

# CEO Monthly Report

## February 2026



Mansfield Shire

### 1. Customer Service

#### Monthly Customer Request Management System (CRMS) Report February 2026

For the month of February, 285 customer requests were received. Of those, 128 requests remain open and 157 were closed during the month.

There were 1,513 calls and 932 visits to Council’s customer service centre.

#### No complaints were received for February 2026.

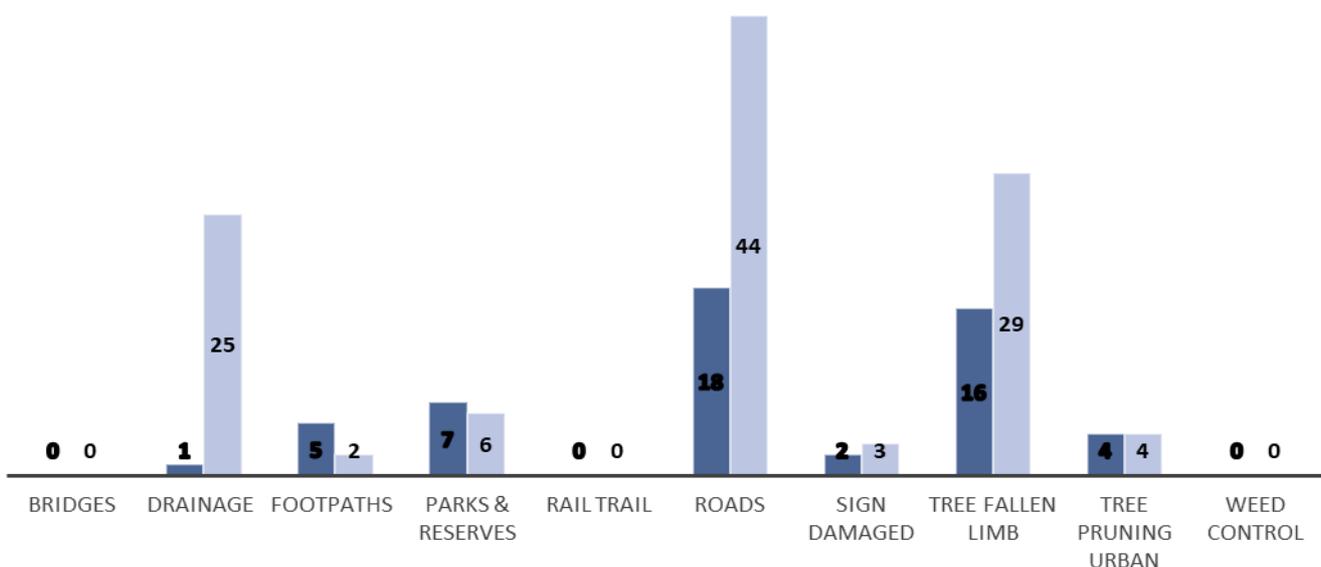
One customer called to express dissatisfaction regarding their request for removal of a tree in Village Court, with the Field Services team arranging a community meeting in response to discuss this and other tree removal requests in this location, noting that mixed feedback had been received from local residents.

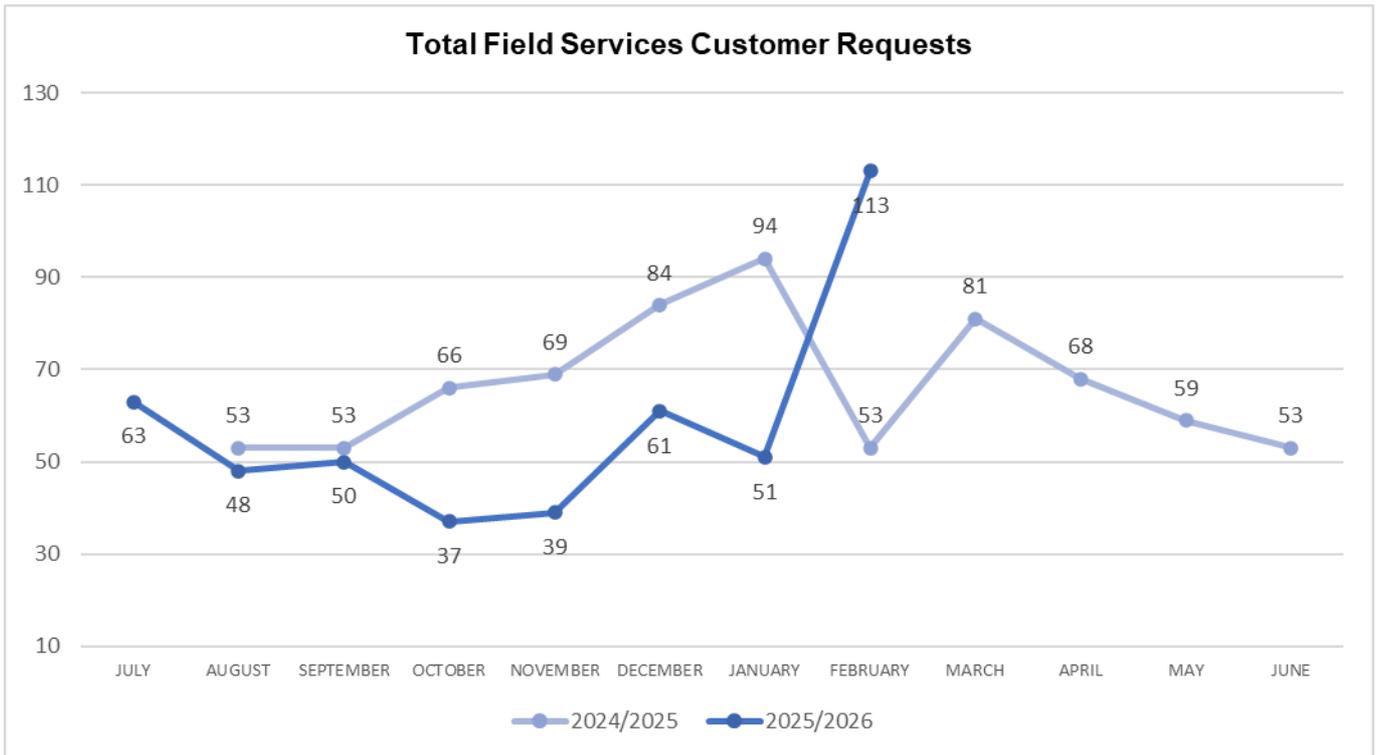
#### One Expression of Gratitude was received for February 2026.

The customer expressed their gratitude for the Field Services officers, noting Council’s works crew attended to his call to clear the roadway following a fallen tree. The team arrived within approximately 30 minutes of notification and promptly removed the obstruction, restoring safe access.

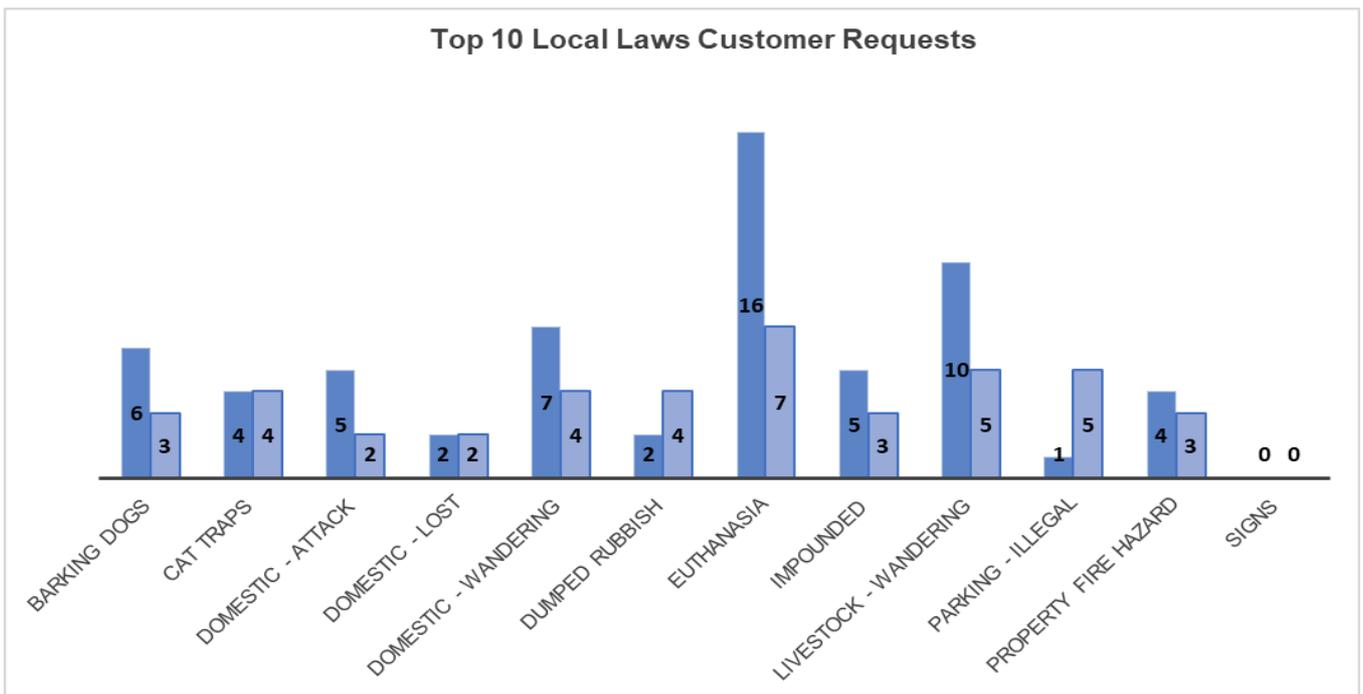
#### The highest number of requests was for Field Services, totalling 113 for February 2026.

