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Councillors & staff are obligated to declare Conflicts of Interest as required under the Local Government Act 1993 and Councils adopted Code of Conduct.

Councillors are reminded of their Oath of Office whereby they have declared and affirmed that they will undertake the duties of the Office of Councillor in the best interests of the people of Wentworth Shire and the Wentworth Shire Council and that they will faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in them under the Local Government Act 1993 or any other Act to the best of their ability and judgment.

KEN ROSS
GENERAL MANAGER

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

AGENDA

15 OCTOBER 2024

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6.1 DRAFT 2023-2024 ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

File Number: RPT/24/600

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule - Director Finance and Policy

Responsible Division: Finance and Policy

Reporting Officer: Simon Rule - Director Finance and Policy

Objective: 4.0 Wentworth Shire is supported by strong and ethical civic leadership with all activities conducted in an open, transparent and inclusive manner

Strategy: 4.2 A strong, responsible and representative government

Summary

It is a requirement of the *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW) (the Act) that Council prepare its Annual Financial Statements as soon as practicable after the end of the financial year in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice.

The Financial Statements must be audited and the audit opinion issued by the Audit Office of NSW and lodged with the Office of Local Government by 31 October 2024.

Section 413 and 418 of the Act and Clause 215 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* (the Regulation) have a number of specific requirements that Council has to comply with in regards to the production, auditing and finalisation of the Annual Financial Statements and year end reporting requirements.

Recommendation

That Council certifies:

- a. That the Annual Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with:
 - i. The *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW) and the Regulations made there under;
 - ii. The Australian Accounting Standards and other pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board; and
 - iii. The Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting.
- b. To the best of our knowledge and belief, these statements:
 - i. Present fairly the Council's operating result and financial position for the 2023/2024 financial year; and
 - ii. Accord with Council's accounting and other records.
- c. That Council is not aware of any matter that would render these Statements false or misleading in any way.

That Council:

- a. Adopt the Councillors and Management Statement and resolves that it be signed by the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, the General Manager and the Responsible Accounting Officer and that it is attached to the financial statements;

- b. Delegates to the General Manager the authority to “finalise the date” at which the auditor’s report and financial statements are to be presented to the public; and
- c. Delegates to the General Manager the authority to authorise the year end accounts for issue immediately upon receipt of the auditor’s reports.

That Council:

- a. Refer the Draft 2023/2024 Annual Financial Statements to audit.

Detailed Report

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to comply with a number of legislative obligations in relation to the audit of Council’s Annual Financial Statements.

Background

It is a requirement of the *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW) (the Act) that Council prepare its Annual Financial Statements as soon as practicable after the end of the financial year in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice.

The Financial Statements must be audited and the audit opinion issued by the Audit Office of NSW and lodged with the Office of Local Government by 31 October 2024.

Matters under consideration

Section 413 and 418 of the Act and Clause 215 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* (the Regulations) have a number of specific requirements that Council has to comply with in regards to the production, auditing and finalisation of the Annual Financial Statements and year end reporting requirements.

Section 413 of the Act and Clause 215 of the Regulations require that:

Council must prepare financial reports for each year and must refer them to audit as soon as practicable after the end of the financial year.

Council prepare a Statement that certifies that:

- a) **Council’s annual financial reports have been drawn up in accordance with:**
 - i. **The Act and the regulations; and**
 - ii. **The code of accounting practice; and**
 - iii. **The Australian Accounting Standards issued by the Australian Standards Board; and**
- b) **The reports present fairly Council’s financial position and operating result for the year; and**
- c) **The reports accord with Council’s accounting and other records; and**
- d) **The signatures are not aware of anything that would make those reports false or misleading in any way and include such information and explanations as will prevent those reports from being misleading because of any qualification that is included in the statement.**

The statement must be made by a resolution of Council and be signed by:

- **The Mayor; and**
- **At least one other member of the Council; and**
- **The Responsible Accounting Officer; and**
- **The General Manager (if they are not the Responsible Accounting Officer)**

The statement must be included with the financial reports prior to the Audit Office issuing their audit opinion.

Once the audit opinion has been issued, Council must authorise the statements to be released, fix a date for the meeting at which it proposes to present the audited financial statements to the public and give public notice of that date.

The date to present the audited financial statements must be at least 7 days after the date of the public notice and no more than 5 weeks after the auditor's reports has been received by Council.

Given those time frames it recommended that Council delegate authority to the General Manager to finalise the date that the financial statements are presented to the "public"

Legal, strategic, financial or policy implications

The Audit Office will not issue its audit opinion until such time as Council refer the financial statements to audit and authorise the statements to be signed.

The financial statements have also been reviewed by the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee at a meeting held on 4 October 2024.

Conclusion

The Act and Regulations requires Council to comply with a number of obligations in relation to the preparation, audit and presentation of the annual financial statements and the auditor's report.

Attachments

1. 2023-2024 Draft Annual Financial Statements [↓](#)

Wentworth Shire Council

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2024



Wentworth Shire Council

GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2024



Wentworth Shire Council

General Purpose Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2024

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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.

Wentworth Shire Council

General Purpose Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2024

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 2024.

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.

Wentworth Shire Council

General Purpose Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2024

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 15 October 2024.

[Mayor]

Mayor

15 October 2024

[Councillor]

Deputy Mayor

15 October 2024

Ken Ross

General Manager

15 October 2024

Simon Rule

Responsible Accounting Officer

15 October 2024

Wentworth Shire Council | Income Statement | for the year ended 30 June 2024

Wentworth Shire Council

Income Statement

for the year ended 30 June 2024

Original unaudited budget 2024 \$ '000		Notes	Actual 2024 \$ '000	Actual 2023 \$ '000
	Income from continuing operations			
10,187	Rates and annual charges	B2-1	10,410	9,755
7,089	User charges and fees	B2-2	10,109	8,807
964	Other revenues	B2-3	879	552
14,311	Grants and contributions provided for operating purposes	B2-4	10,816	16,524
26,314	Grants and contributions provided for capital purposes	B2-4	15,691	17,093
1,693	Interest and investment income	B2-5	2,318	1,706
40	Other income	B2-6	75	38
100	Net gain from the disposal of assets	B4-1	56	103
60,698	Total income from continuing operations		50,354	54,578
	Expenses from continuing operations			
11,078	Employee benefits and on-costs	B3-1	10,066	9,964
10,485	Materials and services	B3-2	12,665	13,118
478	Borrowing costs	B3-3	578	343
8,465	Depreciation, amortisation and impairment of non-financial assets	B3-4	10,083	9,309
662	Other expenses	B3-5	681	651
–	Net share of interests in joint ventures and associates using the equity method	D2	62	78
31,168	Total expenses from continuing operations		34,135	33,463
29,530	Operating result from continuing operations		16,219	21,115
29,530	Net operating result for the year attributable to Council		16,219	21,115
3,222	Net operating result for the year before grants and contributions provided for capital purposes		528	4,022

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

Wentworth Shire Council | Statement of Comprehensive Income | for the year ended 30 June 2024

Wentworth Shire Council

Statement of Comprehensive Income

for the year ended 30 June 2024

	Notes	2024 \$ '000	2023 \$ '000
Net operating result for the year – from Income Statement		16,219	21,115
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	29,072	30,958
Impairment (loss) reversal relating to infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	C1-6	1,055	(2,279)
Total items which will not be reclassified subsequently to the operating result		30,127	28,679
Total other comprehensive income for the year		30,127	28,679
Total comprehensive income for the year attributable to Council		46,346	49,794

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

Wentworth Shire Council | Statement of Financial Position | as at 30 June 2024

Wentworth Shire Council

Statement of Financial Position

as at 30 June 2024

	Notes	2024 \$ '000	2023 \$ '000
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	C1-1	10,482	7,211
Investments	C1-2	39,000	44,000
Receivables	C1-4	6,868	5,771
Inventories	C1-5	306	248
Other	C1-8	276	201
Total current assets		56,932	57,431
Non-current assets			
Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment (IPPE)	C1-6	615,683	557,482
Intangible assets	C1-7	184	184
Investments accounted for using the equity method	D2-1	805	867
Total non-current assets		616,672	558,533
Total assets		673,604	615,964
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
Payables	C3-1	5,439	3,775
Contract liabilities	C3-2	12,503	10,012
Borrowings	C3-3	1,156	956
Employee benefit provisions	C3-4	2,066	2,149
Total current liabilities		21,164	16,892
Non-current liabilities			
Borrowings	C3-3	13,828	7,011
Employee benefit provisions	C3-4	235	158
Provisions	C3-5	2,963	2,835
Total non-current liabilities		17,026	10,004
Total liabilities		38,190	26,896
Net assets		635,414	589,068
EQUITY			
Accumulated surplus	C4-1	132,374	116,155
IPPE revaluation reserve	C4-1	503,040	472,913
Council equity interest		635,414	589,068
Total equity		635,414	589,068

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

Wentworth Shire Council | Statement of Changes in Equity | for the year ended 30 June 2024

Wentworth Shire Council

Statement of Changes in Equity

for the year ended 30 June 2024

	Notes	2024			2023		
		Accumulated surplus \$ '000	IPPE revaluation reserve \$ '000	Total equity \$ '000	Accumulated surplus \$ '000	IPPE revaluation reserve \$ '000	Total equity \$ '000
Opening balance at 1 July		116,155	472,913	589,068	95,040	444,234	539,274
Net operating result for the year		16,219	–	16,219	21,115	–	21,115
Other comprehensive income							
Gain (loss) on revaluation of infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	C1-6	–	29,072	29,072	–	30,958	30,958
– Impairment (loss) reversal relating to IPP&E	C1-6	–	1,055	1,055	–	(2,279)	(2,279)
Other comprehensive income		–	30,127	30,127	–	28,679	28,679
Total comprehensive income		16,219	30,127	46,346	21,115	28,679	49,794
Closing balance at 30 June		132,374	503,040	635,414	116,155	472,913	589,068

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

Wentworth Shire Council

Statement of Cash Flows

for the year ended 30 June 2024

Original unaudited budget 2024 \$ '000		Notes	Actual 2024 \$ '000	Actual 2023 \$ '000
Cash flows from operating activities				
<i>Receipts:</i>				
10,176	Rates and annual charges		10,714	9,873
6,976	User charges and fees		9,102	9,365
1,663	Interest received		2,130	995
43,578	Grants and contributions		25,212	30,660
917	Other		4,507	3,540
<i>Payments:</i>				
(11,059)	Payments to employees		(10,115)	(9,967)
(10,268)	Payments for materials and services		(15,119)	(14,456)
(457)	Borrowing costs		(351)	(222)
(662)	Other		(1,347)	(2,081)
40,864	Net cash flows from operating activities	G1-1	24,733	27,707
Cash flows from investing activities				
<i>Receipts:</i>				
–	Sale of investments		40,000	36,000
700	Proceeds from sale of IPPE		412	164
<i>Payments:</i>				
–	Purchase of investments		(35,000)	(42,000)
(45,564)	Payments for IPPE		(33,891)	(20,539)
(44,864)	Net cash flows from investing activities		(28,479)	(26,375)
Cash flows from financing activities				
<i>Receipts:</i>				
9,000	Proceeds from borrowings		8,000	1,000
<i>Payments:</i>				
(1,019)	Repayment of borrowings		(983)	(829)
7,981	Net cash flows from financing activities		7,017	171
3,981	Net change in cash and cash equivalents		3,271	1,503
–	Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		7,211	5,708
3,981	Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	C1-1	10,482	7,211
–	plus: Investments on hand at end of year	C1-2	39,000	44,000
3,981	Total cash, cash equivalents and investments		49,482	51,211

The above Statement of Cash Flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Wentworth Shire Council

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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 15 October 2024. 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 2021* (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.

Natural Disaster - Flooding

Wentworth Shire Council was declared a natural disaster area in November 2022 as a result of extensive flooding through the Murray and Darling River systems. The overall impact on Council assets has been comparatively minor compared to other Councils, however, the event did result in a significant disruption to Council operations with most projects put on hold as either a direct impact of the flood waters or because Council staff were reassigned to flood preparation, clean-up and recovery efforts.

