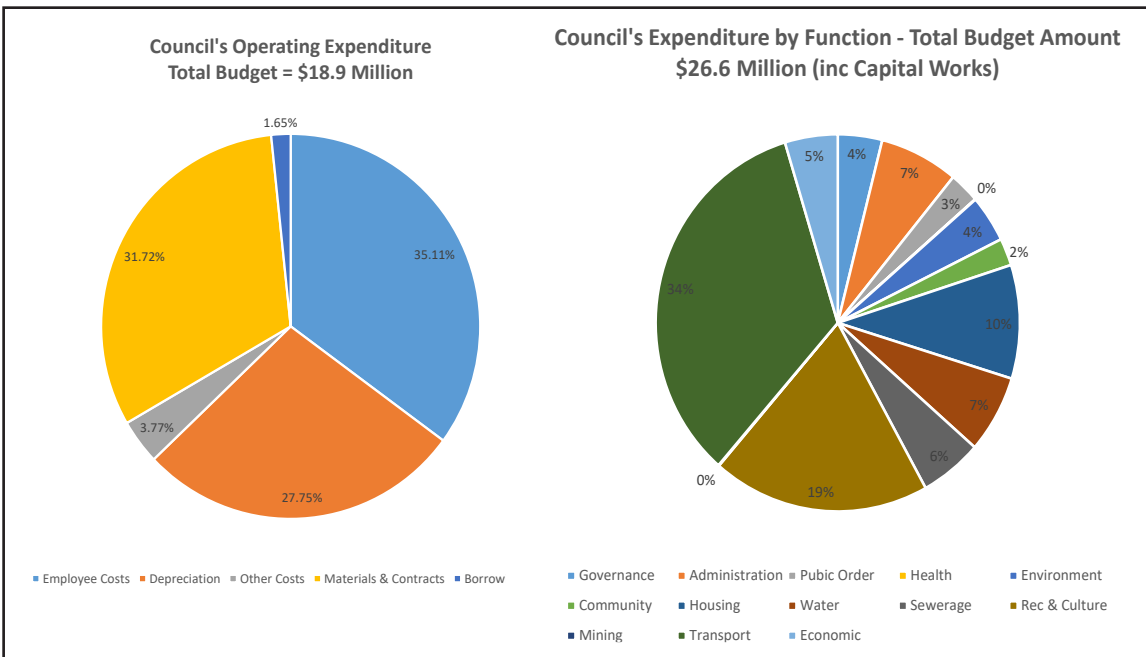


Council Adopts 2026-27 Long Term Financial and Operational Plans

Council at its June meeting adopted a \$20.42M budget for the 2026-27 year. A breakdown of the expenditure is provided below:



Hay Shire Council adopted its 2026/27 Operational Plan, Revenue Policy and 10-Year Long Term Financial Plan following a public exhibition period that attracted no submissions. The budget includes a 4.8% increase in general rates, in line with the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) rate cap. Water and sewer charges have also increased by 4.8%, while waste charges have risen by 7.5% to support the rollout of the three-bin waste service. Statutory fees have been updated to reflect legislative changes, with most other fees and charges adjusted in line with inflation.

The Long Term Financial Plan focuses on maintaining current services, investing in essential infrastructure and ensuring Council remains financially sustainable despite ongoing economic pressures. While Council expects operating deficits over the coming years, a strong cash position and continued grant funding will enable the delivery of priority projects, including the Heavy Vehicle Access at the Hay Aerodrome and the South Hay Heavy Vehicle Rest Area. The plan also acknowledges future challenges, including rising costs and limited opportunities to increase revenue, with Council continuing to actively manage its finances while seeking external funding for major projects such as the Hay and Maude levee upgrades and Main Street Master Plan.

North and South Hay Levee Upgrade – **FEASIBILITY STUDY**

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EVENTS

July

24 Wine tasting
2HAYFM

September

11-12 Hay Show
12 Cocktails in the
yard - Toganmain
Woolshed

October

9-10 Hay Glow
23-26 Rust n Dust
Outback Rally

November

12-15 Rainbow on the
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22 Hay Races

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Draft Hay Park Master Plan

Council has endorsed the draft Hay Park Master Plan for public exhibition, marking an important step in planning the future of Hay's premier sporting and recreation precinct. The Master Plan has been developed by Council staff as part of a grant funding application and provides a long-term vision to guide future investment, upgrades and improvements to Hay Park.

The draft Plan has already undergone an internal review and initial consultation with Hay Park's sporting user groups to ensure it reflects the needs of clubs and the broader community. Council now invites residents and stakeholders to view the draft Master Plan during the public exhibition period and provide feedback to help shape the future development of this important community asset. Community comments and submissions will be accepted until Monday, 27 July 2026, and Council encourages everyone with an interest in Hay Park to have their say. The draft master plan can be viewed at Council administration offices or on Council's website www.hay.nsw.gov.au.

Draft Waste Policy

Council has endorsed the draft Waste Services Policy for public exhibition as part of its ongoing commitment to delivering safe, efficient and sustainable waste services across the Hay Shire. The new policy brings together existing waste management policies into a single, contemporary framework, providing clear guidance for the provision, management and regulation of Council's waste services while supporting compliance with current legislative and operational requirements.

The draft policy will replace the existing Mobile Garbage Bin Issue Replacement Policy and Waste Transfer Station Scavenging Policy, consolidating these into one easy-to-understand document. Council encourages residents, businesses and interested stakeholders to review the draft policy and provide feedback during the public exhibition period. Submissions will be accepted until Monday, 27 July 2026, before the policy is considered for final adoption by Council. The draft policy can be viewed at Council administration offices or on Council's website www.hay.nsw.gov.au.

Citizenship Ceremony

Mayor Carol Oataway had the privilege of conducting a Citizenship Ceremony where four residents of Hay officially became Australian citizens. The Mayor was delighted to welcome Mojgan Talebbidokhti, Mark Shields, Marieli Jahno de Olivera and Susan Shamil as the newest Australian citizens in our community. The ceremony was attended by a large number of family and friends who gathered to celebrate this significant milestone, an opportunity for everyone to congratulate our new citizens.



Three of Hay's newest Australian citizens

REMINDER

Please don't contaminate your green lidded bin!

When in doubt - leave it out!

- NO PLASTIC BAGS
- NO PACKAGING
- NO GENERAL RUBBISH



- FOOD SCRAPS
- GRASS
- LEAVES
- SMALL BRANCHES
- GARDEN CLIPPINGS

