

Upcoming Major Road Capital Works in 2023-24

KEY ROADS

- Lowes Mount Road
- The Tablelands Way
- Arkstone Road
- Abercrombie Road

Lodging a Development Application Through the NSW ePlanning Portal

The NSW Government requires all Development Applications to be lodged via the NSW ePlanning Portal, and applications will no longer be able to be lodged over the counter at Council. You can apply for the following via the ePlanning Portal:

- Development Applications
- Complying Development Certificates
- Construction Certificates
- Subdivision Certificates
- Subdivision Works Certificates
- Occupation Certificates
- Section 68 Certificates (Onsite Wastewater/Water Supply etc.)



Details on how to lodge an application are on Councils website: www.oberon.nsw.gov.au

If you are having difficulty using the Online DA Service, please contact the ePlanning support team at NSW Planning at: epanning@planning.nsw.gov.au or 1300 305 695.

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Council is continuing to provide four FREE Waste Vouchers for the Oberon Waste Facility and Transfer Stations. Vouchers are included with Rate Notices as a separate sheet.



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2023-24 OBERON LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA REVIEW

A Message from The Mayor



Mayor Mark Kellam

Since the previous rates newsletter in May last year the economic landscape has changed significantly with interest rates rising substantially as has inflation and the overall cost of living.

This has put pressure on everyone's household budgets as well as the Council's budget.

This year the rates increase authorised by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) was up to a maximum of 3.7%. The Council adopted this increase in formulating the 2023/24 budget.

This 3.7% rates increase is less than half of any measure of inflation that is relevant to Local Government. Indications are that the Council will be able to maintain current levels of service to the community with that rates increase through good financial discipline and scrutiny of current and future expenditure.

Free Tip Vouchers will continue for ratepayers as will the free tip day. Later this year a weighbridge will be installed at the entrance to the tip. This is to comply with EPA reporting requirements, improve operations and ensure that appropriate charges are applied to commercial and industrial waste.

Infrastructure is becoming more prominent in the next financial year. As always Oberon Council expends about 70% of available funds on our roads. This coming financial year will see the completion of the Lowes Mount Road upgrade (\$3.5m) and the Arkstone Rd Upgrade (\$4.3m) which have been funded predominately by grant funding. There are also substantial capital amounts earmarked for local and regional roads as well as maintenance funding.

There are two other major infrastructure activities for the 23/24 financial year. We expect that work on a new Sewage Treatment Plant (STP), adjacent to our current plant, to commence in the latter part of this year with completion in late 2025. This program is funded through a series of grants, funds allocated from the Sewage Fund and some borrowings.

The other major infrastructure project, and perhaps the most exciting, is the New Sports Complex which should commence in the latter part of 2023. This project has been substantially funded through a partnership and grants supported by the NSW State Government.

Further details are available throughout this rates newsletter and for even more detail all the relevant budget and operational plan documents are available on the Council Website.

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Major Grants and Projects Undertaken in 2022-23FY

Road Infrastructure Improvements

Lowes Mount Road - The Tablelands Way

This is a major joint project with Lithgow City Council and Upper Lachlan Shire Council for a total capital expenditure of over \$15 million dollars to improve the Tablelands Way. This project is forecast over three years, starting in the 2021-22FY. Oberon Council is responsible for 19.8km of the 29.52km project from Tarana to Taralga.



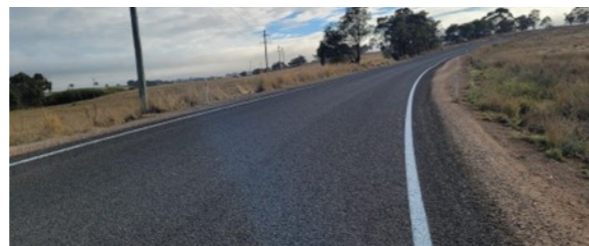
Arkstone Road

Fixing Local Rds Round 3 has been started on the Arkstone Rd which involves shoulder rebuilding, road rehabilitation and pavement widening. This Funded program will see a 6km section of the road being worked on, it will be supplement by another 5.6km funded by Fixing Local Rd Round 4.



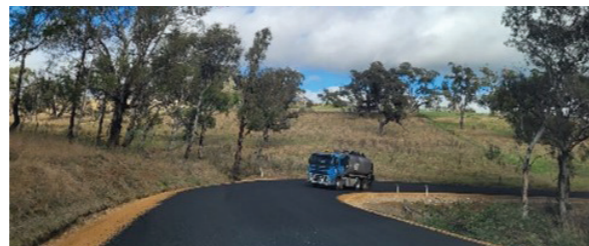
Abercrombie Road

A successful Natural disaster disaster claim was obtained for \$1.98m of work on the Abercrombie Road which will see various sections of the road being rehabilitated and repaired due to flooding and other environmental impacts



Sewell's Creek Road

Sewell's Creek Road received bitumen sealing upgrades including pavement widening, and shoulder levelling to improve the overall condition of the road. This is part of the yearly commitment by Council of new 1-2km bitumen sealing on priority roads.



Nunan's Hill Causeway

Upgrades and replacement were undertaken to better equip the causeway to handle flood events. The higher elevation should reduce the flood impacts for users of Nunan's Hill Road.



Community Infrastructure

Oberon Library and Community Centre

In April 2020 Council received \$3 million in funding under the Drought Stimulus Package to expand the Oberon Library and Community Centre and redevelop the precinct. The new facility will provide a range of community spaces including flexible function spaces, meeting rooms, expanded Library, Art and Cultural exhibitions and a dedicated Youth Space.



The new facility is scheduled to be operational by July 2023.

Black Springs Hall

Council in conjunction with community groups have delivered an array of upgrades to the Black Springs Hall. Upgrades in 2022/23 included Solar Panels, Three Phase power upgrade, new heating, acoustic panelling, and Wi-Fi coverage throughout the hall. Continued upgrades are planned in 23/24 to equip the Hall for future events and community use.



2023-24FY Forecast Financial Expenditure



\$100 GOES A LONG WAY IN OBERON

This illustration shows how every \$100 paid in Council rates is distributed, in accordance with Council's Operational Plan.

2023-24 Town Improvement Levy

The Town Improvement Levy is raised on every rateable assessment within the zoned Oberon town area. The purpose of this rate is to provide for town improvements within that area. The 2023-24 Town Improvement Levy will raise approximately \$555,722 and Council is looking forward to providing more town improvements.

Town Improvements Projects completed during 2022-23 include:

- Kerb & Gutter Improvements
- Continuing Works at The Common
 - Rose Retaining Wall
 - Living Treasures Wall
 - Footpath upgrade
- Apex Park Toilet Block Upgrade



Major Building Projects Planned for 2023-24

- Sewerage Treatment Plant (STP)
- O'Connell Rec Ground
- The Tablelands Way (TTW)
- Arkstone Road
- Abercrombie Road
- Oberon Fitness Centre (stage 2)
- Street Light (near Oberon Youth Centre)
- Solar PV System Pool, Gym and Oberon Library
- Accessible Playground (at the Common)
- Waste Facility Weighbridge