The potential impact of the natural disaster on financial reporting for the year end 30 June 2024 was assessed through an analysis of the following:

- Impairment of assets
- Preparation and Rehabilitation Costs
- Natural Disaster Funding
- Insurance recoveries
- Decommissioning obligations

Current estimates of the expected cost to Council as a result of the flood is still being assessed however, as at 30 June 2024 Council has spent approximately \$4,000,000 over the last 2 years on flood preparation, recovery and restoration. Council has received Commonwealth natural disaster funding to offset a significant portion of expenditure incurred. Negotiations are ongoing with various Government departments in regards to being able to recoup as much of the funds expended on flood preparation and recovery expenditure as possible. Despite this Council still expects to be out of pocket by an amount yet to be determined.

The impairment of Council assets included in these accounts is \$1,221,935 with the cost to restore these assets to their pre-flood condition to occur over the 2024-2025 financial years.

There have been no insurance recoveries received in relation to flood impact assets and there have been no assets that have been decommissioned or disposed off.

Council is not aware of any other balance day events which would result in additional disclosures or adjustments to the 30 June 2024 financial results.

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.

A1-1 Basis of preparation (continued)

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

Standards issued not yet effective at 30 June 2024

The followings standards have been issued but are not yet effective at 30 June 2024 and are relevant to Council.

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:

A1-1 Basis of preparation (continued)

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 amendments 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 2025 reporting period.

AASB 2022-5 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback

This standard amends AASB 16 to add subsequent measurement requirements for sale and leaseback transactions that satisfy the requirements in AASB 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers to be accounted for as a sale.

AASB 16 already requires a seller-lessee to recognise only the amount of any gain or loss that relates to the rights transferred to the buyer-lessor. The amendments made by this Standard ensures that a similar approach is applied by also requiring a seller-lessor to subsequently measure lease liabilities arising from a leaseback in a way that does not recognise any amount of the gain or loss related to the right of use it retains.

Council does not expect any material impact from the above amendment.

This standard has an effective date for the 30 June 2025 reporting period.

AASB 2022-10 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Fair Value Measurement of Non-Financial Assets of Not-for-Profit Public Sector Entities.

This standard amends AASB 13, including adding authoritative implementation guidance and providing related illustrative examples, for application by non-for-profit public sector entities.

In particular, this standard provides guidance on:

- a. highest and best use
- b. financially feasible use
- c. use of assumptions
- d. nature of costs to include in the replacement cost of a reference asset and on the identification of economic obsolescence when using the cost approach.

Council does not expect any material impact from the above amendment.

This standard has an effective date for the 30 June 2025 reporting period.

AASB2014-10 Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture. AASB2015-10 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Effective Date of Amendments to AASB 10 and AASB 128. AASB 2017-5 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Effective Date of Amendments to AASB 10 and AASB 128 and Editorial Corrections.

The amendments address an acknowledged inconsistency between the requirements in AASB 10 and those in AASB 128 (2011) in dealing with the sale or contribution of assets between an investor and its associate or joint venture.

The main consequence of the amendments is that a full gain or loss is recognised when a transaction involves a business (whether it is housed in a subsidiary or not). A partial gain or loss is recognised when a transaction involves assets that do not constitute a business, even if these assets are housed in a subsidiary.

AASB2015-10 has delayed the effective date of this standard.
AASB 2017-5 defers the effective date of AASB 2014 -10 to 30 June 2023
AASB 2021-7 defers the effective date of AASB 2014-10 to 30 June 2026

Council does not expect any material impact from the above amendment.

This standard has an effective date for the 30 June 2026 reporting period.

A1-1 Basis of preparation (continued)

The following pronouncements are issued but not yet effective and are not expected to have relevance to Council but have been included for completeness:

AASB 17 Insurance Contracts and associated amendments

Changes accounting for insurance contracts

This standard has an effective date for the 30 June 2027 reporting period.

AASB 2023-1 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Supplier Finance Arrangements.

Requires additional disclosures about an entity's supplier finance arrangements.

This standard has an effective date for the 30 June 2025 reporting period.

AASB 2023-5 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Lack of Exchangeability.

Requires consistency in determining whether a currency is exchangeable into another currency and the spot exchange rate to use when it is not exchangeable.

This standard has an effective date for the 30 June 2026 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 the first time at 30 June 2024.

The following new standard is effective for the first time at 30 June 2024:

- **AASB 2021-2 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Disclosure of Accounting Policies and Definition of Accounting Estimates**
- **Equivalent standard for JO's is AASB 2021-6 Disclosure of Accounting Policies: Tier 2 and Other Australian Accounting Standards**

The most significant change introduced by this standard is to remove the requirement to disclose significant accounting policies and instead require disclosure of material accounting policy information.

“Accounting policy information is material if, when considered together with other information included in an entity's financial statements, it can reasonably be expected to influence decisions that the primary users of general purpose financial statements make on the basis of those financial statements.”

In applying the new requirements, Council has after taking into account the various specific facts and circumstances applied professional judgement to ensure it discloses only material accounting policies as opposed to significant accounting policies throughout these financial statements.

B Financial Performance**B1 Functions or activities****B1-1 Functions or activities – income, expenses and assets**

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

	Income		Expenses		Operating result		Grants and contributions		Carrying amount of assets	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000
Functions or activities										
1. Wentworth Shire is a vibrant, growing and thriving region	659	1,953	2,798	2,605	(2,139)	(652)	541	1,928	8,441	4,960
2. Wentworth Shire is a great place to live	3,112	2,405	3,735	3,435	(623)	(1,030)	2,744	2,205	20,570	16,120
3. Wentworth Shire is a community that works to enhance and protect its physical and natural environment	30,258	31,528	20,336	22,564	9,922	8,964	14,841	17,954	583,562	535,360
4. Wentworth Shire is supported by strong and ethical civil leadership with all activities conducted in an open, transparent and inclusive manner	16,325	18,692	7,266	4,859	9,059	13,833	8,381	11,530	61,031	59,524
Total functions and activities	50,354	54,578	34,135	33,463	16,219	21,115	26,507	33,617	673,604	615,964

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 Shire is a vibrant, growing and thriving Region.

- 1.1 Promote the Shire as an ideal location for investment and the establishment of innovative, sustainable and diversified industries.
- 1.2 Promote the Wentworth Region as a desirable visitor and tourism destination.
- 1.3 High quality connectivity across the region.
- 1.4 Encourage lifelong learning opportunities.
- 1.5 Encourage and support initiatives that improve local employment opportunities.

2. Wentworth Shire is a great place to live.

- 2.1 Continue to create opportunities for inclusion where all people feel welcome and participate in community life.
- 2.2 Work together to solve a range of social and health issues that impact community wellbeing and vulnerable people.
- 2.3 To have a safe community
- 2.4 A well informed, supported and engaged community.
- 2.5 To have a strong sense of place.

3. Wentworth Shire is a community that works to enhance and protect its physical and natural environment.

- 3.1 Ensure our planning decisions and controls enable the community to benefit from development.
- 3.2 Ensure that community assets and public infrastructure are well maintained.
- 3.3 Minimise the impact on the natural environment.
- 3.4 Use and manage our resources wisely.
- 3.5 Infrastructure meets the needs of our growing Shire.

4. Wentworth Shire is supported by strong and ethical civic leadership with all activities conducted in an open, transparent and inclusive manner.

- 4.1 Consistently engage and consult the whole community to ensure that feedback is captured and considered as part of decision-making and advocating processes.
- 4.2 A strong, responsible and representative government.
- 4.3 An effective and efficient organisation.
- 4.4 Provide strong leadership and work in partnership to strategically plan for the future.
- 4.5 Adopt practices of prudent asset, financial and human resource management across Council to ensure long-term sustainability and efficiency.

B2 Sources of income

B2-1 Rates and annual charges

	2024 \$ '000	2023 \$ '000
Ordinary rates		
Residential	2,533	2,250
Farmland	2,010	1,900
Business	1,513	1,528
Less: pensioner rebates (mandatory)	(42)	(41)
Less: pensioner rebates (Council policy)	(33)	(35)
Rates levied to ratepayers	5,981	5,602
Pensioner rate subsidies received	42	41
Total ordinary rates	6,023	5,643
Special rates		
Tourism	43	41
Rates levied to ratepayers	43	41
Total special rates	43	41
Annual charges (pursuant to s496, 496A, 496B, 501 & 611)		
Domestic waste management services	927	879
Water supply services	1,510	1,384
Sewerage services	1,951	1,852
Less: pensioner rebates (mandatory)	(54)	(53)
Less: pensioner rebates (Council policy)	(44)	(45)
Annual charges levied	4,290	4,017
Pensioner annual charges subsidies received:		
– Water	18	18
– Sewerage	16	16
– Domestic waste management	20	20
Total annual charges	4,344	4,071
Total rates and annual charges	10,410	9,755

Council has used 2022 year valuations provided by the NSW Valuer General in calculating its rates.

Material accounting policy information

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.

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

	Timing	2024 \$ '000	2023 \$ '000
Specific user charges (per s502 - specific 'actual use' charges)			
Water supply services	2	1,606	1,342
Total specific user charges		1,606	1,342
Other user charges and fees			
(i) Fees and charges – statutory and regulatory functions (per s608)			
Inspection services	2	18	5
Planning and building regulation	2	357	241
Private works – section 67	2	41	23
Regulatory/ statutory fees	2	125	79
Section 10.7 certificates (EP&A Act)	2	61	64
Section 603 certificates	2	32	30
Tapping fees	2	65	86
Total fees and charges – statutory/regulatory		699	528
(ii) Fees and charges – other (incl. general user charges (per s608))			
Aerodrome	2	23	56
Cemeteries	1	126	116
Refuse and effluent disposal	2	3	–
RMS charges (state roads not controlled by Council)	2	2,756	2,658
Waste disposal tipping fees	2	4,868	4,080
Animal control	2	16	22
Other – road opening permits	2	12	5
Other - Water Licence	2	–	–
Total fees and charges – other		7,804	6,937
Total other user charges and fees		8,503	7,465
Total user charges and fees		10,109	8,807
Timing of revenue recognition for user charges and fees			
User charges and fees recognised over time (1)		126	116
User charges and fees recognised at a point in time (2)		9,983	8,691
Total user charges and fees		10,109	8,807

Material accounting policy information

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	2024 \$ '000	2023 \$ '000
Legal fees recovery – rates and charges (extra charges)	2	6	–
Commissions and agency fees	2	19	19
Diesel rebate	2	227	149
Insurance claims recoveries	2	244	84
Sales – general	2	6	1
Facilities revenue	2	178	152
Insurance rebates	2	68	28
Sales – miscellaneous	2	18	15
Other – other public works	2	–	1
Other – meter readings	2	10	8
Other	2	103	95
Total other revenue		879	552
Timing of revenue recognition for other revenue			
Other revenue recognised over time (1)		–	–
Other revenue recognised at a point in time (2)		879	552
Total other revenue		879	552

Material accounting policy information 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

	Timing	Operating 2024 \$ '000	Operating 2023 \$ '000	Capital 2024 \$ '000	Capital 2023 \$ '000
General purpose grants and non-developer contributions (untied)					
General purpose (untied)					
Current year allocation					
Financial assistance – general component	2	244	1,135	–	–
Financial assistance – local roads component	2	103	480	–	–
Payment in advance - future year allocation					
Financial assistance – general component	2	4,677	5,190	–	–
Financial assistance – local roads component	2	1,951	2,193	–	–
Amount recognised as income during current year		6,975	8,998	–	–
Special purpose grants and non-developer contributions (tied)					
Cash contributions					
Water supplies	2	–	–	89	–
Sewerage services	2	–	–	–	200
Bushfire and emergency services	2	204	254	–	–
Child care	2	–	–	117	7
Community services	2	3	10	–	–
Economic development	2	216	9	1,403	2,503
Employment and training programs	2	3	29	–	–
Heritage and cultural	2	–	–	–	23
Environmental programs	2	–	–	1,036	75
Library – per capita	2	61	56	–	–
Library	2	–	–	72	649
NSW rural fire services	2	–	–	96	35
Library – special projects	2	–	–	24	24
Noxious weeds	2	–	37	–	–
Recreation and culture	2	–	–	1,839	1,142
Street lighting	2	45	40	–	–
Transport (roads to recovery)	2	1,314	1,218	–	–
Transport (other roads and bridges funding)	2	–	3,561	6,291	4,604
Caravan Park	2	–	–	–	671
Previously contributions:					
Transport for NSW contributions (regional roads, block grant)	2	1,454	1,064	202	561
Tourism	2	541	1,248	–	–
Sewerage (excl. section 64 contributions)	2	–	–	–	111
Water supplies (excl. section 64 contributions)	2	–	–	–	111
Total special purpose grants and non-developer contributions – cash		3,841	7,526	11,169	10,716
Non-cash contributions					
Bushfire services	2	–	–	396	–
Dedications – subdivisions (other than by s7.4 and s7.11 – EP&A Act, s64 of the LGA)	2	–	–	3,473	5,519
Recreation and culture		–	–	417	–
Total other contributions – non-cash		–	–	4,286	5,519
Total special purpose grants and non-developer contributions (tied)		3,841	7,526	15,455	16,235
Total grants and non-developer contributions		10,816	16,524	15,455	16,235

