ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2022



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## General Purpose Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2022

## **Understanding Council's Financial Statements**

#### Introduction

Each year NSW local governments are required to present audited financial statements to their council and community.

#### What you will find in the Statements

The financial statements set out the financial performance, financial position and cash flows of Council for the financial year ended 30 June 2022.

The format of the financial statements is standard across all NSW Councils and complies with both the accounting and reporting requirements of Australian Accounting Standards and requirements as set down by the Office of Local Government.

#### **About the Councillor/Management Statement**

The financial statements must be certified by senior staff as 'presenting fairly' the Council's financial results for the year and are required to be adopted by Council – ensuring both responsibility for and ownership of the financial statements.

#### **About the Primary Financial Statements**

The financial statements incorporate five "primary" financial statements:

#### 1. The Income Statement

Summarises Council's financial performance for the year, listing all income and expenses. This statement also displays Council's original adopted budget to provide a comparison between what was projected and what actually occurred.

#### 2. The Statement of Comprehensive Income

Primarily records changes in the fair value of Council's Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment.

#### 3. The Statement of Financial Position

A 30 June snapshot of Council's financial position indicating its assets, liabilities and "net wealth".

#### 4. The Statement of Changes in Equity

The overall change for the year (in dollars) of Council's "net wealth".

### 5. The Statement of Cash Flows

Indicates where Council's cash came from and where it was spent. This statement also displays Council's original adopted budget to provide a comparison between what was projected and what actually occurred.

## **About the Notes to the Financial Statements**

The Notes to the Financial Statements provide greater detail and additional information on the five primary financial statements.

#### **About the Auditor's Reports**

Council's financial statements are required to be audited by the NSW Audit Office.

In NSW the auditor provides 2 audit reports:

- 1. an opinion on whether the financial statements present fairly the Council's financial performance and position, and
- 2. their observations on the conduct of the audit, including commentary on the Council's financial performance and financial position.

## Who uses the Financial Statements?

The financial statements are publicly available documents and must be presented at a Council meeting between seven days and five weeks after the date of the audit report.

The public can make submissions to Council up to seven days subsequent to the public presentation of the financial statements.

Council is required to forward an audited set of financial statements to the Office of Local Government.

## General Purpose Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2022

## Statement by Councillors and Management

## Statement by Councillors and Management made pursuant to Section 413(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW) (as amended)

The attached General Purpose Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with:

- · the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW) (as amended) and the regulations made thereunder,
- · the Australian Accounting Standards and other pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board,
- · the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting.

### To the best of our knowledge and belief, these statements:

- · present fairly the Council's operating result and financial position for the year,
- accord with Council's accounting and other records.

We are not aware of any matter that would render these statements false or misleading in any way.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of Council made on 20 September 2022.

**Doug Batten** 

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20 September 2022

David Neeves
General Manager

20 September 2022

Ash Walker

Councillor

20 September 2022

Mall

Guy McAnally-Elwin

**Responsible Accounting Officer** 

20 September 2022

## **Income Statement**

for the year ended 30 June 2022

Original unaudited budget			Actual	Actua
2022	\$ '000	Notes	2022	2021
	Income from continuing operations	DO 4		
6,675	Rates and annual charges	B2-1	6,809	6,60
15,510	User charges and fees	B2-2	17,103	16,30
626	Other revenues	B2-3	985	940
14,102	Grants and contributions provided for operating purposes	B2-4	9,857	9,009
7,685	Grants and contributions provided for capital purposes	B2-4	2,603	4,56
395	Interest and investment income	B2-5	185	237
	Net gain from the disposal of assets	B4-1	92	
44,993	Total income from continuing operations		37,634	37,670
	Expenses from continuing operations			
15,828	Employee benefits and on-costs	B3-1	17,685	17,00
12,879	Materials and services	B3-2	8,414	8,96
240	Borrowing costs	B3-3	185	21
5,065	Depreciation, amortisation and impairment of non-financial assets	B3-4	5,966	5,94
2,579	Other expenses	B3-5	529	662
_,0.0	Net loss from the disposal of assets	B4-1	_	94
36,591	Total expenses from continuing operations		32,779	32,88
8,402	Operating result from continuing operations		4,855	4,789
8,402	Net operating result for the year attributable to Co	uncil	4,855	4,789

The above Income Statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

## Statement of Comprehensive Income

for the year ended 30 June 2022

\$ '000	Notes	2022	2021
Net operating result for the year – from Income Statement		4,855	4,789
Other comprehensive income:			
Amounts which will not be reclassified subsequently to the operating result Gain (loss) on revaluation of infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	C1-6	19.235	1,159
Total items which will not be reclassified subsequently to the operating result		19,235	1,159
Total other comprehensive income for the year	_	19,235	1,159
Total comprehensive income for the year attributable to Council		24,090	5,948

The above Statement of Comprehensive Income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

## Statement of Financial Position

as at 30 June 2022

\$ '000	Notes	2022	2021
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	C1-1	2,770	6,391
Investments	C1-2	25,000	23,000
Receivables	C1-4	4,816	3,199
Inventories	C1-5	189	145
Total current assets		32,775	32,735
Non-current assets			
Receivables	C1-4	547	479
Inventories	C1-5	225	901
Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment (IPPE)	C1-6	356,586	330,483
Right of use assets	C2-1	37	77
Total non-current assets		357,395	331,940
Total assets		390,170	364,675
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
Payables	C3-1	15,045	13,381
Contract liabilities	C3-2	632	458
Lease liabilities	C2-1	37	77
Borrowings	C3-3	712	688
Employee benefit provisions	C3-4	3,914	3,684
Total current liabilities		20,340	18,288
Non-current liabilities			
Borrowings	C3-3	4,292	5,004
Employee benefit provisions	C3-4	238	214
Provisions	C3-5	746	705
Total non-current liabilities		5,276	5,923
Total liabilities		25,616	24,211
Net assets		364,554	340,464
EQUITY			
Accumulated surplus		116,820	111,965
IPPE revaluation reserve	C4-1	247,734	228,499
Council equity interest		364,554	340,464
Total equity		261 EE1	240 464
Total equity		364,554	340,464

The above Statement of Financial Position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

## Statement of Changes in Equity

for the year ended 30 June 2022

			2022			2021	
			IPPE			IPPE	
		Accumulated	revaluation	Total	Accumulated	revaluation	Total
\$ '000	Notes	surplus	reserve	equity	surplus	reserve	equity
Opening balance at 1 July		111,965	228,499	340,464	107,176	227,340	334,516
Opening balance		111,965	228,499	340,464	107,176	227,340	334,516
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Net operating result for the year		4,855		4,855	4,789		4,789
Net operating result for the period		4,855		4,855	4,789	_	4,789
Other comprehensive income							
Gain (loss) on revaluation of infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	C1-6		19,235	19,235		1,159	1,159
Other comprehensive income		-	19,235	19,235	_	1,159	1,159
Total comprehensive income		4,855	19,235	24,090	4,789	1,159	5,948
Closing balance at 30 June		116,820	247,734	364,554	111,965	228,499	340,464

The above Statement of Changes in Equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

## Statement of Cash Flows

for the year ended 30 June 2022

Original unaudited budget			Actual	Actual
2022	\$ '000	Notes	2022	2021
	One by flower from a constitution of the title of			
	Cash flows from operating activities			
0.075	Receipts:			0.000
6,675	Rates and annual charges		6,817	6,883
15,509 395	User charges and fees Interest received		17,631 183	16,687 279
21,787	Grants and contributions		10,618	12,720
626	Other		1,157	1,259
020	Payments:		1,107	1,200
(15,828)	Payments to employees		(17,514)	(16,778)
(12,879)	Payments for materials and services		(8,773)	(9,985)
(240)	Borrowing costs		(151)	(176)
(2,578)	Other		(582)	(773)
13,467	Net cash flows from operating activities	G1-1	9,386	10,116
	Cash flows from investing activities			
	Receipts:			
_	Sale of real estate assets		_	340
428	Proceeds from sale of IPPE		255	259
	Payments:			
_	Acquisition of term deposits		(2,000)	(1,000)
(14,516)	Payments for IPPE		(11,402)	(11,128
_	Purchase of real estate assets		(225)	_
(14,088)	Net cash flows from investing activities		(13,372)	(11,529)
	Cash flows from financing activities			
	Receipts:			
300	Proceeds from borrowings		_	_
1,000	Proceeds from Retirement Complex Contributions		3,265	2,270
	Payments:			
(872)	Repayment of borrowings		(688)	(662)
_	Principal component of lease payments		(40)	(52)
(1,000)	Repayment of Retirement Complex Contributions		(2,172)	(2,448
(572)	Net cash flows from financing activities		365	(892
(1,193)	Net change in cash and cash equivalents		(3,621)	(2,305
4,497	Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		6,391	8,696
3,304	Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	C1-1	2,770	6,391
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26,000	plus: Investments on hand at end of year	C1-2	25,000	23,000
29,304	Total cash, cash equivalents and investments		27,770	29,391
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The above Statement of Cash Flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

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## A About Council and these financial statements

## A1-1 Basis of preparation

These financial statements were authorised for issue by Council on 28 October 2022. Council has the power to amend and reissue these financial statements in cases where critical information is received from public submissions or where the OLG directs Council to amend the financial statements.

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these consolidated financial statements are set out below.

These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

These general purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and Australian Accounting Interpretations, the *Local Government Act 1993* (Act) and *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005* (Regulation), and the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting.

Council is a not for-profit entity.

The financial statements are presented in Australian dollars and are rounded to the nearest thousand dollars.

#### Historical cost convention

These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of certain infrastructure, property, plant and equipment and investment property.

### Significant accounting estimates and judgements

The preparation of financial statements requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the Council's accounting policies.

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that may have a financial impact on the Council and that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

## Critical accounting estimates and assumptions

Council makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future.

The resulting accounting estimates will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results.

The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year include:

- (i) estimated fair values of infrastructure, property, plant and equipment refer Note C1-6
- (ii) employee benefit provisions refer Note C3-4
- (iii) tip remediation provisions refer Note C3-5

## Significant judgements in applying the Council's accounting policies

- i. Impairment of receivables refer Note C1-4.
- ii. Determination of whether performance obligations are sufficiently specific and whether the contract is within the scope of AASB 15 *Revenue from Contracts with Customers* and / or AASB 1058 *Income of Not-for-Profit Entities* refer to Notes B2-2 B2-4
- iii. Determination of the lease term, discount rate (when not implicit in the lease) and whether an arrangement contains a lease refer to Note C2-1.

#### Monies and other assets received by Council

## The Consolidated Fund

In accordance with the provisions of Section 409(1) of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW), all money and property received by Council is held in the Council's Consolidated Fund unless it is required to be held in the Council's Trust Fund. The Consolidated Fund has been included in the Council's financial statements.

Cash and other assets of the following entities have been included as part of the Consolidated Fund:

General purpose operations

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## A1-1 Basis of preparation (continued)

- Water service
- Sewerage service
- Orana Living
- Carlginda Enterprises
- Cooee Villa Units
- Cooee Lodge Hostel
- Jack Towney Hostel

#### The Trust Fund

In accordance with the provisions of Section 411 of the *Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)* (as amended), a separate and distinct Trust Fund is maintained to account for all money and property received by the council in trust which must be applied only for the purposes of, or in accordance with, the trusts relating to those monies.

Trust monies and property subject to Council's control have been included in these reports.

A separate statement of monies held in the Trust Fund is available for inspection at the council office by any person free of charge.

#### **Goods and Services Tax (GST)**

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of associated GST, unless the GST incurred is not recoverable from the taxation authority. In this case it is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense.

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is included with other receivables or payables in the Statement of Financial Position.

Cash flows are presented on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing or financing activities that are recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority, are presented as operating cash flows.

#### **Volunteer services**

Council relies on volunteers to perform duties within the community transport, meal on wheels and tourist information operational areas. If the services of volunteers were not available, Council would be required fill the void by utilising contracted operators or by employing additional staff. It is estimated that this would cost Council between \$200,000 and \$300,000 annually.

#### New accounting standards and interpretations issued but not yet effective

### New accounting standards and interpretations issued but not yet effective

Certain new accounting standards and interpretations have been published that are not mandatory for the 30 June 2022 reporting period.

Council has not to applied any pronouncements before their operative dates in the annual reporting period beginning 1 July 2021.

Council's assessment of the impact of the new standards, and interpretations relevant to them, is set out below:

## New accounting standards adopted during the year

During the year Council adopted all accounting standards and interpretations (as issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board) which were mandatorily effective from the first time at 30 June 2022. None of these standards had a significant impact on reported position or performance.

## B Financial Performance

## B1 Functions or activities

## B1-1 Functions or activities – income, expenses and assets

Income, expenses and assets have been directly attributed to the following functions or activities. Details of those functions or activities are provided in Note B1-2.

	Incom	е	Expenses		Operating result		Grants and contributions		Carrying amount of assets	
\$ '000	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021
Functions or activities										
Governance	_	_	192	133	(192)	(133)	_	_	_	_
Administration	600	399	10,261	9,744	(9,661)	(9,345)	347	207	18,467	21,188
Public order and safety	834	380	672	749	162	(369)	814	852	3,449	2,731
Health	106	87	464	600	(358)	(513)	_	_	1,854	1,748
Environment	817	648	637	684	180	(36)	43	_	4,061	3,781
Community services and education	13,402	13,902	9,818	10,048	3,584	3,854	1,037	2,569	38,148	35,395
Housing and community amenities	433	325	445	438	(12)	(113)	122	92	5,498	5,195
Water supplies	1,034	1,189	1,080	1,054	(46)	135	76	232	19,979	18,835
Sewerage services	1,204	1,137	811	810	393	327	2	21	19,049	16,338
Recreation and culture	274	2,017	1,000	1,065	(726)	952	192	1,924	11,823	10,242
Mining, manufacturing and construction	37	31	66	5	(29)	26	_	_	_	_
Transport and communication	6,073	6,281	6,571	6,340	(498)	(59)	2,522	2,527	261,677	245,847
Economic affairs	1,961	1,857	762	1,211	1,199	646	1,758	923	6,165	3,375
General purpose revenues	10,859	9,417	_		10,859	9,417	5,547	4,227		_
Total functions and activities	37,634	37,670	32,779	32,881	4,855	4,789	12,460	13,574	390,170	364,675

## B1-2 Components of functions or activities

#### Details relating to the Council's functions or activities as reported in B1-1 are as follows:

#### Governance

Includes costs relating to Council's role as a component of democratic government, including elections, members' fees and expenses, meetings of Council and policy making committees, public disclosure (eg.GIPA) and legislative compliance.

#### Administration

Includes corporate support and other support services, engineering works and any Council policy compliance.

#### **Public order and safety**

Includes fire protection, emergency services, enforcement of regulations and animal control.

#### Health

Includes food control and medical centres.

#### **Environment**

Includes noxious plants and insect / vermin control, solid waste management (including domestic, commercial and other waste management), street cleaning and stormwater management.

#### **Community services and education**

Includes administration and education, social protection (welfare), aged and disabled persons services and children's services.

## Housing and community amenities

Includes public cemeteries, public conveniences, street lighting, town planning and other community amenities including housing services.

#### Water supplies

Includes the provision of a water supply service to the town of Gilgandra and the village of Tooraweenah.

#### Sewerage services

Includes the provision of a sewerage service to the town of Gilgandra.

#### Recreation and culture

Includes public libraries, community centres and halls, other cultural services (heritage programs), sporting grounds and venues, swimming pools, parks and gardens and other sport and recreation services.

#### Mining, manufacturing and construction

Includes building control and gravel pits.

### **Transport and communication**

Includes urban roads, sealed and unsealed rural roads, regional roads, bridges, parking areas, footpaths, aerodromes and other transport services including RMS contract works, rural addressing, road safety officer and kerb and gutter.

### **Economic affairs**

Includes camping areas and caravan parks, tourism and area promotion, real estate development, private works and other business undertakings.

## B2 Sources of income

## B2-1 Rates and annual charges

\$ '000	2022	2021
Ordinary rates		
Residential	982	961
Farmland	3,989	3,894
Business	265	252
Less: pensioner rebates	(85)	(88)
Rates levied to ratepayers	5,151	5,019
Pensioner rate subsidies received	46	47
Total ordinary rates	5,197	5,066
<b>Annual charges</b> (pursuant to s.496A, s.496B, s.501 & s.611)		
Domestic waste management services	501	488
Stormwater management services	25	25
Water supply services	448	431
Sewerage services	550	507
Waste management services (non-domestic)	106	107
Less: pensioner rebates	(42)	(44)
Annual charges levied	1,588	1,514
Pensioner subsidies received:		
– Water	12	12
- Sewerage	12	12
Total annual charges	1,612	1,538
Total rates and annual charges	6,809	6,604

Council has used 2019 year valuations provided by the NSW Valuer General in calculating its rates.

## **Accounting policy**

Rates and annual charges are recognised as revenue at the beginning of the rating period to which they relate. Prepaid rates are recognised as a financial liability until the beginning of the rating period.

Pensioner rebates relate to reductions in rates and certain annual charges for eligible pensioners' place of residence in the local government council area that are not subsidised by the NSW Government.

Pensioner rate subsidies are received from the NSW Government to provide a contribution towards the pensioner rebates and are recognised within the underlying revenue item based on their substance.

## B2-2 User charges and fees

\$ '000	2022	2021
Specific user charges		
(per s.502 - specific 'actual use' charges)		
Water supply services	503	517
Sewerage services	649	604
Total specific user charges	1,152	1,121
Other user charges and fees		
(i) Fees and charges – statutory and regulatory functions (per s.608)		
Planning and building regulation	112	102
Private works – section 67	32	735
Total fees and charges – statutory/regulatory	144	837
(ii) Fees and charges – other (incl. general user charges (per s.608))		
Aerodrome	65	65
Aged care	11,736	10,588
Caravan park	14	18
Cemeteries	63	66
Transport for NSW works (state roads not controlled by Council)	3,390	3,200
Swimming centres	31	37
Waste disposal tipping fees	141	27
Companion animals	12	28
Government access centre	9	8
Rent and hire of council properties	278	278
Other	68	36
Total fees and charges – other	15,807	14,351
Total other user charges and fees	15,951	15,188
Total user charges and fees	17,103	16,309
Timing of revenue recognition for user charges and fees		
User charges and fees recognised at a point in time	17,103	16,309
Total user charges and fees	17,103	16,309

### **Accounting policy**

Revenue arising from user charges and fees is recognised when or as the performance obligation is completed and the customer receives the benefit of the goods / services being provided.

