

ATTACHMENT 5c

Community Workshops Presentation



Have Your Say

Options for Achieving a better Blue Mountains

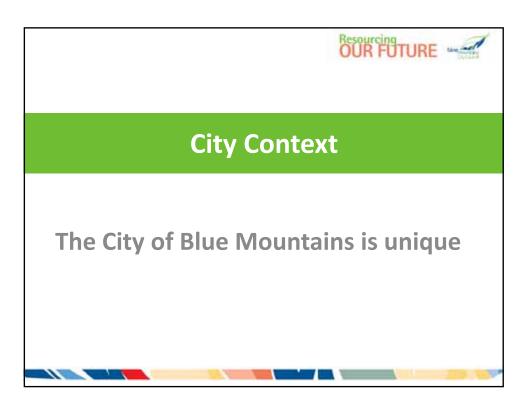
Community Workshops August - September 2014

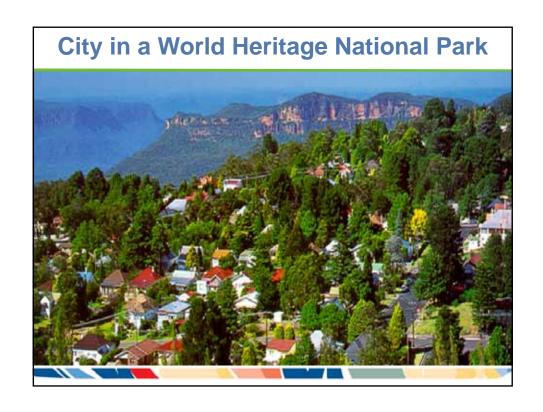
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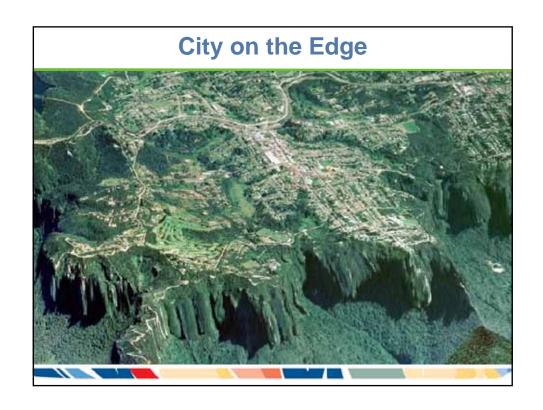
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- Workshop Facilitators
- Housekeeping
- Ground rules



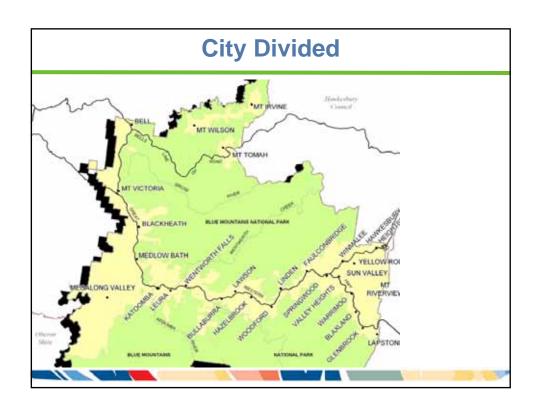
WORKSHOP PROGRAM					
T	IME	ITEM			
10:	00am	Welcome & IntroductionParticipant Introductions			
10.	20am	 Resourcing Our Future - City Context - Participant Questions/ Comments 			
11.	00am	 Options for A Better Blue Mountains Participant Questions / Comments 			
11.	20am	Refreshment break			
11.	35am -	 Impact of Options on Council service provision Service Dashboards Participants begin filling in workbooks Participant Questions / Comments 			
12.	30pm	 Summary overview of Draft Waste Strategy Participant Questions / Comments 			
12.	45pm -	❖ Participants complete Workbooks			
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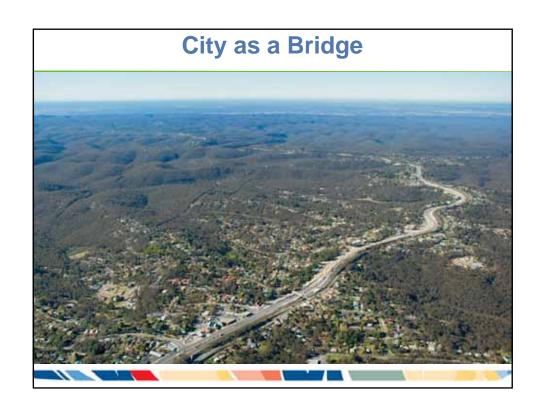














OUR VISION

To build a successful future for the Blue Mountains through improving the wellbeing of our community and the environment



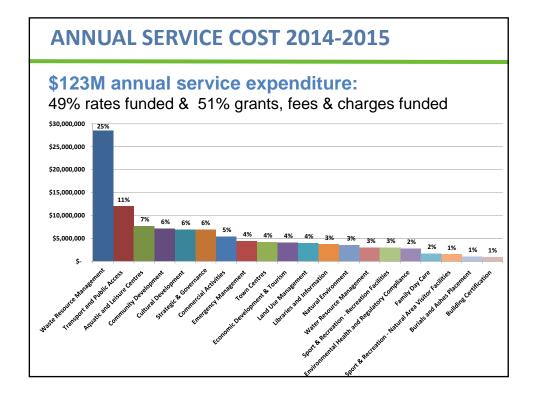
COUNCIL'S SERVICE DELIVERY

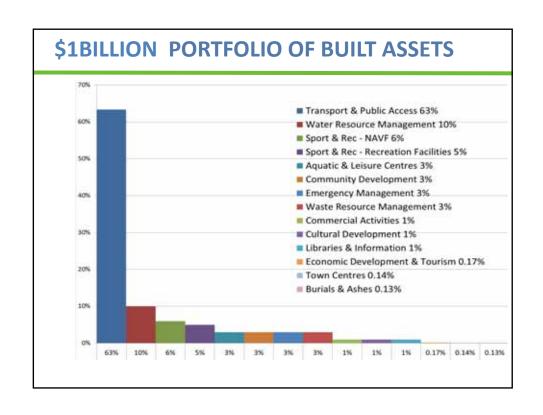
Wide range of services & facilities

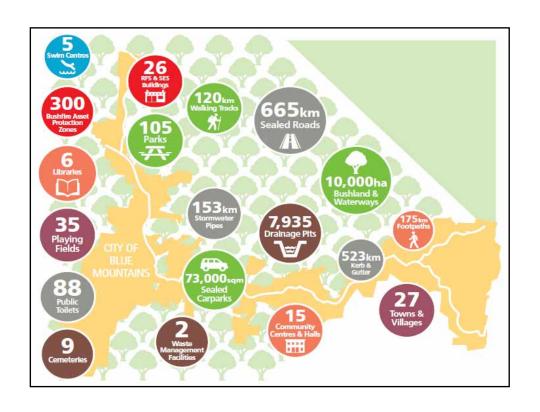
- Footpaths
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- Stormwater
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 Waste
 Graffiti removal
 Town centres
 Emergency
 management
 Public health
 Family day care
 Visitor Informatio
- Local economy
 Visitor Information









CURRENT FINANCIAL POSITION

NSW Treasury Corporation

Financial Assessment Report 2013

"we consider Council to currently be in a satisfactory financial position "..... "Council has been well managed"....

- Cash liquidity & financial flexibility is sound
- Expenditure is well managed
- Revenue trending favourably
- Majority of key financial performance measures are above industry benchmarks

Independent auditors also confirm this position

CHALLENGES FOR ALL NSW COUNCILS

1. Share of taxation revenue

- Councils are responsible for providing 36% of built assets (roads, footpaths, drainage, parks, pools etc)
- ❖ But receive less than 3% of total taxation revenue





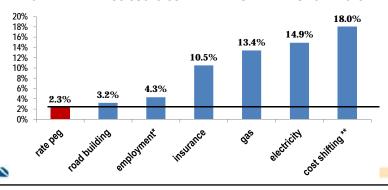


CHALLENGES FOR ALL NSW COUNCILS

2. Costs rising faster then revenue

Constrained rate revenue: for 37 years NSW Government has limited amount councils can increase their rate income (irrespective of actual costs increases)

ESTIMATED BMCC COSTS COMPARED TO RATE PEG 2014-2015



CHALLENGES FOR ALL NSW COUNCILS

3. Cost shifting

IMPACT TO COUNCIL 2006/07 to 2011/12

\$33.3 million

Example: Emergency Services

Councils must pay to NSW Government 11.7% of local budget for Rural Fire Service, State Emergency Service & Fire & Rescue NSW

For BMCC this means:

- ❖ \$1.8M in contributions in 2013-14
- ❖ For Fire & Rescue NSW alone:
 - \$670,000 2012/13
 - \$910,000 2013/14 (36% increase)
 - \$1.1M est- 2014/15 (21% increase)



CHALLENGES FOR ALL NSW COUNCILS

4. Funding reductions from Federal & State Governments

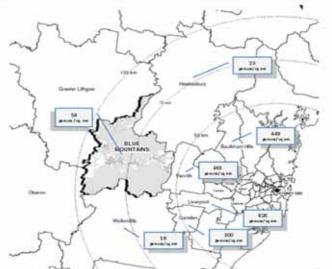
- 2014 Federal Budget reduced Financial Assistance Grant Funding to all Australian local governments (for BMCC reduction of \$2.9 million over next four years)
- Federal Government proposed cuts to Family Day Care funding
- ❖ Library funding hasn't increased since 1988