Top 10 Field Services Customer Requests

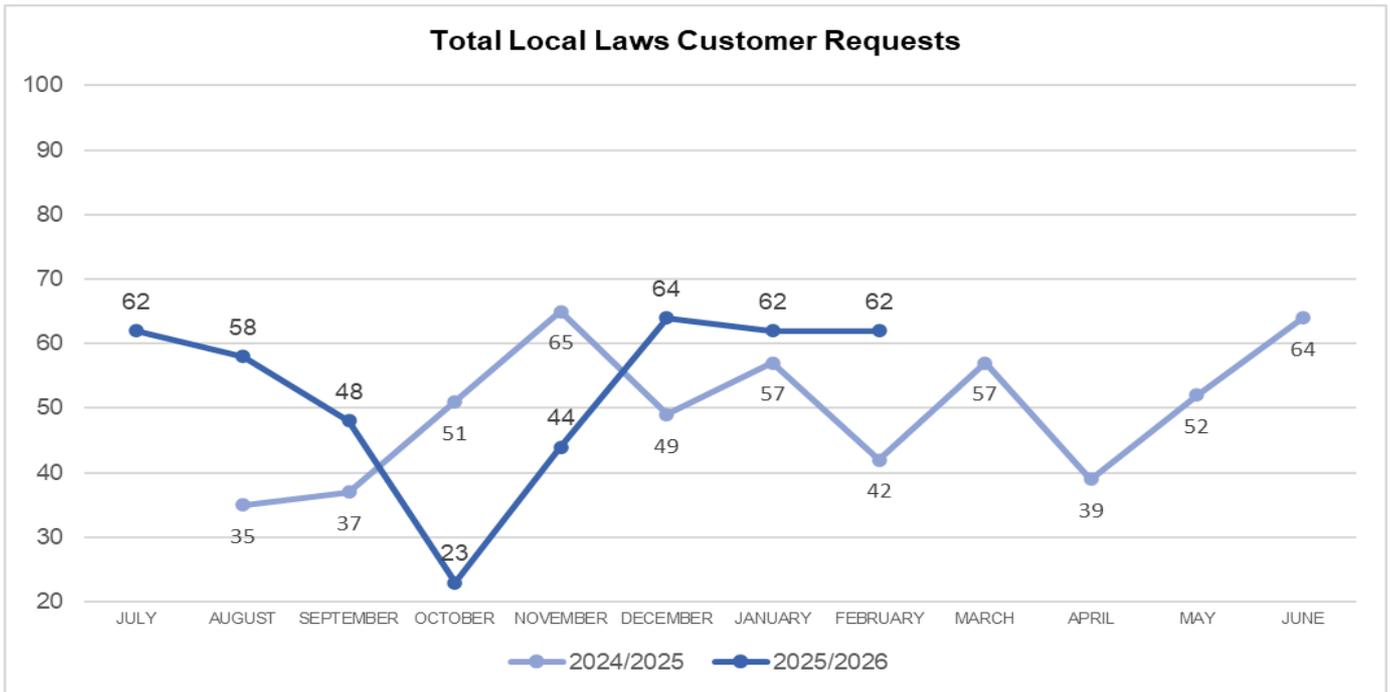




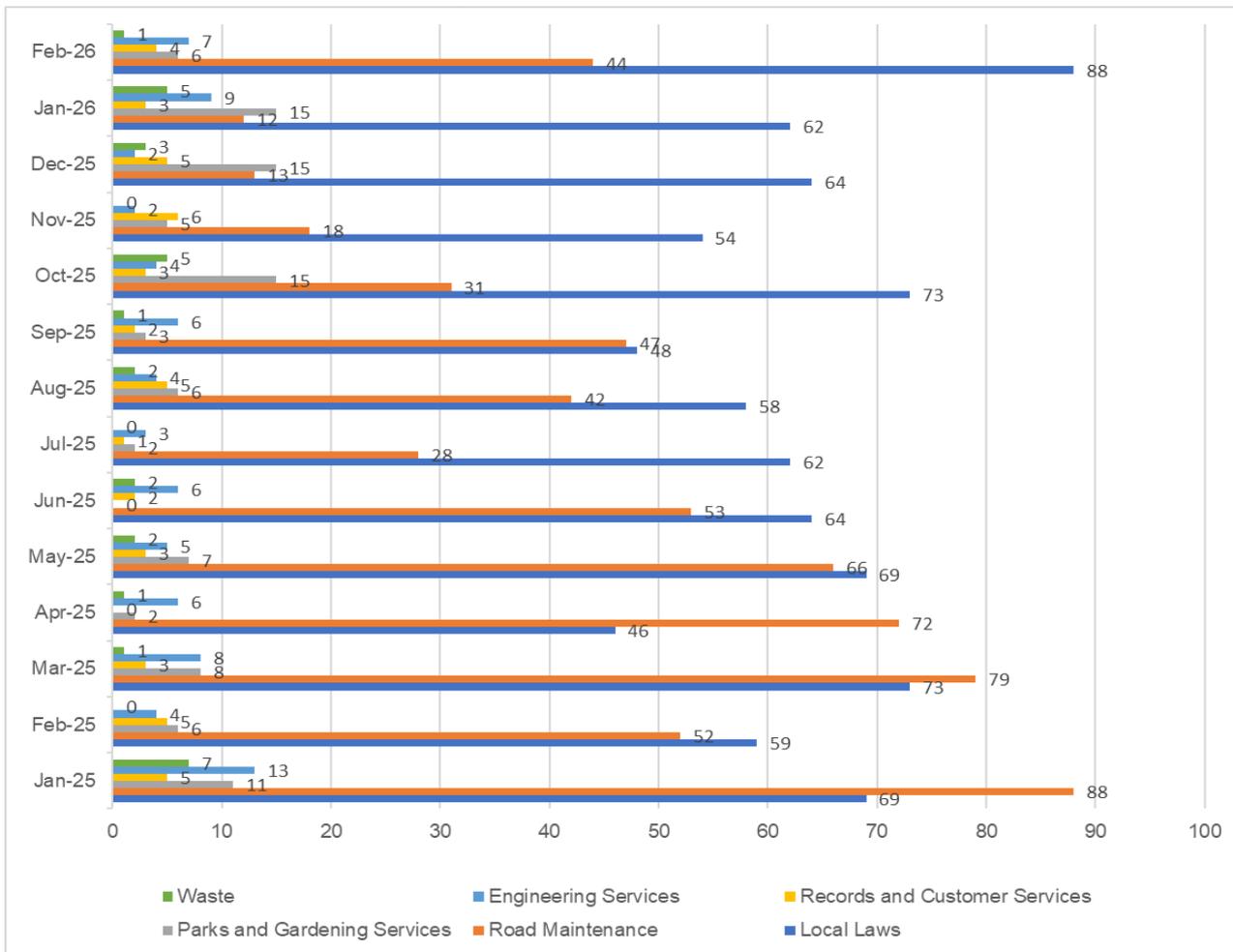
**Local Laws received the second highest number of requests, totalling 62 for February 2026.** The high number of animal euthanasia’s in February was due to a significant increase in wildlife injured by vehicle collisions. This may have been attributed to the fires and the dry conditions forcing animals to seek water crossing major roads. Additionally, there was a substantial number of requests from Wildlife Victoria and community members to euthanise severely injured animals.



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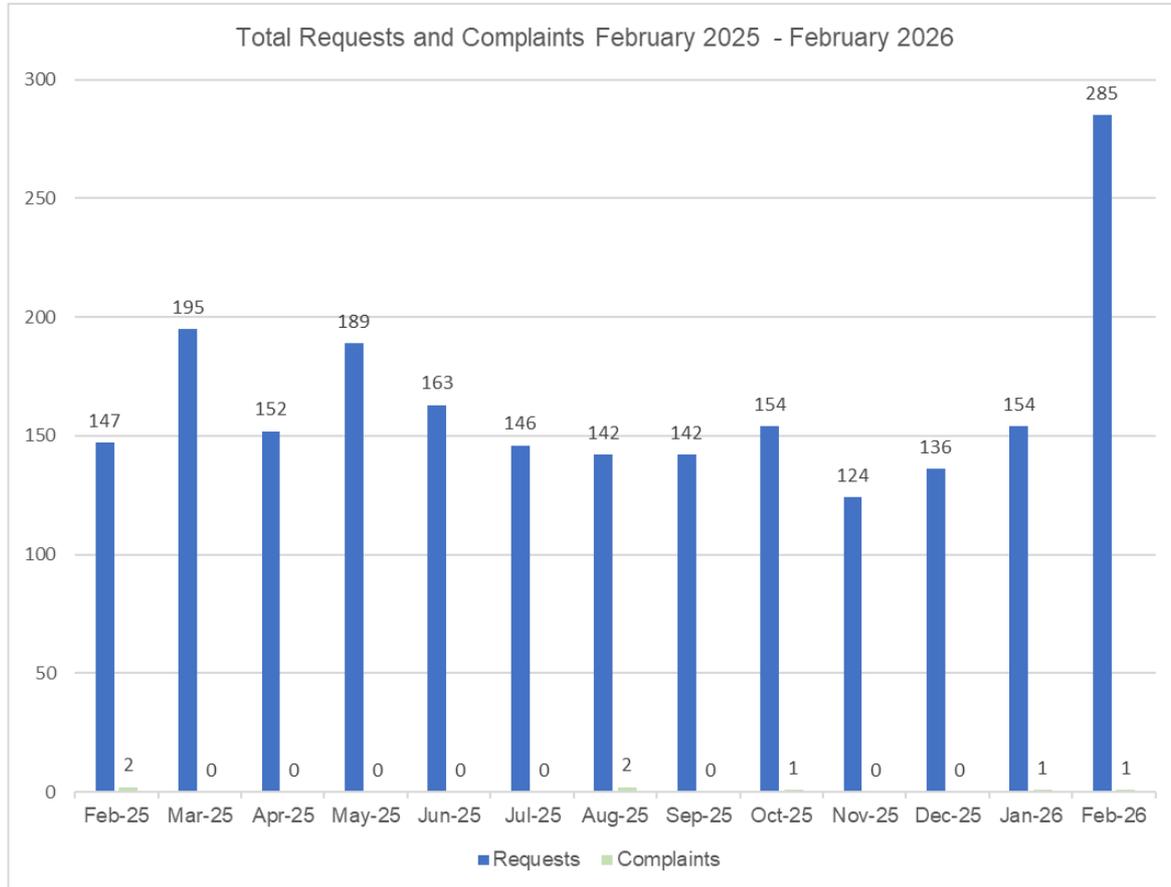


### CRMS Monthly Totals February 2025 – February 2026



Requests and Complaints

	February
Requests	285
Complaints	1



## 2. Capital Works

As at the end of February, the Capital Works Program for the 2025–26 financial year is 46% complete, based on projects completed during the month.