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B2-4 Grants and contributions (continued)

	Operating 2024 \$ '000	Operating 2023 \$ '000	Capital 2024 \$ '000	Capital 2023 \$ '000
Timing				
– Commonwealth funding	8,292	9,027	2,969	2,096
– State funding	1,963	7,496	8,425	8,309
– Other funding	561	1	4,061	5,830
	10,816	16,524	15,455	16,235

Developer contributions

	Notes	Timing	Operating 2024 \$ '000	Operating 2023 \$ '000	Capital 2024 \$ '000	Capital 2023 \$ '000
Developer contributions: (s7.4 & s7.11 - EP&A Act, s64 of the LGA):						
Cash contributions	G4					
S 7.11 – Development Contributions Plan		2	–	–	51	115
S 64 – water supply contributions		2	–	–	16	279
S 64 – sewerage service contributions		2	–	–	159	317
Service Plan # 2		2	–	–	10	147
Total developer contributions – cash			–	–	236	858
Total developer contributions			–	–	236	858
Total contributions			–	–	236	858
Total grants and contributions			10,816	16,524	15,691	17,093
Timing of revenue recognition for grants and contributions						
Grants and contributions recognised over time (1)			–	–	–	–
Grants and contributions recognised at a point in time (2)			10,816	16,524	15,691	17,093
Total grants and contributions			10,816	16,524	15,691	17,093

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 2024 \$ '000	Operating 2023 \$ '000	Capital 2024 \$ '000	Capital 2023 \$ '000
Unspent grants and contributions				
Unspent funds at 1 July	3,740	541	9,465	5,861
Add: Funds recognised as revenue in the reporting year but not yet spent in accordance with the conditions	–	3,199	–	–
Add: capital grants received and transferred to contract liabilities	–	–	7,840	7,621
Less: Funds recognised as revenue in previous years that have been spent during the reporting year	(3,421)	–	–	–
Less: Funds received in prior year but revenue recognised and funds spent in current year	–	–	(5,371)	(4,017)
Unspent funds at 30 June	319	3,740	11,934	9,465

Unexpended Capital Grants Include:

- Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Grant Projects
- Resources for Regions Projects
- Pothole Repair Program
- OLG Flood Recovery Grant
- Regional Leakage Reduction Program
- Regional & Local Roads Repair Program.

Contributions

Unspent funds at 1 July	982	700	–	–
Add: contributions recognised as revenue in the reporting year but not yet spent in accordance with the conditions	103	282	–	–
Unspent contributions at 30 June	1,085	982	–	–

Unexpended Contributions include Contributions received from developers in relation to:

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

Material accounting policy information

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; and
- An administrative 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.

B2-4 Grants and contributions (continued)

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

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

Capital grants

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

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

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

Developer Contributions

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

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 recognised in accordance with the relevant accounting standard.

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

B2-5 Interest and investment income

	2024 \$ '000	2023 \$ '000
Interest on financial assets measured at amortised cost		
– Overdue rates and annual charges (incl. special purpose rates)	116	136
– Cash and investments	2,202	1,570
Total interest and investment income (losses)	2,318	1,706
Interest and investment income is attributable to:		
Unrestricted investments/financial assets:		
Overdue rates and annual charges (general fund)	116	136
General Council cash and investments	1,467	1,080
Restricted investments/funds – external:		
Developer contributions		
– Section 7.11	41	20
Water fund operations	457	321
Sewerage fund operations	237	149
Total interest and investment income	2,318	1,706

Material accounting policy information

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

B2-6 Other income

	Notes	2024 \$ '000	2023 \$ '000
Reversal of impairment losses on receivables			
Other		23	–
Total reversal of impairment losses on receivables	C1-4	23	–
Rental income			
Lease income		52	38
Total rental income	C2-2	52	38
Total other income		75	38

B3 Costs of providing services

B3-1 Employee benefits and on-costs

	2024 \$ '000	2023 \$ '000
Salaries and wages	8,931	7,833
Employee termination costs (where material – other than vested leave paid)	68	–
Travel expenses	–	16
Employee leave entitlements (ELE)	1,354	1,655
Superannuation – defined contribution plans	1,025	864
Superannuation – defined benefit plans	48	61
Workers' compensation insurance	509	495
Fringe benefit tax (FBT)	15	18
Training costs	99	70
Uniforms	83	49
Recruitment	44	65
Total employee costs	12,176	11,126
Less: capitalised costs	(2,110)	(1,162)
Total employee costs expensed	10,066	9,964

Material accounting policy information

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	2024 \$ '000	2023 \$ '000
Raw materials and consumables		3,485	3,549
Contractor costs		5,277	6,091
Audit Fees	F2-1	65	70
Councillor and Mayoral fees and associated expenses	F1-2	234	216
Advertising		24	33
Bank charges		43	41
Cleaning		138	112
Election expenses		–	7
Electricity and heating		793	622
Fire control expenses		31	39
Insurance		725	670
Office expenses (including computer expenses)		457	349
Postage		31	28
Printing and stationery		45	48
Street lighting		172	156
Subscriptions and publications		102	98
Telephone and communications		72	58
Tourism expenses (excluding employee costs)		565	658
Valuation fees		39	37
Travel expenses		16	12
Training costs (other than salaries and wages)		165	128
Other expenses		17	5
Legal expenses:			
– Legal expenses: debt recovery		32	53
– Legal expenses: other		137	38
Total materials and services		12,665	13,118
Total materials and services		12,665	13,118

Material accounting policy information

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

B3-3 Borrowing costs

	Notes	2024 \$ '000	2023 \$ '000
(i) Interest bearing liability costs			
Interest on loans		450	221
Total interest bearing liability costs		450	221
Total interest bearing liability costs expensed		450	221
(ii) Other borrowing costs			
– Landfill Remediation Liability	C3-5	128	122
Total borrowing costs expensed		578	343

Material accounting policy information

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

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

	Notes	2024 \$ '000	2023 \$ '000
Depreciation and amortisation			
Plant and equipment		1,258	1,132
Office equipment		131	100
Furniture and fittings		4	3
Land improvements (depreciable)		611	481
Infrastructure:			
	C1-6		
– Buildings		1,082	1,049
– Roads		3,782	3,748
– Other structures		255	269
– Bridges		97	92
– Footpaths		91	80
– Stormwater drainage		272	225
– Water supply network		1,011	935
– Sewerage network		932	778
– Swimming pools		76	71
– Other open space/recreational assets		215	86
– Other infrastructure		184	171
Other assets:			
– Library books		15	22
Reinstatement, rehabilitation and restoration assets:			
– Tip assets	C1-6	67	67
Total gross depreciation and amortisation costs		10,083	9,309
Total depreciation and amortisation costs		10,083	9,309
Impairment / revaluation decrement of IPPE			
Infrastructure:			
	C1-6		
– Buildings		(94)	94
– Roads		(739)	1,963
– Other open space/recreational assets		(222)	222
Total gross IPPE impairment / revaluation decrement costs		(1,055)	2,279
Amounts taken through revaluation reserve	C1-6	1,055	(2,279)
Total IPPE impairment / revaluation decrement costs charged to Income Statement		–	–
Total depreciation, amortisation and impairment for non-financial assets		10,083	9,309

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).

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

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

	Notes	2024 \$ '000	2023 \$ '000
Impairment of receivables			
Other		–	8
Bad Debt		3	–
Total impairment of receivables	C1-4	3	8
Other			
Contributions/levies to other levels of government			
– Emergency services levy		34	19
– Fire & Rescue NSW levy		35	30
– NSW rural fire service levy		393	393
Donations, contributions and assistance to other organisations (Section 356)		216	201
Total other		678	643
Total other expenses		681	651

Material accounting policy information

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	2024 \$ '000	2023 \$ '000
Gain (or loss) on disposal of property (excl. investment property)			
Proceeds from disposal – property		11	–
Less: carrying amount of property assets sold/written off		(170)	–
Gain (or loss) on disposal		(159)	–
Gain (or loss) on disposal of plant and equipment			
	C1-6		
Proceeds from disposal – plant and equipment		401	164
Less: carrying amount of plant and equipment assets sold/written off		(149)	(60)
Gain (or loss) on disposal		252	104
Gain (or loss) on disposal of infrastructure			
	C1-6		
Proceeds from disposal – infrastructure		–	–
Less: carrying amount of infrastructure assets sold/written off		(37)	(1)
Gain (or loss) on disposal		(37)	(1)
Gain (or loss) on disposal of investments			
	C1-2		
Proceeds from disposal/redemptions/maturities – investments		40,000	36,000
Less: carrying amount of investments sold/redeemed/matured		(40,000)	(36,000)
Gain (or loss) on disposal		–	–
Net gain (or loss) from disposal of assets		56	103

Material accounting policy information

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 28 June 2023 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	2024 Budget	2024 Actual	2024 ----- Variance -----	
Revenues				
Rates and annual charges	10,187	10,410	223	2% F
User charges and fees	7,089	10,109	3,020	43% F
Favourable variation can be attributed to additional revenue received form the Buronga Landfill and Transport for NSW for work on the State Highways.				
Other revenues	964	879	(85)	(9)% U
Operating grants and contributions	14,311	10,816	(3,495)	(24)% U
During the year the Regional Local Road Repair Program was renamed the Regional Emergency Road Repair Fund resulting in a reallocation from an operating grant to a capital grant.				
Capital grants and contributions	26,314	15,691	(10,623)	(40)% U
Capital works were less than expected during the year resulting in less income being claimable. The Regional Road Repair program was discontinued by Transport for NSW during the year.				
Interest and investment revenue	1,693	2,318	625	37% F
Interest rates remained higher than expected plus cash balances remained high due to less than expected capital expenditure on prepaid capital grants.				
Net gains from disposal of assets	100	56	(44)	(44)% U
Council disposed off an unbudgeted \$170,000 worth of Riverfront Parcels at nominal price as per previous Council resolution.				
Other income	40	75	35	88% F
Variation is due to the reversal of previous doubtful debt impairment.				

B5-1 Material budget variations (continued)

\$ '000	2024 Budget	2024 Actual	2024 ----- Variance -----	
Expenses				
Employee benefits and on-costs	11,078	10,066	1,012	9% F
Materials and services	10,485	12,665	(2,180)	(21)% U
Higher than budget expenditure in the following areas:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Highway Expense (as per increase in corresponding revenue) • Buronga Landfill Operations (as per increase in corresponding revenue) • Water Operations • Information Technology expenditure • Aerodrome maintenance • Legal expenditure 				
Borrowing costs	478	578	(100)	(21)% U
Variation is due to the Landfill Rehabilitation Provision Amortisation, which is an unbudgetd non cash expenses.				
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment of non-financial assets	8,465	10,083	(1,618)	(19)% U
There is a timing difference between when the budget for 2023/2024 was set compared to the actual figure booked at 30 June. Depreciation expenses continues to grow due to ongoing revaluation increases.				
Other expenses	662	681	(19)	(3)% U
Joint ventures and associates – net losses	–	62	(62)	∞ U
This expense represents Council's share of the decrease in equity of the Joint Organisation for the year. This is a requirement of Accounting Standard AASB11 - Joint Arrangements and will always be a post 30 June adjustment.				
Statement of cash flows				
Cash flows from operating activities	40,864	24,733	(16,131)	(39)% U
Unfavourable variance due to receiving less operating and capital grants that budgeted for.				
Cash flows from investing activities	(44,864)	(28,479)	16,385	(37)% F
Favourable variation is due to under expenditure in capital works.				
Cash flows from financing activities	7,981	7,017	(964)	(12)% U
Variance is due to a timing difference between when we expected to draw down on loans and start making principal repayments for those loans during the year.				