CHALLENGES FOR OUR CITY

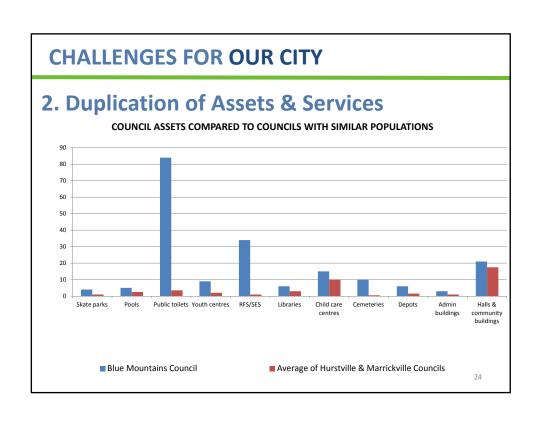
1. Large local government area

27 dispersed towns & villages, along 100 kilometres mountainous terrain

Blue Mountains LGA = 1,431 kms2



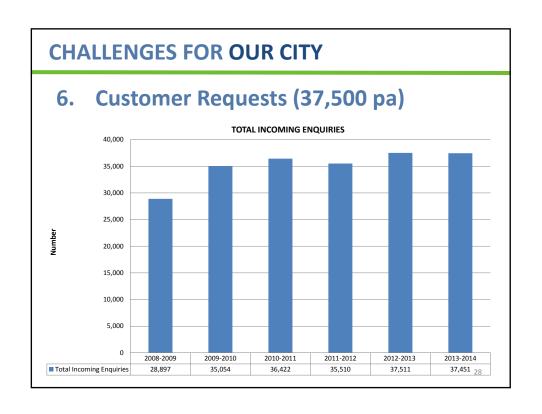
CHALLENGES FOR OUR CITY ❖ Infrastructure is spread-out ❖ Very high infrastructure cost per person Long distances mean high fuel, material and time costs Winmaler Table Control The C

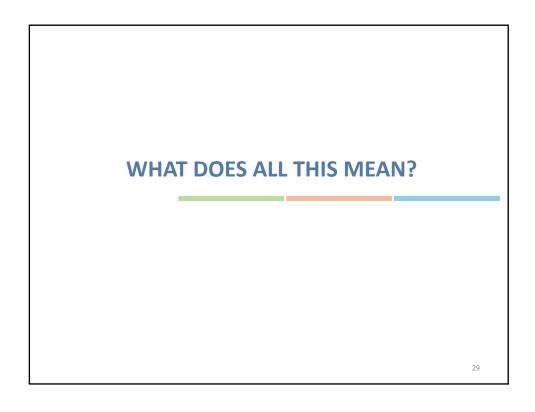


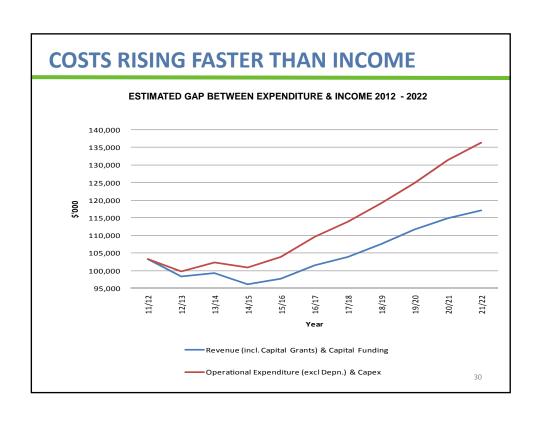
CHALLENGES FOR OUR CITY 3. **Emergency management & environment** responsibilities - World Heritage area EXPENDITURE ON SERVICES PER RESIDENTS—BMCC AND NSW STATE AVERAGE 400 350 300 250 **\$** 200 50 Recreation, leisure Community services Safety & emergency Community and Environmental and facilities management and cultural services management, town planning regulatory compliance and amenities health services ■ Blue Mountains ■ NSW State Average

* World Heritage National Park limits growth * Lowest population growth in Greater Sydney * Minimal new properties * Limited s94 Contributions

CHALLENGES FOR OUR CITY Ageing population 5. ❖ We have high population numbers for age groups 50+ years ❖ Requires alteration to some assets to ensure suitability for ageing population BLUE MOUNTAINS POPULATION BY AGE GROUP - 2011 CENSUS 85 years and over 80-84 years 75-79 years 70-74 years 65-69 years 60-64 years 55-59 years 50-54 years 45-49 years 40-44 years 35-39 years 30-34 years 25-29 years 15-19 years 10-14 years 5-9 years 1,000 2,000 3,000 4,000 5,000 7,000







UNDERFUNDING OF ASSETS

- Currently 21% of built assets in poor condition
- ❖ Projected to increase to 37% in 10 years time

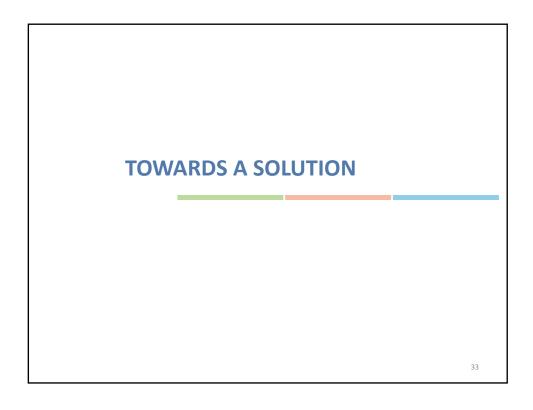


IMPACT ON SERVICE LEVELS

We have assessed funding likely to be available over next 10 years.....

- Insufficient to maintain existing levels of service into future
- Service levels must be balanced against available revenue







Strategy 1: Avoid Shocks

- Sound financial planning
- Early identification of financial issues and longer-term impacts
- BENEFIT: Better able to withstand costly unexpected events

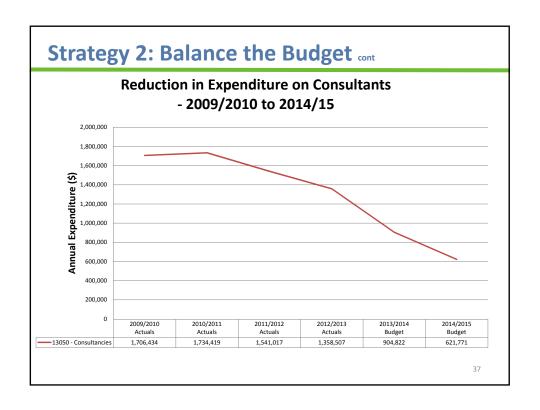


Strategy 2: Balance the Budget

- Each year the Council balances its cash budget
- Costs increase higher than income requires savings of \$1.5M

Cost Savings/Efficiencies: \$13M over past 8 years eg:

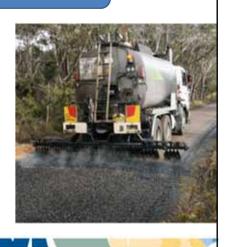
- ❖ \$2.6 million changed workers compensation model
- \$2.4 million change from crates to mobile bins for kerbside recycling
- \$0.5 million reduced energy costs at aquatic centres
- \$4.0 million reduced consultancy and labour costs
- ❖ \$350,000 per year by use of bushcare & landcare volunteers in natural asset maintenance costs



Strategy 2: Balance the Budget cont

COST SAVINGS CASE STUDY: Sealing of Unsealed Roads

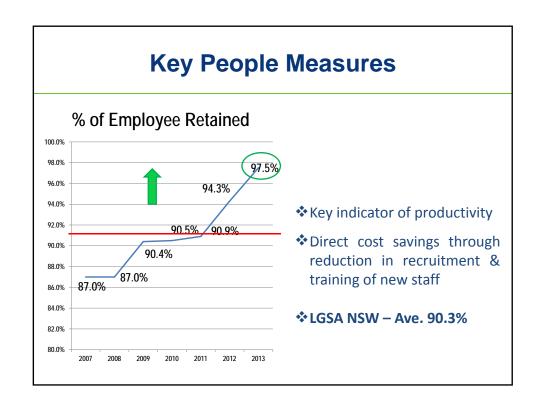
- Permanent seal on unsealed roads
- ❖ Reduced maintenance costs
- ❖ Recurrent annual savings: \$200,000
- Resources reallocated to other priority activities

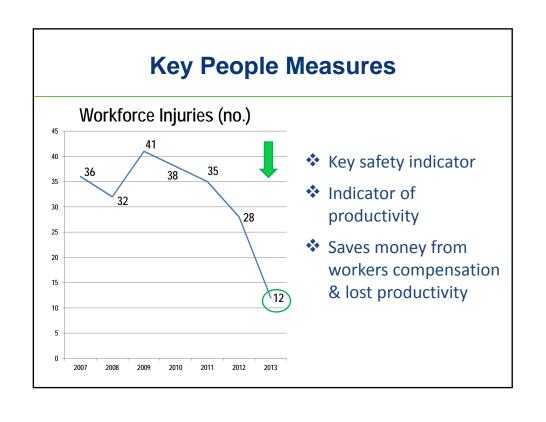


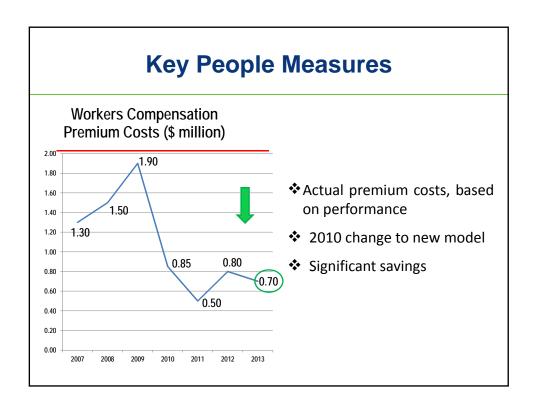


Purpose of WMS

A workforce with the ability to respond quickly to the changing needs of the organisation and ultimately deliver a highly safe, skilled and engaged workforce that provides "**value for money**" services to the Blue Mountains community.