Project	Budget (\$)	Comments	Budget Status	Estimated Completion Date
<b>Buildings</b>				
Bonnie Doon Community Centre	\$16,000	Switchboard Upgrade and 3 phase connection. Works completed in August 2025.	On Budget	Completed Aug 2025
Mansfield Library	\$27,000	HVAC improvements at Library. Works completed in January 2026.	On Budget	Completed Jan 2026
Mansfield Sporting Complex	\$55,698	Roof renewal at higher end of building. Tenders were received in February and are currently being evaluated. Award targeted for March.	On Budget	June 2026
Mechanics Institute Toilet	\$150,000	Construction of new toilet amenities at the rear of the Mechanics Institute. Design consultant appointed in February with final design commencing and forecast to be completed in April.	On Budget	June 2026
Jamieson Hall	\$88,663	Lower roof renewal works completed at Hall, with savings to be used for replacement of the slate roof on the Museum. Replacement scheduled by May in collaboration with the Jamieson Community Group.	On Budget	May 2026
Solar Panel Installation Program	\$57,000	Installation of solar panels and batteries at the Mansfield Sporting Complex. This project will commence once the roof renewal is complete. Installation of solar and batteries on Bonnie Doon Recreation Reserve & Community Centre. Project is being delivered by the Greenhouse Alliance with Council participating in the project control group.	On Budget	June 2026

Project	Budget (\$)	Comments	Budget Status	Estimated Completion Date
Public Toilet Renewal Program	\$50,000	Maintongoon Road, Bonnie Doon. Refurbishment of current facility. Quotes were received in February and are currently being evaluated. Award targeted for March.	On Budget	June 2026
Lords Pavilion	\$1,954,750	Construction of the new Pavilion. Tender award approved at November Council Meeting. Works commenced in December.	On Budget	Nov 2026
Mansfield Recreation Reserve Play Our Way Change Room Upgrades	\$918,789	Mansfield Sporting Complex and Swimming Pool has received a grant for alterations to changeroom facilities to encourage female participation. Design review undertaken with stakeholders in February. Procurement to commence in March.	On Budget	June 2027
Curia Street Police Stables public shower & toilets	-	Project being undertaken in collaboration with the Uniting Church to install a new toilet and shower facilities next to the Police Stables, with Council's contribution funded by savings on other projects. Public shower & toilet pod was delivered and connected in February. Official opening planned for March/April.	On Budget	Completed Feb 2026
<b>Bridges &amp; Culverts</b>				
Bridge Renewal Program	\$70,000	Renewal works on Lake Nillahcootie, Long Lane and Glen Creek bridges. Works completed in August 2025, including the carry forward scope from 2024-25.	On Budget	Completed Aug 2025
Greenvale Lane Bridge	\$548,837	Design and construction of a pedestrian footbridge funded by the Safer Local Roads and Streets Program. Pre-fabrication of bridge in progress, with completion expected in April. Path works scheduled to commence in March.	On Budget	May 2026
Causeway/Culvert Upgrade Program	\$40,000	These works are being carried out around the Mansfield township packaged with the Township Sealing program.	On Budget	May 2026
Bridge Upgrade Program	\$80,000	Dry Creek Road Bridge (B36) condition assessments identified repair works required. Following resident consultation and further technical review, more extensive widening has been confirmed	On Budget	June 2026

Project	Budget (\$)	Comments	Budget Status	Estimated Completion Date
		as necessary. The budget will now be allocated to undertake design for the widening and full upgrade, including guardrails, to enable a future construction upgrade when grant funding becomes available.		
McKees Lane Culvert improvement	\$50,000	Upgrade of the culvert structure and pavement are complete, with only the final sealing works remaining. Sealing will be scheduled together with Glen Creek Road sealing in March.	On Budget	March 2026
Causeway Upgrade Program	\$200,000	Graves Road - Construction is pending grant funding, with proposed Council co-contribution amount of \$200,000.	On Budget	Dec 2026
<b>Open Space &amp; Streetscapes</b>				
Botanic Park Stage Platform	-	Project being undertaken as a community collaboration and funded with savings achieved on other projects. Project was completed in January 2026 to allow the Australia Day event to be held there.	On Budget	Completed Jan 2026
Swimming Pool Upgrade (LAPS Package)	\$750,741	Procurement for the enclosure of the learner's pool is in progress, with tenders closing in March.	On Budget	Aug 2027
Tracks & Trails Strategy	\$33,000	Engagement to gather community and stakeholder feedback completed. Draft strategy developed, community engagement undertaken and strategy expected to go to Council in April/May.	On Budget	May 2026
Peppin Point Community Hub Design	\$78,840	Grant funded project managed in collaboration with Peppin Hub community group. Concept design in progress with updated draft under engagement with community group and review of wastewater solution in progress with GMW.	On Budget	June 2026
Billy Maxwell House Relocation	-	Outlying Community Infrastructure Fund project. Relocation of house to be scoped and planned in collaboration with Bonnie Doon Community Centre. Building Permit in progress for relocation.	On Budget	June 2026

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Street furniture, benches and bollards	\$50,000	Botanic Park bollard solar lighting has been ordered and will be installed by Field Services in March/April.	On Budget	April 2026
Delatite Valley Riverside Park Masterplan	-	Outlying Community Infrastructure Fund project. Community engagement originally planned on the scope of the masterplan is currently on hold while the Delatite Valley Plan engagement is underway.	On Budget	June 2026
Irrigation and Oval Upgrades	\$45,000	Upgrade of Lords Oval and Mansfield Recreation Reserve Oval irrigation. Works completed in January 2026.	On Budget	Completed Jan 2026
Mansfield Tennis Club Roof	\$50,000	Clubroom roof renewal. Scoping and procurement completed. Works planning to start in March/April in collaboration with Tennis Club Community Asset Committee.	On Budget	June 2026
<b>Drainage</b>				
Drainage Renewal Program	\$50,000	CCTV inspection and jetting of stormwater assets. Scope has been developed and reviewed with Field Services. Procurement is planned to commence in March.	On Budget	May 2026
College Park Drainage Improvements (grant funded)	\$25,000	Shade sail, drainage and benches. Equipment procurement complete and will be installed in April, with drainage works to follow.	On Budget	May 2026
Drainage Study	\$30,000	Malcolm Street from Highett Street to Kidston Parade (West Catchment). Evaluation completed, awarded to consultant and proposed subdivision development plans provided for consideration with flood data.	On Budget	June 2026
Stormwater and footpath upgrade	\$208,289	Elvins Street. Service location completed to assist with final detailed design expected in March. Initial grant application was unsuccessful; however, a further application has been submitted, and drainage works are proposed to be packaged with pathway works in 2026-27, subject to the grant outcome.	On Budget	June 2026

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<b>Pathways</b>				
Bonnie Doon Community Centre Footpath	\$30,000	Works completed in February 2026.	On Budget	Completed Feb 2026
Footpath on Mansfield-Woods Point Road, Jamieson	\$50,000	Stage 1: Scoping and community engagement completed, with tree planting in DTP road reserve undertaken in collaboration with the Jamieson Community Group. Stage 2 on hold pending planning permit outcome and Engineering/DTP review of intersection design. Remaining 2025-26 budget will be allocated to improvement and infill of existing footpath links in Jamieson township. Final scoping and engagement in progress.	On Budget	June 2026
New footpath on Maintongoon Road	\$54,130	Maintongoon Road footpath will occur in two stages. Stage 1, between the two boat ramps will be prioritised for 2025-26. Stage 2 will encompass a connection to the Rail Trail subject to further review and approval with DTP of a detailed design (next financial year). Final scoping for Stage 1 is in progress with procurement planned to commence in March.	On Budget	May 2026
Shared path on Piries-Goughs Bay Rd Stage 3	\$110,000	Piries-Goughs Bay Rd Stage 3 works completed in December 2025.	On Budget	Completed Dec 2025
Footpath missing link on Bellview Court	\$17,550	Works completed in February 2026.	On Budget	Completed Feb 2026
Footpaths Renewal Program - Concrete	\$70,000	Engagement completed. Procurement commenced in February, with award scheduled for March.	On Budget	May 2026
Mansfield - Woods Point Road (Howqua Inlet) Path	\$50,000	Planning permit received late January. Council will provide materials for the community group to carry out the works.	On Budget	May 2026

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<b>Roads</b>				
Kerb & Channel	\$109,560	High Street, Alpine Ridge Drive, Highett Street, Stewart Street, Curia Street completed in October 2025.	On Budget	Completed Oct 2025
Car Park Renewal	\$56,340	Chenery Street, High Street and Collopy Street included in the reseal scope. Works completed in January 2026.	On Budget	Completed Jan 2026
Reseal / asphalt replacement program	\$269,532	Mansfield township. Works completed in January 2026.	On Budget	Completed Jan 2026
Re-Seal preparation Road Reconstruction program	\$430,480	Early Street, Alpine Ridge Drive. Works completed in November, with defects currently being rectified.	On Budget	Completed Nov 2025
Township Sealing Program	\$321,180	Mansfield township. New Street and Church Street. Packaged with Glen Creek Road, Hearn's Road intersection and Chapel Hill Rd. Works commenced in January with completion scheduled for March.	On Budget	Mar 2026
Dead Horse Ln/ Mansfield-Whitfield Rd Roundabout - Design and Construction	\$1,927,257	Dead Horse Lane/Mansfield-Whitfield Road intersection. Final design approval has now been received from DTP (on 23 February 2026). Construction is expected to start in late March. An extension of time has been requested from DTP due to the extended design review process.	On Budget	June 2026
Eildon-Jamieson Road Safety Improvement Program	\$357,820	Eildon-Jamieson Road improvements are proposed to be deferred and re-budgeted in 2026-27 pending completion of the approved Motorcycle Safety Improvement project that is grant-funded (refer below).	On Budget	June 2026
Motorcycle Safety Improvement	\$85,000	Intersection upgrade of Barwite Road and Saligari Road and safety improvements to Eildon – Jamieson Road. Scoping completed and concept design with DTP for approval.	On Budget	June 2026

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Mansfield Parking Study	\$50,000	Consultant is currently updating draft parking study after internal stakeholder review. Final draft scheduled to go to Councillor Briefing in May and then to Council.	On Budget	May 2026
Safer Local Roads and Streets Funded Program	\$356,000	Grant funded road safety improvements to Old Tolmie Rd and Tolmie-Mahaikah Rd, Monkey Gully Road and Howqua River Road. Howqua River Road signage has been completed and remaining works are at RFQ stage.	On Budget	June 2026
Resource Recovery Centre Access Road	\$250,000	Road upgrade, turnaround and drainage work. Procurement commenced in February, with award scheduled for April.	On Budget	June 2026
<b>IMPACT Project</b>				
Hearns Road Intersection	\$120,000	The project includes Chapel Hill Road sealing. Sealing of both intersection and Chapel Hill Road were completed in February.	On Budget	Completed Feb 2026
Highton Lane (includes new roundabout)	\$1,465,811	Practical completion has been issued for roundabout. Solar lighting to be installed in March.	On Budget	Completed Jan 2026
Rifle Butts Road	\$1,432,164	Practical completion issued in November. Defect rectification works in progress.	On Budget	Completed Nov 2025
Ogilvies Rd Intersection	\$410,400	Culvert component completed in February 2026, intersection works are in progress with sealing works scheduled in March. Project is also funded by the Safer Local Roads and Streets Program.	On Budget	March 2026
<b>Station Precinct</b>				
All Abilities Playground	\$2,237,570 (Budget is shared with Changing Places)	Detailed design for the playground is in progress. Following stakeholder engagement and broader community engagement final designs are scheduled for completion in March, to allow procurement to proceed.	On Budget	August 2026

