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REPORT ON OPERATIONS TEAM ACTIVITIES – JUNE 2025

Summary

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

Table Drain Maintenance

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. 40 ton of stone alone was used by the Urana jet-patcher.

In particular the main focus has still been in the following areas Skehans Lane, Merton Road, Emu Park Road, Bull Plain Road, Savernake Road, Hopefield Road, Federation Way South, Oaklands, Morundah and other areas and townships.

Major Intersection Repair – Poseidon Road and Redlands Road



Slashing – Sealed Roads Shoulders

Slashing is finished in Rand and will now move to Federation Way.

Quarries

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

Davies Hill – Carting gravel for should re-sheeting

Balldale Quarry – Crushing New Gravel Road Re-Sheeting Material



Maintenance Crew/Sundry Crew

The following works have been undertaken:

Flood sign & depth marker installation near Rand.

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

Works completed in:

This program is stage 2 of stage 4.

- Hopefield Siding Road.
- Narrow Plains Road.
- Emu Park Road.
- Oak Lodge Road.
- Norwonga Road & Mulwala Road.
- Corowa-Oaklands Road from Federation Way to Oaklands.

There are currently 3 roads to complete and will commence this week. The list of roads are as follows:

- Jerilderie -Oaklands Road.
- Back Berrigan Road.
- Clear Hills Road.

These critical works ensure that Council's drainage network is not impeded in the future by large trees.

Heavy Trucks

Carting gravel for Mahonga Road, Kindra Street and Five Mile Road.

Carting gravel for customer requests.

Carting gravel to Buraja Road for shoulder works.

Carting gravel to sections for re-sheeting Daysdale Wallbundrie Road.

Carting stone for patching trucks, Flocon and Jetmaster.

Resealing Program

Due to the cold weather, Council's resealing program will now cease till next summer.

Line Marking Program

Program completed for this financial year.

TfNSW – RMCC

Maintenance works under the RMCC agreement.

Works undertaken including tree maintenance, signage, pothole patching and various other tasks.

Corowa Aerodrome

Twice weekly inspections carried out to ensure compliance with the MOS 139. Repairs to lights as required.

Grader Teams Capital/Maintenance Works Program

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

Completed		Planned	
Location	Month	Location	Month
Grader 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shoulder re-sheeting Buraja Road. • Daysdale/Walbundrie Road 8kms and 2kms gravel road re-sheeting. • Lilydale Road • Piggins Road 	Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintenance Grading / Customer requests • Mygunyah Lane and surrounding roads in this area. 	Jul
Grader 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintenance Grading various areas 	Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warmatta Road • Hilltop Road and various other customer requests 	Jul

Grader 3: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maxwellton Road • Oaklands Road 	Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swan Lagoon Road • Daysdale • Savernake Road • Woodside Road • Narrow Plains Road 	Jul
Grader 4: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saffron Road 	Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harveys Road • Butherwah Road • Stakelums Road 	Jul

Construction 1 & 2

Balldale Railway Street, Balldale - Pedestrian Improvements near Hotel and park.

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.

Capital Works

Heavy Patching

Heavy patching works were completed at Five Mile Road, Kindra Street. The total areas patched equated to 350 square metres.

Balldale Hotel – Railway Street Pedestrian and Park Improvement Works



Works are nearing completion to the Railway Street pedestrian improvement project in Balldale. Works involved the installation of a footpath linking the post office and households to the hotel. Works also included the installation of bollards along the park side of the street, new street furniture and a signage upgrade.

Buraja Road – Gravel Shoulder Replacement Works



Council is currently undertaking gravel re-sheeting of specific shoulder sections on Buraja Road. Given the increased volume of heavy vehicles on the road network, this project is crucial for ensuring the longevity of our roads including improving water management and safety.

Waste Update – Chemical Drum Muster Program



In early July, hundreds of chemical drums were loaded and compacted into bales at the Corowa landfill site. As part of Council's circular recycling economy, the drums are melted and treated offsite and made back into Chemical containers to save them from landfill. This is a fantastic way for farmers and land-holders to safely dispose of their used chemical containers. The containers are triple washed before they are recycled.

