

Council Action Plan 2023-24



	Off track
	Monitor
	On track
*	Projects carried forward

Enhance Lifestyles and Community				
Action	Adopted Due Date	Forecast Due Date	Current Status	Comments
Wellness and Welfare				
Deliver Central Park Football Changerooms *	Jun-23	Mar-24		Tender awarded. Site preparation and asbestos removal completed. Demolition started 2 August 2023 and project on track.
Undertake a Drainage Improvement Works Program	Jun-23	Jun-24		On track.
Undertake a Kerb and Channel Improvement Program	Jun-23	Jun-24		On track.
Design Central Park Netball Courts	Jun-24	Jun-24		Stawell FNC are presenting to Council briefing 21/8. Decision by Council September.
Upgrade Central Park Netball Changerooms	Jun-25	Jun-25		Site preparation completed. Refurbishment (Existing Building) scheduled to started mid-August.
Improve pedestrian safety in the St Arnaud Civic Precinct Market Square Carpark	Jun-24	Jun-24		Pre-Prep Modular Building installation will see pedestrian safety considered in future design.
Deliver design for Navarre Recreation Reserve Facility Upgrades *	Jun-23	Dec-23		Planning and Preparation underway.
SSAC Concept Design and Schematic	Jun-23	May-24		Tender is going to Council forwarding the contract in September.
Resurface the North Park Precinct Tennis Courts	Jun-24	Jun-24		Procurement underway. On track.
Enhance the Lord Nelson Park Sporting Club *	Jun-23	Oct-23		Quotes obtained July 2023. Meeting held

				with St Arnaud Sporting Club 25/7 to finalise the appropriate equipment and Bendigo Stadium CEO to advise. Order pending confirmation.
Design the Great Western Football & Netball Clubrooms and Lighting *	Jun-23	Jun-23		Design in progress.
Develop a new Stuart Mill Community Plan *	Jun-24	Jun-24		Due to resources deployed to community flood recovery efforts, Stuart Mill Community Plan is on hold.
Renew Heritage Trail signage *	Jun-23	Nov-23		Signs obtained. Installation due September 2023.
Review of the Early Learning Centre *	Jun-23	Nov-23		Delayed taking account of Pre-Prep service and is currently underway and will be completed in November.
Undertake a Community Care Service Review *	Jun-23	Oct-23		Review underway and expected to be completed in October.
Deliver a Sport and Active Recreation Strategy *	Jun-23	Sep-23		Delays due to extended engagement period required to solicit more community input (over 200 responses gained). Draft Strategy expected to deliver by the end of August.
Protect key heritage buildings and precincts *	Jun-23	Sep-23		Project delayed due to resourcing. Contractor will be appointed to progress the project.
Conduct Heritage Study Review *	Jun-23	Jun-24		Stage 1 Environmental Thematic Review underway. Stage 2 Statement of Significance is unlikely to be delivered before December 2023.
Adopt the Navarre Recreation Reserve Precinct Master plan *	Jun-22	Dec-23		The bring forward of detailed design for Navarre Rec Reserve (in response to funding) has delayed the completion of the

				Master Plan. The Master plan is required to confirm future any plans for the precinct.
Deliver the North Park Precinct Skate Park *	Mar-23	Sep-23		Opening event 16 September 2023.
Cultural Awareness training and develop a protocol *	Jun-23	Jun-24		Planning and preparation on hold with the delivery date to be reviewed.
Improving Connectivity				
Support Schools to create their own Transport Safety Management Plans	Jun-24	Jun-24		Not due to start until January 2024.
Undertake a Footpath Improvement Program	Jun-24	Jun-24		On track.
Undertake a Major Rural Roads Improvement Program	Jun-24	Jun-24		On track.
Undertake a Rural Residential Road Improvement Program	Jun-24	Jun-24		On track.
Undertake a Town Road Sealing Improvement Program	Jun-24	Jun-24		On track.
Undertake an Urban Residential Road Improvement Program	Jun-24	Jun-24		On track.
Undertake the Great Western Trail Stage 1 - Trail Delivery *	Dec-22	Dec-23		Stage 1 & Stage 2 is close to completion. CHMP works to be finalised before commencement of Stage 3 works.
Undertake a Stawell flood study *	Jun-24	Jun-24		Initial work commenced and community engaging expected to start soon.
Undertake a Marnoo flood study *	Jun-22	Oct-23		Final documentation and flood mapping complete. Seeking Council endorsement.
Deliver Open Space and Active Transport Plan *	Jun-23	Oct-23		Engagement complete. Drafting in progress.
Advocate for new and existing spaces for arts and culture activities *	Jun-23	Jun-24		Gatherings 2023 projects funded by State Government.
Protecting the Natural Environment				
Implement the Walkers Lake Management Plan - Historical Plaque Project	Jun-24	Jun-24		Completed.
Implement the Walkers Lake Management Plan - Access, Tracks and Signage *	Jun-23	Jun-23		Management Plan adopted in November 2022. Currently procuring fending, mapping of EPB and FFG listed species and communities and site plan.