C Financial position

C1 Assets we manage

C1-1 Cash and cash equivalents

	2024 \$ '000	2023 \$ '000
Cash assets		
Cash on hand and at bank	9,950	5,092
Cash equivalent assets		
– Deposits at call	532	2,119
Total cash and cash equivalents	10,482	7,211

Reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents

Total cash and cash equivalents per Statement of Financial Position	10,482	7,211
Balance as per the Statement of Cash Flows	10,482	7,211

Material accounting policy information

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

	2024 Current \$ '000	2024 Non-current \$ '000	2023 Current \$ '000	2023 Non-current \$ '000
Debt securities at amortised cost				
Long term deposits	39,000	–	44,000	–
Total	39,000	–	44,000	–
Total financial investments	39,000	–	44,000	–
Total cash assets, cash equivalents and investments	49,482	–	51,211	–

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

	2024 \$ '000	2023 \$ '000
(a) Externally restricted cash, cash equivalents and investments		
Total cash, cash equivalents and investments	49,482	51,211
Less: Externally restricted cash, cash equivalents and investments	(32,882)	(31,251)
Cash, cash equivalents and investments not subject to external restrictions	16,600	19,960
External restrictions		
External restrictions – included in liabilities		
External restrictions included in cash, cash equivalents and investments above comprise:		
Specific purpose unexpended grants – Contract Liabilities	11,934	9,465
External restrictions – included in liabilities	11,934	9,465
External restrictions – other		
External restrictions included in cash, cash equivalents and investments above comprise:		
Developer contributions – general	1,085	982
Specific purpose unexpended grants (recognised as revenue) – general fund	319	3,740
Water fund	11,127	11,162
Sewer fund	5,693	5,154
Council reserves – caravan park	226	214
Other - T-Corp Loan Balance	2,498	534
External restrictions – other	20,948	21,786
Total external restrictions	32,882	31,251

Cash, cash equivalents and investments subject to external restrictions are those which are only available for specific use by Council due to a restriction placed by legislation or third-party contractual agreement.

	2024 \$ '000	2023 \$ '000
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(b) Internal allocations

Cash, cash equivalents and investments not subject to external restrictions	16,600	19,960
Less: Internally restricted cash, cash equivalents and investments	(14,318)	(15,897)
Unrestricted and unallocated cash, cash equivalents and investments	2,282	4,063
Internal allocations		
At 30 June, Council has internally allocated funds to the following:		
Plant and vehicle replacement	1,500	1,500
Employees leave entitlement	2,301	2,308
Deposits, retentions and bonds	1,719	759
Capital projects	1,000	1,000
FAG received in advance	6,628	7,383
Future development	576	1,076
Other doubtful debts provision	25	48
Cemeteries Deposits	569	547
Caravan Park Loan	–	1,276
Total internal allocations	14,318	15,897

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.

	2024 \$ '000	2023 \$ '000
(c) Unrestricted and unallocated		
Unrestricted and unallocated cash, cash equivalents and investments	2,282	4,063

C1-4 Receivables

	2024 Current \$ '000	2024 Non-current \$ '000	2023 Current \$ '000	2023 Non-current \$ '000
Rates and annual charges	832	—	1,073	—
Interest and extra charges	323	—	321	—
User charges and fees	3,273	—	1,559	—
Accrued revenues				
– Interest on investments	927	—	741	—
Government grants and subsidies	1,289	—	1,811	—
Net GST receivable	249	—	314	—
Total	6,893	—	5,819	—
Less: provision for impairment				
Other debtors	(25)	—	(48)	—
Total provision for impairment – receivables	(25)	—	(48)	—
Total net receivables	6,868	—	5,771	—
Externally restricted receivables				
Water supply				
– Rates and availability charges	375	—	498	—
– Other	662	—	628	—
Sewerage services				
– Rates and availability charges	207	—	288	—
– Other	95	—	91	—
Total external restrictions	1,339	—	1,505	—
Unrestricted receivables	5,529	—	4,266	—
Total net receivables	6,868	—	5,771	—

	2024 \$ '000	2023 \$ '000
Movement in provision for impairment of receivables		
Balance at the beginning of the year	48	40
+ new provisions recognised during the year	—	8
– previous impairment losses reversed	(23)	—
Balance at the end of the year	25	48

Material accounting policy information

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 receivables when the expected lifetime credit losses are recognised on day 1.

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

C1-4 Receivables (continued)

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

	2024 Current \$ '000	2024 Non-current \$ '000	2023 Current \$ '000	2023 Non-current \$ '000
Inventories at cost				
Stores and materials	306	—	248	—
Total inventories at cost	306	—	248	—
Total inventories	306	—	248	—

Material accounting policy information**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 2023			Asset movements during the reporting period							At 30 June 2024		
	Gross carrying amount \$ '000	Accumulated depreciation and impairment \$ '000	Net carrying amount \$ '000	Additions renewals ¹ \$ '000	Additions new assets \$ '000	Carrying value of disposals \$ '000	Depreciation expense \$ '000	Impairment reversal (recognised in equity) \$ '000	WIP transfers \$ '000	Revaluation increments to equity (ARR) \$ '000	Gross carrying amount \$ '000	Accumulated depreciation and impairment \$ '000	Net carrying amount \$ '000
By aggregated asset class													
Capital work in progress	17,086	–	17,086	14,930	–	(37)	–	–	(7,700)	–	24,279	–	24,279
Plant and equipment	25,864	(16,582)	9,282	2,094	603	(149)	(1,258)	–	–	–	27,434	(16,862)	10,572
Office equipment	932	(277)	655	325	468	–	(131)	–	–	–	1,725	(408)	1,317
Furniture and fittings	102	(80)	22	–	–	–	(4)	–	–	–	102	(84)	18
Land:													
– Operational land	9,851	–	9,851	–	–	(170)	–	–	–	–	9,681	–	9,681
– Community land	9,811	–	9,811	–	400	–	–	–	–	–	10,211	–	10,211
– Land under roads (post 30/6/08)	1,259	–	1,259	–	284	–	–	–	–	–	1,543	–	1,543
Land improvements – depreciable	16,529	(4,906)	11,623	1,761	76	–	(611)	–	720	943	20,413	(5,901)	14,512
Infrastructure:													
– Buildings	81,553	(45,149)	36,404	474	856	–	(1,082)	94	93	2,559	88,739	(49,341)	39,398
– Other structures	7,086	(2,549)	4,537	22	240	–	(255)	–	312	337	8,191	(2,998)	5,193
– Roads	238,606	(125,669)	112,937	8,968	870	–	(3,782)	739	3,273	6,082	263,417	(134,330)	129,087
– Bridges	14,824	(6,956)	7,868	300	–	–	(97)	–	406	455	16,363	(7,431)	8,932
– Footpaths	8,322	(4,023)	4,299	–	968	–	(91)	–	17	279	9,806	(4,334)	5,472
– Bulk earthworks (non-depreciable)	224,373	–	224,373	–	41	–	–	–	–	12,588	237,002	–	237,002
– Stormwater drainage	31,815	(12,761)	19,054	–	993	–	(272)	–	–	1,003	34,471	(13,693)	20,778
– Water supply network	76,140	(35,925)	40,215	1,498	490	–	(1,011)	–	1,828	2,181	84,010	(38,809)	45,201
– Sewerage network	51,871	(21,748)	30,123	1,050	457	–	(932)	–	1,051	1,610	57,188	(23,829)	33,359
– Swimming pools	3,335	(1,425)	1,910	42	–	–	(76)	–	–	130	3,612	(1,606)	2,006
– Other open space/recreational assets	1,422	(834)	588	253	–	–	(215)	222	–	59	1,791	(884)	907
– Other infrastructure	16,236	(3,871)	12,365	–	–	–	(184)	–	–	846	17,364	(4,337)	13,027
Other assets:													
– Library books	314	(138)	176	50	–	–	(15)	–	–	–	364	(153)	211
Reinstatement, rehabilitation and restoration assets (refer Note C3-5):													
– Tip assets	3,338	(294)	3,044	–	–	–	(67)	–	–	–	3,338	(361)	2,977
Total infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	840,669	(283,187)	557,482	31,767	6,746	(356)	(10,083)	1,055	–	29,072	921,044	(305,361)	615,683

(1) 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 2022				Asset movements during the reporting period							At 30 June 2023			
	Gross carrying amount	Accumulated depreciation and impairment	Net carrying amount		Additions renewals ¹	Additions new assets	Carrying value of disposals	Depreciation expense	Revaluation decrements (recognised in equity)	WIP transfers	Revaluation decrements to equity (ARR)	Revaluation increments to equity (ARR)	Gross carrying amount	Accumulated depreciation and impairment	Net carrying amount
	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000		\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000
By aggregated asset class															
Capital work in progress	10,357	–	10,357	11,931	–	–	(1)	–	–	(5,201)	–	–	17,086	–	17,086
Plant and equipment	24,997	(16,291)	8,706	1,768	–	–	(60)	(1,132)	–	–	–	–	25,864	(16,582)	9,282
Office equipment	759	(177)	582	173	–	–	–	(100)	–	–	–	–	932	(277)	655
Furniture and fittings	94	(78)	16	9	–	–	–	(3)	–	–	–	–	102	(80)	22
Land:															
– Operational land	4,057	–	4,057	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	5,794	9,851	–	9,851
– Community land	7,228	–	7,228	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2,583	9,811	–	9,811
– Land under roads (post 30/6/08)	422	–	422	–	534	–	–	–	–	–	–	303	1,259	–	1,259
Land improvements – depreciable	16,466	(5,531)	10,935	356	485	–	–	(481)	–	345	(17)	–	16,529	(4,906)	11,623
Infrastructure:															
– Buildings	85,583	(45,696)	39,887	183	640	–	–	(1,049)	(94)	720	(3,883)	–	81,553	(45,149)	36,404
– Other structures	7,189	(2,609)	4,580	44	8	–	–	(269)	–	225	(51)	–	7,086	(2,549)	4,537
– Roads	218,719	(113,055)	105,664	4,236	2,095	–	–	(3,748)	(1,963)	638	–	6,015	238,606	(125,669)	112,937
– Bridges	13,997	(6,476)	7,521	–	–	–	–	(92)	–	–	–	439	14,824	(6,956)	7,868
– Footpaths	7,635	(3,718)	3,917	–	235	–	–	(80)	–	–	–	227	8,322	(4,023)	4,299
– Bulk earthworks (non-depreciable)	211,767	–	211,767	–	82	–	–	–	–	–	–	12,524	224,373	–	224,373
– Stormwater drainage	27,191	(11,623)	15,568	90	1,913	–	–	(225)	–	525	–	1,183	31,815	(12,761)	19,054
– Water supply network	69,788	(32,419)	37,369	7	920	–	–	(935)	–	45	–	2,809	76,140	(35,925)	40,215
– Sewerage network	44,872	(19,415)	25,457	291	613	–	–	(778)	–	2,635	–	1,905	51,871	(21,748)	30,123
– Swimming pools	3,651	(1,705)	1,946	53	–	–	–	(71)	–	68	(86)	–	3,335	(1,425)	1,910
– Other open space/recreational assets	1,093	(590)	503	–	–	–	–	(86)	(222)	–	–	393	1,422	(834)	588
– Other infrastructure	15,087	(3,442)	11,645	71	–	–	–	(171)	–	–	–	820	16,236	(3,871)	12,365
Other assets:															
– Library books	279	(116)	163	35	–	–	–	(22)	–	–	–	–	314	(138)	176
Reinstatement, rehabilitation and restoration assets (refer Note C3-5):															
– Tip assets	3,339	(228)	3,111	–	–	–	–	(67)	–	–	–	–	3,338	(294)	3,044
Total infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	774,570	(263,169)	511,401	19,247	7,525	(61)	(9,309)	(2,279)	–	–	(4,037)	34,995	840,669	(283,187)	557,482