Strategy 2: Balance the Budget cont

Employee wages go up by the Award

Employee award increases:

3% average annual increase per employee (statutory requirement of Local Government (State) Award)

Full Time Equivalents	
2009	498
2010	478
2011	490
2012	494
2013	528
2014	498

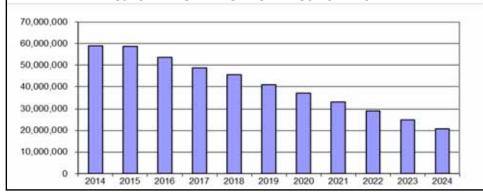
Staff levels = service levels

Strategy 3: Manage Borrowings Responsibly

- Council has ceased new loan borrowings
- New borrowings require rigorous business case

Debt service financial indicator: within benchmark

PROJECTED TOTAL BORROWINGS 2014-2024



Strategy 4: Increase Income

For every rate dollar – we match it with other income

- ❖ \$87M grant funding eg.
 - \$5.9M Lawson Town Centre
 - \$5.0M Cultural Centre, new Katoomba Library & Civic Centre
 - \$3.5M Business Park in Lawson
- Environment Levy \$3.6M+ in matching co-funding
- **Revenue initiatives**, eg.
 - \$1.7M net profit over past five years Tourist Parks
 - \$125,000 pa upgrade of parking meters to take credit cards
 - \$130,000 one-off recovery of court-awarded costs
 - \$60,000 pa ongoing year round swimming & classes due to heated pool enclosure at Glenbrook Swim Centre
 - \$18,000 per annum ongoing RMS service contract

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Strategy 4: Increase Income cont

REVENUE INITIATIVES CASE STUDY: Visitor Information Centres

- ❖ Visitor Information Centres at Glenbrook & Katoomba
- ❖ Historically making \$60,000 annual loss
- Service review identified potential for improvements:
 - centres refurbished
 - better online presence
 - rationalisation of staffing rosters
 - streamlining of stock

RESULT: returned a 1st time profit of \$60,000 in 13/14



Strategy 5: Review and Adjust Services

We implement ongoing & targeted service reviews to ensure best value service provision in accordance with:

BEST VALUE RESOURCE ALLOCATION DECISION MAKING CRITERIA



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Strategy 5: Review and Adjust Services cont

Service areas recently reviewed include:

- ❖ Bulky waste collection = more responsive service better suited to residents needs & reduced ongoing costs
- Sealing of unsealed roads = reduced ongoing costs &improved service delivery
- ❖ Tourist (caravan) Parks = improved customer satisfaction & increased net income

June 2013 Council endorsed a Best Value Service Framework – ongoing continuous review of services

Strategy 5: Review and Adjust Services cont

SERVICE REVIEW CASE STUDY:

Blue Mountains Tourist Parks - Blackheath & Katoomba

Past Performance

- Low levels of income
- ❖ No growth
- Capital investment low
- ❖ Assets dated/poor condition
- Poor customer satisfaction



Old Camp Kitchen at Katoomba



Strategy 5: Review and Adjust Services cont

SERVICE REVIEW CASE STUDY: Blue Mountains Tourist Parks

Review and Upgrade

- Comprehensive service review conducted in 2009
- Potential to increase income with capital investment & rebranding identified
- Renovations & rebranding undertaken
- Industry professionals engaged to actively manage parks' development

New group cabins with disability access



Refurbished Camp Kitchen at Katoomba



Strategy 5: Review and Adjust Services cont

SERVICE REVIEW CASE STUDY: Blue Mountains Tourist Parks

Current Performance

- ❖ Bookings at new record levels
- Customer satisfaction improved

Gross income up by 14% per yr Cumulative net profit - \$1.7M since 2009/10

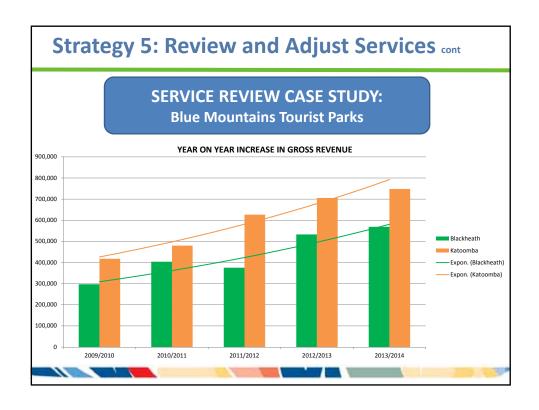












Strategy 6: Increase Advocacy & Partnerships

- **❖** Advocating for fair share of funding & to reduce cost shifting
- Building partnerships to achieve positive outcomes & efficiencies from working together
- Examples include:
 - October 2013 bushfires \$1.8M grant received for community
 - Emergency management with SES & RFS
 - Western Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils
 - Stronger Families Alliance
 - Gully Cooperative Agreement
 - Domestic Squalor Working Group





QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

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Options for A Better Blue Mountains

Council has developed three options for consideration by the community



Option 1: Service Levels Improved



IF YOU CHOOSE OPTION 1 'IMPROVED' WE:

ACHIEVE BETTER BUILT INFRASTRUCTURE

BETTER and SAFER roads, IMPROVED town centres, public toilets and buildings. BETTER footpaths, walking tracks and stormwater drainage.



IMPROVE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

GREATER capacity to prepare for and respond to bushfires, BETTER disaster planning, IMPROVED asset protection zones and fire trail maintenance.



CONTINUE TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT

CONTINUE weed control, water quality monitoring, stormwater pollution control, RESTORE bushland, SUPPORT Bushcare and Landcare programs.



IMPROVE SERVICES TO COMMUNITY

BETTER playing fields, parks, leisure centres, libraries, community facilities. IMPROVED CAPACITY TO SUPPORT community, including those in need.







OUR FUTURE



How will Option 1 affect your rates?

ANNUAL RATE INCREASE (%)	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Rate Peg (allowed annual increase)	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%
Environment Levy (reinstated)	3.6%	-	-	-
Additional Rate Increase	-	6.6%	6.6%	6.6%
Total Annual Increase	6.6%	9.6%	9.6%	9.6%

FOR RESIDENTIAL RATEPAYERS

AVERAGE RATES (incl. rate peg)	Current	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	Av. Increase
Annual Rate	\$1272*	\$1310	\$1436	\$1574	\$1725	-
Annual Increase	-	\$38	\$126	\$138	\$151	\$113
Weekly Increase	-	\$0.73	\$2.42	\$2.65	\$2.90	\$2.18





Option 2: Service Levels Maintained



IF YOU CHOOSE OPTION 2 'MAINTAINED' WE:

ONLY MAINTAIN BUILT INFRASTRUCTURE

21% of built assets STAY IN POOR CONDITION. Funding prioritised to MAINTAIN RATHER THAN RENEW or upgrade and to manage risk.



ONLY RETAIN EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

RETAIN EXISTING CAPACITY to address emergencies. NO IMPROVEMENT.



CONTINUE TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT

CONTINUE weed control, water quality monitoring, stormwater pollution control, RESTORE bushland, SUPPORT Bushcare and Landcare programs.



ONLY MAINTAIN SERVICES TO COMMUNITY

MAINTAIN CURRENT CAPACITY to support and advocate for community services. NO IMPROVEMENT to facilities, funding targeted to manage risk. Possible CLOSURE of facilities if unsafe.







OUR FUTURE



How will Option 2 affect your rates?

ANNUAL RATE INCREASE (%)	2015/16	15/16 2016/17		2018/19
Rate Peg (allowed annual increase)	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%
Environment Levy (reinstated)	3.6%	E	-	-
Additional Rate Increase	2	4.4%	4.4%	4.4%
Total Annual Increase	6.6%	7.4%	7.4%	7.4%

FOR RESIDENTIAL RATEPAYERS

AVERAGE RATES (incl. rate peg)	Current	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	Av. Increase
Annual Rate	\$1272*	\$1310	\$1407	\$1511	\$1623	¥
Annual Increase	-	\$38	\$97	\$104	\$112	\$88
Weekly Increase	-	\$0.73	\$1.87	\$2.00	\$2.15	\$1.69



Option 3: Service Levels Reduced



IF YOU CHOOSE OPTION 3 'REDUCED' WE:

CANNOT FURTHER INVEST IN BUILT INFRASTRUCTURE
WORSE roads, town centres, public toilets, buildings, footpaths and drainage.



CANNOT IMPROVE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

LESS CAPACITY to prepare for and respond to emergencies such as bushfires. More fire trails and asset protection zones in poor condition.



CANNOT CONTINUE CURRENT CAPACITY TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT

NO water quality monitoring, LESS weed control, LESS restoration of bushland, habitat and waterways, LESS stormwater pollution control.



CANNOT IMPROVE SERVICES TO COMMUNITY

WORSE community and recreation facilities, LESS CAPACITY to support and advocate for community services. CLOSURE of unsafe facilities.