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Changing Places Facility	As per Playground	Detailed design is in progress and expected to be completed in March, to allow procurement to proceed.	On Budget	Jul 2026
Museum Exhibit	\$3,205,533	Exhibit design completed and fabrication in progress.	On Budget	Nov 2026
Goods Shed Refurbishment	\$1,511,707	Tenders were received in February and are currently being evaluated. Award targeted for March Council meeting.	On Budget	Oct 2026
Taungurung Art Track	\$255,188	Research and development of scope elements in progress, with broader stakeholder/community engagement and Artist expressions of interest to commence in March.	On Budget	Jan 2027
Museum Fit out	Included in Exhibit Budget	Fit-out works commenced in December following award of a tender to Hennessey Constructions and are currently in progress.	On Budget	Nov 2026
Pump Track	\$414,400	Design work commenced in November with construction work planned for April following completion of the stakeholder and community engagement.	On Budget	May 2026
Fertiliser Shed Refurbishment	\$546,368	Roof renewal works completed in November. Mezzanine works planned to commence in March.	On Budget	May 2026
Landscaping (Irrigation, Solar Lighting, Furniture)	\$544,373	Museum landscaping design stakeholder review completed in February. Community engagement to be completed in March, followed by procurement.	On Budget	Jan 2027
Withers Lane Carpark	\$168,017	Stakeholders review complete. Detailed design to be completed in March.	On Budget	Sep 2026
Visitor Information Centre Carpark	\$761,868	Stakeholders review complete. Detailed design to be completed in March/April.	On Budget	Sep 2026
Kitchen Street Carpark	\$627,203	Stakeholders review complete. Detailed design to be completed in March/April.	On Budget	Sep 2026
Precinct Shared Pathway	\$771,680	Engagement and Stage 1 procurement completed in February. Works to commence on site in April.	On Budget	May 2026

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Fenced Dog Park	\$496,063	Scoping, engagement, design and initial procurement completed in February. Main works tender closed in February, with award scheduled for March.	On Budget	May 2026
Railway infrastructure restore & Woodfield platform relocation	\$176,990	Scoping in progress. Procurement planned for March 2026.	On Budget	Dec 2026
Mullum Wetlands Rejuvenation	\$228,325	Contract awarded in February. Works to commence on site in March.	On Budget	Apr 2026
Station Precinct Branding	\$33,650	Design work commenced in December.	On Budget	Feb 2027

Legend	
On Schedule	On Budget
Possible Delay	Above Budget by <10%
Delayed/On Hold	Above Budget by >10%

### 3. Planning

#### Planning Applications Lodged

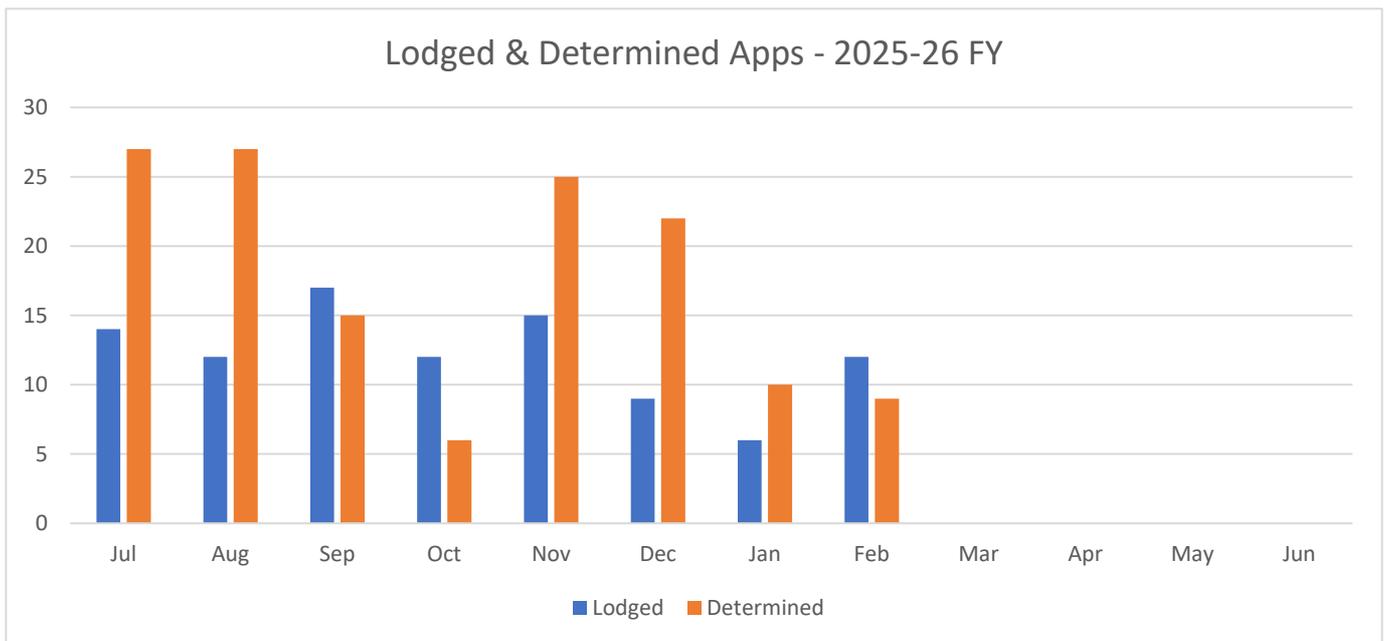
App No.	Property Address	Proposal
P002A-23	175 Dead Horse Lane Mansfield	Amendment to the permit for Multi-Lot Staged Industrial Subdivision, removal and destruction of native vegetation, and creation of access to a road in the principal road network
VS002-26	131 Kiernans Road Bonnie Doon	Development of land for a domestic outbuilding
P005-26	5225 Mansfield-Woods Point Road Kevington	Development of land for a domestic outbuilding
P006-26	84 Kidston Parade Mansfield	Two [2] lot subdivision
P007-26	27 River Bend Rise Macs Cove	Development of land for a dwelling
P008-26	Delatite Lane Delatite	Removal of native vegetation
P009-26	128 Highton Lane Mansfield 126 Highton Lane Mansfield 102 Highton Lane Mansfield 52 Crosbys Lane Mansfield	Staged subdivision of land [34 lots], removal of native vegetation, removal of an easement and creation of a [sewer] easement
VS003-26	327 Macklins Road Merton	Development of land for buildings and works associated with a dwelling
P010-26	4b Ahern Court Kevington	Use and development of land for a dwelling
P011-26	201 Campagnolos Road Mansfield	Development of land for alterations and additions to an existing dwelling
VS004-26	272 Woolshed Road Woodfield	Development of land for a dwelling [and change of use of existing dwelling to Small Second Dwelling]
VS005-26	4180 Midland Highway Barjarg	Development of land for a domestic outbuilding
<b>Total Applications Lodged: 12</b>		

#### Planning Applications Determined

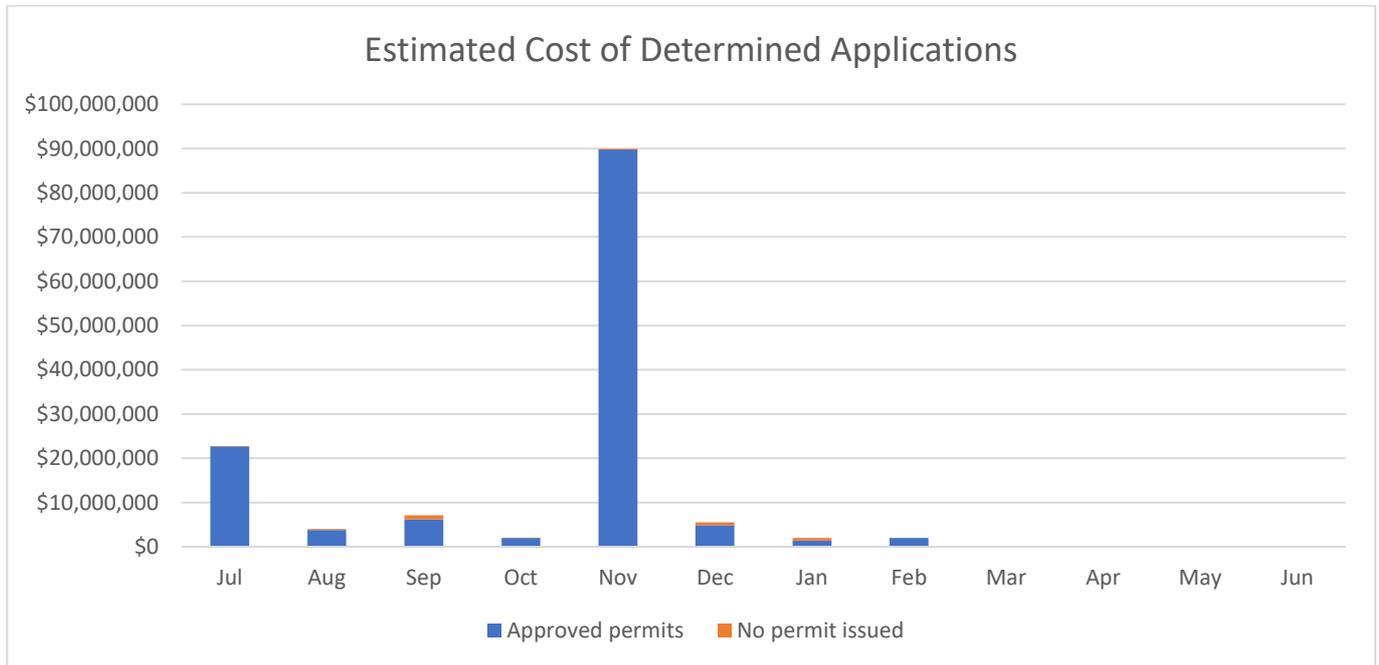
App No.	Property Address	Proposal	Decision Type
P179016BB-21	57 Stock Route Mansfield Stock Route Mansfield	Twenty-nine [29] lot staged subdivision and removal of [part] easement, and creation of easement [services]	Withdrawn
P100-25	44 Changue Road Merrijig (Mount Buller)	Two [2] Lot Subdivision [of existing dwellings]	Withdrawn
P002-26	127 Howqua River Road Howqua	Development of land for an outbuilding	Permit issued
VS001-26	241 Harpers Road Barjarg	Development of land for alterations and additions to an existing dwelling	Permit issued

App No.	Property Address	Proposal	Decision Type
VS002-26	131 Kiernans Road Bonnie Doon	Development of land for a domestic outbuilding	Permit issued
P101-25	161 Red Box Lane Bonnie Doon	Development of land for a dwelling and domestic outbuilding	Permit issued
P105-25	4 Murphy Street Mansfield	Development of land for two [2] dwellings	Permit issued
P108-25	2 Sovereign Court Mansfield	Development of land for a Warehouse and Industry shed	Permit issued
VS004-26	272 Woolshed Road Woodfield	Development of land for a dwelling [and change of use of existing dwelling to Small Second Dwelling]	Permit issued
<b>Total Applications Determined: 9</b>			