REPORT ON INFRASTRUCTURE TEAM ACTIVITIES – JUNE 2025

The following activities were undertaken within the month of June 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)

The culvert replacement work on Stage 2 has been completed. Dismantling of the bypass track will commence in the coming weeks, followed by the road construction to Stages 3, 4, and 5.

Due to the recent unfavourable climatic condition including rain and fog and some additional pavement work, the new completion date is now September 12, 2025.



Disaster Flood Recovery Work

The Disaster Flood Recovery tenders for Regional and Local Road heavy patching are out to market. They close on July 9, 2025, with the evaluation to be completed by 25 July, 2025. A tender evaluation report will be tabled at the August Ordinary Meeting of Council.

Council staff have undertaken some of emergency repairs on flood patches on Hopefield Road.

St Mary's Primary School – Drainage Upgrade

Council staff have suggested more changes to the Functional Layout Plan (FLP). The contractor is preparing an updated FLP.

Balldale Hotel – Pedestrian Safety Improvements

Work is continuing and scheduled to be completed July, early August.

Capital Works Delivery – Buildings/Facilities

Ball Park Well Conservation

The wall cladding is set to commence in July. 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

Demolition completed. The framework and plaster sheeting has commenced.

Urangerline Creek bridge repair

Tender is set to be awarded. Works to commence in late July 2025.

Corowa RFS building maintenance and upgrades

Works are nearing completion. The operating wall and doors have been installed. Painting and new carpet will be completed in July 2025.

Athole Road Bridge, Morundah

Following a Level 3 inspection of the Athole Road Bridge in Morundah, Council officers received recommendations to implement load and speed limit restrictions on the bridge.

All affected residents have been notified, and a meeting held to discuss options and find an appropriate solution.

We are currently exploring funding options through the Federal Government Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program to address this.

McKnight's Park Toilet Block Replacement

Demolition of old toilet block has been completed. Construction of the new one is underway. These works are funded through the Local Roads & Community Infrastructure program.



Road Safety Updates

Council has secured funding for a new bus shelter in Martin Street Howlong, through the Country Passenger Transport Infrastructure Grants Scheme.

