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REPORT ON OPERATIONS TEAM ACTIVITIES – JULY 2025

Summary

The following activities were undertaken within the month of July 2025 by the Operations Works Teams. A summary of the activities is provided below for information.

Table Drain Maintenance

Works have commenced on Hume Lane South Corowa including clearing of verge, swiping of excess spoil build-up, gravel patching and storm water prevention to stop erosion.

Clearing table drains on rural roads and customer requests as received.

Sealed Roads

Numerous customer requests for pothole repairs on sealed urban and rural roads have been received (after recent rainfall) with many actioned with the Corowa based Flo-Con patching truck and the Urana based Jet Master patching truck.

Slashing – Sealed Roads Shoulders

Slashing was conducted on Federation Way and at Oaklands.

Quarries

Crushing has of 19,000 tons of material ready for Council's gravel road re-sheeting program has been completed.

Davies Hill – Carting gravel for shoulder re-sheeting

Maintenance Crew/Sundry Crew

Culvert cleaning/Repairs.

Footpath maintenance/repairs.

Sign replacements/repairs.

Various guide post replacements.

Working with construction crews when required.

Attending to customer requests.

Sapling Removal Program from Rural Drains

This program has been completed and will cease till the weather improves.

Heavy Trucks

Carting gravel to Buraja Road for shoulder works.

Carting gravel to Emu Park Road for shoulder re-sheeting.

Carting gravel for customer requests.

Carting stone for patching trucks, Flocon and Jetmaster.

TfNSW – RMCC

Maintenance works have started in Q1 under the RMCC agreement.

Leading into the next month, works such as signage and guidepost Installations and general guard rail maintenance on Tommy McCrea Causeway will be the main focus.

Corowa Aerodrome

A CASA official met with Council staff in mid-July to undertake an Aerodrome surveillance program. This included a full inspection of the airport and run-ways, including official documentation Council is expected to maintain and keep current.

An audit of our twice weekly inspections that ensure compliance with the MOS 139 was undertaken. A recommendation from the CASA official was that one of the inspections be conducted at night, and Council has commenced this recommendation.

From the visit, CASA will produce a Surveillance Report that will outline its findings to Council as operator of Corowa Aerodrome, and any works required. Generally, the CASA official was very happy with the Aerodrome's condition including Council's documentation, and complimented Council staff for their efforts.



Grader Teams Capital/Maintenance Works Program

Please Note: Maintenance Grading is all subject to weather conditions.

Completed		Planned	
Location	Month	Location	Month
Grader 1: - Shoulder resheeting – Buraja Road. - Shoulder resheeting – Emu Park Road. - Telephone Lane - Lucan Street, Corowa	Jul	- Coreen Vale Road - Macartneys Road - Mahonga Lane - Mossdale Road	Aug
Grader 2: - Mygunyah Road - Bolinda Glen Road - Roma Grange Road - Humeden Road - Neill Street, Corowa	Jul	- Humeden Road - Settlers Road - Sandford Road - Uralla Lane	Aug
Grader 3: - Swan Lagoon Road - Day Road - Savernake Road - Woodside Road	Jul	- Narrow Plains Road - Bonnie Doon Road - Doctors Road	Aug
Grader 4: - Harveys Road - Butherwah Road - Stakelums Road	Jul	- Woodside Road - Angle Ranch Road - Eulo Glen Road	Aug

Construction 1 & 2

Storm water minor repairs, urban and rural roads.

Footpath repairs and gravel patching in urban unsealed roads.

Table drain maintenance, drainage and culvert works, urban and rural roads.

Footpath maintenance and repairs.

Attend Call Outs.

Service numerous Customer Requests.

Landfills

Howlong: Investigation underway for potential construction of another waste cell.

Corowa: Business as usual.

Mulwala: Business as usual.

Capital Works

John Street /Steele Street Drainage Works



Council staff recently completed important drainage connection works at the above location. A new pipe was laid at the corner of John and Steel Street between the Rail Trail cycle path to a pit near the property boundary of the Corowa Chocolate Factory to enable water to flow to the wetlands. These works will largely eliminate storm water and flooding issues in John Street. The works were completed as part of Council's drainage improvement program.

Plant and Fleet Update

New Garbage Compactor truck delivered following significant delays (18 months) in the item of plant being delivered.



REPORT ON INFRASTRUCTURE TEAM ACTIVITIES – JULY 2025

The following activities were undertaken within the month of July 2025 by the Infrastructure Team. A summary of the activities is provided below for information.

