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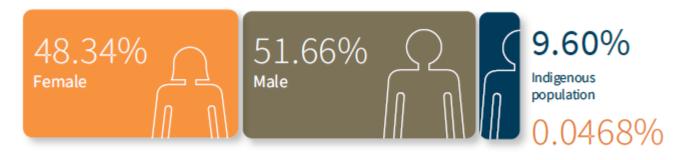
Wentworth Shire Council would like to acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the Land and pay its respects to Elders past, present and emerging.



# Community snapshot: Wentworth Shire Council

### **Population**

Total: 7,453 (2021 Census)



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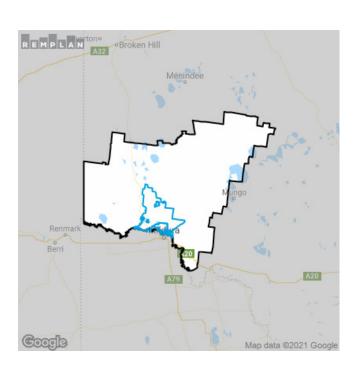
### By locality

Wentworth 1,437 | Gol Gol 1,525 | Buronga 1,215 | Coomealla 826 | Dareton 505 | Boeill Creek 102 | Mourquong 78 | Other localities 1,111

### By age



Median age
22.63%
of people volunteer in the community
7.65%
Unemployed



Industry Sector	Wentworth (A) (2019 Release1)				
	\$M	%			
Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing	\$283.438	24.3%			
Manufacturing	\$204.518	17.6%			
Mining	\$189.784	16.3%			
Rental, Hiring & Real Estate Services	\$75.194	6.5%			
Top 4 Industry sectors based on employment 1					
Industry Sector	Wentwo (2019 Re				
	Jobs				
Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing	789	27.8%			
Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing Health Care & Social Assistance	789 220	7.8%			
Health Care & Social Assistance	220	7.8%			

Top 4 Industry sectors based on economic output

<sup>1</sup> Source www.remplan.com.au.au

<sup>\*</sup>Data collected from Remplan and ABS



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# Mayor and General Manager's foreword

It brings great pleasure as Mayor to present the Wentworth Shire Council 2021-2022 Annual Report.

Together with Councillors, our General Manager and Staff we faced the challenges the previous year brought us and have progressed forward.

We have seen a new Council elected, with Councillors Daniel Linklater, Jo Rodda, Brian Beaumont and Steve Cooper all coming in as new Councillors.

Former Victorian Member of Parliament Peter Crisp was also voted onto Council for another term after previously being on Council before his 12-year stint in Victorian Parliament. Thankyou to Bill Wheeldon, Don McKinnon and Peter Nunan for their service on Council, which ended at the election

Cr Greg Evans was re-elected in December 2021 however his resignation in June triggered a count back which saw Councillor Jane MacAllister returned for another term.

Key projects in the last financial year included the development of the riverfronts at Wentworth and Buronga, significant works at the Wentworth Showgrounds and Pooncarie Showground toilets and shade structures.

We look forward to the upcoming financial year, with major projects such as our section of the Pooncarie-

Menindie Road and the Willow Bend Caravan Park to be completed.

We, along with our dedicated Council management team and employees, look forward to what the future holds.

Councillor Tim Elstone Mayor

Ken Ross General Manager



# Your Council - current



Cr Tim Elstone - Mayor



Cr Daniel Linklater - Deputy Mayor



Cr Jane MacAllister\*



Cr Steve Heywood



Cr Susan Nichols



Cr Jo Rodda



Cr Brian Beaumont



Cr Peter Crisp



Cr Steve Cooper

Councillors Peter Nunan and Don McKinnon did not stand for re-election at the December 2021 Local Government Elections, while Councillors Bill Wheeldon and Jane MacAllister were not re-elected after the community's vote.

<sup>\*</sup> Cr Greg Evans resigned from Council on 19 June 2022 and was replaced by Cr Jane MacAllister on 27 July 2022 following a count back election.



# Council 2016-2021



Cr Susan Nichols - Mayor



Cr Tim Elstone - Deputy Mayor



Cr Greg Evans



Cr Steve Heywood



Cr Jane MacAllister



Cr Don McKinnon



Cr Peter Nunan



Cr Bill Wheeldon



Cr Melisa Hederics\*

<sup>\*</sup> Cr Hederics, who served as Mayor before Cr Nichols, resigned from Council on 27 October 2020.



### **Councillor meeting attendance**

In this financial year there were 12 Ordinary Council Meetings, 3 Extraordinary Council Meetings and 3 Internal Audit and Risk Management Committee Meetings.

Councillor Greg Evans resigned from Wentworth Shire Council on 19 June 2022.

A count back election was held on 27 July 2022 with Councillor Jane MacAllister elected as Cr Evans' replacement.

Councillor	Ordinary Council Meetings	Extraordinary Council Meetings	Internal Audit and Risk Management Meetings
Cr Susan Nichols (Mayor until 4 December 2021)	12/12	3/3	3/3
Cr Tim Elstone (Mayor from 10 January 2022)	12/12	3/3	3/3
Cr Greg Evans (Resigned 19 June 2022)	11/11	2/2	1/1
Cr Steve Heywood (New term from 10 January 2022)	10/12	3/3	N/A
Cr Jane MacAllister (End term 4 December 2021)	5/5	1/1	1/1
Cr Don McKinnon (End term 4 December 2021)	4/5	0/1	N/A
Cr Peter Nunan (End term 4 December 2021)	5/5	0/1	0/1
Cr Bill Wheeldon (End term 4 December 2021)	5/5	1/1	N/A
Cr Brian Beaumont (New term from 10 January 2022)	7/7	2/2	N/A
Cr Steve Cooper (New term from 10 January 2022)	7/7	2/2	N/A
Cr Peter Crisp (New term from 10 January 2022)	7/7	2/2	N/A
Cr Daniel Linklater (New term from 10 January 2022)	7/7	2/2	N/A
Cr Jo Rodda (New term from 10 January 2022)	7/7	2/2	N/A

Wentworth Shire Council Values: Honesty and Integrity | Accountability and Transparency | Respect | Quality | Commitment



# Organisation overview

**GENERAL MANAGER** 

Advocacy and Lobbying Mayor and Councillor Support Human Resources Executive Services Media and Communications Civic Service Library/Visitor Information Work Health and Safety

EXECUTIVE SERVICES/MEDIA AND COMMUNICATION

**HUMAN RESOURCES** 

## DIRECTOR ROADS AND ENGINEERING

Assets
Parks and Gardens
Water and Waste Water
Waste and Resource
Recovery
Civil Projects
Technical Services
Infrastructure Projects
Engineering Services
Roads

### **DIRECTOR FINANCE AND POLICY**

Finance
Customer Service
Organisational Support
Risk and Governance
Information Technology
Stores
Records

### DIRECTOR HEALTH AND PLANNING

Strategic Development Building Surveying Development Assessment Environmental Health Compliance Companion Animals Reserves/Land Tenure

### **Executive team**



Ken Ross General Manager

Commenced as General Manager 20 May 2019 (started at Wentworth Shire Council in 2002), 36 years' experience in Management, Health and Planning and Building Surveying.

Holds Associated Diploma in Applied Science and Diploma Environmental Health and Building.



Geoff Gunn Director Roads and Engineering

Commenced as Director Roads and Engineering 26 August 2019 (started at Wentworth Shire Council in 2016), 31 years' experience in Engineering and Management of municipal operation areas.

Holds a Bachelor Degree in Civil Engineering.



Simon Rule
Director Finance and Policy

Commenced as Director Finance and Policy 26 March 2014 (started at Wentworth Shire Council in 2008), 21 years' experience in financial management in public operations.

Holds a Bachelor Degree in Arts (Information Management) and Masters of Professional Accounting.



Matthew Carlin
Director Health and Planning

Commenced as Director Health and Planning 28 January 2020, 8 years' experience in leading and managing teams in Planning, Environmental and Regulatory Services.

Holds a Bachelor Degree in Applied Science, Bachelor of Laws and Masters of Environmental and Business Management.



# Key staff demographics as of 25 May 2022 per section 217 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021

- Full time equivalents = 109.25
- Bands as described in the Local Government (State) Award 2020
  - o Band 1 = Operational Band

- o Band 2 = Administration/Trade/ Technical
- o Band 3 = Professional/Specialist
- o Band 4 = Executive
- Number of persons engaged by Council, under a contract of other arrangement with the persons employer, that is wholly or principally for the labour of the person = 6

2021-2022	Band 1	Band 2	Band 3	Band 4	GM/Senior Staff	Total
Permanent full time - female	2	20	8	0	0	30
Permanent full time – male	34	25	12	2	4	77
Permanent part time – female	2 (FTE = 1.09)	5 (FTE = 3.15)	1 (FTE = 0.64)	0	0	8
Permanent part time – male	0	1 (FTE = 0.73)	0	0	0	1
Casual - female	1	2	0	0	0	3
Casual - male	2	1	1	0	0	4
Total	41	54	22	2	4	123

### **Tenure**

Tenure of employment years	<1	1-3	4-6	7-9	10-19	20-29	30-39	40+
Employees	22	38	28	12	11	8	3	1
Total	18%	31%	23%	10%	9%	6%	2%	1%

### Age

Age of workforce	15-19 years	20-24 years	25-34 years	35-44 years	45-54 years	55-64 years	65-74 years
Female	0	1	11	5	9	9	6
Male	0	5	23	13	11	24	6
Total	0%	5%	28%	14%	16%	27%	10%



2021-2022 Financial Report

# 2021-2022 FINANCIAL REPORT

The 2021/2022 financial year concluded with Wentworth Shire Council posting a \$11,377,000 surplus, this was a decrease of \$944,000 on the the 2020/2021 result, and was \$4,176,000 less than what was originally budgeted.

Revenue for the year was \$1,549,000 up on the previous year. Notable revenue figures included user fees and charges exceeding budget expectations by \$4,314,000 as a result of increasing revenue from the Buringa Landfill operations and fee for service works for Transport for NSW on the State Highways.

Overall Grants and Contributions decreased by \$1,246,000 on last financial year, this was driven largely by an increase in operational grants of \$1,763,000 as a result of the 50% increase in the prepayment of the 2022/2023 Financial Assistance Grants. Capital Grants and Contributions reduced by \$3,009,000 due to a decrease in developer contributions and grants received for capital projects that hadn't progressed as far as anticipated.

Council's investment revenue made modest gains during the financial year, this was mainly due to the significant increase in cash reserves that provided Council additional funds to invest. Investment revenue for the year continued to be impacted by the official cash rate remaining at 0.10% for the majority of the financial year. However, it needs to be noted that the Reserve Bank did raise official interest rates by a full 1% across May and June.

Expenditure for the year increased by \$2,493,000, the main contributor to this was the increase in materials and contracts which was largely attributable to

the increase in work on the State Highways for Transport for NSW. Council's interest in the Far West Joint Organisation decreased by \$195,000.

### COVID-19 Impact

COVID 19 continued to impact Council and its operations during 2021/2022 with ongoing cleaning required for our buildings and the loss of revenue from facility hires due to event cancellations and tenants requesting reductions in licence fees due to not being able to utilise facilities for portions of the year.

The second half of the financial year saw Council have to deal with staff absences from work for periods of time due to either contacting the virus or being a close contact of an infected person.

Council continued to experience supply issues during the year, as well as labour shortages for both Council and contractors, all of which impacted Council's ability to complete capital projects in particular. The latter half of the financial year also saw a sharp increase in prices due to inflationary pressures brought on by the above mentoned issues.

### **Balance Sheet**

The balance sheet details a summary of Council's total assets, liabilities and total equity as at 30 June 2022. The net assets of Council (total assets less total liabilities) have increased by \$60,847,000 during the 2021/2022 financial year.

Total current assets have increased by \$5,934,000. Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment increased by

\$56,654,000 reflecting asset purchases, capital works and revaluations being greater than the increase in accumulated depreciation. Council's total infrastrucutre assets are written down to 66% of their current replacement value.

Current liabilities includes payables, borrowings, and employee leave entitlements. The overall current liabilities increased by \$24,000, contract liabilities and borrowings increased by \$374,000 while payables and employee benefits decreased by \$350,000.

Non-current liabilities increased by \$1,522,000 due mainly to a \$1,494,000 increase in borrowings.

# Available Cash and Cash Equivalents

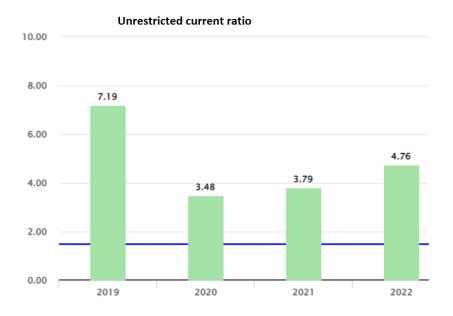
The available working capital of Council has increased from \$2,363,000 at 30 June 2021 to \$2,680,000 at 30 June 2022. Investments increased by \$5,315,000 to \$41,028,000. It is considered that \$2,680,000 is more than adequate to manage day to day operating requirements and provides Council with capacity to respond to unforseen events and opportunities.

The spread of investments throughout a large number of financial institutuions allows Council to spread its risk while endeavouring to maximise its returns. It also allows for ready access to funds due to multiple maturiity dates.

Summary of the financial statements	2022 \$'000	2021 \$'000
Income Statement Total income from continuing operations	\$41,855	\$40,306
Total expenses from continuing operations	\$30,478	\$27,985
Operating result from continuing operations	\$11,377	\$12,321
Net operating result for the year	\$11,377	\$12,321
Net operating result before grants and contributions provided for capital purposes	\$2,662	\$597
Statement of financial position Total current assets	\$48,634	\$42,700
Total current liabilities	(\$12,009)	(\$11,985)
Total non-current assets	\$512,530	\$456,071
Total non-current liabilities	(\$9,881)	(\$8,359)
Total equity	\$539,274	\$478,427
Other financial information Unrestricted current ratio (times)	4.76	3.79
Operating performance ratio (%)	8.62%	2.39%
Debt service cover ratio (times)	12.36	14.41
Rates and annual charges outstanding ratio (%)	12.86%	12.95%
Infrastructure renewals ratio (%)	162.10%	203.92%
Own source operating revenue ratio (%)	50.06%	44.97%
Cash expense cover ratio (months)	20.95	20.14

Reserves Transfer Schedule 2021-2022						
Reserve	Opening Balance \$'000	Transfer to Reserve \$'000	Transfer from Reserve	Closing Balance		
Employee Leave Entitlements Reserve	\$2,505		\$210	\$2,295		
Developer Contribution Reserve	\$663	\$34		\$700		
Plant Replacement Reserve	\$1,500			\$1,500		
Future Development Reserve	\$1,076			\$1,076		
Unexpended Grants Reserve	\$4,458	\$844		\$5,302		
Capital and Major Projects Reserve	\$1,200		\$200	\$1,000		
T-Corp Loan Balance	\$1,357		\$248	\$1,109		
Caravan Park Loan Balance	-	\$1,500		\$1,500		
Crown Land Reserve	\$214	\$5		\$219		
Bank Guarantee Reserve	\$3			\$3		
Doubtful Debts	\$125		\$85	\$40		
Trust Account	\$631	\$247		\$878		
Cemeteries Fees Received in Advance	\$539	\$11		\$550		
TOTAL	\$14,308	\$2,644	\$580	\$16,372		





### **Financial Indicators**

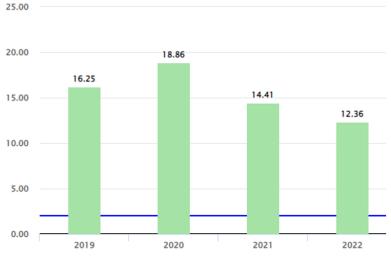
There are a number of key ratios included in the financial reports that provide an indication of liquidity and financial capacity of Council.

### **Unrestricted Current Ratio**

This ratio provides an assessment of the adequacy of working capital and the ability to satisfy obligations in the short term for the unrestricted activities of Council. The ratio measures current assets (less restricted assets) divided by current liabilities (less specific purpose liabilities).

The benchmark figure for this ratio is 1.50x. This ratio increased during the 2021-2022 financial year to 4.76x and continues to be well above the benchmark ratio.



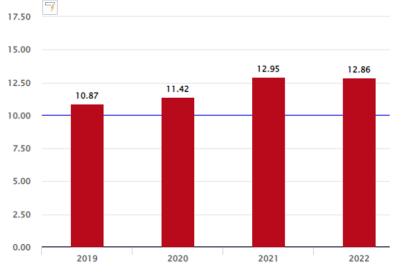


### **Debt Service Cover Ratio**

The Debt Service Cover Ratio measures the availability of operating cash to service debt including interest, principal and lease payments. The ratio is calculated by dividing the operating result before capital excluding interest and depreciation by total loan payments for the year (principal and interest).

The benchmark figure for this ratio is 2x. Council continues to have sufficient operating cash to service current debt levels.

### Rates, annual charges, interest and extra charges Outstanding Percentage



# Rates, Annual Charges, Interest & Extra Charges Outstanding Percentage Ratio

This ratio assesses the impact of uncollected rates and annual charges on Council's liquidity and the adequacy of recovery efforts. The ratio is calculated by dividing rates, annual & extra charges outstanding by rates, annual & extra charges collectible.

The benchmark figure for this ratio is 10%. Council's ratio stayed relatively steady during the 2021-2022 year.

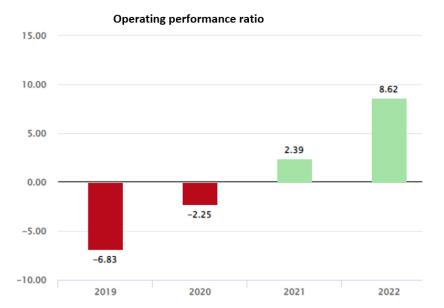


### **Operating Performance Ratio**

This ratio measures Council's ability to contain operating expenditure within operating revenue.

This ratio is calculated by dividing total continuing operating revenue excluding capital grants and contributions minus operating expenditure by totalling continuing operating revenue excluding capital grants.

The benchmark figure for this rate is 0%. Council's result for 2021-2022 was 8.62%.

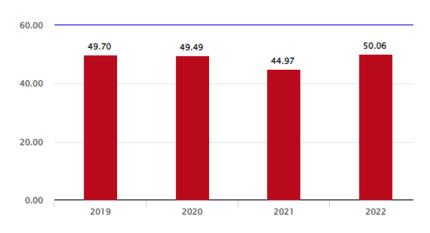


### Own source operating revenue ratio

### **Own Source Operating Ratio**

This ratio measures fiscal flexibility. It is the degree of reliance on external funding sources such as operating grants and contributions. This ratio is calculated by dividing total contributing operating revenue less all grants by total continuing operating revenue.

The benchmark figure for this ratio is 60%. The ratio for 2021-2022 increased to 50.06%.

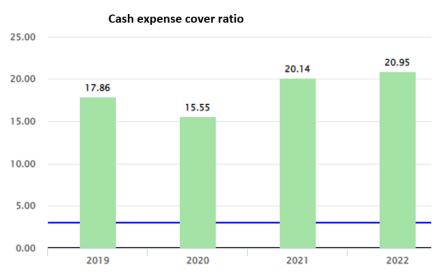


Benchmark: >60%

### **Cash Expense Cover Ratio**

This liquidity ratio indicates the number of months a Council can continue paying for its immediate expenses without additional cash inflow.

The ratio is calculated by dividing the current year's cash and cash equivalents plus deposits by payments from cash flow of operating and financing activities. The benchmark figure for this ratio is 3.0.







### THE INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING FRAMEWORK

The Local Government Act 1993 requires Councils across New South Wales to implement an Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework, which serves to guide the operations of the Council according to the requirements of the local community.

The pivotal document in this

process is the Community Strategic Plan.

The Community Strategic Plan is the highest level of plan the Council prepares.

The purpose of the plan is to identify the community's main priorities and aspirations for the future, and to plan strategies to achieve those goals.

This plan covers a period of at least 10 years and is updated each Council election (generally every four years) to refect any changes in the priorites and aspirations of the community.





The four-year Delivery Program is Wentworth Shire Council's commitment to assisting the community to achieve the Community Strategic Plan 2017-2027. It is a high-level plan that maps out the Council's strategic business direction. This document systematically translates the strategic goals of the community into actions. These are the principal activities Council will undertake to implement the strategies established by the Community Strategic Plan, with resources identified in the Resourcing Strategy.

Council is also required to have an annual Operational Plan, adopted before the beginning of each financial year. The annual Operational Plan outlines the activities to be undertaken for the year to meet the broader requirements of the Delivery Program. The Operational Plan includes the Annual Statement of Revenue Policy.

The Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework requires Council to present an Annual Report to the community. This report is required to outline Council's achievements during the financial year. In line with the Local Government Act 1993 and the Office of Local Government's Annual Report Checklist (ARC), this document reports to the community on the progress against each of the strategies included in Councl's 2021-2022 Operational Plan and the 2017-2027 Delivery Program.

### The 2027 vision

The consultation and engagement activities undertaken to inform the Wentworth Shire Community

Strategic Plan resulted in the formation of the following concise and ambitious vision for the region:

"A thriving region, supported by a robust economic base, distinctive open spaces and strong local governance and leadership"

To ensure as a community Council is working towards achieving this vision, four stategic objectives (below) have been developed around the quadruple bottom line, which aims to balance the social. environmental, economic and governance aspects of the Strategic Plan.

Underpinning each objective is a range of supporting strategies that outline high-level approaches to achieving the objectives and delivering the vision.

The following pages provide details of the activities undertaken by Council during the 2021-2022 financial year to support the community in achieving the 2027 vision.











# STATUTORY REPORTING REQUIREMENTS



- denotes a requirement under the Office of Local Government's Annual Report Checklist



For the 2021-2022 reporting period there were nil planning agreements.

# Contributions and s7.12 Levies

There are two forms of local infrastructure contributions:

Section 7.11 contributions are charged where there is a demonstrated link between the development and the infrastructure to be funded.

Councils prepare contributions plans which specify what infrastructure will be provided and approximately how much it will cost

This is used to calculate a contribution rate, usually charged per dwelling or per square metre. Councils that

want to charge a contributions rate above the threshold set by the Minister must submit their plans to IPART for independent review.

Section 7.11 was previously known as section 94.

**Section 7.12 levies** are an alternative to s7.11 contributions, charged as a percentage of the estimated cost of the development.

The maximum percentage that can be charged in most areas is 1%, although there are a small number of areas that charge a higher percentage. Section 7.12 was previously known as section 94A.

Wentworth Shire Council uses Section 7.12 levies for development in our LGA.

Over the last financial year, the reportable infrastructure contributions are:

A total of 21 Development

- Applications triggered the levy
- There are 11 development applications with known contribution amounts totalling \$59,643
- The remaining 10
   applications are yet to have their contribution amounts determined.

Following the introduction to the legislative requirement for NSW Councils to report this information, a register is available on Councils website.



# **Inspections for Building Control Operations**

In the 2021-2022 financial year Council carried out inspections relating to building control that included but was not limited to building inspections, water and sewer inspections as well as compliance inspections.

456 inspections were carried out during the reporting period, 26 more than the 2020-21 financial year. These peaked in October 2021 with 57 inspections that month alone, with the quietest month being January with just 28 inspections.

### **Health Inspections**

Wentworth Shire Council has statutory obligations under the Food Act 2003 and the Public Health Act 2010 and their subordinate regulations.

These obligations ensure continued public health protection for our residents and visitors in the health inspection space.

During the reporting period Council's Environmental Health inspector carried out 59 inspections.

### **Sewer Connections**

During the 2021-2022 financial year Council approved 57 sewer connections or amendments. This was an increase from the 39 in the previous financial year.

### **Septic Tank Connections**

In the reporting period Council approved 25 septic tanks connections or amendments.

### **Water Meter Connections**

In 2021-2022 Council issued 55 water meters. This is decrease from the 2020-2021 financial year when Council issued 83 water meters.

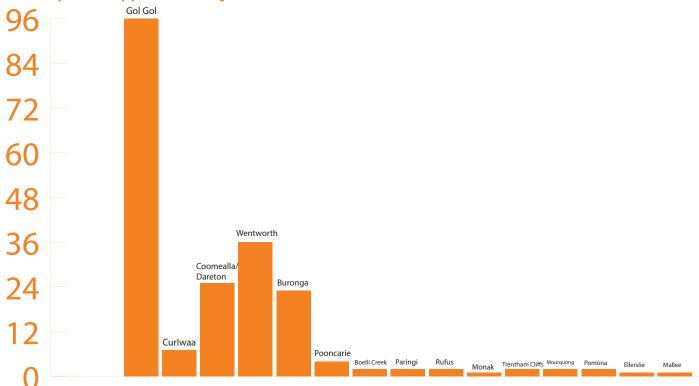
### **Swimming Pools Information**

In 2021-2022 Council conducted 34 swimming pool inspections:

- 16 of those related to Tourist and Visitor Accommodation premises and 18 were private dwellings.
- 17 Certificates of Compliance were issued under s22D of the Swimming Pools Act 1992 (NSW)
- 2 Certifictes of Non-Compliance were issued under clause 21 of the Swimming Pools Regulations 2018



### **Development Applications by suburb**



During the 2021-2022 reporting period 197 Development Applications (DA's) were approved. The chart above shows the majority of development occured in Gol Gol with 91 applications approved. Buronga followed this with 54 DA's and Coomealla/ Dareton had 22 DA's.

There were 38 approvals to modify Development Consents during this period.

During the 2021-2022 financial year Council saw 36 new residential lots created, compared to 44 for the 2020-2021 financial year. This was an 18% reducton during the reporting period

### **Planning certificates**

A section 10.7 Planning Certificate was previously known as a Section 149 Certificate. The Certificate provides information regarding the development potential of a parcel

of land. There are two types of Section 10.7 Planning Certificates. A Section 10.7(2) Certificate shows the zoning of the property, its relevant state, regional and local planning controls and other property constraints such as land contamination, level of flooding and bushfire prone land.

A Section 10.7(2) and 10.7(5)
Certificate provides the same information as above but also includes other factors such as advice from other authorities and certain information that Council holds on a property that is relevant to the land but not disclosed in a Section 10.7(2) Certificate. During the reporting period Council issued 368 planning certificates, 44 less than 2020-2021.

# **Complying Development Certificate**

A Complying Development Certificate (CDC) is a form of

planning and building approval issued by an accredited building certifier - either a private certifier or a Council.

This certificate combines approval for use of the land and the building construction works.

During the 2021-2022 reporting period 38 CDCs were issued.

### **Construction Certificates**

A Construction Certificate (CC) confirms the construction plans, development specifications and the construction are consistent with the development consent, and comply with the Building Code of Australia and any other Council requirements.

During the 2021-2022 financial year 130 CCs were issued.



# STATUTORY REPORTING REQUIREMENTS





The 2021-2022 Financial year was a time of so much uncertainty for many.

Although Council has continued its strong working relationship in such unprecedented time with many of its rescue groups including: Starting Over Dog Rescue and Sunraysia Animal Rehousing Group (SARG) only to mention a few.

Council's relationship with these groups is a necessary one, evidenced by the number of rescued animals.

Responsible pet ownership and community education programs within our Local

Government Area are important to Wentworth Shire Council.

Such community education includes information about the importance of de-sexing, vaccinations, microchipping and registration of pets.

A Proposed Indigenous animal health day which included these factors was postponed due to COVID19 and the restrictions imposed by NSW Public Health Orders.

Wentworth Shire Council will proceed with the Indigenous Animal Health Day once restrictions are lifted.

Dogs play a key role in Australian indigenous communities and are often highly valued for companionship. Under Section 64 of the Companion Animals Act, Companion animals that are seized by Council Rangers which are not permanently identified are conveyed to the Buronga Animal Shelter where they are kept for seven days. If identified, animals are kept for 14 days where every effort is made to contact the rightful owners if the animal is registered.

Within the Local Government Area over the 2021-2022 financial year, all complaints relating to companion animal management were investigated by Council Rangers.

Four dog attacks were reported and investigated.

Most attacks centred on livestock in outlying areas.

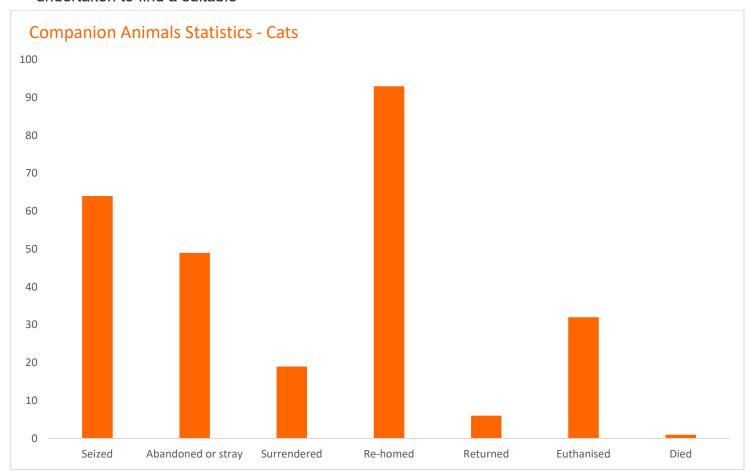


All barking/nuisance animals were dealt with in an expedient manner focusing on management of the issues.

Wentworth Shire Council understands the need to provide off-leash areas for dogs to run freely, with expansions in the LGA further investigations will be undertaken to find a suitable

locations.

The total amount of expenses associated with Council's companion animal management and activities was \$170,803.69. The expenditure covers animal shelter maintenance, veterinary services, operating costs and salaries.

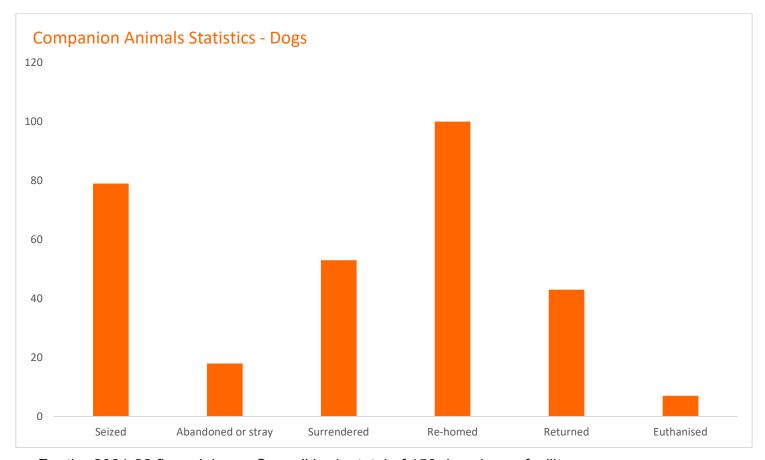


For the 2021-22 Financial year, Council had a total of 132 Cats in our facility.

The table above shows that 64 Cats were seized, 49 were abandoned or strays and 19 cats were surrendered to Councils custody.

Of the 132 cats, 93 were re-homed, 6 were returned to its owner, and 32 were euthanised as they were assessed to be feral and unsuitable for re-homing. 1 cat died at the shelter due to illness.





For the 2021-22 financial year Council had a total of 150 dogs in our facility.

The table above shows that 79 dogs were seized, 18 were abandoned or strays, 53 were surrendered to Council's custody.

Of the 150 dogs, 100 were re-homed, 43 were returned to their owners and only 7 were euthanised due to health or endangement reasons.









Wentworth Shire Council's Disability Inclusion Action Plan guides Council in meetings its obligations under the *Disability Inclusion Act 2014* (NSW). Annual progress in achieving the outcomes of the plan for 2021-2022 to address the four focus areas include the following:

# Strategy 1 - Positive Attiudes and Behaviour

### Actions:

In preparation for updating the existing Disability Inclusion Action Plan Council undertook extensive community consultation with targeted groups and the general community in conjunction with the Community Strategic Planning process, to gain an updated awareness and understanding of the needs of people with disabilities.

Ongoing participation in Seniors Week activities and library programs has wide ranging impact and are constantly reviewed to ensure accessibility, inclusion and participation for all.

Council's updated Community Strategic Plan has identified actions for Council to promote a welcoming and inclusive community that strengthens positive attitudes and behaviours towards people of all abilities.

# Strategy 2 - Creating Liveable Communities

### **Actions:**

Council continues to monitor its

Pedestrian Mobility Access Plan to identify future works for new and upgraded footpaths and sharedways. Council submitted a funding application for 3 projects under the NSW Active Transport funding round.

Based on community feedback Council undertook a safety assessment of footpaths in the Wentworth CBD area and an access assessment of the Dareton Library/Senior Citizens building.

Council's updated Community Strategic Plan has identified actions for Council to promote and foster an accessible community that encourages access by people of all abilities.

# Strategy 3 - Supporting Access to Meaningful Emplyment

### **Actions:**

Council is an equal opportunity employer and actively encourages applications from individuals with diverse backgrounds or those with disability.

Council's updated Workforce Management Plan includes a focus on Council's recruitment framework to ensure the Council's recruitment practices are inclusive and accessible and give people with disability every opportunity to gain meaningful employment with Council.

Council's updated Community Strategic Plan has identified actions for Council to promote the benefits to the community on employing people with disabilities.

# Strategy 4 - Improving access to mainstream services

### **Actions:**

During the year Council joined the LG NSW Ageing and Disability Network.

Ongoing Social Media presence and local advertising outlining the range of information available about Council's activities and services.

Council continues to utilise social media platforms as well as more traditional media formats to promote Council information and activites in order to make as much information available as possible. Where possible this information is provided in easy to read formats.

