ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2022



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### **Overview**

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

180 Cressy Street Deniliquin NSW 2710

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.edwardriver.nsw.gov.au.

### General Purpose Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2022

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

#### Introduction

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

#### What you will find in the Statements

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

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

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

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

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

The financial statements incorporate five "primary" financial statements:

#### 1. The Income Statement

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

#### 2. The Statement of Comprehensive Income

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

#### 3. The Statement of Financial Position

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

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

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

#### 5. The Statement of Cash Flows

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

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

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

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

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

In NSW the auditor provides 2 audit reports:

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

### Who uses the Financial Statements?

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

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

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

### General Purpose Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2022

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

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

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

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

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

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

Signed in accordance with a resolution of Council made on 06 December 2022.

Cr Peta Betts

Mayor

06 December 2022

Philip Stone

General Manager
06 December 2022

Cr Paul Fellows
Deputy Mayor

06 December

Alistair Cochrane

Responsible Accounting Officer

06 December 2022

### **Income Statement**

for the year ended 30 June 2022

budget 2022			Actual 2022	Restated Actua
\$ '000		Notes	\$ '000	\$ '000
	Income from continuing energtions			
12 610	Income from continuing operations Rates and annual charges	B2-1	42 746	12.22
13,610 3,658	User charges and fees	B2-1	13,716 4,934	13,23 4,41
353	Other revenues	B2-2	4,934 620	4,41
7,968	Grants and contributions provided for operating purposes	B2-3	11,202	9,90
5,941	Grants and contributions provided for capital purposes	B2-4	8,767	3,30
216	Interest and investment income	B2-5	356	39
200	Net gain from the disposal of assets	B4-1	_	44
200	Reversal of revaluation decrements/ impairment of	B6-1		
_	infrastructure, property, plant and equipment previously expensed		7,062	1,93
	Net share of interests in associates using the equity method	D2a		5
31,946	Total income from continuing operations		46,657	34,04
	Expenses from continuing operations			
9,673	Employee benefits and on-costs	B3-1	9,551	9,35
6,109	Materials and services	B3-2	7,234	7,21
105	Borrowing costs	B3-3	_	,
9,281	Depreciation, amortisation and impairment of non-financial assets	B3-3	9,886	9,91
833	Other expenses	B3-4	789	1,48
_	Net loss from the disposal of assets	B4-1	194	
26,001	Total expenses from continuing operations		27,654	27,96
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Net operating result for the year attributable to Cou		19,003	6,07

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

### Statement of Comprehensive Income

for the year ended 30 June 2022

			Restated
		2022	2021
	Notes	\$ '000	\$ '000
Net operating result for the year – from Income Statement		19,003	6,073
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	7,124	1,217
Other comprehensive income – associates	D2a		(11)
Total comprehensive income for the year attributable to Council		26,127	7,279

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

### Statement of Financial Position

as at 30 June 2022

			Restated	Restated
		2022	2021	1 July 2020
	Notes	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000
ASSETS				
Current assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	C1-1	7,616	6,835	15,688
Investments	C1-2	27,500	30,750	31,750
Receivables	C1-4	2,834	2,566	3,313
Other	C1-8	103	97	62
Total current assets		38,053	40,248	50,813
Non-current assets				
Investments	C1-2	15,000	12,000	_
Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment (IPPE)	C1-6	464,485	441,426	430,397
Intangible assets	C1-7	1,268	1,164	_
Investments accounted for using the equity method	D2-1	_	385	346
Total non-current assets		480,753	454,975	430,743
Total assets		518,806	495,223	481,556
LIABILITIES				,
LIABILITIES				
Current liabilities				
Payables	C2-1	3,195	2,997	4,092
Contract liabilities	C2-2	4,464	5,724	956
Employee benefit provisions	C2-3	2,913	2,973	2,876
Provisions	C2-4	165	166	261
Total current liabilities		10,737	11,860	8,185
Non-current liabilities				
Payables	C2-1	55	50	50
Employee benefit provisions	C2-3	146	150	149
Provisions	C2-4	1,566	2,988	273
Total non-current liabilities		1,767	3,188	472
Total liabilities		12,504	15,048	8,657
Net assets		506,302	480,175	472,899
EQUITY				
Accumulated surplus	C3-1	454,184	435,181	429,122
IPPE revaluation reserve	C3-1	52,118	44,994	43,777
Total equity		506,302	480,175	472,899
. otal oquity		300,302	<del>100,173</del>	712,000

