

## Long Term Financial Plan, Revenue Policy and Operational Plan



Council has endorsed its Draft 2026/27 Operational Plan, Revenue Policy, and 10-Year Long-Term Financial Plan for public exhibition from 4 May to 5 June 2026.

For 2026/27, rate income will increase by 4.8% in line with the cap set by IPART. Water and sewer charges will rise by 4.8%, while waste charges will increase by 7.5% to support the rollout of the three-bin service. Most fees and charges have been adjusted in line with CPI or legislative changes.

The Long-Term Financial Plan focuses on maintaining current services and financial stability in a challenging economic environment. While operating deficits are forecast over the next five years, Council expects to maintain a stable cash position, supported by careful spending and past success in securing grant funding for major projects.

Key priorities include maintaining essential infrastructure such as roads, water and sewer services, and community facilities, as well as continuing investment in technology and plant. Major projects identified include heavy vehicle access to the Hay Aerodrome and a South Hay Heavy Vehicle Rest Area.

Some major initiatives, including new levee bank projects and main street upgrades, are not yet funded and will depend on future external funding. Potential financial benefits from renewable energy developments are also not yet included.

Council continues to face financial sustainability challenges, with limited capacity for new spending or reserve transfers. The overall focus remains on maintaining service levels and supporting Hay Shire as a great place to live.



The draft workpapers presented show the following results for 2026/27:

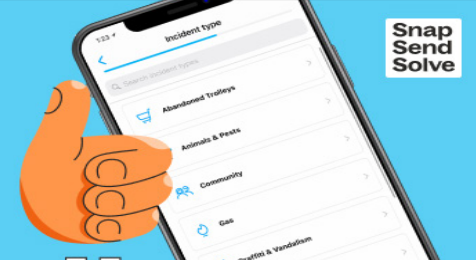
<i>Working Capital</i>		
General Fund	Water Fund	Sewer Fund
\$71,452 (surplus)	\$47,110 (surplus)	\$129,064 (surplus)
<i>Operating Result before capital Grants</i>		
General Fund	Water Fund	Sewer Fund
\$2,138,487 (deficit)	\$7,890 (deficit)	\$109,353 (surplus)

Draft documents can be viewed on Council's website [www.hay.nsw.gov.au](http://www.hay.nsw.gov.au). Community feedback can be submitted by email [mail@hay.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mail@hay.nsw.gov.au) or in person at 134 Lachlan Street, Hay, and received by 4pm, 5th June 2026. Final adoption of documents is scheduled for June 2026.



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## EVENTS

### May

- 9 150 Years Australian Football in Hay
- 21 Biggest Morning Tea

### June

- 5-7 Club Standard and Triumph
- 6 Dustdrinkers B&S Ball
- 6-7 Australian Hay Mini Nationals
- 13 Hay Merino Sheep Show

### October

- 23-26 Rust n Dust Outback Rally

### November

- 12-15 Rainbow on the Plains
- 22 Hay Races Show

## Country University Centre Hay Opening

Councillors and staff attended the official opening of the Country Universities Centre (CUC) Hay, which was marked by the presence of the Hon Steve Whan, Minister for TAFE, Skills and Training.

The establishment of CUC Hay represents a significant milestone for local education, expanding opportunities for residents to undertake university study without needing to leave the district. Its colocation with TAFE NSW and Hay War Memorial High School creates a clear and connected educational pathway, supporting learners from secondary school through to tertiary education and beyond. Council has played a pivotal role in bringing CUC Hay to fruition.

Through strong advocacy, partnership and sustained commitment, this initiative has become a reality. It stands as an important investment in the future of Hay, strengthening access to higher education and supporting long-term community sustainability.



CUC Hay Opening with the Hon. Steve Whan – Minister for TAFE, Skills and Training

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so we can  
invest  
in them

Restore Commonwealth  
Financial Assistance  
Grants to **1% of total  
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