Council's updated Community Stretegic Plan makes a committment to advocate for community and business organisations to review and change the way they do business to ensure people with disability can have equal access to information and services.



# **GRANTS**

### **Stronger Country Communities Round 4**

The Stronger Country Communities Program boots the wellbeing of communities in regional New South Wales by providing new or upgraded infrastructure.

This section details grant funding Wentworth Shire Council has attained for projects through the Stronger Country Communities Round 4 during the 2021-2022 financial year.

Wentworth Female Jockey Change Rooms

SCCF funding: \$200,000 Other contributions: \$Nil

**Pools Electrical & Facilities Upgrades** 

SCCF funding: \$206,522 Other contributions: \$Nil

### **Local Roads and Community Infrastructure program Phase 3**

The Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) program supports local councils to deliver priority local road and community infrastructure projects across Australia, supporting jobs and the resilience of local economies to help communities bounce back from the COVID-19 pandemic.

This section details grant funding Wentworth Shire Council has attained for projects through the LRCI for the 2021-2022 financial year.

**Wentworth Racecourse Track Rail** 

Replacement

LRCI funding: \$110,00
Other contributions: \$Nil

**Dareton Travellers Rest Stop Stage 2** 

LRCI funding: \$25,000

Other contributions: \$20,000

**Wentworth Caravan Park Ablution Block** 

**LRCI funding:** \$592,414

Other contributions: \$57,586



### Local Roads and Community Infrastructure program Phase 3 - Continued

James King Park Riverfront **LRCI funding:** \$198,000 Other contributions: Nil

**Wentworth Civic Centre Interpretive** 

**Space** 

**LRCI funding:** \$990,000

Other contributions: \$990,000

Pooncarie Telegraph Building

**LRCI funding:** \$176,000 Other contributions: nil

> **Pooncarie Aerodrome Lights LRCI funding:** \$465,000

Other contributions: nil

### **Resources for Regions Round 8**

The Resources for Regions program supports communities across regional New South Wales impacted by mining.

This section details grant funding Wentworth Shire Council has attained for projects through the Resouces for Regions Round 8 during the 2021-2022 financial year.

Reserve Upgrade - Junction Island & James

King Park

**R4R funding:** \$400,000 Other contributions: Nil

> **Dareton Mens Shed R4R funding:** \$385,129

Other contributions: \$1,000,000

George Gordon Oval Car Park & Road

**R4R funding:** \$300,000 Other contributions: \$Nil

**Buronga Sharedways R4R funding:** \$374,000 Other contributions: \$Nil

Pooncarie Toilet Block **R4R funding:** \$292,300 Other contributions: Nil

**Buronga Riverfront Toilet Block** 

**R4R funding:** \$300,000 Other contributions: \$Nil



# Wentworth Shire Libraries Grant

# New and Replacement Book Stock

During the financial year of 2021-2022, Wentworth Shire Libraries spent \$45,733 on new and replacement books, MP3s, DVDs, Magazines, eBooks, Audiobooks and Large Print Books.

Hundreds of new items in our libraries were borrowed thousands of times to over 1,500 members.

Over the years, many members have saved hundreds of dollars borrowing from the library collection.

Our most popular collections remain our children's picture books and our adult fiction.

### **Special projects**

During the 2021-2022 financial year, the following special projects where undertaken by the library:

- Brother ScanNcut machine purchased for bulk craft packs for activities/ programs. A majority of our regular programs are paper based crafts, built crafts are now created and distributed to all library branches.
- Solus app subscription continues to provide patrons access to our catalogue and online resources.
- 4 x new PC's for public use to replace obsolete PC's.
- 2 x new PC's for use by Wentworth Historical Society to replace obsolete PC's.
- Christmas cookie decorating during Summer School Holidays.
- Seniors morning tea to

celebrate Senior's week - free event in the library courtyard with morning tea, community group information stalls and a guest speaker.

- Display shelving for all branches ordered through RAECO. Face out shelving has allowed up to showcase new items and hard to move collections.
- Replacement Library cards displaying local artist's work.

### Regular grant funding

Noxious Weeds & Pest Grants - \$40,405 General Assistance Grant -

\$8,749,724 Library Subsidy - \$78,256

Road Safety Officer Grant - Roads to Recovery Program - \$54,901 \$1,278,207

Bushfire Prevention Grants - Main Road Block Grant - \$196,200 \$1,250,506

RFS- ESL Grant - \$123,370 3x3 Program - \$137,000

Youth Week Grant - \$3,313 Traffic Facilities - \$62,000



### 2022 Australia Day Award Recipients

The Wentworth Shire's 2022 Australia Day award winners were:

Citizen of the year: **Jeanette Stephens** 

Young Citizen of the Year: **Jess Doidge** 

Environmental Award: **No Nominations received.** 

Young Sportsperson of the Year: **Nicholas Witte** 



Wentworth Shire Citizen of the Year 2022 Jeanette Stephens with Mayor Tim Elstone.





# **OPERATIONS**



### **Library Service Operation**

Wentworth Shire Libraries run three branches located in Buronga at the Midway Centre, Dareton on Millie Street and Wentworth on Murray and Short Street.

There is a serviced outpost at Pooncarie, with books available for residents to loan, as well as an eLibrary that can be accessed 24/7 by all members.

Our Libraries were fortunate enough to jump back into face-to-face programs and activities with the easing of COVID-19 restrictions.

During 2021-2022 we had

some wonderful programs, workshops and events. To celebrate our Seniors and mark the begining of the NSW Seniors Festival 2022 we held a morning tea in the Wentworth Library courtyard. Guests from all over the Shire were treated to barista made coffee and a light lunch from local food and drink vendors.

Regular children's and adult programming was also back with Toddler Stroy Time, Preschool visits, Book Club and Social Sewing making a return.

Home schooled students have also been welcomed at Midway Library for regular sessions with a focus on STEM/STEAM, catering to children of all ages.

### By the numbers

**Total memberships:** 2,454

**Patron visits** 

Wentworth: 3,851 Dareton: 997 Buronga: 2,112

Total: 6,960

**Items** borrowed

Wentworth: 5,389 Dareton: 1,574 Buronga: 3,753 Pooncarie: 216 eLibrary: 4,366 Total: 10,932

Wi-Fi sessions: 1,665

PC sessions: 634

In-person programs: 485

with 2,232 attendees

New and replacement book stock: \$42,047 (Books, audiobooks,

DVDs, magazines,

Large Print, eBooks and

eAudiobooks)



This year we were also able to celebrate Children's Book Week with dress ups, school visits, and lots of activities and parades.

Special guests we had throughout the year included Little Wings for another puppet show in Wentworth and Pooncarie. EnviroEDU with a wildlife workshop featuring live native animals, and author talks from Jan Davidson and Alison Stuart.

Our programs and memberships remain free to all members of our community and anyone can join onlines and begin using the eLibrary immediately.

- Wentworth Shire Libraries team

### **Programs and services**

- •Tech Savvy Seniors
- Book Club
- •Toddler story time
- School holiday activities
- Social sewing
- •Tai Chi
- •Contactless deliveries
- Library App for use on Smartphones &

- Tablet devices
  •Free Wi-Fi and
  internet usage
- •Xbox One for use in Library
- •COVID-19 vaccination certificate

assistance.

# **HIGHLIGHTS**



• April 2022: Seniors Fesitval Wentworth Library



• June 2022: Kids and traffic Road Safety Toddler Story Time





Financial year visitor statistics						
Year 2021-2022			Trend	Monthly Avg		
Domestic	Local	International	% +/-	445		
5,319	690	27	-49%	7-70		

### **Visitor Service Operation**

The Wentworth Visitor Information Centre saw a decline of visitors after the second COVID19 lockdown following a statewide decline when compared to previous years. Contributing factors include COVID, rising fuel costs, opening of the international travel market and vaccination status.

With visitation falling, the local tourism industry struggled with the impact of the pandemic and the uncertainty of travel restrictions.

The highest number of visitors against came from New South Wales, followed by Victorian visitors with many travelling to the region instead of just passing through as they would have in the past.

The numbers recorded in the statistics are based soley on those who came into the Visitor Information Centre, with actual visitation to the region estimated to be at least 30% higher.

### **Events**

The start of the year saw a large number of events cancelled for a second year running, including the Wentworth Show, Flying Doctors Rowathon, Pooncarie and Wentworth Races and Local Legend Safari Rally. Some events that have been postponed were able to run in early 2022 such as the Murray Darling 110 Ski Race.

Community groups held local Australia Day events in various locations throughout the shire including the Australian Inland Botanic Gardens, Junction Park and Dareton, all deemed to be a success, with Council hostings its Australia Day & Citizenship Ceremony at the Coomealla Club on the evening of January 25th.

As restrictions eased, there were many successful events held throughout the Shire, inlcuding the Junction Junk Easter Garage Sale, ARB Pooncarie Desert Dash, Youth Week Celebrations, Art Shows and fishing Competitions.

### **Tourism & Promotion**

Throughout the 2021-2022 period, Wentworth Shire Council Visitor Information Centre began working through a re-branding and modernisation of its logos and website. This will continue onto printed collateral and signage in the future.

Print advertising continued in the Sunraysia Daily and NSW Standard papers, along with re-prints of the Wentworth Trail and Wentworth Region Maps.

Promotional and information packs were posted or emailed out to visitors, given out to various groups and events to highlight local attractions, touring routes, accommodation and upcomg events in our Wentworth region.

Staff took part in a number of virtual and face to face forums, annual general meetings, professional development opportunities and accreditation guidelines along with regional famils with staff from Mildura Visitor Information Centre and Mildura Regional Revelopment.

Hannah & Cathryn attended the Sturt Steps Famil from Broken Hill with local tourism operators, journalists and Broken Hill VIC staff, which followed Captain Sturts trail through the Far West and up to Cameron Corner, Milparinka Heritage Area, Fort Grey and Sturt National Park. In future, linking Sturt Steps Trail with the propsoed Wentworth Astronomy Park would bring a new brand of tourism to the



region.

Local Wentworth Region operators were invited to take part in the Alan Border TV Program, a series which showcases smaller regions throughout Australia on Channel 7. The Wentworth episode is due to go to air in late October 2022.

Wentworth Visitor Information Centre worked with numerous local and cross border agencies such as Murray Regional Tourism, Destination Riverina Murrray, Wentworth Regional Tourism Inc. and Mildura Regional Development to increase promotion of the Wentworth Region and the Murray Darling Region areas as a whole and build relationships between the regions.

### **Darling River Run**

The Darling River Run attracts people from all over Australia throughout the year, with the main times of the year being April and September. Unfortunately, this year the marketing campaign has been placed on hold due to flooding

of the Darling River and unexpended rain events occurring on a regular basis. These two things have caused many road closures, therefore making it diffucult for travellers to complete the whole run.

Despite the marketing campaign not being actively promoted, we are still seeing steady numbers on all our digital platforms: website, Facebook and Instagram. Through our membership base and Information Centres within the Darling River Run, we are receiving positive feedback that travellers are soley using the website to plan their trips as it is informative, accurate and knowledgeable.

The Wentworth Region is prominently represented on the website with information, images and maps on Wentworth, Pooncarie and Mungo National Park and includes directory listings of attractions throughout the region. The website attracted over 42,000 visitors in 2021 and currently averages over 3,500 views monthly.

The Darling River Run is represented on social media via Facebook and Instagram and reguarly posts information and updates promoting our members regions including: paid posts, crafted content and shared information extending the reach of the existing social media platforms of our members. 8,819 Followers and 170,000+ Monthly Impressions.

The Darling River Run **Discovery Directory contains** a comprehensive list of over 150 locations to find accommodation, where to eat, attractions and activities, supplies, services and more. The directory is searchable and contains maps, contact details, descriptions and images with each listing. You can even bookmark listings for planning the locations you'd like to visit along the Darling River Run. The Wentworth Region currently features 47 listings from Wentworth, Pooncarie and Mungo National Park.



CPM Building Contractors Pty Ltd Senior Project Supervisor Deon Blaby, Wentworth Shire Council Mayor Tim Elstone and Wentworth Shire Council Project Officer Betty Withers and GSD Architects Architect Morgan O'Brien look over the plans for the Wentworth Shire Civic Centre Courtyard.

# STATUTORY REPORTING REQUIREMENTS



- denotes a requirement under the Office of Local Government's Annual Report Checklist



For the 2021-2022 reporting period there were nil environmental upgrade agreements in place.



# Wentworth Civic Centre Redevelopment

Council allocated funding within the 2021-22 Operational Plan to continue the upgrade of the Wentworth Shire Civic Centre. The upgrade has been identified as a significant capital project.

GSD Architects have been engaged to manage various phases of the redevelopment

including planning, design, procurement, construction, and commissioning.

During the 2021-2022 financial year the following works have been completed or finalised towards progressing the project:

- Tender for the Wentworth Shire Civic Centre Courtyard (Wentworth Library Outdoor Riverfront Gathering Space) being Stage One of the overall redevelopment was accepted by Council from CPM Building Contractors Pty Ltd for the amount of \$647,148 GST Inc. Works are expected to start July 2022.
- GSD Architects continued to progress tender documentation for the construction and fit out the Civic Centre building,

- including "For Tender Issue" drawings and specification. Drawing plans and specification includes provision of electrical, mechanical and hydraulic design.
- Tender documentation was also completed for the development of the interpretive and interactive themes proposed within the Visitor Information and Experience Centre. Given the specific nature of this part of the development these works are being run as a separate tender to the overall redevelopment tender. Council is seeking to engage a specialist firm to design and construct the interpretive and interactive exhibitions and displays.
- In May 2022 Council resolved to undertake a two-part procurement process for the main

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Aerial image of the Wentworth Aerodrome Redevelopment

redevelopment works. Stage one involves a call for expression of interests from potential contractors. The expression of interests are assessed and a short list of contractors is prepared with those contractors then asked to participate in a closed tender process (Stage two). At the time of approving the procurement process it was anticipated that all things going well that an approved principal contractor will be appointed by August 2022.

Wentworth Aerodrome Upgrade - Stage 2

Works on the second stage commenced in September 2021 and were completed in February 2022 providing fully sealed 24 hour access to both runways and apron areas.

Works included construction, drainage and sealing works for runway 17/35 giving full all weather access to both runways.

The pilot activated lighting system was also expanded to include that runway, giving full coverage to the whole complex.

Additional apron and parking areas were constructed to allow

for the installation of additional hangers should there be a need.

Following the completion of upgrade works Council removed the existing underground Avgas tank and bowzer and replaced it with a modern dual fuel supply (Jet Fuel and Avgas) bowzer and security compound. This now completes the identified upgrades as outlined in the Wentworth Aerodrome Master Plan.





For the 2021-2022 reporting period there were nil Recovery and Threat Abatement Plans in place.

## **ENGINEERING PROJECTS**



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#### **Dareton Travellers Rest Stop - Stage 1**

**Completion: April 2022** 

Funded under the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program

Supply and construction of a Traveller's Rest pergola consisting of historical interpretive panels, stencelled concrete and circular pebble crete pathway to incorporate the existing monumnet and new War Memorial.

#### **Wentworth Riverfront BBQ Area**

Completed: April 2022

Funded under the Local Roads & Community Infrastructure

**Program** 

New playground being constructed at the water front adjacent to recently built BBQ facilities



#### **Civic Centre Community and Convention Space**

**Estimated completion: June 2023** 

Funded under the Murray Darling Economic Development Program with Co- Contribution

from Council

Coversion of the old Wentworth Services Club Bistro into a community and convention space.

#### **Wentworth Long Day Care Facility**

**Estimated completion: October 2022** Co funded by Stronger Country **Communities and Building Better Regions Fund** 

Extension to the Wentworth Pre-School to allow for extended day services

#### **Juntion Island Bridge**

**Estimated completion: June 2023 Funded by Resources for Regions Fund Round 7** 

Replacement of Pedistrian access bridge to Junction Island.

#### **Wentworth Showground Sewer Upgrades**

Estimated completion: November 2022 **Funded under the Crown Reserve Improvement Fund Showgrounds** Stimilus

Replacement of existing septic sewer system with gravity mains and pumping station.



Dareton Travellers Rest Stop - Stage 1



# **ROADS PROJECTS**

#### **Transport for New South Wales Projects**

Sec 40 - Stage 2 & Heavy Patching

Stage 2 consisted of pavement widening, rehabilitation and primer sealing of 1.627 km of the Sturt Highway between Gol Gol and Euston - \$1,632,316 (Completed - February 2022).

Council undertook Heavy Patching works across 6 locations on both the Sturt & Silver City Highways - \$239,882 - (Completed - Nov 2021)

#### **NSW Fixing Local Roads**

Native Ridge Lane Gol Gol - formation and sealing works of the entire road - \$198,774 (Completed - May 2022)

Bridge Road Buronga - formalisation, formation and sealing - \$298,9994 (Completed - May 2022)

Fletchers Lakes Road Dareton - Stabalisation works - \$318,814 (Completed - May 2022)

#### **Roads to Recovery**

Darling St (W/W) reseal between Perry & Francis St - \$61,607 - (Completed - Nov 2021)

Beverly St (W/W) reseal between Francis & Cadell St - \$124,889 - (Completed - Nov 2021)

Murray St (W/W) reseal between Short Street & Beverley St - \$40,370 - (Completed - Nov 2021)

Mourquong Rd - reseal of 1.964km - \$56,932 - (Completed - Nov 2021)

Wilga Rd (Gol Gol) reseal of 750m - \$26,529 - (Completed - Nov 2021)

Willis Rd (Pomona) reseal of 800m - \$34,204 - (Completed - May 2022)



#### **Roads to Recovery - Continued**

Bass Lane (Pomona) - reseal of 510m - \$21,730 - (Completed - May 2022)

Mitchell Rd (Pomona) - reseal of 830m - \$34,726 - (Completed - May 2022)

Arthur St (W/W) - reseal between Beverley & Adams St - \$25,776 - (Completed - May 2022)

Wilkes St (W/W) - reseal between Helena & Arthur St - \$13,502 - (Completed - May 2022)

Box Tree Lane (Curlwaa) - reseal of 330m - \$9,137 - (Completed - May 2022)

Billabong Rd (Curlwaa) - reseal of 815m - \$27,782 - (Completed - May 2022)

Manly Rd (Curlwaa) - reseal of 1.34km - \$36,414 - (Completed - May 2022)

Creek Rd (Curlwaa) - reseal of 2.67km - \$124,099 - (Completed - May 2022)

Downham Rd (Ellerslie) - Resheeting of 3km - \$295,259 - (Completed - June 2022)

Lagoon Rd (W/W) - Resheeting of 2.62km - \$83,595 - (Completed - June 2022)

West St (W/W) - Resheeting of 840m - \$30,800 - (Completed - June 2022)

Ellerslie Nth Rd (Ellerslie) - Resheeting of 2.20km - \$143,238 - (Completed - June 2022)

Smiths Rd (Ellerslie) - Resheeting of 550m - \$39,685 - (Completed - June 2022)

#### **Pooncarie - Menindee Road**

Sealing of the remaining 26 km of unseald road to the Wentworth Shire Boundary with Central Darling Shire - \$9,200,000 project jointly funded by both State & Federal Governments. Preliminary works commenced in 2021-22 with the project expected to be completed during 2021-22.



# **COUNCIL ASSETS**

#### **Transport operations**

A large part of Council's operations is the maintenance and renewal of local, rural and regional roads.

The NSW Government also contracts Council to assist in the maintenance and upgrade of the Silver City and Sturt highways.

Some key statistics relevant to the management of the local, rural and regional roads is provided below:

Road (	Conditions	Length/Number	Annual Maintenance Costs	New Assets
	Sealed	376.33km	\$654,754	\$0
Local Roads	Unsealed	1277.38km	\$737,721	\$0
	Bridges/Major Culverts	10	\$0	\$0
	Roads Ancillary (Footpaths, signs etc)	N/A	\$139,222	\$333,957
	Sealed	222.20km	\$474,362	\$0
Regional Roads	Unsealed	138.06km	\$372,766	\$0
rodds	Bridges/Major Culverts	1	\$0	\$0
	Roads Ancillary (Footpaths, signs etc)	N/A	\$79,259.75	\$0

#### Waste disposal operations

Council operates a landfill at Buronga and Transfer Stations at Pomona, Dareton and Wentworth. Pooncarie and Ellerslie also have waste disposal facilities.

The table on the next page highlights the total waste received by location and, where recorded, the number of site visits.



Location	Mixed Waste Total (tons)	Recyclables (tons)	Total Site Visits
Buronga	31,990	1698	16,841
Dareton	92.67	40.71	420
Pomona	19.5	7.95	117
Wentworth	389.45	144.07	1599
Ellerslie	181.53*	27.42	N/A
Pooncarie	116.53 *	12*	N/A

<sup>\*</sup>estimates only





# RECREATIONANDOULTURE

Council provides a range of recreation and cultural services to the community, including parks and gardens, sporting facilities, halls and boat ramps.

#### Parks and gardens

There are nine gardeners employed by Council to maintain the numerous parks, gardens, sporting ovals and open space assets across the Shire.

This equates to approximately 15,000 hours of gardener maintenance work each year.

#### **Ovals**

- Alcheringa Oval (Carramar Drive Sporting Complex, Gol Gol)
- E. L. Watmuff Oval, Curlwaa (right)
- George Gordon Oval, Dareton
- McLeod Oval, Wentworth
- Pooncarie Oval, Pooncarie
- Wentworth Showgrounds

#### **Public Halls**

- Anabranch Hall
- Curlwaa Hall
- Midway Community Centre
- Pomona Hall
- Pooncarie Hall
- Wilkinson Hall
- Wentworth Civic Hall

Buronga Riverfront
Nature Play Area

- Curlwaa
- Dareton
- Fort Courage
- James King Park
- Log Bridge (two ramps)
- Pomona
- Pooncarie
- Wentworth Ski Reserve
- Wentworth Wharf

#### **Public toilets**

- Pitman Avenue, Buronga
- Buronga Wetlands
- Alcheringa Oval
- Midway Centre
- Curlwaa Rest Area
- O'Donnell Park, Curlwaa
- Lions Park, Dareton
- Kuhn Square, Dareton
- George Gordon Oval, Dareton
- Coomealla Memorial Gardens Cemetary
- Gol Gol Cemetary

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Wentworth Riverfront BBQ Area

- James King Park, Gol Gol
- Wilkinson Park, Gol Gol
- Fruit Fly Rest Area, Silver City Highway
- Milpara Rest Area
- Bunnerungee Rest Area, Seven Trees Rest Area, Silver City Highway
- Mine Site Bin Rest Area, Silver City Highway
- Bottle Bend Rest Area
- Mallee Fowl Rest Area
- Taplin Mail Route Rest Area, Sturt Highway
- Trentham Rest Area
- White Elephant Rest Area, Sturt Highway

- Darling Street, Wentworth
- Fotherby Park, Wentworth
- Junction Park, Wentworth
- McLeod Oval/Wentworth Skate Park
- Shire Offices
- Strother Park, Wentworth
- Wentworth Sporting Complex
- Wentworth Ski Reserve
- Arumpo Rest Area
- Perry Sandhills
- Pomona Hall

#### **Barbecues**

Buronga Wetlands x2

- Fotherby Park, Wentworth
- James King Park, Gol Gol x2
- Junction Park, Wentworth x 2
- Lions Park, Dareton
- O'Donnell Park, Curlwaa x3
- Tapio Park, Dareton x 3
- Wentworth Skate Park x2
- Wentworth River Front x2

#### **Swimming Pools**

- Dareton
- Wentworth



# STATUTORY REPORTING REQUIREMENTS



- denotes a requirement under the Office of Local Government's Annual Report Checklist



Council did not have any activities funded via a special rate variation in the 2021-2022 financial year.



Rates and charges	2021-2022
General rates and interest	\$433.83
Water	\$675.21
Sewage	\$52.84
Total	\$1,168.88





Amount (including GST)	Contractor	Description
\$462,935.00	Advanced Airport Lighting	Pooncarie Aerodrome - Design, Supply & Installation of Aerodrome Lighting
\$264,000.00	Mallee Earthmoving and Excavation	Truck & Dog Hire - Pooncarie Menindee Road Reconstruction
\$594,000.00	GBM	Truck & Dog Hire - Pooncarie Menindee Road Reconstruction
\$300,000.00	Botts Civil/Earthmoving	Land Planes and Scoops - Pooncarie Menindee Road Reconstruction
\$696,958.00	Johnson's Trucks	Replacement plant 519 & 902 - Diesel Powered Cab Chassis fitted with a 14,000 litre Water Tanker
\$6,831,695.00	Primal Surfacing	Sprayed Bituminous Surfacing Contract
\$579,942.00	Mallee Quarries Pty Ltd	Old Wentworth Road - Supply & Delivery of Road Base Material
\$392,421.28	All State Earthworks	Wentworth Sewerage Rationalisation Scheme - Project Variations
\$673,420.00	Mallee Earthmoving and Excavation	Pooncarie - Menindee Road Reconstruction - Supply Road Base Material
\$647,148.00	CPM Building Contractors	Wentworth Shire Civic Centre Redevelopment - Stage One - Courtyard
\$874,010.50	CPM Building Contractors	Wentworth Pre School Redevelopment
\$464,092.41	Waters Excavations	Wentworth Showgrounds Sewer Upgrade Variation
\$456,095.00	Advanced Airport Lighting	Wentworth Aerodrome Stage 2 - Runway 17/35 - Supply and Installation of Aerodrome Lighting
\$278,153.70	Waters Excavations	Wentworth Aerodrome Upgrade - Stage 2 Runway 17/35 - Supply VIC Roads Class 3 Road Base Material





During the 2021-2022 financial year, the following payment of expenses and provision of facilities were provided to Councillors.

Councillors Payment of Expen	ses and Provision of Facilities
Provision of dedicated office equipment allocated to Councillors	\$15,558
Telephone calls made by Councillors, including internet costs	\$11,578
Attendance of Councillors at conferences and seminars (see table on next page)	\$11,535
Training of Councillors and provision of skill development	\$5,115
Interstate visits by Councillors including transport, accommodation and other out of pocket travelling expenses	\$0
Overseas visits by Councillors	\$0
Total Councillor expenses and facilities	\$43,786

Note: No other expenses or provisions were paid to Councillors or any spouse, partner or other person who accompanied a Councillor in the performance of their civic functions. There was also no provision of care provided for a child of, or an immediate family member of a Councillor.

#### **Administration statistics**

Administration statistics	
Incoming calls	22,646
Incoming Emails	22,179
Incoming Post	2,191
Walk-ins (Wentworth)	906
Walk-ins (Midway Centre)	453
Total Customer Requests	1,810
Property Transfers	239



# Councillor Attendance at Conferences, Seminars or Training

Professional Development Activity	Beaumont	Cooper	Crisp	Elstone	Evans	Heywood	Linklater	Nichols	Rodda	MacAllister	McKinnon	Nunan	Wheeldon
Councillor Induction Training	√	V	V	-	$\sqrt{}$	-	V	<b>V</b>	$\sqrt{}$	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
River Reflections Conference June 2022	-	-	V	-	-	-	V	-	-	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
MDA Annual Strategic Planning Workshop Virtual 2022	-	-	-	-	√	√	1	-	-	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
LGNSW Special Conference Feb 2022	-		-	<b>V</b>	-	-	,	-	_	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Western Division of Councils Meeting May 2022	-	_	-	<b>V</b>	-	-	-	-	_	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
National General Assembly Virtual June 2022	-	_	-	<b>V</b>	-	-	-	-	_	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
LGNSW Professional Development Training June 2022	V	V	V	V	N/A	<b>√</b>	V	V	V	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

## **Information About Training and Ongoing Professional Development 2021-2022**

Professional Development Activity	Beaumont	Cooper	Crisp	Elstone	Evans	Heywood	Linklater	Nichols	Rodda	MacAllister	McKinnon	Nunan	Wheeldon
Induction Training	√	V	V	-	V	-	V	V	V	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Ongoing professional development	√	V	V	√	-	V	V	V	√	√	Nil	Nil	Nil
Circulars	18	18	18	40	40	40	18	40	18	22	22	22	22
Other	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	3	0	0	1

## Costs of legal proceedings

Council received a range of legal services over the 2021-2022 financial year, including:

Legal Services	\$
Acquisitions	\$56,690
Planning	\$1,403
Plans of Management	\$13,750
Debt Collection	\$17,191
Crown Land/Reserve	\$6,993
Contract Advice	\$1,811
Employee Matters	\$784
Total <b>Total</b>	\$98,622





#### Resolution for works carried out on private land

Council did not undertake any works on private land during the 2021-2022 financial year.



### Partnerships where Council held a controlling interest

Council did not have any partnerships where it held a controlling interest during the 2021-2022 financial year.



# Statement of all External Bodies that exercised functions delegated by Council

There were no external bodies that exercised functions delegated by Council.



Statement of corporations, partnerships, trusts, joint ventures, syndicates or other bodies (incorporated or not) in which the council participated during the year

## Far West Joint Organisation of Councils

The Far West Joint Organisation of Councils (FWJO) is a separately constituted entity pursuant to Part 7 (sections 400O to 400ZH of the Local Government Act (NSW) 1993, as amended, and the Local Government (General) Regulation 2008.

The principal functions of the Far West Joint Organisation are to:

- Establish strategic regional priorities for the joint organisation area, and to develop strategies and plans for delivering these priorities;
- 2. Provide regional leadership for the joint organisation area, and to be an advocate for strategic regional priorities;
- Identify and take up opportunities for intergovernmental cooperation on matters

- relating to the joint organisation area;
- Enhancing strategic capacity to support member councils to deliver services to their communities: and
- Service delivery to provide services directly to communities in the region.

The Far West Joint Organisation comprises Broken Hill City Council and the Shires of Balranald, Central Darling and Wentworth.

The percentage ownership interest is equivalent to the percentage voting rights for all associates as follows.

The Board of the Far West Joint Organisation comprises:

 Four (4) voting members being the Mayors of Broken Hill City Council & Wentworth Shire Council and the Administrators of Balranald

- Shire Council and Central Darling Shire Council.
- Four (4) non-voting members being the General Managers of the member Councils
- Three (3) appointed nonvoting members from the State Government and Cabinet

Wentworth Shire Council as a member of the Far West Joint Organisation, has a quarter voting right (25%) in respect to the decisions of the Board.

Members of the Far West Joint Organisation are indemnified from liability for functions and duties carried out or omitted honestly in good faith, and with due care and diligence.

For the 2021-2022 financial year Council contributed \$15,000 to the Far West Joint Organisation.



# Council's contribution to others

Community groups seek a wide range of assistance from Council by way of fee waivers, donations, cash sponsorships, rate reductions and exemptions and in-kind support for services, events, awards and projects delivered within the community.

To support these community groups Wentworth Shire Council allocates funding each financial year under Council's Donations, Contributions and Grants program.

For the 2021-2022 financial year Council allocated \$183,930 to the following organisations:

#### Notes:

(1) Registered Schools (including preschools and kindergartens) operating within the Wentworth Shire are granted automatic fee waivers for the hire of any Council venue (hall, meeting room). Any preparation costs (such as line marking of ovals) will be charged at standard cost. Bookings must still be made.

(2) Public Schools operating within the Wentworth Shire end of year presentation day, up to a maximum of \$300.00 per school

Organisation/Recipient	\$ value
AFL Sunraysia	\$71
Australian Inland Botanical Gardens	\$45,900
Breast Screen NSW	\$1,189
Buronga Gol Gol Senior Citizens Club	\$2,357
Buronga Public School	\$44
Coomealla Health Aboriginal Co-Op	\$37,500
Dareton Public School	\$44
Dareton Senior Citizens Club	\$10,248
Dareton Community Creative Centre Inc.	\$3,837
Dareton Kennel Club	\$480
Darling Junction Country Women's Association	\$245
Gol Gol Hawks Football Netball Club	\$370
Gol Gol Pre-School	\$900
Gol Gol Public School	\$96
Greater Murray Darling Junction Group Inc	\$2,985
Koori Kids	\$250
Lifeline Central Victoria & Mallee	\$4,091
Murray Darling Junction Fishing Club Inc	\$254
Murray House Aged Care	\$4,768
New South Western Standard Bulletin	\$6,985
NSW Government Schools	\$2,100
NSW Rural Doctors Network	\$6,000
Pooncarie Field Day Group	\$1,844
Pooncarie Primary School P & F	\$154
Rotary Club of Wentworth Inc	\$10,564
Sunraysia Motorsports Club Inc	\$4,122
Vintage Machinery Society of Sunraysia	\$798
Wentworth Bowling Club Inc	\$2,000
Wentworth Catholic Church	\$5,000
Wentworth District Community Medical Group	\$267
Wentworth District Pre-School	\$48
Wentworth Military Collection Inc.	\$3,700
Wentworth Regional Community Project	\$3,000
Wentworth Rifle Club	\$5,000
Wentworth Rowing Club	\$4,750
Wentworth Senior Citizens Club	\$2,994
Wentworth Shire Interagency Group	\$327
Total	\$183.930





#### **Equal Employment Opportunity Management Plan**

Wentworth Shire Council embraces its obligation under the Local Government Act 1993 (section 344) and is committed to the EEO principles as outlined in the Act:

- To eliminate and ensure absence of discrimination in employment on the grounds of race, sex, martial or domestic status and disability in Councils;
- To promote equal employment opportunity for women, members of racial minorities and persons with disabilities in Council.