Capital Works Delivery - Roads

Federation Way – Daysdale Road Rehabilitation Project (Stages 2-5)

Rainfall in July has delayed works a little, two sections of pavement in Stage 2 are still to be completed and the dismantling of the Bypass track will commence in the coming weeks. The road construction and stabilisation works has commenced on Stages 3.



Disaster Flood Recovery Work

The Disaster Flood Recovery tenders for Regional and Local Road heavy patching works have been assessed and will be presented to August Council meeting for awarding. These works are scheduled to commence in September and go through until March 2026.

Pedestrian Safety Improvements at Railway Street Balldale

Works are now completed.



Sanger Street, Corowa Pedestrian Improvements. Tactile Installation

Installation of the roadway and pedestrian crossing tactiles has commenced. Phase two of these works will be completed on Monday, 11 August.



Capital Works Delivery – Buildings/Facilities

Ball Park Well Conservation

The well floor slab has been completed, the concrete ramp and path are currently underway. Council Officers are working with Corowa Museum members on the draft interpretive signage.

The project is behind schedule and we're hoping to be completed by the end of August 2025.

Project funded through the Local Roads & Community Infrastructure program.



Civic Centre Toilets

Only minor works to complete.

Urangerline Creek bridge repair

Due to the tender costs received this has been readvertised, as per procurement guidelines.

Works to now commence in late August 2025.

Corowa RFS building maintenance and upgrades

Works are nearing completion. Painting and new carpet will be completed, communications upgrades underway.

McKnight's Park Toilet Block Replacement

Construction is nearing completion. Should be completed in August 2025.

These works are funded through the Local Roads & Community Infrastructure program.

Athole Road Bridge, Morundah

New load and speed limit restrictions signage has been ordered and due to be installed on the bridge and at the Newell Highway in early August.

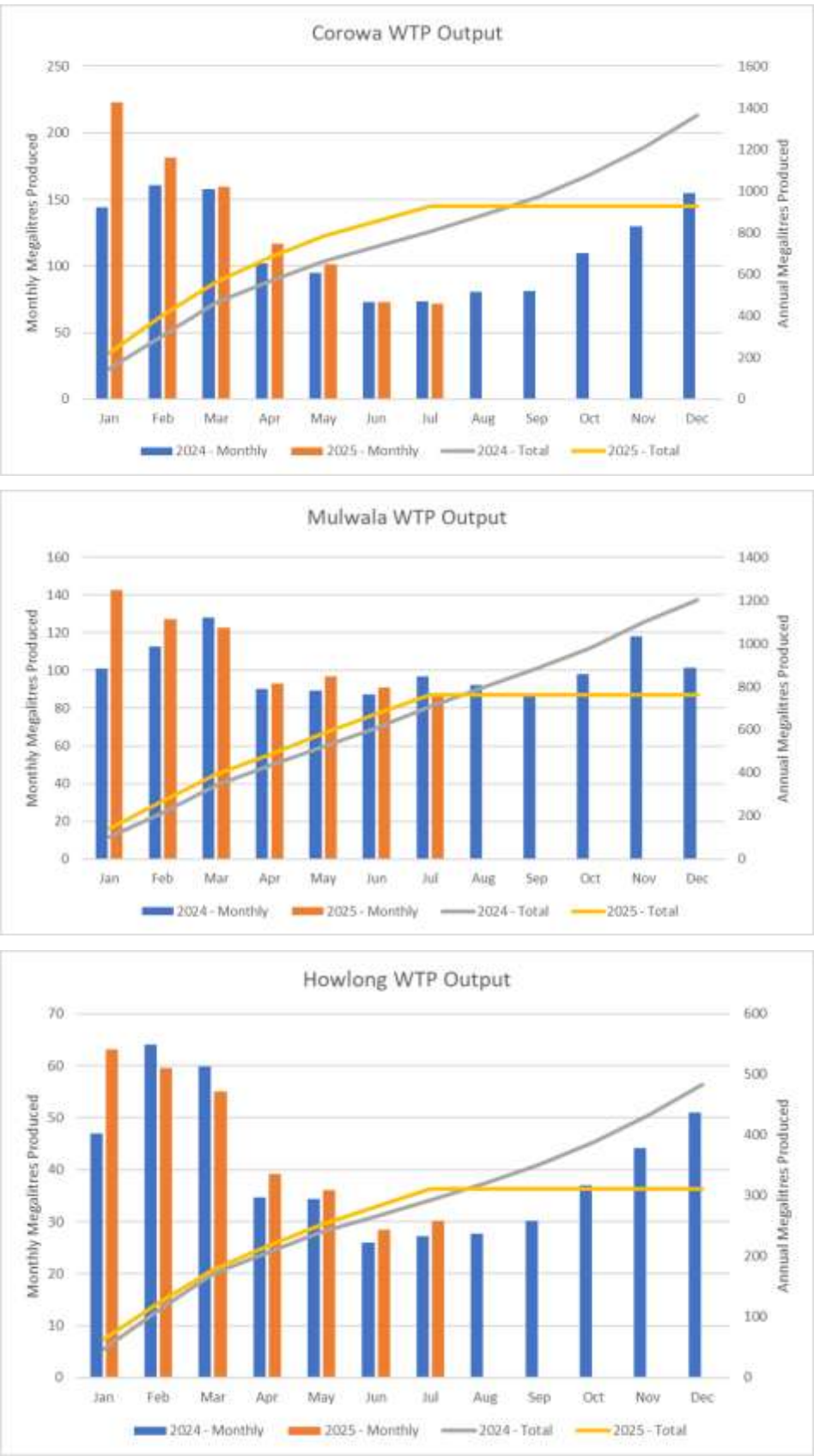
Council officers are currently working through the requirements for an application to the Federal Government's Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program.

