

2022-23

Weddin Shire

State of the Environment Report



A State of the Environment (SoE) Report is an important management tool which aims to provide the community and Local Council with information on the condition of the environment in the local area to assist in decision-making.

The data provided includes anecdotal data, where possible datasets have been obtained to provide the information. Council does not hold responsibility for the data accuracy.

Environmental Indicators

A number of indicators have been identified and used to measure the state of the environment across Weddin Shire using data. The indicators are categorized into five themes:

- Land
- Biodiversity
- Water and Waterways
- People and Communities
- Towards Sustainability



Biodiversity

Issue	Indicator	2022-23
Clear Habitat Loss	Total area in the National Parks Estate and Reserves (ha)	83.61
	Total area of State Forest (11 State Forests) (ha)	11,295
	Area protected in conservation reserves & under voluntary conservation agreements (ha)	1400
	Extent of Traveling Stock Reserves in LGA (km)	224.1
	Clearing complaints (number)	0
	Roadside vegetation management plan	Council has a policy
Priority weeds	Number of Declared priority weeds	91
	Invasive species (listed priority or WONS) under active management	13

People and Communities

Issue	Indicator	2022-23
Active community involvement	Environmental volunteers working on public open space (Hours)	118
	Number of environmental community engagement programs	20
Indigenous Heritage	Number of Indigenous sites on AHIMS register	Data to be obtained
	Inclusion in DCPs & rural strategies (number)	0
	Development approvals on listed Indigenous sites (number)	0
Non-Indigenous Heritage	NSW Heritage Items (number)	2
	Locally listed heritage items (number)	107
	Heritage buildings on statutory heritage lists demolished/degraded in past year (number)	0
	Heritage buildings on statutory heritage lists renovated/improved in past year (number)	6

Land

Issue	Indicator	2022-23
Contamination	Contaminated land sites—Contaminated Land Register (number)	1
	Contaminated sites rehabilitated (number)	0
Erosion	Erosion affected land rehabilitated—Weddin Landcare (3 Projects) (ha)	61
Land use planning and management	Number of development consents and building approvals (DAs, CDCs & CCs)	85
	Landuse conflict complaints (number)	3
	Loss of primary agricultural land through rezoning (ha)	0

Water and Waterways

Issue	Indicator	2022-23
Industrial/Agricultural Pollution	Exceedances of license discharge consent recorded (number)	59
	Erosion & Sediment Control complaints received by Council (number)	1
Stormwater Pollution	Number of gross pollutant traps installed	0
	Total catchment area of GPTs (ha)	0
	Water pollution complaints (number)	0
Council water consumption	Number of irrigated (treated) Council managed parks, sportsgrounds, public open space	6
	Water used by Council for irrigation (treated) (ML)	5.372
	Annual metered supply to Council from Central Tablelands Water (ML)	8.591

Towards Sustainability

Issue	Indicator	2022-23
Waste Generation	Total waste entombed at primary landfill (tonnes)	1790.31
	Total waste entombed at other landfill (2 x villages) (tonnes)	60.00
	Average total general waste generated per person (Pop. 3608) (tonnes)	0.51
	Average cost of waste service per household (Kerbside)	\$385.00
Hazardous/Liquid Waste	DrumMuster collections—3 Sites (number of drums)	7,855
	Household Hazardous Wastes collected (tonnes)	3.366
Reduce	Greenwaste collected (diverted from landfill) (tonnes)	328.02
	E-Waste collected (diverted from landfill) (tonnes)	0
Recycle	Volume of material recycled (tonnes)	560.24
	Volume of material recycled per person (tonnes)	0.247
Littering and illegal dumping	Number of illegal waste disposal complaints to Council	5
Engineering, Infrastructure and Civil Works	New road constructed (km)	0
	Road upgrades (km)	28.1
Risk Management	Flood management plans/flood mapping—increase in area covered	Bimbi Flood Study completed
	RFS Hazard reduction burns (number)	0 Due to wet weather
Climate Change Mitigation	Office paper used by Council (A4 & A3 reams)	320
	Council sustainability & mitigation initiatives	EV Charger & Solar panels installed
Council Greenhouse Gas Emissions	Annual electricity consumption for Council controlled facilities (MWh)	650.5
	Annual bottled gas consumption for Council controlled facilities (L)	1328.4
	Total Council owned vehicles fuel consumption (KL)	306.10
	Council total operational electricity greenhouse gas emissions (tCO ₂ -e/year)	214.36
Community Greenhouse Gas Emissions	Small scale renewable energy uptake (Residential) (kW installed)	3027
	Total Residential <10kW Solar Installations	632
	Total Commercial 10-100kW Solar Installations	120
	Annual CO ₂ offset (Residential & Commercial) (tonnes)	4,960