The performance obligation relates to the specific services which are provided to the customers and generally the payment terms are within 30 days of the provision of the service or in some cases such as caravan parks, the customer is required to pay on arrival. There is no material obligation for Council in relation to refunds or returns.

Licences granted by Council are all either short-term or low value and all revenue from licences is recognised at the time that the licence is granted rather than over the term of the licence.

## B2-3 Other revenues

\$ '000	2022	2021
Legal fees recovery – rates and charges (extra charges)	13	10
Commissions and agency fees	178	176
Energy savings rebate	79	_
Insurance claims recoveries	196	140
Sales – general	99	124
Payroll tax reimbursement	_	126
Accommodation bonds retained	306	260
Tourism, promotion and economic development	68	72
Other	46	38
Total other revenue	985	946
Timing of revenue recognition for other revenue		
Other revenue recognised at a point in time	985	946
Total other revenue	985	946

### Accounting policy for other revenue

Where the revenue is earned for the provision of specified goods / services under an enforceable contract, revenue is recognised when or as the obligations are satisfied.

Statutory fees and fines are recognised as revenue when the service has been provided, the payment is received or when the penalty has been applied, whichever occurs first.

Other revenue is recorded when the payment is due, the value of the payment is notified, or the payment is received, whichever occurs first.

## B2-4 Grants and contributions

\$ '000	Operating 2022	Operating 2021	Capital 2022	Capital 2021
General purpose grants and non-developer				
contributions (untied)				
General purpose (untied)				
Current year allocation Financial assistance	E E 47	4.007		
	5,547	4,227		
Amount recognised as income during current year	5,547	4,227		
Special purpose grants and non-developer contributions (tied)				
Previously specific grants:				
Pensioners' rates subsidies:				
Water supplies	_	_	70	224
Sewerage services	_	_	_	19
Aged and disabled care	410	695	99	_
Bushfire and emergency services	140	105	674	247
Employment and training programs	522	254	_	_
Library	76	77	308	300
Local Infrastructure Renewal Scheme subsidy	22	34	_	_
Local Roads & Community Infrastructure	_	_	_	788
Recreation and culture	113	910	865	957
Parental leave	44	33	_	_
Youth services	198	132	_	_
Street lighting	42	42	_	_
Town planning	80	50	_	_
Transport (roads and bridges funding)	2,237	1,484	_	583
Other specific grants	43	34	_	1,414
Previously contributions:				
Recreation and culture	_	_	3	33
Transport for NSW contributions (regional roads, block grant)	373	337	_	_
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## B2-4 Grants and contributions (continued)

\$ '000	Operating 2022	Operating 2021	Capital 2022	Capital 2021
Water supplies (excl. section 64 contributions)	_	_	584	_
Education (pre school)	10	595	-	_
Total special purpose grants and non-developer contributions (tied)	4,310	4,782	2,603	4,565
Total grants and non-developer contributions	9,857	9,009	2,603	4,565
Comprising:				
- Commonwealth funding	7,031	6,195	215	_
<ul> <li>State funding</li> </ul>	2,400	2,219	2,269	4,532
<ul> <li>Other funding</li> </ul>	426	595	119	33
	9,857	9,009	2,603	4,565

## Unspent grants and contributions

Certain grants and contributions are obtained by Council on the condition they be spent in a specified manner or in a future period but which are not yet spent in accordance with those conditions are as follows:

\$ '000	Operating 2022	Operating 2021	Capital 2022	Capital 2021
<del>\$ 000</del>	2022	2021	2022	2021
Unspent grants and contributions				
Unspent funds at 1 July	655	706	2,158	472
Add: Funds recognised as revenue in the reporting year but not yet spent in accordance with the conditions	158		483	_
Add: Funds received and not recognised as	130		403	
revenue in the current year	_	_	_	1,786
<b>Less:</b> Funds recognised as revenue in previous years that have been spent during the reporting year	_	_	_	_
<b>Less:</b> Funds received in prior year but revenue recognised and funds spent in current				
year		(51)	(1,285)	(100)
Unspent funds at 30 June	813	655	1,356	2,158

The unspent capital grants total is made up of funding received for community projects (\$302,000), electronic signage (\$30,000), infrastructure projects (\$631,000) and the Mill on Miller Street (\$393,000).

The unspent operating grants total is made up of funding received for crown reserve management (\$80,000), road maintenance (\$500,000), the library (\$75,000), community projects (\$78,000) and town planning (\$80,000).

## **Accounting policy**

#### Grants and contributions - enforceable agreement with sufficiently specific performance obligations

Grant and contribution revenue from an agreement which is enforceable and contains sufficiently specific performance obligations is recognised as or when control of each performance obligations is transferred.

The performance obligations vary according to the agreement but include construction timelines, inspection points, service obligations and reporting. Payment terms vary depending on the terms of the grant, cash is received upfront for some grants and on the achievement of certain payment milestones for others.

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## B2-4 Grants and contributions (continued)

Performance obligations may be satisfied either at a point in time or over time and this is reflected in the revenue recognition pattern. Point in time recognition occurs when the beneficiary obtains control of the goods / services at a single time (e.g. completion of the project when a report / outcome is provided), whereas over time recognition is where the control of the services is ongoing throughout the project (e.g. provision of community health services through the year).

Where control is transferred over time, generally the input methods being either costs or time incurred are deemed to be the most appropriate methods to reflect the transfer of benefit.

#### **Capital grants**

Capital grants received by Council under an enforceable contract for the acquisition or construction of infrastructure, property, plant and equipment to identified specifications which will be under Council's control on completion are recognised as revenue as and when the obligation to construct or purchase is completed.

For construction projects, this is generally as the construction progresses in accordance with costs incurred since this is deemed to be the most appropriate measure of the completeness of the construction project.

For acquisitions of assets, the revenue is recognised when the asset is acquired and controlled by the Council.

## **Developer contributions**

Council has obligations to provide facilities from contribution revenues levied on developers under the provisions of sections 7.4, 7.11 and 7.12 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act).

While Council generally incorporates these amounts as part of a Development Consents Order, such developer contributions are only recognised as income upon receipt by Council, due to the possibility that individual development consents may not be acted upon by the applicant and, accordingly, would not be payable to Council.

Developer contributions may only be expended for the purposes for which the contributions were required, but Council may apply contributions according to the priorities established in work schedules for the contribution plan.

#### Other grants and contributions

Assets, including cash, received from other grants and contributions are recognised at fair value when the asset is received. Council considers whether there are any related liability or equity items associated with the asset which are recognised in accordance with the relevant accounting standard.

Once the assets and liabilities have been recognised then income is recognised for any remaining asset value at the time that the asset is received.

## B2-5 Interest and investment income

\$ '000	2022	2021
Interest on financial assets measured at amortised cost		
<ul> <li>Overdue rates and annual charges (incl. special purpose rates)</li> </ul>	32	22
<ul> <li>Cash and investments</li> </ul>	153	215
Other – funds received from the sale of Southern Phone	_	_
Total interest and investment income (losses)	185	237

#### **Accounting policy**

Interest income is recognised using the effective interest rate at the date that interest is earned.

## B3 Costs of providing services

## B3-1 Employee benefits and on-costs

\$ '000	2022	2021
Salaries and wages	12,827	12,697
Travel expenses	105	10
Employee leave entitlements (ELE)	2,568	2,257
Superannuation	1,346	1,245
Workers' compensation insurance	802	709
Fringe benefits tax (FBT)	30	56
Training costs (other than salaries and wages)	244	206
Other	95	121
Total employee costs	18,017	17,301
Less: capitalised costs	(332)	(294)
Total employee costs expensed	17,685	17,007
Number of 'full-time equivalent' employees (FTE) at year end	197	202

### **Accounting policy**

Employee benefit expenses are recorded when the service has been provided by the employee.

All employees of the Council are entitled to benefits on retirement, disability or death. Council contributes to various defined benefit plans and defined contribution plans on behalf of its employees.

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense as they become payable. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that a cash refund or a reduction in the future payments is available.

Council participates in a defined benefit plan under the Local Government Superannuation Scheme, however, sufficient information to account for the plan as a defined benefit is not available and therefore Council accounts for its obligations to defined benefit plans on the same basis as its obligations to defined contribution plans, i.e. as an expense when it becomes payable – refer to Note E3-1 for more information.

## B3-2 Materials and services

\$ '000	Notes	2022	2021
Raw materials and consumables		6,718	7,529
Audit Fees	F2-1	64	62
Previously other expenses:			
Councillor and Mayoral fees and associated expenses	F1-2	192	133
Advertising		61	56
Bank charges		24	23
Electricity and heating		187	189
Insurance		460	427
Printing and stationery		47	48
Street lighting		86	109
Telephone and communications		229	247
Valuation fees		20	20
Community projects		_	_
Other expenses		295	101
Legal expenses:			
- Legal expenses: other		31	18
Total materials and services		8,414	8,962
Total materials and services	_	8,414	8,962

## B3-3 Borrowing costs

\$ '000	Notes	2022	2021
(i) Interest bearing liability costs			
Interest on leases		_	_
Interest on loans		143	170
Charges relating to finance leases		1	3
Total interest bearing liability costs		144	173
Total interest bearing liability costs expensed		144	173
(ii) Other borrowing costs			
Amortisation of discounts and premiums:			
- Remediation liabilities	C3-5	41	38
Total other borrowing costs		41	38
Total borrowing costs expensed		185	211

## **Accounting policy**

Borrowing costs incurred for the construction of any qualifying asset are capitalised during the period of time that is required to complete and prepare the asset for its intended use or sale. Other borrowing costs are expensed as incurred.

## B3-4 Depreciation, amortisation and impairment of non-financial assets

\$ '000	Notes	2022	2021
Depreciation and amortisation			
Plant and equipment		1,115	1,078
Office equipment		27	50
Furniture and fittings		36	34
Infrastructure:	C1-6		
- Buildings (non-specialised)		35	35
- Buildings (specialised)		628	628
- Other structures		313	334
<ul> <li>Roads, Bridges and Footpaths</li> </ul>		2,703	2,695
- Stormwater drainage		72	63
- Water supply network		585	574
- Sewerage network		353	343
Right of use assets	C2-1	40	52
Other assets:			
<ul> <li>Library books</li> </ul>		19	27
- Other		36	28
Reinstatement, rehabilitation and restoration assets:			
- Gravel Pit Assets		4	4
Total depreciation and amortisation costs		5,966	5,945
Total depreciation, amortisation and impairment for			
non-financial assets		5,966	5,945

### **Depreciation and amortisation**

Depreciation and amortisation are calculated using the straight line method to allocate their cost, net of their residual values, over their estimated useful lives. Useful lives are included in Note C1-6 for IPPE assets.

Depreciation is capitalised where in-house assets have contributed to new assets.

#### Impairment of non-financial assets

Council assets held at fair value that are not held primarily for their ability to generate net cash flow, and that are deemed to be specialised, are not tested for impairment since these assets are assessed on an annual basis to ensure that the carrying amount is not materially different from fair value and therefore an impairment loss would be captured during this assessment.

Intangible assets not yet available for use, are tested annually for impairment, or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate that they might be impaired.

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## B3-4 Depreciation, amortisation and impairment of non-financial assets (continued)

Other non-financial assets that do not meet the criteria above are tested for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use.

For the purposes of assessing impairment, assets are grouped at the lowest levels for which there are separately identifiable cash inflows that are largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets (cash-generating units).

Impairment losses for revalued assets are firstly offset against the amount in the revaluation surplus for the class of asset, with only the excess to be recognised in the Income Statement.

## B3-5 Other expenses

\$ '000	2022	2021
Other		
Donations, contributions and assistance to other organisations (Section 356)	529	662
Total other expenses	529	662

### **Accounting policy**

Other expenses are recorded on an accruals basis when Council has an obligation for the expenses.

Impairment expenses are recognised when identified.

## B4 Gains or losses

## B4-1 Gain or loss from the disposal, replacement and de-recognition of assets

\$ '000	Notes	2022	2021
Gain (or loss) on disposal of property (excl. investment property)			
Proceeds from disposal – property		_	_
Less: carrying amount of property assets sold/written off		(20)	
Gain (or loss) on disposal		(20)	
Gain (or loss) on disposal of plant and equipment	C1-6		
Proceeds from disposal – plant and equipment		255	259
Less: carrying amount of plant and equipment assets sold/written off		(143)	(241)
Gain (or loss) on disposal		112	18
Gain (or loss) on disposal of real estate assets held for sale	C1-5		
Proceeds from disposal – real estate assets		_	340
Less: carrying amount of real estate assets sold/written off			(452)
Gain (or loss) on disposal			(112)
Net gain (or loss) from disposal of assets		92	(94)

## **Accounting policy**

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with carrying amount. The gain or loss on sale of an asset is determined when control of the asset has irrevocably passed to the buyer and the asset is de-recognised.

#### **B**5 Performance against budget

#### Material budget variations B5-1

Council's original budget was adopted by the Council on 29/06/2021 and is not required to be audited. The original projections on which the budget was based have been affected by a number of factors. These include state and federal government decisions, including new grant programs, changing economic activity, environmental factors, and by decisions made by Council.

While these General Purpose Financial Statements include the original budget adopted by Council, the Act requires Council to review its financial budget on a quarterly basis, so it is able to manage the variation between actuals and budget that invariably occur during the year.

Material variations of more than 10% between original budget and actual results or where the variance is considered material by nature are explained below.

**Variation Key:** F = Favourable budget variation, U = Unfavourable budget variation.

2022	2022	2022		
Budget	Actual	Varian	ce	
6,675	6,809	134	2%	F
15,510	17,103	1,593	10%	F
	Budget 6,675	Budget Actual 6,675 6,809	Budget Actual Varian 6,675 6,809 134	Budget Actual Variance 6,675 6,809 134 2%

variance was due to a higher level of contact work provided to Council than was estimated at the start of the year.

Other revenues 626 359 57%

There were income items that were higher than estimated and these were retirement complex retained accommodation bonds (\$306k against \$197k), insurance claims and rebates (\$196k against \$125k) and a street lighting energy rebate (\$79k against \$0).

#### Operating grants and contributions

14.102

9,857

(4,245)

(30)%

The reason for this variation is due to a budget allocation of \$6.0m for storm / flood damage funding for rural roads. The actual funding paid during the 21/22 year was \$1.15m. The reason for this was that not all work was able to be completed during the year and the timing of the claim process.

#### Capital grants and contributions

7,685

2,603

(5,082)

(66)%

U

U

A number of capital projects were included in the budget and were subject to receiving grant funding for the projects to proceed. Capital grant funds did not eventuate due to projects not being at a point in time for the funding to become payable. These projects will cary over to the following year when the funding will be forthcoming.

#### Interest and investment revenue

395

185

(210)

(53)%

Interest rates for investments significantly declined during the year and a reduction of that nature was not allowed for in the budget. Interest rates only began to improve during the later parts of the year.

### **Expenses**

#### Employee benefits and on-costs

15,828

17,685

(1,857)

(12)%

The total expenditure budget for 21/22 included maintenance costs for infrastructure assets such as roads, bridges, water and sewer. These costs incude a mixture of wages and materials and services. While the actual costs for wages was higher than the budget amount (\$1.857m), the actual cost for materials and services was less than the budget amount (\$4.465m).

## Materials and services

12,879

8,414

4,465

F 35%

The budget for materials and services included a number of costs that should have been allocated towards wages while the budget for other expenses included items that should have been allocated to materials and services. These allocation adjustments account for the majority of the variances in these expense areas.

#### **Borrowing costs**

240

185

55

The actual borrowing costs were less than the budget due to a proposed loan in the budget not being required by the end of the year.

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## B5-1 Material budget variations (continued)

	2022	2022	2022 Variance		
\$ '000	Budget	Actual			
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment of non-financial assets	5,065	5,966	(901)	(18)%	U
The depreciation costs calculated in the budget did not i revaluations. These figures were not know at the time the			rom renewals, pu	ırchases and	ı
Other expenses	2,579	529	2,050	79%	F
As previously explained, the budget for other expenses services and vice versa.	included costs tha	at should have be	een allocated to r	naterials and	
Net losses from disposal of assets	-	-	-	∞	F
Statement of cash flows					
Cash flows from operating activities The budget included capital grant funds which did not ex-	<b>13,467</b> ventuate in 21/22	9,386 and this account	(4,081) s for the variance	<b>(30)%</b> e.	U
Cash flows from investing activities	(14,088)	(13,372)	716	(5)%	F
Cash flows from financing activities  The budget included a net zero result from retirement cosurplus the same amount as the variance.	(572) omplex contribution	<b>365</b> ons received and	<b>937</b> refunded. The ad	(164)% ctual result w	F as a

## C Financial position

## C1 Assets we manage

## C1-1 Cash and cash equivalents

\$ '000	2022	2021
Cash assets		
Cash on hand and at bank	1,716	5,337
Cash equivalent assets		
- Deposits at call	1,054	1,054
Total cash and cash equivalents	2,770	6,391
Reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents		
Total cash and cash equivalents per Statement of Financial Position	2,770	6,391
Balance as per the Statement of Cash Flows	2,770	6,391

### **Accounting policy**

For Statement of Cash Flow presentation purposes, cash and cash equivalents include: cash on hand; deposits held at call with financial institutions; other short-term, highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value; and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities on the Statement of Financial Position.