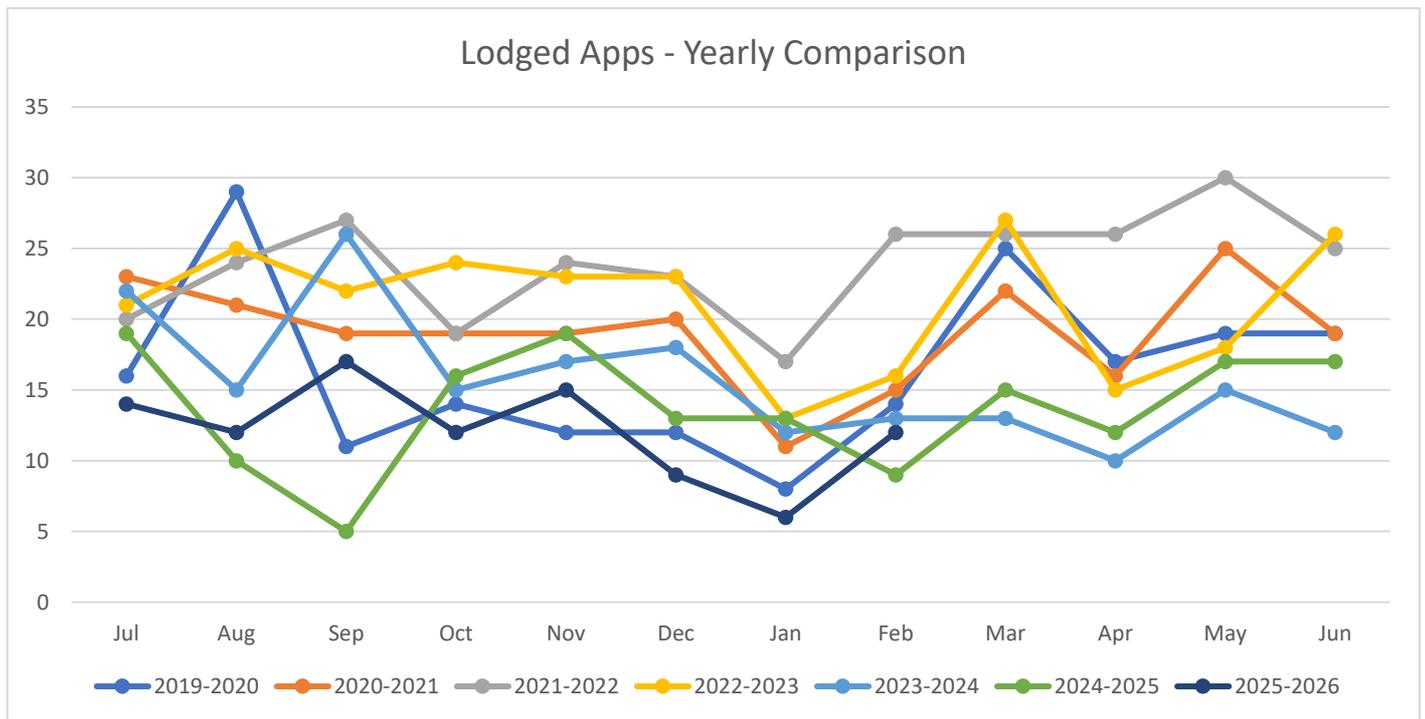
**Number of Applications Lodged and Determined**



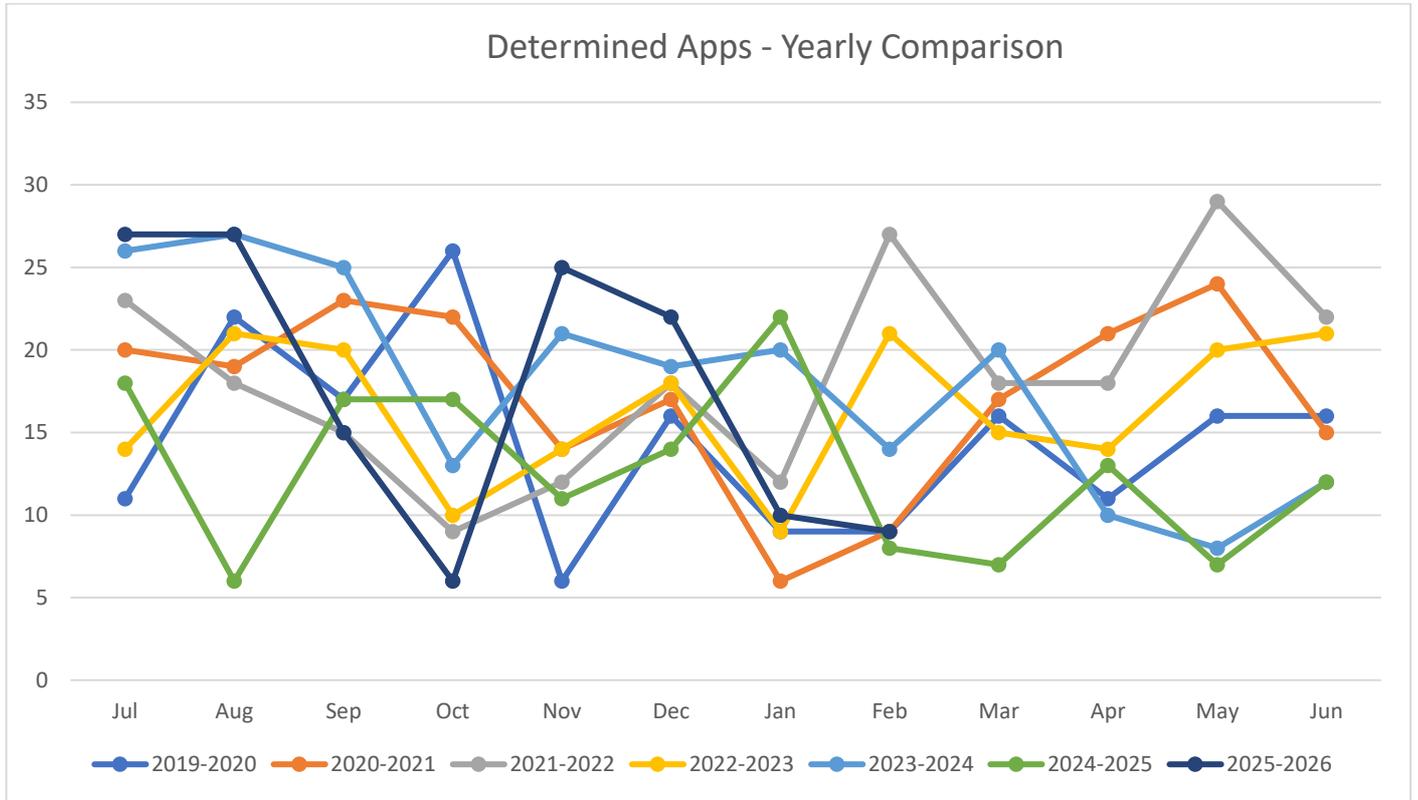
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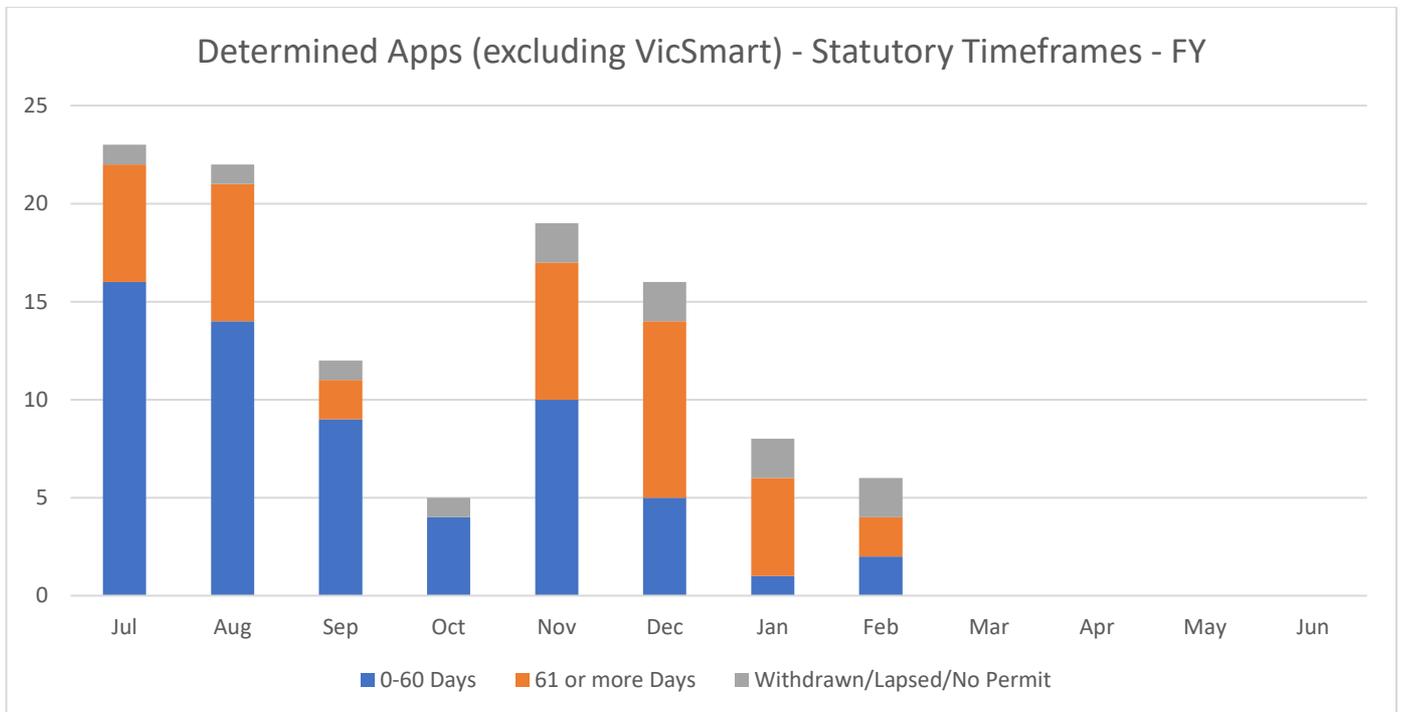
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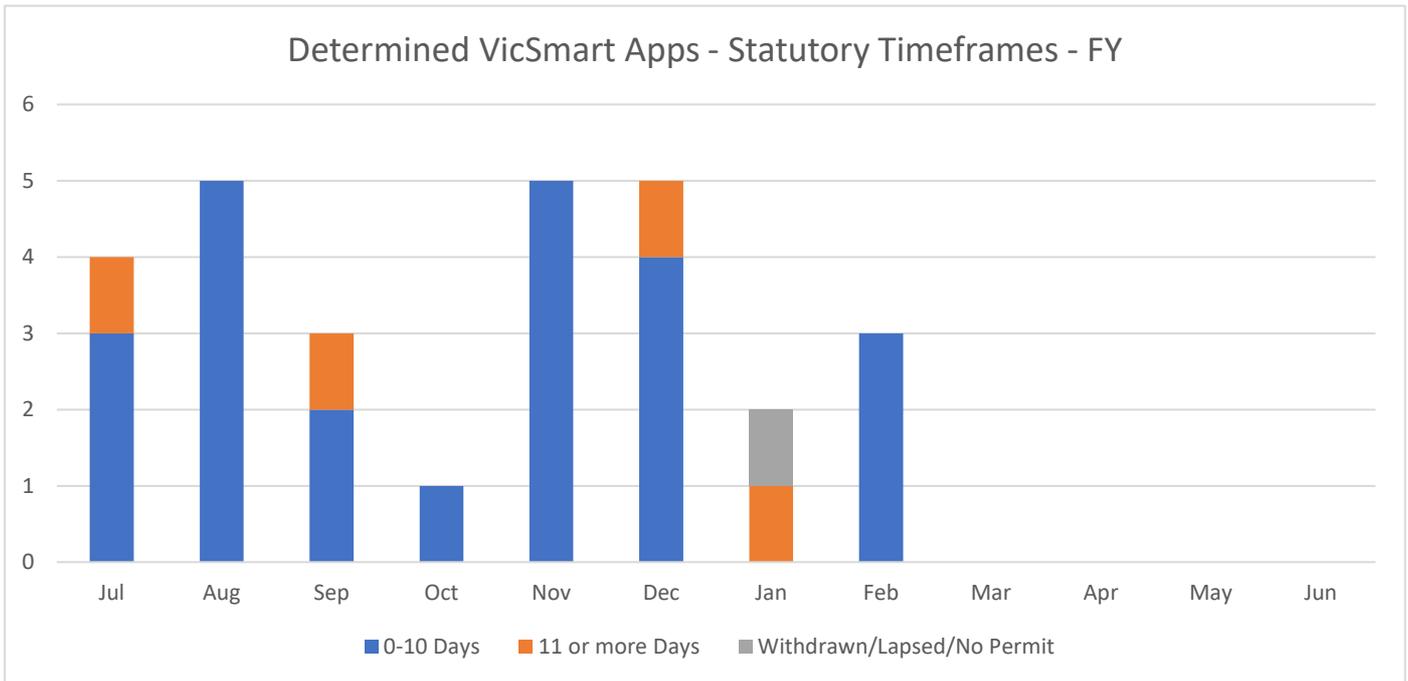