(1) 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)

Material accounting policy information

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

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 Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and 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 30/06/24			as at 30/06/23		
	Gross carrying amount \$ '000	Accumulated depn. and impairment \$ '000	Net carrying amount \$ '000	Gross carrying amount \$ '000	Accumulated depn. and impairment \$ '000	Net carrying amount \$ '000
Water supply						
WIP	435	–	435	2,047	–	2,047
Plant and equipment	43	22	21	43	21	22
Infrastructure	84,010	38,809	45,201	76,140	35,925	40,215
Total water supply	84,488	38,831	45,657	78,230	35,946	42,284
Sewerage services						
WIP	460	–	460	1,397	–	1,397
Land						
– Improvements – depreciable	35	21	14	33	16	17
Infrastructure	57,188	23,829	33,359	51,871	21,748	30,123
Total sewerage services	57,683	23,850	33,833	53,301	21,764	31,537
Total restricted infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	142,171	62,681	79,490	131,531	57,710	73,821

Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment – current year impairments

	2024 \$ '000	2023 \$ '000
Impairment of Buildings due to flooding	(94)	(94)
Impairment of Playgrounds due to flooding	(222)	(222)
Impairment of Roads due to flooding	(1,963)	(1,963)
Total impairment losses	(2,279)	(2,279)
Reinstatement of Buildings Impairment	94	–
Reinstatement of Playgrounds Impairment	222	–
Reinstatement of Roads Impairment	739	–
Total impairment reversals	1,055	–
Impairment of assets – direct to equity (ARR)	(1,224)	(2,279)

C1-7 Intangible assets

Intangible assets are as follows:

	2024 \$ '000	2023 \$ '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	184

Material accounting policy information

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.

C1-8 Other

Other assets

	2024 Current \$ '000	2024 Non-current \$ '000	2023 Current \$ '000	2023 Non-current \$ '000
Prepayments	276	–	201	–
Total other assets	276	–	201	–

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:

	2024 \$ '000	2023 \$ '000
Lease income (excluding variable lease payments not dependent on an index or rate)	52	38
Total income relating to operating leases for investment property assets	52	38

(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	100
1–2 years	102	102
2–3 years	104	104
3–4 years	106	106
4–5 years	108	108
> 5 years	570	570
Total undiscounted lease payments to be received	1,090	1,090

Material accounting policy information

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

	2024 Current \$ '000	2024 Non-current \$ '000	2023 Current \$ '000	2023 Non-current \$ '000
Accrued expenses:				
– Borrowings	108	–	9	–
– Salaries and wages	211	–	178	–
– Other expenditure accruals	2,920	–	2,411	–
Trust account – money held in trust	1,719	–	759	–
Prepaid rates	481	–	418	–
Total payables	5,439	–	3,775	–

Payables relating to restricted assets

	2024 Current \$ '000	2024 Non-current \$ '000	2023 Current \$ '000	2023 Non-current \$ '000
Externally restricted assets				
Sewer	–	–	40	–
Total payables relating to restricted assets	–	–	40	–
Total payables	5,439	–	3,775	–

Material accounting policy information

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

		2024 Current \$ '000	2024 Non-current \$ '000	2023 Current \$ '000	2023 Non-current \$ '000
	Notes				
Grants and contributions received in advance:					
Unexpended capital grants (to construct Council controlled assets)	(i)	11,934	–	9,465	–
Total grants received in advance		11,934	–	9,465	–
User fees and charges received in advance:					
Other - Cemeteries Deposits	(ii)	569	–	547	–
Total user fees and charges received in advance		569	–	547	–
Total contract liabilities		12,503	–	10,012	–

Notes

(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.

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

Contract liabilities relating to restricted assets

	2024 Current \$ '000	2024 Non-current \$ '000	2023 Current \$ '000	2023 Non-current \$ '000
Unspent grants held as contract liabilities (excl. Water & Sewer)	11,934	–	9,465	–
Contract liabilities relating to externally restricted assets	11,934	–	9,465	–
Cemeteries Deposits	569	–	547	–
Contract liabilities relating to internally restricted assets	569	–	547	–
Total contract liabilities relating to restricted assets	12,503	–	10,012	–
Total contract liabilities	12,503	–	10,012	–

Significant changes in contract liabilities

Council has received significant grant funding in advance from the following funding programs:

- Local Roads and Community Infrastructure
- Resources for Regions
- Pothole Repair Program
- Regional & Local Roads Repair Program
- Office of Local Government (Natural Disaster Funding)

Material accounting policy information

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

C3-3 Borrowings

	2024 Current \$ '000	2024 Non-current \$ '000	2023 Current \$ '000	2023 Non-current \$ '000
Loans – secured ¹	1,156	13,828	956	7,011
Total borrowings	1,156	13,828	956	7,011

(1) 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 E1-1.

Borrowings relating to restricted assets

	2024 Current \$ '000	2024 Non-current \$ '000	2023 Current \$ '000	2023 Non-current \$ '000
Externally restricted assets				
Sewer	73	466	72	539
Borrowings relating to externally restricted assets	73	466	72	539
Total borrowings relating to restricted assets	73	466	72	539
Total borrowings relating to unrestricted assets	1,083	13,362	884	6,472
Total borrowings	1,156	13,828	956	7,011

C3-3 Borrowings (continued)

(a) Changes in liabilities arising from financing activities

	2023		Non-cash movements				2024
	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	7,967	(983)	8,000	–	–	–	14,984
Total liabilities from financing activities	7,967	(983)	8,000	–	–	–	14,984

	2022		Non-cash movements				2023
	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	7,796	(829)	1,000	–	–	–	7,967
Total liabilities from financing activities	7,796	(829)	1,000	–	–	–	7,967

(b) Financing arrangements

	2024 \$ '000	2023 \$ '000
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Total facilities

Total financing facilities available to Council at the reporting date are:

Credit cards/purchase cards	100	40
Bank Guarantee	54	54
Total financing arrangements	154	94

Drawn facilities

Financing facilities drawn down at the reporting date are:

Undrawn facilities

Undrawn financing facilities available to Council at the reporting date are:

– Credit cards/purchase cards	200	40
– Bank Guarantee	108	54
Total undrawn financing arrangements	308	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.

Material accounting policy information

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

	2024 Current \$ '000	2024 Non-current \$ '000	2023 Current \$ '000	2023 Non-current \$ '000
Annual leave	806	–	865	–
Long service leave	1,148	235	1,162	158
Gratuities	112	–	122	–
Total employee benefit provisions	2,066	235	2,149	158

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

	2024 \$ '000	2023 \$ '000
The following provisions, even though classified as current, are not expected to be settled in the next 12 months.		
Provisions – employees benefits	918	987
	918	987

Description of and movements in provisions

	ELE provisions			
	Annual leave \$ '000	Long service leave \$ '000	Gratuities \$ '000	Total \$ '000
2024				
At beginning of year	865	1,320	122	2,307
Additional provisions	707	282	8	997
Amounts used (payments)	(766)	(219)	(18)	(1,003)
Total ELE provisions at end of year	806	1,383	112	2,301
2023				
At beginning of year	907	1,264	124	2,295
Additional provisions	715	223	10	948
Amounts used (payments)	(757)	(167)	(10)	(934)
Remeasurement effects	–	–	(2)	(2)
Total ELE provisions at end of year	865	1,320	122	2,307

Material accounting policy information

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

	2024 Current \$ '000	2024 Non-Current \$ '000	2023 Current \$ '000	2023 Non-Current \$ '000
Asset remediation/restoration:				
Asset remediation/restoration (future works)	–	2,963	–	2,835
Sub-total – asset remediation/restoration	–	2,963	–	2,835
Total provisions	–	2,963	–	2,835
Total provisions relating to unrestricted assets	–	2,963	–	2,835
Total provisions	–	2,963	–	2,835

Description of and movements in provisions

	Other provisions	
	Asset remediation \$ '000	Total \$ '000
2024		
At beginning of year	2,835	2,835
Unwinding of discount	128	128
Total other provisions at end of year	2,963	2,963
2023		
At beginning of year	2,713	2,713
Unwinding of discount	122	122
Total other provisions at end of year	2,835	2,835

Nature and purpose of provisions

Asset remediation

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

Material accounting policy information

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 2024 \$ '000	Water 2024 \$ '000	Sewer 2024 \$ '000
Income from continuing operations			
Rates and annual charges	7,010	1,478	1,922
User charges and fees	8,428	1,681	–
Interest and investment revenue	1,572	491	255
Other revenues	876	1	2
Grants and contributions provided for operating purposes	10,782	18	16
Grants and contributions provided for capital purposes	14,550	527	614
Net gains from disposal of assets	56	–	–
Other income	75	–	–
Total income from continuing operations	43,349	4,196	2,809
Expenses from continuing operations			
Employee benefits and on-costs	8,967	792	307
Materials and services	11,208	1,217	240
Borrowing costs	565	–	13
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment of non-financial assets	8,134	1,013	936
Other expenses	523	105	53
Share of interests in joint ventures and associates using the equity method	62	–	–
Total expenses from continuing operations	29,459	3,127	1,549
Operating result from continuing operations	13,890	1,069	1,260
Net operating result for the year	13,890	1,069	1,260
Net operating result attributable to each council fund	13,890	1,069	1,260
Net operating result for the year before grants and contributions provided for capital purposes	(660)	542	646

D1-2 Statement of Financial Position by fund

	General 2024 \$ '000	Water 2024 \$ '000	Sewer 2024 \$ '000
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	(6,338)	11,127	5,693
Investments	39,000	—	—
Receivables	5,529	1,037	302
Inventories	306	—	—
Other	276	—	—
Total current assets	38,773	12,164	5,995
Non-current assets			
Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	536,193	45,657	33,833
Investments accounted for using the equity method	805	—	—
Intangible assets	184	—	—
Total non-current assets	537,182	45,657	33,833
Total assets	575,955	57,821	39,828
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
Payables	5,439	—	—
Contract liabilities	12,503	—	—
Borrowings	1,083	—	73
Employee benefit provision	2,066	—	—
Total current liabilities	21,091	—	73
Non-current liabilities			
Borrowings	13,362	—	466
Employee benefit provision	235	—	—
Provisions	2,963	—	—
Total non-current liabilities	16,560	—	466
Total liabilities	37,651	—	539
Net assets	538,304	57,821	39,289
EQUITY			
Accumulated surplus	96,754	24,275	11,345
Revaluation reserves	441,550	33,546	27,944
Council equity interest	538,304	57,821	39,289
Total equity	538,304	57,821	39,289

D2 Interests in other entities

	Council's share of net assets	
	2024	2023
	\$ '000	\$ '000
Council's share of net income		
Net share of interests in joint ventures and associates using the equity method – expenses		
Joint ventures	62	78
Total net share of interests in joint ventures and associates using the equity method – expenses	62	78
Total Council's share of net income	(62)	(78)
Council's share of net assets		
Net share of interests in joint ventures and associates using the equity method – assets		
Joint ventures	805	867
Total net share of interests in joint ventures and associates using the equity method – assets	805	867
Total Council's share of net assets	805	867

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 as 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 priorities;
2. Provide regional leadership for the joint organisation area and to be an advocate for strategic regional priorities;
3. Identify and take up opportunities for intergovernmental cooperation on matters relating to the joint organisation 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 equivalent to the percentage voting rights for all associates as follows:

FWJO comprises 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 2023/2024 year, member Councils made no contributions 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 2024	
Equity Method	\$'000
Summarised Statement of Financial Position	
Current assets	3,467
Non-current assets	-
Current liabilities	245
Non-current liabilities	-
Net assets	3,222
Summarised Statement of Income and other Comprehensive Income	
Grant funding	-
Interest income	9
Gain on Disposal	-
Total Income from Continuing Operations	9
Employee benefits	-
Borrowing costs	-
Depreciation and amortisation	-
Administration expense	(253)
Other expenses	-
Total Expense from Continuing Operations	(253)
Profit/(loss) from continuing operations	(244)
Other Comprehensive Income	-
Total Comprehensive Income	(244)
Summarised Statement of Cash Flows	
Cash flows from operating activities	(10)
Cash flows from investing activities	-
Cash flows from financing activities	-
Net Increase/(Decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(10)
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 Net Assets	805
Carrying amount	805