Some of the key activities undertaken in the last 12 months include:

- Continued to promote Council as an EEO employer;
- EEO principles conducted for all new staff (at induction stage);
- Review of Human
  Resources policies and
  procedures to ensure they
  are non-discriminatory,
  are supportive to all
  employment groups equally
  and promote a friendly
  work atmosphere that this
  free from bullying and
  harassment;
- Bullying and harassment training undertaken by all staff;

- Assist mature age workers who have a expressed a desire to transition to retirement;
- Training (on merit-based selection) for employees involved in the recruitment and selection process;
- External training undertaken by the senior leadership team in due diligence and bullying & harassment;
- Formed key partnerships with support organisations.

Council is committed to having a diverse and inclusive workforce with a collection of skills, experiences and perspectives that is reflective of the community we serve. We are dedicated to providing a working environment that is fair, safe, challenging and rewarding. This applies to all aspects of employment and is supported by;

- Our values
- Honesty and Integrity
- o Accountability and Transparency
- o Respect
- o Quality
- o Commitment
- The Code of Conduct, which refers to 'respect' and the requirement to 'treat others with respect' at all times. This means not using derogatory terms towards others, observing the rights of other people

- and treating people with courtesy;
- Providing those who work at Council, including Councillors, with a guide of what represents acceptable behaviours and highlighting what may constitute harassment, bullying, discrimination and victimisation at work, as well as applying fairness and equity in how we work.



GM'S Remuneration	\$
Salary component	\$242,195.96
Superannuation	\$24,219.60
Non-cash benefits	\$10,000
Total	\$276,415.56



Senior Staff Remuneration	\$
Salary component	\$529,246.92
Superannuation	\$52,924.69
Total	\$582,171.69





GIPA Requests	7
Applications granted in full	7
Information requested not held by Council	0
Applications withdrawn	0
Applications refused	0
Contraventions by Council of an information protection or of a privacy code of practice, or disclosure of personal information kept in a public register under Part 5 of Section 33	0



## **Public Interest Disclosure Act 1994 and Regulation 2011**

Section 31 of the Public Disclosure Act 1994 requires each public authority, within four months after the end of the reporting year, to prepare an annual report on the public authority's obligation under the Act for submission to the responsible Minister.

A copy of this report is to be provided to the Ombudsman. Wentworth Shire Council has an internal reporting policy in place which staff are made aware of as part of the corporate induction process.

The Policy was reviewed and approved by Council at the Ordinary Council meeting held on 16 February 2022.

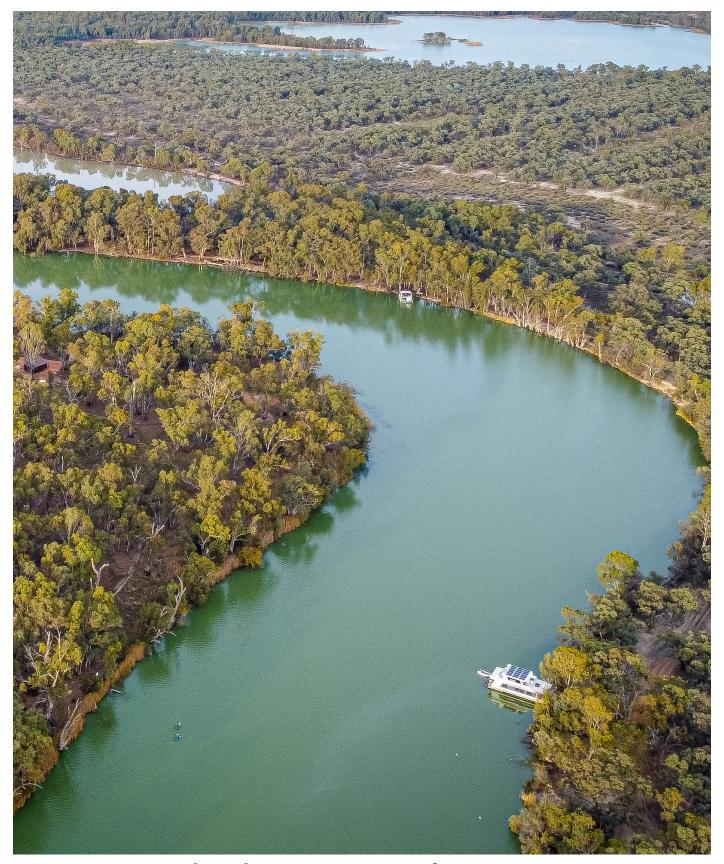
Internal training is also performed by Council.

#### **Fraud Control Measures**

During the 2021-22 Financial year Council undertook the following fraud control measures:

- Website was updated to provide details to the public how they can report suspected fraud;
- Council reviewed and updated its Fraud Control Policy and its Fraud Action Plan in February 2022: and
- Undertook is biannual fraud risk assessment as outlined in the Fraud Action Plan and staff within the finance team undertook fraud assessment training.





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Wentworth Shire Council would like to acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the Land and pay its respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

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## Introduction

Councils are required to develop a State of Environment (SoE) report every four years, following local government elections.

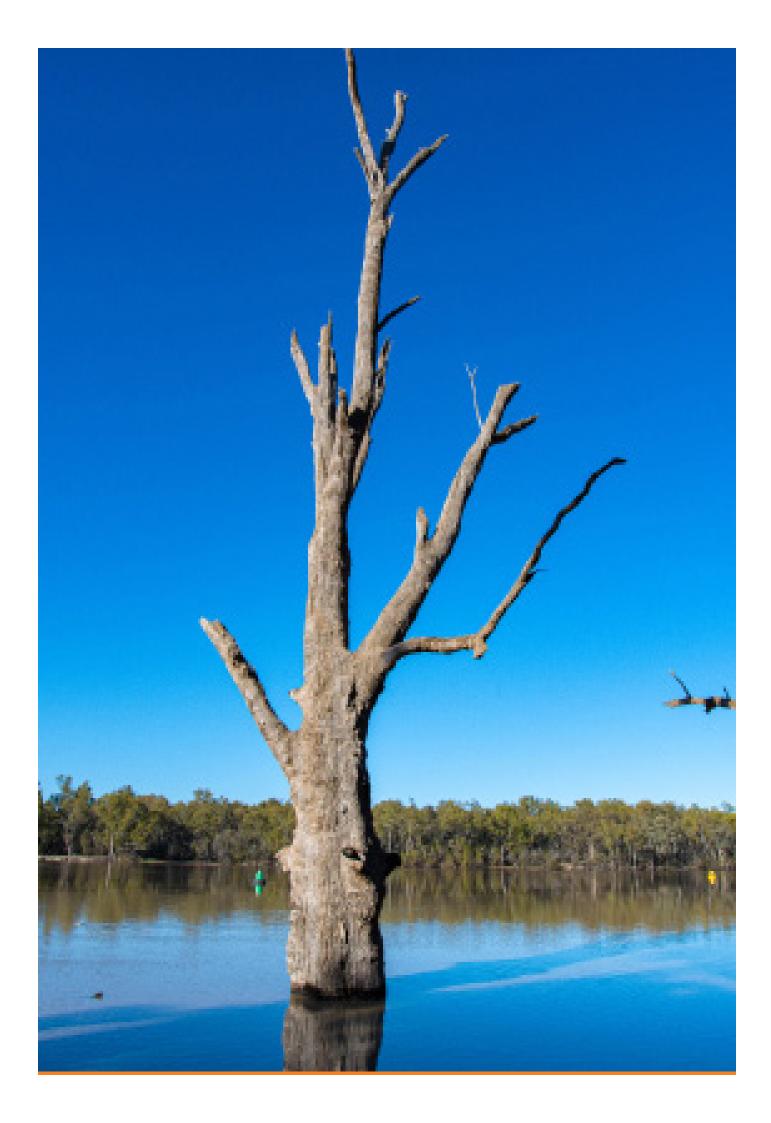
The purpose of the SoE report is to provide accurate, current and accessible information about environmental and heritage conditions within the local government area.

#### Reporting is used for:

- Identifying issues most relevant to the sustainability of the environment and heritage;
- Report on causal factors that influence the environment;
- · Report on the effectiveness of responses designed to address change;
- Guide improvements in the reporting process; and
- Facilitate policy development to enhance and protect the environment and heritage.

The content of this report has been grouped into 12 main categories: these being General; Town Planning; Development; Roads; Management Plans/Strategies/Studies; Land; Atmosphere; Water; Biodiversity; Human Settlement; Heritage; and Council Projects.

1. GENERAL			
Question	Y/N	Details	Previous Reporting 2015/16
What is the local government area covered by WSC?		26,268 km2	No change.
What is the current population of WSC?		7,453 (2021 ABS Census All persons QuickStats Wentworth LGA)  ABS 2021 Estimated Residential Population 7,487 (REMPLAN Published July 2022)	6,610 (2011 ABS Quick Stats Wentworth LGA)
Were there any significant local events that affected population numbers in 2021/22? Ie. new development, business closure	N	Transgrid's major transmission project EnergyConnect traverses Wentworth LGA with workers' camps and laydown areas increasing the working population.  International border closures had an effect on worker availability.	No data reported.

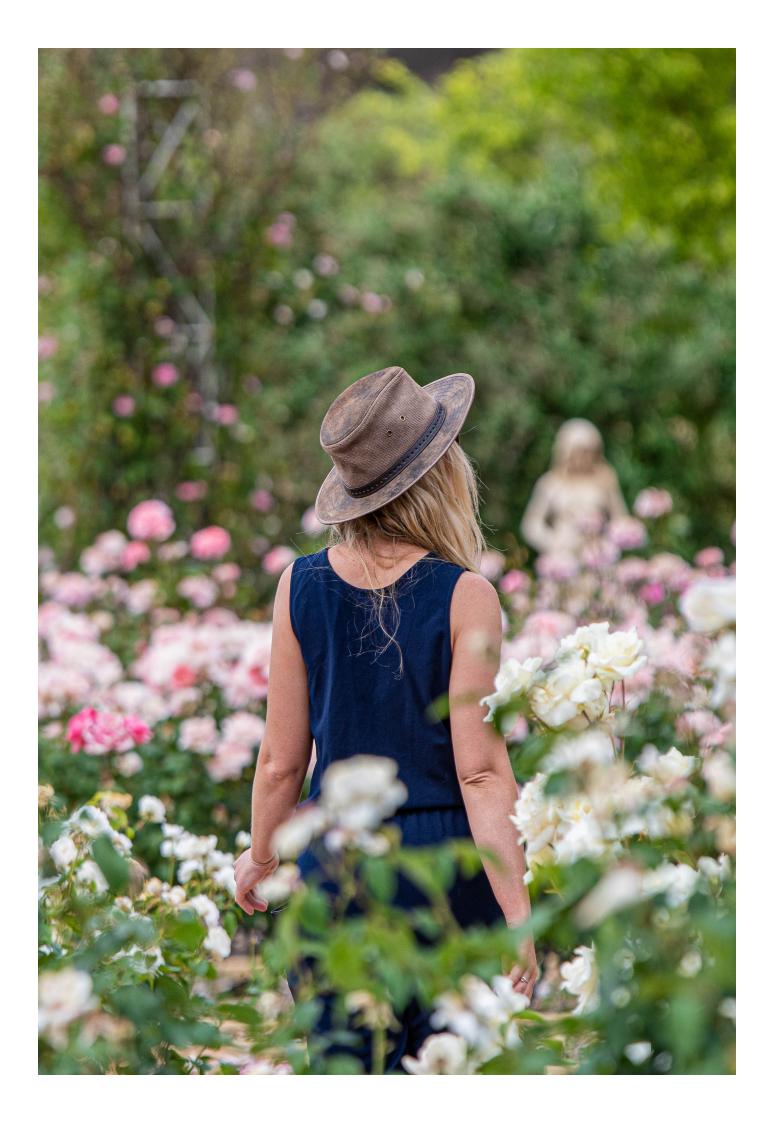




1. GENERAL			
Question	Y/N	Details	Previous Reporting 2015/16
Has Council undertaken or participated in any new significant environmental projects in 2021/22?	Y	Council has removed the STP at Dareton  Council has continued work on upgrading its EDS Infrastructure.  Staff have been involved in a myriad of legislative changes that have impacted development applications, native title, crown land and others.	No data reported.
Has Council undertaken or participated in continuing environmental projects in 2021/22?	Y	Review of draft Flood Study, preparation of Flood Risk Management Study & Plan.      Sought funding for flood studies.	No data reported.
What do you consider to be the most important environmental issue(s) faced by your council in 2021/22?		Waste Management.  Sustainability of natural environment.	No data reported
What do you consider to be the most important environmental issues facing your Council in future years?		Climate change, increase in number and severity of storm events. Flood. Drought. Management of Murray Darling Basin/Riverine environment. Waste management/recycling. Pest animals/weeds. Irrigation water/supply/ allocations.	No data reported
Has Council made any direct response to climate change in 2021/22?	Υ	Encouraging and supporting solar farm development. Supporting State Significant Development to improve power services	No data reported.



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1. GENERAL	, ,		
Question	Y/N	Details	Previous Reporting 2015/16
Does Council have any plans in response to climate change?	Υ	Committed to completing the Flood Study, Flood Risk Management Study and Plan.	No data reported.
		Committed to completing the Rural Land Planning Control Strategy and Rural Land Use Strategy.	
		Will continue to encourage the development of natural energy infrastructure.	
2. TOWN PLANNING	3		
Question	Y/N	Details	Previous Reporting 2015/16
What year was your current WLEP gazetted?		Wentworth LEP 2011 was gazetted 16 December 2011.	Wentworth LEP 1993
Have any amendments been undertaken to the current LEP in 2021/22?	Y	Map amendment 1 amendment was changed to the WLEP via the online portal mapping during the 2021-22 financial year.	Amendment No. 5 8/7/15 – Rectified a mapping error. Amendment No. 7 16/10/15 – Removed 3 heritage items from Schedule 5 and Mapping. Amendment No. 12 15/7/16 – Extended the provisions to the Grandfather/Sunset Clause by 12 months.
Under the current WLEP how much area of land is under an conservation zone (previously environmental zone)?		Approximately 261,541 Hectares.	Approximately 261,541 Hectares
Has Council utilised environmental overlays within its WLEP?	Y	Flood Planning Maps. Natural Resource - Watercourse Maps. Natural Resource - Wetlands Maps. Natural Resource – Terrestrial Biodiversity Maps	Flood Planning Maps. Natural Resource - Watercourse Maps. Natural Resource - Wetlands Maps. Natural Resource – Terrestrial Biodiversity Maps





3. DEVELOPMENT			
Question	Y/N	Details	Previous Reporting 2015/16
How many new dwellings were approved in 2021/22?		36	41
How many subdivision approvals did your Council grant in 2021/22?		Subdivisions 19  Boundary Re-alignments 6	27
How many lots were approved/certified in 2021/22?		322	31 Lots approved through Development Approvals.  23 Lots approved through Subdivision Certificates.
How many designated development applications were determined in 2021/22?		1	3 Gravel Quarries
How many DA's were referred to Independent Panels in 2021/22?		Nil.	Nil
How many DA's were received for retirement villages/aged care and the like in 2021/22?		Nil.	Nil
How many DAs for other public developments (such as schools, hospitals, childcare centres) were received in 2021/22?		1 - The Health One Facility Buronga	Nil.





4. ROADS			
Question	Y/N	Details	Previous Reporting 2015/16
Please provide the lengths (approx.) for the following road types maintained by your council: Sealed Unsealed State/National Highways		Sealed (Urban) = 58km Sealed (Rural) = 543km Unsealed (Rural) = 1412km Unsealed (Urban) = 6km State/National Highways = 216km	Sealed (Urban) = 52km Sealed (Rural) = 455km. Unsealed (Rural) = 1496km. Unsealed (Urban) = 10km State/National Highways = 216km.
Have there been any major road and related projects (e.g. bridges, railway, etc) in your LGA during 2021/22?	N	Commenced Pooncarie/ Menindee Road upgrade 26.5 klm unsealed section. Wentworth Aerodrome lighting for and sealing of secondary runway.	17km upgrade to seal of Renmark Road. 4km upgrade to seal of Low Darling Road. 3km upgrade to seal of Rufus River Road
Have there been any major changes of road use/traffic counts in 2021/22?	N	No data reported	No data reported.
Has there been any major damage to the roads in 2021/22?	N	No data reported	No data reported.

5. MANAGEMENT F	5. MANAGEMENT PLANS/STRATEGIES/STUDIES			
Question	Y/N	Details	Previous Reporting 2015/16	
Does Council have a current heritage study?	Υ	Wentworth Heritage Study 1989.	Wentworth Heritage Study 1989.	
Does Council have a heritage management plan, strategy or similar document?	N	Council has previously engaged the services of a qualified heritage consultant.	Council has previously engaged the services of a qualified heritage consultant.	
Does Council have a vegetation management plan?	N	No data reported.	No data reported.	
Does Council have a pest/weed management plan?		PR017 Weed Inspection Policy.	It was reported that most councils implement a weed management plan.	
Does Council have a soil and water management plan?	Υ	Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan currently being finalised. Previous Drought Management Plan 2014 - 2019 currently being revised.	No.	
Does Council have a salinity management?	N	N/A	N/A	
Does Council have an acid sulphate soils management plan?	N	N/A	N/A	



5. MANAGEMENT PLANS/STRATEGIES/STUDIES (continued)			
Question	Y/N	Details	Previous Reporting 2015/16
Does Council have a floodplain management plan?	Y	Current plan only relates to the Murray River from Gol Gol to Abbottsford Bridge.	Murray River from Gol Gol to Abbottsford Bridge.
		Council is currently working on a Flood Study, Flood Risk Management Study and Plan with consultants and the Floodplain Risk Management Committee.	
Does Council have recent flood prone data?	Υ	Council has recent LiDAR flood data for the Murray, Darling and Anabranch Rivers.	No data reported.
Does Council have a flora/ fauna management plan?	N	N/A	N/A
Has Council undertaken any major assessments of flora or fauna or biodiversity certification?	N	Not formally, however, the terrestrial biodiversity and wetlands mapping, as endorsed by the Office of Environment and Heritage have been applied in the Wentworth LEP 2011.	Some Councils within RAMROC are currently preparing new LEPs presenting an opportunity for greater protection of natural resources and biodiversity.
Does Council have a domestic animal policy?	Υ	Yes, Council has a Keeping of Animals Policy in Residential Premises	No



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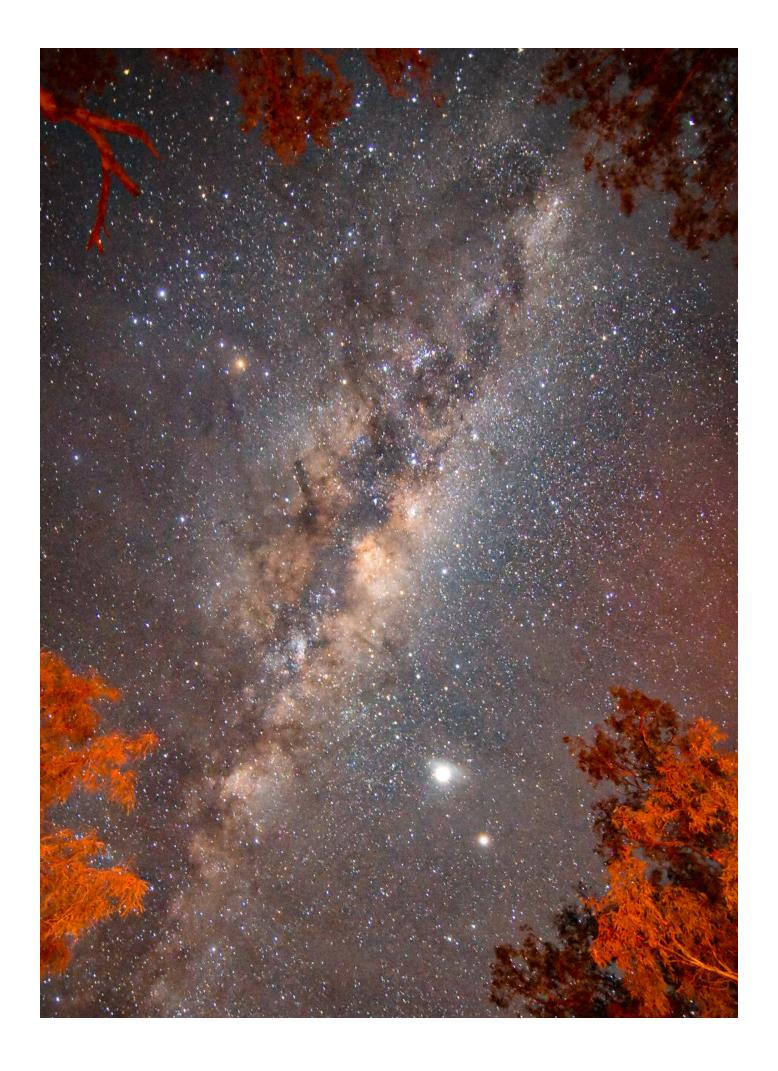
6. LAND			
Question	Y/N	Details	Previous Reporting 2015/16
6.1 Contaminated Land	•		
Does Council maintain a contaminated lands register? If so, how many items are on the register?	Y	WSC register contains 4 properties.	WSC register contains 4 properties on its register. The EPA website lists three sites, one of these is still under investigation.
Were any new sites added to the register in 2021/22?	N	N/A	N/A
Are there any sites that have been the subject of remediation by order of NSW EPA?	N	N/A	N/A
6.2 Salinity/Acid sulphate			
Does your Council know of any land affected by salinity? If so, how much?	N	Area of affected land in hectares is unknown.	Area of affected land unknown.
Are there any salinity measuring sites in the LGA?	N	N/A	N/A
Does your Council know of any land affected by acid sulphate? If so, how much?	N	Area of affected land in hectares is unknown.	Area of affected land in hectares is unknown.



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7. ATMOSPHERE				
Question	Y/N	Details	Previous Reporting 2015/16	
7.1 Pollution				
Does your Council maintain a pollution complaint register?  If so, how many	Y	Council has a container set up in HP Content Manager called Laws & Enforcement – Air Pollution Notices. We register all Customer Complaints and Requests including pollution complaints in this container	Council maintains a complaint register.  Nil received in the previous reporting period.	
complaints were received in 2021/22?		in HPCM.	reperang penedi	
		Council did not receive any pollution complaints during 2021/22		
7.2 Motor vehicle use				
How many vehicles does Council operate?		Passenger = 5 Light vehicles = 33 Heavy vehicles = 23 Plant = 33	Passenger = 7 Light vehicles = 29 Heavy vehicles = 18 Plant = 31	
How many kilometres were travelled by Council vehicles in 2021/22?		Approx. 1161117.2 kms	Approximately 2,710,000 kilometres. This includes all light and heavy vehicles.	
How many litres of fuel were consumed by Council vehicles?		Unleaded = 4316.63Lts	Unleaded = 20,000	
		Diesel = 311246.47Lts	Diesel = 366,000	
Does Council have a policy to increase the number of fuel efficient vehicles purchased?		The purchase of new vehicles is guided by Best Value.	The purchase of new vehicles is guided by Best Value.	
		The majority of new vehicles purchased now are diesel.	The majority of new vehicles purchased now are diesel.	
Are any vehicles run on alternative fuel?		No vehicles are running on alternative fuel however some Diesel Vehicles do run/use ADBLUE which reduced emissions.	1 passenger vehicle on gas.	





7. ATMOSPHERE (continued)			
Question	Y/N	Details	Previous Reporting 2015/16
7.3 Smoke			
How many permits were issued for green waste burning in 2021/22?		17 Permits were issued. Note the Protection of the Environment Clean Air Regulations permit agricultural burn offs to be conducted without approval from the local government authority.	215 permits were issued for a variety of types of burning off, including crop stubbles.
How many permits were issued for solid fuel heaters in 2021/22?		2	1
Were controlled burns conducted by council/RFS in 2021/22?	N	N/A	Due to lack of suitable conditions, controlled burns were not carried out. Hazard reduction works such as ploughing, grading and slashing were carried out instead.
7.4 Climate			
Were there any significant climatic events in 2021/22? ie record temperatures, rainfall	N	N/A	A total of 191.3 mm of rain recorded at the Wentworth Post Office. The highest recording for the year occurred in January with 59.5 mm.
			Highest temperature recorded for the year was 42.9 deg in January at the Lake Victoria Storage Station. Lowest recorded for the year was 8.5 deg in July.
Were there any storm events in 2021/22 which resulted in widespread damage to the built or natural environment?	N	During this year the region experienced a significant increase in rainfall due to the La Nina pattern.	N/A
		A severe thunderstorm and heavy rainfall fell on the region on 26 January 2022 with 80mm of rain or just under one third of the yearly average rainfall.	



8. WATER					
Question	Y/N	Details	Previous Reporting 2015/16		
8.1 Consumption					
Did your Council have any water restrictions in place during 2021/22?	N	There were no water restrictions in place during the 2021/22 financial year.	There were no water restrictions in place during the 2015/16 financial year.		
What was the total average daily household water consumption in 2021/22?		Filtered Water 728kl	Filtered Water 287 kl		
		Raw Water 479kl	Raw Water 529 kl		
What was Council's water consumption for 2021/22?		Filtered Water 628,466 kl Raw Water 1,055,476 kl	\$64,000 of water purchased from NSW Office of Water plus water via rateable properties totalling \$10,000.		
			Raw water used 3,750 kl		
			Filtered water used 2,100 kl		
Does Council use treated wastewater for irrigation or any other purposes? If so, how much land is irrigated with wastewater and how many megalitres of wastewater was used?	N	The Wentworth Wastewater Treatment Facility has been decommissioned.	The Wentworth Wastewater Treatment Facility irrigates McLeod Oval and the Wentworth Golf Course. This results in a saving of up to 80 mega litres of potable water per year which returns approximately \$50,000 in water savings. (EDS 2011-2016)		
8.2 Quality/Monitoring					
Does Council monitor raw/ filtered water for quality purposes?		Council maintains regular monitoring of the quality of drinking water in accordance with Australian Drinking Water Guidelines with effective reporting mechanisms to provide relevant and timely information, and promote confidence in the water supply and its management to consumers.	CP173 Water Quality Policy includes the following: Council will maintain regular monitoring of the quality of drinking water and effective reporting mechanisms to provide relevant and timely information, and promote confidence in the water supply and its management to consumers.		
Did Council issue any alerts for its filtered water in 2021/22?	N	No alerts were issued during 2021/22	No alerts were issued during 2015/16.		
Does Council maintain a complaints register for water quality?	Υ	All complaints are registered in Councils record management system.	All complaints are registered in HPRM		
Did your Council report any blue-green algae outbreaks in 2021/22?	N	No Outbreaks were reported	During autumn 2016 the Murray River was affected with blue- green algae.		



Does Council have any groundwater monitoring points?	Y	Yes but no data reported	No data reported	
Does Council have any identified groundwater issues?	Υ	Some areas of the shire have a high water table – these areas are not mapped.	Some areas of the shire have a high water table – these areas are not mapped.	
		Some areas of the shire have brackish groundwater – these areas are not mapped.		
8.3 Irrigation				
How many hectares of land, approximately, are irrigated for agricultural purposes?		8,860 Ha irrigated permanent crops. 1,740 Ha irrigated seasonal crops. 4,100 Ha vacant/not irrigated area previously permanent/ seasonal crop.	8,860 Ha irrigated permanent crops. 1,740 Ha irrigated seasonal crops. 4,100 Ha vacant/not irrigated area previously permanent/seasonal crop.	
8.4 Flooding				
Did your LGA experience any flooding in 2021/22? If so, what was the ARI of the flood event? Eg. 1:20 years	N	N/A	N/A	
Was there any damage caused by flooding?	N	N/A	N/A.	



9. BIODIVERSITY					
Question Y/N Details Previous Reporting 2015/16					
9.1 Tree Preservation	•				
Does your Council require approval for tree removal? If so, how many applications were received in 2021/22?	N	Office of Environment & Heritage together with Local Land Services manage the implementation of the Native Vegetation Act 2003 and Native Vegetation Regulation 2013.	Office of Environment & Heritage together with Local Land Services manage the implementation of the Native Vegetation Act 2003 and Native Vegetation Regulation 2013.		
Does Council require offset plantings to compensate for vegetation removal?	N	This is now controlled by the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016. There is now a NSW state government biodiversity offsets scheme in place.	N/A		
9.2 Firewood collection					
Does Council allow collection of firewood from roadside and other public places?	N	Collection of firewood from roadside and public places is not permitted.	Collection of firewood from roadside and public places is not permitted.		
If so, does collection of firewood require a permit or approval?		N/A	N/A		
9.3 Environmental Reserves	•				
Does Council maintain any land for the purposes of biodiversity or the environment?	Υ	The following reserves are used for both public recreation and have Management Plans for the preservation of the natural environment and biodiversity:	The following reserves are used for both public recreation and have Management Plans for the preservation of the natural environment and biodiversity:		
		Perry Sandhills Reserve.	Perry Sandhills Reserve.		
		Thegoa Lagoon Reserve.	Thegoa Lagoon Reserve.		
		Junction Island/2 Rivers Ski Reserve.	Junction Island/2 Rivers Ski Reserve.		
If so, how much land is reserved?		Thegoa Lagoon Reserve is approximately 294 hectares.	Thegoa Lagoon Reserve is approximately 294 hectares.		
		Perry Sandhills Reserve is approximately 97 hectares.	Perry Sandhills Reserve is approximately 97 hectares.		
		Junction Island/2 Rivers Ski Reserve 9.31 hectares.	Junction Island/2 Rivers Ski Reserve 9.31 hectares.		

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9. BIODIVERSITY (continued)				
Question Y/N Details Previous Reporting 2015/				
Is this land protected from activities such as four wheel driving and fire wood collection?		Thegoa Lagoon has a number of 4WD tracks and firewood collection is prohibited.	Thegoa Lagoon has a number of 4WD tracks and firewood collection is prohibited.	
		Perry Sandhills prohibits vehicle access over the hills but vehicle access is permitted around the base of the site and firewood collection is prohibited.	Perry Sandhills prohibits vehicle access over the hills but vehicle access is permitted around the base of the site and firewood collection is prohibited.	
		Junction Island/2 Rivers Ski Reserve provides for pedestrian access only and firewood collection is prohibited.	Junction Island/2 Rivers Ski Reserve provides for pedestrian access only and firewood collection is prohibited.	
9.4 Bushfires				
Does your LGA contain bushfire prone land? If so, how many hectares?	Y	Under the current Bushfire Prone Land mapping approximately 60% of the LGA is classed as either Category 1 or 2. Council is working with RFS to finalise the draft 2016 BPL mapping which proposes approximately 80% of the LGA as either Category 2 or 3.	Under the current Bushfire Prone Land mapping approximately 60% of the LGA is classed as either Category 1 or 2. The draft 2016 BPL mapping proposes approximately of 80% of the LGA as either Category 2 or 3.	
How many fires occurred in your LGA during 2021/22? If so, how many hectares were burnt?		There were no recorded bushfires in 2021/22.	85 bushfire events recorded during 2015/16. The amount of hectares burnt is unknown.	
How many rural fire brigades are operational in your area?		There are 17 brigades located throughout the LGA.	There are 17 brigades located throughout the LGA.	
How many fire trucks are maintained by Council?		None. Council do not maintain any fire trucks.	None. Council do not maintain any fire trucks but do contribute financially to their maintenance. Council pay the total maintenance cost and claim it back the following year. Therefore, contributing 11.7% of the cost with the remaining 88.3% being reimbursed. Rural Fire Services has 28 Firefighting Appliances and 14 Support Vehicles.	



9. BIODIVERSITY (con	tinued	<u> </u>	
Question	Y/N	Details	Previous Reporting 2015/16
9.5 Weeds			'
Did Council implement any weed control measures during 2021/22?	Υ	Per the NSW DPI Weeds Action Plan.	Burr Ragweed at Pooncarie, Menindee Road, Clockweed at Dareton, Boneseed at Coomealla.
Does Council implement other weed control techniques such as biological weed control?	N	N/A	Cactoblastis delivered to Balranald and Popiltah.
Does Council participate in larger weed control programs?	Υ	WAP through MVWAC and Western Regional Weeds Committee.	WAP through MVWAC and Western Regional Weeds Committee.
Does Council involve community groups and landholders in weed control programs?	Y	Council encourages individual landowners and community organisations to be pro-active in the control and eradication of weeds.	Council encourages individual landowners and community organisations to be pro-active in the control and eradication of weeds.
9.6 Pest animals			
Did Council identify or experience any specific pest problems in 2021/22?	N	Nil to report	Wild dog attacks on stock.
Does Council involve community groups and landholders in pest control?	Y	Council encourages landholders and community groups to assist with the control of pest and feral animals.	Council encourages landholders and community groups to assist with the control of pest and feral animals.
What are the most common pest animals in your LGA?		Wild goats/dogs/cats, rabbits, foxes, dingoes, wild pigs, possums, miners, kangaroos, emus, mice, carp.	Wild goats/dogs/cats, rabbits, foxes, dingoes, wild pigs, possums, miners, kangaroos, emus, mice, carp.
9.7 Domestic animals	•		•
How many dogs were impounded in 2021/22?		Total 150 Seized – 79 Abandoned/Stray – 18 Surrendered – 53 Returned to owner – 43 Re-homed – 100 Euthanised - 7	343 dogs were impounded in 2015/16. Of those impounded, 123 were returned to owners, 202 rehomed to rescue groups and 18 euthanised.
How many cats were impounded in 2021/22?		Total 132 Seized – 64 Abandoned/Stray – 49 Surrendered- 19 Returned to owner – 6 Rehomed - 93 Euthanised – 32 Death in facility - 1	179 cats were impounded in 2015/16. Of these, 7 were returned to owners, 72 rehomed to rescue groups and 99 euthanised.