## C1-2 Financial investments

	2022	2022	2021	2021
\$ '000	Current	Non-current	Current	Non-current
Debt securities at amortised cost				
Long term deposits	25,000		23,000	
Total	25,000		23,000	
Total financial investments	25,000		23,000	
Total cash assets, cash equivalents and investments	27,770		29,391	_

## **Accounting policy**

Financial instruments are recognised initially on the date that the Council becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

On initial recognition, all financial instruments are measured at fair value plus transaction costs (except for instruments measured at fair value through profit or loss where transaction costs are expensed as incurred).

#### **Financial assets**

All recognised financial assets are subsequently measured in their entirety at either amortised cost or fair value, depending on the classification of the financial assets.

### Classification

On initial recognition, Council classifies its financial assets into the following categories - those measured at:

- amortised cost
- fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL)
- · fair value through other comprehensive income equity instrument (FVOCI-equity)

Financial assets are not reclassified subsequent to their initial recognition.

1,527

1,189

1,502

1,860

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## C1-2 Financial investments (continued)

#### **Amortised cost**

Employees leave entitlement

Carry over works

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Council's financial assets measured at amortised cost comprise trade and other receivables, term deposits and cash and cash equivalents in the Statement of Financial Position. Term deposits with an initial term of more than 3 months are classified as investments rather than cash and cash equivalents.

Subsequent to initial recognition, these assets are carried at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method less provision for impairment.

Interest income, impairment and gains or loss on de-recognition are recognised in profit or loss.

## Postricted and allocated each each equivalents and investments

C1-3	Restricted and allocated cash, cash equivalents and in	vestments	
\$ '000		2022	2021
(a)	Externally restricted cash, cash equivalents and investments		
Total c	ash, cash equivalents and investments	27,770	29,391
Cash, d	kternally restricted cash, cash equivalents and investments	(8,012)	(8,428)
restrict	tions	19,758	20,963
Extern	al restrictions al restrictions – included in liabilities I restrictions included in cash, cash equivalents and investments above comprise	:	
Specific	purpose unexpended grants – general fund	208	458
Extern	al restrictions – included in liabilities	208	458
Specific Water fu Sewer for Domesti	purpose unexpended grants (recognised as revenue) – general fund und	2,169 2,985 2,295 355 7,804	2,863 2,869 1,868 370 7,970
Total e	xternal restrictions	8,012	8,428
	ash equivalents and investments subject to external restrictions are those which acil due to a restriction placed by legislation or third-party contractual agreement.	are only available for	specific use
\$ '000		2022	2021
(b)	Internal allocations		
Cash, d	cash equivalents and investments not subject to external tions	19,758	20,963
Less: In	ternally restricted cash, cash equivalents and investments	(11,907)	(10,343)
Unrest	ricted and unallocated cash, cash equivalents and investments	7,851	10,620
	all allocations une, Council has internally allocated funds to the following:		

## C1-3 Restricted and allocated cash, cash equivalents and investments (continued)

\$ '000	2022	2021
Community services	1,417	760
Financial assistance grant	3,361	2,185
Recreation facilities	107	246
Transport	2,366	2,397
Aged and disabled	700	668
Administration	666	695
Other	574	30
Total internal allocations	11,907	10,343

Cash, cash equivalents and investments not subject to external restrictions may be internally allocated by resolution or policy of the elected Council.

\$ '000		2022	2021
(c)	Unrestricted and unallocated		
Unres	tricted and unallocated cash, cash equivalents and investments	7,851	10,620

### C1-4 Receivables

2022	2022	2021	2021
Current	Non-current	Current	Non-current
332	205	320	214
30	83	26	78
1,996	192	2,120	187
62	_	69	_
2,126	67	520	_
270	_	144	_
4,816	547	3,199	479
4,816	547	3,199	479
	Current  332 30 1,996  62 2,126 270 4,816	Current         Non-current           332         205           30         83           1,996         192           62         -           2,126         67           270         -           4,816         547	Current         Non-current         Current           332         205         320           30         83         26           1,996         192         2,120           62         -         69           2,126         67         520           270         -         144           4,816         547         3,199

## **Accounting policy**

Receivables are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. Receivables are generally due for settlement within 30 days.

#### **Impairment**

Impairment of financial assets measured at amortised cost is recognised on an expected credit loss (ECL) basis.

When estimating ECL, Council considers reasonable and supportable information that is relevant and available without undue cost or effort. This includes both quantitative and qualitative information and analysis based on Council's historical experience and informed credit assessment, and including forward-looking information.

Council uses the simplified approach for trade receivables where the expected lifetime credit losses are recognised on day 1.

When considering the ECL for rates and annual charges debtors, Council takes into account that unpaid rates represent a charge against the rateable property that will be recovered when the property is next sold.

Credit losses are measured at the present value of the difference between the cash flows due to the entity in accordance with the contract, and the cash flows expected to be received. This is applied using a probability weighted approach.

Council writes off a receivable when there is information indicating that the debtor is in severe financial difficulty and there is no realistic prospect of recovery, e.g. when the debtor has been placed under liquidation or has entered into bankruptcy proceedings, or when the receivables are over 2 years past due, whichever occurs first.

None of the receivables that have been written off are subject to enforcement activity.

Where Council renegotiates the terms of receivables due from certain customers, the new expected cash flows are discounted at the original effective interest rate and any resulting difference to the carrying value is recognised in profit or loss.

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2021

2022

## C1-5 Inventories

\$ '000		Current	Non-current	Current	Non-current
(i) Inventories at cost					
Real estate for resale		_	225	_	901
Stores and materials		162	_	118	_
Trading stock		27	_	27	_
Total inventories at cost	_	189	225	145	901
Total inventories	_	189	225	145	901
(i) Other disclosures					
		2022	2022	2021	2021
\$ '000	Notes	Current	Non-current	Current	Non-current
(a) Details for real estate development Residential Industrial/commercial Total real estate for resale	-				901  901
(Valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value)  Represented by:  Acquisition costs  Development costs  Total costs	_			_ 	99
	_		225		901
Total real estate for resale	_		225		901
Movements:  Real estate assets at beginning of the year  - Transfers in from (out to) Note C1-8		-	901 (901)	452 -	901
- WDV of sales (expense)	B4-1	_	_	(452)	_
<ul> <li>Purchases and other costs</li> </ul>	_	_	225		
Total real estate for resale		_	225	_	901

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## **Accounting policy**

## Raw materials and stores, work in progress and finished goods

Raw materials and stores, work in progress and finished goods are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Costs are assigned to individual items of inventory on the basis of weighted average costs. Costs of purchased inventory are determined after deducting rebates and discounts. Net realisable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business less the estimated costs of completion and the estimated costs necessary to make the sale.

## Land held for resale

Land held for resale is stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost is assigned by specific identification and includes the cost of acquisition, and development and borrowing costs during development. When development is completed, borrowing costs and other holding charges are expensed as incurred.

Borrowing costs included in the cost of land held for resale are those costs that would have been avoided if the expenditure on the acquisition and development of the land had not been made. Borrowing costs incurred while active development is interrupted for extended periods are recognised as expenses.

## C1-6 Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment

By aggregated asset class		At 1 July 2021		Asset movements during the reporting period					At 30 June 2022			
\$ '000	Gross carrying amount	Accumulated depreciation and impairment	Net carrying amount	Additions renewals <sup>1</sup>	Additions new assets	Carrying value of disposals	Depreciation expense	Tfrs from/(to) real estate assets (Note C1-5)	Revaluation increments to equity (ARR)	Gross carrying amount	Accumulated depreciation and impairment	Net carrying amount
Plant and equipment	17,122	(10,964)	6,158	_	1,339	(142)	(1,115)	_	_	17,665	(11,425)	6,240
Office equipment	1,253	(1,102)	151		1,333	(142)	(1,113)		_	1,241	(1,117)	124
Furniture and fittings	805	(670)	135	_	11	_	(36)	_	_	816	(706)	110
Land:	003	(070)	100	_		_	(30)	_	_	010	(100)	110
– Operational land	3,940	_	3,940	_	52	(20)	_	901	_	4,873	_	4,873
- Community land	2,063	_	2,063	_	_	(==)	_	_	_	2,063	_	2,063
- Land under roads (post 30/6/08)	185	_	185	_	_	_	_	_	_	185	_	185
Infrastructure:			.00									
– Buildings – non-specialised	2,100	(99)	2,001	_	891	_	(35)	_	212	3,213	(144)	3,069
– Buildings – specialised	57,933	(15,409)	42,524	911	1,970	_	(628)	_	3,256	65,335	(17,302)	48,033
<ul> <li>Other structures</li> </ul>	7,691	(3,814)	3,877	166	671	_	(313)	_	_	8,528	(4,127)	4,401
– Roads, bridges & footpaths	271,426	(34,673)	236,753	4,758	_	_	(2,703)	_	12,099	290,049	(39,142)	250,907
– Stormwater drainage	6,874	(4,285)	2,589	_	_	_	(72)	_	204	7,288	(4,567)	2,721
<ul> <li>Water supply network</li> </ul>	31,774	(16,099)	15,675	170	_	_	(585)	_	1,327	29,557	(12,970)	16,587
– Sewerage network	25,528	(11,455)	14,073	498	_	_	(353)	_	2,137	26,403	(10,048)	16,355
Other assets:												
<ul> <li>Heritage collections</li> </ul>	50	(50)	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	50	(50)	_
– Library books	267	(249)	18	_	24	_	(19)	_	_	291	(268)	23
- Other	757	(611)	146	_	594	_	(36)	_	_	1,351	(647)	704
Reinstatement, rehabilitation and restoration assets (refer Note C3-5):		, ,					, ,				, ,	
<ul> <li>Gravel Pit Assets</li> </ul>	272	(77)	195	_	_	_	(4)	_	_	272	(81)	191
Total infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	430,040	(99,557)	330,483	6,503	5,552	(162)	(5,926)	901	19,235	459,180	(102,594)	356,586

<sup>(1)</sup> Renewals are defined as the replacement of existing assets (as opposed to the acquisition of new assets).

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## C1-6 Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment (continued)

By aggregated asset class	At 1 July 2020				Asset movements during the reporting period					At 30 June 2021		
\$ '000	Gross carrying amount	Accumulated depreciation and impairment	Net carrying amount	Additions renewals 1	Additions new assets	Carrying value of disposals	Depreciation expense Restated	Revaluation increments to equity (ARR)	Gross carrying amount	Accumulated depreciation and impairment	Net carrying amount	
Plant and equipment	16,502	(10,033)	6,469	_	1,008	241	(1,078)	_	17,122	(10,964)	6,158	
Office equipment	1,253	(1,052)	201	_	_	_	(50)	_	1,253	(1,102)	151	
Furniture and fittings	727	(636)	91	_	78	_	(34)	_	805	(670)	135	
Land:												
– Operational land	3,940	_	3,940	_	_	_	_	_	3,940	_	3,940	
– Community land	1,237	_	1,237	_	826	_	_	_	2,063	_	2,063	
– Land under roads (post 30/6/08)	185	_	185	_	_	_	_	_	185	_	185	
Infrastructure:												
<ul> <li>Buildings – non-specialised</li> </ul>	2,100	(64)	2,036	_	_	_	(35)	_	2,100	(99)	2,001	
– Buildings – specialised	51,521	(14,781)	36,740	4,000	2,412	_	(628)	_	57,933	(15,409)	42,524	
<ul> <li>Other structures</li> </ul>	7,123	(3,480)	3,643	37	531	_	(334)	_	7,691	(3,814)	3,877	
<ul> <li>Roads, bridges &amp; footpaths <sup>2</sup></li> </ul>	269,415	(31,978)	237,437	2,011	_	_	(2,695)	_	271,426	(34,673)	236,753	
– Stormwater drainage	5,845	(4,133)	1,712	77	_	_	(63)	863	6,874	(4,285)	2,589	
<ul> <li>Water supply network</li> </ul>	30,857	(15,371)	15,486	608	_	_	(574)	155	31,774	(16,099)	15,675	
– Sewerage network	25,111	(11,005)	14,106	169	_	_	(343)	141	25,528	(11,455)	14,073	
Other assets:												
<ul> <li>Heritage collections</li> </ul>	50	(50)	_	_	_	_	_	_	50	(50)	_	
– Library books	244	(222)	22	_	23	_	(27)	_	267	(249)	18	
– Other	583	(583)	_	165	9	_	(28)	_	757	(611)	146	
Reinstatement, rehabilitation and restoration assets (refer Note C3-5):												
<ul> <li>Gravel Pit Assets</li> </ul>	272	(73)	199	_	_	_	(4)	_	272	(77)	195	
Total infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	416,965	(93,461)	323,504	7,067	4,887	241	(5,893)	1,159	430,040	(99,557)	330,483	

<sup>(1)</sup> Renewals are defined as the replacement of existing assets (as opposed to the acquisition of new assets).

<sup>(2)</sup> These values have been restated.

## C1-6 Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment (continued)

#### **Accounting policy**

Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment are held at fair value. Independent comprehensive valuations are performed at least every 5 years, however the carrying amount of assets is assessed by Council at each reporting date to confirm that it is not materially different from current fair value.

Water and sewerage network assets are indexed at each reporting period in accordance with the Rates Reference Manual issued by Department of Industry (DoI) – Water.

Increases in the carrying amounts arising on revaluation are credited to the revaluation reserve. To the extent that the increase reverses a decrease previously recognising profit or loss relating to that asset class, the increase is first recognised as profit or loss. Decreases that reverse previous increases of assets in the same class are first charged against revaluation reserves directly in equity to the extent of the remaining reserve attributable to the class; all other decreases are charged to the Income Statement.

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to Council and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to the Income Statement during the financial period in which they are incurred.

When infrastructure, property, plant and equipment are acquired by Council at significantly below fair value, the assets are initially recognised at their fair value at acquisition date.

Land is not depreciated. Depreciation on other assets is calculated using the straight-line method to allocate their cost, net of their residual values, over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Plant and equipment	Years	Other equipment	Years
Office equipment	5 to 10	Playground equipment	5 to 15
Office furniture	10 to 20	Benches, seats etc.	10 to 20
Computer equipment	4		
Vehicles	5 to 8	Buildings	
Heavy plant/road making equipment	5 to 8	Buildings: masonry	50 to 100
Other plant and equipment	5 to 15	Buildings: other	20 to 40
Water and sewer assets		Stormwater assets	
Dams and reservoirs	80 to 100	Drains	80 to 100
Bores	20 to 40	Culverts	50 to 80
Reticulation pipes: PVC	70 to 80	Flood control structures	80 to 100
Reticulation pipes: other	25 to 75		
Pumps and telemetry	15 to 20		
Transportation assets		Other infrastructure assets	
Sealed roads: surface	20	Bulk earthworks	20
Sealed roads: structure	80	Swimming pools	50
Unsealed roads	20	Kerb and gutter	100
Bridge: concrete	100	Footpaths	20
Bridge: other	100	Other open space / recreational assets	20
Sealed road pavements	80	Other infrastructure	20
Unsealed road pavements	20		

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each reporting date.

#### Land under roads

Land under roads is land under roadways and road reserves including land under footpaths, nature strips and median strips.

Council has elected not to recognise land under roads acquired before 1 July 2008. Land under roads acquired after 1 July 2008 is recognised in accordance with the IPPE accounting policy.

#### Crown reserves

Crown reserves under Council's care and control are recognised as assets of the Council. While ownership of the reserves remains with the Crown, Council retains operational control of the reserves and is responsible for their maintenance and use in accordance with the specific purposes to which the reserves are dedicated.

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## C1-6 Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment (continued)

Improvements on Crown reserves are also recorded as assets, while maintenance costs incurred by Council and revenues relating to the reserves are recognised within Council's Income Statement.

#### **Rural Fire Service assets**

Under Section 119 of the *Rural Fire Services Act 1997 (NSW)*, "all firefighting equipment purchased or constructed wholly or from money to the credit of the Fund is to be vested in the council of the area for or on behalf of which the firefighting equipment has been purchased or constructed".

These Rural Fire Service assets are recognised as assets of the Council in these financial statements.

## C2 Leasing activities

## C2-1 Council as a lessee

Council has leases over a range of assets including land and buildings, vehicles, machinery and IT equipment. Information relating to the leases in place and associated balances and transactions is provided below.

#### Terms and conditions of leases

#### **Buildings**

Council leases a building for the operations of Community Care and Transport; the lease is for 3 years with no renewal option.

The lease contains an annual pricing mechanism based on CPI movements at each anniversary of the lease inception.

#### Office and IT equipment

Council has a numbers of lease agreements in place for phone systems in various locations. The leases are for 5 years with no renewal option and the payments are fixed.

## (a) Right of use assets

\$ '000	Office & IT Equipment	Buildings	Total
·	• •		
2022			
Opening balance at 1 July	76	1	77
Adoption of AASB 16 at 1 July 2020 – first time lease			
recognition	_	_	_
Depreciation charge	(39)	(1)	(40)
Balance at 30 June	37	_	37
2021			
Opening balance at 1 July	111	18	129
Adoption of AASB 16 at 1 July 2020 – first time lease recognition	_	_	_
Depreciation charge	(35)	(17)	(52)
Balance at 30 June	76	1	77

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# C2-1 Council as a lessee (continued)

## (b) Lease liabilities

	2022	2022	2021	2021
\$ '000	Current	Non-current	Current	Non-current
Lease liabilities	37	_	77	_
Total lease liabilities	37	_	77	_

# (c) (i) The maturity analysis

The maturity analysis of lease liabilities based on contractual undiscounted cash flows is shown in the table below:

\$ '000	< 1 year	1 – 5 years	> 5 years	Total	Total per Statement of Financial Position
2022 Cash flows	10	27	_	37	37
2021 Cash flows	50	27	_	77	77

# (d) Income Statement

The amounts recognised in the Income Statement relating to leases where Council is a lessee are shown below:

2022	2021
1	3
40	52
41	55
	1

#### (e) Statement of Cash Flows

Total cash outflow for leases	40	52
	40	52

# (f) Leases at significantly below market value – concessionary / peppercorn leases

#### **Accounting policy**

At inception of a contract, Council assesses whether a lease exists – i.e. does the contract convey the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration?