OUR FUTURE How will Option 3 affect your rates? ANNUAL RATE INCREASE (%) 2015/16 2016/17 2017/18 2018/19 Rate Peg Increase Only 3.0% 3.0% 3.0% 3.0% Environment Levy (not continued) **Total Annual Increase** 3.0% 3.0% 3.0% 3.0% FOR RESIDENTIAL RATEPAYERS

AVERAGE RATES (incl. rate peg) 2015/16 2016/17 2017/18 2018/19 Av. Increase Current Annual Rate \$1272* \$1266 \$1304 \$1343 \$1383 -\$6** Annual Increase \$38 \$39 \$40 \$28 \$1.73 Weekly Increase -\$0.12 \$1.75 \$1.77 \$0.53

OVERVIEW OF OPTIONS

Option 1: Service Levels Improved

Stops decline in built assets

Maintain capacity to look after environment

Option 2: Service Levels Maintained

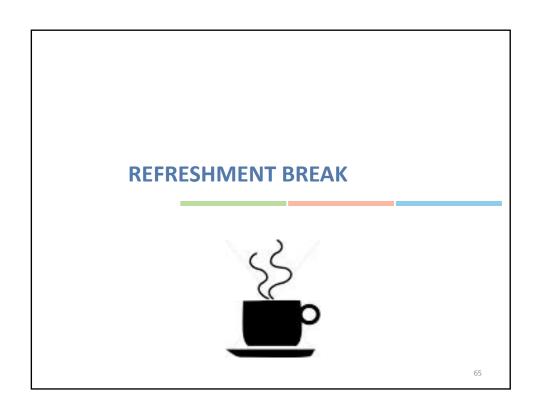
Stabilise decline in built assets at 21% in poor condition Maintain capacity to look after environment

❖ Option 3: Service Levels Reduced

Built assets in poor condition rise from 21% to 37% Priority focus on managing risk

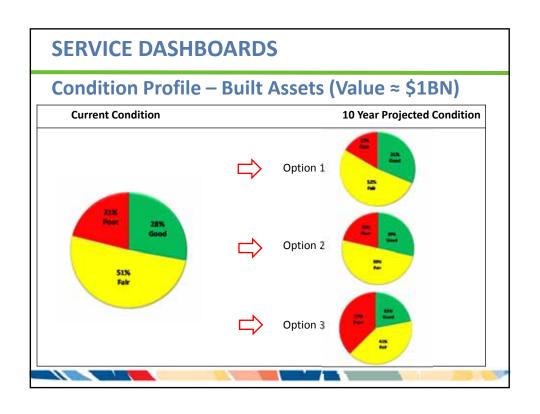
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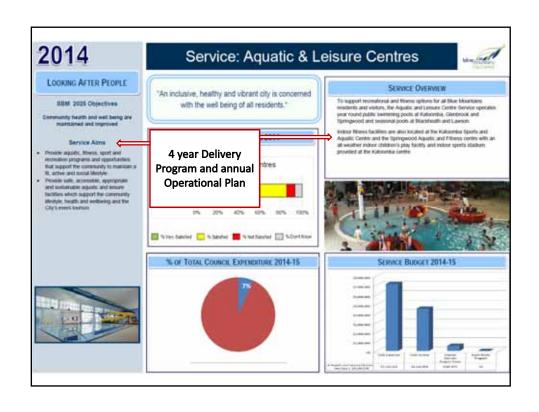


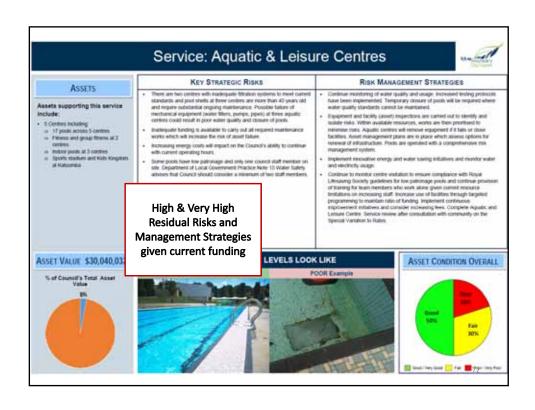


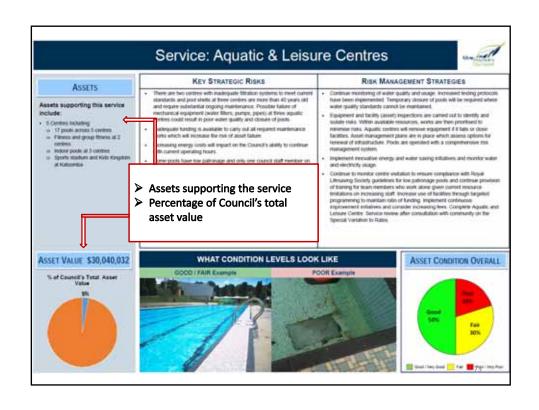


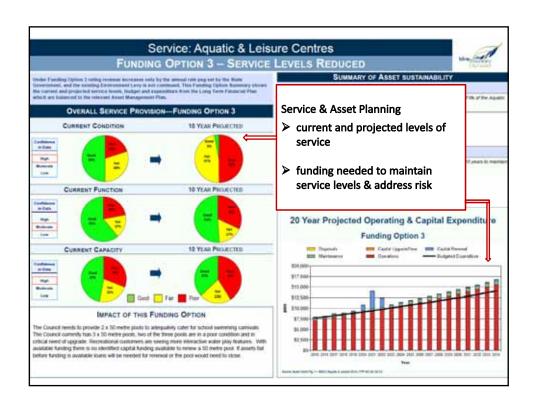
SERVICE DASHBOARDS Balancing Service Levels to Available Funding Where the costs (vertical bars) are greater than available funding (black line) then current practices and service delivery will be reviewed for best value and affordability Capital Upgrade/New Capital Renewal Operations - Budgeted Expenditure **PROJECTED EXPENDITURE PROJECTED** (required to **FUNDING** manage risk AVAILABLE \$ \$150,000 & maintain (LTFP) service levels)

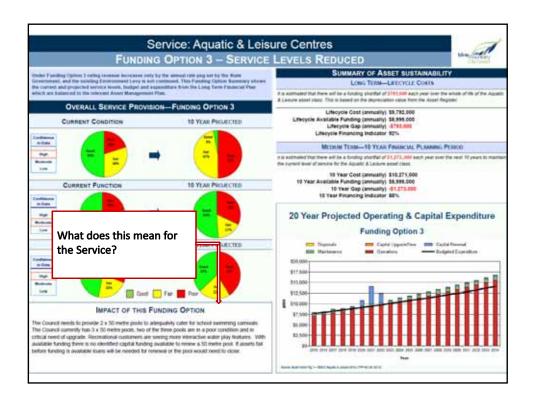












Overview of areas impacted by options



1. Built infrastructure

- Town Centres Service
- Transport & Public Access Service
- Water Resource Management Service



2. Emergency preparedness & response

• Emergency Management Service



3. Environment

- Natural Environment Service
- Sport & Recreation Service (Natural Area Visitor Facilities)



4. Community

- Aquatic & Leisure Centre Service
- Community Development Service
- Cultural Development Service
- Libraries & Information Service
- Sport & Recreation Service (Recreation Facilities)

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OUR FUTURE Workbooks to be Storouth / Kimorte / Lavon/ Sprig completed A ASSESSOR TRANSPORT AND PROPERTY OF PROPERTY THE REPORT OF TRANSPORT 1. BUILT INFRASTRUCTURE PREFERRED SERVICE LEVEL & COMMENTS PRIORITY **FUNDING OPTION** (If any) H/M/L (High /Medium / Low) (TICK ONE) SERVICE 1. IMPROVE 2. MAINTAIN 3. REDUCE 1.1 Town Centres (Public toilets, streetscapes, cleansing, seating, landscaping)





Built Infrastructure: Town Centres Service

Council.....

- Provides vibrant, safe, accessible & well maintained town centres
- Implements innovative & sustainable urban design
- Supports Chambers of Commerce, village associations & volunteers
- Implements initiatives to reduce crime, vandalism and graffiti in town centres



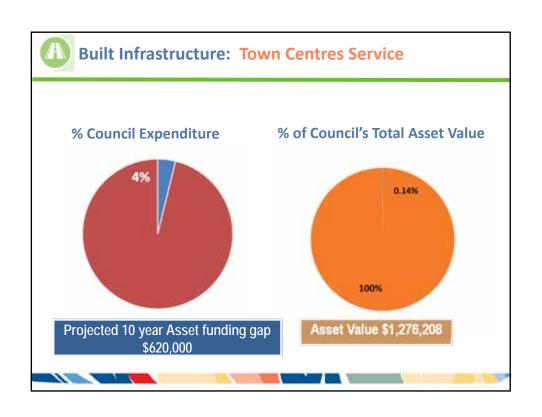
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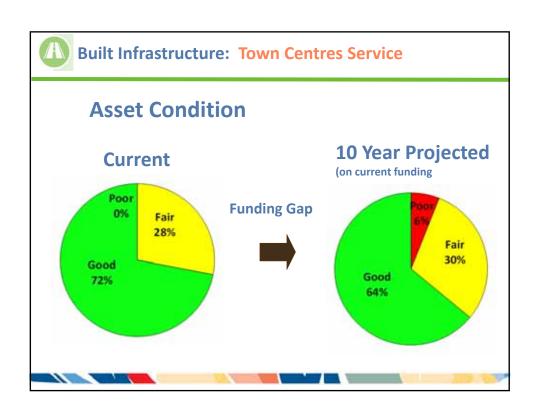


Built Infrastructure: Town Centres Service

Assets

- 189 litter bins
- 245 street furniture assets
- 25 community notice boards
- 1,087m2 garden beds
- 7 town centre public toilets and 80 public toilets throughout the city
- 1 shelter shed
- 1 commuter car park (Springwood)





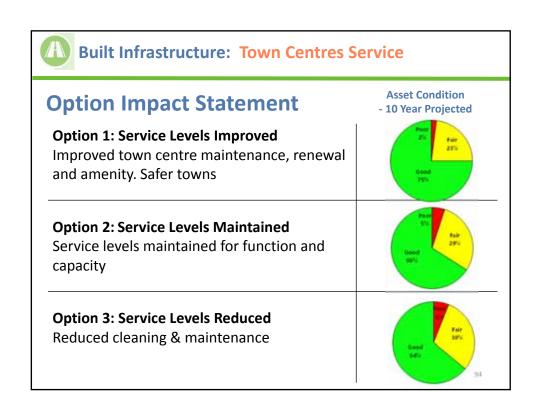


Built Infrastructure: Town Centres Service

Risks of Current Funding Projections (Option 3)

Amenity, vitality and viability of town centres reduced

- Inability to repair malicious damage reducing sense of safety
- Increased trip & slip hazards due to ageing footpaths
- Increased traffic congestion, inadequate parking
- Poor appearance of town centre assets
- Ageing street trees may damage property
- Inability to ensure volunteer town and village improvement groups comply with Work Health & Safety regulations





Built Infrastructure: Transport & Public Access Service

Council...