9. BIODIVERSITY (con	9. BIODIVERSITY (continued)			
Question	Y/N	Details	Previous Reporting 2015/16	
9.7 Domestic animals (contin	ued)			
How many other animals were impounded in 2021/22?		Nil	5 horses and 12 goats were also impounded in 2015/16.	
How many animals were euthanised in 2021/22?		Total 39 Dogs – 7 Cats - 32	117 Animals were euthanised over this period mostly pertaining to feral cats totalling 99. 18 dogs were euthanised due to age, injury or being unsuitable for rehoming.	
Is it compulsory to microchip pets in your LGA?	Y	Companion Animals are required to be microchipped by 12 weeks of age or before being sold or given away.	Companion Animals are required to be microchipped by 12 weeks of age or before being sold or given away.	
Is it compulsory to register pets in your LGA?	Y	Registration is required from 6 months of age. In NSW it is a lifetime registration.	Registration is required from 6 months of age. In NSW it is a lifetime registration.	
Is it compulsory to de-sex non-breeding pets in your LGA?	N	Currently there is no requirement to de-sex your pets. An incentive is offered in reduced registration rates for de-sexed animals.	Currently there is no requirement to de-sex your pets. An incentive is offered in reduced registration rates for de-sexed animals.	





10. HUMAN SETTLEMENT			
Question	Y/N	Details	Previous Reporting 2015/16
10.1 Effluent treatment & dis	sposal		
Does Council operate sewerage treatment facilities?	Υ	Treatment plants are located in Wentworth, Dareton and Gol Gol.	Treatment plants are located in Wentworth, Dareton, and Gol Gol.
Approximately how many dwellings in you LGA are connected to treatment facilities?		2000	1,860
Approximately how many dwellings are not connected to treatment facilities?		170	102
How many approvals were granted for on-site disposal systems in 2021/22?		15	26
Does Council specify a standard for on-site disposal systems?	Υ	Systems must be in accordance with NSW Health Department Guidelines.	Systems must be in accordance with NSW Health Department Guidelines.
10.2 Landfill waste		l	l
Does Council manage landfill waste sites?	Υ	Landfill sites are located at Buronga Landfill, Ellerslie, Pomona and Pooncarie.	Landfill sites are located at Buronga Landfill, Ellerslie, Pomona and Pooncarie.
How many tonnes of waste were conveyed to landfill in 2021/22?		30,850 tonnes.	A total of 12,370 tonnes of waste was transported to landfills.
Has there been any significant changes to waste disposal methods in 2021/22?	N	N/A	Accurate weighing system in place through the new weighbridge and its software.



10. HUMAN SETTLEMENT (continued)			
Question	Y/N	Details	Previous Reporting 2015/16
Does Council manage a street sweeping program?	Υ	Council maintains a street sweeping program.	Council's street sweeping program is as follows: First week:
			Monday and Friday sweeper completes all Wentworth streets
			Tuesday is Buronga all streets
			Wednesday all Dareton and Curlwaa
			Thursday all Gol Gol streets
			Second week:
			All streets in Wentworth completed Tuesday and Friday
			Wednesday and Thursday sweeper used where required.
How many complaints of illegal dumping were received by Council in 2021/22?		3	8 incidents have been reported.
10.3 Recycling and reuse			
Does Council manage or control a recycling program?	Υ	Recycling drop off bins are available at Buronga Landfill and Transfer Stations.	Recycling drop off bins are available at Buronga Landfill and Transfer Stations.
If so, how many tonnes of material were recycled or sent for recycling during 2021/22?		Approx. 30 tonnes.	22 tons of materials were transported from these site for recycling.
Has Council reused any items for a specific project in 2021/22? Eg. Milk cartons, railway sleepers, tree guards	N	N/A	Collection of used items used in libraries for children's activities.
Have any major changes affecting the recycling program occurred in 2021/22?	N	N/A	N/A

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10. HUMAN SETTLEMI	ENT (co	ontinued)	
Question	Y/N	Details	Previous Reporting 2015/16
How many reams of office paper were used by Council in 2021/22?		412 approx.	600 reams.
Does Council recycle used office paper?	Υ	All used office paper is recycled.	All used office paper is recycled.
10.4 Noise			
Does Council maintain a noise complaints register?	Y	Council has a container set up in HP Content Manager called Laws & Enforcement – Noise Control. All customer complaints and requests regarding noise are registered in this container.	Council has a container set up in HP Records Manager called Laws & Enforcement – Noise Control. All customer complaints and requests regarding noise are registered in this container.
If so, how many complaints were received during 2021/22?		Council received three (3) noise complaints during 2021/22	Council received two (2) noise complaints during 2015/16.
10.5 Energy consumption		,	
What was Council's electricity consumption and cost for 2021/22?		Administration Cost: \$149,946.21 Sewer Cost: \$64,921.45 Water Cost: \$250,615.23 Street Lighting: \$119,217.20	Administrative consumption cost (including libraries, rest rooms, public halls, swimming pools, recreation reserves, parks, aerodrome etc.) \$173,000.00 Sewer Cost \$72,000 Water Cost \$120,000 Street Lighting \$96,000 Total = \$461,000
How did Council's electricity consumption compare to the previous years?		Total cost in 2010/11 = \$453,953 Total Cost in 2014/15 = \$461,000 Total cost in 2021/22 = 519,778 An increase of \$58,778	Total Cost in 2014/15 = \$461,000 Total cost in 2010/11 = \$453,953 An increase of \$8,000
How many solar energy systems were installed in the LGA during 2021/22?		Unknown – exempt development.	Unknown – exempt development.
How many solar hot water systems were installed in the LGA during 2021/22?		Unknown – exempt development.	Unknown – exempt development.
What steps has Council taken to reduce its energy consumption?		Consideration of installing solar panel system on administrative building roof.	Consideration of installing solar panel system on administrative building roof.



11. HERITAGE				
Question	Y/N	Details	Previous Reporting 2015/16	
How many local heritage items are identified in your heritage study?		115	115	
How many local heritage items are identified in your LEP?		91	91	
How many state heritage items are identified in your LEP?		5 items listed as state heritage items on the Office of Environment & Heritage website: St Ignatius School St John's Anglican Church & Rectory Avoca Homestead Complex Old Wentworth Gaol Rodney Paddle Steamer	5 items listed as state heritage items on the Office of Environment & Heritage website: St Ignatius School St John's Anglican Church & Rectory Avoca Homestead Complex Old Wentworth Gaol Rodney Paddle Steamer	
How many national heritage items are identified in your LEP?		1	1	
Did Council undertake any heritage studies or similar during 2021/22?	N	N/A	No. The current WSC Heritage Study 1989 is due for review.	
Have any items been added during 2021/22?	N	N/A	3 items were removed during 2015/16.	
Did council receive any funding during 2021/22 for heritage projects?	N	N/A	No.	
Were any heritage items altered or demolished in 2021/22?	N	N/A	1 dwelling was severely damaged by fire that it was deemed unsafe to retain and was subsequently demolished.	
Were any heritage sites damaged or vandalised in 2021/22?	N	N/A	As above.	
11.1 Aboriginal sites	•			
How many aboriginal items/areas are identified in your LGA?		Sturts Billabong Snaggy Bend Aboriginal Burial Ground Rufus Creek area and massacre burial site Willandra Lakes World Heritage Area Lake Nitchie Area Fletchers Lake Area	Sturts Billabong Snaggy Bend Aboriginal Burial Ground Rufus Creek area and massacre burial site Willandra Lakes World Heritage Area Lake Nitchie Area Fletchers Lake Area	



11. HERITAGE (continued)				
Question	Y/N	Details	Previous Reporting 2015/16	
How many aboriginal items are nominated in your LGA?		None.	None.	
Have any archaeological studies been undertaken in 2021/22?	N	No known archaeological studies have been undertaken.	No known archaeological studies have been undertaken.	

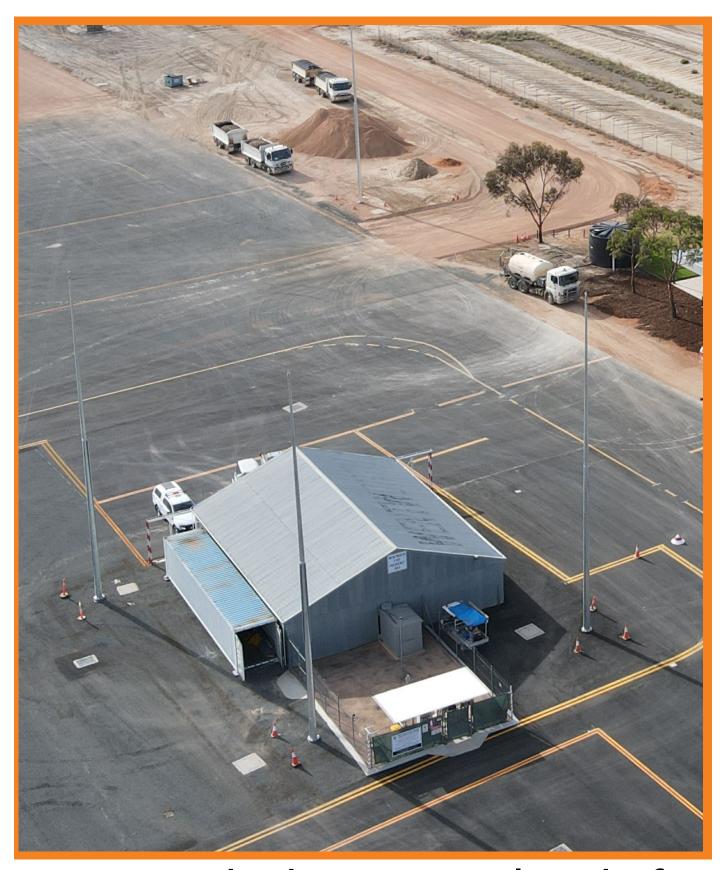
#### 12. COUNCIL PROJECTS

Details of any other council project or venture undertaken in 2021/22 that is beneficial to the environment.

Council is currently drafting Plans of Management for all of Council Managed Crown Land Reserves, including addressing their environmental and cultural significance.







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Wentworth Shire Council would like to acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the Land and pay its respects to Elders past, present and emerging.



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## Introduction

Under the NSW Government's Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework, Council is required to produce a report on its progress in implementing the Community Strategic Plan during each term of Council.

The End of Term report will assist the incoming Council to review the Community Strategic Plan and prepare Council's next Delivery Program.

The Community Strategic Plan is a whole of community document summarising the community's aspirations for the future. It is the primary driver of a suite of key documents developed by Council.

While Council has a custodial role in initiating, preparing and maintaining the Community Strategic Plan it is not wholly responsible for its implementation. Other partners such as State agencies and community groups may also be engaged in delivering the long term objectives of the plan.

Council's Delivery Program outlines the priorities that Council will pursue to meet the aspirations of the Community Strategic Plan.

The Operational Plan includes Council's annual budget and provides information on the range of projects Council will undertake each financial year. After engagement and consultation with the community in 2017, Wentworth Shire Council adopted the Community Strategic Plan 2017-2027 in June 2017.

Having undertaken extensive consultation to develop the 2013 Community Strategic Plan, the focus of reviewing and updating this iteration of the plan revolved around ensuring that the plan continues to clearly articulate the goals of the community.

As a result of the consultation and engagement undertaken Council was able to formulate the following vision for the region:

A thriving region, supported by a robust economic base, distinctive open spaces, and strong local governance and leadership.

Responding to issues raised throughout the community engagement process, the Community Strategic Plan was structured around four themes that are aligned to the quadruple bottom line which emphasises the balancing of social, environmental and economic wellbeing with good governance as the foundation for sustainable development and management.

These themes are clearly interwoven and impact upon each other.

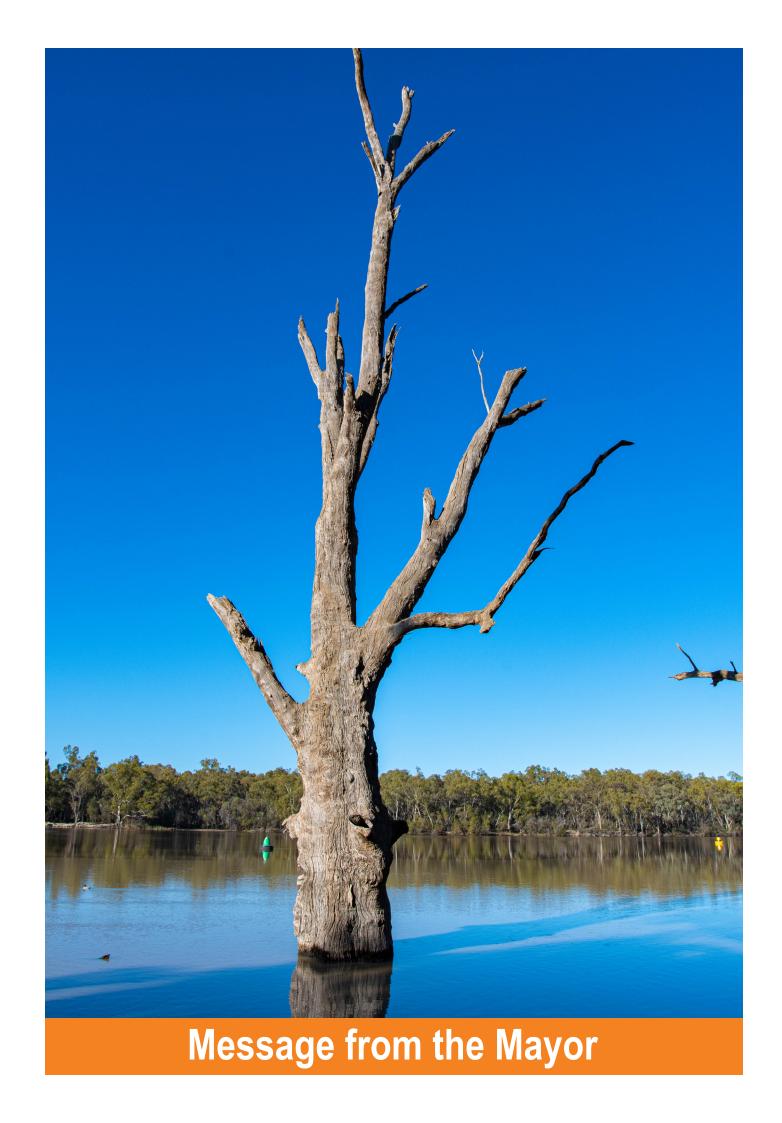
They are the cornerstone for our community's progress and success.

Economic - Wentworth is a vibrant, growing and thriving Shire.

Social - Wentworth is a desirable Shire to visit, live, work and invest.

Environment - Wentworth is a community that works to enhance and protect its physical and natural assets.

Governance - Wentworth is a caring, supportive and inclusive community that is informed and engaged in its future.





## A word from Wentworth Shire Mayor on behalf of the Council

It is with pleasure that we present the Wentworth Shire Council End of Term Report for the 2016-2021 term of Council.

This End of term report includes the progression of Wentworth Shire Council towards the vision articulated in the Community Strategic Plan.

The vision of Wentworth being a thriving region, supported by a robust economic base, distinctive open spaces and strong local governance and leadership has been an encouraging impetus for Council over the last five years.

The last 18 months of Council's term has not been without its challenges as Council and the Community as a whole has come to grips with impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

The Capital Works investment has been significant during this term of Council with more than \$63 million spent on building, renewing and maintaining our assets.

This investment in our assets has been driven by an unprecedented increase in State and Federal grants.

Major projects that have been completed or are in progress include the following:

- More than a million dollars invested into infrastructure improvements at Willow Bend Caravan Park
- Completion of Stage two of the James King Park Master Plan
- Completion of Stage one of the O'Donnell Park and Curlwaa Boat Ramp Master Plan
- \$2,500,000 redevelopment of the Midway Centre in Buronga
- Supporting the Community to Construct a Skate Park in Wentworth

- \$4,500,000 investment to rationalise Sewer Treatment Plants in Wentworth and Dareton
- Installation of a bore and upgrade of the Pooncarie Water Treatment Plant to guarantee future supply of water to the Community
- Stage one of the Wentworth Aerodrome Expansion at a cost of more than \$7,000,000
- Significant upgrade of public amenities and halls
- Construction of a new hall at Curlwaa and the Wentworth Community Pavillion at the Wentworth Showgrounds
- \$13,800,000 million spent on road renewals, rehabilitation and upgrades
- In partnership with Transport for NSW \$10,200,000 has been spent maintaining and upgrading the Sturt and Silver City Highways.

Significant time has been invested in planning the following projects that will see a further \$20,000,000 invested in community infrastructure over the next 18 months.

These projects include:

- Pooncarie Menindee Road
- Wentworth Civic Centre
- Willow Bend Caravan Park

Council's achievements have not only been limited to capital expenditure projects but as a Council we were successful in hosting the Murray Darling Association Annual Conference in May 2021.

The conference was an outstanding success, bringing many delegates to the junction of Australia's two greatest rivers for the first time, giving them the opportunity to witness first hand



the issues facing the Darling-Baarka River and the Menindee Lakes system.

Being located adjacent to the Victorian regional city of Mildura presents significant economic opportunities with potential for Council to increase employment and career pathways locally as well as within the region.

Council has developed a number of strategic plans in recent years with the aim to generate economic activity and development across our Shire.

Council has spent this term of office implementing recommendations from those plans which has seen an additional 261 properties created with a further 1,000 to come on board over the next couple of years.

While this growth has been encouraging, the pace at which it has occurred has created some challenges for Council to keep up with the speed of the development.

The new Council will need to be proactive going forward to ensure that it can provide the required infrastructure to ensure that this growth does not stagnate.

As Council commences the process of community consultation and revising the Community Strategic Plan it is hoped that this report will lay a sound platform for the review of the aspirations embedded within the Community Strategic Plan.

To our General Manager Ken Ross, thank you for your support, we are heading in the right direction, and while we are still encountering difficulties in some areas your pragmatic approach is helping to resolve these issues.

Also to former Mayor Melisa Hederics, who started this term in the position, thank you for your hard work and dedication to the region over your time on Council.

Finally to our staff, the Wentworth Shire Council is only ever going to be as good as the staff we have, Council thanks each and everyone of

you for your commitment to our Shire and its residents.

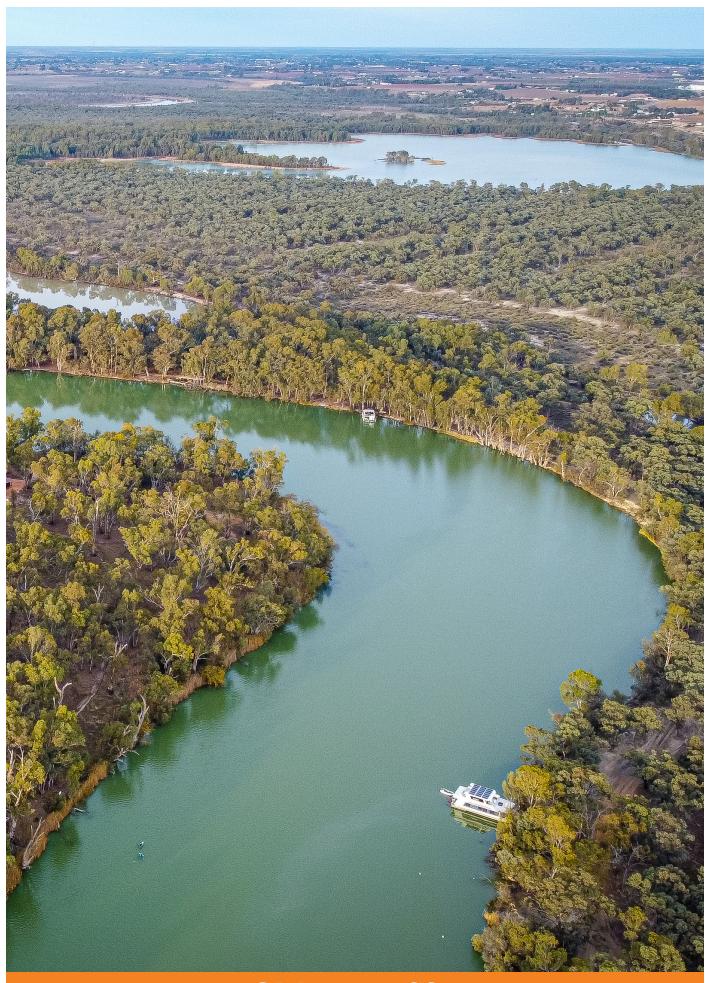
The past five years have been extremely busy, challenging, interesting and rewarding and we are proud of what Council has achieved and the strong financial position that Wentworth Shire Council is in.

This will allow Council to continue to meet the ongoing commitments to our community.

Going forward the new Council will continue to focus on ensuring that residents and ratepayers are proud of where they live, that they feel safe and engaged in the community and that they have equitable access to facilities that ensure that the community leads a healthy and enjoyable lifestyle.

Councillor Susan Nichols Mayor November 2021





Shire profile



The Wentworth Region – Australia's Murray Darling Heartland covers an area of 26,000 sq kms and has a population of approximately 8,000.

The southern boundary of the region has the greatest population density with the townships of Wentworth, Dareton, Buronga and Gol Gol.

The remote township of Pooncarie is located on the Darling-Baarka River, approximately 120km from Wentworth.

A couple of hours drive north of Wentworth is the historic town of Broken Hill.

The region is an area of great diversity and offers visitors the opportunity to explore an introduction to Outback Australia.

Combined with cross-border neighbour Mildura, the closest commercial centre to Wentworth, the region attracts over 300,000 visitors annually.

At the heart of this wonderful region is the confluence of Australia's two greatest rivers the Murray and Darling-Baarka, leaving Wentworth

sandwiched between their flowing waters and the world heritage Willandra Lakes region, encompassing the culturally-significant Mungo National Park.

Wentworth Shire is home to vibrant communities, a diverse agricultural sector, unique natural environments, and significant Cultural Heritage.

Strategically located bordering NSW and SA, and at the cross-roads of the Sturt, Silver City and Calder Highways, Wentworth Shire provides important linkages to the major ports of Sydney (1,075km), Melbourne (585km) and Adelaide (420km).





**End of term report** 



## End of term report 2016-2021

This End-of-Term report provides comments about Council's role, achievements and progress during the life of the Delivery Program.

During the life of the Delivery Program, Council identified 248 actions to be undertaken as either an annual action across the life of the program or an individual action to be undertaken in a particular year.

Across the life of this delivery program Council has successfully completed 164 actions resulting in a completion rate of 66%.

31 actions where still in progress at 30 June 2021, a number of these actions will carry forward to the next delivery program.

## What we achieved

Planned Actions 248	✓ Completed 164	
? In Progress	<ul><li>Not Commenced</li><li>53</li></ul>	

As part of the Community Engagement process for the development of the new Community Strategic Plan, consideration will need to be given to the 53 actions that did not commence to see if they are still a priority for the Community.

Council has worked towards achieving the objectives and goals as set out in the Community Strategic Plan through the implementation of the four year Delivery Program, Resourcing Strategy and annual Operational Plans.

To measure the progress of those actions the following symbols have been used:

- Project has been commenced and completed
- Project has not commenced or had action taken
- Project is in progress

		2017-2018 – 2020-2021					
		✓	?	<b>x</b>			
Economic	17	7	3	7			
Social	57	43	4	10			
Environment	100	75	11	14			
Governance	74	39	13	22			



Contributing factors for actions not completed by the due date include:

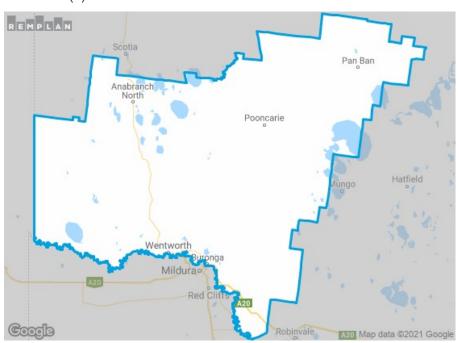
- Delays caused by weather/external partners or staff resources
- Change in Council priorities
- Significant change in State and Federal policy (substantial increase in available grant funding)
- COVID-19 Pandemic

The end of term report incorporates the 2020-2021 financial year due to the postponement of the Local Government Elections until 2021 due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

#### **Demographic Overview**

The following report provide a demographic overview for Wentworth (A). Headline data and information is provided regarding the areas key statistics for population, age structure, education, employment and housing.

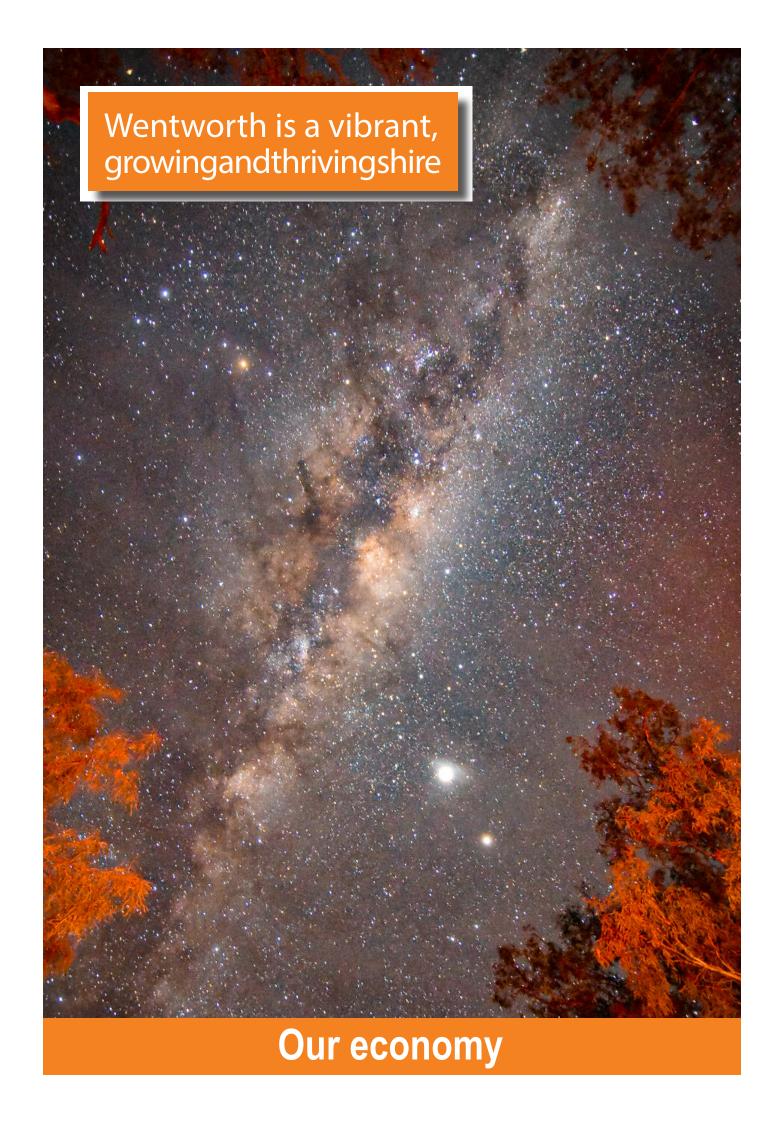
#### Wentworth (A)



#### This area is defined by the boundary of Wentworth (A) (LGA 18200)

ABS 2020 Estimated Residential Population:	7,090
ABS Census Place of Usual Residence Population:	6,798
Annualised Population Growth Rate (2011–2016):	0.6%
Land Area (ha):	2,625,623.98
Census Population Density (persons / ha):	0
Median Age:	44 years
Median Weekly Income:	\$555 (\$28,871 pa)
Labour Force Participation Rate:	53.72%

<sup>\*</sup>Data provided by Remplan





A robust local economy is important for the future of the region. Council plays a key role in community development with the aim of assisting to grow resilient, vibrant and thriving communities.

Council has a very important role to play in setting the right conditions to allow business to flourish and in encouraging people to move to town or to visit as tourists.

However, it is important to realise that Council has limitations in its role in economic development which is influenced by a number of external trends that are often beyond Council's influence.

#### What the community told us

- Streamline development process to encourage developers to the region
- Increase new and diversified industry to increase employment opportunities
- Attract, retain, maintain facilities and capitalise on opportunities
- Create a place where people want to come and live

#### **Delivery Program progress**

	2017-2018 – 2020-2021		
Number of actions	✓	?	×
17	7	3	7

#### **Achievements**

Notable actions undertaken include:

- Completed Buronga Gol Gol Structure Plan
- Purchased and operated the Willowbend Caravan Park Business
- Development of the Local Strategic Planning Statement and the Community Participation Plan
- Continued to contribute to the ongoing activities of Murray Regional Tourism
- Contributed to the development of the Western Murray Regional Economic Development Strategy
- Contributed to the development of the Destination NSW Riverina Murray Destination Management Plan

### Top 4 Industry sectors based on economic output

Industry Sector	Wentworth (A) (2019 Release1) \$M %	
Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing	\$283.438	24.3%
Manufacturing	\$204.518	17.6%
Mining	\$189.784	16.3%
Rental, Hiring & Real Estate Services	\$75.194	6.5%

#### Top 4 Industry sectors based on employment '1

		worth (A) Release1)	
	Jobs		
Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing	789	27.8%	
Health Care & Social Assistance	220	7.8%	
Manufacturing	214	7.5%	
Education & Training	207	7.3%	

<sup>\*1</sup> Source www.remplan.com.au.au





To sustain a community, we need to sustain the people living there and enhance their wellbeing and quality of life.

Valuing and respecting the contribution of all community members regardless of age, gender, ability, ethnicity, cultural background or length of residency; and generating opportunities for the active participation by all residents in community life are important cornerstones for Council to encourage and support.

Council manages community spaces, including formal and informal areas within the shire that allow people to gather for a variety of purposes. Council's role involves providing equitable

public facilities, responding to leisure and recreation needs of residents, maintaining public facilities to ensure that they are presentable and safe, as well as advocating for a range of recreation resources and facilities.

#### What the community told us

- Celebrate and promote our unique location.
- Improved promotion of the region for tourism, employment, work and living
- Involve our youth in everything we do
- Nurture the talents and capabilities within our Shire

#### **Delivery Program progress**

	2017-2018 – 2020-2021		
Number of actions	✓	?	*
57	43	3	11

#### **Achievements**

Notable actions undertaken include:

- Maintained Visitor Information Centre Operations
- Investigated expanded VIC operations in the new Civic Centre Redevelopment
- Undertook a full review of the PS Ruby Operations
- Undertook agreed maintenance of PS Ruby
- Celebrated the PS Ruby 110th Birthday
- Advocated for the inclusion of Arumpo Road into Regional tourism plans
- Investigated and installed RV Dump points in Pooncarie and Wentworth
- Continued to advocate for additional aged care facilities within the Shire
- Supported Wentworth Pre-school to expand services in line with recommendations of

Wentworth Child Care Study.

- Completed redesign of Palm Island traffic Island at Wentworth
- James King Park Stage 2 development
- O'Donnell Park and Curlwaa Boat Ramp Stage 2
- Midway Centre Re-Development
- Supported the Skate Park Committee for proposed Skate Park in Wentworth and secured funding for its installation
- Installation of new shared ways and footpaths
- Held a Seniors Expo
- Held a Youth Expo
- Held a Small Business Expo
- Acquired land for development of a 2nd Oval at the George Gordon Sporting Complex
- Continued to support the NSW Rural Doctors Network through the annual Bush Bursary Scheme
- Advocated for and partnered with stakeholder

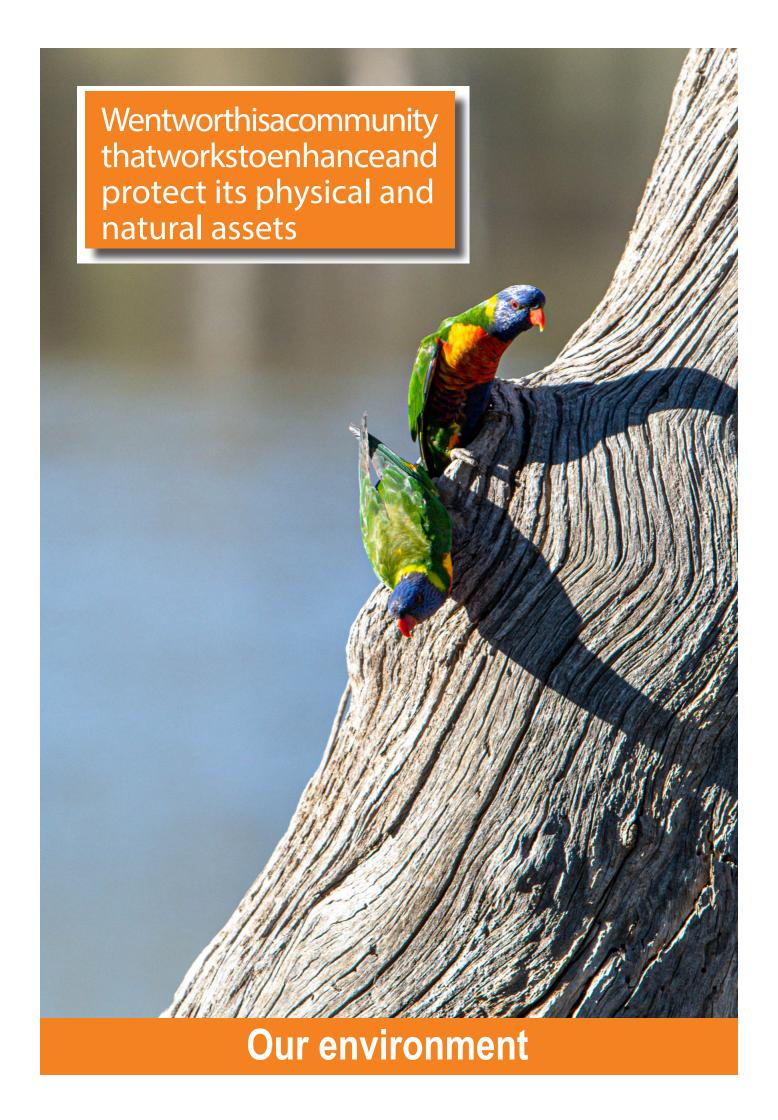


groups for the provision of Health Services in Wentworth

- Supported the work of the Wentworth Interagency Group
- Delivered road safety program initiatives
- Partnered in the delivery of the Work Readiness for Women Program
- Constructed Skate Park in Wentworth
- Continued to deliver Library Service across the Shire
- Willowbend Caravan Park Infrastructure upgrades



Community Assets			
Sporting Facilities	Halls		
10	7		
Boat Ramps	Public Amenities		
10	50		





As a region we are the custodians of our environment.