Council has elected not to separate non-lease components from lease components for any class of asset and has accounted for payments as a single component.

At the lease commencement, Council recognises a right-of-use asset and associated lease liability for the lease term. The lease term includes extension periods where Council believes it is reasonably certain that the option will be exercised.

The right-of-use asset is measured using the cost model where cost on initial recognition comprises: the lease liability, initial direct costs, prepaid lease payments, estimated cost of removal and restoration, less any lease incentives received. The right-of-use asset is depreciated over the lease term on a straight-line basis and assessed for impairment in accordance with the impairment of asset accounting policy.

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# C2-1 Council as a lessee (continued)

The lease liability is initially recognised at the present value of the remaining lease payments at the commencement of the lease. The discount rate is the rate implicit in the lease, however where this cannot be readily determined then the Council's incremental borrowing rate for a similar term with similar security is used.

Subsequent to initial recognition, the lease liability is measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method. The lease liability is re-measured when there is a lease modification, or change in estimate of the lease term or index upon which the lease payments are based (e.g. CPI).

Where the lease liability is re-measured, the right-of-use asset is adjusted to reflect the re-measurement.

#### **Exceptions to lease accounting**

Council has applied the exceptions to lease accounting for both short-term leases (i.e. leases with a term of less than or equal to 12 months) and leases of low-value assets. Council recognises the payments associated with these leases as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

#### Leases at significantly below market value / Concessionary leases

Council has elected to measure the right of use asset arising from the concessionary leases at cost which is based on the associated lease liability at initial recognition.

# C3 Liabilities of Council

# C3-1 Payables

	2022	2022	2021	2021
\$ '000	Current	Non-current	Current	Non-current
Goods and services	2,075	_	1,549	_
Accrued expenses:				
- Borrowings	24	_	31	_
<ul> <li>Salaries and wages</li> </ul>	173	_	132	_
Retirement complex contributions	12,406	_	11,313	_
Prepaid rates and charges	367	_	356	_
Total payables	15,045	_	13,381	_

## Payables relating to restricted assets

2022	2022	2021	2021
Current	Non-current	Current	Non-current
105	_	314	_
368	_	37	_
473	-	351	_
472		251	
4/3		331	
15,045	_	13,381	_
	105 368 473	105 – 368 – 473 –	Current         Non-current         Current           105         -         314           368         -         37           473         -         351

## Current payables not anticipated to be settled within the next twelve months

\$ '000	2022	2021
The following liabilities, even though classified as current, are not expected to be settled in the next 12 months.		
Payables – security bonds, deposits and retentions	11,165	10,182
Total payables	11,165	10,182

#### **Accounting policy**

Council measures all financial liabilities initially at fair value less transaction costs, subsequently financial liabilities are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

The financial liabilities of the Council comprise trade payables and bank loans.

#### **Payables**

Payables represent liabilities for goods and services provided to Council prior to the end of financial year that are unpaid. The amounts are unsecured and are usually paid within 30 days of recognition.

## C3-2 Contract Liabilities

		2022	2022	2021	2021
\$ '000	Notes	Current	Non-current	Current	Non-current
Grants and contributions received in advance:					
Unexpended capital grants (to construct Council controlled assets)	(i)	632		458	_
Total grants received in advance	_	632		458	_
Total contract liabilities		632	_	458	_

#### Notes

(i) Council has received funding to upgrade assets including the Cooee Heritage Centre and local roads. The funds received are under an enforceable contract which require Council to construct an identified asset which will be under Council's control on completion. The revenue is recognised as Council constructs the asset and the contract liability reflects the funding received which cannot yet be recognised as revenue. The revenue is expected to be recognised in the next 12 months.

#### Contract liabilities relating to restricted assets

	2022	2022	2021	2021
\$ '000	Current	Non-current	Current	Non-current
Externally restricted assets				
Unspent grants held as contract liabilities (excl. Water & Sewer)	208	_	458	_
Contract liabilities relating to externally restricted assets	208	_	458	_
Total contract liabilities relating to restricted assets	208	_	458	_
Total contract liabilities relating to unrestricted assets	424	_	_	_
Total contract liabilities	632		458	

#### Revenue recognised that was included in the contract liability balance at the beginning of the period

\$ '000	2022	2021
Grants and contributions received in advance:		
Capital grants (to construct Council controlled assets)	308	250
Operating grants (received prior to performance obligation being satisfied)	324	_
Total revenue recognised that was included in the contract liability balance at the beginning of the period	632	250

#### Significant changes in contract liabilities

Funding included as a contract liability in 18/19 has been been recognised in 21/22 for the improvement of the Cooee Heritage Centre.

#### **Accounting policy**

Contract liabilities are recorded when consideration is received from a customer / fund provider prior to Council transferring a good or service to the customer, Council presents the funds which exceed revenue recognised as a contract liability.

# C3-3 Borrowings

	2022	2022	2021	2021
\$ '000	Current	Non-current	Current	Non-current
Loans – secured 1	712	4,292	688	5,004
Total borrowings	712	4,292	688	5,004

<sup>(1)</sup> Loans are secured over the general rating income of Council. Disclosures on liability interest rate risk exposures, fair value disclosures and security can be found in E1-1.

# **Borrowings relating to restricted assets**

	2022	2022	2021	2021
\$ '000	Current	Non-current	Current	Non-current
Externally restricted assets				
Water	58	85	110	286
Sewer	17	38	34	108
Borrowings relating to externally restricted assets	75	123	144	394
Total borrowings relating to restricted assets	75	123	144	394
Total borrowings relating to unrestricted assets	637	4,169	544	4,610
Total borrowings	712	4,292	688	5,004

## Current borrowings not anticipated to be settled within the next twelve months

The following borrowings, even though classified as current, are not expected to be settled in the next 12 months.

# (a) Changes in liabilities arising from financing activities

	2021			Non-cash i	novements		2022
\$ '000	Opening Balance	Cash flows	Acquisition	Fair value changes	Acquisition due to change in accounting policy		Closing balance
Loans – secured	5.692	(688)	_	_	_	_	5,004
Lease liability (Note C2-1b)	77	(40)	-	_	_		37
Total liabilities from financing activities	5,769	(728)	_	_	_		5,041

	2020			Non-cash m	ovements		2021
<u>\$</u> '000	Opening Balance	Cash flows	Acquisition	Fair value changes	Acquisition due to change in accounting policy	Other non-cash movement	Closing balance
Loans – secured Lease liability (Note C2-1b)	6,354 129	(662) (52)	- -	- -	_ _	_ 	5,692 77
Total liabilities from financing activities	6,483	(714)	_	_	_	_	5,769

# C3-3 Borrowings (continued)

## (b) Financing arrangements

\$ '000	2022	2021
Total facilities		
Credit cards/purchase cards	75	85
Total financing arrangements	75	85
Undrawn facilities		
- Credit cards/purchase cards	75	85
Total undrawn financing arrangements	75	85

#### **Accounting policy**

Council measures all financial liabilities initially at fair value less transaction costs, subsequently financial liabilities are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

Fees paid on the establishment of loan facilities are recognised as transaction costs of the loan to the extent that it is probable that some or all of the facility will be drawn down.

Borrowings are removed from the Statement of Financial Position when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expired. The difference between the carrying amount of a financial liability that has been extinguished or transferred to another party and the consideration paid, including any non-cash assets transferred or liabilities assumed, is recognised in other income or borrowing costs.

# C3-4 Employee benefit provisions

	2022	2022	2024	2024
	2022	2022	2021	2021
\$ '000	Current	Non-current	Current	Non-current
Annual leave	1,912	_	1,859	_
Long service leave	1,890	238	1,691	214
Other leave	112	_	134	_
Total employee benefit provisions	3,914	238	3,684	214

# Current employee benefit provisions not anticipated to be settled within the next twelve months

\$ '000	2022	2021
The following provisions, even though classified as current, are not expected to be settled in the next 12 months.		
Provisions – employees benefits	920	938
	920	938

#### **Description of and movements in provisions**

	ELE provisions					
\$ '000	Annual leave	Long service leave	Other employee benefits	Total		
2022						
At beginning of year	1,859	1,905	134	3,898		
Additional provisions	787	316	57	1,160		
Amounts used (payments)	(1,001)	(87)	(93)	(1,181)		
Remeasurement effects	267	(6)	14	275		
Total ELE provisions at end of year	1,912	2,128	112	4,152		

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## C3-4 Employee benefit provisions (continued)

	ELE provisions					
\$ '000	Annual leave	Long service leave	Other employee benefits	Total		
At beginning of year	1,739	1,760	134	3,633		
Additional provisions	799	385	15	1,199		
Amounts used (payments)	(926)	(173)	(33)	(1,132)		
Remeasurement effects	247	(67)	18	198		
Total ELE provisions at end of year	1,859	1,905	134	3,898		

#### **Accounting policy**

Employee benefit provisions are presented as current liabilities in the Statement of Financial Position if Council does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least 12 months after the reporting date, regardless of when the actual settlement is expected to occur and therefore all annual leave and vested long service leave (or that which vests within 12 months) is presented as current.

#### **Short-term obligations**

Liabilities for wages and salaries (including non-monetary benefits, annual leave and accumulating sick leave expected to be wholly settled within 12 months after the end of the period in which the employees render the related service) are recognised in respect of employees' services up to the end of the reporting period and are measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled. The liability for annual leave and accumulating sick leave is recognised in the provision for employee benefits. All other short-term employee benefit obligations are presented as payables.

#### Other long-term employee benefit obligations

The liability for long-service leave and annual leave that is not expected to be wholly settled within 12 months after the end of the period in which the employees render the related service is recognised in the provision for employee benefits and measured as the present value of expected future payments to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the end of the reporting period using the projected unit credit method. Consideration is given to expected future wage and salary levels, experience of employee departures, and periods of service. Expected future payments are discounted using market yields at the end of the reporting period on national government bonds with terms to maturity and currency that match, as closely as possible, the estimated future cash outflows.

#### **On-costs**

The employee benefit provisions include the aggregate on-cost liabilities that will arise when payment of current employee benefits is made in future periods.

These amounts include superannuation, payroll tax and workers compensation expenses which will be payable upon the future payment of certain leave liabilities which employees are entitled to at the reporting period.

#### C3-5 Provisions

	2022	2022	2021	2021
\$ '000	Current	Non-Current	Current	Non-Current
Asset remediation/restoration:				
Asset remediation/restoration (future works)	_	746		705
Sub-total – asset remediation/restoration	-	746	_	705
Total provisions	_	746	_	705
Provisions relating to restricted assets				
Total provisions relating to restricted assets	_			_
Total provisions relating to unrestricted assets	_	746		705
Total provisions	_	746	_	705

#### Current provisions not anticipated to be settled within the next twelve months

The following provisions, even though classified as current, are not expected to be settled in the next 12 months.

# Description of and movements in provisions

	Other provis	sions
000	Asset remediation	Total
2022		
At beginning of year	705	705
Unwinding of discount	41	41
Total other provisions at end of year	746	746
2021		
At beginning of year	667	667
Unwinding of discount	38	38
Total other provisions at end of year	705	705

#### **Accounting policy**

Provisions are recognised when Council has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events, it is probable that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation, and the amount has been reliably estimated.

Where there are a number of similar obligations, the likelihood that an outflow will be required in settlement is determined by considering the class of obligations as a whole. A provision is recognised even if the likelihood of an outflow with respect to any one item included in the same class of obligations may be small.

Provisions are measured at the present value of management's best estimate of the expenditure required to settle the present obligation at the reporting date. The discount rate used to determine the present value reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the liability. The increase in the provision due to the passage of time is recognised as a borrowing cost.

#### Asset remediation – tips and quarries

Close-down and restoration costs include the dismantling and demolition of infrastructure, and the removal of residual materials and remediation of disturbed areas. Estimated close-down and restoration costs are provided for in the accounting period when the obligation arising from the related disturbance occurs, whether this occurs during the development or during the operation phase, based on the net present value of estimated future costs. Provisions for close-down and restoration costs do not include any additional obligations which are expected to arise from future disturbance. The cost estimates are calculated annually during the life of the operation to reflect known developments, e.g. updated cost estimates and revisions to the estimated lives of operations, and are subject to formal review at regular intervals.

# C3-5 Provisions (continued)

The ultimate cost of environmental remediation is uncertain and cost estimates can vary in response to many factors, including changes to the relevant legal requirements, the emergence of new restoration techniques, or experience at other locations. The expected timing of expenditure can also change, for example in response to changes in quarry reserves or production rates. As a result, there could be significant adjustments to the provision for close down and restoration and environmental clean-up, which would affect future financial results.

Other movements in the provisions for close-down and restoration costs, including those resulting from new disturbance, updated cost estimates, changes to the estimated lives of operations, and revisions to discount rates, are capitalised within infrastructure, property, plant and equipment. These costs are then depreciated over the lives of the assets to which they relate.

# C4 Reserves

# C4-1 Nature and purpose of reserves

#### **IPPE** Revaluation reserve

The infrastructure, property, plant and equipment (IPPE) revaluation reserve is used to record increments and decrements in the revaluation of infrastructure, property, plant and equipment.

# D Council structure

# D1 Results by fund

General fund refers to all Council activities other than water and sewer. All amounts disclosed in this note are gross i.e. inclusive of internal charges and recoveries made between the funds. Assets and liabilities shown in the water and sewer columns are restricted for use for these activities.

# D1-1 Income Statement by fund

\$ '000	General 2022	Water 2022	Sewer 2022
Income from continuing operations			
Rates and annual charges	5,738	484	587
User charges and fees	15,835	605	663
Interest and investment revenue	157	16	12
Other revenues	963	7	15
Grants and contributions provided for operating purposes	9,825	18	14
Grants and contributions provided for capital purposes	2,533	70	_
Net gains from disposal of assets	92	_	_
Total income from continuing operations	35,143	1,200	1,291
Expenses from continuing operations			
Employee benefits and on-costs	17,166	257	262
Materials and services	7,794	292	328
Borrowing costs	175	8	2
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment of non-financial assets	5,022	591	353
Other expenses	293	144	92
Total expenses from continuing operations	30,450	1,292	1,037
Operating result from continuing operations	4,693	(92)	254
Net operating result for the year	4,693	(92)	254
Net operating result attributable to each council fund	4,693	(92)	254
Net operating result for the year before grants and contributions provided for capital purposes	2,160	(162)	254
D1-2 Statement of Financial Position by fund			
ASSETS			
Current assets Cash and cash equivalents	990	985	795
Investments	21,500	2,000	1,500
Receivables	4,631	134	51
Inventories	189	_	_
Total current assets	27,310	3,119	2,346
Non-current assets			
Receivables	317	148	82
Inventories	225	_	_
Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	323,253	16,712	16,621
Right of use assets	37	_	_
Total non-current assets	323,832	16,860	16,703
Total assets	351,142	19,979	19,049

#### **LIABILITIES**

#### **Current liabilities**

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# D1-2 Statement of Financial Position by fund (continued)

\$ '000	General 2022	Water 2022	Sewer 2022
<del>y 000</del>	2022	2022	2022
Payables	14,664	13	368
Income received in advance	(92)	92	_
Contract liabilities	632	_	_
Lease liabilities	37	_	_
Borrowings	637	58	17
Employee benefit provision	3,914		_
Total current liabilities	19,792	163	385
Non-current liabilities			
Borrowings	4,169	85	38
Employee benefit provision	238	_	_
Provisions	746		_
Total non-current liabilities	5,153	85	38
Total liabilities	24,945	248	423
Net assets	326,197	19,731	18,626
EQUITY			
Accumulated surplus	98,999	11,089	6,732
Revaluation reserves	227,198	8,642	11,894
Council equity interest	326,197	19,731	18,626
Total equity	326,197	19,731	18,626

# D2 Interests in other entities

## D2-1 Subsidiaries

Council's consolidated financial statements incorporate the assets, liabilities and results of the following subsidiaries in accordance with AASB 10 and the accounting policy described below.

# D2-2 Interests in joint arrangements

# **Material joint ventures**

Council acknowledges a 25% interest in a joint venture with the North West Library, however, this joint venture has not been included in the financial statements due to the value of the operations and Council's equity in the joint venture not deemed to be of a material nature.

## (i) Unconsolidated structured entities

County Councils as joint ventures:

Council is a member of the Castlereagh-Macquarie County Council, a body corporate established under the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW) to administer and control noxious weeds in the district. Council is one of five constituent councils and does not have significant influence over the County Council.

Accordingly, the County Council has not been consolidated in the financial statements.

# E Risks and accounting uncertainties

# E1-1 Risks relating to financial instruments held

Council's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks including (1) price risk, (2) credit risk, (3) liquidity risk and (4) interest rate risk.

The Council's overall risk management program focuses on the unpredictability of financial markets and seeks to minimise potential adverse effects on the financial performance of the Council.

Council does not engage in transactions expressed in foreign currencies and is therefore not subject to foreign currency risk.

Financial risk management is carried out by Council's finance section under policies approved by the Council.

A comparison by category of the carrying amounts and fair values of Council's financial assets and financial liabilities recognised in the financial statements is presented below.

	Carrying value	Carrying value	Fair value	Fair value
\$ '000	2022	2021	2022	2021
Financial assets				
Measured at amortised cost				
Cash and cash equivalents	2,770	6,391	2,770	6,391
Receivables	5,363	3,678	5,363	5,542
Investments				
<ul> <li>Debt securities at amortised cost</li> </ul>	25,000	23,000	25,000	23,000
Total financial assets	33,133	33,069	33,133	34,933
Financial liabilities				
Payables	15,045	13,381	14,678	13,026
Loans/advances	5,004	5,692	5,004	5,692
Total financial liabilities	20,049	19,073	19,682	18,718

Fair value is determined as follows:

- Cash and cash equivalents, receivables, payables are estimated to be the carrying value that approximates market
  value.
- Borrowings and measure at amortised cost investments are based upon estimated future cash flows discounted by the current market interest rates applicable to assets and liabilities with similar risk profiles, unless quoted market prices are available.
- Financial assets classified (i) at fair value through profit and loss or (ii) at fair value through other comprehensive income are based upon quoted market prices (in active markets for identical investments) at the reporting date or independent valuation.