Road Safety Updates

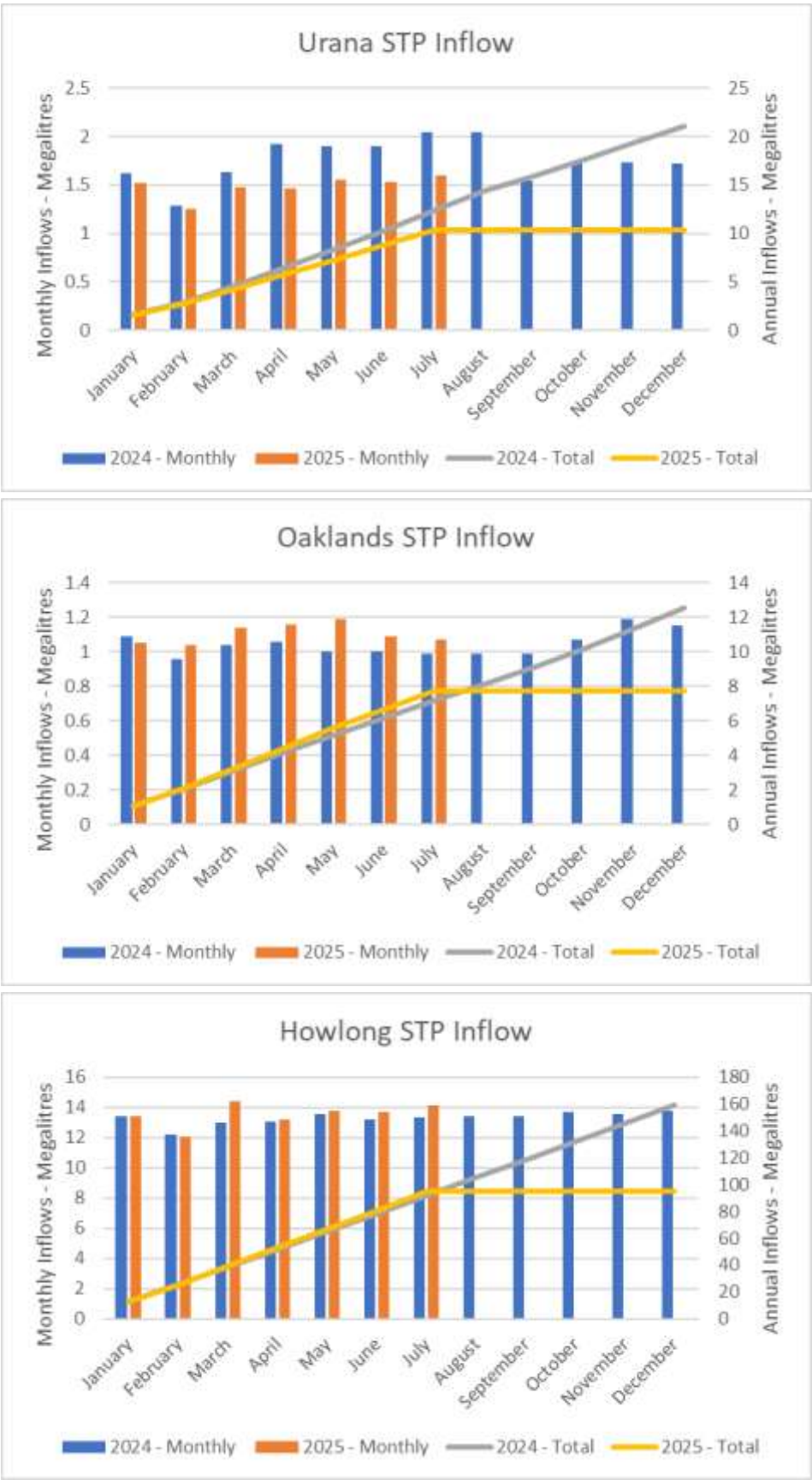
The Road Safety Audit completed on the Whitehead Street and Bullecourt Road, will have its findings and recommendations referred to the Local Traffic committee meeting.