We are clear on our resolve that our future generations will enjoy the benefits of our considered land use and inherit a healthy natural environment that is not compromised by the economic imperatives of maintaining our community.

Elements of spaces that are conducive to healthy community interaction include natural and built features of the environment.

A healthy natural environment encourages physical activity, social connections and can

affect a community's health and wellbeing.

Our community values the natural and built environment, it values history and the efforts of those who have helped to create this community.

#### What the community told us

- Better utilise and promote our natural attractions
- Provide safe, reliable water supply and water management
- Our historic past needs to be retained and promoted

#### **Delivery Program progress**

	2017-2018 – 2020-2021		
Number of actions	✓	?	*
100	75	11	14

#### **Achievements**

Notable actions undertaken include:

- Completed Buronga Gol Gol Drainage Strategy
- Carbone Court Retention Basin Conversion
- Hendy Road Sewer Main Upgrade
- Buronga Sewer Pump Station upgrades
- Secured funding for Buronga and Wentworth EDS upgrades
- Completed Sewer Treatment Plant Rationalisation project
- Pooncarie Water Treatment Plant upgrade
- Repainted the Darling-Baarka River Bridges at Pooncarie
- Continued to advocate for the development of rail freight links to Broken Hill
- Continued to advocate for the construction of a second bridge crossing over the Murray

#### River

- Finalised business case for future expansion options for the Wentworth Aerodrome
- Secured funding for Wentworth Aerodrome Expansion.
- Undertook expansion of Wentworth Aerodrome.
- Annual Building Maintenance Program
- Completed scope of works and Secured funding for Curlwaa Hall Replacement
- Upgraded Public Amenities
- Commenced process to upgrade capacity of Buronga Landfill
- Continued to support the activities of the Murray Darling Association
- Continued to lobby for the sustainable management of the Menindee Lakes
- Undertake actions as outlined in the Western Weeds Action Plan
- Undertook upgrade of Pooncarie, Pomona,

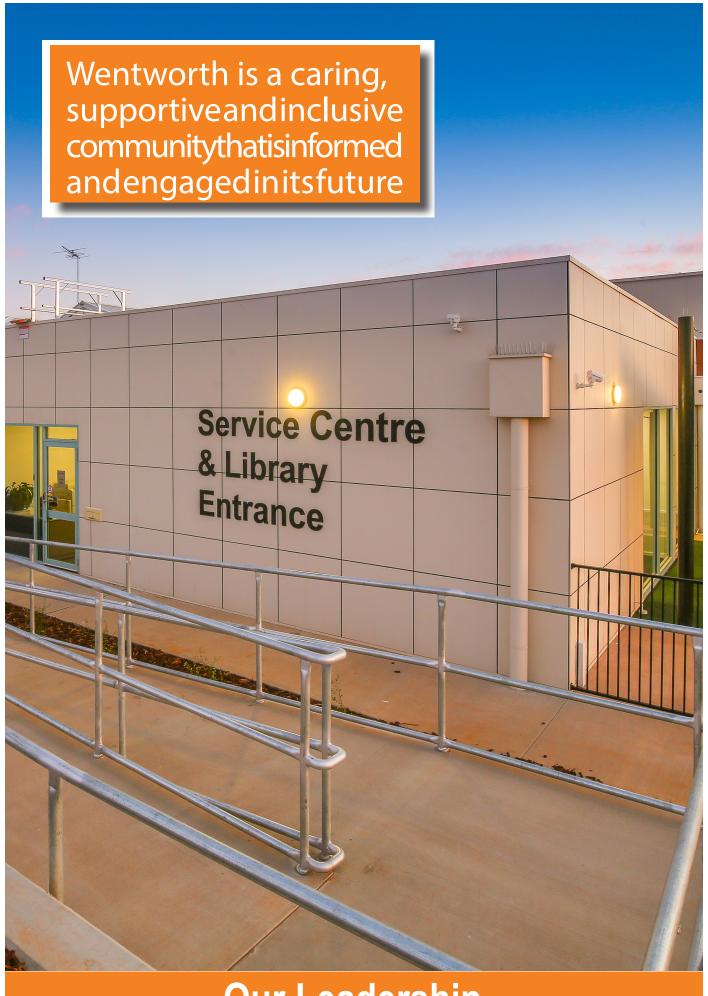


Anabranch and Wilkinson Halls

- Installed new Lights at Carramar Drive Sporting Complex
- Commenced upgrade of Wentworth Sporting Complex
- Replaced Barrett Pavilion and renamed to Wentworth Community Pavilion (below)
- Installation of additional netball courts at

- George Gordon Sporting Complex
- Secured funding for upgrade of Pooncarie Menindee Road
- Hosted 2021 Murray Darling Association Annual Conference
- Completed Curlwaa Hall Replacement
- Dareton Street Light Upgrade





**Our Leadership** 



Listening to the needs of the community and ensuring that the decisions that Council makes are fair and equitable for the whole community.

Council strives to empower community members through involvement in decisionmaking and by applying principles of fairness, equity, transparency and probity in all its dealings.

The concept of diversity involves acceptance and respect of individual differences.

Acceptance and inclusiveness of diversity demonstrates that a community has respect for a range of lifestyles and beliefs.

Social inclusion of this nature is vital in ensuring that groups are not disadvantaged through marginalisation.

Council aims to be a highly effective local government body, providing best value to residents and ratepayers by delivering quality services, identifying innovative solutions to issues, supporting local groups and organisations, prudently managing resources and safeguarding community assets.

Council staff and elected representatives act as a conduit between the community and other tiers of government plus other strategic partners to lobby and advocate for the delivery of services to the local community.

Civic leadership is a key pillar to establishing an ecologically sustainable future embracing the principles of sustainable management and development. As such, it is integral to the ongoing prosperity of our community today and in the years ahead.

#### What the community told us

- Councillors need to listen more, be more visible and involved in what the community wants
- Enlist the support of all levels of government to resolve issues
- Inform and advocate for everything that we do.
   Celebrate what we achieve as a Council and a Community
- Recognition of the traditional custodians and tribal heritage

#### **Delivery Program progress**

	2017-2018 – 2020-2021		
Number of actions	✓	?	*
74	39	13	22

#### **Achievements**

Notable actions undertaken include:

- Redesigned and updated Council's website
- Developed Midway Centre Customer Service Centre and Library operations
- Reviewed Contractor Management practices
- Continued to work with the Cross Border Commissioner to identify and resolve cross border issues
- Continue to undertake Citizenship Ceremonies

- Partnered with Services NSW for delivery of Easy to Do Business program
- Advocated for a new Wentworth Hospital
- Ongoing advocacy for the community on Murray-Darling Basin Issues
- Advocacy to ensure regional councils continue to be sustainable
- Advocated for and supported Pooncarie residents on water issues
- Developed the Council's first Disability Inclusion Action Plan



# ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Year ending 30 June 2022

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2022



GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2022



### General Purpose Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2022

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#### Overview

Wentworth Shire Council is constituted under the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW) and has its principal place of business at:

26-28 Adelaide Street Wentworth NSW 2648

Council's guiding principles are detailed in Chapter 3 of the LGA and includes:

- · principles applying to the exercise of functions generally by council,
- · principles to be applied when making decisions,
- · principles of community participation,
- · principles of sound financial management, and
- principles for strategic planning relating to the development of an integrated planning and reporting framework.

A description of the nature of Council's operations and its principal activities are provided in Note B1-2

Through the use of the internet, we have ensured that our reporting is timely, complete and available at minimum cost. All press releases, financial statements and other information are publicly available on our website: www.wentworth.nsw.gov.au.

### 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 (2c) of the *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW)

The attached general purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with:

- · the Local Government Act 1993 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 17 October 2022.

Tim Elstone

Mayor

17 October 2022

Daniel Linklater

**Deputy Mayor** 

17 October 2022

Ken Ross

General Manager

17 October 2022

Simon Rule

**Responsible Accounting Officer** 

17 October 2022

### **Income Statement**

for the year ended 30 June 2022

budget			Actual	Restate Actua
2022 \$ '000		Notes	2022 \$ '000	202 \$ '00
	Income from continuing operations			
9,369	Rates and annual charges	B2-1	9,529	9,16
5,286	User charges and fees	B2-2	9,600	7,58
1,232	Other revenues	B2-3	1,453	1,02
9,850	Grants and contributions provided for operating purposes	B2-4	12,147	10,38
14,664	Grants and contributions provided for capital purposes	B2-4	8,715	11,72
334	Interest and investment income	B2-5	280	24
-	Other income	B2-6	131	<u> </u>
100	Net gain from the disposal of assets	B4-1	-	1;
40,835	Total income from continuing operations		41,855	40,30
	Expenses from continuing operations			
10,291	Employee benefits and on-costs	B3-1	9,665	8.7
6,963	Materials and services	B3-1	11,235	9,5
291	Borrowing costs	B3-2	316	3
_*.	Depreciation, amortisation and impairment of non-financial	B3-4	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	_
7,123	assets	D0-4	8,465	8,2
614	Other expenses	B3-5	524	70
_	Net loss from the disposal of assets	B4-1	78	
_	Net share of interests in joint ventures and associates using the equity method	D2	195	2
25,282	Total expenses from continuing operations		30,478	27,98
15,553	Operating result from continuing operations		11,377	12,32
	Net operating result for the year attributable to Cou	ıncil	11,377	12,32

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

### Statement of Comprehensive Income

for the year ended 30 June 2022

			Restated
		2022	2021
	Notes	\$ '000	\$ '000
Net operating result for the year – from Income Statement		11,377	12,321
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	49,470	580
Total items which will not be reclassified subsequently to the operating			
result		49,470	580
Total other comprehensive income for the year	_	49,470	580
Total comprehensive income for the year attributable to Council		60,847	12,901

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

### Statement of Financial Position

as at 30 June 2022

Notes	2022 \$ '000	Restated 2021 \$ '000	Restated 1 July 2020 \$ '000
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents C1-1	5,708	12,393	10,413
Investments C1-2	38,000	26,000	18,005
Receivables C1-4	4,491	3,985	5,823
Inventories C1-5	224	166	202
Other	211	156	213
Total current assets	48,634	42,700	34,656
Non-current assets			
Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment (IPPE)	511,401	454,747	443,464
Intangible assets C1-7	184	184	184
Investments accounted for using the equity method D2-1,D2-3	945	1,140	1,359
Total non-current assets	512,530	456,071	445,007
Total assets	561,164	498,771	479,663
LIABILITIES  Current liabilities  Payables C3-1  Contract liabilities C3-2  Borrowings C3-3  Employee benefit provisions C3-4  Total current liabilities	2,675 6,411 780 2,143 12,009	2,905 6,318 499 2,263 11,985	3,855 1,056 262 2,212 7,385
Non-current liabilities			
Borrowings C3-3	7,016	5,522	4,032
Employee benefit provisions C3-4	152	241	236
Provisions C3-5	2,713	2,596	2,484
Total non-current liabilities	9,881	8,359	6,752
Total liabilities	21,890	20,344	14,137
Net assets	539,274	478,427	465,526
EQUITY  Accumulated surplus C4-1 IPPE revaluation reserve C4-1  Council equity interest	95,040 444,234	83,663 394,764	71,342 394,184
Country interest	539,274	478,427	465,526
Total equity	539,274	478,427	465,526

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 surplus	revaluation reserve	Total equity	Accumulated surplus	revaluation reserve	Total equity
					Restated	Restated	Restated
	Notes	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000
Opening balance at 1 July Correction of prior period		83,663	394,764	478,427	70,072	394,184	464,256
errors	G4-1	_	_	_	1,270	_	1,270
Restated opening balance		83,663	394,764	478,427	71,342	394.184	465,526
		03,003	334,704	470,427	71,042	334,104	+00,020
Net operating result for the year		11,377	-	11,377	12,321	-	12,321
Other comprehensive inc	come						
Gain (loss) on revaluation of infrastructure, property,							
plant and equipment	C1-6		49,470	49,470		580	580
Other comprehensive income		-	49,470	49,470	_	580	580
Total comprehensive income		11,377	49,470	60,847	12,321	580	12,901
Closing balance at 30 June		95,040	444,234	539,274	83,663	394,764	478,427

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 2022			Actual 2022	Actual 2021
\$ '000		Notes	\$ '000	\$ '000
	Cash flows from operating activities			
	Receipts:			
9,336	Rates and annual charges		9,497	9,391
5,224	User charges and fees		10,227	9,718
304	Interest received		224	237
24,963	Grants and contributions		20,776	26,248
1,173	Other		2,531	3,227
	Payments:			
(10,262)	Payments to employees		(9,891)	(8,973)
(4,031)	Payments for materials and services		(13,067)	(12,024)
(277)	Borrowing costs		(199)	(263)
(3,500)	Other		(1,253)	(1,347)
22,930	Net cash flows from operating activities	G1-1	18,845	26,214
	Cash flows from investing activities			
	Receipts:			
	Sale of investments		47,000	54,000
450	Proceeds from sale of IPPE		47,000 272	34,000
700	Payments:		212	314
_	Purchase of investments		(59,000)	(61,995)
(28,029)	Payments for IPPE		(15,577)	(18,280)
(27,579)	Net cash flows from investing activities		(27,305)	(25,961)
(21,010)			(27,000)	(20,001)
	Cash flows from financing activities			
	Receipts:			
7,750	Proceeds from borrowings		2,400	2,000
	Payments:			
(635)	Repayment of borrowings		(625)	(273)
7,115	Net cash flows from financing activities		1,775	1,727
2,466	Net change in cash and cash equivalents		(6,685)	1,980
_	Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		12,393	10,413
2,466	Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	C1-1	5,708	12,393
	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,			.2,000
_	plus: Investments on hand at end of year	C1-2	38,000	26,000
2,466	Total cash, cash equivalents and investments		43,708	38,393
			<del></del>	55,555

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 17 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 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.

#### Coronavirus (COVID-19) impact

Covid-19 and even more so the associated government measures to slow the spread of the virus have had a significant impact on global and local economies and across communities and individuals.

Council has not been isolated from the direct and indirect effects of Covid-19 and has therefore had to react to the impacts of Covid-19 during the 2021/22 financial year and consider the impacts of Covid-19 in preparing these financial statements.

The potential impact of the pandemic on financial reporting for the year ended 30 June 2022 was assessed through an analysis of the following categories:

- · Impairment of financial and non-financial assets
- · Potential provisions of onerous contracts and future rehabilitation works
- · Financial liabilities as a result of breach of existing contracts
- · Fair value assessment of non-financial assets
- Income and revenue
- Covid-19 stimulus packages
- · Employee Benefit Provisions
- Going concern
- Capital Committments

The analysis of the above categories was also performed considering after balance date developments of the pandemic effects in Australia and overseas.

Based on the analysis performed, Council did not find any material adjustments required to be done as a result of the pandemic.

Even though the pandemic had a widespread effect on slowing down the economy around the world, as at 30 June 2022 it is hard to predict any significant future implications on Council's business. Council business operations remain on the same pattern. Overall the financial impact has not been significant and is not anticipated to increase in future years.

Council is not aware of any post balance day events which would result in separate disclosures or adjustments to the 30 June 2022 financial results. Hence, 30 June 2022 financial statements were prepared on a going concern basis.

#### A1-1 Basis of preparation (continued)

#### 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) estimated tip remediation provisions refer Note C3-5
- (iii) employee benefit provisions refer Note C3-4

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

(i) Impairment of receivables

Council has made a significant judgement about the impairment of a number of its receivables - refer Note C1-4

(ii) Tip Remediation Provisions

Council has used significant judgement in determining future Tip Remediation Provisions - refer Note C3-5

#### 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.

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

- General purpose operations
- Water service
- Sewerage service

#### 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 does not rely on volunteer services. Council has not recognised any volunteer services in the income statement as the value is immaterial, cannot be reliably measured and the services would not be purchased if not donated.

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

Certain new accounting standards and interpretations (ie. pronouncements) have been published by the Australian Accounting Standards Board that are not mandatory for the 30 June 2022 reporting period.

#### A1-1 Basis of preparation (continued)

Council has elected not to apply any of these pronouncements in these financial statements before their operative dates.

Council's assessment of these new standards and interpretations (where they have been deemed as having a material impact on Council's future financial performance, financial position and cash flows) are set out below:

AASB 2020-1 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current AASB 2020-6 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current - Deferral of Effective Date

This standard amends AASB 101 Presentation of Financial Statements to clarify requirements for the presentation of liabilities in the statement of financial position as current or non-current.

For example the amendements clarify that a liability is classified as non-current if an entity has the right at the end of the reporting period to defer settlement of a liability for at least 12 months after the reporting period. The meaning of settlement of a liability is also clarified.

Council does not expect any material impact from the above amendments and to its classification of liabilities as current or non-current.

This standard has an effective date for the 30 June 2024 reporting period.

## AASB 2020-3 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Annual Improvements 2018-2020 and Other Amedments

This Standard amends a number of standards as follows:

- AASB 1 to simplify the application of AASB 1 by a subsidiary that becomes a first-time adopter after its parent in relation to the measurement of cumulative translation differences;
- AASB 3 to update a reference to the Conceptual Framework for Financial Reporting without changing the accounting requirements for business combinations;
- AASB 9 to clarify the fees an entity includes when assessing whether the terms of a new or modified financial liability
  are substantially different from the terms of the original financial liability;
- AASB 116 to require an entity to recognise the sales proceeds from selling items produced while preparing property,
  plant and equipment for its intended use and the related cost in profit and loss, instead of deducting the amounts received
  from the cost of the asset;
- AASB 137 to specify the costs that entity includes when assessing whether a contract will be loss-making; and
- AASB 141 to remove the requirement to exclude cash flows from taxation when measuring fair value, thereby aligning
  the fair value measurement requirements in AASB 141 with those in other Australian Accounting Standards.

#### Council does not expect any material impact from the above amendments.

This standard has an effective date for the 30 June 2023 reporting period.

#### 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 30 June 2022. None of these standards had a significant impact on reported position or performance.

7,636

22,108

56,635

561,164

50,795

498,771

### B Financial Performance

### B1 Functions or activities

engaged in its future

**Total functions and activities** 

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

17,163

41,855

13,870

40,306

7,457

30,478

	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.									
	Income	9	Expense	Expenses Oper		Operating result	Grants and contributions		Carrying amour	Carrying amount of assets
	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021
	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000
Functions or activities										
1. Wentworth is a vibrant, growing and										
thriving shire	1,045	934	1,882	2,551	(837)	(1,617)	564	61	14,192	16,346
2. Wentworth is a desirable shire to visit,										
live, work and invest	2,554	1,766	4,115	3,098	(1,561)	(1,332)	2,264	1,617	38,935	27,059
3. Wentworth is a community that works to										
enhance and protect its physical and										
natural assets	21,093	23,736	17,024	15,703	4,069	8,033	8,067	12,794	451,402	404,571
4. Wentworth is a caring, supportive and inclusive community that is informed and										

6,633

27,985

9,706

11,377

7,237

12,321

9,967

20,862

#### B1-2 Components of functions or activities

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

#### 1. Wentworth is a vibrant, growing and thriving shire

- 1.1 Grow the potential of business and industry to develop and expand
- 1.2 Encourage and support population growth and resident attraction

#### 2. Wentworth is a desirable shire to visit, live, work and invest

- 2.1 Grow visitation to the Shire by developing a quality visitor experience and promoting our destination
- 2.2 Enhance access to local health and aged care services
- 2.3 Enhance access to maternal and child health services, child care centres and pre-school services
- 2.4 Enhance access to education, skills and training
- 2.5 Maintain/create desirable open spaces and recreation facilities

#### 3. Wentworth is a community that works to enhance and protect its physical and natural assets

- 3.1 Promote the efficient delivery of water supply, sewer and drainage services for the long term interests of future generations
- 3.2 Plan for and develop the right assets and infrastructure
- 3.3 Prepare for natural disasters, biosecurity risks and climate change
- 3.4 Reduce, reuse and recover waste
- 3.5 Recognise the importance of a healthy Murray-Darling River System

#### 4. Wentworth is a caring, supportive and inclusive community that is informed and engaged in its future

- 4.1 Provide strong and effective representation, leadership, planning, decision-making and service delivery
- 4.2 Encourage locals to volunteer their time within their local community
- 4.3 Promote disability inclusion with the general community
- 4.4 Encourage the self determination of the Aboriginal community
- 4.5 Encourage the self determination of individual townships and community groups
- 4.6 Collaborate with others to achieve desired outcomes for the local community
- 4.7 Promote the celebration of the region's rich cultural and social heritage

### B2 Sources of income

### B2-1 Rates and annual charges

	2022 \$ '000	2021 \$ '000
Ordinary rates		
Residential	2,176	2,082
Farmland	1,843	1,775
Business	1,603	1,559
Less: pensioner rebates (mandatory)	(44)	(44)
Less: pensioner rebates (Council policy)	(34)	(38)
Rates levied to ratepayers	5,544	5,334
Pensioner rate subsidies received	44	44
Total ordinary rates	5,588	5,378
Special rates		
Tourism	40	40
Rates levied to ratepayers	40	40
Total special rates	40	40
Annual charges		
(pursuant to s.496, s.496A, s.496B, s.501 & s.611)  Domestic waste management services	836	807
Water supply services	1,334	1,274
Sewerage services	1,776	1,711
Less: pensioner rebates (mandatory)	(56)	(57)
Less: pensioner rebates (Council policy)	(44)	(46)
Annual charges levied	3,846	3,689
Pensioner subsidies received:		
- Water	18	19
- Sewerage	17	17
- Domestic waste management	20	21
Total annual charges	3,901	3,746
Total rates and annual charges	9,529	9,164

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

Specific user charges   Specific 'actual use' charges   Specific user charges and fees   Specific user charges and fees recognised over time (1)   Specific user charges and fees recognised at a point in time (2)   Specific user charges and fees recognised over time (1)   Specific user charges and fees recognised at a point in time (2)   Specific user charges and fees recognised at a point in time (2)   Specific user charges and fees recognised at a point in time (2)   Specific user charges and fees recognised at a point in time (2)   Specific user charges and fees recognised at a point in time (2)   Specific user charges and fees recognised at a point in time (2)   Specific user charges and fees recognised at a point in time (2)   Specific user charges and fees recognised at a point in time (2)   Specific user charges and fees recognised at a point in time (2)   Specific user charges and fees recognised at a point in time (2)   Specific user charges and fees recognised at a point in time (2)   Specific user charges and fees recognised at a point in time (2)   Specific user charges and fees recognised at a point in time (2)   Specific user charges and fees recognised at a point in time (2)   Specific user charges and fees recognised at a point in time (2)   Specific user charges and fees recognised at a point in time (2)   Specific user charges and fees recognised at a point in time (2)   Specific user charges and fees recognised at a point in time (2)   Specific user charges and fees recognised at a point in time (2)   Specific user charges and fees recognised at a point in time (2)   Specific user charges and fees recognised at		Timing	2022 \$ '000	2021 \$ '000		
Water supply services         2         1,470         1,466           Total specific user charges         1,470         1,466           Other user charges and fees (i) Fees and charges – statutory and regulatory functions (per s.608)         8           Inspection services         2         10         17           Planning and building regulation         2         235         313           Private works – section 67         2         7         15           Regulatory/ statutory fees         2         26         81           Section 10.7 certificates (EP&A Act)         2         51         58           Section 603 certificates (EP&A Act)         2         51         58           Section 603 certificates (EP&A Act)         2         51         58           Section 603 certificates         2         27         29           Tapping fees         2         27         29           Tapping fees         2         2         3         80           Total fees and charges – other (incl. general user charges (per s.608))         3         2         119         33           Cerneteries         2         119         3         3         3           Cerneteries         1         125	Specific user charges					
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Inspection services   2	Other user charges and fees					
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RMS charges (state roads not controlled by Council)       2       4,239       3,033         Waste disposal tipping fees       2       3,174       2,310         Animal control       2       14       22         Other – road opening permits       2       10       9         Other - Water Licence       2       38       37         Total fees and charges – other       7,721       5,523         Total other user charges and fees       8,130       6,116         Total user charges and fees       9,600       7,582         Timing of revenue recognition for user charges and fees       User charges and fees recognised over time (1)       125       76         User charges and fees recognised at a point in time (2)       9,475       7,506	Cemeteries	1	125	76		
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Total user charges and fees  7,582  Timing of revenue recognition for user charges and fees  User charges and fees recognised over time (1)  User charges and fees recognised at a point in time (2)  9,600  7,582	Total fees and charges – other		7,721	5,523		
Timing of revenue recognition for user charges and fees  User charges and fees recognised over time (1)  User charges and fees recognised at a point in time (2)  125  76  9,475  7,506	Total other user charges and fees	_	8,130	6,116		
User charges and fees recognised over time (1) 125 76 User charges and fees recognised at a point in time (2) 9,475 7,506	Total user charges and fees	_	9,600	7,582		
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User charges and fees recognised at a point in time (2) 9,475 7,506	-		125	76		
	- , ,					
	Total user charges and fees		9,600	7,582		

#### **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 or a deposit in advance. There is no material obligation for Council in relation to refunds or returns.

Where an upfront fee is charged such as joining fees for the leisure centre the fee is recognised on a straight-line basis over the expected life of the membership.

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

	Timing	2022	2021
		\$ '000	\$ '000
Legal fees recovery – other	2	593	_
Commissions and agency fees	2	18	4
Diesel rebate	2	112	129
Insurance claims recoveries	2	145	182
Sales – general	2	1	1
Facilities revenue	2	273	402
Insurance rebates	2	35	54
Rural fire service reimbursements	2	11	15
Sales – miscellaneous	2	11	26
Other – other public works	2	_	3
Other – meter readings	2	11	7
Other	2	243	197
Total other revenue	_	1,453	1,020
Timing of revenue recognition for other revenue			
Other revenue recognised over time (1)		_	_
Other revenue recognised at a point in time (2)		1,453	1,020
Total other revenue	_	1,453	1,020

#### 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

Sewerage services   2		Timing	Operating 2022 \$ '000	Operating 2021 \$ '000	Capital 2022 \$ '000	Capita 2021 \$ '000
Contributions (unfied)   Courrent year allocation   Courrent year   Cou	General nurpose grants and non-developer					
Contract purpose (untiod)   Courtent year allocation						
Durrent year allocation						
Filinancial assistance — general component   2   2,323   2,111   — Filinancial assistance — local roads component   2   1,125   1,017   — Filinancial assistance — general component   2   3,568   2,259   — Filinancial assistance — local roads component   2   1,734   1,092   — Amount recognised as income during current year   8,750   6,479   — Filinancial assistance — local roads component   2   1,734   1,092   — Amount recognised as income during current year   8,750   6,479   — Filinancial assistance — local roads component   2   1,734   1,092   — Filinancial assistance — local roads component   2   1,734   1,092   — Filinancial assistance — local roads component   2   1,734   1,092   — Filinancial assistance — local roads component   2   1,734   1,092   — Filinancial assistance — local roads component   2   1,734   1,092   — Filinancial assistance — local roads component   2   2   — Recomposition						
Payment in advance - future year allocation   Payment in advance - future year allocation   Payment in advance - general component   2   3,568   2,259   -	-	2	2 323	2 111	_	_
Payment   nadvance - future year allocation	- · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		· ·		_	_
Financial assistance =   ocal roads component   2   1,734   1,092   -	·	2	1,120	1,017		
Amount recognised as income during current year   1,734   1,092   -	-	2	3.568	2 259	_	_
Amount recognised as income during current year  Special purpose grants and non-developer contributions (tied)  Cash contributions  Water supplies  2	·		· ·		_	_
Special purpose grants and non-developer contributions (tied)   Special purpose grants and non-developer contributions (tied)   Special purpose grants and non-developer contributions (tied)   Special purpose grants and non-developer contributions   Special purpose grants and non-developer contributions (tied)   Special purpose grants and non-developer contributions   Special purpose grants and non-developer contributions   Special purpose grants and non-developer contributions (tied)   Special purpose grants and non-developer contributions (tied)   Special purpose grants and non-developer contributions (tied)   Special purpose grants and non-developer   Special purpose grants and non-developer   Special purpose grants and non-developer   Special purpose grants and non-developer contributions (tied)   Special purpose grants and non-developer contributi	·	-		.,002		
Contributions (tied)   Cash contributions   Water supplies   2			8,750	6,479		
Cash contributions   Water supplies   2						
Sewerage services   2						
Sewerage services   2	Water supplies	2	_	_	195	772
Bushfire and emergency services   2   320   343   -			_	82	_	132
Child care 2	<del>-</del>		320		_	2
Community Services   2   3   3   -   -			_	_	513	33
Second   S	Community Services		3	_	_	_
Employment and training programs 2 14 — — — Environmental programs 2 — — — 4 Environmental programs 2 — — — 6 — 375 — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	•		328	_	278	75
Environmental programs 2	Employment and training programs			_	_	_
Library — per capita 2 55 54 — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	· ·		_	_	4	
Library — special projects 2 — 6 375   Library — special projects 2 — — 24 2   2			55	54	_	_
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Roads and bridges   2	-		_	_	100	_
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Sewerage (excl. section 64 contributions)   2						
Water supplies (excl. section 64 contributions)  2	grant)	2	1,251	1,336	199	199
Other contributions  Total special purpose grants and non-developer contributions – cash  Non-cash contributions  Bushfire services  Dedications – subdivisions (other than by s7.4 and s7.11 – EP&A Act, s64 of the LGA)  Total other contributions – non-cash  Total special purpose grants and non-developer  Total grants and non-developer	Sewerage (excl. section 64 contributions)	2	_	_	272	209
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Non-cash contributions  Bushfire services  Dedications – subdivisions (other than by s7.4 and s7.11 – EP&A Act, s64 of the LGA)  Tourism  Total other contributions (tied)  Total grants and non-developer  3,397  3,905  7,980  10,59  7,980  10,59  7,980  10,59  7,980  10,59  7,980  10,59  7,980  10,59  1		2			2	-
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Total grants and non-developer			<b>3 3</b> 07	3 905	ያ <b>ፍ</b> Ջ1	11 70
· ·				<u> </u>	0,001	11,704
	Total grants and non-developer contributions		12,147	10,384	8,681	11,704

## B2-4 Grants and contributions (continued)

		Operating 2022	Operating 2021	Capital 2022	Capital 2021
	Timing	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000
Comprising:					
<ul> <li>Commonwealth funding</li> </ul>		10,042	8,397	1,730	3,421
<ul> <li>State funding</li> </ul>		2,105	1,987	6,380	6,881
<ul><li>Other funding</li></ul>				571	1,402
		12,147	10,384	8,681	11,704

### **Developer contributions**

			Operating	Operating	Capital	Capital
	Notes	Timing	2022 \$ '000	2021 \$ '000	2022 \$ '000	2021 \$ '000
Developer contributions: (s7.4 & s7.11 - EP&A Act, s64 of the LGA):	G5					
Cash contributions						
S 7.11 – Development Contributions Plan		2	-	_	27	18
Service Plan # 2		2			7	2
Total developer contributions – cash					34	20
Total developer contributions					34	20
Total contributions					34	20
Total grants and contributions			12,147	10,384	8,715	11,724
Timing of revenue recognition for grants are contributions Grants and contributions recognised over time Grants and contributions recognised at a point	: (1)		-	_	-	_
(2)			12,147	10,384	8,715	11,724
Total grants and contributions			12,147	10,384	8,715	11,724

#### B2-4 Grants and contributions (continued)

#### 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:

	Operating	Operating	Capital	Capital
	2022	2021	2022	2021
	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000
Unspent grants and contributions				
Unspent funds at 1 July	1,108	233	5,779	551
Add: Funds recognised as revenue in the reporting year but not yet spent in accordance with the conditions	<u>_</u>	875	· _	_
Add: capital grants received and transferred to contract liabilities	_	_	3,248	5,279
<b>Less:</b> Funds received in prior year but revenue recognised and funds spent in current			(2.422)	(= t)
year	(567)		(3,166)	(51)
Unspent funds at 30 June	541	1,108	5,861	5,779

**Unexpended Capital Grants Include:** 

- · NSW State Library Infrastructure Grant
- Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Grant Projects
- · Fixing Local Roads Grant Projects
- Stronger Country Communities Fund Round 4 projects
- · Crown Land Improvement fund projects
- · Resources for Regions Porjects.