Council's objective is to maximise its return on cash and investments whilst maintaining an adequate level of liquidity and preserving capital.

Council's finance area manages the cash and Investments portfolio with the assistance of independent advisors.

Council has an investment policy which complies with the Local Government Act 1993 and Minister's investment order 625. This policy is regularly reviewed by Council and it's staff and an investment report is tabled before Council on a monthly basis setting out the portfolio breakup and its performance as required by Local Government regulations.

The risks associated with the instruments held are:

- Price risk the risk that the capital value of Investments may fluctuate due to changes in market prices, whether
  there changes are caused by factors specific to individual financial instruments or their issuers or are caused by factors
  affecting similar instruments traded in a market.
- Interest rate risk the risk that movements in interest rates could affect returns and income.
- Liquidity risk the risk that Council will not be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

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# E1-1 Risks relating to financial instruments held (continued)

Credit risk – the risk that the investment counterparty will not complete their obligations particular to a financial
instrument, resulting in a financial loss to Council – be it of a capital or income nature.

Council manages these risks (amongst other measures) by diversifying its portfolio and only purchasing investments with high credit ratings or capital guarantees.

## (a) Market risk – interest rate and price risk

\$ '000	2022	2021
The impact on result for the year and equity of a reasonably possible movement in the price of investments held and interest rates is shown below. The reasonably possible movements were determined based on historical movements and economic conditions in place at the reporting date.		
Impact of a 1% movement in interest rates		
- Equity / Income Statement	343	300
Impact of a 10% movement in price of investments		
- Equity / Income Statement	_	_

## (b) Credit risk

Council's major receivables comprise (i) rates and annual charges and (ii) user charges and fees.

Council manages the credit risk associated with these receivables by monitoring outstanding debt and employing stringent debt recovery procedures. Council also encourages ratepayers to pay their rates by the due date through incentives.

The credit risk for liquid funds and other short-term financial assets is considered negligible, since the counterparties are reputable banks with high quality external credit ratings.

There are no significant concentrations of credit risk, whether through exposure to individual customers, specific industry sectors and/or regions.

The level of outstanding receivables is reported to Council monthly and benchmarks are set and monitored for acceptable collection performance.

Council makes suitable provision for doubtful receivables as required and carries out credit checks on most non-rate debtors.

There are no material receivables that have been subjected to a re-negotiation of repayment terms.

#### Credit risk profile

#### Receivables - rates and annual charges

Credit risk on rates and annual charges is minimised by the ability of Council to recover these debts as a secured charge over the land; that is, the land can be sold to recover the debt. Council is also able to charge interest on overdue rates and annual charges at higher than market rates which further encourages payment.

	Not yet O	Not yet overdue rates and annual charges				
\$ '000	overdue	< 5 years	≥ 5 years	Total		
2022						
Gross carrying amount	_	537	-	537		

# E1-1 Risks relating to financial instruments held (continued)

	Not yet overdue rates and annual charges					
\$ '000	overdue	< 5 years	≥ 5 years	Total		
2021						
Gross carrying amount	_	534	_	534		

#### Receivables - non-rates and annual charges and contract assets

Council applies the simplified approach for non-rates and annual charges debtors and contract assets to provide for expected credit losses, which permits the use of the lifetime expected loss provision at inception. To measure the expected credit losses, non-rates and annual charges debtors and contract assets have been grouped based on shared credit risk characteristics and the days past due.

The loss allowance provision is determined as follows. The expected credit losses incorporate forward-looking information.

	Not yet		Overdue	debts		
\$ '000	overdue	0 - 30 days	31 - 60 days	61 - 90 days	> 91 days	Total
2022						
Gross carrying amount	4,224	73	10	2	517	4,826
Expected loss rate (%)	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
ECL provision	_	-	-	_	_	-
2021						
Gross carrying amount	2,004	235	542	7	356	3,144
Expected loss rate (%)	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
ECL provision	_	_	_	_	_	_

# (c) Liquidity risk

Payables, lease liabilities and borrowings are both subject to liquidity risk; that is, the risk that insufficient funds may be on hand to meet payment obligations as and when they fall due.

Council manages this risk by monitoring its cash flow requirements and liquidity levels, and by maintaining an adequate cash buffer. Payment terms can be extended, and overdraft facilities drawn upon in extenuating circumstances.

Borrowings are also subject to interest rate risk: the risk that movements in interest rates could adversely affect funding costs. Council manages this risk through diversification of borrowing types, maturities and interest rate structures.

The finance team regularly reviews interest rate movements to determine if it would be advantageous to refinance or renegotiate part or all of the loan portfolio.

The timing of cash flows presented in the table below to settle financial liabilities reflects the earliest contractual settlement dates. The timing of expected outflows is not expected to be materially different from contracted cashflows.

The amounts disclosed in the table are the undiscounted contracted cash flows for non-lease liabilities (refer to Note C2-1(b) for lease liabilities) and therefore the balances in the table may not equal the balances in the Statement of Financial Position due to the effect of discounting.

\$ '000	Weighted average interest rate	Subject to no maturity	≤1 Year	payable in: 1 - 5 Years	> 5 Years	Total cash outflows	Actual carrying values
2022							
Payables	0.00%	15,045	_	_	_	15,045	15,045
Borrowings	3.21%	_	838	2,639	2,064	5,541	5,004
Total financial liabilities		15,045	838	2,639	2,064	20,586	20,049
2021							
Payables	0.00%	_	13,026	_	_	13,026	13,381
Borrowings	3.21%	_	838	3,122	2,420	6,380	5,692
Total financial liabilities		_	13,864	3,122	2,420	19,406	19,073

## E2-1 Fair value measurement

The Council measures the following asset and liability classes at fair value on a recurring basis:

- Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment

The fair value of assets and liabilities must be estimated in accordance with various accounting standards for either recognition and measurement requirements or for disclosure purposes.

AASB 13 Fair Value Measurement requires all assets and liabilities measured at fair value to be assigned to a 'level' in the fair value hierarchy as follows:

Level 1: Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date.

Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices included within level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.

Level 3: Inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

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					Fa	ir value measure	ement hierarchy	y			
		Date of la		Level 1 Quote	d prices in ctive mkts		Significant able inputs		S Significant vable inputs	Total	
\$ '000	Notes	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021
Recurring fair value meas	urements										
Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	C1-6										
Plant & equipment		а	t cost	6,240	6,158	_	_	_	_	6,240	6,158
Office equipment		а	l cost	_	_	_	_	124	151	124	151
Furniture & fittings		а	t cost	-	_	_	_	110	135	110	135
Land		30/	06/18	-	_	6,220	6,188	_	_	6,220	6,188
Buildings		30/	06/18	_	_	_	_	51,102	44,526	51,102	44,526
Other structures		а	t cost	_	_	_	_	4,401	3,877	4,401	3,877
Roads, bridges & footpaths		30/	06/20	_	_	_	_	250,907	236,753	250,907	236,753
Stormwater drainage		30/	06/21	-	_	_	_	2,721	2,589	2,721	2,589
Water supply		30/	06/22	-	_	_	_	16,587	15,675	16,587	15,675
Sewerage services		30/	06/22	-	_	_	_	16,355	14,073	16,355	14,073
Other assets		а	t cost	-	_	_	_	727	163	727	163
Gravel pits		30/	06/19	_		_		191	196	191	196
Total infrastructure, property, plant and											
equipment				6,240	6,158	6,220	6,188	343,225	318,138	355,685	330,484

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During the year, there were no transfers between level 1 and level 2 fair value hierarchies for recurring fair value measurements.

## Valuation techniques

Where Council is unable to derive fair valuations using quoted market prices of identical assets (ie. level 1 inputs) Council instead utilises a spread of both observable inputs (level 2 inputs) and unobservable inputs (level 3 inputs).

The fair valuation techniques Council has employed while utilising level 2 and level 3 inputs are as follows:

#### Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment (IPPE)

Council engaged the services of professional valuers to provide valuations for land and buildings and also the water supply and sewerage services infrastructure assets revalued this year (21/22). The values used for other infrastructure assets (roads, bridges and footpaths and stormwater drainage) have been determined by qualified Council staff by using known constructions costs, current condition assessments, current renewal practices and known construction dates. The values of the remaining asset classes (plant and equipment, office equipment, furniture and fittings, other structures and other assets) have been determined by deeming that the transaction price equals the fair value at initial recognition.

# Fair value measurements using significant unobservable inputs (level 3)

#### The valuation process for level 3 fair value measurements

#### **Buildings**

Council engaged APV Valuers and Asset Management to conduct a revaluation of its buildings in 2017/18. The majority of the buildings were valued using a depreciated replacement cost method however there was a small portion where a market value approach was used. The market value portion was considered to be minor compared to the total value of the building assets. The asset values for 2021/22 have been indexed by applying the cumulative CPI rates since 2017/18. The percentage increases used were 1.90%, 1.30%, 0.20% and 4.90%.

#### Roads, Bridges & Footpaths

Council management has determined that as Council's engineering staff are experts available who can provide informed values of the road network including bridges and footpaths, then the advice and opinions of those experts should be used. A revaluation was performed in 2019/20 and the process used to determine the valuations was obtaining the cost to construct the various components and segments of the network by using a combination of the last actual construction costs from a Council job and accepted industry standards. Inspections were carried to determined condition ratings and these ratings were used to calculate the remaining useful lives. The current replacement cost and the condition rating were then used to calculate a value based on the current depreciated replacement cost of the assets. The asset values for 2021/22 have been indexed by applying the cumulative CPI rates since 2019/20. The percentage increases used were 0.20% and 4.90%.

#### Stormwater Drainage

Council management has determined that as Council's engineering staff are experts available who can provide informed values of the stormwater network, then the advice and opinions of those experts should be used. A revaluation was performed in 2020/21 and the process used to determine the valuations was obtaining the cost to construct the various components and segments of the network by using a combination of the last actual construction costs from a Council job and accepted industry standards. Inspections were carried to determined condition ratings and these ratings were used to calculate the remaining useful lives. The current replacement cost and the condition ratings were then used to calculate a value based on the current depreciated replacement cost of the assets. The asset values for 2021/22 have been indexed by applying the cumulative CPI rates since 2020/21. The percentage increases used were 4.90%.

#### Water Supply

Council engaged APV Valuers and Asset Management to undertake the revaluation of the Water Supply infrastructure assets in 2021/22. The assets were valued using the depreciated replacement cost method. The revlauation process was undertaken as part of a group engagement with other central western Councils.

#### Sewerage Services

Council engaged APV Valuers and Asset Management to undertake the revaluation of the Sewerage Services infrastructure assets in 2021/22. The assets were valued using the depreciated replacement cost method. The revaluation process was undertaken as part of a group engagement with other central western Councils.

#### Other Structures

Fair value at initial recognition that equals the transaction price has been used for all other assets.

This means that the values recorded are the purchase cost to Council at the time they were bought. This process was determined by Council management because the assets are consumed in a short period of time and the total value of the

asset class is small in comparison to other asset classes. It was determined that other methods of valuation could be used but would result in an immaterial difference in value.

#### Other Assets

Fair value at initial recognition that equals the transaction price has been used for all other assets.

This means that the values recorded are the purchase cost to Council at the time they were bought. This process was determined by Council management because the assets are consumed in a short period of time and the total value of the asset class is small in comparison to other asset classes. It was determined that other methods of valuation could be used but would result in an immaterial difference in value.

#### **Gravel Pits**

Council management determined that as Council's engineering staff are experts available who can provide informed values of the rehabilitation costs of a gravel pit, then the advice and opinions of those experts should be used. The cost to rehabilitate Council's 79 gravel pits was determined, this cost was then inflated out by 3% per year until 2064 when it was determined the gravel pits would need to be rehabilitated. To determine the cost at a present value, the inflated cost is then discounted back to the current year using the bond rate at the time.

#### Significant unobservable valuation inputs used (for level 3 asset classes) and their relationship to fair value.

The following table summarises the quantitative information relating to the significant unobservable inputs used in deriving the various level 3 asset class fair values.

	Fair value (30/6/22)		
\$ '000	2022	Valuation technique/s	Unobservable inputs
Infrastructure, proper	ty, plant and e	equipment	
Buildings	51,102	Independent valuation.	Depreciated replacement cost & market value.
Roads, bridges, etc.	250,907	In house valuation.	Depreciated replacement cost.
Stormwater drainage	2,721	In house valuation.	Depreciated replacement cost.
Water supply	16,587	Independent valuation.	Depreciated replacement cost.
Sewerage services	16,355	Independent valuation.	Depreciated replacement cost.
Other structures	4,401	Transaction price.	Purchase price of asset used.
Other assets	727	Transaction price.	Purchase price of asset used.
Gravel pits	191	In house valuation.	Depreciated replacement cost.

# A reconciliation of the movements in recurring fair value measurements allocated to Level 3 of the hierarchy is provided below:

	Roads, brid	dges and						
	footpa	aths	Stormwater	drainage	Water supply	y network	Sewerage :	services
\$ '000	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021
Opening balance	236,753	237,437	2,589	1,712	15,675	15,486	14,073	14,106
Total gains or losses for the period								
Recognised in other comprehensive income – revaluation surplus	12.099	_	204	863	1,327	155	2,137	141
Other movements	,				1,021	.00	_,	
Purchases (GBV)	4,758	2,011	_	77	170	608	498	169
Depreciation and impairment	(2,703)	(2,695)	(72)	(63)	(585)	(574)	(353)	(343)
Closing balance	250,907	236.753	2.721	2,589	16,587	15,675	16,355	14,073

	Other stru	ctures	Other as	sets	Gravel	oits	Tot	al
\$ '000	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021
Opening balance	3,877	3,643	164	22	195	199	273,326	272,605

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	Other structures		Other as	Other assets Gravel pits			Total		
\$ '000	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	
Recognised in other comprehensive income – revaluation surplus	_	_	_	_	_	_	15,767	1,159	
Purchases (GBV)	837	568	618	197	_	_	6,881	3,630	
Depreciation and impairment	(313)	(334)	(55)	(55)	(4)	(4)	(4,085)	(4,068)	
Closing balance	4,401	3,877	727	164	191	195	291,889	273,326	

#### Information relating to the transfers into and out of the level 3 fair valuation hierarchy includes:

Information relating to the transfers

There were no transfers into or out of the Level 3 hierarchy as listed in the tables above.

#### Highest and best use

All of Council's non-financial assets are considered as being utilised for their highest and best use.

# E3-1 Contingencies

The following assets and liabilities do not qualify for recognition in the Statement of Financial Position, but their knowledge and disclosure is considered relevant to the users of Council's financial report.

#### LIABILITIES NOT RECOGNISED

#### 1. Guarantees

#### (i) Defined benefit superannuation contribution plans

Council is party to an Industry Defined Benefit Plan under the Local Government Superannuation Scheme, named The Local Government Superannuation Scheme – Pool B (the Scheme) which is a defined benefit plan that has been deemed to be a 'multi-employer fund' for purposes of AASB119 Employee Benefits for the following reasons:

- Assets are not segregated within the sub-group according to the employees of each sponsoring employer.
- The contribution rates have been the same for all sponsoring employers. That is, contribution rates have not varied for each sponsoring employer according to the experience relating to the employees of that sponsoring employer.
- Benefits for employees of all sponsoring employers are determined according to the same formulae and without regard to the sponsoring employer.
- The same actuarial assumptions are currently used in respect of the employees of each sponsoring employer.

Given the factors above, each sponsoring employer is exposed to the actuarial risks associated with current and former employees of other sponsoring employers, and hence shares in the associated gains and losses (to the extent that they are not borne by members).

Description of the funding arrangements.

Pooled employers are required to pay standard employer contributions and additional lump sum contributions to the fund.

The standard employer contributions were determined using the new entrant rate method under which a contribution rate sufficient to fund the total benefits over the working life-time of a typical new entrant is calculated. The current standard employer contribution rates are:

Division B	1.9 times employee contributions for non-180 Point Members; Nil for 180 Point Members*
Division C	2.5% salaries
Division D	1.64 times employee contributions

<sup>\*</sup> For 180 Point Members, employers are required to contribute 7% of salaries to these members' accumulation accounts, which are paid in addition to members' defined benefits.

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# E3-1 Contingencies (continued)

The past contributions for each pooled employer is a share of the total past contributions of \$40.0 million for 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2022, apportioned according to each employer's share of the accrued liabilities as at 30 June 2021. These past contributions are used to maintain the adequacy of the funding position for the accrued liabilities.

The adequacy of contributions is assessed at each triennial actuarial investigation and monitored annually between triennials.

Description of the extent to which Council can be liable to the plan for other Council's obligations under the terms and conditions of the multi-employer plan.

As stated above, each sponsoring employer (Council) is exposed to the actuarial risks associated with current and former employees of other sponsoring employers and hence shares in the associated gains and losses.

However, there is no relief under the Fund's trust deed for employers to walk away from their defined benefit obligations. Under limited circumstances, an employer may withdraw from the plan when there are no active members, on full payment of outstanding additional contributions. There is no provision for allocation of any surplus which may be present at the date of withdrawal of the Council.

There are no specific provisions under the Fund's trust deed dealing with deficits or surplus on wind-up.

There is no provision for allocation of any surplus which may be present at the date of withdrawal of an employer.

The amount of Council employer contributions to the defined benefit section of the Local Government Superannuation Scheme and recognised as an expense for the year ending 30 June 2022 was \$40,353.20. The last valuation of the Scheme was performed by Mr Richard Boyfield, FIAA on 31 December 2021, and covers the period ended 30 June 2019. Council's expected contribution to the plan for the next annual reporting period is \$36,201.84.

The estimated employer reserves financial position for the Pooled Employers at 30 June 2021 is:

Defined Benefit reserves only *	\$millions	Asset Coverage
Assets	2,376.6	
Past Service Liabilities	2,380.7	99.8%
Vested Benefits	2,391.7	99.4%

<sup>\*</sup> excluding other accumulation accounts and reserves in both assets and liabilities.