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

### Statement of Changes in Equity

for the year ended 30 June 2022

			2022			2021	
			IPPE			IPPE	
		Accumulated	revaluation	Total	Accumulated	revaluation	Total
		surplus	reserve	equity	surplus	reserve	equity
					Restated	Restated	Restated
	Notes	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000
Opening balance at 1 July		435,181	44,994	480,175	426,336	43,777	470,113
Correction of prior period errors	G4-1	_	_	_	2,783	_	2,783
Restated opening balance		435,181	44,994	480,175	429,119	43,777	472,896
Net operating result for the year		19,003	_	19,003	4,878	_	4,878
Correction of prior period errors	G4-1	_	_	· _	1,195	_	1,195
Restated net operating result for the year		19,003	_	19,003	6,073	_	6,073
Other comprehensive income							
Correction of prior period errors	G4-1	_	_	_	_	(1,192)	(1,192)
Gain (loss) on revaluation of infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	C1-6	_	7,124	7,124	_	2,409	2,409
Associates	D2-3	_	_	· _	(11)	_	(11)
Other comprehensive income		-	7,124	7,124	(11)	1,217	1,206
Total comprehensive income		19,003	7,124	26,127	6,062	1,217	7,279
Closing balance at 30 June		454,184	52,118	506,302	435,181	44,994	480,175

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

### Statement of Cash Flows

for the year ended 30 June 2022

Original unaudited budget 2022 \$ '000		Notes	Actual 2022 \$ '000	Restated Actual 2021 \$ '000
<del>-                                    </del>			<u> </u>	Ψ 000
	Cash flows from operating activities			
40.000	Receipts:			
13,628	Rates and annual charges		13,894	13,754
3,658	User charges and fees Interest received		5,071	4,422
216 14,030	Grants and contributions		331 18,709	512 18,100
3,607	Other		·	•
3,007			2,734	2,516
(0.672)	Payments: Payments to employees		(0.702)	(0.004)
(9,673)	Payments for materials and services		(9,763)	(9,094)
(6,345)	Borrowing costs		(7,763)	(7,959)
(105)	Bonds, deposits and retentions refunded		(65)	(163)
(3,588)	Other		(3,914)	(1,269)
15,428	Net cash flows from operating activities	G1-1	19,234	20,819
13,420	not oddi nono nom oporating donvisioo		13,234	20,019
	Cash flows from investing activities			
	Receipts:			
_	Redemption of term deposits		250	_
200	Proceeds from sale of IPPE		201	718
_	Sale of interests in associates (CMCC)		_	84
	Payments:			
_	Acquisition of term deposits		_	(11,000)
(28,954)	Payments for IPPE		(18,563)	(18,306)
_	Purchase of intangible assets		(341)	(1,165)
(28,754)	Net cash flows from (or used in) investing activities		(18,453)	(29,669)
	Cash flows from financing activities			
	Receipts:			
6,100	Proceeds from borrowings			
0,100	Payments:		_	_
(562)	Repayment of borrowings		_	
5,538	Net cash flows from (or used in) financing activities		<u>_</u>	
3,330	not out in the first (or used in) interioring uservises			
(7,788)	Net change in cash and cash equivalents		781	(8,850)
12,500	Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		6,835	15,685
4,712	Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	C1-1	7,616	6,835
7,7 12	cuer, and cuer equivalence at one or year		7,010	0,000
26,206	plus: Investments on hand at end of year	C1-2	42,500	42,750
30,918	Total cash, cash equivalents and investments		50,116	49,585
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The above Statement of Cash Flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

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### A About Council and these financial statements

### A1-1 Basis of preparation

These financial statements were authorised for issue by Council on 06 December 2022. Council has the power to amend and reissue these financial statements in cases where critical information is received from public submissions or where the OLG directs Council to amend the financial statements.