#### **Contributions**

Unspent funds at 1 July	663	640	_	_
Add: contributions recognised as revenue in the reporting year but not yet spent in				
accordance with the conditions	37	23	_	_
Unspent contributions at 30 June	700	663	_	_

Unexpended Contributions include Contributions received from developers in relation to:

- · Development Contribution Plan; and
- · Servicing Plan # 2.

#### **Accounting policy**

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

Grants 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 satisfied.

The performance obligations vary according to the agreement but include:

- Refund in cash or kind is required when the agreed specific performance has not occurred;
- The customer, or another party acting on its behalf, has a right to enforce specific performance or claim damages;
- The customer has the right to take a financial interest in assets purchased or constructed by the entity with resources
  provided under the agreement;
- The parties to the agreement are required to agree on alternative uses of the resources provided under the agreement;
- An adminstrative process exists to enforce agreements between sovereign States or between a State and another party.

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.

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/servcies at a single time (e.g.

#### B2-4 Grants and contributions (continued)

completion of the project when a report/outcome is provided), where as over time recognition is where the control of the services is ongoing throughout the project (e.g. provision of communit 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 enfoceable 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*.

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 the 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 recongised 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

	2022	2021
	\$ '000	\$ '000
Interest on financial assets measured at amortised cost		
<ul> <li>Overdue rates and annual charges (incl. special purpose rates)</li> </ul>	66	42
<ul> <li>Cash and investments</li> </ul>	214	203
Total interest and investment income (losses)	280	245
Interest and investment income is attributable to:		
Unrestricted investments/financial assets:		
Overdue rates and annual charges (general fund)	32	20
General Council cash and investments	140	130
Restricted investments/funds – external:		
Development contributions		
- Section 7.11	3	4
Water fund operations	72	64
Sewerage fund operations	33	27
Total interest and investment income	280	245

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

### B2-6 Other income

		2022	2021
	Notes	\$ '000	\$ '000
Reversal of impairment losses on receivables			
Grants and contributions		84	_
Total reversal of impairment losses on receivables	C1-4	84	_
Rental income			
Lease income (excluding variable lease payments not dependent on an			
index or rate)		47	52
Total Investment properties		47	52
Total rental income	C2-2	47	52
Total other income		131	52

### B3 Costs of providing services

### B3-1 Employee benefits and on-costs

	2022	2021
	\$ '000	\$ '000
Salaries and wages	7,557	7,383
Employee leave entitlements (ELE)	1,514	1,233
Superannuation – defined contribution plans	791	719
Superannuation – defined benefit plans	96	122
Workers' compensation insurance	385	311
Fringe benefit tax (FBT)	13	13
Training costs	60	24
Uniforms	51	43
Recruitment	11	16
Total employee costs	10,478	9,864
Less: capitalised costs	(813)	(1,072)
Total employee costs expensed	9,665	8,792

#### **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

	Notes	2022 \$ '000	2021 \$ '000
Raw materials and consumables		2.066	
Contractor and consultancy costs		3,066 5,169	2,361
Audit Fees 1	F2-1	5, 169	4,266 72
Councillor and Mayoral fees and associated expenses	F1-2	200	198
Advertising	F1-2	∠00 18	
Bank charges		18 47	24 40
Cleaning			
<u> </u>		153	143
Election expenses		79 500	1
Electricity and heating		563	616
Fire control expenses		45	43
Insurance		615	548
Office expenses (including computer expenses)		297	611
Postage		22	25
Printing and stationery		42	40
Street lighting		119	127
Subscriptions and publications		176	75
Telephone and communications		91	65
Tourism expenses (excluding employee costs)		292	163
Valuation fees		45	37
Travel expenses		8	3
Training costs (other than salaries and wages)		88	38
Other expenses		1	3
Legal expenses:			
<ul> <li>Legal expenses: debt recovery</li> </ul>		23	34
<ul> <li>Legal expenses: other</li> </ul>		16	20
Total materials and services		11,235	9,553
Total materials and services		11,235	9,553

#### **Accounting policy**

Expenses are recorded on an accruals basis as the Council receives the goods or services.

### B3-3 Borrowing costs

		2022	2021
	Notes	\$ '000	\$ '000
(i) Interest bearing liability costs			
Interest on loans		199	263
Total interest bearing liability costs		199	263
Total interest bearing liability costs expensed		199	263
(ii) Other borrowing costs			
- Landfill Remediation Liability	C3-5	117	112
Total borrowing costs expensed		316	375

#### **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.

<sup>(1)</sup> Refer to note F2-1 for further information

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

		2022	2021
	Notes	¢ 1000	Restated
	Notes	\$ '000	\$ '000
Depreciation and amortisation			
Plant and equipment		1,292	1,236
Office equipment		68	62
Furniture and fittings		4	5
Land improvements (depreciable)		289	253
Infrastructure:	C1-6		
– Buildings		921	907
- Roads		3,459	3,440
- Other structures		220	216
- Bridges		85	84
- Footpaths		62	57
- Stormwater drainage		225	216
<ul> <li>Water supply network</li> </ul>		710	681
- Sewerage network		768	751
- Swimming pools		60	65
<ul> <li>Other open space/recreational assets</li> </ul>		57	59
- Other infrastructure		154	154
Other assets:			
<ul> <li>Library books</li> </ul>		25	30
Reinstatement, rehabilitation and restoration assets:			
- Tip assets	C1-6	66	67
Total gross depreciation and amortisation costs		8,465	8,283
Total depreciation and amortisation costs	_	8,465	8,283
Total depreciation, amortisation and impairment for			
non-financial assets		8,465	8,283

#### **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.

#### 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.

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

		2022	2021
	Notes	\$ '000	\$ '000
Impairment of receivables			
Other		10	9
Total impairment of receivables	C1-4	10	9
Other			
Contributions/levies to other levels of government			
- Emergency services levy (includes FRNSW, SES, and RFS levies)		10	14
– Fire & Rescue NSW levy		26	28
<ul> <li>NSW rural fire service levy</li> </ul>		294	403
Donations, contributions and assistance to other organisations (Section 356	3)	184	309
Total other		514	754
Total other expenses		524	763

**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

	Notes	2022 \$ '000	2021 \$ '000
Gain (or loss) on disposal of property (excl. investment property	y)		
Proceeds from disposal – property		_	_
Less: carrying amount of property assets sold/written off		(59)	_
Gain (or loss) on disposal		(59)	_
Gain (or loss) on disposal of plant and equipment	C1-6		
Proceeds from disposal – plant and equipment		272	314
Less: carrying amount of plant and equipment assets sold/written off		(74)	(179)
Gain (or loss) on disposal		198	135
Gain (or loss) on disposal of infrastructure	C1-6		
Proceeds from disposal – infrastructure		_	_
Less: carrying amount of infrastructure assets sold/written off		(217)	_
Gain (or loss) on disposal		(217)	_
Gain (or loss) on disposal of investments	C1-2		
Proceeds from disposal/redemptions/maturities – investments		47,000	54,000
Less: carrying amount of investments sold/redeemed/matured		(47,000)	(54,000)
Gain (or loss) on disposal			
Net gain (or loss) from disposal of assets		(78)	135

#### **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.

### B5 Performance against budget

#### B5-1 Material budget variations

Council's original budget was adopted by the Council on 30/06/2021 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.

\$ '000	2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2022	?	
			Varian	ce	
Revenues					
Rates and annual charges	9,369	9,529	160	2%	F
User charges and fees	5,286	9,600	4,314	82%	F
Variation is due to larger than expected revenue from for the State Highways.	n the Buronga Landfill	and fee for serv	ice work with Tra	nsport for N	SW

Other revenues 1,232 1,453 221 18% F

Other revenue is over budget due to the receipt of a large outstanding debt during the course of the year..

#### Operating grants and contributions

9,850 12,147

2,297

23%

The Federal Govt made a 75% advance payment of the 2022-2023 Federal Assistance Grant during the financial year compared to the 50% prepayment made in previous financial years.

#### **Capital grants and contributions**

14,664

8,715

(5,949)

(41)%

The major projects for the financial year being the Civic Centre redevelopment and the Pooncarie- Mendinee Road upgrade didn't progress as much as expected during the year. This meant that Capital Grants to be used for those projects have yet to be accounted for.

#### Interest and investment revenue

334

280

(54)

(16)%

6 **U** 

Interest revenue was under budget due to continued low interest rates on Council's investments during the year, also interest on overdue rates was less than expected.

#### Net gains from disposal of assets

100

(100)

(100)% U

Budget Variation is due to a \$217K write off a previously recognised capital expense which has resulted in a \$139K profit on disposal of assets, turing into a \$78k loss on disposal expenditure item.

Other income – 131 131 ∞ F

Currently lease income is not budgted as a separate income amount. The reversal of impairment was a result of a post 30 June analysis of Council's outstanding debts.

## B5-1 Material budget variations (continued)

\$ '000	2022 Budget	2022 Actual	202: Variar		
Expenses					
Employee benefits and on-costs	10,291	9,665	626	6%	F
Materials and services The budget variation is due to larger than expected work experienced an increase in maintenance expenses acro-	<b>6,963</b> for Transport for ss a number of as	11,235 NSW on the Sta sset classes com	(4,272) ate Highways. Cou apared to previous	(61)% uncil also s years.	U
Borrowing costs	291	316	(25)	(9)%	U
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment of non-financial assets	7,123	8,465	(1,342)	(19)%	U
There was a timing difference between when the budget June. There was also an additional \$200k booked due to					at 3
Other expenses Budget variation was due to lower than expected emergeexpected Financial Assistance Payments.	<b>614</b> ency services cor	<b>524</b> ntributions which	<b>90</b> countered the lar	<b>15%</b> ger than	F
Net losses from disposal of assets During the financial year Council reallocated \$217K worl operational expenditure, this resulted in an unbudgeted			(78) sly been capitalise	∞ ed via WIP to	<b>u</b>
Joint ventures and associates – net losses This expense represents Council's share of the decrease requirement of Accounting Standard AASB 11 Joint Arra					U
Statement of cash flows					
Cash flows from operating activities Cash receipts from operating activities were \$2,529,000 \$7,078,000 more than expected.	22,930 more than expec	<b>18,845</b> sted while payme	<b>(4,085)</b> nts from operatinզ	<b>(18)%</b> g activities w	U ere
Cash flows from investing activities	(27,579)	(27,305)	274	(1)%	F
Cash flows from financing activities  Due to the Civic Centre project not progressing as far as on the loan requirements for the project.	<b>7,115</b> expected during	1,775 the financial yea	( <b>5,340)</b> ar there was no ne	( <b>75)%</b> eed to draw o	<b>U</b> wob

### Financial position

#### C1 Assets we manage

### C1-1 Cash and cash equivalents

	2022	2021
	\$ '000	\$ '000
Cash assets	<b>V</b> 000	Ψ 000
Cash on hand and at bank	2,680	2,363
Cash equivalent assets		
- Deposits at call	3,028_	10,030
Total cash and cash equivalents	5,708	12,393
Reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents		
Total cash and cash equivalents per Statement of Financial Position	5,708	12,393
Balance as per the Statement of Cash Flows	5,708	12,393

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
	Current	Non-current	Current	Non-current
	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000
Debt securities at amortised cost				
Long term deposits	38,000	_	26,000	_
Total	38,000	_	26,000	
Total financial investments	38,000		26,000	
Total cash assets, cash equivalents and				
investments	43,708		38,393	

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 and loss (FVTPL)
- fair value through other comprehensive income equity instrument (FVOCI-equity)

Financial assets are not reclassified subsequent to their initial recognition.

#### **Amortised cost**

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.

# C1-3 Restricted and allocated cash, cash equivalents and investments

		2022 \$ '000	2021 \$ '000
(a)	Externally restricted cash,		
, ,	cash equivalents and		
	investments		
Total (	cash, cash equivalents and investments	43,708	38,393
_ess: E	externally restricted cash, cash equivalents and investments	(23,096)	(22,181
	cash equivalents and investments not subject to external	(20,000)	(==, : 0 :
	etions	20,612	16,212
Exterr	nal restrictions		
	nal restrictions – included in liabilities al restrictions included in cash, cash equivalents and investments above comprise	:	
Specific	c purpose unexpended grants – Contract Liabilities	5,861	5,779
Exterr	nal restrictions – included in liabilities	5,861	5,779
	_		
	nal restrictions – other		
Externa compris	al restrictions included in cash, cash equivalents and investments above se:		
Develo	per contributions – general	700	663
	c purpose unexpended grants (recognised as revenue) – general fund	541	1,108
Nater f		10,456	9,409
Sewer	fund	4,210	3,60
Counci	l reserves – caravan park	219	258
Other -	T-Corp Loan Balance	1,109	1,35
Exterr	nal restrictions – other	17,235	16,402
Total	external restrictions	23,096	22,181
	cash equivalents and investments subject to external restrictions are those which a ncil due to a restriction placed by legislation or third-party contractual agreement.	are only available for	specific use
		2022	2021
<i>(</i> 1. )		\$ '000	\$ '000
(b)	Internal allocations		
Cash, restric	cash equivalents and investments not subject to external ctions	20,612	16,212
Less: Ir	nternally restricted cash, cash equivalents and investments	(14,089)	(10,928)
	tricted and unallocated cash, cash equivalents and investments	6,523	5,284
intern	al allocations		
At 30 J	une, Council has internally allocated funds to the following:		
	nd vehicle replacement	1,500	1,50
	vees leave entitlement	2,294	2,504
-	ts, retentions and bonds	823	63
-	projects	1,000	1,200
	ceived in advance	5,302	3,350
	development	1,076	1,076
_	uarantee doubtful debts provision	4 40	125 125
	eries Deposits	40 550	539
	in Park Loan	1,500	538
	internal allocations	14,089	10,928
. Jui i		14,005	10,920

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

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

policy	or the elected Council.		
		2022	2021
		\$ '000	\$ '000
(c)	Unrestricted and unallocated		
Unres	stricted and unallocated cash, cash equivalents and investments	6,523	5,284

### C1-4 Receivables

	2022	2022	2021	2021
	Current	Non-current	Current	Non-current
	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000
Rates and annual charges	1,163	_	1,073	_
Interest and extra charges	243	_	267	_
Jser charges and fees	1,449	_	1,423	_
Accrued revenues	,		,	
- Interest on investments	108	_	28	_
Government grants and subsidies	769	_	1,218	_
Net GST receivable	206	_	101	_
Other debtors - Legal Costs	593			_
Total	4,531		4,110	
Less: provision for impairment				
User charges and fees	_	_	(125)	_
Other debtors	(40)	_	_	_
Total provision for impairment –				
receivables	(40)	<u> </u>	(125)	
Total net receivables	4,491	_	3,985	_
Externally restricted receivables Water supply				
<ul> <li>Rates and availability charges</li> </ul>	530	-	455	_
– Other	670	-	793	_
Sewerage services				
– Rates and availability charges	288	_	253	_
– Other Total external restrictions	66		40	
Total external restrictions	1,554		1,541	
Unrestricted receivables	2,937		2,444	
Total net receivables	4,491		3,985	_
			2022 \$ '000	2021 \$ '000
			φυυυ	φ 000
Movement in provision for impairment of re	eceivables			=
Balance at the beginning of the year			125	115
+ new provisions recognised during the year			-	10
- previous impairment losses reversed			(85)	405
Balance at the end of the year			40	125

### **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, the 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 to trade receiveables when the expected lifetime credit losses are recognised on day 1.

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# C1-4 Receivables (continued)

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.

For non-rates debtors, Council uses the presumption that an asset which is more than 30 days past due has seen a significant increase in credit risk.

Credit losses are measured as 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 trade 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 the 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.

## C1-5 Inventories

	2022	2022	2021	2021
	Current	Non-current	Current	Non-current
	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000
Inventories at cost				
Stores and materials	224	_	166	_
Total inventories at cost	224		166	_
Total inventories	224		166	_

## **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.

# C1-6 Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment

At 1 July 2021				Asset movements during the reporting period						At 30 June 2022			
By aggregated asset class	Gross carrying amount \$ '000	Accumulated depreciation and impairment \$ '000	Net carrying amount \$ '000	Additions renewals <sup>1</sup> \$ '000	Additions new 0 assets \$ '000	Carrying value of disposals \$ '000	Depreciation expense \$ '000	WIP transfers	Revaluation decrements to equity (ARR) \$ '000	Revaluation increments to equity (ARR) \$ '000	Gross carrying amount \$ '000	Accumulated depreciation and impairment \$ '000	Net carrying amount \$ '000
Capital work in progress	22,099	_	22,099	5,251	_	(217)	_	(16,776)	_	_	10,357	_	10,357
Plant and equipment	23,440	(15,467)	7,973	2,047	_	(74)	(1,292)	52	_	_	24,997	(16,291)	8,706
Office equipment	555	(109)	446	38	166	` _	(68)	_	_	_	759	(177)	582
Furniture and fittings	85	(74)	11	9	_	_	(4)	_	_	_	94	(78)	16
Land:		,					. ,					` '	
– Operational land	4,057	_	4,057	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	4,057	_	4,057
- Community land	7,287	_	7,287	_	_	(59)	_	_	_	_	7,228	_	7,228
- Land under roads (post 30/6/08)	422	_	422	_	_	` _	_	_	_	_	422	_	422
Land improvements – depreciable	9,563	(4,504)	5,059	1,459	_	_	(289)	3,877	_	829	16,466	(5,531)	10,935
Infrastructure:	-,	( , ,	,,,,,,,	,			( ,	-,-			,	(-,,	.,
– Buildings	72,601	(38,185)	34,416	33	50	_	(921)	369	_	5,940	85,583	(45,696)	39,887
- Other structures	5,533	(2,052)	3,481	_	550	_	(220)	199	_	570	7,189	(2,609)	4,580
- Roads	193,125	(104,273)	88,852	5,420	261	_	(3,459)	4,985	_	9,605	218,719	(113,055)	105,664
- Bridges	12,632	(5,768)	6,864	· _	_	_	(85)	_	_	742	13,997	(6,476)	7,521
- Footpaths	6,488	(3,300)	3,188	_	326	_	(62)	120	_	345	7,635	(3,718)	3,917
<ul> <li>Bulk earthworks (non-depreciable)</li> </ul>	190,626	_	190,626	_	_	_	· -	626	_	20,515	211,767	· · · · ·	211,767
<ul> <li>Stormwater drainage</li> </ul>	25,198	(9,977)	15,221	65	37	_	(225)	651	(181)	· _	27,191	(11,623)	15,568
- Water supply network	58,394	(27,722)	30,672	22	55	_	(710)	3,362	` _	3,968	69,788	(32,419)	37,369
- Sewerage network	47,306	(28,953)	18,353	103	63	_	(768)	2,188	_	5,518	44,872	(19,415)	25,457
- Swimming pools	3,137	(1,413)	1,724	_	_	_	(60)	· _	_	282	3,651	(1,705)	1,946
- Other open space/recreational	,	, ,	,				` ,				•	, ,	,
assets	662	(473)	189	_	_	_	(57)	347	_	24	1,093	(590)	503
<ul> <li>Other infrastructure</li> </ul>	13,386	(2,900)	10,486	_	_	_	(154)	_	_	1,313	15,087	(3,442)	11,645
Other assets:													
<ul> <li>Library books</li> </ul>	235	(91)	144	_	44	_	(25)	_	_	_	279	(116)	163
Reinstatement, rehabilitation and restoration assets (refer Note C3-5):													
- Tip assets	3,339	(162)	3,177	_	_	_	(66)	_	_	_	3,339	(228)	3,111
Total infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	700,170	(245,423)	454,747	14,447	1,552	(350)	(8,465)	_	(181)	49,651	774,570	(263,169)	511,401

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

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

	At 1 July 2020			Asset movements during the reporting period						At 30 June 2021		
By aggregated asset class	Gross carrying amount Restated \$ '000	Accumulated depreciation and impairment Restated \$ '000	Net carrying amount Restated \$ '000	Additions renewals <sub>1</sub>	Additions new assets	Carrying value of disposals	Depreciation expense	WIP transfers	Revaluation increments to equity (ARR)	Gross carrying amount Restated \$ '000	Accumulated depreciation and impairment Restated \$ '000	Net carrying amount Restated \$ '000
	<b>\$ 555</b>	Ψ 000	Ψ 000	<b>\$ 555</b>	<b>\$</b> 555	<b>\$</b> 555	Ψ 000	<b>V</b> 000	Ψ 000	Ψ 000	<b>\$</b> 555	Ψ 000
Capital work in progress	13,077	_	13,077	9,658	2,399	_	_	(3,035)	_	22,099	_	22,099
Plant and equipment	22,820	(15,009)	7,811	1,577	_	(179)	(1,236)	_	_	23,440	(15,467)	7,973
Office equipment	2,227	(1,763)	464	34	10	_	(62)	_	_	555	(109)	446
Furniture and fittings	280	(264)	16	_	_	_	(5)	_	_	85	(74)	11
Land:												
<ul> <li>Operational land</li> </ul>	4,057	_	4,057	_	-	_	_	_	_	4,057	-	4,057
<ul> <li>Community land</li> </ul>	7,250	_	7,250	_	37	_	_	_	_	7,287	_	7,287
<ul><li>Land under roads (post 30/6/08)</li></ul>	361	_	361	_	61	_	_	_	_	422	_	422
Land improvements – depreciable	8,236	(4,252)	3,984	394	424	_	(253)	510	_	9,563	(4,504)	5,059
Infrastructure:												
– Buildings	70,632	(37,278)	33,354	353	336	_	(907)	1,280	_	72,601	(38,185)	34,416
<ul><li>Other structures</li></ul>	5,316	(1,836)	3,480	181	_	_	(216)	36	_	5,533	(2,052)	3,481
– Roads	190,555	(100,832)	89,723	2,482	87	_	(3,440)	_	_	193,125	(104,273)	88,852
- Bridges	12,632	(5,684)	6,948	_	_	_	(84)	_	_	12,632	(5,768)	6,864
<ul><li>Footpaths</li></ul>	6,214	(3,242)	2,972	31	242	_	(57)	_	_	6,488	(3,300)	3,188
<ul> <li>Bulk earthworks</li> </ul>												
(non-depreciable)	190,611	_	190,611	15	_	_	_	_	_	190,626	_	190,626
<ul> <li>Stormwater drainage</li> </ul>	24,483	(9,667)	14,816	461	_	_	(216)	16	144	25,198	(9,977)	15,221
<ul> <li>Water supply network</li> </ul>	56,697	(26,793)	29,904	121	_	_	(681)	1,055	273	58,394	(27,722)	30,672
<ul> <li>Sewerage network</li> </ul>	46,645	(27,944)	18,701	116	_	_	(751)	124	163	47,306	(28,953)	18,353
<ul><li>Swimming pools</li></ul>	3,019	(1,348)	1,671	104	_	_	(65)	14	_	3,137	(1,413)	1,724
<ul> <li>Other open space/recreational</li> </ul>												
assets	662	(414)	248	_	-	-	(59)	-	-	662	(473)	189
<ul> <li>Other infrastructure</li> </ul>	13,386	(2,746)	10,640	_	-	-	(154)	-	-	13,386	(2,900)	10,486
Other assets:												
<ul> <li>Library books</li> </ul>	380	(248)	132	_	42	-	(30)	-	-	235	(91)	144
Reinstatement, rehabilitation and restoration assets (refer Note C3-5):												
– Tip assets	3,338	(94)	3,244				(67)	_	<u> </u>	3,339	(162)	3,177
Total infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	682,878	(239,414)	443,464	15,527	3,638	(179)	(8,283)	_	580	700,170	(245,423)	454,747

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

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

#### **Accounting policy**

### Initial recognition of infrastrucutre, property, plant and equipment (IPPE)

IPPE is measured initially at cost. Costs includes the fair value of the consideration given to acquire the asset (net of discounts and rebates) and any directly attributable cost of bringing the asset to working condition for its intended use (inclusive of import duties and taxes).

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.

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognsied 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.

#### **Useful lives of IPPE**

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	Swimming pools	50
Sealed roads: structure	50	Unsealed roads	20
Unsealed roads	20	Other open space/recreational assets	20
Bridge: concrete	100	Other infrastructure	20
Bridge: other	50		
Road pavements	60		
Kerb, gutter and footpaths	40		

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

#### Revaluation model

Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment are held at fair value. 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 Plannning, Industry and Environemnt - Water.

Increases in the carrying amount arising on revaluation are credited to the IPPE 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 the IPPE revaluation reserve to the extent of the remaining reserve attributable to the class; all other decreases are charged to the Income State.

### Land under roads

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

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

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.

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.

# Externally restricted infrastructure, property, plant and equipment

		as at 30/06/22			as at 30/06/21	
-	Gross carrying	Accumulated depn. and	Net carrying	Gross carrying	Accumulated depn. and	Net carrying
	amount	impairment	amount	amount	impairment	amount
	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000
Water supply						
WIP	1,107	_	1,107	3,872	_	3,872
Plant and equipment	43	18	25	43	16	27
Infrastructure	69,788	32,419	37,369	58,394	27,722	30,672
Total water supply	70,938	32,437	38,501	62,309	27,738	34,571
Sewerage services						
WIP	3,428	_	3,428	4,979	_	4,979
Land						
- Improvements - depreciable	13	8	5	13	8	5
Infrastructure	44,872	19,415	25,457	47,306	28,953	18,353
Total sewerage services	48,313	19,423	28,890	52,298	28,961	23,337
Total restricted infrastructure, property, plant						
and equipment	119,251	51,860	67,391	114,607	56,699	57,908

# C1-7 Intangible assets

# Intangible assets are as follows:

	2022	2021
	\$ '000	\$ '000
Goodwill		
Opening values at 1 July		
Gross book value	184_	184
Net book value – opening balance	184	184
Closing values at 30 june		
Gross book value	184	184
Total Goodwill – net book value	184	184
Total intangible assets – net book value		184

# **Accounting policy**

### **Intangible Assets**

An intangible asset is an identifiable, non-monetary asset without physical substance. The identifiable criterion is met when the intangible asset is separable (ie it can be sold, transferred or licenced), or where it arises from contractual or other legal rights.

### Acquired intangible assets

Intangible assets are measured initially at cost. Cost includes (a) the fair value of the consideration given to acquiring the asset; and (b) any costs directly attributable to the transaction, such as relevant professional fees or taxes.

### Subsequent measurement

Intangible assets with definite useful lives are considered for impairment where there is an indication that the asset has been impaired. Intangible assets with indefinite useful lives should be tested annually for impairment, as well as whenever there is an indication of impairment.

# C2 Leasing activities

### C2-1 Council as a lessee

Council currently has no leases in place.

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

Council has no leases that are significantly below market value.

### C2-2 Council as a lessor

## Operating leases

Council leases out a number of properties and /or plant and equipment to community groups; these leases have been classified as operating leases for financial reporting purposes and the assets are included as IPP&E in the Statement of Financial Position.

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

	2022 \$ '000	2021 \$ '000
Lease income (excluding variable lease payments not dependent on an index or rate)	47	52
Total income relating to operating leases for investment property assets	47	52

# (iii) Maturity analysis of undiscounted lease payments to be received after reporting date for all operating leases:

Maturity analysis of future lease income receivable showing the undiscounted lease payments to be received after reporting date for operating leases:

< 1 year	100	98
1–2 years	102	100
2–3 years	104	102
3–4 years	106	104
4–5 years	108	106
> 5 years	570	564
Total undiscounted lease payments to be received	1,090	1,074

## **Accounting policy**

When Council is a lessor, the lease is classified as either an operating or finance lease at inception date, based on whether substantially all of the risks and rewards incidental to ownership of the asset have been transferred to the lessee. If the risks and rewards have been transferred then the lease is classified as a finance lease, otherwise it is an operating lease.

When Council has a sub-lease over an asset and is the intermediate lessor then the head lease and sub-lease are accounted for separately. The classification of the sub-lease is based on the right-of-use asset which arises from the head lease rather than the useful life of the underlying asset.

If the lease contains lease and non-lease components then the non-lease components are accounted for in accordance with AASB 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers.

The lease income is recognised on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

# C3 Liabilities of Council

# C3-1 Payables

	2022	2022	2021	2021
	Current	Non-current	Current	Non-current
	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000
Accrued expenses:				
<ul><li>Borrowings</li></ul>	10	_	10	_
<ul> <li>Salaries and wages</li> </ul>	144	_	116	_
<ul> <li>Other expenditure accruals</li> </ul>	1,308	_	1,816	_
Trust account – money held in trust	823	_	631	_
Prepaid rates	390	_	332	_
Total payables	2,675	_	2,905	_

## **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.

### **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

	2000	2222	0004	0004
				2021
				Non-current
Notes	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000
(i)	5,861	-	5,779	_
	5,861		5,779	
ance:				
(ii)	550		539	_
			500	
	550		539	
	6,411	_	6,318	_
	ance:	(i) 5,861  5,861  ance: (ii) 550	Current \$'000 S'000  (i) 5,861 —  5,861 —  ance: (ii) 550 —	Current \$'000 S'000 Current \$'000  (i) 5,861 - 5,779  5,861 - 5,779  ance: (ii) 550 - 539  550 - 539

#### **Notes**

(ii) Council has received funds for Cemeteries Reservations prior to the satisfaction of the performance obligations.

### Contract liabilities relating to restricted assets

	2022	2022	2021	2021
	Current	Non-current	Current	Non-current
	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000
Unspent grants held as contract liabilities (excl.				
Water & Sewer)	5,861	_	5,779	_
Contract liabilities relating to externally	<u> </u>			
restricted assets	5,861	-	5,779	_
Cemeteries Deposits	550	_	539	_
Contract liabilities relating to internally				
restricted assets	550	-	539	_
Total contract liabilities relating to				
restricted assets	6,411	-	6,318	-
Total contract liabilities	6,411	_	6,318	_

### Significant changes in contract liabilities

Council has received significant grant funding in advance during 2021/22 from the following funding programs:

- Crown Reserves Improvement Fund
- NSW Fixing Local Roads
- · Local Roads and Community Infrastructure
- Stronger Country Communities Fund Round
- Resoures for Regions

### **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.

<sup>(</sup>i) Council has received funding to construct assets including sporting facilities, bridges, library and other infrastructure. 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.

# C3-3 Borrowings

	2022	2022	2021	2021
	Current	Non-current	Current	Non-current
	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000
Loans – secured 1	780	7,016	499	5,522
Total borrowings	780	7,016	499	5,522

<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 Note 18.

# Borrowings relating to restricted assets

	2022	2022	2021	2021
	Current	Non-current	Current	Non-current
	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000
Externally restricted assets				
Sewer	70	611	69	681
Borrowings relating to externally restricted				
assets	70	611	69	681
Total borrowings relating to restricted				
assets	70	611	69	681
Total borrowings relating to				
unrestricted assets	710	6,405	430	4,841
Total borrowings	780	7,016	499	5,522

# C3-3 Borrowings (continued)

### (a) Changes in liabilities arising from financing activities

	2021		Non-cash movements				2022
	Opening Balance \$ '000	Cash flows \$ '000	Acquisition \$ '000	Fair value changes \$ '000	Acquisition due to change in accounting policy \$ '000	Other non-cash movement \$ '000	Closing balance \$ '000
Loans – secured	6,021	(625)	2,400	_			7,796
Total liabilities from financing activities	6,021	(625)	2,400	_			7,796

	2020		Non-cash movements				2021
	Opening Balance \$ '000	Cash flows \$ '000	Acquisition \$ '000	Fair value changes \$ '000	Acquisition due to change in accounting policy \$ '000	Other non-cash movement \$ '000	Closing balance \$ '000
Loans – secured	4,294	(273)	2,000				6,021
Total liabilities from financing activities	4,294	(273)	2,000	_	_		6,021

### (b) Financing arrangements

	2022	2021
	\$ '000	\$ '000
Total facilities		
Credit cards/purchase cards	40	40
Bank Guarantee	54	54
Total financing arrangements	94	94
Undrawn facilities		
Credit cards/purchase cards	40	40
– Bank Guarantee	54	54
Total undrawn financing arrangements	94	94

### Additional financing arrangements information

### **Breaches and defaults**

During the current and prior year, there were no defaults or breaches on any of the loans.

#### Security over loans

Loans are secured over future cash flows.

### **Bank overdrafts**

The bank overdraft facility may be drawn at any time and may be terminated by the bank without notice.

### **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	2021	2021
	Current	Non-current	Current	Non-current
	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000
Annual leave	907	_	915	_
Long service leave	1,112	152	1,179	241
Gratuities	124	_	169	_
Total employee benefit provisions	2,143	152	2,263	241

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

	2022 \$ '000	2021 \$ '000
The following provisions, even though classified as current, are not expected to be settled in the next 12 months.		
Provisions – employees benefits	1,037	1,132
	1,037	1,132

### Description of and movements in provisions

		ELE provisions					
	Long service						
	Annual leave	leave	Gratuities	Total			
	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000			
2022							
At beginning of year	915	1,420	169	2,504			
Additional provisions	666	114	_	780			
Amounts used (payments)	(674)	(270)	(37)	(981)			
Remeasurement effects	_	_	(8)	(8)			
Total ELE provisions at end of year	907	1,264	124	2,295			
2021							
At beginning of year	922	1,355	171	2,448			
Additional provisions	615	179	_	794			
Amounts used (payments)	(622)	(114)	(2)	(738)			
Total ELE provisions at end of year	915	1,420	169	2,504			

### **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.

# C3-4 Employee benefit provisions (continued)

### **On-costs**

The employee benefit provisions include the aggregate on-costs 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
	Current	Non-Current	Current	Non-Current
	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000
Asset remediation/restoration:				
Asset remediation/restoration (future works)		2,713	_	2,596
Sub-total – asset remediation/restoration	-	2,713	-	2,596
Total provisions	_	2,713	_	2,596
Total provisions relating to unrestricted assets		2,713		2,596
	<u></u>	2,713	<u>_</u>	2,596
Total provisions		2,713	<u> </u>	2,596

## Description of and movements in provisions

	Other provis	sions
	Asset remediation \$ '000	Total \$ '000
2022		
At beginning of year	2,596	2,596
Unwinding of discount	117	117
Total other provisions at end of year	2,713	2,713
2021		
At beginning of year	2,484	2,484
Unwinding of discount	112	112
Total other provisions at end of year	2,596	2,596

### Nature and purpose of provisions

### **Asset remediation**

Council has a legal/public obligation to make, restore, rehabilitate and reinstate the Buronga Landfill.