Council's share of that deficiency cannot be accurately calculated as the Scheme is a mutual arrangement where assets and liabilities are pooled together for all member councils. For this reason, no liability for the deficiency has been recognised in Council's accounts. Council has a possible obligation that may arise should the Scheme require immediate payment to correct the deficiency.

The key economic long term assumptions used to calculate the present value of accrued benefits are:

Investment return	5.5% per annum
Salary inflation *	3.5% per annum
Increase in CPI	2.5% per annum

<sup>\*</sup> Plus promotional increases

The contribution requirements may vary from the current rates if the overall sub-group experience is not in line with the actuarial assumptions in determining the funding program; however, any adjustment to the funding program would be the same for all sponsoring employers in the Pooled Employers group. Please note that the estimated employer reserves financial position above is a preliminary calculation and, once all the relevant information has been received by the Funds Actuary, the final end of year review will be completed around by December 2022.

#### (ii) Statewide Limited

Council is a member of Statewide Mutual, a mutual pool scheme providing liability insurance to local government.

Membership includes the potential to share in either the net assets or liabilities of the fund depending on its past performance. Council's share of the net assets or liabilities reflects Council's contributions to the pool and the result of insurance claims within each of the fund years.

The future realisation and finalisation of claims incurred but not reported to 30/6 this year may result in future liabilities or benefits as a result of past events that Council will be required to fund or share in respectively.

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# E3-1 Contingencies (continued)

#### (iii) StateCover Limited

Council is a member of StateCover Mutual Limited and holds a partly paid share in the entity.

StateCover is a company providing workers compensation insurance cover to the NSW local government industry and specifically Council.

Council has a contingent liability to contribute further equity in the event of the erosion of the company's capital base as a result of the company's past performance and/or claims experience or as a result of any increased prudential requirements from APRA.

These future equity contributions would be required to maintain the company's minimum level of net assets in accordance with its licence requirements.

#### (iv) Other guarantees

Council has provided no other guarantees other than those listed above.

#### 2. Other liabilities

#### (i) Third party claims

The Council is involved from time to time in various claims incidental to the ordinary course of business including claims for damages relating to its services.

Council believes that it is appropriately covered for all claims through its insurance coverage and does not expect any material liabilities to eventuate.

# F People and relationships

# F1 Related party disclosures

# F1-1 Key management personnel (KMP)

Key management personnel (KMP) of the council are those persons having the authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the council, directly or indirectly.

The aggregate amount of KMP compensation included in the Income Statement is:

\$ '000	2022	2021
Compensation:		
Short-term benefits	1,074	1,118
Other long-term benefits	536	501
Total	1,610	1,619

# Other transactions with KMP and their related parties

Council has determined that transactions at arm's length between KMP and Council as part of KMP using Council services (e.g. access to library or Council swimming pool) will not be disclosed.

Nature of the transaction		Transactions	Outstanding balances including		Impairment provision on outstanding	Impairment
\$ '000	Ref	during the year	commitments	Terms and conditions	balances	expense
2022						
Electrical works.	1	_	_	7 day invoice.	_	_
Wages of employees.	2	_	_	Weekly pay cycle.	_	_
Function costs.	3	1	_	7 day invoice.	_	_
Earth moving and road works.	4	_	_	7 day invoice.	_	_
Cabinet making works.	5	51	-	7 day invoice.	-	-
2021						
Electrical works.	1	42	_	7 day invoice.	_	_
Wages of employees.	2	64	_	Weekly pay cycle.	_	_
Function costs.	3	4	_	7 day invoice.	_	_
Earth moving and road works.	4	573	_	7 day invoice.	_	_
Cabinet making works.	5	6	_	7 day invoice.	_	_

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# F1-1 Key management personnel (KMP) (continued)

- Council contracted to a local business for electrical works. The business is owned by a related party to a KMP. All transactions are at arms length and major jobs are quoted on.
- 2 Close family members are employed by Council under the Local Government Award. All were employed on an arms length basis.
- 3 Council used a local hotel for functions and entertaining purposes. The hotel owner is a KMP. All transactions are at arms length.
- 4 Council contracted to a local business to provide earth moving and road works. The business is owned by a related party to a KMP. All transactions are at arms length and major jobs are quoted on.
- 5 Council contracted to a local business to provide cabinet making services. The business is owned by a related party to a KMP. All transactions are at arms length and major jobs are quoted on.

# F1-2 Councillor and Mayoral fees and associated expenses

\$ '000	2022	2021
The aggregate amount of Councillor and Mayoral fees and associated expenses included in materials and services expenses in the Income Statement are:		
Mayoral fee	27	25
Councillors' fees	100	96
Other Councillors' expenses (including Mayor)	23	12
Total	150	133

# F2 Other relationships

# F2-1 Audit fees

\$ '000	2022	2021
During the year, the following fees were incurred for services provided by the auditor		
of Council, related practices and non-related audit firms		

#### **Auditors of the Council - NSW Auditor-General:**

(i) Audit and other assurance services		
Audit and review of financial statements	64	62
Remuneration for audit and other assurance services	64	62
Total Auditor-General remuneration	64	62
Total audit fees	64	62

# G Other matters

# G1-1 Statement of Cash Flows information

# (a) Reconciliation of net operating result to cash provided from operating activities

\$ '000	2022	2021
Net operating result from Income Statement	4,855	4,789
Add / (less) non-cash items:	,	,
Depreciation and amortisation	5,966	5,945
(Gain) / loss on disposal of assets	(92)	94
Non-cash capital grants and contributions	(654)	(826)
Unwinding of discount rates on reinstatement provisions	41	38
Movements in operating assets and liabilities and other cash items:		
(Increase) / decrease of receivables	(1,685)	66
(Increase) / decrease of inventories	(44)	(27)
Increase / (decrease) in payables	526	(152)
Increase / (decrease) in accrued interest payable	(7)	(3)
Increase / (decrease) in other accrued expenses payable	41	(36)
Increase / (decrease) in other liabilities	11	(23)
Increase / (decrease) in contract liabilities	174	(14)
Increase / (decrease) in employee benefit provision	254	265
Net cash flows from operating activities	9,386	10,116

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# G1-1 Statement of Cash Flows information (continued)

# (b) Non-cash investing and financing activities

\$ '000	2022	2021
Rural Fire Service vehicle purchases	654	_
Other dedications - crown land not previously accounted for	_	826
Total non-cash investing and financing activities	654	826

# G2-1 Commitments

# Capital commitments (exclusive of GST)

\$ '000	2022	2021

Capital expenditure committed for at the reporting date but not recognised in the financial statements as liabilities:

# Property, plant and equipment

Buildings	4,462	4,029
Plant and equipment	573	76
Infrastructure	3,228	3,873
Total commitments	8,263	7,978
These expenditures are payable as follows:		
Within the next year	3,330	4,609
Later than one year and not later than 5 years	1,572	943
Later than 5 years	3,361	2,426
Total payable	8,263	7,978

#### **Details of capital commitments**

Council is committed to spending on the above capital items with all having been included in previous year's budgets and carried forward to the 2021/22 year as well as ongoing years as detailed in the Long Term Financial Plan. Contractual arrangements are in place for these commitments with funding allocated and placed in internal reserves as at 30 June 2021.

# G3-1 Events occurring after the reporting date

Council is unaware of any material or significant 'non-adjusting events' that should be disclosed.

# G4 Statement of developer contributions as at 30 June 2022

Council currently has no S94 developer contribution plans or S94 funds on hand from prior years.

# G5 Statement of performance measures

# G5-1 Statement of performance measures – consolidated results

	Amounts	Indicator	Indic	Indicators		
\$ '000	2022	2022	2021	2020		
1. Operating performance ratio						
Total continuing operating revenue excluding capital grants and contributions less operating expenses 1,2	2,160	6.18%	0.96%	7.22%	> 0.00%	
Total continuing operating revenue excluding capital grants and contributions <sup>1</sup>	34,939					
2. Own source operating revenue ratio						
Total continuing operating revenue excluding all grants and contributions <sup>1</sup>	25,082	66.81%	63.97%	70.23%	> 60.00%	
Total continuing operating revenue <sup>1</sup>	37,542					
3. Unrestricted current ratio						
Current assets less all external restrictions	24,578	3.28x	3.86x	4.04x	> 1.50x	
Current liabilities less specific purpose liabilities	7,499					
4. Debt service cover ratio						
Operating result before capital excluding interest and depreciation/impairment/amortisation <sup>1</sup>	8,311					
Principal repayments (Statement of Cash Flows)	913	9.10x	7.00x	9.90x	> 2.00x	
plus borrowing costs (Income Statement)						
5. Rates and annual charges outstanding						
percentage Rates and annual charges outstanding	650					
Rates and annual charges collectable	7,492	8.68%	8.55%	11.73%	< 10.00%	
Ç	1,102					
6. Cash expense cover ratio						
Current year's cash and cash equivalents plus all term deposits	27,770	11.14	11.42	14.54	> 3.00	
Monthly payments from cash flow of operating and financing activities	2,493	months	months	months	months	

<sup>(1)</sup> Excludes fair value increments on investment properties, reversal of revaluation decrements, reversal of impairment losses on receivables, net gain on sale of assets and net share of interests in joint ventures and associates using the equity method and includes pensioner rate subsidies.

<sup>(2)</sup> Excludes impairment/revaluation decrements of IPPE, fair value decrements on investment properties, net loss on disposal of assets and net loss on share of interests in joint ventures and associates using the equity method.

# G5-2 Statement of performance measures by fund

	General Indicators <sup>3</sup>		Water Indicators		Sewer Indicators		Benchmark
\$ '000	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	
1. Operating performance ratio							
Total continuing operating revenue excluding capital grants and contributions less operating expenses 1,2	6.36%	0.90%	(14.34)%	(10.83)%	19.67%	13.52%	> 0.00%
Total continuing operating revenue excluding capital grants and contributions <sup>1</sup>							
2. Own source operating revenue ratio							
Total continuing operating revenue excluding capital grants and contributions <sup>1</sup>	64.74%	62.10%	92.67%	82.13%	98.92%	97.31%	> 60.00%
Total continuing operating revenue <sup>1</sup>							
3. Unrestricted current ratio							
Current assets less all external restrictions	- 3.28x	3.86x	19.13x	14.02x	6.09x	55.17x	> 1.50x
Current liabilities less specific purpose liabilities	0.202				0.002		
4. Debt service cover ratio							
Operating result before capital excluding interest and							
depreciation/impairment/amortisation 1	8.05x	6.03x	54.63x	42.55x	304.50x	170.00x	> 2.00x
Principal repayments (Statement of Cash Flows) plus borrowing costs (Income Statement)							
5. Rates and annual charges outstanding percentage							
Rates and annual charges outstanding	40.400/		0.000/			0.000/	40.000/
Rates and annual charges collectable	10.12%	9.88%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	< 10.00%
6. Cash expense cover ratio							
Current year's cash and cash equivalents plus all term deposits	10.42	10.36	<b>∞</b>	∞	∞	∞	> 3.00
Monthly payments from cash flow of operating and financing activities	months	months	~	∞	~	~	months

<sup>(1) - (2)</sup> Refer to Notes at Note 27(a) above.

<sup>(3)</sup> General fund refers to all of Council's activities except for its water and sewer activities which are listed separately.

# End of the audited financial statements

# H Additional Council disclosures (unaudited)

# H1-1 Council information and contact details

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**General Manager** 

**David Neeves** 

**Responsible Accounting Officer** 

Guy McAnally-Elwin

**Public Officer** 

Neil Alchin

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#### **Elected members**

Mayor

Doug Batten

Councillors

Ash Walker (Deputy Mayor)

Gail Babbage (commenced 4th December 2021)

Sue Baker (retired 4th December 2021)

Amber Bunter (commenced 4th December 2021) lan Freeth (commenced 4th December 2021)

Paul Mann (commenced 4th December 2021)

Brian Mockler

Noel Mudford

Deirdre Naden (retired 4th December 2021)

**Greg Peart** 

Noel Wrigley (retired 4th December 2021)



#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

# Report on the general purpose financial statements Gilgandra Shire Council

To the Councillors of Gilgandra Shire Council

# **Opinion**

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of Gilgandra Shire Council (the Council), which comprise the Statement by Councillors and Management, the Income Statement and Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year ended 30 June 2022, the Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2022, the Statement of Changes in Equity and Statement of Cash Flows for the year then ended and notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In my opinion:

- the Council's accounting records have been kept in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1993, Chapter 13, Part 3, Division 2 (the Division)
- the financial statements:
  - have been prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the requirements of this Division
  - are consistent with the Council's accounting records
  - present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Council as at 30 June 2022, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards
- all information relevant to the conduct of the audit has been obtained
- no material deficiencies in the accounting records or financial statements have come to light during the audit.

My opinion should be read in conjunction with the rest of this report.

# **Basis for Opinion**

I conducted my audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. My responsibilities under the standards are described in the 'Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements' section of my report.

I am independent of the Council in accordance with the requirements of the:

- Australian Auditing Standards
- Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 'Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)' (APES 110).

I have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with APES 110.

Parliament promotes independence by ensuring the Auditor-General and the Audit Office of New South Wales are not compromised in their roles by:

- providing that only Parliament, and not the executive government, can remove an Auditor-General
- · mandating the Auditor-General as auditor of councils
- precluding the Auditor-General from providing non-audit services.

I believe the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

#### Other Information

The Council's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2022 includes other information in addition to the financial statements and my Independent Auditor's Report thereon. The Councillors are responsible for the other information. At the date of this Independent Auditor's Report, the other information I have received comprise the special purpose financial statements and Special Schedules (the Schedules).

My opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information. Accordingly, I do not express any form of assurance conclusion on the other information. However, as required by the *Local Government Act 1993*, I have separately expressed an opinion on the special purpose financial statements and Special Schedule - Permissible income for general rates.

In connection with my audit of the financial statements, my responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or my knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work I have performed, I conclude there is a material misstatement of the other information, I must report that fact.

I have nothing to report in this regard.

## The Councillors' Responsibilities for the Financial Statements

The Councillors are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Local Government Act 1993*, and for such internal control as the Councillors determine is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Councillors are responsible for assessing the Council's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting.

# Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

My objectives are to:

- obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error
- issue an Independent Auditor's Report including my opinion.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but does not guarantee an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect material misstatements. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error. Misstatements are considered material if, individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions users take based on the financial statements.

A description of my responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at: <a href="www.auasb.gov.au/auditors\_responsibilities/ar4.pdf">www.auasb.gov.au/auditors\_responsibilities/ar4.pdf</a>. The description forms part of my auditor's report.

The scope of my audit does not include, nor provide assurance:

- that the Council carried out its activities effectively, efficiently and economically
- on the Original Budget information included in the Income Statement, Statement of Cash Flows, and Note B5-1 Material budget variations
- on the Special Schedules. A separate opinion has been provided on Special Schedule - Permissible income for general rates
- about the security and controls over the electronic publication of the audited financial statements on any website where they may be presented
- about any other information which may have been hyperlinked to/from the financial statements.

Unaib Jeoffrey

Delegate of the Auditor-General for New South Wales

31 October 2022 SYDNEY



Clr Doug Batten Mayor Gilgandra Shire Council PO Box 23 GILGANDRA NSW 2827

Contact: Unaib Jeoffrey
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31 October 2022

Dear Mayor

# Report on the Conduct of the Audit for the year ended 30 June 2022 Gilgandra Shire Council

I have audited the general purpose financial statements (GPFS) of the Gilgandra Shire Council (the Council) for the year ended 30 June 2022 as required by section 415 of the *Local Government Act* 1993 (the Act).

I expressed a unmodified opinion on the Council's GPFS.

This Report on the Conduct of the Audit (the Report) for the Council for the year ended 30 June 2022 is issued in accordance with section 417 of the Act. This Report should be read in conjunction with my audit opinion on the GPFS issued under section 417(2) of the Act.

# **INCOME STATEMENT**

## **Operating result**

	2022	2021	Variance
	\$m	\$m	%
Rates and annual charges revenue	6.8	6.6	3.0
Grants and contributions revenue	12.5	13.6	8.1
Operating result from continuing operations	4.9	4.8	2.0
Net operating result before capital grants and contributions	2.3	0.2	1050

Rates and annual charges revenue of \$6.8 million increased by \$0.2 million or 3 per cent in 2021-22 reflecting the increase in rates of during the year.

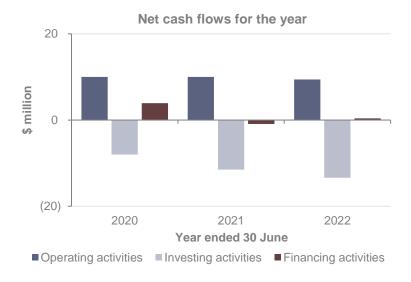
The Council's operating result from continuing operations (\$4.9 million including depreciation and amortisation expense of \$6.0 million) remained similar as the 2020-21 result. This was primarily due to a slight increase in user charges and fees of \$0.8 million offset by decrease in materials and services of \$0.5 million.

At year end, there were a number of projects that were not completed due to the on-going impact of Covid-19 which affected the timing of recognising the relevant revenue. This explains the noted decrement in grants and contributions for operating and capital purposes of \$1.1 million compared to 2020-21.

The total expenses from continuing operations have remained consistent with the financial year 2020-21. Employee benefits and on-costs increased by \$0.5 million which was offset by a decrement in materials and services of \$0.5 million during the year.

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

- The Council reported a decrease in cash and cash equivalents from \$29.4 million at 30 June 2021 to \$27.8 million at 30 June 2022.
- Cash inflows from operating activities decreased from 2020-21 mainly as a result of lower receipts from grants and contributions.
- Cash outflows used in investing activities increased mainly due to an increase in purchases of infrastructure, property, plant and equipment and investments in term deposits.
- Cashflows from financing activities increased as a result of the increase in contributions received from the Council's retirement complex.