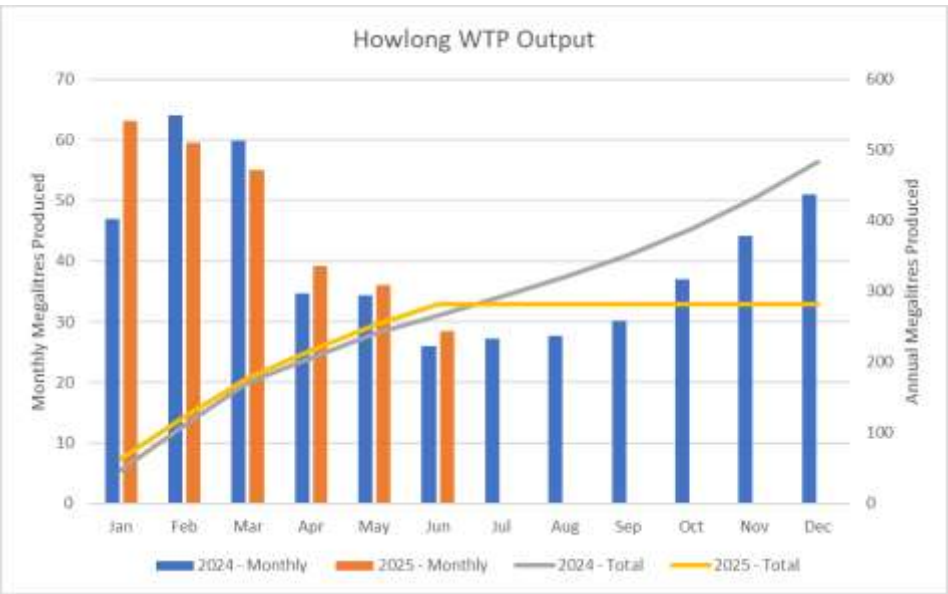
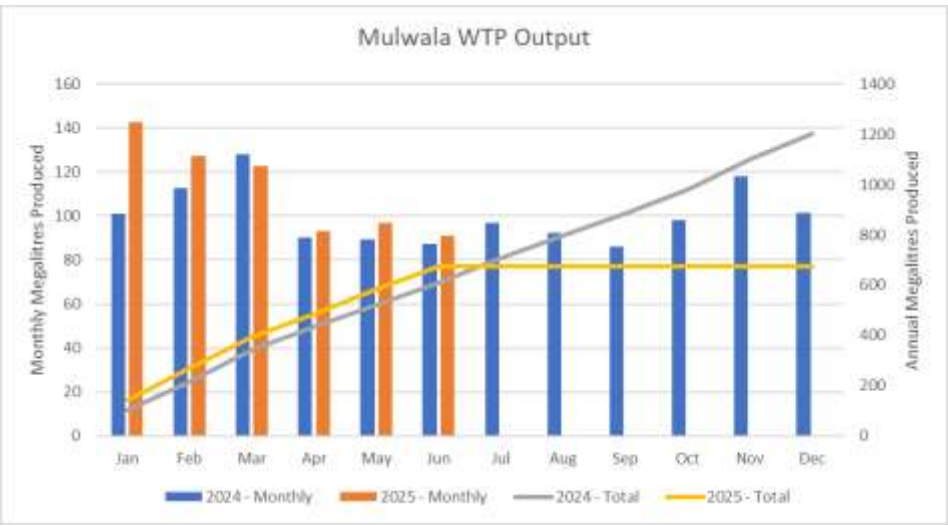
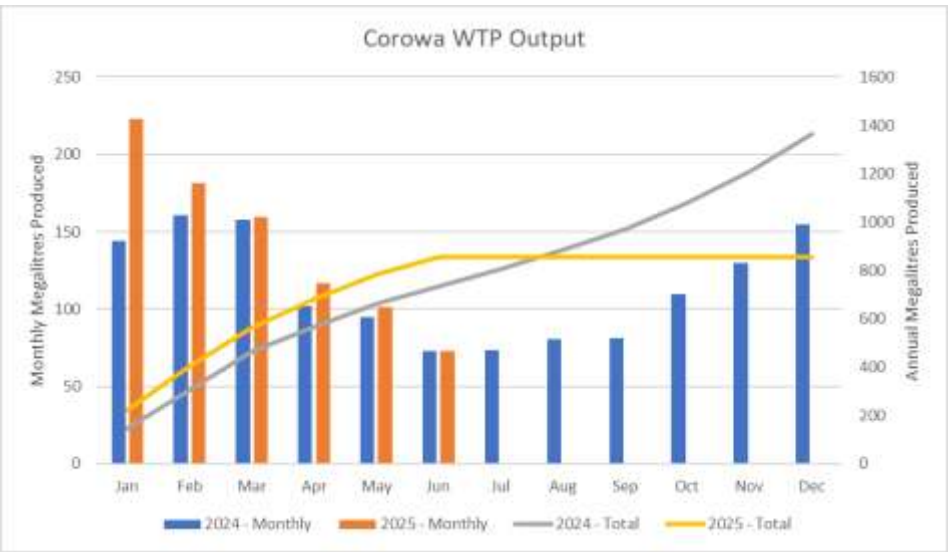
New line marking has been completed on the Riverina Highway, between Pearce and Martin Streets, Howlong. Holbeach Street consultation on heavy vehicle limits will commence late July.

A Road Safety Audit has been completed on the Whitehead Street and Bullecourt Road, with findings and recommendations to be implemented over the coming months.