- Provides choices for moving around that are safe, inclusive & efficient
- Works closely with Roads & Maritime Service (RMS), RailCorp & other agencies to achieve best transport outcomes including widening of Great Western Highway

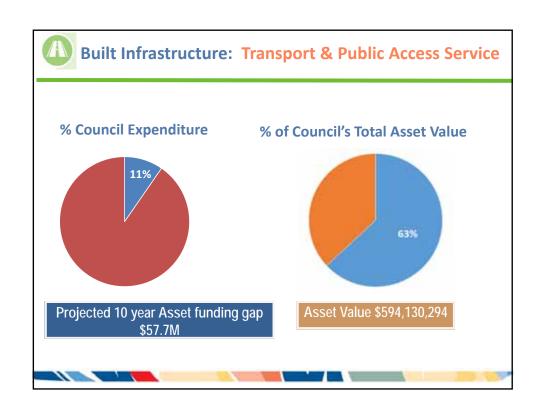


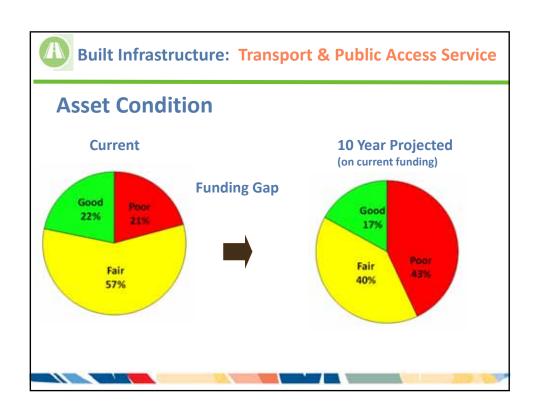


Built Infrastructure: Transport & Public Access Service

- 681 km sealed road pavement
- 65 km unsealed road pavement
- 175km footpaths
- 523km Kerb and gutter
- 31 bridges
- >73,000sqm sealed carparks

- 18,097m guardrails
- 13,680 signs
- 68 marked crossings
- 19 roundabouts
- 41 pedestrian refuges
- 33 wombat crossings
- 151 bus shelters



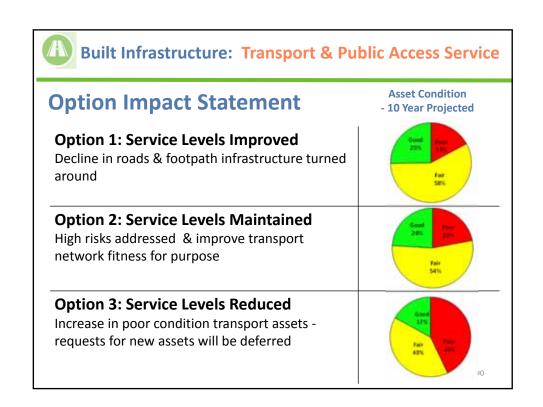




Built Infrastructure: Transport & Public Access Service

- Road deterioration and/or failure
- Reduction in reseal grants
- Failure of supporting road infrastructure
- Increasing safety issues due to inadequate street lighting, sightlines, guardrails etc
- Failure of footpaths & road shoulders
- Inability to comply with disability discrimination & RMS standards
- Increasing sediment run off into natural areas/flooding issues







Built Infrastructure: Water Resource Management

Council....

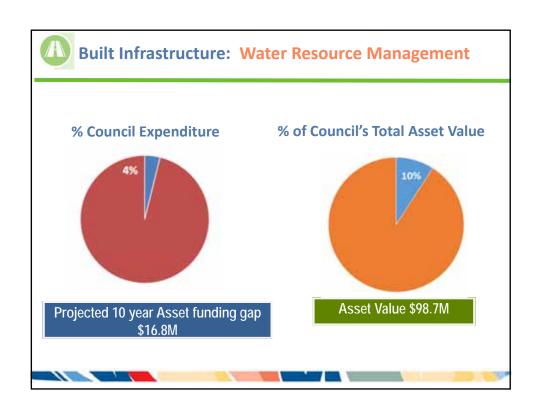
- Manages local flooding
- Manages water as a valuable & sustainable resource
- ❖ Mitigate stormwater impacts on natural environment & built assets

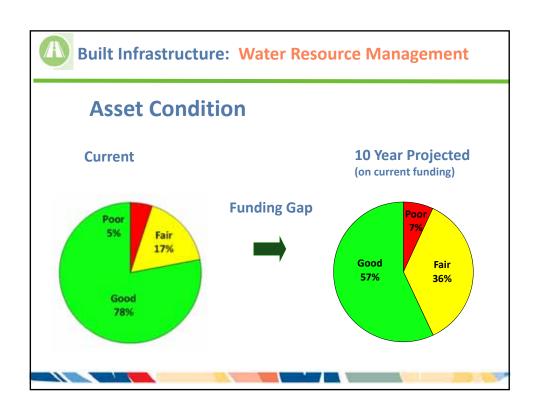




Built Infrastructure: Water Resource Management

- 153km Pipes
- 7,935 Pits
- 53km Open Channels
- 2,686 Headwalls
- 204 Stormwater Quality Improvement Devices





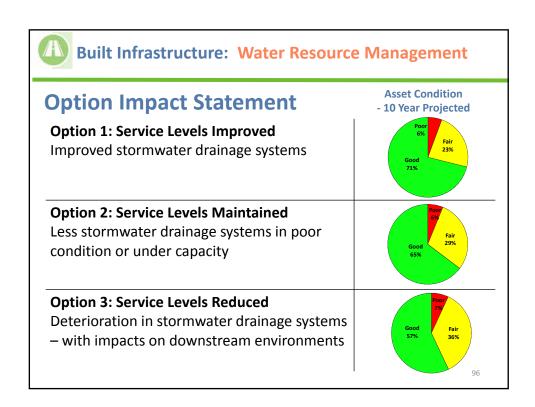


Built Infrastructure: Water Resource Management

Risks of Current Funding Projections (Option 3)

Water quality in the natural environment reduced

- Unable to provide, maintain, renew or upgrade stormwater infrastructure – resulting in property damage or injury from flooding
- Non compliance with NSW Government Floodplain Development Manual for flood prone land



Built Infrastructure Expenditure Summary OPTION 1: OPTION 2: SERVICE LEVELS IMPROVED SERVICE LEVELS MAINTAINED \$47.3 million over 10 years including: \$33.0 million over 10 years including: \$37.8M for \$9.5M for: \$24.9M for: \$8.1 million for: • Renewal & • Town centre As for Option 1 but As for Option 1 but maintenance of with \$12.9 million maintenance with \$1.4 million sealed roads less funding for less funding for • Tree management required: required: Road shoulder • Town centre • Public toilet work Renewal and infrastructure maintenance of upgrade in town Stormwater • Building sealed road centres management compliance network • Building cleansing • Renewal of aging • Public toilet Stormwater bridges • Building renewals upgrade management Footpath renewal • Building cleansing, infrastructure • Bus stop disability maintenance and Traffic facility renewal access upgrades renewal Stormwater Footpath renewal management



2. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS & RESPONSE

2.1 Emergency Management Service





Emergency Preparedness & Response: Emergency Management Service

Council....

- Builds the City's resilience to bushfires & other emergency events
- Delivers a range of bushfire & emergency management services to meet statutory obligations
- Works in close partnership with other agencies such as RFS & SES



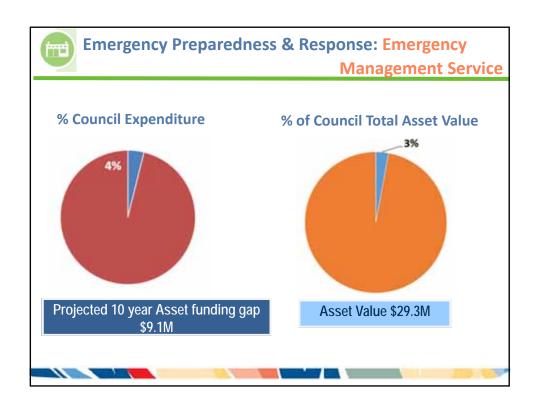


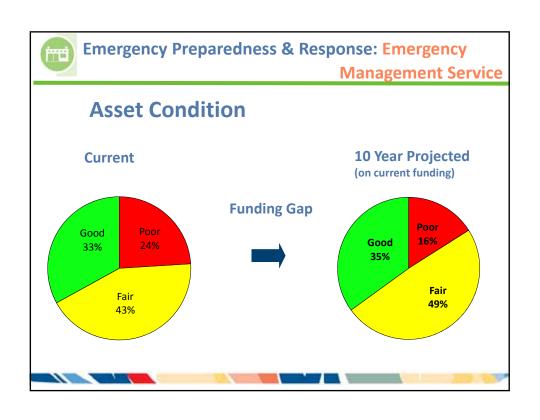
Emergency Preparedness & Response: Emergency