## FINANCIAL POSITION

## **Cash and investments**

Cash and investments	2022	2021	Commentary
	\$m	\$m	
Total cash, cash equivalents and investments	27.8	29.4	External restrictions predominantly include specific purpose unexpended grants and water supply and sewerage service funds. The balance shows a
Restricted and allocated cash, cash equivalents and investments:  • External restrictions	8.0	8.4	<ul> <li>slight decrement compared to last year.</li> <li>Internal restrictions increased during the year.</li> <li>These mostly include the financial assistance grants, funds for the aged and disabled, and employees' leave entitlement.</li> </ul>
<ul><li>Internal allocations</li><li>Unrestricted</li></ul>	11.9 7.9	10.4 10.6	<ul> <li>Unrestricted balances provide liquidity for day-to- day operations.</li> </ul>

# **PERFORMANCE**

## **Performance measures**

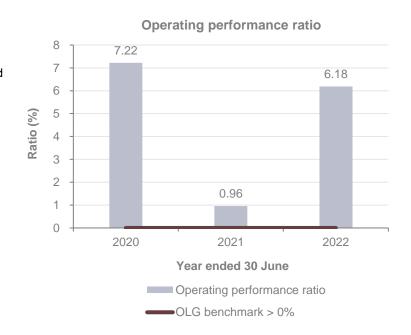
The following section provides an overview of the Council's performance against the performance measures and performance benchmarks set by the Office of Local Government (OLG) within the Department of Planning and Environment.

## Operating performance ratio

The Council has exceeded the OLG benchmark for the past three years.

The 'operating performance ratio' measures how well council contained operating expenditure within operating revenue (excluding capital grants and contributions, fair value adjustments, and reversal of revaluation decrements). The benchmark set by OLG is greater than zero per cent.

The current year ratio reflects a significant increase compared to 2020-21 in line with the improved operating results during the year.

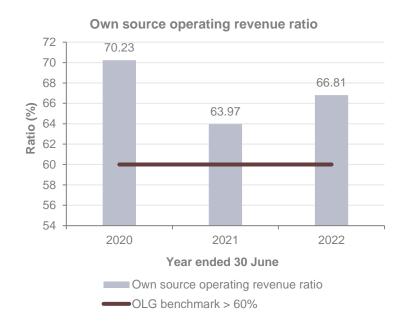


#### Own source operating revenue ratio

The Council has exceeded the OLG benchmark for the past three years.

The 'own source operating revenue ratio' measures council's fiscal flexibility and the degree to which it relies on external funding sources such as operating grants and contributions. The benchmark set by OLG is greater than 60 per cent.

The current year result shows an improvement in rates and user charges being the Council's main source of revenue.



#### **Unrestricted current ratio**

The Council has exceeded the OLG benchmark for the past three years.

The 'unrestricted current ratio' is specific to local government and represents council's ability to meet its short-term obligations as they fall due. The benchmark set by OLG is greater than 1.5 times.

This ratio indicates that Council currently has \$3.28 of unrestricted current assets available to service every \$1.00 of its unrestricted current liabilities.

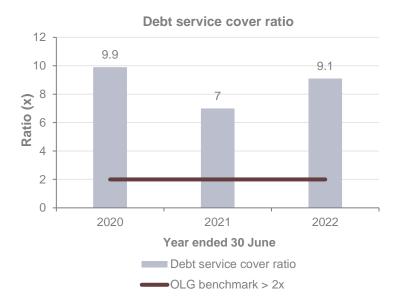
# **Unrestricted current ratio** 4.5 4.04 3.86 4 3.28 3.5 3 **Ratio (x)** 2.5 2.5 1.5 1 0.5 2020 2021 2022 Year ended 30 June Unrestricted current ratio OLG benchmark > 1.5x

#### Debt service cover ratio

The Council has exceeded the OLG benchmark for the past three years.

The 'debt service cover ratio' measures the operating cash to service debt including interest, principal and lease payments. The benchmark set by OLG is greater than two times.

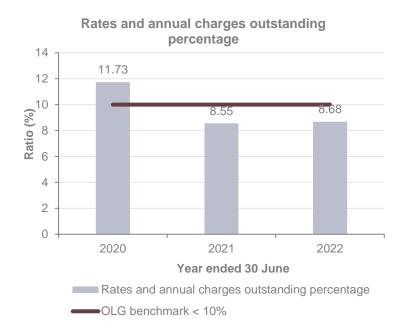
Council appears to be effectively monitoring its liquidity levels to ensure it can meet its borrowing costs when they fall due.



### Rates and annual charges outstanding percentage

The Council met the OLG benchmark for the current period.

The 'rates and annual charges outstanding percentage' assesses the impact of uncollected rates and annual charges on council's liquidity and the adequacy of debt recovery efforts. The benchmark set by OLG is less than 10 per cent for regional and rural councils.

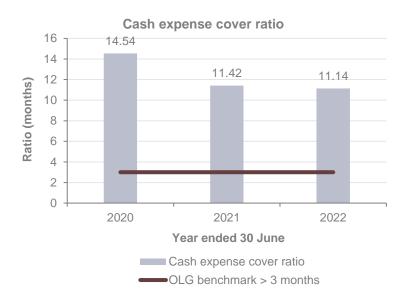


#### Cash expense cover ratio

The Council met the OLG benchmark for the current period.

This liquidity ratio indicates the number of months the council can continue paying for its immediate expenses without additional cash inflow. The benchmark set by OLG is greater than three months.

This indicates that the Council had the capacity to cover 11.14 months of cash expenditure without additional cash inflows at 30 June 2022.



### Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment renewals

Council spent \$6.5 million on asset renewals in 2021-22 compared to \$7.1 million in 2020-21. Asset renewals are defined as the replacement of existing assets as opposed to the acquisition of new assets.

A short-term benchmark of Council's strategic asset management is to assess the rate at which Council's assets are being renewed against the rate at which they are depreciating. In 2021-22, asset renewals of \$6.5 million represented 110% of Council's \$5.9 million depreciation expense. This result was 10 per cent lower than the 2020-21 result of 120 per cent .

Asset renewals in 2021-22 were carried out in accordance with Council's capital works program and were primarily related to road and building assets.

### Legislative compliance

My audit procedures identified a material deficiency in the Council's financial statements that will be reported in the Management Letter. Rural fire-fighting equipment which were recognised in the financial statements as assets, were not tested for completeness, accuracy, existence or condition assessment.

Except for the matter outlined above, the Council's:

- accounting records were maintained in a manner and form that facilitated the preparation and the effective audit of the GPFS
- staff provided all accounting records and information relevant to the audit.

**Unaib Jeoffrey** 

cc:

Delegate of the Auditor-General for New South Wales

Mr David Neeves, General Manager Michael Cassel, Secretary of the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment

SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2022



# Special Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2022

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### Special Purpose Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2022

### Statement by Councillors and Management

# Statement by Councillors and Management made pursuant to the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting

#### The attached Special Purpose Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with:

- the NSW Government Policy Statement 'Application of National Competition Policy to Local Government',
- the Division of Local Government Guidelines 'Pricing and Costing for Council Businesses A Guide to Competitive Neutrality'.
- the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting,
- the NSW Office of Water Best-Practice Management of Water and Sewerage Guidelines.

#### To the best of our knowledge and belief, these statements:

- present fairly the operating result and financial position for each of Council's declared business activities for the year, and
- accord with Council's accounting and other records.
- · present overhead reallocation charges to the water and sewerage businesses as fair and reasonable.

We are not aware of any matter that would render these statements false or misleading in any way.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of Council made on 20 September 2022.

Doug Batten

Mayor

20 September 2022

David Neeves

General Manager

20 September 2022

Ash Walker Councillor

20 September 2022

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Guy McAnally-Elwin

**Responsible Accounting Officer** 

20 September 2022

# Income Statement of water supply business activity

\$ '000	2022	2021
Income from continuing operations		
Access charges	484	465
User charges	605	626
Interest and investment income	16	21
Grants and contributions provided for operating purposes	18	19
Other income	7	5
Total income from continuing operations	1,130	1,136
Expenses from continuing operations		
Employee benefits and on-costs	257	234
Borrowing costs	8	11
Materials and services	292	297
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment	591	580
Other expenses	144	137
Total expenses from continuing operations	1,292	1,259
Surplus (deficit) from continuing operations before capital amounts	(162)	(123)
Grants and contributions provided for capital purposes	70	224
Surplus (deficit) from continuing operations after capital amounts	(92)	101
Surplus (deficit) from all operations before tax	(92)	101
Surplus (deficit) after tax	(92)	101
Plus opening accumulated surplus	18,497	18,241
Plus/less: other adjustments (revaluations)	1,327	155
Closing accumulated surplus	19,732	18,497
Return on capital %	(0.9)%	(0.7)%
Subsidy from Council	766	348
Calculation of dividend payable:		
Surplus (deficit) after tax	(92)	101
Less: capital grants and contributions (excluding developer contributions)	(70)	(224)
Surplus for dividend calculation purposes		
Potential dividend calculated from surplus	_	_
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# Income Statement of sewerage business activity

\$ '000	2022	2021
Income from continuing operations		
Access charges	587	544
User charges	639	600
Liquid trade waste charges	24	20
Interest and investment income	12	13
Grants and contributions provided for operating purposes	14	14
Other income	15	15
Total income from continuing operations	1,291	1,206
Expenses from continuing operations		
Employee benefits and on-costs	262	251
Borrowing costs	2	3
Materials and services	328	356
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment	353	344
Other expenses	92	89
Total expenses from continuing operations	1,037	1,043
Surplus (deficit) from continuing operations before capital amounts	254	163
Grants and contributions provided for capital purposes	_	19
Surplus (deficit) from continuing operations after capital amounts	254	182
Surplus (deficit) from all operations before tax	254	182
Less: corporate taxation equivalent (25%) [based on result before capital]	(64)	(42)
Surplus (deficit) after tax	190	140
Plus opening accumulated surplus	16,235	15,912
Plus/less: other adjustments (revaluations)	2,137	141
Plus adjustments for amounts unpaid:  - Corporate taxation equivalent	64	40
Closing accumulated surplus	64 18,626	42 16,235
Return on capital %	1.5%	1.2%
Subsidy from Council	352	48
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Calculation of dividend payable:		
Surplus (deficit) after tax	191	140
Less: capital grants and contributions (excluding developer contributions)		(19)
Surplus for dividend calculation purposes	191	121
Potential dividend calculated from surplus	95	61

## Income Statement of Carlginda Enterprises

\$ '000	2022 Category 2	2021 Category 2
Income from continuing operations		
User charges	206	234
Other income	265	325
Total income from continuing operations	471	559
Expenses from continuing operations		
Employee benefits and on-costs	431	383
Materials and services	68	62
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment	13	13
Other expenses	6	7
Total expenses from continuing operations	518	465
Surplus (deficit) from continuing operations before capital amounts	(47)	94
Surplus (deficit) from continuing operations after capital amounts	(47)	94
Surplus (deficit) from all operations before tax	(47)	94
Less: corporate taxation equivalent (25%) [based on result before capital]		(24)
Surplus (deficit) after tax	(47)	70
Plus accumulated surplus Plus adjustments for amounts unpaid:	662	568
<ul> <li>Corporate taxation equivalent</li> </ul>		24
Closing accumulated surplus	615	662
Return on capital %	(66.2)%	113.3%
Subsidy from Council	50	-
Calculation of dividend payable:		
Surplus (deficit) after tax	_	70
Less: capital grants and contributions (excluding developer contributions)	_	_
Surplus for dividend calculation purposes	_	70
Potential dividend calculated from surplus	-	35

## Income Statement of Cooee Villa Units

\$ '000	2022 Category 2	2021 Category 2
Income from continuing operations		
User charges	348	330
Interest and investment income	10	12
Other income	308	259
Total income from continuing operations	666	601
Expenses from continuing operations		
Employee benefits and on-costs	157	142
Borrowing costs	6	7
Materials and services	172	239
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment	231	233
Other expenses	55_	43
Total expenses from continuing operations	621	664
Surplus (deficit) from continuing operations before capital amounts	45	(63)
Surplus (deficit) from continuing operations after capital amounts	45	(63)
Surplus (deficit) from all operations before tax	45	(63)
Less: corporate taxation equivalent (25%) [based on result before capital]	(11)	_
Surplus (deficit) after tax	34	(63)
Plus accumulated surplus	5,471	5,534
Plus/less: other adjustments (revaluations)	955	_
Plus adjustments for amounts unpaid:  - Corporate taxation equivalent	11	
Closing accumulated surplus	6,471	5,471
Return on capital %	0.4%	(0.5)%
Subsidy from Council	408	230
Calculation of dividend payable:		
Surplus (deficit) after tax	_	(63)
Less: capital grants and contributions (excluding developer contributions)	_	_
Surplus for dividend calculation purposes	_	_
Potential dividend calculated from surplus	-	_

# Statement of Financial Position of water supply business activity

\$ '000	2022	2021
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	985	869
Investments	2,000	2,000
Receivables	134	103
Total current assets	3,119	2,972
Non-current assets		
Receivables	148	74
Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	16,712	15,806
Total non-current assets	16,860	15,880
Total assets	19,979	18,852
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities		
Payables	13	86
Income received in advance	92	71
Borrowings	58	55
Total current liabilities	163	212
Non-current liabilities		
Borrowings	85	143
Total non-current liabilities	85	143
Total liabilities	248	355
Net assets	19,731	18,497
EQUITY		
Accumulated surplus	11,089	11,181
Revaluation reserves	8,642	7,316
Total equity	19,731	18,497
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# Statement of Financial Position of sewerage business activity

\$ '000	2022	2021
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	795	1,868
Investments	1,500	_
Receivables	51	63
Total current assets	2,346	1,931
Non-current assets		
Receivables	82	56
Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	16,621	14,337
Total non-current assets	16,703	14,393
Total assets	19,049	16,324
LIABILITIES Current liabilities		
Payables	368	18
Borrowings	17	17
Total current liabilities	385	35
Non-current liabilities		
Borrowings	38	54
Total non-current liabilities	38	54
Total liabilities	423	89
Net assets	18,626	16,235
EQUITY		
Accumulated surplus	6,732	6,478
Revaluation reserves	11,894	9,757
Total equity	18,626	16,235
		10,200

# Statement of Financial Position of Carlginda Enterprises

<b>\$ '000</b>	2022 Category 2	2021 Category 2
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ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	526	568
Receivables	3	11
Inventories	16_	10
Total current assets	545	589
Non-current assets		
Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	71	83
Total non-current assets	71	83
Total assets	616	672
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities		
Payables	1	10
Total current liabilities	1	10
Total liabilities	1	10
Net assets	615	662
EQUITY		
Accumulated surplus	615	662
Total equity	615	662

## Statement of Financial Position of Cooee Villa Units

\$ '000	2022 Category 2	2021 Category 2
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	1,090	1,463
Investments	1,000	_
Receivables	15	17
Total current assets	2,105	1,480
Non-current assets		
Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	12,535	11,659
Total non-current assets	12,535	11,659
Total assets	14,640	13,139
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities		
Payables	8,031	7,489
Borrowings Total current liabilities	44	42
	8,075	7,531
Non-current liabilities Borrowings	93	137
Total non-current liabilities	93	137
Total liabilities	8,168	7,668
NI (		
Net assets	6,472	5,471
EQUITY		
Accumulated surplus	1,510	1,465
Revaluation reserves	4,962	4,006
Total equity	6,472	5,471

### Note - Significant Accounting Policies

A statement summarising the supplemental accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the special purpose financial statements (SPFS) for National Competition Policy (NCP) reporting purposes follows.

These financial statements are SPFS prepared for use by Council and the Office of Local Government. For the purposes of these statements, the Council is a non-reporting not-for-profit entity.

The figures presented in these special purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement criteria of relevant Australian Accounting Standards, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) and Australian Accounting Interpretations.

The disclosures in these special purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the *Local Government Act* 1993 (Act), the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005* (Regulation) and the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting.

The statements are prepared on an accruals basis. They are based on historic costs and do not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, fair value of non-current assets. Certain taxes and other costs, appropriately described, have been imputed for the purposes of the National Competition Policy.

The Statement of Financial Position includes notional assets/liabilities receivable from/payable to Council's general fund. These balances reflect a notional intra-entity funding arrangement with the declared business activities.

#### **National Competition Policy**

Council has adopted the principle of 'competitive neutrality' in its business activities as part of the National Competition Policy which is being applied throughout Australia at all levels of government. The framework for its application is set out in the June 1996 NSW Government Policy statement titled 'Application of National Competition Policy to Local Government'. *The Pricing and Costing for Council Businesses – A Guide to Competitive Neutrality* issued by the Office of Local Government in July 1997 has also been adopted.

The pricing and costing guidelines outline the process for identifying and allocating costs to activities and provide a standard for disclosure requirements. These disclosures are reflected in Council's pricing and/or financial reporting systems and include taxation equivalents, Council subsidies, and returns on investments (rate of return and dividends paid).

#### **Declared business activities**

In accordance with Pricing and Costing for Council Businesses – A Guide to Competitive Neutrality, Council has declared that the following are to be considered as business activities:

#### **Category 1**

(where gross operating turnover is over \$2 million)

There are no business activities under this heading

#### Category 2

(where gross operating turnover is less than \$2 million)

#### a. Water Supply

Comprising the whole of the operations and assets of the water supply systems servicing the town of Gilgandra and the village of Tooraweenah and is established as a separate fund.

#### b. Sewerage Services

Comprising the whole of the operations and assets of the sewerage service system servicing the town of Gilgandra and is established as a separate fund.

#### c. Carlginda Enterprises

Comprising the whole of the operations and assets of Carlginda Enterprises which is carried out by Council in it's own name. Carlginda Enterprises provides employment opportunities to people with intellectual and physical disabilities through collection and sale of recyclable waste.

#### d. Cooee Villa Units

Comprising the whole of the operations and assets of Cooee Villa Units which is carried out by Council in it's own name. Cooee Villa Units provides 61 self contained units where residents live independently within a secure environment.