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D2-1 Interests in joint arrangements (continued)

Joint arrangement

			Interest in ownership		Interest in voting	
			2024	2023	2024	2023
Principal activity		Place of business				
Council is involved in the following joint arrangement						
Name of joint arrangement:						
Far West Joint Organisation	Local Government Joint Arrangement	240 Blende St Broken Hill NSW 2880	25%	25%	25%	25%

Material accounting policy information

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 2024 \$ '000	Carrying value 2023 \$ '000	Fair value 2024 \$ '000	Fair value 2023 \$ '000
Financial assets				
Measured at amortised cost				
Cash and cash equivalents	10,482	7,211	10,482	7,211
Receivables	6,868	5,771	6,868	5,771
Investments				
– Debt securities at amortised cost	39,000	44,000	39,000	44,000
Total financial assets	56,350	56,982	56,350	56,982
Financial liabilities				
Payables	5,439	3,775	5,439	3,775
Loans/advances	14,984	7,967	14,984	7,967
Total financial liabilities	20,423	11,742	20,423	11,742

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 its 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

	2024 \$ '000	2023 \$ '000
<p>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.</p>		
Impact of a 1% movement in interest rates		
– Equity / Income Statement	495	512

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 \$ '000	overdue rates and annual charges < 5 years \$ '000	≥ 5 years \$ '000	Total \$ '000
2024				
Gross carrying amount	–	810	22	832
2023				
Gross carrying amount	–	989	84	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 \$ '000	0 - 30 days \$ '000	Overdue debts 31 - 60 days \$ '000	61 - 90 days \$ '000	> 91 days \$ '000	Total \$ '000
2024						
Gross carrying amount	5,266	261	–	76	458	6,061
Expected loss rate (%)	0.00%	0.45%	6.45%	0.27%	5.05%	0.40%
ECL provision	–	2	–	–	23	25
2023						
Gross carrying amount	4,038	299	–	–	409	4,746
Expected loss rate (%)	0.00%	2.23%	29.86%	16.91%	9.92%	1.00%
ECL provision	–	7	–	–	41	48

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:		Total cash outflows \$ '000	Actual carrying values \$ '000
				1 - 5 Years \$ '000	> 5 Years \$ '000		
2024							
Payables	0.00%	1,719	3,720	–	–	5,439	5,439
Borrowings	3.66%	–	2,880	10,799	22,222	35,901	14,984
Total financial liabilities		1,719	6,600	10,799	22,222	41,340	20,423
2023							
Payables	0.00%	759	3,016	–	–	3,775	3,775
Borrowings	2.94%	–	1,196	3,546	5,896	10,638	7,967
Total financial liabilities		759	4,212	3,546	5,896	14,413	11,742

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	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
Recurring fair value measurements									
Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	C1-6								
Plant and equipment				–	–	10,572	9,282	10,572	9,282
Office equipment				–	–	1,317	655	1,317	655
Furniture and fittings				–	–	18	22	18	22
Swimming Pools	30/06/2023	30/06/2023		–	–	2,006	1,910	2,006	1,910
Operational land	30/06/2024	30/06/2023		–	–	9,681	9,851	9,681	9,851
Community Land	30/06/2024	30/06/2023		–	–	10,211	9,811	10,211	9,811
Land improvements – depreciable	30/06/2023	30/06/2023		–	–	14,512	11,623	14,512	11,623
Buildings	30/06/2023	30/06/2023		–	–	39,398	36,404	39,398	36,404
Other structures	30/06/2023	30/06/2023		–	–	5,193	4,537	5,193	4,537
Roads, Bridges, Bulk Earthworks & Land Under Roads	30/06/2020	30/06/2020		–	–	376,564	346,437	376,564	346,437
Footpaths	30/06/2020	30/06/2020		–	–	5,472	4,299	5,472	4,299
Stormwater drainage	30/06/2022	30/06/2022		–	–	20,778	19,054	20,778	19,054
Water supply network	30/06/2022	30/06/2022		–	–	45,201	40,215	45,201	40,215
Sewerage network	30/06/2022	30/06/2022		–	–	33,359	30,123	33,359	30,123
Other recreational assets	30/06/2023	30/06/2023		–	–	907	588	907	588
Library books	30/06/2020	30/06/2020		–	–	211	176	211	176
Other Infrastructure	30/06/2020	30/06/2020		–	–	13,027	12,365	13,027	12,365
Tip Assets	30/06/2024	30/06/2020		–	–	2,977	3,044	2,977	3,044
Total infrastructure, property, plant and equipment				–	–	591,404	540,396	591,404	540,396

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:

E2-1 Fair value measurement (continued)

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 2023 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 2023.

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 2023 by Marsh Valuations 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. Council undertook a desktop valuation of these assets utilising ABS Pricing Indices as at 30 June 2024.

Buildings were valued by Marsh Valuations Pty Ltd at 30 June 2023 using the cost approach. The approach estimated the replacement cost of each building by componentising 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. Council undertook a desktop valuation of these assets utilising ABS Pricing Indices as at 30 June 2024.

Other Structures comprises lighting systems, shade sails, 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. These assets were valued by Marsh Valuations Pty Ltd at 30 June 2023. Council undertook a desktop valuation of these assets utilising ABS Pricing Indices as at 30 June 2024.

Roads comprises the road carriageway, 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. The cost approach was utilised 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 uncertainty regarding the actual design, specifications and dimensions of some assets. Council undertook a desktop valuation of these assets utilising ABS Pricing Indices as at 30 June 2024.

Footpaths have been valued using the fair value 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. Council undertook a desktop valuation of these assets utilising ABS Pricing Indices as at 30 June 2024.

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 componentising the assets into significant parts with different useful lives and taking into account a range of factors. The level of componentisation 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

E2-1 Fair value measurement (continued)

Marsh Valuations as at 30 June 2022. In accordance with the requirements of the DPI-Water NSW Rates Reference Manual Stormwater assets had an annual indexation applied to them in between formal valuations as at 30 June 2024.

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 componentising the assets into significant parts with different useful lives and taking into account a range of factors. The level of componentisation 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 revalued by Marsh Valuation at 30 June 2022. In accordance with the requirements of the DPI-Water NSW Rates Reference Manual these assets had an annual indexation applied to them in between formal valuations as at 30 June 2024.

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. These assets were revalued by Marsh Valuations as at 30 June 2023. Council undertook a desktop valuation of these assets utilising ABS Pricing Indices as at 30 June 2024.

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. These assets were revalued by Marsh Valuations as at 30 June 2023. Council undertook a desktop valuation of these assets utilising ABS Pricing Indices as at 30 June 2024.

Bridges have previously been valued by Marsh Valuations Pty Ltd as at 30 June 2020 using the fair value approach. Bridges were originally assessed using physical inspections. Condition information is updated as changes in the condition are observed through regular inspections. Council undertook a desktop valuation of these assets utilising ABS Pricing Indices as at 30 June 2024.

E2-1 Fair value measurement (continued)

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 equipment		Office equipment		Furniture and fittings		Operational land	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000
Opening balance	9,282	8,706	655	582	22	16	9,851	4,057
Total gains or losses for the period								
Other movements								
Purchases (GBV)	2,697	1,768	793	173	–	9	–	–
Disposals (WDV)	(149)	(60)	–	–	–	–	(170)	–
Depreciation and impairment	(1,258)	(1,132)	(131)	(100)	(4)	(3)	–	5,794
Closing balance	10,572	9,282	1,317	655	18	22	9,681	9,851

	Library books		Community land		Land imp'mts depreciable		Buildings	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000
Opening balance	176	163	9,811	7,228	11,623	10,935	36,404	39,887
Total gains or losses for the period								
Other movements								
Purchases (GBV)	50	35	400	–	2,557	1,186	1,423	1,543
Other movement (revaluation)	–	–	–	–	943	(17)	2,559	(3,883)
Depreciation and impairment	(15)	(22)	–	2,583	(611)	(481)	(988)	(1,143)
Closing balance	211	176	10,211	9,811	14,512	11,623	39,398	36,404

E2-1 Fair value measurement (continued)

	Other structures		Roads		Footpaths		Stormwater drainage	
	2024 \$ '000	2023 \$ '000	2024 \$ '000	2023 \$ '000	2024 \$ '000	2023 \$ '000	2024 \$ '000	2023 \$ '000
Opening balance	4,537	4,580	346,437	325,374	4,299	3,917	19,054	15,568
Total gains or losses for the period								
Other movements								
Purchases (GBV)	574	277	14,142	7,585	985	235	993	2,528
Other movement (revaluation)	337	(51)	19,125	19,281	279	227	1,003	1,183
Depreciation and impairment	(255)	(269)	(3,140)	(5,803)	(91)	(80)	(272)	(225)
Closing balance	5,193	4,537	376,564	346,437	5,472	4,299	20,778	19,054

	Water supply network		Sewerage network		Swimming pools		Open space	
	2024 \$ '000	2023 \$ '000	2024 \$ '000	2023 \$ '000	2024 \$ '000	2023 \$ '000	2024 \$ '000	2023 \$ '000
Opening balance	40,215	37,369	30,123	25,457	1,910	1,946	588	503
Total gains or losses for the period								
Other movements								
Purchases (GBV)	3,816	972	2,558	3,539	42	121	253	—
Other movement (revaluation)	2,181	2,809	1,610	1,905	130	(86)	59	393
Depreciation and impairment	(1,011)	(935)	(932)	(778)	(76)	(71)	7	(308)
Closing balance	45,201	40,215	33,359	30,123	2,006	1,910	907	588

E2-1 Fair value measurement (continued)

	Other Infrastructure		Tip Assets		Total	
	2024 \$ '000	2023 \$ '000	2024 \$ '000	2023 \$ '000	2024 \$ '000	2023 \$ '000
Opening balance	12,365	11,645	3,044	3,111	540,396	501,044
Purchases (GBV)	–	71	–	–	31,283	20,042
Other movement (revaluation)	846	820	–	–	29,072	22,581
Disposals (WDV)	–	–	–	–	(319)	(60)
Depreciation and impairment	(184)	(171)	(67)	(67)	(9,028)	(3,211)
Closing balance	13,027	12,365	2,977	3,044	591,404	540,396

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, Employers are required to contribute 8.5% of salaries for the year ending 30 June 2024 (increasing to 9.0% 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 \$20 million per annum from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2024, apportioned according to each employer's share of the accrued liabilities as at 30 June 2023. 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, the next of which is due effective 30 June 2024, 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 2024 was \$35,096.10. The last valuation of the fund was undertaken by Mr Richard Boyfield, FIAA as at 30 June 2023.

As previously notified, the past service contributions \$20M per annum remain in place and will continue to be reviewed on an annual basis or as required. The funding requirements for the defined benefit schemes are assessed by the Trustee on an annual basis with the outcome of each annual funding updated communicated in the new year. Council's expected contribution to the plan for the next annual reporting period is \$18,600.99.

The estimated employer reserves financial position for the Pooled Employers at 30 June 2024 is:

Employer reserves only *	\$millions	Asset Coverage
Assets	2,237.5	
Past Service Liabilities	2,141.9	104.5%
Vested Benefits	2,159.8	103.6%

* excluding other accumulation accounts and reserves in both assets and liabilities.

The share of this deficit that is broadly attributed to Council is estimated to be in the order of 0.15%

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	6.0% per annum
Salary inflation	3.50% per annum
Increase in CPI	3.50% for FY23/24 2.5% per annum thereafter

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, the final end of year review will be completed by December 2024.

(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 June 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:

	2024 \$ '000	2023 \$ '000
Compensation:		
Short-term benefits	1,733	1,428
Post Employment Benefits	198	141
Total	1,931	1,569

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.