### **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.

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

# C3-5 Provisions (continued)

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

	General 2022	Water 2022	Sewer 2022
	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000
Income from continuing operations			
Rates and annual charges	6,482	1,301	1,746
User charges and fees	8,028	1,572	_
Interest and investment revenue	175	72	33
Other revenues	1,443	9	1
Grants and contributions provided for operating purposes	12,112	18	17
Grants and contributions provided for capital purposes	8,024	356	335
Other income	131		_
Total income from continuing operations	36,395	3,328	2,132
Expenses from continuing operations			
Employee benefits and on-costs	8,862	595	208
Materials and services	9,949	979	307
Borrowing costs	303	_	13
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment of non-financial assets	6,985	712	768
Other expenses	375	81	68
Net losses from the disposal of assets	78	_	_
Share of interests in joint ventures and associates using the equity			
method	195		_
Total expenses from continuing operations	26,747	2,367	1,364
Operating result from continuing operations	9,648	961	768
Net operating result for the year	9,648	961_	768
Net operating result attributable to each council fund	9,648	961	768
Net operating result for the year before grants and			
contributions provided for capital purposes	1,624	605	433

# D1-2 Statement of Financial Position by fund

	General 2022 \$ '000	Water 2022 \$ '000	Sewer 2022 \$ '000
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	(8,958)	10,456	4,210
Investments	38,000	_	_
Receivables	2,937	1,200	354
Inventories	224	_	_
Other	211		_
Total current assets	32,414	11,656	4,564
Non-current assets			
Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	444,009	38,501	28,891
Investments accounted for using the equity method	945	_	_
Intangible assets	184		_
Total non-current assets	445,138	38,501	28,891
Total assets	477,552	50,157	33,455
LIABILITIES Current liabilities			
Payables	2,675	_	_
Contract liabilities	6,411	_	_
Borrowings	710	_	70
Employee benefit provision	2,143	_	_
Total current liabilities	11,939	_	70
Non-current liabilities			
Borrowings	6,405	_	611
Employee benefit provision	152	_	_
Provisions	2,713		_
Total non-current liabilities	9,270	_	611
Total liabilities	21,209		681
Net assets	456,343	50,157	32,774
EQUITY			
Accumulated surplus	65,081	21,601	8,358
Revaluation reserves	391,262	28,556	24,416
Council equity interest	456,343	50,157	32,774
Total equity	456,343	50,157	32,774
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### D2 Interests in other entities

	Council's share of	net assets
	2022	2021
	\$ '000	\$ '000
Council's share of net income		
Net share of interests in joint ventures and associates using the equity method – expenses		
Joint ventures	195	219
Total net share of interests in joint ventures and associates using the		
equity method – expenses	195	219
Total Council's share of net income	(195)	(219)
Council's share of net assets  Net share of interests in joint ventures and associates using the equity method  – assets		
Joint ventures	945	1,140
Total net share of interests in joint ventures and associates using the		
equity method – assets	945	1,140
Total Council's share of net assets	945	1,140

# D2-1 Interests in joint arrangements

#### **Material joint ventures**

The following information is provided for joint arrangements that are individually material to the Council. Included are the total amounts as per the joint arrangements financial statements, adjusted for fair-value adjustments at acquisition date and differences in accounting policies, rather than the Council's share.

Council is a member of the Far West Joint Organisation of Councils (FWJO). Details of Council's membership and participation is a follows:

The FWJO is a separately constituted entity pursuant to Part 7 (Sections 400O to 400ZH) of the Local Government Act (NSW) 1993, as amended and the Local Government (General) Regulation 2008.

The FWJO has the same year end date as the Council.

The principal functions of the Far West Joint Organisation will be to:

- 1. Establish strategic regional priorities for the joint organisation area and develop strategies and plans for delivering these
- 2. Provide regional leadership for the joint organisation area and to be an adovcate for strategic regional priorities;
- 3. Identify and take up opportunities for intergovernmental cooperation on matters relating to the joint orgnisation area;
- 4. Enhancing strategic capacity to support member councils to deliver services to their communities; and
- 5. Service delivery to provide services directly to communities in the region.

The percentage ownership interest is eqivalent to the percentage voting rights for all associates as follows: FWJO compises the Councils of the Shires of Balranald, Broken Hill, Central Darling and Wentworth. The Board of the FWJO comprises 4 voting members being the Mayors of the four member Councils, and non-voting members being the General Managers of the four member Councils, as well as three appointed members from the State Government and Cabinet (non-voting).

Wentworth Shire Council as a member of the FWJO, has a one quarter voting right (25%) in respect to the decisions of the Board.

For the 2021/2022 year, member Councils were required to make a \$15,000 contribution to the FWJO.

Members of the FWJO are indemnified from liability for functions and duties carried out or omitted honestly, in good faith and with due care and diligence.

The FWJO has contracted the Executive Officer role to Broken Hill City Council.

There are no liability issues identified for Council in the short to medium term.

# D2-1 Interests in joint arrangements (continued)

Far West Joint Organisation 2022	
Equity Method	\$'000
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Summarised Statement of Financial	
Position	
Current assets	3,745
Non-current assets	-
Current liabilities	18
Non-current liabilities	-
Net assets	3,726
Summarised Statement of Income and	
other Comprehensive Income	
Grant funding	60
Interest income	2
Gain on Disposal	<u>-</u>
Total Income from Continuing Operations	62
Employee benefits	<u>-</u>
Borrowing costs	<u>-</u>
Depreciation and amortisation	<u>-</u>
Adminstration expense	(862)
Other expenses	(2)
Total Expense from Continuing Operations	(864)
Profit/(loss) from continuing operations	(801)
Other Comprehensive Income	- (00.1)
Total Comprehensive Income	(801)
Summarised Statement of Cash Flows	
Cook flows from an auting a pativities	(050)
Cash flows from operating activities	(859)
Cash flows from investing activities	
Cash flows from financing activities	
Net Increase/(Decrease) in cash and cash	
equivalents	(859)
equivalents	
Reconciliation of carrying amount of	
interest in the joint arrangement to	
summarised financial information for	
FWJO accounted for using the Equity	
method:	
Wentworth Shire Council's share of 25% of	945
Net Assets	
Carrying amount	945

# D2-1 Interests in joint arrangements (continued)

### Joint arrangement

		Place of	Interest in ownership		Interest in voting	
	Principal activity	business	2022	2021	2022	2021
Council is involved in the for Name of joint arrangement:	•					
Far West Joint Organisation	Local Government Joint Arrangement	240 Blende St Broken Hill NSW 2880	25%	25%	25%	25%

### **Accounting policy**

The council has determined that it has a joint arrangement with Balranald Council, Broken Hill Council and Central Darling Council in the Far West Joint Organisation.

Interest in joint arrangements are accounted for using the equity method in accordance with AASB 128 Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures.

Under this method, the investment is initially recognised as at cost and the carrying amount is increased or decreased to recognise the Council's share of the profit or loss and other comprehensive income of the investee after the date of acquisition. If the Council's share of losses of a joint arrangement equals or exceeds its interest in the joint arrangement, the Council discontinues recognising its share of further losses.

The Council's share in the joint arrangements gains or losses arising from transactions between itself and its joint arrangement are eliminated.

Adjustments are made to the joint arrangements accounting policies where they are different from those of the Council for the purpose of the consolidated 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.

The fair value of Council's financial assets and financial liabilities approximates their carrying amount.

	Carrying value	Carrying value	Fair value	Fair value
	2022	2021	2022	2021
	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000
Financial assets				
Measured at amortised cost				
Cash and cash equivalents	5,708	12,393	5,708	12,393
Receivables	4,491	3,985	4,491	3,985
Investments				
<ul> <li>Debt securities at amortised cost</li> </ul>	38,000	26,000	38,000	26,000
Total financial assets	48,199	42,378	48,199	42,378
Financial liabilities				
Payables	2,675	2,905	2,675	2,905
Loans/advances	7,796	6,021	7,796	6,021
Total financial liabilities	10,471	8,926	10,471	8,926

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.

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.
- 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.

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

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

2022	2021
\$'000	\$ '000

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

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

## (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, other than Council has significant credit risk exposures in its local area given the nature of the business.

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

The maximum exposure to credit risk at the reporting date is the carrying amount of each class of receivable in the financial statements.

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	overdue rates and ani		
	overdue \$ '000	< 5 years \$ '000	≥ 5 years \$ '000	Total \$ '000
2022 Gross carrying amount	-	1,019	144	1,163
2021 Gross carrying amount	-	1,010	63	1,073

### 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	0 - 30 days	31 - 60 days	61 - 90 days	> 91 days	Total
	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000
2022						
Gross carrying amount	3,218	8	_	4	138	3,368
Expected loss rate (%)	0.00%	1.92%	1.00%	22.00%	28.00%	1.18%
ECL provision	-	-	-	1	39	40
2021						
Gross carrying amount	2,393	158	_	_	486	3,037
Expected loss rate (%)	0.03%	1.92%	6.51%	76.14%	24.87%	4.10%
ECL provision	1	3	_	_	121	125

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

# (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.

	Weighted average interest rate %	Subject to no maturity \$ '000	≤ 1 Year \$ '000	payable in: 1 - 5 Years \$ '000	> 5 Years \$ '000	Total cash outflows \$ '000	Actual carrying values \$ '000
	70	\$ 000	\$ 000	<b>\$ 000</b>	\$ 000	<b>\$ 000</b>	\$ 000
2022							
Payables	0.00%	823	1,852	_	_	2,675	2,675
Borrowings	2.74%		1,071	4,784	6,109	11,964	7,796
Total financial liabilities		823	2,923	4,784	6,109	14,639	10,471
2021							
Payables	0.00%	631	2,274	_	_	2,905	2,905
Borrowings	2.80%	_	927	5,631	6,108	12,666	6,021
Total financial liabilities		631	3,201	5,631	6,108	15,571	8,926

### 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
- Financial assets and liabilities

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).

	Fair value measurement hierarchy								
		Date of latest valuation		Level 2 Significant observable inputs		Level 3 Significant unobservable inputs		Total	
\$ '000	Notes	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021
Recurring fair value meas	urements	;							
Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	C1-6								
Plant and equipment		30/06/19	30/06/19	_	_	8,706	7,973	8,706	7,973
Office equipment		30/06/19	30/06/19	_	_	582	446	582	446
Furniture and fittings		30/06/19	30/06/19	_	_	16	11	16	11
Swimming Pools		30/06/22	30/06/18	_	_	1,946	1,724	1,946	1,724
Operational land		30/06/20	30/06/20	_	_	4,057	4,057	4,057	4,057
Community Land		30/06/20	30/06/20	_	_	7,228	7,287	7,228	7,287
Land improvements – depreciable		30/06/22	30/06/18		_	10,935	5.059	10,935	5,059
Buildings		30/06/22	30/06/18	_	_	39,887	34,416	39,887	34,416
Other structures		30/06/22	30/06/18	_	_	4,580	3,481	4,580	3,481
Roads, Bridges, Bulk Earthworks & Land Under		30/00/22	30/00/16	_	_	4,300	3,401	4,300	3,401
Roads		30/06/22	30/06/20	_	-	325,374	286,764	325,374	286,764
Footpaths		30/06/22	30/06/20	_	-	3,917	3,188	3,917	3,188
Stormwater drainage		30/06/22	30/06/17	_	_	15,568	15,221	15,568	15,221
Water supply network		30/06/22	30/06/17	_	_	37,369	30,672	37,369	30,672
Sewerage network		30/06/22	30/06/17	_	-	25,457	18,353	25,457	18,353
Other recreational assets		30/06/22	30/06/18	_	_	503	189	503	189
Library books		30/06/20	30/06/20	_	_	163	144	163	144
Other Infrastructure		30/06/22	30/06/20	_	-	11,645	10,486	11,645	10,486
Tip Assets		30/06/20	30/06/20			3,111	3,177	3,111	3,177
Total infrastructure, property, plant and									
equipment				_	_	501,044	432,648	501,044	432,648

# Non-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)

Plant & Equipment, Office Equipment and Furniture & Fittings are valued at cost but are disclosed at fair value in the notes. The carrying amount of these assets is assumed to approximate fair value due to the nature of the items. The key unobservable inputs to the valuation are the remaining useful life and residual value. Council reviews the values of these assets against quoted prices for the gross current replacement cost of similar assets and by taking account of the pattern of consumption, estimated remaining useful life and the residual value. There has been no change to the valuation process during the reporting period.

Operational Land comprises all of Council land classified as Operational Land under the NSW Local Government Act 1993. The key unobservable input to the valuation is the price per square metre. The last valuation was undertaken at 30 June 2020 using the values provided by the NSW Valuer General's Office. Generally, fair value is the most advantageous price reasonably obtained by the seller and the most advantageous price reasonably obtained by the buyer. This is not necessarily the market selling price of the asset, rather, it is regarded as the maximum value that Council would rationally pay to acquire the asset if it did not hold it, taking into account quoted market price in an active and liquid market, the current market price of the same or similar asset, the cost of replacing the asset, if management intended to replace the asset, the remaining useful life and condition of the asset; and cash flows from future use and disposal.

Valuations of all Council's Community Land are based on the land values provided by the NSW Valuer General's Office. As these values are not considered to be observable market evidence they have been classified as Level 3. Community Land was revalued as at 30 June 2020.

Depreciable Land Improvements comprises land improvements such as spectator mounds, gardens, mulched areas streetscaping and landscaping. These assets may be located on parks, reserves and within road reserves. They were last revalued at 30 June 2018 by Asset Val Pty Ltd. The cost approach has been utilised whereby the replacement cost was estimated for each asset by taking into account a range of factors. Inputs such as estimates of pattern of consumption, residual value, asset condition and useful life required extensive professional judgement and impacted significantly on the final determination of fair value. As such these assets were all classified as having been valued using Level 3 valuation inputs. There has been no change to the valuation process during the reporting period. Due to the large increase in inflation and other input costs Council undertook a desktop valuation as at 30 June 2022 on this class of assets.

Buildings were valued by Asset Val Pty Ltd at 30 June 2018 using the cost approach. The approach estimated the replacement cost of each building by componetising the buildings into significant parts with different useful lives and taking into account a range of factors. While all buildings were physically inspected inputs such as estimates of residual value and pattern of consumption required extensive professional judgement and impacted significantly on the final determination of fair value. As such these assets were classified as having been valued using Level 3 valuation inputs. There has been no change to the valuation process during the reporting period. Due to the large increase in inflation and other input costs during the 2021-2022 Financial year Council undertook a desktop valuation as at 30 June 2022 on this class of assets.

Other Structures comprises lighting systems, shade shails, shelters, tennis and netball courts, bbqs, etc. The cost approach has been utilised whereby the replacement cost was estimated for each asset by taking into account a range of factors. Inputs such as estimates of pattern of consumption, residual value, asset condition and useful life required extensive professional judgement and impacted significantly on the final determination of fair value. As such, these assets were classified as having been valued using Level 3 valuation inputs. There has been no change to the valuation process during the reporting period. These assets were valued by Asset Val Pty Ltd at 30 June 2018. Due to the large increase in inflation and other inputs during the 2021-2022 Financial year Council undertook a desktop valuation as at 30 June 2022 on this class of assets..

Roads comprises the road carrigeway, bus shelters, carparks, guardrails, kerb & guttering, boat ramps, wharfs and traffic facilities. The road carriage way is defined as the trafficable portion of a road, between but not including the kerb & gutter. The cost approach using Level 3 inputs was used to value the road carriage way and other road infrastructure. Valuations for the road carriageway, comprising surface, pavement and formation were internally valued by Council Officers at 30 June 2020. The cost approach was utilisied with inputs such as estimates of patterns of consumption, residual value, asset condition and useful life requiring extensive professional judgement which impacted significantly on the final determination of fair value. Additionally due to limitations in the historical records of very long lived assets there is some uncertainity regarding the actual design, specifications and dimensions of some assets. Due to the large increase in inflation and other input costs during the 2021-2022 Financial year Council undertook a desktop valuation as at 30 June 2022 on this class of assets.

Footpaths were internally valued by Council Officers at 30 June 2020 using a cost approach. Footpaths were segmented to match the adjacent road segment and no further componentisation was undertaken. Footpaths were originally assessed using physical inspections. Condition information is updated as changes in the network are observed through regular inspections. There has been no change to the valuation process during the reporting period. Due to the large increase in inflation and other input costs during the 2021-2022 Financial year Council undertook a desktop valuation as at 30 June 2022 on this class of assets.

Stormwater Drainage assets comprises pits, pipes, headwalls, gross pollutant traps and various types of water quality devices. The cost approach estimated the replacement cost of each asset by componetising the assets into significant parts with different useful lives and taking into account a range of factors. The level of componetisation adopted by Council is in accordance with

OLG Circular 09-09 and the Institute of Public Works Engineers Australia's International Infrastructure Management Manual (IIMM). Inputs such as estimates of the pattern of consumption, residual value, asset condition and useful life required extensive professional judgement and impacted significantly on the final determination of fair value. Accordingly due to limitations in the historical records of very long lived assets there is uncertainty regarding the actual design, specifications and dimensions of some assets. There has been no changes to the valuation process during the reporting period. These assets were valued by Marsh Valuations (formally Asset Val Pty Ltd at 30 June 2022.

Sewerage Network and Water Supply Network assets comprises pump stations, reservoirs, treatment plants, reticulation mains, trunk mains, manholes, rising mains, pipes, valves, hydrants, standpipes. The cost approach estimated the replacement cost of each asset by componetising the assets into significant parts with different useful lives and taking into account a range of factors. The level of componetisation adopted by Council is in accordance with OLG Circular 09-09 and the Institute of Public Works Engineers Australia's International Infrastructure Management Manual (IIMM). Inputs such as estimates of the pattern of consumption, residual value, asset condition and useful life required extensive professional judgement and impacted significantly on the final determination of fair value. Accordingly due to limitations in the historical records of very long lived assets there is uncertainty regarding the actual design, specifications and dimensions of some assets. There has been no changes to the valuation process during the reporting period. These assets were valued by Marsh Valuation (formally Asset Val Pty Ltd) at 30 June 2022.

Swimming pools were valued by Asset Val Pty Ltd at 30 June 2018 using the cost approach. Inputs such as estimates of the pattern of consumption, residual value, asset condition and useful life required extensive professional judgement which impacted significantly on the final determination of fair value. There has been no change to the valuation process during the reporting period. Due to the large increase in inflation during the 2021-2022 Financial year Council undertook a desktop valuation as at 30 June 2022 on this class of assets.

Other Open Space/Recreational Assets include all of Councils playground equipment. They were valued by Asset Val Pty Ltd at 30 June 2018 using the cost approach. Inputs such as estimates of the pattern of consumption, residual value, asset condition and useful life required extensive professional judgement which impacted significantly on the final determination of fair value. There has been no change to the valuation process during the reporting period. Due to the large increase in inflation and other input costs during the 2021-2022 Financial year Council undertook a desktop valuation as at 30 June 2022 on this class of assets.

Bridges were valued by Marsh Valuation (formally Asset Val Pty Ltd) at 30 June 2020 using a cost approach. Bridges were originally assessed using physical inspections. Condition information is updated as changes in the condition are observed through regular inspections. There has been no change to the valuation process during the reporting period. Due to the large increase in inflation during the 2021-2022 Financial year Council undertook a desktop valuation as at 30 June on this class of assets

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

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

Plant and e	quipment	Office equi	Office equipment		d fittings	Operational land	
2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021
\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000
7,973	6,541	446	464	11	16	4,057	4,057
2,099	1,577	204	44	9	_	_	_
(74)	(179)	_	_	_	_	_	_
(1,292)	(1,029)	(68)	(62)	(4)	(5)	_	_
8,706	7,973	582	446	16	11	4,057	4,057
Library I	books	Community land		Land imp'mts o	Land imp'mts depreciable		ngs
2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021
\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000
144	132	7,287	7,250	5,059	3,984	34,416	33,354
44	42	_	37	5,336	1,328	452	1,969
				920		E 040	
	_	(EO)	_	029	_	5,940	_
				(200)	(252)	(004)	(007)
							(907)
163	144	7,228	7,287	10,935	5,059	39,887	34,4
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	Other structures		Roads		Footpaths		Stormwater drainage	
	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021
	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000
Opening balance	3,481	3,480	286,764	287,643	3,188	2,972	15,221	14,816
Total gains or losses for the period								
Other movements								
Purchases (GBV)	749	217	11,282	2,645	446	273	753	477
Other movement			, -	,				
(revaluation)	570	_	30,862	_	345	_	(181)	144
Depreciation and impairment	(220)	(216)	(3,544)	(3,524)	(62)	(57)	(225)	(216)
Closing balance	4,580	3,481	325,374	286,764	3,917	3,188	15,568	15,221
	Water supply network		Sewerage network		Swimming pools		Open space	
	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021
	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000
Opening balance	30,672	29,904	18,353	18,701	1,724	1,671	189	248
Total gains or losses for the period								
Other movements								
Purchases (GBV)	3,439	1,176	2,354	240	_	118	347	_
Other movement	,	•	,					
(revaluation)	3,968	273	5,518	163	282	_	24	_
Depreciation and impairment	(710)	(681)	(768)	(751)	(60)	(65)	(57)	(59)
Closing balance	37,369	30,672	25,457	18,353	1,946	1,724	503	189

	Other Infrastr	ucture	Tip Assets		Total	
	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021
	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000
Opening balance	10,486	10,640	3,177	3,244	432,648	429,117
Purchases (GBV)	_	_	_	_	27,514	10,143
Other movement (revaluation)	1,313	_	_	_	49,470	580
Disposals (WDV)	_	_	_	_	(133)	(179)
Depreciation and impairment	(154)	(154)	(66)	(67)	(8,465)	(8,076)
Closing balance	11,645	10,486	3,111	3,177	501,044	432,648

# 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; and
- 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). As such we do not believe that there is sufficient reliable information to allow each sponsoring employer to account for its proportionate share of the defined benefit obligation, sub-group assets and costs associated with the sub-group in the same way as it would for a single employer sponsored defined benefit plan.

Description of the funding arrangements.

Pooled employers are required to pay future service employer contributions and past service employer contributions to the fund.

The future service 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	1.90 times employee contributions for non - 180 Point Members; Nil for 180 Point Members*
Division C	2.50% salaries
Division D	1.64 times employee contributions

\*For 180 Point Members, Employeers are required to contribute 7.5% of salaries for the year ending 30 June 2022 (increasing to 8.0% in line with the increase in the Superannuation Guarantee) to these members' accumulation accounts, which are paid in addition to members' defined benefits.

The past service contribution for each Pooled Employer is a share of the total past service contributions of \$40 million per annum from 1 July 2019 to 31 December 2021, and \$20 million per annum for 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2024 apportioned according to each employer's share of the accrued liabilities as at 30 June 2021. These past service 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 past service 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.

## E3-1 Contingencies (continued)

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 \$84,512.19. The last valuation of the fund was undertaken by Mr Richard Boyfield, FIAA as at 30 June 2021.

The amount of additional contributions included in the total employer contribution advised above was \$40 million until 31 December 2021 and \$20 million per annum thereafter. Council's expected contribution to the plan for the next annual reporting period is \$43,991.28.

The estimated employer reserves financial position for the Pooled Employers at 30 June 2022 is:

Employer 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.

The share of this deficit that is broadly attributed to Councul is estimated to be in the order of 0.18%

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	5.50% per annum
Salary inflation	3.50% per annum
Increase in CPI	2.50% per annum

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, which will be a triennial acturial investigation will be completed 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.

#### (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.

## E3-1 Contingencies (continued)

#### (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.

#### (ii) Potential land acquisitions due to planning restrictions imposed by Council

Council has classified a number of privately owned land parcels as local open space or bushland.

As a result, where notified in writing by the various owners, Council will be required to purchase these land parcels.

At reporting date, reliable estimates as to the value of any potential liability (and subsequent land asset) from such potential acquisitions has not been possible.

#### **ASSETS NOT RECOGNISED**

#### (i) Land under roads

As permitted under AASB 1051, Council has elected not to bring to account land under roads that it owned or controlled up to and including 30/6/08.

#### (ii) Infringement notices/fines

Fines and penalty income, the result of Council issuing infringement notices is followed up and collected by the Infringement Processing Bureau.

Council's revenue recognition policy for such income is to account for it as revenue on receipt.

Accordingly, at year end, there is a potential asset due to Council representing issued but unpaid infringement notices.

Due to the limited information available on the status, value and duration of outstanding notices, Council is unable to determine the value of outstanding income.

# 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:

	2022	2021
	\$ '000	\$ '000
Compensation:		
Short-term benefits	1,345	1,464
Post Employment Benefits	143	139
Termination benefits	17	3
Total	1,505	1,606

#### Other transactions with KMP and their related parties

Council has determined that transactions at arm's length between a KMP and Council as part of Council delivering a public service objective (e.g. access to library or Council swimming pool by KMP) will not be disclosed.

		Transactions during the year	Outstanding balances including commitments	Terms and conditions	Impairment provision on outstanding balances	Impairment expense
Nature of the transaction	Ref	\$ '000	\$ '000		\$ '000	\$ '000
2022						
Purchase of Heavy Plant, Parts and Service of Heavy Plant	1	24	1		_	_
Fees and Charges	3	13	_		_	_
Employee Remuneration relating to a close family member of a KMP	5	94	_		_	_
Supply of Hardware Materials	6	1	_		_	_
Donations, Grants and Contributions	7	11	_		_	_
Tree/Weed Removal, Construction and Demolition work	8	42	_		_	_
Document Destruction Services, Native Nursery & Employment	10	4	_		_	_
Cleaning Services	11	72	_		_	_
Construction Works	12	55	_		_	_
Maintenance & Construction Works	13	63	_		_	_
Construction Works & Supply of Material	14	674	_		_	_

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

		Transactions during the year	Outstanding balances including commitments	Terms and conditions	Impairment provision on outstanding balances	Impairment expense
Nature of the transaction	Ref	\$ '000	\$ '000		\$ '000	\$ '000
Contribution to Building Construction	15	193	_		_	_
Contribution to Publication	16	31	_		_	_

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

		Transactions during the year	Outstanding balances including commitments	Terms and conditions	Impairment provision on outstanding balances	Impairment expense
Nature of the transaction	Ref	\$ '000	\$ '000		\$ '000	\$ '000
2021						
Purchase of Heavy Plant, Parts and Service of Heavy Plant	1	571	480		_	_
Property Management Fees	2	1	_		_	_
Fees and Charges	3	16	_		_	_
Contribution to Operating Costs	4	_	4		_	_
Employee Remuneration relating to a close family member of a KMP	5	95	_		_	_
Supply of Hardware Materials	6	1	_		_	_
Donations, Grants and Contributions	7	10	_		_	_
Tree/Weed Removal, Construction and Demolition work	8	18	_		_	_
Cleaning Services	9	79	_		_	_
Document Destruction Services, Native Nursery & Employment	10	4	_		_	_
Contribution to Publication	16	_	_		_	_

- Council purchases heavy plant, parts and has heavy plant serviced by William Adams Pty Ltd and Mildura Truck Centre Pty Ltd, companies that employee close family members of Council KMP's.

  Purchase of plant, services and spare parts are billed based on normal rates for such supplies and are due and payable under normal payment terms following Council's procurement process.
- 2 Council has an investment property that is managed by Elstone Agencies Pty Ltd, a company directly controlled by a Council KMP. Commission was payed under standard industry terms following Council's procurement process

Fees were received in relation to the purchase of supplies from Council's store by the Wentworth Golf Club, an organisation that is jointly controlled by a Council KMP. Licence Fees for the use of a Crown Reserve for which Council is the Crown Land Manager was received from Wentworth Golf Club, an organisation that is jointly controlled by a Council KMP. Fees and Charges for Food Premises Inspections, Waste Disposal and the hire of Council parks was received by the Coomealla Memorial Sporting Club, an organisation that is jointly controlled by a Council KMP. Licence fees for the use of a Crown Reserve which Council is the Crown Land Manager from the Coomealla Memorial Sporting Club, an organisation that is jointly controlled by a Council KMP. Fees and Charges for Food Premises Inspections was received by the Gol Gol Hotel, a business that the spouse of a Council KMP is a member. Premises Inspection Fee was received from the Commealla Fuel Station, an organisation that is jointly controlled by a Council KMP. Hire Fees for the use of Council facilities were received from Murray House an organisation that is jointly controlled by a Council KMP. Licence Fee for the use of a Crown Reserve was received from Wentworth Regional Community Association, an organisation that is jointly controlled by a Council KMP. Licence Fees for the use of a Crown Reserve was received from Wentworth District Community Medical Inc, an organisation that is jointly controlled by a Council KMP. Licence Fee for the use of a Crown Reserve was received from the Wentworth Bowls Club, an organisation jointly controlled by a Council KMP.

- An outstanding amount is owed to Council by Wentworth Cruises, a business that employees a Council KMP and is jointly controlled by a Council KMP. The amount is a contribution to the operating costs of a Crown Reserve which Council is the Crown Land Manager.
- 5 A close family member of a Council KMP's are employed by Council under the Local Government State Award on an arm's length basis.
- 6 Council purchases hardware supplies from Wheeldon's Hardware, a business directly controlled by a Council KMP. Amounts were billed based on normal rates for such supplies and were due and payable under normal payment terms following Council's procurement process.

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

- Council approved Donations and Contributions to Wentworth Rotary Club, Murray House Aged Care, Wentworth Pioneer Homes, Wentworth Regional Community Association, Greater Murray

  7 Darling Junction Inc and Wentworth District Community Medical Inc as part of Council's annual Donations, Grants and Contributions program. All of these organisations are jointly controlled by

  Council KMP's.
- 8 Council incurred transactions during the year with XCAV8IT, a business that is directly controlled by a close family member of a Council KMP. Amounts were billed based on normal rates for such supplies and were due and payable under normal payment terms following Council's procurement process.
- Council incurred transactions with Wally Green's Hygiene & Cleaning Services, a business that employees a close family member of a Council KMP. Amounts were billed based on normal rates for such supplies and were due and payable under normal payment terms following Council's procurement process.
- 10 Council incurred transactions with the Christie Centre Inc, an organisation that is jointly controlled by a Council KMP. Amounts were billed based on normal rates for such supplies and were due and payable under normal payment terms following Council's procurement process. The Christie Centre also employs a close family member of a Council KMP.
- 11 Council incurred transactions with KNH Cleaning Services, a business owned by a close family member of a Council KMP. Amounts were billed based on normal rates for such supplies and were due and payable under normal payment terms following Council's procurement process.
- 12 Council incurred transactions with Mallee Sheds a family owned company of a close family member of a Council KMP. Amounts were billed based on normal rates for such supplies and were due and payable under normal payment terms following Council's procurement process.
- 13 Council incurred transactions with Stockman's Plumbing a family owned company of a close family member of a Council KMP. Amounts were billed based on normal rates for such supplies and were due and payable under normal payment terms following Council's procurement process.
- 14 Council incurred transactions with Waters Excavations Pty Ltd, a company owned by close family members of a Council KMP. Amounts were billed based on normal rates for such supplies and were due and payable under normal payment terms following Council's procurement process.
- Dareton Men in a Shed is jointly controlled by a close family member of a Council KMP. Council has assisted the organisation in securing funding to construct a new shed to operate from. Payments from Council to the organisation are being made in line with the payment schedule outlined in the funding agreement between Council and the funding provider.
- Wentworth Regional Tourism Inc is an organisation that is jointly controlled by a Council KMP. Council made a contribution to the organisation to assist in the production of the 2022 Wentworth Offical Visitors Guide. The contribution was made to help assist in the post Covid economic recovery for the local government area.