**Determined Planning Applications – Yearly Comparison**

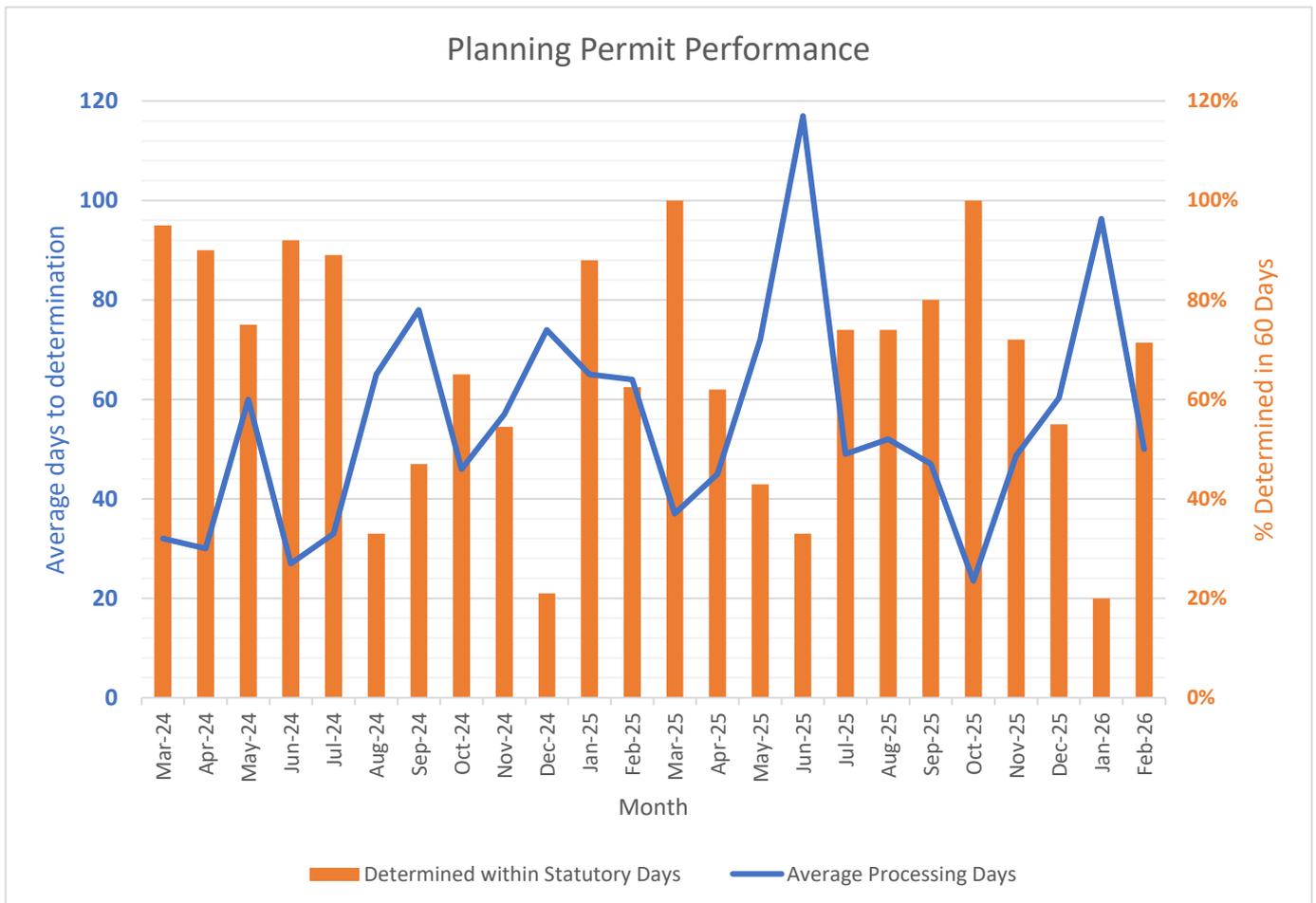


**Determined Planning Applications**





### Overall Planning Permit Performance



### Subdivision Certification Applications Lodged

App No.	Property Address	Date Lodged
S263271E-26	35 Bunstons Road, Tolmie	06/02/2026
S263098C-26	166-176 High Street, Mansfield	11/02/2026
<b>Total Applications Received: 2</b>		

### Other Planning Consents & Assessments Determined

Type of Request	Number Issued
Condition Plans and Engineering Plans for endorsement	
Secondary Consent	1
Extension of Time	2
Written Planning Advice	
Certification & Statement of Compliance	6
Section 71 Corrected Planning Permits	2
Assessment against a Section 173 Agreement	1
Development Plan	
Certificate of Compliance for Existing Use	
Retrieval of Permits and Plans	
<b>Total Applications Issued:</b>	<b>12</b>

## Strategic Planning

### Planning Scheme Amendments

Project Name	Status	Description	Comments/ Next Steps	DTP Response expected by:
<b>C56mans Part 2</b>	In Progress	<b>Implements the Township Approaches Study DDO1 – Prominent Sites</b>	Amendment support granted through the Regional Planning Hub. Consultant from Glossop Town Planning appointed to support amendment progression. Project inception meeting held on 30 January 2026. Workshop with project team and preliminary report to be provided in March.	
<b>C57mans Part 2</b>	In Progress	<b>Implements the Mansfield Open Space Strategy</b>	Amendment support granted through the Regional Planning Hub. Consultant from Glossop Town Planning appointed to support amendment progression. Project inception meeting held on 30 January 2026. Workshop with project team and preliminary report to be provided in March.	Extension to amendment lapse date requested 15 January 2026. Request granted 21 January 2026.

Project Name	Status	Description	Comments/ Next Steps	DTP Response expected by:
C60mans	Awaiting Authorisation	<b>Implements the Mansfield Planning Strategy into the Mansfield Planning Scheme.</b>	Amendment submitted to DTP for authorisation to exhibit 29 April 2025. Climate change report, and updated amendment documentation and ordinance provided to DTP for authorisation request 26 February 2026.	DTP advised further review required 9 May 2025. Meeting held 9 July 2025 to discuss requirements. DTP provided formal comment and requested additional information and changes to be made on 11 September. DTP response provided 24 October. A response to the request for authorisation expected by 27 March 2027.
C61mans	On Hold	<b>Creation of a planning scheme amendment to implement the Bonnie Doon and Merton Plans</b>	Amendment to be put on hold until July 2026.	Draft Amendment submitted to DTP for comment 22 December 2023. DTP feedback provided 19 July 2024. Council response and further information submitted 29 July 2025. DTP response provided 28 August 2025. Meeting held on 26 September to provide advice regarding DTP response.
C62mans	On Hold	<b>Environmental Significance Overlay review.</b>	Amendment on hold until new MOU is signed.	Further information and re-drafted ordinance to be provided to DTP once new MOU is signed.
	In progress	<b>Review of Memorandum of Understanding to introduce risk-based approach to permit applications to reduce delays for applicants.</b>	Draft MOU with GMW for wastewater management in alignment with new EPA guidelines reviewed, and comments/changes sent to GMW 31 July 2025. Follow up email sent 1 September 2025.  Draft MOU provided to General Manager at GMW for further discussion in December 2025. GMW officer response expected by the end of March 2026.	
C63mans	Proponent Review	<b>Proponent led amendment to re-zone land at 73 &amp; 75 Dead Horse Lane Mansfield to Industrial 3 Zone</b>	Progression of the amendment is subject to the proponent undertaking further studies. Additional information provided to applicant June 2025 & January 2026; revised amendment expected in line with DTP advice.	Advice received from DTP 17 December 2024.