Nature of the transaction	Ref	Transactions during the year \$ '000	Outstanding balances including commitments \$ '000	Terms and conditions	Impairment provision on outstanding balances \$ '000	Impairment expense \$ '000
2024						
Property Management Fees	1	1	-	-	-	-
Fees and Charges	2	101	4	4	-	-
Donations, Grants and Contributions	3	12	2	2	-	-
Tree/Weed Removal, Construction and Demolition work	4	119	61	61	-	-
Document Destruction Services, Native Nursery & Employment	5	3	-	-	-	-
Cleaning Services	6	81	-	-	-	-
Construction Works & Supply of Material	9	4,244	40	40	-	-
Contribution to Building Construction	10	100	-	-	-	-
AV/Telecommunications	11	81	-	-	-	-
Freight Services	12	1	-	-	-	-
Electrical Services	14	56	-	-	-	-

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

Nature of the transaction	Ref	Transactions during the year \$ '000	Outstanding balances including commitments \$ '000	Terms and conditions	Impairment provision on outstanding balances \$ '000	Impairment expense \$ '000
2023						
Property Management Fees	1	1	—		—	—
Fees and Charges	2	25	11		—	—
Donations, Grants and Contributions	3	15	—		—	—
Tree/Weed Removal, Construction and Demolition work	4	203	40		—	—
Document Destruction Services, Native Nursery & Employment	5	2	—		—	—
Cleaning Services	6	88	—		—	—
Construction Works	7	1,039	28		—	—
Maintenance & Construction Works	8	14	—		—	—
Construction Works & Supply of Material	9	525	5		—	—
Contribution to Building Construction	10	193	—		—	—
AV/Telecommunications	11	—	—		—	—
Freight Services	12	—	—		—	—
Event Management and Safety Services	13	8	—		—	—
Electrical Services	14	8	1		—	—

1 Council has an investment property that is managed by Wentworth District Real Estate Pty Ltd, a company directly controlled by a Council KMP. Commission was paid under standard industry terms following Council's procurement process

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

2 Planning Fees were received from the Greater Murray Darling Junction Inc, 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, Wentworth District Racing Club, Wentworth Makers and Dareton Men in a Shed, organisations that are jointly controlled by two Council KMP's. Licence Fee for the use of a Crown Reserve was received from the Wentworth Bowls Club, an organisation jointly controlled by a Council KMP. Council charges Landfill fees to Wall Construction, Waters Excavations and Mallee Sheds, business controlled by close family members of three Council KMP's. Planning Fees were received from Roberts Family Superannuation and Roberts Partners Gol Gol, property developers controlled by close family members of a Council KMP. Planning fees were received from Waters Excavations, an organisation controlled by a close family member of a Council KMP. Fees were charged at normal trading terms following an arms length transaction.

3 Council approved Financial Assistance Contributions to Greater Murray Darling Junction Inc, Wentworth District Community Medical Inc, Wentworth Regional Tourism Inc, Wentworth Makers, Dareton Men in a Shed and Wentworth Bowls Club as part of Council's annual Financial Assistance program. All of these organisations are jointly controlled by Council KMP's.

4 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.

5 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.

6 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.

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

- 7 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.
- 8 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.
- 9 Council incurred transactions with Wall Constructions and Waters Excavations Pty Ltd, companies owned by close family members of Council KMP's. 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 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. Payments were made based on standard commercial arrangements.
- 11 Council incurred transactions with A2ZAV, a business owned by a close family member of a Council KMP. Amounts were billed based on normal rates for such supplies and were payable under normal payment terms following Council's procurement process.
- 12 Council incurred transactions with GTS Freight Management, a business that employess the partner of a Council KMP. Amounts were billed based on normal rates for such supplies and were payable under normal payment terms following Council's procurement process.

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

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Council incurred transactions with Event Management, Admin and Safety Services a business owned by a Council KMP. Amounts were billed based on normal rates for such supplies and were payable under normal payment terms following Council's procurement process.
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Council incurred transactions with BRW Electrical, a business owned by a close family member of a Council KMP. Amounts were billed based on normal rates for such supplies and were payable under the normal payment terms following Council's procurement process.

F1-2 Councillor and Mayoral fees and associated expenses

	2024	2023
	\$ '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	28	28
Councillors' fees	112	113
Other Councillors' expenses (including Mayor)	94	75
Total	234	216

F2 Other relationships

F2-1 Audit fees

	2024	2023
	\$ '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

Remuneration for audit and other assurance services	65	70
Total Auditor-General remuneration	65	70
Total audit fees	65	70

G Other matters

G1-1 Statement of Cash Flows information

(a) Reconciliation of Operating Result

	2024 \$ '000	2023 \$ '000
Net operating result from Income Statement	16,219	21,115
Add / (less) non-cash items:		
Depreciation and amortisation	10,083	9,309
(Gain) / loss on disposal of assets	(56)	(103)
Non-cash capital grants and contributions	(4,286)	(5,519)
Unwinding of discount rates on reinstatement provisions	128	122
Share of net (profits)/losses of associates/joint ventures using the equity method	62	78
Movements in operating assets and liabilities and other cash items:		
(Increase) / decrease of receivables	(1,074)	(1,288)
Increase / (decrease) in provision for impairment of receivables	(23)	8
(Increase) / decrease of inventories	(58)	(24)
(Increase) / decrease of other current assets	(75)	10
Increase / (decrease) in accrued interest payable	99	(1)
Increase / (decrease) in other accrued expenses payable	206	423
Increase / (decrease) in other liabilities	1,023	(36)
Increase / (decrease) in contract liabilities	2,491	3,601
Increase / (decrease) in employee benefit provision	(6)	12
Net cash flows from operating activities	24,733	27,707

(b) Non-cash investing and financing activities

Bushfire assets	396	—
Developer contributions 'in kind'	3,473	5,519
Other dedications	417	—
Total non-cash investing and financing activities	4,286	5,519

G2-1 Commitments

Capital commitments (exclusive of GST)

	2024 \$ '000	2023 \$ '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	462	1,313
Buildings	1,876	9,226
Plant and equipment	613	441
Other	1,205	1,746
Road infrastructure	1,441	1,767
Total commitments	5,597	14,493
These expenditures are payable as follows:		
Within the next year	5,597	14,493
Total payable	5,597	14,493
Sources for funding of capital commitments:		
Unrestricted general funds	1,646	3,365
Unexpended grants	2,878	5,754
Externally restricted reserves	60	233
Unexpended loans	1,013	5,141
Total sources of funding	5,597	14,493

G3-1 Events occurring after the reporting date

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

G4 Statement of developer contributions as at 30 June 2024

G4-1 Summary of developer contributions

	Opening balance at 1 July 2023 \$ '000	Contributions received during the year		Non-cash Other \$ '000	Interest and investment income earned \$ '000	Amounts expended \$ '000	Internal borrowings \$ '000	Held as restricted asset at 30 June 2024 \$ '000	Cumulative balance of internal borrowings (to)/from \$ '000
		Cash \$ '000	Non-cash Land \$ '000						
Development Contribution Plan Service Plan # 2	329 653	51 10	- -	- -	14 27	- -	- -	394 691	- -
S7.11 contributions – under a plan	982	61	-	-	41	-	-	1,085	-
Total S7.11 and S7.12 revenue under plans	982	61	-	-	41	-	-	1,085	-
Total contributions	982	61	-	-	41	-	-	1,085	-

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.

G4-2 Developer contributions by plan

	Opening balance at 1 July 2023 \$ '000	Contributions received during the year		Non-cash Other \$ '000	Interest and investment income earned \$ '000	Amounts expended \$ '000	Internal borrowings \$ '000	Held as restricted asset at 30 June 2024 \$ '000	Cumulative balance of internal borrowings (to)/from \$ '000
		Cash \$ '000	Non-cash Land \$ '000						
CONTRIBUTION PLAN 1									
Development Contribution Plan Service Plan # 2	329 653	51 10	- -	- -	14 27	- -	- -	394 691	- -
Total	982	61	-	-	41	-	-	1,085	-

G5 Statement of performance measures

G5-1 Statement of performance measures – consolidated results

\$ '000	Amounts 2024	Indicator 2024	Indicators 20232022		Benchmark
1. Operating performance ratio					
Total continuing operating revenue excluding capital grants and contributions less operating expenses ^{1,2}	511	1.48%	10.69%	8.62%	> 0.00%
Total continuing operating revenue excluding capital grants and contributions ¹	34,584				
2. Own source operating revenue ratio					
Total continuing operating revenue excluding all grants and contributions ¹	23,768	47.28%	38.29%	50.06%	> 60.00%
Total continuing operating revenue ¹	50,275				
3. Unrestricted current ratio					
Current assets less all external restrictions	22,711	2.76x	3.90x	4.76x	> 1.50x
Current liabilities less specific purpose liabilities	8,239				
4. Debt service cover ratio					
Operating result before capital excluding interest and depreciation/impairment/amortisation ¹	11,172	7.16x	11.65x	12.36x	> 2.00x
Principal repayments (Statement of Cash Flows) plus borrowing costs (Income Statement)	1,561				
5. Rates and annual charges outstanding percentage					
Rates and annual charges outstanding	1,155	9.68%	12.34%	12.86%	< 10.00%
Rates and annual charges collectable	11,926				
6. Cash expense cover ratio					
Current year's cash and cash equivalents plus all term deposits	49,482	21.27	22.30	20.95	> 3.00
Monthly payments from cash flow of operating and financing activities	2,326	months	months	months	months

(1) 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

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

G5-2 Statement of performance measures by fund

\$ '000	General Indicators ³		Water Indicators		Sewer Indicators		Benchmark
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	
1. Operating performance ratio							
Total continuing operating revenue excluding capital grants and contributions less operating expenses ^{1,2}							
Total continuing operating revenue excluding capital grants and contributions ¹							
2. Own source operating revenue ratio							
Total continuing operating revenue excluding capital grants and contributions ¹							
Total continuing operating revenue ¹							
3. Unrestricted current ratio							
Current assets less all external restrictions							
Current liabilities less specific purpose liabilities							
4. Debt service cover ratio							
Operating result before capital excluding interest and depreciation/impairment/amortisation ¹							
Principal repayments (Statement of Cash Flows) plus borrowing costs (Income Statement)							
5. Rates and annual charges outstanding percentage							
Rates and annual charges outstanding							
Rates and annual charges collectable							
6. Cash expense cover ratio							
Current year's cash and cash equivalents plus all term deposits							
Monthly payments from cash flow of operating and financing activities							

(1) - (2) Refer to Note G6-1 above.

(3) 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

H1-2 Council information and contact details

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Daniel Linklater - 20/09/2023 - 30/06/2024

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Steve Cooper

Peter Crisp

Tim Elstone

Steve Heywood - till 07/02/2024

Daniel Linklater

Jane MacAllister

Susan Nichols

Jo Rodda

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Wentworth Shire Council

General Purpose Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2024

Independent Auditor's Reports:

On the Financial Statements (Sect 417 [2])

Independent Auditor's Report

Please uplift Council's Audit Report PDF (opinion) for inclusion in the GPFS report (via the Home screen).

Wentworth Shire Council

General Purpose Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2024

Independent Auditor's Reports: (continued)

On the Financial Statements (Sect 417 [3])

Independent Auditor's Report

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Wentworth Shire Council

SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2024



Wentworth Shire Council

Special Purpose Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2024

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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).

Wentworth Shire Council

Special Purpose Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2024

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:

- NSW Government Policy Statement, *Application of National Competition Policy to Local Government*
- 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
- Sections 3 and 4 of the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water's (DCCEEW) *Regulatory and assurance framework for local water utilities, July 2022*

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,
- accord with Council's accounting and other records; and
- 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 15 October 2024.