# F1-2 Councillor and Mayoral fees and associated expenses

	2022	2021
	\$ '000	\$ '000
The aggregate amount of Councillor and Mayoral fees and associated expenses included in materials and services expenses in the Income Statement are:		
Mayoral fee	25	27
Councillors' fees	98	101
Other Councillors' expenses (including Mayor)	77	70
Total	200	198

# F1-3 Other related parties

Council is a member of the Far West Joint Oganisation of Councils (FWJO). Council was required to make a \$15,000 contribution to the FWJO during 2021/2022

# F2 Other relationships

## F2-1 Audit fees

	2022	2021
	\$ '000	\$ '000
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:		
Audit and other assurance services		
Audit and review of financial statements	60	72
Remuneration for audit and other assurance services	60	72
Total Auditor-General remuneration	60	72
Total audit fees	60	72

# G Other matters

# G1-1 Statement of Cash Flows information

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

	2022	2021 Restated
	\$ '000	\$ '000
Net operating result from Income Statement	11,377	12,321
Add / (less) non-cash items:	•	,
Depreciation and amortisation	8,465	8,283
(Gain) / loss on disposal of assets	78	(135)
Non-cash capital grants and contributions	(701)	(1,113)
Unwinding of discount rates on reinstatement provisions	117	112
Share of net (profits)/losses of associates/joint ventures using the equity method	195	219
Movements in operating assets and liabilities and other cash items:		
(Increase) / decrease of receivables	(421)	1,828
Increase / (decrease) in provision for impairment of receivables	(85)	10
(Increase) / decrease of inventories	(58)	36
(Increase) / decrease of other current assets	(55)	57
Increase / (decrease) in other accrued expenses payable	(201)	(831)
Increase / (decrease) in other liabilities	250	109
Increase / (decrease) in contract liabilities	93	5,262
Increase / (decrease) in employee benefit provision	(209)	56
Net cash flows from operating activities	18,845	26,214
(b) Non-cash investing and financing activities		
Bushfire assets	551	_
Developer contributions 'in kind'	150	1,113
Total non-cash investing and financing activities	701	1,113

# **G2-1** Commitments

# Capital commitments (exclusive of GST)

	2022	2021
	\$ '000	\$ '000'
Capital expenditure committed for at the reporting date but not recognised in the financial statements as liabilities:		
Property, plant and equipment		
Sewerage and water infrastructure	597	1,516
Buildings	1,014	123
Plant and equipment	1,246	1,343
Other	1,256	1,648
Road infrastructure	2,953	763
Total commitments	7,066	5,393
These expenditures are payable as follows:		
Within the next year	7,066	5,393
Total payable	7,066	5,393
Sources for funding of capital commitments:		
Unrestricted general funds	4,914	1,771
Future grants and contributions	_	871
Unexpended grants	1,625	659
Externally restricted reserves	378	751
Unexpended loans	149	441
New loans (to be raised)		900
Total sources of funding	7,066	5,393

# G3-1 Events occurring after the reporting date

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

# G4 Changes from prior year statements

#### G4-1 Correction of errors

During the year Council received a full list of applicable "red fleet" assets allocated to the Wentworth Shire Council Local Government Area from the Rural Fire Service. Based on this a revaluation of the Current Replacement Costs and Written Down Values was undertaken and compared to currrent actual figures in Council's General Ledger. This resulted in additional asset values being recognisd.

The errors identified above have been corrected by restating the balances at the beginning of the earliest period presented (1 July 2020) and taking the adjustment through to accumulated surplus at that date.

Comparatives have been changed to reflect the correction of errors. The impact on each line item is shown in the tables below.

#### Changes to the opening Statement of Financial Position at 1 July 2020

#### **Statement of Financial Position**

	Original Balance 1 July, 2020 \$ '000	Impact Increase/ (decrease) \$ '000	Restated Balance 1 July, 2020 \$ '000
Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment <b>Total assets</b>	442,194	1,270	443,464
	478,393	1,270	<b>479,663</b>
Total liabilities	14,137		14,137
Accumulated surplus  Total equity	70,072	1,270	71,342
	<b>464,256</b>	<b>1,270</b>	<b>465,526</b>

#### Adjustments to the comparative figures for the year ended 30 June 2021

#### Statement of Financial Position

	Original Balance 30 June, 2021 \$ '000	Impact Increase/ (decrease) \$ '000	Restated Balance 30 June, 2021 \$ '000
Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	453,683	1,064	454,747
Total assets	497,707	1,064	498,771
Total liabilities	20,344		20,344
Accumulated surplus	82,599	1,064	83,663
Total equity	477,363	1,064	478,427

#### **Income Statement**

	Original Balance 30 June, 2021 \$ '000	Impact Increase/ (decrease) \$ '000	Restated Balance 30 June, 2021 \$ '000
Total income from continuing operations	40,306		40,306
Depreciation. amortisation and impairment for non-financial assets	8,077	206	8,283
Total expenses from continuing operations	27,779	206	27,985
Net operating result for the year	12,527	(206)	12,321

# G4-1 Correction of errors (continued)

## **Statement of Comprehensive Income**

	Original Balance 30 June, 2021 \$ '000	Impact Increase/ (decrease) \$ '000	Restated Balance 30 June, 2021 \$ '000
Net operating result for the year	12,527	(206)	12,321
Total comprehensive income for the year	13,107	(206)	12,901

# G5 Statement of developer contributions as at 30 June 2022

# G5-1 Summary of developer contributions

	Opening	Contributions received during th		Interest and			Held as	Cumulative balance of internal
	balance at 1 July 2021	Cash	Non-cash	investment income earned	Amounts expended	Internal borrowings	restricted asset at 30 June 2022	borrowings (to)/from
	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000
Development Contribution Plan	180	27	_	1	_	_	208	_
Service Plan # 2	483	7	_	2	_	_	492	_
S7.11 contributions – under a plan	663	34	-	3	-	_	700	-
Total S7.11 and S7.12 revenue under plans	663	34	-	3	-		700	-
Total contributions	663	34	-	3	-	_	700	_

Under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, Council has significant obligations to provide Section 7.11 (contributions towards provision or improvement of amenities or services) infrastructure in new release areas. It is possible that the funds contributed may be less than the cost of this infrastructure, requiring Council to borrow or use general revenue to fund the difference.

# G5-2 Developer contributions by plan

	Opening	Contributions received during the		Interest and			Held as	Cumulative balance of internal
	balance at 1 July 2021 \$ '000	Cash \$ '000	Non-cash \$ '000	investment income earned \$ '000	Amounts expended \$ '000	Internal borrowings \$ '000	restricted asset at 30 June 2022 \$ '000	borrowings (to)/from \$ '000
CONTRIBUTION PLAN 1								
Development Contribution Plan	180	27	_	1	_	_	208	_
Service Plan # 2	483	7	_	2	_	_	492	_
Total	663	34	_	3	_	_	700	_

# G6 Statement of performance measures

# G6-1 Statement of performance measures – consolidated results

	Amounts	Indicator	Indic	ators	Benchmark
\$ '000	2022	2022	2021	2020	
1. Operating performance ratio					
Total continuing operating revenue excluding capital grants and contributions less operating expenses 1,2	2,851	8.62%	2.39%	(2.25)%	> 0.00%
Total continuing operating revenue excluding capital grants and contributions <sup>1</sup>	33,056			,	
2. Own source operating revenue ratio					
Total continuing operating revenue excluding all grants and contributions <sup>1</sup> Total continuing operating revenue <sup>1</sup>	<u>20,909</u> 41,771	50.06%	44.97%	49.49%	> 60.00%
	71,771				
3. Unrestricted current ratio Current assets less all external restrictions	23,984	4.76x	3.79x	3.48x	> 1.50x
Current liabilities less specific purpose liabilities	5,041				
4. Debt service cover ratio  Operating result before capital excluding interest and depreciation/impairment/amortisation   Principal repayments (Statement of Cash Flows) plus borrowing costs (Income Statement)	11,632 941	12.36x	14.41x	18.86x	> 2.00x
5. Rates and annual charges outstanding					
Parcentage Rates and annual charges outstanding Rates and annual charges collectable	1,406 10,935	12.86%	12.95%	11.42%	< 10.00%
6. Cash expense cover ratio					
Current year's cash and cash equivalents plus all term deposits	43,708	20.95	20.14	15.55	> 3.00
Monthly payments from cash flow of operating and financing activities	2,086	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

# G6-2 Statement of performance measures by fund

	General Ir	dicators 3	Water In	dicators	Sewer I	ndicators	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	5.60%	(1.29)%	26.60%	20.84%	24.10%	21.04%	> 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>	42 900/	20 49%	06 049/	75.32%	92 400/	76.31%	> 60.00%
Total continuing operating revenue <sup>1</sup>	43.80%	39.48%	96.91%	75.32%	83.49%	70.31%	> 60.00%
3. Unrestricted current ratio							
Current assets less all external restrictions	4.70%	0.70			CE 20v	F0 F0	. 4 50
Current liabilities less specific purpose liabilities	- 4.76x	3.79x	∞	∞	65.20x	56.52x	> 1.50x
4. Debt service cover ratio							
Operating result before capital excluding interest and							
depreciation/impairment/amortisation <sup>1</sup>	9.55x	10.69x	∞	∞	93.38x	1,132.00x	> 2.00x
Principal repayments (Statement of Cash Flows) plus borrowing costs (Income Statement)	Oloox	10.00%			COICOX	1,102.00%	2.00%
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5. Rates and annual charges outstanding percentage							
Rates and annual charges outstanding	17.82%	8.53%	0.00%	26.59%	0.00%	14.95%	< 10.00%
Rates and annual charges collectable							
6. Cash expense cover ratio							
Current year's cash and cash equivalents plus all term deposits	13.92	15.91	∞	48.88	∞	30.35	> 3.00
Monthly payments from cash flow of operating and financing activities	months	months		months		months	months
	months	months	∞	months	∞	months	months

<sup>(1) - (2)</sup> Refer to Note G6-1 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 Financial review

Key financial figures of Council over the past 5 year	Ke	v financial	figures	of	Council	over t	the	past 5	vears
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	2022 \$ '000	2021 \$ '000	2020 \$ '000	2019 \$ '000	2018 \$ '000
Inflows:					
Rates and annual charges revenue	9,529	9,164	8,822	8,635	8,265
User charges revenue	9,600	7,582	7,798	5,422	6,759
Interest and investment revenue (losses)	280	245	586	886	765
Grants income – operating and capital	20,828	22,088	18,463	10,992	9,328
Total income from continuing operations	41,855	40,306	36,921	33,994	28,400
Sale proceeds from IPPE	272	314	279	440	710
New loan borrowings and advances	2,400	2,000	_	_	_
Outflows:					
Employee benefits and on-cost expenses	9,665	8,792	8,790	9,280	8,791
Borrowing costs	316	375	206	216	191
Materials and contracts expenses	11,235	9,553	10,623	5,464	6,573
Total expenses from continuing operations	30,478	27,985	29,286	27,534	26,419
Total cash purchases of IPPE	15,577	18,280	15,711	11,288	10,465
Total loan repayments (incl. finance leases)	625	273	245	240	286
Operating surplus/(deficit) (excl. capital income)	2,662	597	(665)	(84)	476
Financial position figures					
Current assets	48,634	42,700	34,656	34,146	33,272
Current liabilities	12,009	11,985	7,385	4,381	4,391
Net current assets	36,625	30,715	27,271	29,765	28,881
Available working capital (Unrestricted net current					
assets)	6,740	4,675	4,813	5,474	8,216
Cash and investments – unrestricted	6,523	5,284	4,337	4,633	5,297
Cash and investments – internal restrictions	14,089	10,928	10,583	11,199	10,767
Cash and investments – total	43,708	38,393	28,418	30,327	28,281
Total borrowings outstanding (loans, advances and					
finance leases)	7,796	6,021	4,294	4,539	4,779
Total value of IPPE (excl. land and earthworks)	551,096	497,778	473,938	447,222	432,236
Total accumulated depreciation	263,169	245,423	234,023	223,148	214,659
Indicative remaining useful life (as a % of GBV)	52%	51%	50%	50%	50%

Source: published audited financial statements of Council (current year and prior year)

#### H1-2 Council information and contact details

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**COUNCILLORS** 

Brian Beaumont (06/01/2022-30/06/2022) Steve Cooper (06/01/2022-30/06/2022)

Peter Crisp (06/01/2022-30/06/2022) Tim Elstone (01/07/2021-04/11/2021)

Greg Evans (01/07/2021)

06/01/2022-19/06/2022) Steve Heywood (01/07/2021 - 04/11/2021 &

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06/01/2022-30/06/2022)

Daniel Linklater (06/01/2022-30/06/2022) Jane MacAllister (01/07/2021 - 04/11/2021) Don McKinnon (01/07/2021 - 04/11/2021) Susan Nichols (06/01/2022-30/06/2022)

Peter Nunan (01/07/2021-04/11/2022) Jo Rodda (06/01/2022-30/06/2022) Bill Wheeldon (01/07/2021-04/11/2022)



#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

# Report on the general purpose financial statements

#### **Wentworth Shire Council**

To the Councillors of Wentworth Shire Council

#### **Opinion**

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of Wentworth 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.

James -

Manuel Moncada Delegate of the Auditor-General for New South Wales

14 November 2022 SYDNEY



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14 November 2022

Dear Mayor

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

I have audited the general purpose financial statements (GPFS) of the Wentworth 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 an 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	9.53	9.16	4.0
Grants and contributions revenue	20.86	22.11	5.7
Operating result from continuing operations	11.38	12.32	7.6
Net operating result before capital grants and contributions	2.66	0.60	343

The 2021 comparatives have been restated to correct a prior period error. Note G4-1 of the financial statements provides details of the prior period error.

Rates and annual charges revenue (\$9.53 million) increased by \$365,000 (4 per cent) in 2021–2022.

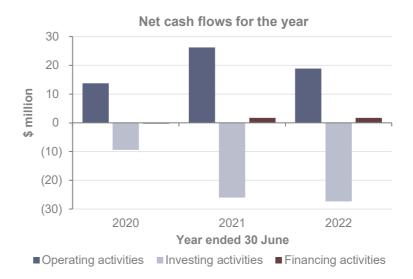
Grants and contributions revenue (\$20.86 million) decreased by \$1.25 million (5.7 per cent) in 2021–2022. This was mainly due to decreased revenue from capital grants which was offset by an increase in the advance payment of financial assistance grants.

Council's operating result (\$11.38 million including the effect of depreciation and amortisation expense of \$8.47 million) was \$944,000 lower than the 2020–21 result. This was primarily due to the reduction in revenue from capital grants.

The net operating result before capital grants and contributions (\$2.66 million) was \$2.06 million higher than the 2020–21 result. This was mostly due to the increase in the advance payment of financial assistance grants.

#### STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

- The Statement of Cash Flows illustrates the flow of cash and cash equivalents moving in and out of Council during the year and reveals that cash decreased by \$6.7 million to \$5.7 million at the close of the year.
- The decrease is due to holding more funds in longer term deposits.



#### **FINANCIAL POSITION**

#### Cash and investments

Cash and investments	2022	2021	Commentary
	\$m	\$m	
Total cash, cash equivalents and investments	43.7	38.4	<ul> <li>External restrictions include unspent specific purpose grants, contributions and loans, and water and sewerage funds.</li> </ul>
Restricted cash and investments:			<ul> <li>Balances are internally restricted due to Council policy or decisions for forward plans including works program.</li> </ul>
External restrictions	23.1	22.2	works program.
Internal allocations	14.1	10.9	

#### Debt

After repaying principal and interest of \$941,000 and taking up new borrowings of \$2.4 million, total debt as at 30 June 2022 was \$7.8 million (2021: \$6 million).

#### **PERFORMANCE**

#### **Performance measures**

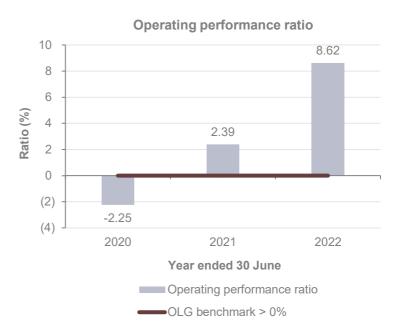
The following section provides an overview of the Council's performance against the performance measures and performance benchmarks set by the Office of Local Government (OLG) within the Department of Planning and Environment.

## Operating performance ratio

The Council met the OLG benchmark for the current reporting period.

The 2021 ratio was restated to correct a prior period error.

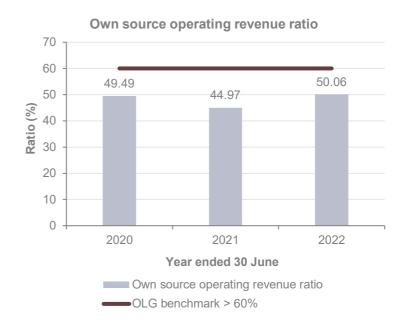
The 'operating performance ratio' measures how well council contained operating expenditure within operating revenue (excluding capital grants and contributions, fair value adjustments, and reversal of revaluation decrements). The benchmark set by OLG is greater than zero per cent.



#### Own source operating revenue ratio

The Council did not meet the OLG benchmark for the current reporting period.

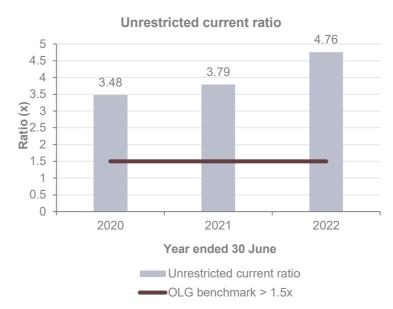
The 'own source operating revenue ratio' measures council's fiscal flexibility and the degree to which it relies on external funding sources such as operating grants and contributions. The benchmark set by OLG is greater than 60 per cent.



#### **Unrestricted current ratio**

The Council met the OLG benchmark for the current reporting period.

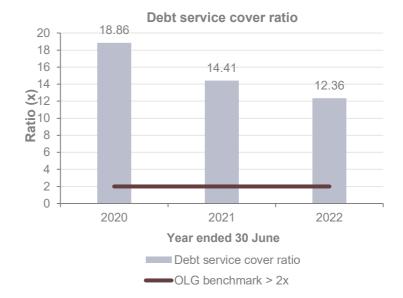
The 'unrestricted current ratio' is specific to local government and represents council's ability to meet its short-term obligations as they fall due. The benchmark set by OLG is greater than 1.5 times.



#### **Debt service cover ratio**

The Council met the OLG benchmark for the current reporting period.

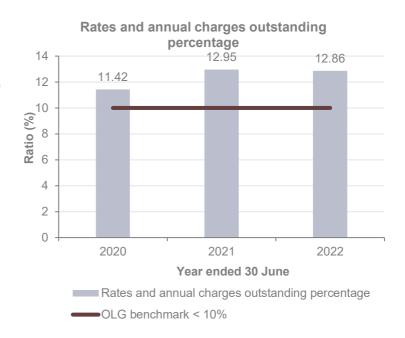
The 'debt service cover ratio' measures the operating cash to service debt including interest, principal and lease payments. The benchmark set by OLG is greater than two times.



#### Rates and annual charges outstanding percentage

The Council did not meet the OLG benchmark for the current reporting period.

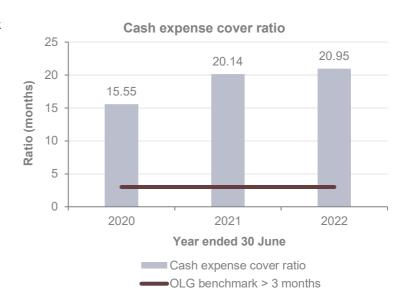
The 'rates and annual charges outstanding percentage' assesses the impact of uncollected rates and annual charges on council's liquidity and the adequacy of debt recovery efforts. The benchmark set by OLG is less than 10 per cent regional and rural councils.



## Cash expense cover ratio

The Council met the OLG benchmark for the current reporting 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.



#### Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment renewals

- Council's asset renewal additions for the year were \$14.4 million compared \$15.5 million for the prior year
- The level of asset renewals during the year represented 169 percent of the total depreciation expense (\$8.5 million) for the year.

# **OTHER MATTERS**

#### Legislative compliance

My audit procedures did not identify any instances of non-compliance with legislative requirements or a material deficiency in the Council's accounting records or financial statements. The Council's:

 accounting records were maintained in a manner and form to allow the GPFS to be prepared and effectively audited • staff provided all accounting records and information relevant to the audit.

#### 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.

Manuel Moncada

Delegate of the Auditor-General for New South Wales

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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#### **Background**

- i. These Special Purpose Financial Statements have been prepared for the use by both Council and the Office of Local Government in fulfilling their requirements under National Competition Policy.
- ii. The principle of competitive neutrality is based on the concept of a 'level playing field' between persons/entities competing in a market place, particularly between private and public sector competitors.
  - Essentially, the principle is that government businesses, whether Commonwealth, state or local, should operate without net competitive advantages over other businesses as a result of their public ownership.
- iii. For Council, the principle of competitive neutrality and public reporting applies only to declared business activities.
  - These include (a) those activities classified by the Australian Bureau of Statistics as business activities being water supply, sewerage services, abattoirs, gas production and reticulation, and (b) those activities with a turnover of more than \$2 million that Council has formally declared as a business activity (defined as Category 1 activities).
- iv. In preparing these financial statements for Council's self-classified Category 1 businesses and ABS-defined activities, councils must (a) adopt a corporatisation model and (b) apply full cost attribution including tax-equivalent regime payments and debt guarantee fees (where the business benefits from Council's borrowing position by comparison with commercial rates).

## 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 17 October 2022.

Tim Elstone Mayor

17 October 2022

Ken Ross

**General Manager** 

17 October 2022

**Daniel Linklater** 

**Deputy Mayor** 

17 October 2022

Simon Rule

Responsible Accounting Officer

17 October 2022

# Income Statement of water supply business activity

for the year ended 30 June 2022

	2022 \$ '000	2021 \$ '000
Income from continuing operations	·	·
Access charges	1,301	1,239
User charges	1,470	1,466
Fees	102	124
Interest and investment income	72	64
Grants and contributions provided for operating purposes	18	19
Other income	9	6
Total income from continuing operations	2,972	2,918
Expenses from continuing operations		
Employee benefits and on-costs	595	631
Materials and services	979	931
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment	712	684
Water purchase charges	5	5
Other expenses	76	59
Total expenses from continuing operations	2,367	2,310
Surplus (deficit) from continuing operations before capital amounts	605	608
Grants and contributions provided for capital purposes	356	931
Surplus (deficit) from continuing operations after capital amounts	961	1,539
Surplus (deficit) from all operations before tax	961	1,539
Less: corporate taxation equivalent (25%) [based on result before capital]	(151)	(158)
Surplus (deficit) after tax	<u>810</u>	1,381
Plus accumulated surplus Plus adjustments for amounts unpaid:	20,640	19,101
Corporate taxation equivalent	151	158
Closing accumulated surplus	21,601	20,640
Return on capital %	1.6%	1.8%
Subsidy from Council	-	-
Calculation of dividend payable:		
Surplus (deficit) after tax	810	1,381
Less: capital grants and contributions (excluding developer contributions)	(253)	(792)
Surplus for dividend calculation purposes	557	589
Potential dividend calculated from surplus	278	295

# Income Statement of sewerage business activity

for the year ended 30 June 2022

	2022 \$ '000	2021 \$ '000
Income from continuing operations		
Access charges	1,746	1,680
Interest and investment income	33	27
Grants and contributions provided for operating purposes	17	99
Other income	1	_
Total income from continuing operations	1,797	1,806
Expenses from continuing operations		
Employee benefits and on-costs	208	240
Borrowing costs	13	1
Materials and services	307	341
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment	768	751
Other expenses	68	93
Total expenses from continuing operations	1,364	1,426
Surplus (deficit) from continuing operations before capital amounts	433	380
Grants and contributions provided for capital purposes	335	431
Surplus (deficit) from continuing operations after capital amounts	768	811
Surplus (deficit) from all operations before tax	768	811
Less: corporate taxation equivalent (25%) [based on result before capital]	(108)	(99)
Surplus (deficit) after tax	660	712
Plus accumulated surplus	7,589	6,778
Plus adjustments for amounts unpaid:  - Corporate taxation equivalent	400	00
Closing accumulated surplus	109 8,358	7,589
Closing accumulated salpids	0,350	7,569
Return on capital %	1.5%	1.6%
Subsidy from Council	-	_
Calculation of dividend payable:		
Surplus (deficit) after tax	660	712
Less: capital grants and contributions (excluding developer contributions)	<u> </u>	(150)
Surplus for dividend calculation purposes	660	562
Potential dividend calculated from surplus	330	281

# Statement of Financial Position of water supply business activity

as at 30 June 2022

	2022 \$ '000	2021 \$ '000
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ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	10,456	9,409
Receivables	1,200	1,248
Total current assets	11,656	10,657
Non-current assets		
Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	38,501	34,571
Total non-current assets	38,501	34,571
Total assets	50,157	45,228
Net assets	50,157	45,228
EQUITY		
Accumulated surplus	21,601	20,640
Revaluation reserves	28,556	24,588
Total equity	50,157	45,228

# Statement of Financial Position of sewerage business activity

as at 30 June 2022

	2022 \$ '000	2021 \$ '000
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	4,210	3,607
Receivables	354	293
Total current assets	4,564	3,900
Non-current assets		
Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	28,891	23,337
Total non-current assets	28,891	23,337
Total assets	33,455	27,237
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities		
Borrowings	70	69
Total current liabilities	70	69
Non-current liabilities		
Borrowings	611	681
Total non-current liabilities	611	681
Total liabilities	681	750
Net assets	32,774	26,487
EQUITY		
Accumulated surplus	8,358	7,589
Revaluation reserves	24,416	18,898
Total equity	32,774	26,487

## 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)

#### a. Wentworth Shire Council Combined Water Supplies

Comprising the whole of the operations and net assets of Council's water supply activities servicing the towns of Wentworth, Dareton, Gol Gol, Pooncarie and Buronga, which is established as a separate Special Rate Fund.

#### b. Wentworth Shire Council Combined Sewerage Service

Comprising the whole of the operations and net assets of Council's sewerage reticulation and treatment activities servicing the towns of Wentworth, Dareton, Gol Gol, Pooncarie and Buronga, which is established as a Special Rate Fund.

#### Category 2

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

Nil

#### **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.

## Note - Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

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 - 25%

<u>Land tax</u> – the first \$755,000 of combined land values attracts **0%**. For the combined land values in excess of \$755,000 up to \$4,616,000 the rate is **1.6%** + **\$100**. For the remaining combined land value that exceeds \$4,616,000 a premium marginal rate of **2.0%** applies.

Payroll tax – 4.85% on the value of taxable salaries and wages in excess of \$1,200,000.

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 25%.

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 25% 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 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'.

## Note - Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Such funds are subsequently available for meeting commitments or financing future investment strategies.

The actual rate of return achieved by each business activity is disclosed at the foot of each respective 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 2022 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

#### **Wentworth Shire Council**

To the Councillors of Wentworth Shire Council

#### Opinion

I have audited the accompanying special purpose financial statements (the financial statements) of Wentworth 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
- Sewerage.

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.

Manuel Moncada Delegate of the Auditor-General for New South Wales

14 November 2022 SYDNEY

SPECIAL SCHEDULES for the year ended 30 June 2022



## **Special Schedules**

for the year ended 30 June 2022

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## Background

These Special Schedules have been designed to meet the requirements of special purpose users such as:

- the NSW Grants Commission
- the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS)
- · the NSW Office of Water (NOW), and
- the Office of Local Government (OLG)

The financial data is collected for various uses including:

- · the allocation of Financial Assistance Grants,
- the incorporation of Local Government financial figures in national statistics,
- the monitoring of loan approvals
- the allocation of borrowing rights, and
- the monitoring of the financial activities of specific services

## Permissible income for general rates

	Notes	Calculation 2021/22 \$ '000	Calculation 2022/23 \$ '000
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Notional general income calculation <sup>1</sup>			
Last year notional general income yield	а	5,462	5,673
Plus or minus adjustments <sup>2</sup>	b	68	96
Notional general income	c = a + b	5,530	5,769
Permissible income calculation			
Or rate peg percentage	е	2.00%	0.70%
Or plus rate peg amount	$i = e \times (c + g)$	111_	40
Sub-total	k = (c + g + h + i + j)	5,641	5,809
Plus (or minus) last year's carry forward total	1	123	3
Sub-total	n = (I + m)	123	3
Total permissible income	o = k + n	5,764	5,812
Less notional general income yield	р	5,673	5,723
Catch-up or (excess) result	q = o - p	91	89
Less unused catch-up <sup>3</sup>	s	(88)	_
Carry forward to next year <sup>4</sup>	t = q + r + s	3	89

#### **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) Unused catch-up amounts will be deducted if they are not caught up within 2 years. Usually councils will have a nominal carry forward figure. These amounts can be adjusted for in setting the rates in a future 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.



#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

## Special Schedule – Permissible income for general rates

#### **Wentworth Shire Council**

To the Councillors of Wentworth Shire Council

## **Opinion**

I have audited the accompanying Special Schedule – Permissible income for general rates (the Schedule) of Wentworth 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.

Jan Brand

Manuel Moncada Delegate of the Auditor-General for New South Wales

14 November 2022 SYDNEY

# Report on infrastructure assets as at 30 June 2022

		Estimated cost to bring assets to satisfactory	stimated cost to bring to the agreed level of	2021/22 Required	2021/22 Actual	Net carrying rep	Gross	replacement cost				
Asset Class	Asset Category	standard \$ '000	Council \$ '000	maintenance <sup>a</sup>	maintenance \$ '000	amount \$ '000	(GRC) \$ '000	1	2	3	4	5
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Buildings	Buildings	3,914	3,914	339	310	39,329	83,211	40.0%	35.0%	20.0%	5.0%	0.0%
	Sub-total	3,914	3,914	339	310	39,887	83,211	40.0%	35.0%	20.0%	5.0%	0.0%
Other	Other structures	314	314	9	20	4,580	6,459	30.0%	50.0%	15.0%	5.0%	0.0%
structures	Sub-total	314	314	9	20	4,580	6,459	30.0%	50.0%	15.0%	5.0%	0.0%
Roads	Sealed roads	10,127	10,127	866	1,129	93,034	202,530	35.0%	50.0%	10.0%	5.0%	0.0%
	Unsealed roads	2,634	2,634	1,383	1,110	3,025	6,584	20.0%	20.0%	20.0%	20.0%	20.0%
	Bridges	676	676	· _	· _	7,410	13,999	40.0%	50.0%	5.0%	5.0%	0.0%
	Footpaths	144	144	180	139	3,835	7,454	45.0%	45.0%	8.0%	2.0%	0.0%
	Bulk earthworks	_	_	_	_	230,717	230,717	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	Sub-total	13,581	13,581	2,429	2,378	328,869	461,284	67.6%	24.5%	5.0%	2.7%	0.3%
Water supply	Water supply network	20,936	20,936	424	535	37,369	69,788	15.0%	40.0%	15.0%	20.0%	10.0%
network	Sub-total	20,936	20,936	424	535	37,369	69,788	15.0%	40.0%	15.0%	20.0%	10.0%
Sewerage	Sewerage network	8,928	8,928	180	128	25,457	44,872	15.0%	20.0%	45.0%	5.0%	15.0%
network	Sub-total	8,928	8,928	180	128	25,457	44,872	15.0%	20.0%	45.0%	5.0%	15.0%
Stormwater	Stormwater drainage	544	544	91	77	15,568	27,191	25.0%	55.0%	18.0%	2.0%	0.0%
drainage	Sub-total	544	544	91	77	15,568	27,191	25.0%	55.0%	18.0%	2.0%	0.0%
Open space /	Swimming pools	1,010	1,010	58	49	1,914	3,553	0.0%	0.0%	70.0%	30.0%	0.0%
recreational	Playgrounds	107	107	20	9	535	1,087	30.0%	35.0%	25.0%	7.0%	3.0%
assets	Sub-total	1,117	1,117	78	58	2,449	4,640	7.0%	8.2%	59.5%	24.6%	0.7%

## Report on infrastructure assets as at 30 June 2022 (continued)

		Estimated cost to bring assets to satisfactory	•	bring to the			Assets in condition as a percenta replacement cost				tage of gross	
Asset Class	Asset Category	standard	Council	maintenance a	maintenance	amount	(GRC)					
		\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	1	2	3	4	5
Other infrastructure	Weir, Wharf Banks	669	669	20	32	11,503	15,087	35.0%	55.0%	5.0%	5.0%	0.0%
assets	Sub-total	669	669	20	32	11,645	15,087	35.0%	55.0%	5.0%	5.0%	0.0%
	Total – all assets	50,003	50,003	3,570	3,538	465,824	712,532	52.9%	28.9%	11.2%	5.0%	2.1%

<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

Excellent/very good No work required (normal maintenance)
Cood 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	Indic	Benchmark	
\$ '000	2022	2022	2021	2020	
Buildings and infrastructure renewals ratio					
Asset renewals 1	10,895	162.10%	203.92%	103.05%	>= 100.00%
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment	6,721	162.10%	203.92%	103.05%	>= 100.00%
Infrastructure backlog ratio					
Estimated cost to bring assets to a satisfactory					
standard	50,003	10.50%	5.31%	5.32%	< 2.00%
Net carrying amount of infrastructure assets	476,181				
Asset maintenance ratio					
Actual asset maintenance	3,538	99.10%	80.19%	81.76%	> 100.00%
Required asset maintenance	3,570	99.10%	60.1970	01.7070	> 100.00%
Cost to bring assets to agreed service level					
Estimated cost to bring assets to					
an agreed service level set by Council	50,003	7.02%	3.41%	2.86%	
Gross replacement cost	712,532				

<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)

	General fund		Water fund		Sewer fund		Benchmarl	
\$ '000	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021		
Buildings and infrastructure renewals ratio  Asset renewals <sup>1</sup> Depreciation, amortisation and impairment	184.80%	232.86%	72.54%	172.69%	89.97%	31.96%	>= 100.00%	
Infrastructure backlog ratio Estimated cost to bring assets to a satisfactory standard Net carrying amount of infrastructure assets	4.87%	2.38%	56.03%	30.50%	35.07%	19.95%	< 2.00%	
Asset maintenance ratio Actual asset maintenance Required asset maintenance	96.93%	70.51%	126.18%	140.79%	71.11%	98.80%	> 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	3.37%	1.61%	30.00%	16.04%	19.90%	7.76%		

<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.