Project Name	Status	Description	Comments/ Next Steps	DTP Response expected by:
GC268	Proponent-led GVW	<b>Introduction of Buffer Area Overlay to GVW Waste Management Facilities</b>	Meeting held with proponents 15 April 2025 to discuss proposed ordinance and amendment processing through Government Land Planning Service. Draft documentation provided for Council review 15 September 2025. Letter of support provided to applicants 11 December 2025. Progression of amendment is subject to proponent. Council has been involved for comment/advice only.	
PSA003-25	Under Review	<b>Proponent led amendment to re-zone land at 4 &amp; 5 Lily Court Mansfield to Rural Living Zone</b>	Application and subsequent advice from DTP to be reviewed by Councillors at March 2026 briefing. A decision regarding amendment progression to be provided to applicant following briefing.	Advice sought from DTP 5 November 2025. Preliminary comment provided on 1 December 2025; formal advice provided 13 January 2026.

### Strategic/Structure Plans

Project Name	Status	Description	Comments/ Actions Completed	Next steps
Delatite Valley Plan	In Progress	<b>Create a community, tourism and structure plan applying from Merrijig to Mirimbah</b>	Engagement on draft plan closed 31 August 2025. 126 submissions received. Summary of community feedback presented at October briefing for Councillor input. Summary of submissions shared with community 17 October. Draft plan updated in line with community and Councillor feedback and presented at November Council briefing.  Engagement on revised draft plan closed 15 February 2026. 63 submissions were received.	Community feedback and summary to be presented at March Councillor Briefing. Plan to be updated in line with comments.

### Other (Strategic Planning adjacent projects)

Project Name	Status	Description	Comments/ Actions Completed	Next steps
Mansfield Flood Study	In Progress	<b>Creation of new flood mapping and exploration of flood mitigation options.</b>	Draft hydrology report received. Engagement plan and draft findings presented at September Briefing.	Confirm mitigation location options with consultants. Explore mitigation options for community infrastructure and engage with community on options. Study due for completion in 2026-27.

Project Name	Status	Description	Comments/ Actions Completed	Next steps
	In Progress	<b>Preparation for implementation of Flood Study into Planning Scheme.</b>	Analysis of study results and proposed planning controls completed for every affected property.  Engagement strategy and materials prepared.	Engage with affected landowners regarding the impact of the flood study on planning controls.
<b>Infrastructure Plan</b>	In Progress	<b>Preparation of Infrastructure Plan for Mansfield Township.</b>	Draft plan prepared and has undergone review by internal staff. Feedback being provided to consultant with a second draft provided to Council on 24 November 2025, and now undergoing internal review.	Following internal review, the Plan will be presented to Council at briefing for consideration.
<b>Goughs Bay Integrated Wastewater Management Plan</b>	In Progress	<b>Preparation of integrated wastewater feasibility study and plan for Goughs Bay.</b>	Internal review of Draft plan completed. Consultant has been issued with instructions for the next steps and is now preparing an updated draft report.	Community engagement to follow review of draft study in early 2026.
<b>High Street Design – Stage 1: Car Parking Study</b>	In Progress	<b>Preparation of a study and strategy for the future design of the Mansfield township CBD and Parking Strategy</b>	Consultant appointed to prepare Car Parking Study. Initial community engagement has been undertaken, and initial data has been provided to Council. This was reviewed by Council officers and feedback provided to the consultant.	Review of consultation results and draft Study to be presented to a Council Briefing in May 2026.
<b>Ovens-Murray Integrated Transport Strategy</b>	In Progress	<b>Completion of DTP &amp; RDV Strategy for transport infrastructure and servicing in the Ovens-Murray region.</b>	Mansfield Shire Council has been engaged to complete the Ovens-Murray Integrated Transport Strategy for the Department of Transport and Planning and Regional Development Victoria. The background report has been completed by consultants, and Mansfield Shire Council will be leading the engagement with other Councils in the region and working to identify priority projects for implementation.  Engagement currently open. Responses from Councils expected by 6 March 2026.	Engagement period with Councils to be extended until April 2026.  Review of submissions received.

## 4. Waste Services

The landfill diversion rate for the month of February 2026 was 39.80%. This is an increase from January's rate of 39.10% and mainly due to a large decrease in refuse collected for the month.

The average diversion rate year to date (YTD) has remained steady 40.16%.

	2025-26					
	Recycling (total tonnage)	FOGO (total tonnage)	Landfill (total tonnage)	Total Waste (tonnage)	Total Diverted Waste	Landfill Diversion Rate
Jul	81.00	29.14	194.45	304.59	110.14	36.16%
Aug	75.14	39.33	190.69	305.16	114.47	37.51%
Sep	72.24	44.52	184.28	301.04	116.76	38.79%
Oct	89.17	76.18	206.26	371.61	165.35	44.50%
Nov	79.84	66.08	185.37	331.29	145.92	44.05%
Dec	92.44	60.36	216.28	369.08	152.80	41.40%
Jan	113.62	53.00	260.72	428.14	167.42	39.10%
Feb	77.94	38.58	176.24	292.76	116.52	39.80%
Mar						
Apr						
May						
Jun						
<b>Total Tonnage</b>	<b>681.39</b>	<b>407.99</b>	<b>1614.29</b>	<b>2703.67</b>	<b>1089.38</b>	
<b>Average Landfill Diversion Rate for FY</b>			<b>40.16%</b>			

## 5. Field Services

### Parks and Gardens

- ▶ Watering street trees, gardens and trees within some reserves and parks
- ▶ Fertilising of annuals and pruning of native grass beds in High Street
- ▶ Mowing (ride on) in Mansfield, Jamieson, Merton, Macs Cove, Goughs Bay and Bonnie Doon
- ▶ Mowing (ovals) at the Mansfield Recreation Reserve, Lords Reserve, College Park Field 1 & 2, Bonnie Doon and Merton
- ▶ Oversewing and top dressing of Bonnie Doon and Recreation Reserve ovals
- ▶ Turf works around the Bonnie Doon pitch and Fertilise Bonnie Doon Oval
- ▶ Mowing (push mowers) Narrow strips, Gadhaba, Pool, Youth Centre, Buckland & High Street Carpark
- ▶ Mowing and brush cutting in Jamison
- ▶ Top up of soft fall at the Recreation Reserve, Botanic Park, and Maindample playgrounds
- ▶ Mansfield Cemetery mowing and brush cutting and plaque replacement
- ▶ Garden maintenance at Skate Park, Ski Statue, High Street Carpark, Erril Street
- ▶ Litter pick up on High Street, at the Skate Park and on Highett Street
- ▶ Pruning works with chipper on street trees and Customer Requests
- ▶ Irrigation repairs at Mansfield Recreation Reserve, Bonnie Doon, College Park and Lords
- ▶ Events set up and pack down, Tolmie Sports and Mansfield Hunting & Fishing Expo
- ▶ Mulching of trees and Garden beds, Botanic Park, Toilet Block, Len Lynch, Street Trees on Greenslopes Avenue, Scenic Drive and Rhododendron Garden at the Cemetery
- ▶ Envelope clearing of the Rail Trail
- ▶ Three burials and two ashes interment
- ▶ Set up racks for tools on the Gardeners shed
- ▶ Depot cleanup
- ▶ Traffic control and tree removal on Amor Drive

### Roads Crew

Grading kilometres completed for the month of February were 46 kms, totalling 70 kms for the year, due to recent rain there have been some days of limited grading. The team have maintained regular street sweeping and recently with some large rain events blocked storm water infrastructure has been attended with Council's jetting machine. The urban team completed banner change overs, fallen trees, vandalism and assistance with completing the Curia



Street toilet and shower pod project. With the recent rain events and storms the team have had a focus on drainage and storm water infrastructure.

### Maintenance Grading

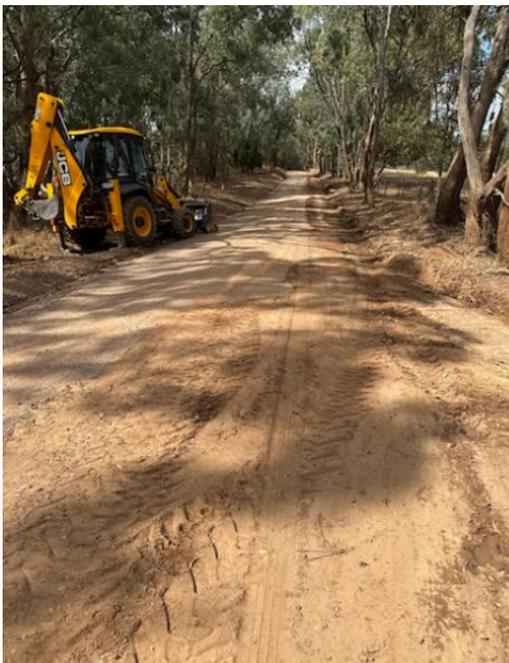
- ▶ Long Lane
- ▶ Nillalook Road
- ▶ Dueran Lane
- ▶ Ross Road
- ▶ Howes Creek Road
- ▶ Howes Creek/Goughs Bay Road
- ▶ Laxton Street
- ▶ Murmuring Way
- ▶ View Street
- ▶ Riordan Lane
- ▶ Boat Ramp 2, 3 and 4
- ▶ Campagnolos Road
- ▶ Mimaluke Court
- ▶ Pollards Road
- ▶ Glen Creek Road
- ▶ Star Of The Glen Road
- ▶ Hewsons Road
- ▶ Donkey Hill Road
- ▶ Peacheys Lane
- ▶ Harpers Road

### Drainage

- ▶ Cambatong Road
- ▶ Bunstons Road
- ▶ Old Tolmie Road
- ▶ Kidston Parade
- ▶ Lovick Road
- ▶ Long Lane
- ▶ Howes Creek Road
- ▶ Monkey Gully Road

### Excavator

- ▶ Rifle Butts Road
- ▶ Lords Oval toilet project
- ▶ Curia Street shower pod
- ▶ James Street Bonnie Doon



**Resheeting Program 2025/26**

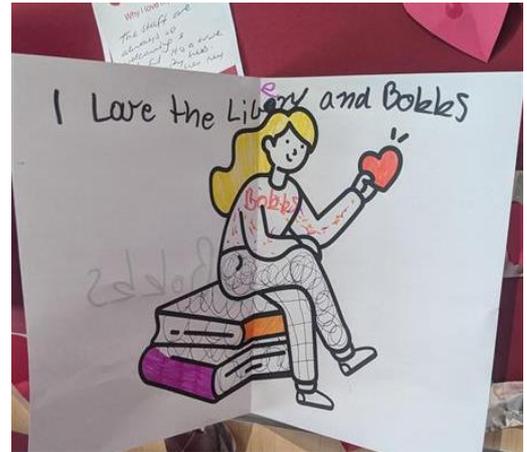
Road	Status
Aldous Road	Complete
Banksia Street (Court Bowl)	Complete
Cambatong Road	Complete
Desmonds Road	Complete
Dry Creek Road	Complete
Long Lane	Complete
Merton-Strathbogie Road	Complete
Sonnberg Drive	Complete
Spring Creek Road	Complete
Woolshed Road	Complete
Royal Town Road	Complete
Fern Street	Complete

## 6. Library

### Community Appreciation

#### Love Your Library Week

During the week preceding Valentine's Day, libraries around Australia asked their communities to express appreciation for their local libraries.