Container Deposit Scheme Implementation *	Jun-24	Jun-24		The State Government has announced the Container Deposit Scheme to begin in November 2023. Tomra have been allocated to run the Container Deposit Scheme within our region and are in talks with Council about potential locations for reverse vending machines for bottle and can recycling.
Establish a Transition Plan for a Glass Recycling Collection Service	Jun-24	Jun-24		Planning is ongoing. Council's new waste contract will consider glass collection options and implementation timeframes.
Transfer Station Upgrade - Deliver Glass Bins *	Dec-22	Dec-23		Concrete pads installed and bin trailers ordered and being fabricated.
Investigate and prepare for a separate Food Organic and Garden Organic (FOGO) waste collection *	Jun-23	Jun-24		Planning is ongoing. FOGO Trail to take place in St Arnaud to better understand the nature of material received through a FOGO kerb side collection and establish a means to manage and process locally.
Undertake Food & Green Organic Waste Composting Trial *	Jun-23	Jun-24		Trial to conclude in 2024. Bins delivered with the wrong lids and no wheels which has delayed the roll out of bins to residents. Due to begin in August.
Deliver Public Place Recycling in high use areas *	Dec-22	Dec-23		Bins enclosures being fabricated. Due for roll out in September.
Advancing Education				
Develop a Youth Strategy *	Jun-23	Jun-24		Strategy development underway.

Boost Economic Growth				
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Boosting Tourism				
Deliver the Grampians Peaks Trail Halls Gap connection *	Jun-23	Jun-24		Parks Victoria led project. Design endorsement and consent to be sort at the September Council meeting.
Implement St Arnaud and Stawell Tourism Strategy Action Plans *	Jun-23	Jun-23		Brand identify tool kit and collateral in progress.
Support Victoria's Goldfields to be given UNESCO World Heritage status *	Jun-23	Jun-25		In progress.
Building more Housing				
Housing Stocktake	Jun-24	Jun-24		Planning and Preparation underway.
Deliver Sloane St Trunk Infrastructure, Stawell *	Jun-23	Sep-23		Delay due to Contractor defects. Ratification of defect due in August with final commissioning of infrastructure in early September.
Investigate Urban Growth opportunities and constraints to accommodate long term housing supply in Stawell *	Jun-23	Jun-24		Technical work underway.
Develop a St Arnaud Structure Plan *	Jun-23	Sep-23		Final amendments being made. Council decision at September Meeting.
Continue to work with Passive Place on the delivery of the Sloane Street Development *	Jun-23	Jun-24		Officers monitoring adherence to contractual milestones and supporting planning requirements where able. A key advocacy project.

