more attractive place to visit, recreate and to live by improving the quality of life. The rail trail project aligns with the strategic objective to market Goulburn as a tourist destination by highlighting the region's *"unique rural character, natural environment, heritage, and culture"*.

## Next Steps

The next stage of this project is the preparation of a Trail Development Plan at an estimated cost of \$60K.

For this project to progress State and Federal grant funding will be required.



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