This year Mansfield Library created a notice board inviting comments. Some responses from Mansfield patrons were:

- ▶ 'The staff are always so welcoming and helpful. It is a true community hub. Always makes my day!'
- ▶ '1,000 Books Before School! We love it! My baby is 11 months old and we have read over 200 books.'
- ▶ 'The large choice of books. The staff are friendly and helpful, a home away from home when I need it. Many thanks.'
- ▶ 'I love this Library - it orders in any book I want. The atmosphere is welcoming and ALL the staff are WONDERFULL'

#### Support for community members in difficult times

The Library received a letter from a friend of a regular visitor to the Library, expressing appreciation for the role the library team had played in assisting their friend to make a crucial step in reshaping their lives. The writer acknowledged the welcome, kindness and respect that had been shown to their friend over a period of years and said "I am very proud that Mansfield Shire has such a brilliant Library".

#### Library Outreach Van

The library team sought advice from library managers across Victoria on internal fit-outs for outreach vans that are primarily used to transport removable book trolleys. This type of fit-out will support outreach visits of the new grant-funded van. Several responses were received which will help determine some of the design features and equipment for fit-out of the van.

## Preschool storytime

Weekly toddler storytime sessions will replace the fortnightly storytime sessions for 0-5 year olds in 2026. Storytime was paused during February as the program was redesigned, to focus on the needs of very young children. Most children who currently participate are 0-3. This is a result of the number of enrolment hours for 3 year old kindergarten increasing.

The Library will offer 30 minute sessions that immerse the child and caregiver in a language rich environment using stories, rhymes and songs. The sessions will incorporate more repetition, regular use of scarves and shakers and utilise book sets, so that each caregiver can read the same book to their child/children at the same time.

## Facebook

### A snapshot of the Mansfield Library Victoria Facebook page:

- ▶ Followers – 1,221
- ▶ Posts published – 17
- ▶ Views – 4757
- ▶ Engagement –164

### Most popular posts for February:

**Mansfield Library Victoria**

Feb 6 • 🌐

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Something new is brewing at the Library!

The Library is taking a short hiatus from Story Time for the month of February while we put the finishing touches on on some exciting changes. We're shaking things up with a new format and more sessions for our growing community. ✨

Hang tight Mansfield families! Our full 2026 schedule will be released very soon, with sessions kicking off in March.



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**Mansfield Library Victoria**

Feb 11 • 🌐

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❤️ "Dear Library..." 📖

Our special display for Love Your Library Week is quickly filling up with the sweetest notes from our patrons. It turns out there are lots of reasons to love the Library, from our book collection to our pumping AC. 📚🌬️

Drop by this week and leave your own note, we'd love to see the board overflowing by the weekend!

[#loveyourlibrary](#)




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## Statistics for February 2026

	Visits	Loans	Library Programs	Program attendees	Room Use	IT help	Holds placed	New users
<b>Feb</b>	<b>2818</b>	<b>3212</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>714</b>	<b>46</b>
<b>Jan</b>	1954	3419	10	205	6	119	902	42
<b>Dec</b>	2230	2691	10	129	7	119	639	43
<b>Nov</b>	2597	2946	10	95	9	141	689	42
<b>Oct</b>	3648	3559	13	227	15	180	789	38
<b>Sept</b>	3270	3294	17	300	20	93	758	40
<b>Feb 2025</b>	<b>3549</b>	<b>3498</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>835</b>	<b>31</b>

## 7. Youth Services & Events

### Daily Visitation and programs

The Mansfield Shire Youth Centre has resumed regular operations following the school holiday period, with increased attendance and strong engagement across daily activities. After school programs including board games afternoon, switch competitions and our four week programs are attracting growing interest and enthusiasm from young people.

The band rehearsal space continues to be well utilised, averaging three bookings per week with young people coming together to collaborate and create. A call for expressions of interest has been released for a new Chess Club, following feedback from young people keen to see the club established.

### Code Club

Code Club is now in its third week for the term and has been attracting steady, but not high participation. With a dedicated instructor now supporting the program each week, we'll be increasing promotion and visibility to help boost numbers and ensure the full curriculum is delivered effectively.

### Youth Advisory Group (YAG) & Amplify

The Amplify and Youth Advisory Group (YAG) committees for 2026 have now been established, with nine members joining Amplify and seven currently enrolled in YAG. The Youth Team aims to expand both groups slightly over the coming weeks. Meetings are already underway, with members beginning to set their goals for the year established by young people, for young people.

YAG will be looking to work more closely with Council in a formal capacity. Council members seeking input will be invited to come and present to the YAG group during one of their meetings to formalise the process.

Our Amplify group is already hard at work planning their first event for the year, the Jamieson Autumn Festival.

### Youth Centre

The first week back at school has seen an increase in attendance of young people to our weekly program which is as follows:

- ▶ Monday – Various 4-week programs (Pickleball, Sewing) & Computer Games
- ▶ Tuesday – Amplify Meetings & Social Crafternoons
- ▶ Wednesday – Code Club & Board Games
- ▶ Thursday – YAG Meetings & Switch It Up tournaments on Nintendo Switch
- ▶ Each afternoon – Music Room & Study Spaces available

## Events

### Council Run Events

#### 27 – 29 February – Find Your Wild

A three-day outdoor focused event to build on the Mansfield Hunting & Fishing Expo, consisting of a dinner, expo and bookable experiences as follows:

#### 27 February – Are You Game?

Delivered in partnership with Swiftcrest Distillery, this 50 person dinner sold out and was a great way to kick off the weekend. Local chef Cody Louis delivered a fire feast matched with drinks from Swiftcrest as guests were shuttled in by Locals Day Out bus lines.

#### 28 February – Mansfield Hunting & Fishing Expo

The 2026 Mansfield Hunting & Fishing Expo was a significant success, attracting an estimated 18,000 attendees and delivering strong economic and community benefits for the region. Delivered in partnership with Mansfield Hunting & Fishing, the event featured more than 120 stallholders, live demonstrations and seamless logistics, supported by free shuttle services. The event has now solidified its position as a biennial flagship on Council's events calendar, with planning underway for 2028.

#### 29 February – Get Out There!

Council officers worked with local operators to list bookable experiences for the Sunday of the festival. Businesses including Back of Beyond Fly Fishing, Rockwire, Jamieson Kayaking, 4WD Adventures Craigs Hut, All Terrain Cycles, High Country Hiking Tours.

### Council Supported Events

#### 14 February – Tolmie Sports

Council assisted with promotional sponsorship and also equipment for Tolmie Sports. Loaning a range of events equipment including marquees, umbrellas, fencing and more to assist in the setup for this staple on the events calendar.

#### 20 - 22 – Mind Body Bike

Council assisted with promotion of the Mind Body Bike Weekend. In its tenth year this event is based on Mt Buller and run by All Terrain Cycles. Another sold out successful year for this health and wellbeing based event.

**Upcoming Events**

March	April	May
1 – Get out there (Find Your Wild Experiences)	11 – Farmers Market	9 – Farmers Market
6 - 9 – Mansfield Pottery Festival	17 – 19 – Jamieson Autumn Festival	18 – That’s My Farm Market
7 – Merrijig Rodeo	18 – That’s My Farm Market	23 – Farmers Market
13 – 15 – Mansfield Campdraft	25 – ANZAC Day	
14 – Farmers Market	25 – Farmers Market	
18 – Volunteers Expo		
20 – Tom Curtin Experience		
21 – Harmony Day Festival		
21 – That’s My Farm Market		

## 8. Communications

### Media releases

Eleven media releases were generated and distributed:

- ▶ Mansfield Shire's Petition Against Planning Reforms discussed at Spring Street
- ▶ ESVF 12 months on: Victoria's emergency services and volunteers deserve better
- ▶ Free Antenatal classes for Mansfield families
- ▶ ESVF 12 months on: Our small businesses have been through enough
- ▶ Council exploring parking infringement refund scheme
- ▶ Carry In, Carry Out: Conscientious campers keep shire clean
- ▶ Tourism operators meet to plan Shire's bright future
- ▶ Mayor Cr Rabie labels ESVF 'division by design'
- ▶ Mansfield Shire counts cost of busy bushfire season
- ▶ Mansfield goes wild as 18,000 flock to Hunting & Fishing Expo weekend
- ▶ Mayor Rabie welcomes Governor of Victoria to Mansfield Shire

### Responses to media enquiries

Responses were provided on the following topics:

- ▶ Great Victorian Rail Trail Maintenance
- ▶ Disaster Funding eligibility

### Social media

Council's Facebook page is followed by 11,270 accounts. Page activity over the past 4 months:

	November	December	January	February
Change in followers	+544	+486	+2,052	+331
Content interactions	6,576	4,487	28,588	7,647
Link clicks	854	1,359	3,240	544

Posts that received the most interactions this month are listed below:

Topic	Reach	Interactions	Comments
Road closure update: Gaffneys Creek Fire	124,100	458	35
Road closure update: Woods Point Road	101,300	169	12
Gaffneys Creek Fire Update	71,100	604	27
Woods Point Community Meeting	50,600	293	30

## Engage Mansfield

Regular community consultation is undertaken online via Engage Mansfield. Statistics on activity on the portal is provided below.

	November	December	January	February
New registrations	31	23	13	8
Visits	2.7k	2581	2143	2524
Engaged	141	65	111	246
Engagement rate	6%	3.2%	6.7%	11.8%

## YouTube

Council meetings are streamed live on YouTube. Viewership of recent Council meetings within each month is as follows:

	25 Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
Views	162	No meeting	No meeting	70

## 9. Digital Transformation Project

### Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP)

Mansfield went live on 8 December 2025, the implementation of the ERP is complete, with all departments using the system and working through teething issues as they arise, and further training being undertaken on modules that are now being used. The Animal Registration and Infringement Management module will be introduced in the first half of 2026. This will link directly with the rates system and the online portal, making services simpler for the community.

### Health and Wastewater (HWW)

The open tender has now closed, and a tender was awarded at the November meeting of Council. Implementation is expected to start in April 2026.

### Information and Records Management (IM)

The IM system is continuing to settle into business as usual (BAU). Ongoing improvements are being delivered through enhancement requests and regular vendor updates. Council is gathering feedback on staff user experience to help identify areas for improvement and support.

### Planning, Building and Regulatory (PBR)

All PBR modules are now in place across the collaborating councils and are being managed in BAU. Councils are working with the vendor through regular meetings to progress enhancements and further improve the system.