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### Note - Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

#### **Taxation equivalent charges**

Council is liable to pay various taxes and financial duties. Where this is the case, they are disclosed as a cost of operations just like all other costs.

However, where Council does not pay some taxes which are generally paid by private sector businesses, such as income tax, these equivalent tax payments have been applied to all Council-nominated business activities and are reflected in Special Purpose Financial Statements.

For the purposes of disclosing comparative information relevant to the private sector equivalent, the following taxation equivalents have been applied to all Council-nominated business activities (this does not include Council's non-business activities):

#### Notional rate applied (%)

Corporate income tax rate - 27.5%

<u>Land tax</u> – the first \$692,000 of combined land values attracts **0%**. For the combined land values in excess of \$692,001 up to \$4,231,000 the rate is **1.6%** + **\$100**. For the remaining combined land value that exceeds \$4,231,000 a premium marginal rate of **2.0%** applies.

Payroll tax - 5.45% on the value of taxable salaries and wages in excess of \$850,000.

In accordance with the Department of Industry (DoI) – Water guidelines, a payment for the amount calculated as the annual tax equivalent charges (excluding income tax) must be paid from water supply and sewerage business activities.

The payment of taxation equivalent charges, referred to in the Dol – Water guidelines as a 'dividend for taxation equivalent', may be applied for any purpose allowed under the *Local Government Act*, 1993.

Achievement of substantial compliance to the Dol – Water guidelines is not a prerequisite for the payment of the tax equivalent charges, however the payment must not exceed \$3 per assessment.

#### Income tax

An income tax equivalent has been applied on the profits of the business activities.

Whilst income tax is not a specific cost for the purpose of pricing a good or service, it needs to be taken into account in terms of assessing the rate of return required on capital invested.

Accordingly, the return on capital invested is set at a pre-tax level - gain/(loss) from ordinary activities before capital amounts, as would be applied by a private sector competitor. That is, it should include a provision equivalent to the corporate income tax rate, currently 27.5%.

Income tax is only applied where a gain/ (loss) from ordinary activities before capital amounts has been achieved.

Since the taxation equivalent is notional – that is, it is payable to Council as the 'owner' of business operations - it represents an internal payment and has no effect on the operations of the Council. Accordingly, there is no need for disclosure of internal charges in the SPFS.

The rate applied of 27.5% is the equivalent company tax rate prevalent at reporting date. No adjustments have been made for variations that have occurred during the year.

#### Local government rates and charges

A calculation of the equivalent rates and charges for all Category 1 businesses has been applied to all assets owned, or exclusively used by the business activity.

#### Loan and debt guarantee fees

The debt guarantee fee is designed to ensure that Council business activities face 'true' commercial borrowing costs in line with private sector competitors. In order to calculate a debt guarantee fee, Council has determined what the differential borrowing rate would have been between the commercial rate and Council's borrowing rate for its business activities.

#### (i) Subsidies

Government policy requires that subsidies provided to customers, and the funding of those subsidies, must be explicitly disclosed. Subsidies occur where Council provides services on a less than cost recovery basis. This option is exercised on a

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### Note – Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

range of services in order for Council to meet its community service obligations. The overall effect of subsidies is contained within the Income Statements of business activities.

#### (ii) Return on investments (rate of return)

The NCP policy statement requires that councils with Category 1 businesses 'would be expected to generate a return on capital funds employed that is comparable to rates of return for private businesses operating in a similar field'.

Funds are subsequently available for meeting commitments or financing future investment strategies. The rate of return is disclosed for each of Council's business activities on the Income Statement.

The rate of return is calculated as follows:

#### Operating result before capital income + interest expense

#### Written down value of I,PP&E as at 30 June

As a minimum, business activities should generate a return equal to the Commonwealth 10 year bond rate which is 3.66% at 30/6/22.

#### (iii) Dividends

Council is not required to pay dividends to either itself (as owner of a range of businesses) or to any external entities.

Local government water supply and sewerage businesses are permitted to pay an annual dividend from its water supply or sewerage business surplus.

Each dividend must be calculated and approved in accordance with the Department of Industry – Water guidelines and must not exceed:

- 50% of this surplus in any one year, or
- the number of water supply or sewerage assessments at 30 June 2019 multiplied by \$30 (less the payment for tax equivalent charges, not exceeding \$3 per assessment).

In accordance with the Department of Industry – Water guidelines a Dividend Payment form, Statement of Compliance, Unqualified Independent Financial Audit Report and Compliance Audit Report are required to be submitted to the Department of Industry – Water.



#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

# Report on the special purpose financial statements Gilgandra Shire Council

To the Councillors of Gilgandra Shire Council

### **Opinion**

I have audited the accompanying special purpose financial statements (the financial statements) of Gilgandra Shire Council's (the Council) Declared Business Activities, which comprise the Statement by Councillors and Management, the Income Statement of each Declared Business Activity for the year ended 30 June 2022, the Statement of Financial Position of each Declared Business Activity as at 30 June 2022 and the Significant accounting policies note.

The Declared Business Activities of the Council are:

- Water Supply business activity
- Sewerage business activity
- Carlginda Enterprises
- Cooee Villa Units.

In my opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Council's Declared Business Activities as at 30 June 2022, and their financial performance for the year then ended, in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards described in the Significant accounting policies note and the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting 2021–22 (LG Code).

My opinion should be read in conjunction with the rest of this report.

### **Basis for Opinion**

I conducted my audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. My responsibilities under the standards are described in the 'Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements' section of my report.

I am independent of the Council in accordance with the requirements of the:

- Australian Auditing Standards
- Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 'Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)' (APES 110).

I have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with APES 110.

Parliament promotes independence by ensuring the Auditor-General and the Audit Office of New South Wales are not compromised in their roles by:

- providing that only Parliament, and not the executive government, can remove an Auditor-General
- mandating the Auditor-General as the auditor of councils
- precluding the Auditor-General from providing non-audit services.

I believe the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

### **Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting**

Without modifying my opinion, I draw attention to the Significant accounting policies note to the financial statements which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements have been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the Council's financial reporting responsibilities under the LG Code. As a result, the financial statements may not be suitable for another purpose.

#### Other Information

The Council's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2022 includes other information in addition to the financial statements and my Independent Auditor's Report thereon. The Councillors are responsible for the other information. At the date of this Independent Auditor's Report, the other information I have received comprise the general purpose financial statements and Special Schedules (the Schedules).

My opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information. Accordingly, I do not express any form of assurance conclusion on the other information. However, as required by the *Local Government Act 1993*, I have separately expressed an opinion on the general purpose financial statements and Special Schedule 'Permissible income for general rates'.

In connection with my audit of the financial statements, my responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or my knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work I have performed, I conclude there is a material misstatement of the other information, I must report that fact.

I have nothing to report in this regard.

#### The Councillors' Responsibilities for the Financial Statements

The Councillors are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements and for determining that the accounting policies, described in the Significant accounting policies note to the financial statements, are appropriate to meet the requirements in the LG Code. The Councillors' responsibility also includes such internal control as the Councillors determine is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Councillors are responsible for assessing the Council's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting.

#### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

My objectives are to:

- obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error
- issue an Independent Auditor's Report including my opinion.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but does not guarantee an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect material misstatements. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error. Misstatements are considered material if, individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions users take based on the financial statements.

A description of my responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at: <a href="www.auasb.gov.au/auditors\_responsibilities/ar4.pdf">www.auasb.gov.au/auditors\_responsibilities/ar4.pdf</a>. The description forms part of my auditor's report.

The scope of my audit does not include, nor provide assurance:

- that the Council carried out its activities effectively, efficiently and economically
- about the security and controls over the electronic publication of the audited financial statements on any website where they may be presented
- about any other information which may have been hyperlinked to/from the financial statements.

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Unaib Jeoffrey
Delegate of the Auditor-General for New South Wales

31 October 2022 SYDNEY

SPECIAL SCHEDULES for the year ended 30 June 2022



# Special Schedules

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### Permissible income for general rates

		Calculation	Calculation
\$ '000	Notes	2021/22	2022/23
Notional general income calculation <sup>1</sup>			
Plus or minus adjustments			
Last year notional general income yield	а	5,209	5,322
Plus or minus adjustments <sup>2</sup>	b	16	_
Notional general income	c = a + b	5,225	5,322
Permissible income calculation			
Or rate peg percentage	е	2.00%	2.50%
Or plus rate peg amount	$i = e \times (c + g)$	105	133
Sub-total Sub-total	k = (c + g + h + i + j)	5,330	5,455
Plus (or minus) last year's carry forward total	1	5	16
Less valuation objections claimed in the previous year	m	_	(2)
Sub-total Sub-total	n = (I + m)	5	14
Total permissible income	o = k + n	5,335	5,469
Less notional general income yield	р	5,322	5,460
Catch-up or (excess) result	q = o - p	13	9
Plus income lost due to valuation objections claimed <sup>3</sup>	r	2	1
Less unused catch-up <sup>5</sup>	S	(1)	_
Carry forward to next year <sup>4</sup>	t = q + r + s	14	10

#### Notes

- (1) The notional general income will not reconcile with rate income in the financial statements in the corresponding year. The statements are reported on an accrual accounting basis which include amounts that relate to prior years' rates income.
- (2) Adjustments account for changes in the number of assessments and any increase or decrease in land value occurring during the year. The adjustments are called 'supplementary valuations' as defined in the *Valuation of Land Act 1916 (NSW)*.
- (3) Valuation objections are unexpected changes in land values as a result of land owners successfully objecting to the land value issued by the Valuer-General. Councils can claim the value of the income lost due to valuation objections in any single year.
- (4) Carry forward amounts which are in excess (an amount that exceeds the permissible income) require ministerial approval by order published in the NSW Government Gazette in accordance with section 512 of the Local Government Act 1993. The OLG will extract these amounts from Council's Permissible income for general rates Statement in the financial data return (FDR) to administer this process.
- (5) Unused catch-up amounts or the rate peg balance amounts will be deducted if they are not caught up within ten years. Usually councils will have a nominal carry forward figure. These amounts can be adjusted for when setting the rates in a future year.

### Report on infrastructure assets as at 30 June 2022

Asset Class Asset Category		Estimated cost to bring assets	agreed level of service set by	2021/22 Required maintenance <sup>a</sup>	2021/22 Actual maintenance	Net carrying amount	Gross replacement cost (GRC)	Assets		ition as a eplacem		-
		\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	1	2	3	4	5
Buildings	All buildings	_	_	712	765	51,102	68,548	15.6%	73.3%	11.1%	0.0%	(0.1%)
	Sub-total		-	712	765	51,102	68,548	15.6%	73.3%	11.1%	0.0%	(0.1%)
Other	All other structures	_	_	627	576	4,401	8,528	40.0%	20.0%	40.0%	0.0%	0.0%
structures	Sub-total		-	627	576	4,401	8,528	40.0%	20.0%	40.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Roads	All roads	5,780	5,780	3,313	3,445	250,907	290,049	47.2%	11.8%	28.0%	11.2%	1.8%
	Sub-total	5,780	5,780	3,313	3,445	250,907	290,049	47.2%	11.8%	28.0%	11.2%	1.8%
Water supply	All water supply network	1,118	30,000	319	323	16,587	29,557	2.6%	96.2%	0.0%	1.2%	0.0%
network	Sub-total	1,118	30,000	319	323	16,587	29,557	2.6%	96.2%	0.0%	1.2%	0.0%
Sewerage	All sewerage network	354	16,500	200	410	16,355	26,403	0.0%	0.0%	89.1%	10.9%	0.0%
network	Sub-total	354	16,500	200	410	16,355	26,403	0.0%	0.0%	89.1%	10.9%	0.0%
Stormwater	All stormwater drainage	344	344	73	15	2,721	7,288	86.4%	1.7%	6.8%	3.4%	1.7%
drainage	Sub-total	344	344	73	15	2,721	7,288	86.4%	1.7%	6.8%	3.4%	1.7%
	Total – all assets	7,596	52,624	5,244	5,534	342,073	430,373	36.7%	26.7%	27.0%	8.4%	1.2%

<sup>(</sup>a) Required maintenance is the amount identified in Council's asset management plans.

#### Infrastructure asset condition assessment 'key'

# Condition Integrated planning and reporting (IP&R) description

1 Excellent/very good No work required (normal maintenance)
2 Good Only minor maintenance work required

3 Satisfactory Maintenance work required

4 Poor Renewal required

5 Very poor Urgent renewal/upgrading required

### Report on infrastructure assets as at 30 June 2022

### Infrastructure asset performance indicators (consolidated) \*

	Amounts	Indicator	Indicators		Benchmarl	
\$ '000	2022	2022	2021	2020		
Buildings and infrastructure renewals ratio						
Asset renewals 1	6,503	138.69%	147.73%	151 020/	>= 100 00%	
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment	4,689	130.03 %	147.73%	151.93%	>= 100.00%	
Infrastructure backlog ratio						
Estimated cost to bring assets to a satisfactory						
standard	7,596	2.22%	1.89%	1.10%	< 2.00%	
Net carrying amount of infrastructure assets	342,073					
Asset maintenance ratio						
Actual asset maintenance	5,534	405 500/	405.000/	00.000/	. 400 000/	
Required asset maintenance	5,244	105.53%	105.66%	90.92%	> 100.00%	
Cost to bring assets to agreed service level						
Estimated cost to bring assets to						
an agreed service level set by Council	52,624	12.23%	2.08%	2.29%		
Gross replacement cost	430,373					

<sup>(\*)</sup> All asset performance indicators are calculated using classes identified in the previous table.

<sup>(1)</sup> Asset renewals represent the replacement and/or refurbishment of existing assets to an equivalent capacity/performance as opposed to the acquisition of new assets (or the refurbishment of old assets) that increases capacity/performance.

## Report on infrastructure assets as at 30 June 2022

### Infrastructure asset performance indicators (by fund)

\$ '000	General fund		Water fund		Sewer fund		Benchmark
	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	
Buildings and infrastructure renewals ratio Asset renewals   Depreciation, amortisation and impairment	155.56%	163.12%	29.06%	105.92%	141.08%	49.27%	>= 100.00%
Infrastructure backlog ratio Estimated cost to bring assets to a satisfactory standard Net carrying amount of infrastructure assets	1.98%	1.61%	6.74%	5.68%	2.16%	3.33%	< 2.00%
Asset maintenance ratio Actual asset maintenance Required asset maintenance	101.61%	102.99%	101.25%	98.03%	205.00%	183.25%	> 100.00%
Cost to bring assets to agreed service level Estimated cost to bring assets to an agreed service level set by Council Gross replacement cost	1.64%	1.30%	101.50%	2.80%	62.49%	11.75%	

<sup>(1)</sup> Asset renewals represent the replacement and/or refurbishment of existing assets to an equivalent capacity/performance as opposed to the acquisition of new assets (or the refurbishment of old assets) that increases capacity/performance.



#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

# Special Schedule – Permissible income for general rates Gilgandra Shire Council

To the Councillors of Gilgandra Shire Council

### **Opinion**

I have audited the accompanying Special Schedule – Permissible income for general rates (the Schedule) of Gilgandra Shire Council (the Council) for the year ending 30 June 2023.

In my opinion, the Schedule is prepared, in all material respects in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting 2021–22 (LG Code) and is in accordance with the books and records of the Council.

My opinion should be read in conjunction with the rest of this report.

### **Basis for Opinion**

I conducted my audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. My responsibilities under the standards are described in the 'Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Schedule' section of my report.

I am independent of the Council in accordance with the requirements of the:

- Australian Auditing Standards
- Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 'Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)' (APES 110).

I have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with APES 110.

Parliament promotes independence by ensuring the Auditor-General and the Audit Office of New South Wales are not compromised in their roles by:

- providing that only Parliament, and not the executive government, can remove an Auditor-General
- mandating the Auditor-General as auditor of councils
- precluding the Auditor-General from providing non-audit services.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

#### **Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting**

Without modifying my opinion, I draw attention to the special purpose framework used to prepare the Schedule. The Schedule has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the Council's reporting obligations under the LG Code. As a result, the Schedule may not be suitable for another purpose.

#### Other Information

The Council's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2022 includes other information in addition to the Schedule and my Independent Auditor's Report thereon. The Councillors are responsible for the other information. At the date of this Independent Auditor's Report, the other information I have received comprise the general purpose financial statements, special purpose financial statements and Special Schedule 'Report on infrastructure assets as at 30 June 2022'.

My opinion on the Schedule does not cover the other information. Accordingly, I do not express any form of assurance conclusion on the other information. However, as required by the *Local Government Act 1993*, I have separately expressed an opinion on the general purpose financial statements and the special purpose financial statements.

In connection with my audit of the Schedule, my responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the Schedule or my knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work I have performed, I conclude there is a material misstatement of the other information, I must report that fact.

I have nothing to report in this regard.

### The Councillors' Responsibilities for the Schedule

The Councillors are responsible for the preparation of the Schedule in accordance with the LG Code. The Councillors' responsibility also includes such internal control as the Councillors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the Schedule that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the Schedule, the Councillors are responsible for assessing the Council's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting.

#### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Schedule

My objectives are to:

- obtain reasonable assurance whether the Schedule as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error
- issue an Independent Auditor's Report including my opinion.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but does not guarantee an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect material misstatements. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error. Misstatements are considered material if, individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions users take based on the Schedule.

A description of my responsibilities for the audit of the Schedule is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at: <a href="www.auasb.gov.au/auditors\_responsibilities/ar8.pdf">www.auasb.gov.au/auditors\_responsibilities/ar8.pdf</a>. The description forms part of my auditor's report.

The scope of my audit does not include, nor provide assurance:

- that the Council carried out its activities effectively, efficiently and economically
- about the security and controls over the electronic publication of the audited Schedule on any website where it may be presented
- about any other information which may have been hyperlinked to/from the Schedule.

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Unaib Jeoffrey
Delegate of the Auditor-General for New South Wales

31 October 2022 SYDNEY