Management Service

- ❖ 26 Emergency buildings comprising:
 - Katoomba Emergency Services Centre
 - 24 Rural Fire Service buildings
 - 1 State Emergency Service building
- ❖ RFS Vehicle Fleet
- ❖ Fire mitigation assets including:
 - 300 Asset Protection Zones (APZs)
 - 63kms of Fire Trails





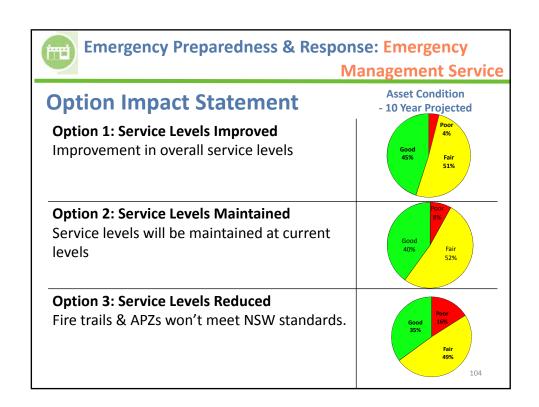




Emergency Preparedness & Response: Emergency Management Service

- Capacity to delivery emergency management programs is reduced
- Lack of, or failing, asset protection zones or fire trails as a result of inadequate funding
- Unplanned events (including natural disasters) will disrupt the Council's business & compromises it's ability to deliver core services





Emergency Response & Preparedness Expenditure Summary OPTION 1: OPTION 2: SERVICE LEVELS IMPROVED **SERVICE LEVELS MAINTAINED** \$4.5 million for: \$2.0 million for: Disaster and emergency As for Option 1, but with \$2.5 management planning million less funding for required: • Bushfire impact preparedness and prevention High priority Asset Protection Zone works • Asset Protection Zone high priority works • Fire trail maintenance programs • Improved cyclic maintenance of fire trails





Environment: Natural Environment Service

Council....

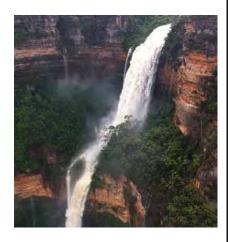
- Undertakes weed control
- ❖ Restores bushland
- Monitors & restores waterways
- Engages community
- Partners with community & other agencies

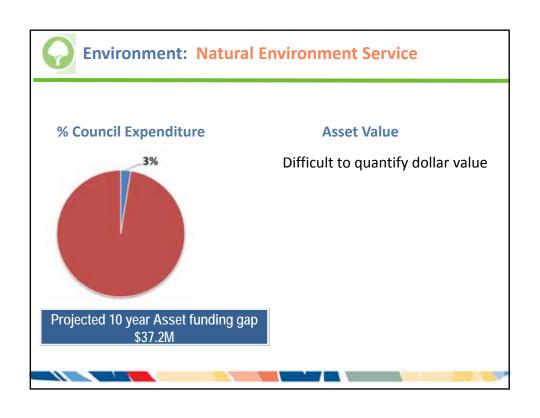


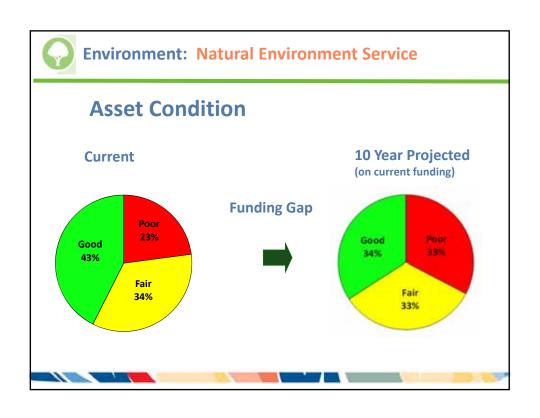


Environment: Natural Environment Service

- 10,000 hectares of Terrestrial Ecosystems
- 317 km creeklines
- 2 open water bodies (Glenbrook Lagoon & Wentworth Falls Lake)





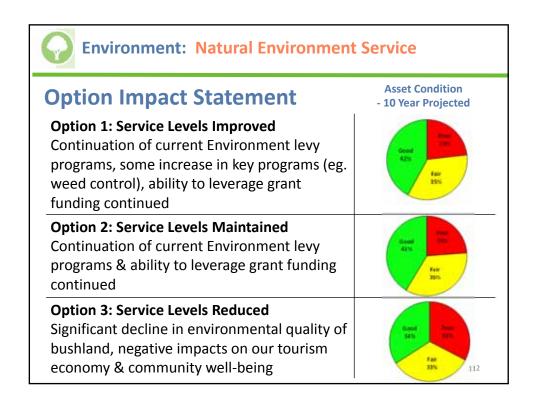




Environment: Natural Environment Service

- Significant decline in bushland quantity
- Loss of species
- Increasing weed invasion & erosion
- Reduction in water quality
- Inability to attract external funds
- significant future restoration costs
- Decline volunteer support
- Impacts on tourist economy





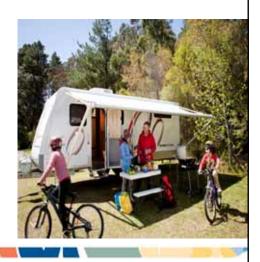


Environment: Sport & Recreation Service - NAVF

Council....

Builds & maintains walking tracks, lookouts, campgrounds & picnic areas

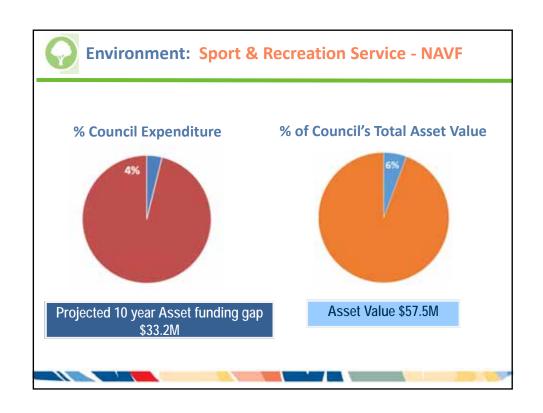


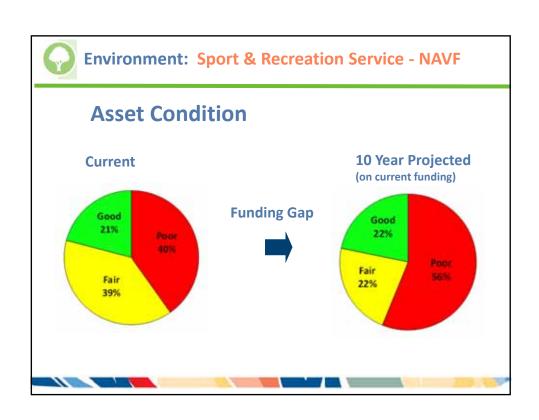




Environment: Sport & Recreation Service - NAVF

- Approx. 120km walking tracks
- Approx. 85 lookouts
- 5 campgrounds
- Picnic areas

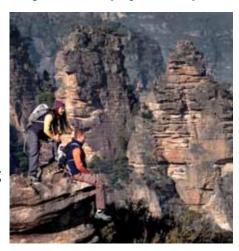


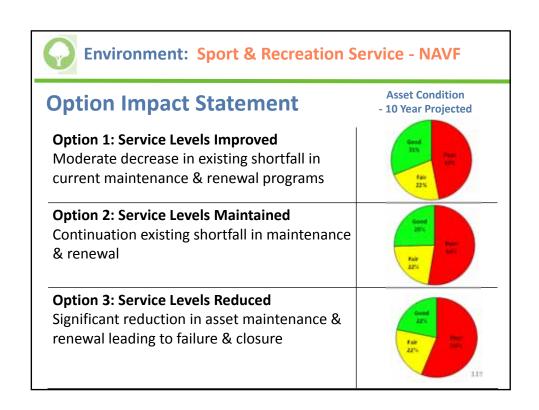




Environment: Sport & Recreation Service - NAVF

- Continuing deterioration of tracks & lookouts
- ❖ Failure & closure of assets
- Assets damaged by natural disasters will not be repaired
- Resultant impacts on community health, wellbeing
 local economy





Environment Expenditure Summary				
OPTION 1:		OPTION 2:		
SERVICE LEVELS IMPROVED		SERVICE LEVELS MAINTAINED		
\$22.5 million including:		\$19.3 million including		
\$11.7M for	\$10.8M for:	\$11.4M for:	\$7.9M for:	
 Weed control 	 Walking tracks 	As for Option 1 but	As for Option 1,	
 Waterways and water 	and lookouts	with \$0.3 million	but with \$2.9	
quality monitoring	Improvements	less funding for	million less	
 Stormwater pollution 	to natural	required:	funding for	
control	area visitor	High risk	required:	
 Bushland restoration, 	facilities	environmental	High risk	
Bushcare &Landcare		program areas	walking track &	
programs			natural area	
 Wildlife habitat 			visitor facility	
restoration &			renewals	
protection of rare &			 Walking track 	
unique species			maintenance	
Environmental				
education				





4. Community & Recreation cont

4.4 Libraries & Information Service







4.5 Sport and Recreation Service (Recreation Facilities)









Community & Recreation: Aquatic & Leisure Service

Council....