[Mayor]

Mayor

15 October 2024

[Councillor]

Deputy Mayor

15 October 2024

Ken Ross

General Manager

15 October 2024

Simon Rule

Responsible Accounting Officer

15 October 2024

Wentworth Shire Council | Income Statement of water supply business activity | for the year ended 30 June 2024

Wentworth Shire Council

Income Statement of water supply business activity
for the year ended 30 June 2024

	2024 \$ '000	2023 \$ '000
Income from continuing operations		
Access charges	1,478	1,352
User charges	1,606	1,342
Fees	75	94
Interest and investment income	491	353
Grants and contributions provided for operating purposes	18	18
Other income	1	1
Total income from continuing operations	3,669	3,160
Expenses from continuing operations		
Employee benefits and on-costs	792	687
Materials and services	1,211	1,168
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment	1,013	937
Water purchase charges	6	6
Other expenses	105	67
Total expenses from continuing operations	3,127	2,865
Surplus (deficit) from continuing operations before capital amounts	542	295
Grants and contributions provided for capital purposes	527	1,309
Surplus (deficit) from continuing operations after capital amounts	1,069	1,604
Surplus (deficit) from all operations before tax	1,069	1,604
Less: corporate taxation equivalent (25%) [based on result before capital]	(136)	(74)
Surplus (deficit) after tax	933	1,530
Plus accumulated surplus	23,206	21,602
Plus adjustments for amounts unpaid:		
– Corporate taxation equivalent	136	74
Closing accumulated surplus	24,275	23,206
Return on capital %	1.2%	0.7%
Subsidy from Council	1,421	1,405
Calculation of dividend payable:		
Surplus (deficit) after tax	934	1,530
Less: capital grants and contributions (excluding developer contributions)	(527)	(1,309)
Surplus for dividend calculation purposes	407	221
Potential dividend calculated from surplus	203	111

Wentworth Shire Council | Income Statement of sewerage business activity | for the year ended 30 June 2024

Wentworth Shire Council

Income Statement of sewerage business activity
for the year ended 30 June 2024

	2024 \$ '000	2023 \$ '000
Income from continuing operations		
Access charges	1,922	1,822
Interest and investment income	255	163
Grants and contributions provided for operating purposes	16	16
Other income	2	–
Total income from continuing operations	2,195	2,001
Expenses from continuing operations		
Employee benefits and on-costs	307	171
Borrowing costs	13	12
Materials and services	240	399
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment	936	779
Other expenses	53	89
Total expenses from continuing operations	1,549	1,450
Surplus (deficit) from continuing operations before capital amounts	646	551
Grants and contributions provided for capital purposes	614	1,177
Surplus (deficit) from continuing operations after capital amounts	1,260	1,728
Surplus (deficit) from all operations before tax	1,260	1,728
Less: corporate taxation equivalent (25%) [based on result before capital]	(162)	(138)
Surplus (deficit) after tax	1,098	1,590
Plus accumulated surplus	10,085	8,357
Plus adjustments for amounts unpaid:		
– Corporate taxation equivalent	162	138
Closing accumulated surplus	11,345	10,085
Return on capital %	1.9%	1.8%
Subsidy from Council	796	705
Calculation of dividend payable:		
Surplus (deficit) after tax	1,099	1,590
Less: capital grants and contributions (excluding developer contributions)	(614)	(1,177)
Surplus for dividend calculation purposes	485	413
Potential dividend calculated from surplus	242	207

Wentworth Shire Council | Statement of Financial Position of water supply business activity | as at 30 June 2024

Wentworth Shire Council

Statement of Financial Position of water supply business activity

as at 30 June 2024

	2024 \$ '000	2023 \$ '000
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	11,127	11,162
Receivables	1,037	1,126
Total current assets	12,164	12,288
Non-current assets		
Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	45,657	42,284
Total non-current assets	45,657	42,284
Total assets	57,821	54,572
Net assets	57,821	54,572
EQUITY		
Accumulated surplus	24,275	23,206
Revaluation reserves	33,546	31,365
Total equity	57,821	54,571

Wentworth Shire Council | Statement of Financial Position of sewerage business activity | as at 30 June 2024

Wentworth Shire Council

Statement of Financial Position of sewerage business activity

as at 30 June 2024

	2024 \$ '000	2023 \$ '000
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	5,693	5,154
Receivables	302	379
Total current assets	5,995	5,533
Non-current assets		
Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	33,833	31,537
Total non-current assets	33,833	31,537
Total assets	39,828	37,070
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities		
Payables	–	40
Borrowings	73	72
Total current liabilities	73	112
Non-current liabilities		
Borrowings	466	539
Total non-current liabilities	466	539
Total liabilities	539	651
Net assets	39,289	36,419
EQUITY		
Accumulated surplus	11,345	10,085
Revaluation reserves	27,944	26,334
Total equity	39,289	36,419

Note – Material accounting policy information

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 2022* (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 – Material accounting policy information (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%**

Land tax – 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 DCCEEW's regulatory and assurance framework, 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 regulatory and assurance framework as a 'dividend for taxation equivalent', may be applied for any purpose allowed under the *Local Government Act, 1993*.

Achievement of substantial compliance to DCCEEW's regulatory and assurance framework 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 – Material accounting policy information (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 4.30% at 30/6/24.

(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 is 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 DCCEEW's regulatory and assurance framework and must not exceed:

- 50% of the relevant surplus in any one year, or
- the number of water supply or sewerage assessments at 30 June 2024 multiplied by \$30 (less the payment for tax equivalent charges, not exceeding \$3 per assessment).

In accordance with DCCEEW's regulatory and assurance framework, statement of compliance and statement of dividend payment, dividend payment form and unqualified Independent Financial Audit Report and Compliance Audit Report are required to be submitted to DCCEEW.

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Special Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2024

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SPECIAL SCHEDULES
for the year ended 30 June 2024



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Special Schedules

for the year ended 30 June 2024

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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

Wentworth Shire Council | Permissible income for general rates | for the year ended 30 June 2024

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Permissible income for general rates

	Notes	Calculation 2023/24 \$ '000	Calculation 2024/25 \$ '000
Notional general income calculation ¹			
Last year notional general income yield	a	5,723	6,039
Plus or minus adjustments ²	b	69	182
Notional general income	c = a + b	5,792	6,221
Permissible income calculation			
Percentage increase	d	3.70%	5.20%
Less expiring special variation amount	e	—	(129)
Plus percentage increase amount ³	f = d x (c + e)	214	317
Sub-total	g = (c + e + f)	6,006	6,409
Plus (or minus) last year's carry forward total	h	89	56
Sub-total	j = (h + i)	89	56
Total permissible income	k = g + j	6,095	6,465
Less notional general income yield	l	6,039	6,427
Catch-up or (excess) result	m = k - l	57	38
Carry forward to next year ⁴	p = m + n + o	57	38

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) The 'percentage increase' is inclusive of the rate-peg percentage, and/or special variation and/or Crown land adjustment (where applicable).
- (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 Act. 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.

Permissible income for general rates

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Report on infrastructure assets as at 30 June 2024

Asset Class	Asset Category	Estimated cost to bring assets to satisfactory standard		Estimated cost to bring to the agreed level of service set by Council		2023/24 Actual maintenance	Net carrying replacement amount	Gross replacement cost (GRC)	Assets in condition as a percentage of gross replacement cost				
		\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	Required maintenance ^a	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	1	2	3	4	5
Buildings	Buildings	6,698	15,086	355	355	411	39,398	88,739	47.0%	8.0%	11.0%	32.0%	2.0%
	Sub-total	6,698	15,086			411	39,398	88,739	47.0%	8.0%	11.0%	32.0%	2.0%
Other structures	Other structures	831	1,311	8	8	9	5,193	8,191	11.0%	21.0%	36.0%	18.0%	14.0%
	Sub-total	831	1,311			9	5,193	8,191	11.0%	21.0%	36.0%	18.0%	14.0%
Roads	Sealed roads	1,252	2,555	959	959	503	125,214	255,515	41.0%	49.0%	8.0%	1.0%	1.0%
	Unsealed roads	503	1,027	1,486	1,486	1,180	3,873	7,902	9.0%	42.0%	23.0%	14.0%	12.0%
	Bridges	45	82	9	9	4	8,932	16,363	44.0%	54.0%	1.0%	1.0%	0.0%
	Footpaths	—	—	193	193	148	5,472	9,806	58.0%	39.0%	3.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	Bulk earthworks	—	—	—	—	—	237,002	237,002	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	Sub-total	1,800	3,664	2,647		1,835	380,493	526,588	67.5%	26.8%	4.3%	0.7%	0.7%
Water supply network	Water supply network	3,164	5,881	551	551	659	45,201	84,010	9.0%	58.0%	19.0%	10.0%	4.0%
	Sub-total	3,164	5,881			659	45,201	84,010	9.0%	58.0%	19.0%	10.0%	4.0%
Sewerage network	Sewerage network	2,502	4,289	178	178	95	33,359	57,188	28.0%	44.0%	13.0%	6.0%	9.0%
	Sub-total	2,502	4,289			95	33,359	57,188	28.0%	44.0%	13.0%	6.0%	9.0%
Stormwater drainage	Stormwater drainage	936	1,551	60	60	128	20,798	34,471	30.0%	29.0%	32.0%	7.0%	2.0%
	Sub-total	936	1,551			128	20,778	34,471	30.0%	29.0%	32.0%	7.0%	2.0%
Open space / recreational assets	Swimming pools	—	—	68	68	55	2,006	3,612	0.0%	76.0%	24.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	Playgrounds	172	340	22	22	8	907	1,791	17.0%	15.0%	30.0%	30.0%	8.0%
	Sub-total	172	340	90		63	2,913	5,403	5.6%	55.8%	26.0%	9.9%	2.7%

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Report on infrastructure assets as at 30 June 2024 (continued)

Asset Class	Asset Category	Estimated cost to bring assets to satisfactory standard		Estimated cost to bring to the agreed level of service set by Council		2023/24 Actual maintenance \$ '000	Net carrying replacement amount \$ '000	Gross replacement cost (GRC) \$ '000	Assets in condition as a percentage of gross replacement cost				
		\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000				1	2	3	4	5
Other infrastructure assets	Weir, Wharf Banks	326		434	22	13	13,027	17,364	35.0%	55.0%	5.0%	5.0%	0.0%
	Sub-total	326		434	22	13	13,027	17,364	35.0%	55.0%	5.0%	5.0%	0.0%
	Total – all assets	16,429		32,556	3,911	3,213	540,362	821,954	53.3%	30.0%	8.8%	6.0%	1.9%

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

Infrastructure asset condition assessment 'key'

#	Condition	Integrated planning and reporting (IP&R) description
1	Excellent/very good	No work required (normal maintenance)
2	Good	Only minor maintenance work required
3	Satisfactory	Maintenance work required
4	Poor	Renewal required
5	Very poor	Urgent renewal/upgrading required

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Infrastructure asset performance indicators (consolidated) *

\$ '000	Amounts 2024	Indicator 2024	Indicators 2023 2022		Benchmark
Buildings and infrastructure renewals ratio					
Asset renewals ¹	22,926	330.25%	161.91%	162.10%	> 100.00%
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment	6,942				
Infrastructure backlog ratio					
Estimated cost to bring assets to a satisfactory standard	16,429	2.91%	12.77%	10.50%	< 2.00%
Net carrying amount of infrastructure assets	564,641				
Asset maintenance ratio					
Actual asset maintenance	3,213	82.15%	84.67%	99.10%	> 100.00%
Required asset maintenance	3,911				
Cost to bring assets to agreed service level					
Estimated cost to bring assets to an agreed service level set by Council	32,556	3.96%	8.65%	7.02%	
Gross replacement cost	821,954				

(*) All asset performance indicators are calculated using classes identified in the previous table.

(1) 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.

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Infrastructure asset performance indicators (by fund)

	General fund		Water fund		Sewer fund		Benchmark
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	
Buildings and infrastructure renewals ratio							
Asset renewals ¹							
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment	405.38%	150.58%	148.17%	214.44%	124.79%	216.32%	> 100.00%
Infrastructure backlog ratio							
Estimated cost to bring assets to a satisfactory standard	2.21%	9.25%	7.00%	41.64%	7.50%	25.83%	< 2.00%
Net carrying amount of infrastructure assets							
Asset maintenance ratio							
Actual asset maintenance	77.28%	75.38%	119.60%	118.29%	53.37%	146.75%	> 100.00%
Required asset maintenance							
Cost to bring assets to agreed service level							
Estimated cost to bring assets to an agreed service level set by Council	3.29%	6.51%	7.00%	22.00%	7.50%	15.00%	
Gross replacement cost							

⁽¹⁾ 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.

7 CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

NEXT MEETING

30 October 2024