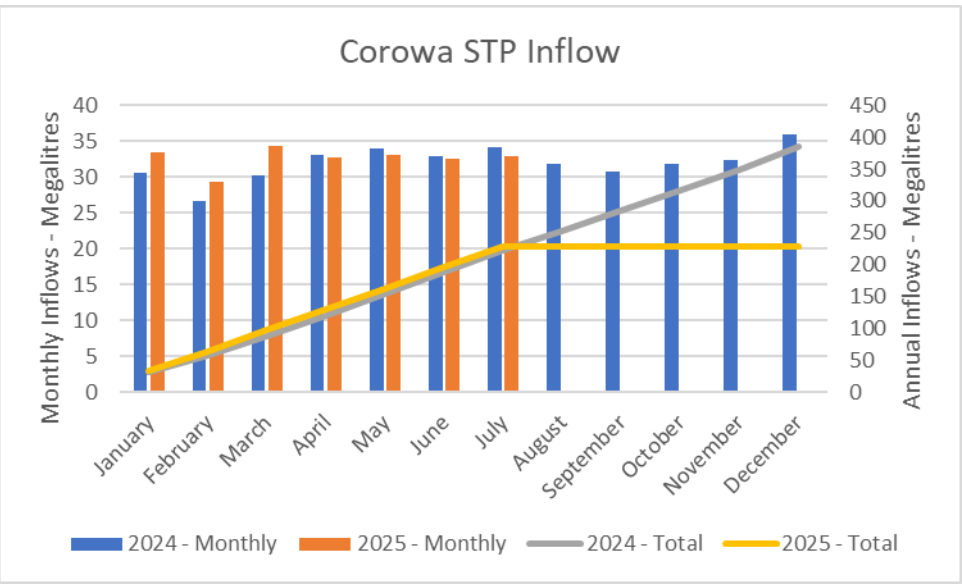
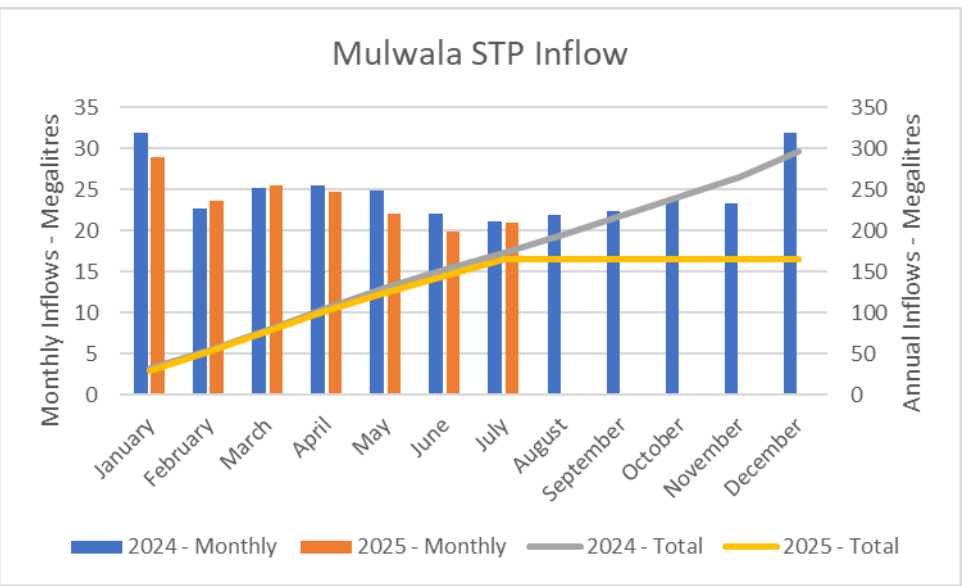
Joanne Cheshire, Senior Manager, Community Partner – Riverina Murray with Transport for NSW will be addressing councillors on the speed limit change on Redlands Road explaining reasoning why and lack of community consultation along with the speed limit change process in general.