- Provides aquatic, fitness, sport & recreation programs
- Provides safe, accessible, appropriate & sustainable aquatic & leisure facilities

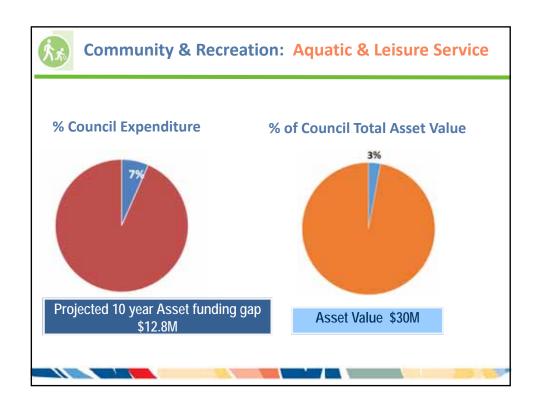


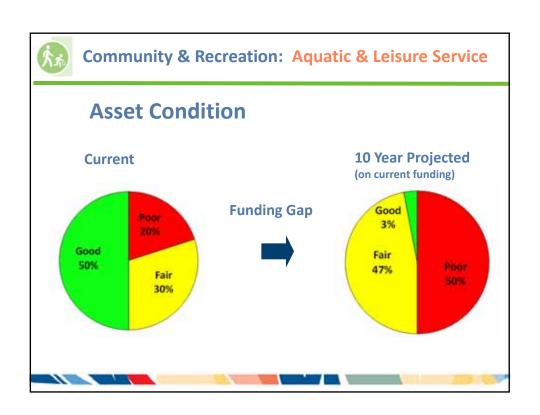


Community & Recreation: Aquatic & Leisure Service

- ❖ 5 Centres including:
 - 17 pools across 5 centres
 - Fitness and group fitness at 2 centres
 - Indoor pools at 3 centres
 - Sports stadium & Kids Kingdom at Katoomba





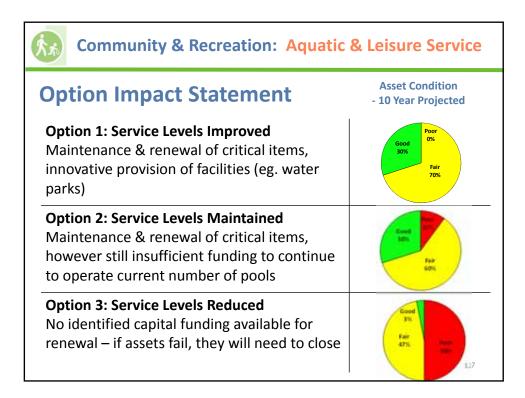




Community & Recreation: Aquatic & Leisure Service

- Possible failure pools resulting in poor water quality & closure of pools
- Increasing energy costs will impact on ability to continue current operating hours
- Some pools have low patronage & only one Council staff member on site







Community & Recreation: Community DevelopmentService

Council....

- Develops & delivers plans to address social needs
- Builds preventative community policies & programs
- Provides halls & other facilities
- Collaborates with State & Federal agencies to ensure residents (esp. disadvantaged & vulnerable) have access to services & facilities





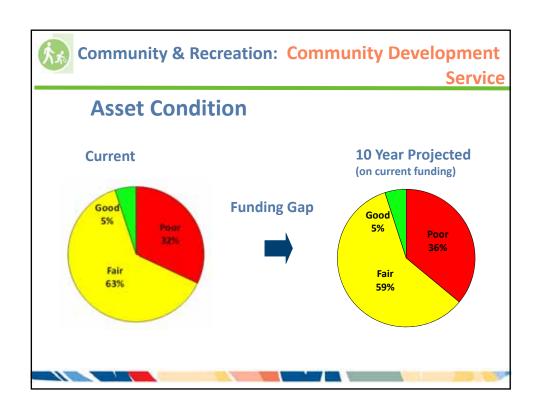
Assets Supporting this Service include:

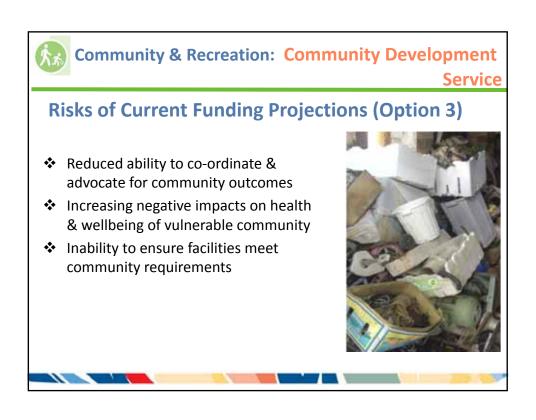
- 15 Public Halls and meeting places
- ❖ 5 community centres with accessible toilet facilities
- ❖ 12 child care buildings
- ❖ 3 pre school buildings
- ❖ Blue Mountains Theatre and Community Hub—Springwood



Service







Community & Recreation: Community Development Service Option Impact Statement Option 1: Service Levels Improved Increased funds for upgrade, renewal & maintenance of community buildings Option 2: Service Levels Maintained Additional funds for renewal & maintenance of community buildings Option 3: Service Levels Reduced Reduced service levels as funds are directed to the highest risk areas



Community & Recreation: Cultural Development Service

Council....

- Supports arts & cultural activities, events & festivals & local heritage
- Manages cultural development programs
- Provides cultural facilities

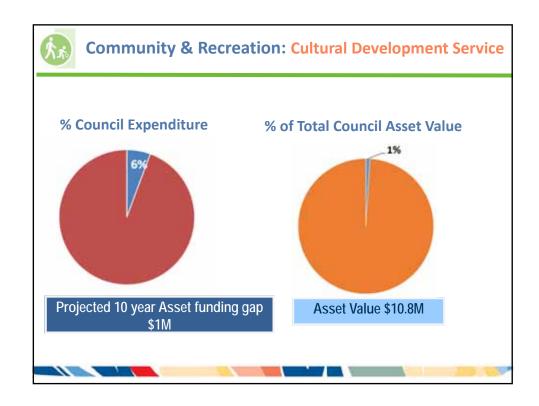


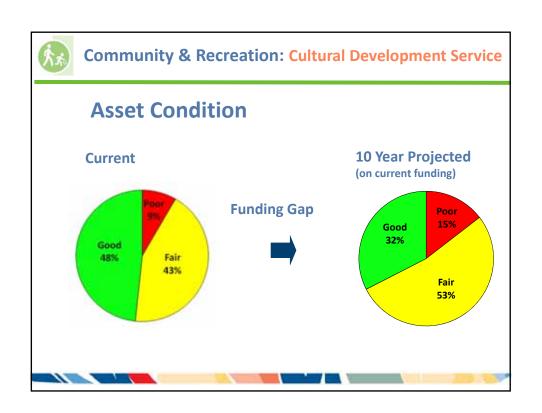


Community & Recreation: Cultural Development

- 4 Community buildings used primarily for the arts
- Blue Mountains Cultural Centre
- Blue Mountains Theatre and Community Hub—Springwood
- 20 sculptures
- 25 Cenotaph/war memorials
- 16 Obelisks
- 7 Artefacts
- Numerous smaller Cultural Physical Assets





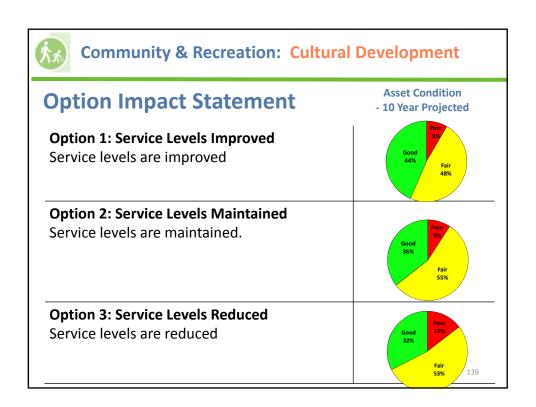




Community & Recreation: Cultural Development Service

- Events & festivals run by community groups may decrease
- Unauthorised events may increase due to increased costs for venue hire & increasing regulatory requirements from NSW Government (e.g. traffic management plans).
- Loss of physical cultural heritage if not adequately maintained
- Loss of social heritage







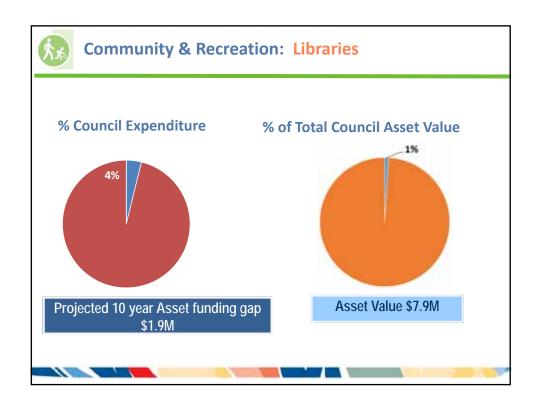
Community & Recreation: Libraries

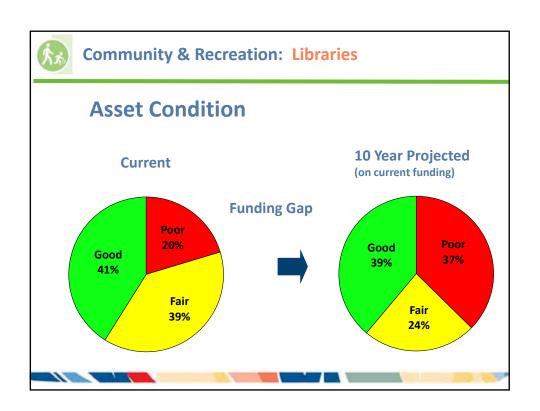
Council....