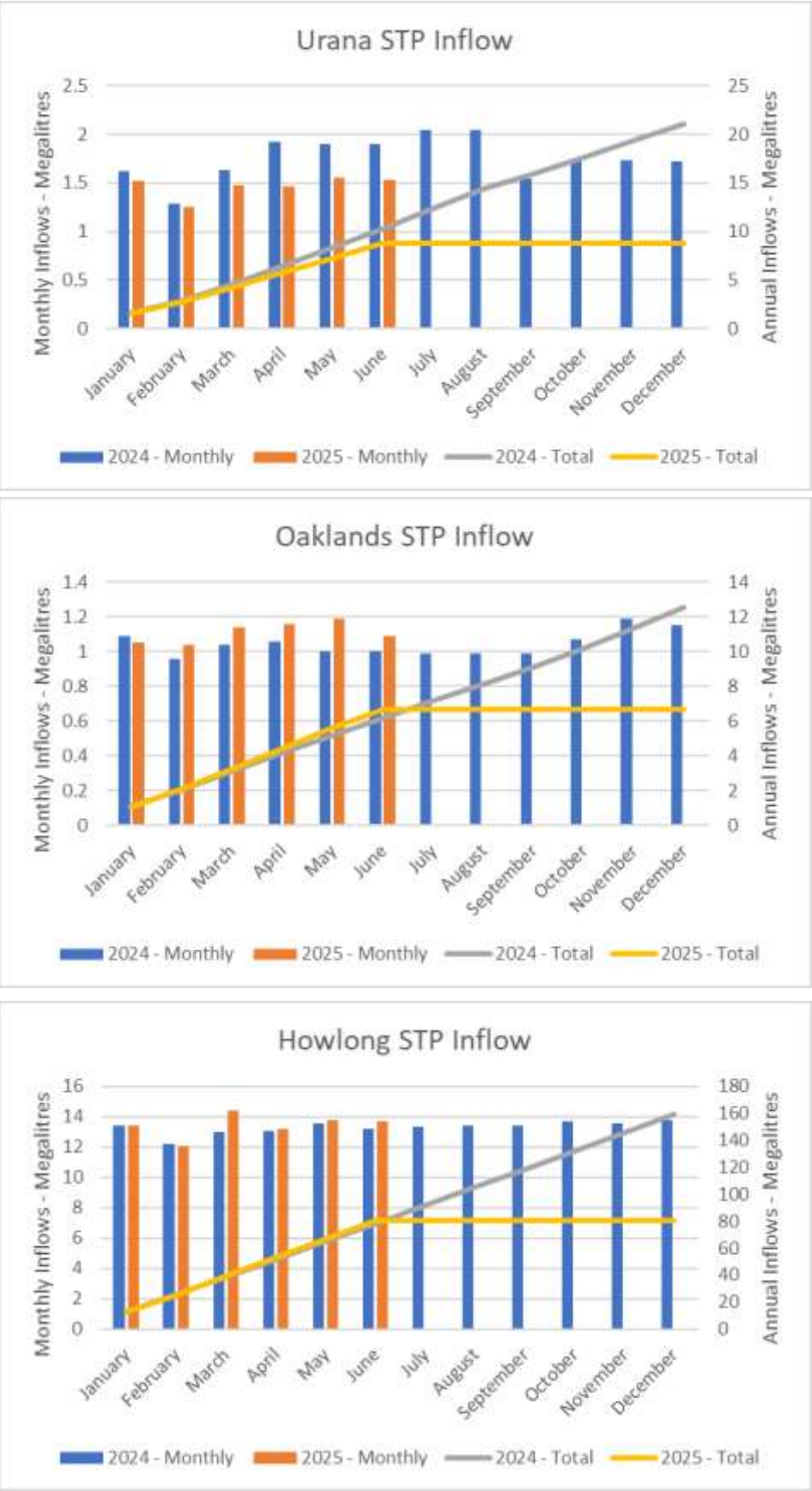
A speed Review Request for Honour Avenue Corowa has been referred to TfNSW.