REPORT ON UTILITIES TEAM ACTIVITIES – JULY 2025
Utilities – Water Production



Utilities – Sewer Treatment





Utilities – Howlong Community Session

Federation Council extends its sincere thanks to all Howlong residents who attended the successful Water Improvement Project Information Session held last week, Tuesday, July 22, at the Howlong Golf Resort. The well-attended meeting provided a valuable opportunity for the community to receive comprehensive updates on the significant progress and future plans for Howlong’s vital water infrastructure.

The session covered key advancements already made, including the new 375mm trunk main along Townsend Street and the new rising main from the treatment plant to the Read Street Water Tower, which are now operational.

Future strategic plans, such as the detailed hydraulic modelling being undertaken by NSW Public Works to identify specific areas for improvement, were also discussed. Potential major upgrades, including upsizing the town’s central ring main and constructing a new, larger water storage tank, were outlined, along with estimated costs and timelines.

Utilities – Reticulation Team

Water Infrastructure

Town	Corowa	Mulwala	Howlong	Balldale
Service Repairs	8 (12)	3 (2)	2 (2)	0 (0)
Main Repairs	1 (6)	0 (1)	2 (1)	0 (0)
New connections	0 (1)	2 (10)	0 (12)	0 (0)

Previous month denoted in (X)

Sewer Infrastructure

Town	Corowa	Mulwala	Howlong	Urana	Oaklands
Sewer Chokes	4 (13)	0 (3)	0 (4)	4 (2)	1 (0)
Sewer Rebuilds	0 (13)	0 (0)	0 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)

Previous month denoted in (X)

- Replaced over 150 Automatic Meter Readers (AMR's) for the digital water meters.
- Replaced 12 manhole lids
- Water pressure testing in Howlong



McDonald Avenue Sewer Repair



Martin St Water Service



New sewer service - Oaklands



AMR defect - Howlong

REPORT ON RECREATION TEAM ACTIVITIES – JULY 2025

National Tree Day

On Sunday July 27, 2025, Corowa and District Landcare in collaboration with Federation Council braved the winter drizzle to plant more than 300 native plants. After a very successful year in 2024 at Cross Street in Howlong we selected the walking path at Ball Park in Corowa for this year's event. 22 community members volunteered their time and were passionate in making a difference along this beautiful area on the banks of the Murray River.

The species selected included wattles, river bottlebrush, hop bush, kangaroo grass and saltbush, which will enhance habitat for animals like squirrel gliders and birds, as well as add to the natural beauty of the area.

We would like to thank everyone who came along, especially the Corowa and District Landcare for organising the event, Corowa Lions Club, Corowa Girl Guides and the Corowa Dog Lovers.

We are looking forward to watching these plants grow and the riverside flourish. In 2026 we will once again work with Corowa and District Landcare in choosing another location in our council.



Winter Maintenance – Rose Pruning and Mulching Gardens

All roses throughout the council have been pruned to promote healthy growth, remove dead wood, improve air circulation and light penetration.

This annual large prune will encourage new growth for better blooms and to maintain the desired shape and structure of the rose. Organics are also added at the time of pruning.

All mulch is from stock collected from pruned eucalyptus trees which have been chipped throughout the year.

Approximately 600 roses are pruned at this time of the year across cemeteries and parks throughout the council area.



Winter Maintenance - Uplifting, Health Pruning and Dead Wood Removal from all Park trees.

Working in teams, the large task of health pruning and canopy lifting to trees in parks, cemeteries and open spaces continue to be part of the winter schedule.

Canopy/crown lifting is a pruning technique that involves removing lower branches to allow more sunlight, improve airflow and to reduce moisture retention, which can prevent fungal diseases. Removing the dead wood is also a focus at this time.

Areas that have been completed recently and are looking great include MacKnight Park Urana, Honour Avenue Corowa, RSL Park Corowa, Mulwala Cemetery and Howlong cemetery. Following the tree work all trees have been mulched and ready for spring growth.