- Provides libraries so people can relax, study and come together
- Ensures relevance of library collection for its information & value
- Provides enriching experiences through a program of events







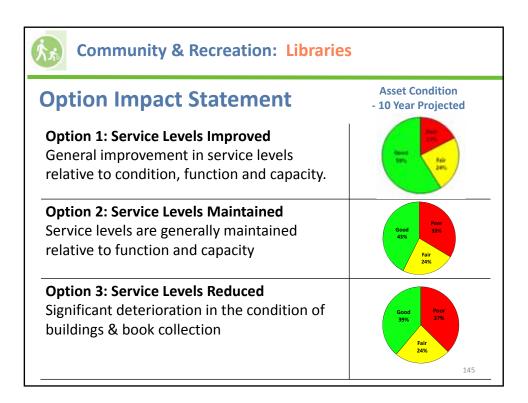




Community & Recreation: Libraries

Risks of Current Funding Projections (Option 3)

- Deterioration in library service provision
- ❖ Example quality of the book collection
- Deteroriation in appearance & condition of library buildings





Community & Recreation: Sport & Recreation – Recreational Facilities

Council....

 Provides sport & recreation opportunities & facilities for healthy communities & social engagement





Community & Recreation: Sport & Recreation – Recreational Facilities

Risks

- Ongoing decline in general appearance of parks and reduced useability
- Failing built assets in park recreational areas could result in risk to users.
- Public toilet facilities in some parks are lacking or in poor condition

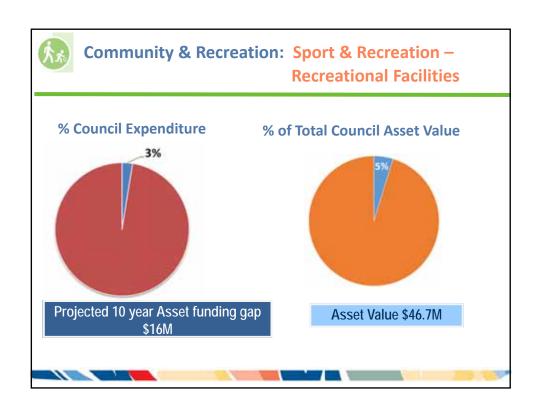


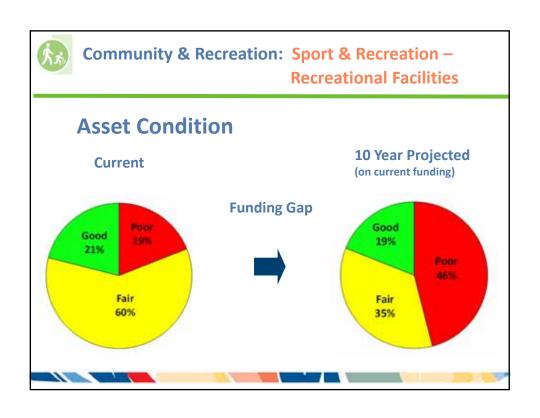


Community & Recreation: Sport & Recreation – Recreational Facilities

Assets Supporting this Service include:

- ❖ 105 Parks
- 72 sporting amenities, club houses and public toilet buildings
- ❖ 75 shelters and sheds
- ❖ 35 Playing Fields (including 6 mini fields) at 22 locations
- ❖ 6 Skate Parks
- ❖ 66 Sports Courts
- ❖ 54 play equipment settings







Community & Recreation: Sport & Recreation – Recreational Facilities

Risks of Current Funding Projections (Option 3)

- Deterioration of park & sportsground assets
- Unsafe equipment & recreational settings removed
- Reduced maintenance and amenity



Community & Recreation: Sport & Recreation – Recreational Facilities					
Option Impact Statement	Asset Condition - 10 Year Projected				
Option 1: Service Levels Improved Renewal of some assets and improved function & capacity	100 mm				
Option 2: Service Levels Maintained Capacity to replace some assets when required	Em Ton 1970				
Option 3: Service Levels Reduced Increase in poor condition assets, with removal of unsafe assets	Tank Tank Tank Tank Tank Tank Tank Tank				

OPTION 1: SERVICE LEVELS IMPROVED		OPTION 2: SERVICE LEVELS MAINTAINED			
\$24.2 million including:		\$16.0 million including:			
\$9.4M for:	\$5.0M for:	\$5.6M for:	\$4.6M for:		
 Sporting facility operating costs Priority areas for renewal of sporting surfaces, equipment, buildings & toilets Park Revitalisation Program 	 Swimming pool renewal and infrastructure priorities 	As for Option 1 but with \$3.8 million less funding for required: • Renewal, maintenance and upgrade of parks, sports grounds and playing surfaces	As for Option 1, but with \$0.4 million less funding for required swimming pool renewal, and infrastructure priorities		
\$9.8M for:		\$5.8M for:			
Renewal, maintenance & operation of		As for Option 1, but with \$4.0 million less funding for required: Community facilities renewal & upgrade Community development programs to improve social outcomes Community building cleansing			

QUESTIONS & COMMENTS



Draft Interim Waste Strategy

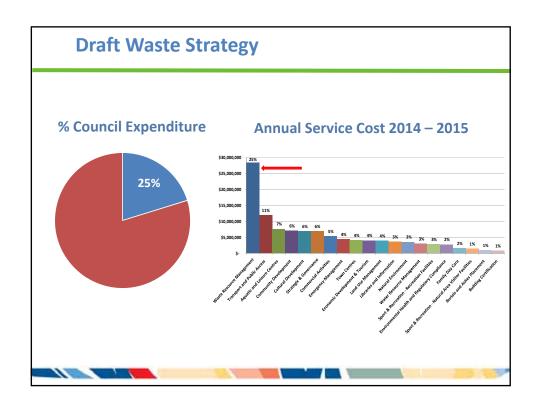
Draft Waste Strategy

- Currently on public exhibition until 8 September
- Presents best value assessment for future management of waste
- Options considered financial implications to rate payers

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Service Summary

- Katoomba Waste Management Facility
- Blaxland Waste Management Facility
 - 55,000 tonnes per year managed at both sites
- Household kerbside services
 - 70,000 services every week
 - Weekly garbage collection
 - Weekly recycling collection
 - Booked bulky waste and chipping services
- Construction material recycling
 - 20,000 tonnes per year



Achievements Waste landfilled since 2002 & 5 year projection To,000 840,000 10,000 20,000

Draft Waste Strategy

Service Funding

- Self funding service
- Not subject to rate pegging
- Waste fees and charges generate enough income to cover the actual cost of the service
- Reasonable cost requirement in Local Government Act

How do you pay?

- Domestic Waste
 Management Charge pays
 for household services –
 shows as a separate charge
 on your Rates Notice
- Gate fees pay for operating the Blaxland and Katoomba Waste Management Facilities
- Fees for additional kerbside services, eg: booked services



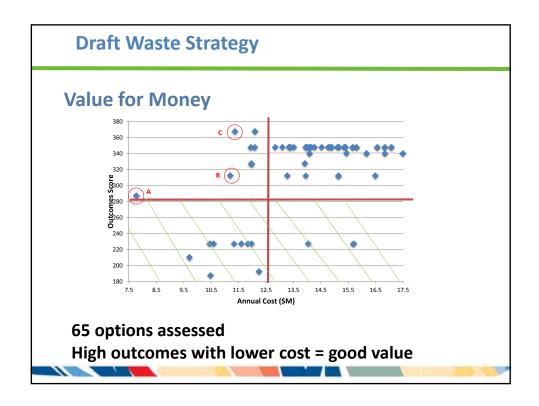
Draft Waste Strategy

Challenges

- Limited landfill life
- Emerging technology
- Changes to legislation
- Increasing waste
- Keeping costs affordable and services efficient



- Provides a comprehensive overview of the service
- Short term to respond and adapt to a dynamic legislation and policy environment
- Waste Options Study considered many options and included cost modelling & community consultation to assess those options



Top 3 Options for Household Waste	Total Annual Cost in 2020-21	Indicative Annual Cost per H'hold in 2013-14	WMF Gate fee impact (per tonne)	Landfill life	\$ per extra year of landfill life
Current Service WEEKLY / X X Y / HORITMOHILY X X	\$11M	\$362p/a	\$247	2030 (approx 40,000 tonnes p/a)	351
New Green Bin WEXAY - V X V X V	\$14.5M	Extra \$103 (\$465p/a)	\$320	14,000 tonnes p/a diverted = 2033	\$22M
Garbage to ext. AWT WEEKLY V X X	\$14.1M	Extra \$94 (\$456p/a)	\$398	23,600 tonnes p/a diverted = 2038	\$10M

Actions to Further Improve Value for Money

- Regional tender for recycling collection & possible green bin option
- Pursue regional partnerships
- Landfill gas management system

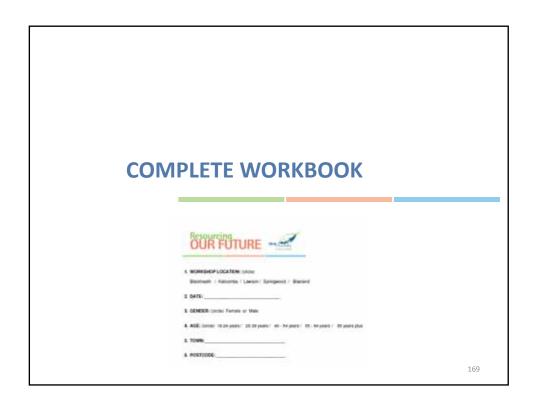


Actions to Further Improve Value for Money

- Increase recycling from bulky waste
- Investigate alternative models for operating Blaxland WMF
- Construct Resource Recovery Centre at Blaxland WMF
- Improve resident practices through education & capacity building, eg home composting
- Advocate for improve services and less costs

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