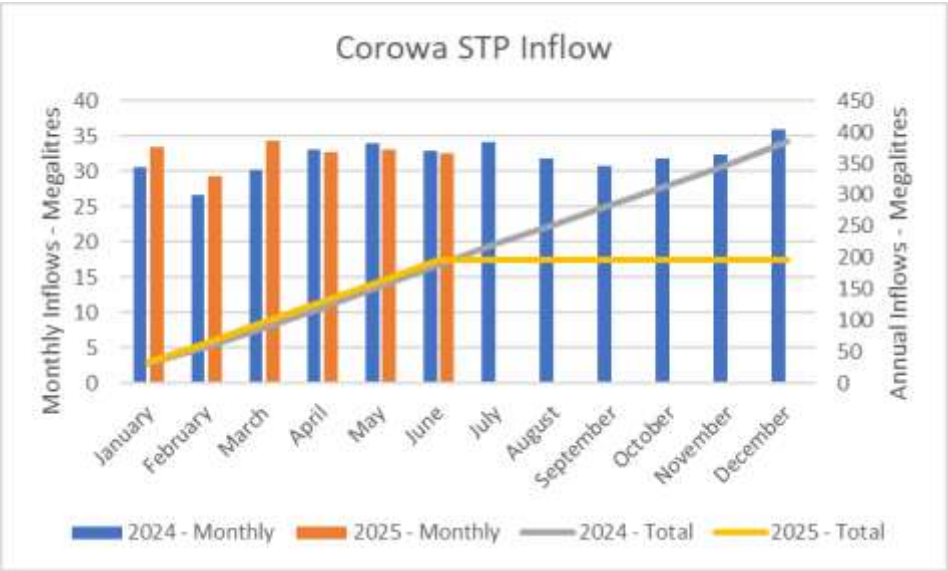
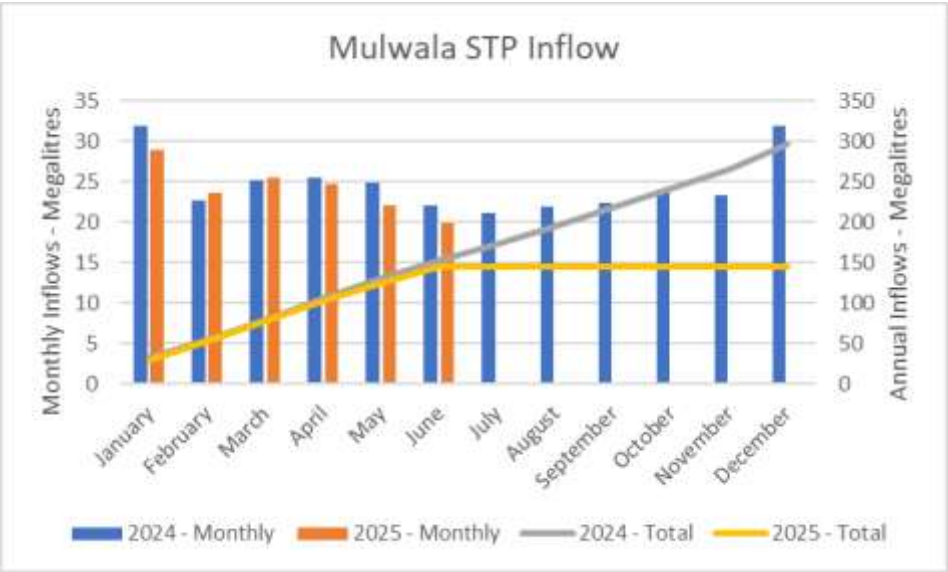
REPORT ON UTILITIES TEAM ACTIVITIES – JUNE 2025

Utilities – Water Production



Utilities – Sewer Treatment





Utilities – Reticulation Team

Water Infrastructure

Town	Corowa	Mulwala	Howlong	Balldale
Service Repairs	12 (18)	2 (2)	2 (5)	0 (1)
New connections	1 (9)	10 (5)	12 (4)	0 (0)
Main Repairs	6 (0)	1 (0)	1 (0)	0 (0)

Previous month denoted in (X)

Sewer Infrastructure

Town	Corowa	Mulwala	Howlong	Urana	Oaklands
Sewer Chokes	13 (5)	3 (4)	4 (0)	2 (0)	0 (1)
Sewer Rebuilds	13 (1)	0 (0)	1 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)

Previous month denoted in (X)



Edwards St, Corowa - Water mains break caused by tree root wrapping around pipe

REPORT ON RECREATION TEAM ACTIVITIES – JUNE 2025

Federation Council Sporting Ovals

Slicing/Aeration on sporting ovals.

All high use ovals struggle with wear areas at this time of year. With the warm season grasses going into dormancy, there is a reliance on the clubs to spread the wear across the playing surface with drills training. Participation numbers are increasing on all high use ovals.

The Presentation Team has recently completed slicing on all high use ovals. Slicing in 2 directions encourages rain to get through the thatch layer and into the soil profile.

Slicing or aerating ovals, particularly sports fields, offers several benefits like improved soil health, enhanced drainage, and reduced wear areas. This process allows for better penetration of air, water, and nutrients to the grass roots, promoting stronger and more resilient turf. This process helps with compaction and creating a safer playing surface.

In August 2025 we will be conducting our bi-annual soil tests on the 10 ovals under council control. We use external turf consultants for nutrient analysis using the MNLS (Minimum Levels for Sustainable Nutrition) methodology.