Growing Local Businesses

Advocate for funding the Halls Gap Heath Street Bridge *	Jun-23	Jun-23		Detailed designs being worked up that will feed into funding ask from State and Federal Governments.
Determine feasible value-add opportunities to the agriculture sector *	Jun-23	Jun-23		On hold following ELT advice to focus on Feasibility of Poultry expansion.
Advocate for an outer township gateway at the proposed London Road intersection, Stawell *	Jun-23	Jun-25		Western Hwy Duplication Section 3 identified as a key advocacy project in preparation for renewed advocacy with the State and Federal Governments.
Upgrade B-Double routes	Jun-24	Jun-24		On track.
Deliver Stawell Airport Runway Lighting Upgrade *	Mar-23	Dec-23		Sourcing quotes for the install of lighting.
Review the Northern Grampians Shire Council Stawell Aerodrome Master plan *	Dec-22	Oct-23		Draft being finalised.
Develop a Priority Investment Prospectus *	Dec-22	Dec-23		Regional Tourism Investment Prospectus complete and adopted by Council. Consultant engaged to update the Industry Wide 2018 Investment Prospectus underway.
Undertake Heath St Bridge detailed design *	Jun-23	Nov-23		Initial concept in review.
Advocate to State and Commonwealth Governments for the implementation of key recommendations in the Wimmera Southern Mallee Regional Digital Plan *	Jun-22	Jun-24		Featured in Council's Forward Advocacy Plan however no direct advocacy opportunities are currently available.
Explore options for improved wayfinding (incl. signage and local information) along key urban routes	Jun-24	Jun-24		Project brief prepared. Quotes being sought.
Secure funding of the Halls Gap commercial centre Rear Laneway Commercial Expansion	Jun-24	Jun-24		Featured in Council's Forward Advocacy Plan however no direct advocacy opportunities are currently available.
Establish land use precincts along the Western Highway, Stawell *	Jun-23	Jun-23		Off track. Project pending resource availability (shared Planning resources)

				b/t Stat and Strategic Planning to be advertised).
Undertake a Bridges and Major Culvert renewal program	Jun-24	Jun-24		Work started on Landsborough Rd Bridge. Further design work is required to progress the remainder of the program.
Migration Support	Jun-24	Jun-24		Migration support identified as a key advocacy project in preparation for renewed advocacy with the State and Federal Governments.
Advocate for the realignment of the Lake Road level crossing	Jun-24	Jun-24		Not yet started.
Revitalise and reactivate retail opportunities in Stawell and St Arnaud *	Jun-22	Jun-25		On track.
Explore opportunities for long term industrial growth along Gilchrist Rd, Stawell and St Arnaud *	Jun-23	Jun-25		Progress pending Amendment to introduce Stawell Framework Plan into the Planning Scheme.

Provide Sustainable Infrastructure				
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Being a better Council				
Street lighting LED conversion	Jun-24	Jun-24		Project scope established and seeking funding opportunities.
Undertake a Road Resealing Program	Jun-24	Jun-24		On track.
Undertake a Road Resheeting Program	Jun-24	Jun-24		On track.
Review the Footpath Asset Management Plan	Jun-24	Jun-24		Not yet started.
Undertake a Stawell Cemetery Improvement Program *	Dec-22	Jun-24		Work set to begin in August
Assess the condition of road & drainage assets *	Jun-23	Jun-24		Contactors engaged, undertaking a data cleans to before beginning.
Undertake a Quarry Resource Material Review *	Jun-23	Jun-24		Project expanded. Work progressing.
Bridge and Major Culvert Condition Assessment *	Mar-23	Dec-23		Works in progress, contractor delays.
Undertake a Structural Assessment of the St Arnaud Pool *	Sep-22	Oct-23		Structural assessment complete, further work required to identify the cause of the pool leak.

Improve Organisational Effectiveness				
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Being a better Council				
Undertake 'Reduce Red Tape Projects' - Building, Planning, Environment review *	Jun-23	Jun-24		Planning review complete, new system in early implementation.
Undertake 'Reduce Red Tape, Referral Advice Review' *	Jun-23	Jun-24		Review complete, working with external referrals.
Undertake 'Reduce Red Tape, Website/Communication Review' *	Dec-22	Jun-24		Review complete. Obtained a grant to undertake work to overhaul the website.
Undertake 'Reduce Red Tape, Pre-Application Review' *	Dec-22	Jun-24		Review complete, working with Economic Development to concierge the pre application process and encourage early pre-application sessions with potential developers.
Improve water quality and capacity at Mooney Dams, Stawell *	Jun-23	Jun-24		Parks Victoria carrying out remediation plan, delays expected. Any further work is Grant dependent.
Implement the Library review items	Jun-23	Jun-24		Implement Year One Action Plan.
Develop a Victorian Protective Data Security Framework Plan *	Jun-23	Jun-24		Implement Year Three Action Plan.
Implement a new records management system *	Jun-23	Apr-24		In progress to be delivered by February 2024.
Plant & Equipment Review *	Dec-22	Jun-24		Planning and Preparation underway for later in the year.
Review Naturestrip Management Plan *	Sep-22	Dec-23		Expanded scope to includes community engagement.