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

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

These general purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and Australian Accounting Interpretations, the *Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)* and Regulations, 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.

Unless otherwise indicated, all amounts disclosed in the financial statements are actual amounts. Specific budgetary amounts have been included for comparative analysis (to actuals) in the following reports and notes and are clearly marked:

- · Income statement
- · Statement of cash flows
- Note B5-1 Material budget variations

Where appropriate, comparative figures have been amended to accord with the current year's presentation, and disclosure has been made of any material changes to comparatives. Those comparative figures included are summarized below:

Grant and Contribution provided for Capital purposes in 2020-21 amounting to \$1,099,000 were classified to Grants and Contributions provided for operating purposes to align with current year classification.

#### Historical cost convention

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

### Significant accounting estimates and judgements

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

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

### Critical accounting estimates and assumptions

Council makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future.

The resulting accounting estimates will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year include:

- (i) estimated fair values of infrastructure, property, plant and equipment refer Note C1-6
- (ii) estimated tip remediation provisions refer Note C2-4
- (iii) employee benefit provisions refer Note C2-3

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

(i) Impairment of receivables - refer Note C1-4

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

(ii) Determination of whether performance obligations are sufficently specific and whether the contract is within the scope of AASB 15 Revenue from Contracts and / or AASB 1058 Income of Not-for-Profit Entities - Refer to Notes B2-2 to B2-4

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

### (d) Monies and other assets received by Council

#### (i) 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 entities have been included as part of the Consolidated Fund:

- General purpose operations
- Sewerage and water services
- "Conargo Recreation Hall Committe

#### (ii) 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.

#### (e) 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 have material dependence on volunteer services. Volunteers are utilised at the Visitors Information Centre. The estimated value of these services has been included in the financial statements based on average salary and on costs Council would be required to pay if services were not donated.

#### (f) New accounting standards and interpretations issued not yet effective

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

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

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 positon and cash flows) are set out below:

AASB 2020-1 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Classification of Liabilities as Current or Noncurrent

AASB 2020-6 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Classification of Liabilities as Current or Noncurrent – 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 the liability for at least 12 months after the reporting period. The meaning of settlement of a liability is also clarified.

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

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

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

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

This Standard amends a number of standards as follows:

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

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

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

### New accounting standards adopted during the year

During the year Council adopted all accounting standards and interpretations (as issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board) which were mandatorily effective from the first time at 30 June 2022.

None of these standards had a significant impact on Council's reported financial position, performance and associated financial statements disclosures.

### COVID-19 Impact on Council's 2021/22 Financial Statements

The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted global, domestic and local economies and as a result of this ongoing pandemic, Council's operations and finances have been impacted. As part of Council's response to the pandemic, its business practices changed including remote work and closure of a number of Council owned and operated facilities including sportsgrounds, halls and community centres and administration buildings.

Council has assessed its long term sustainability as a result of the impacts of COVID-19 and believes that a going concern basis is still appropriate.

### 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 and assets have been directly attributed to the			iollowing function	s or activities. I	Details of those fund	cuoris or activit	ies are provided in	Note b 1-2.	
	Income		Expenses		Operating result		Grants and contributions		Carrying amount of assets	
	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021
		Restated		Restated		Restated				
	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000
Functions or activities 1,2										
A community working together to achieve										
its potential	15,226	7,777	5,580	5,025	9,646	2,752	7,862	5,913	99,990	86,035
A great place to live	3,117	2,417	2,066	2,501	1,051	(84)	4,148	2,920	38,384	42,946
A prosperous and vibrant economy	730	449	817	1,171	(87)	(722)	1,339	466	15,180	20,118
A region with quality and sustainable										
infrastructure	25,840	21,626	15,930	16,512	9,910	5,114	6,484	3,688	296,016	295,949
A valued and enhanced natural										
environment	1,744	1,772	3,261	2,759	(1,517)	(987)	136	133	69,236	50,175
Total functions and activities	46,657	34,041	27,654	27,968	19,003	6,073	19,969	13,120	518,806	495,223

<sup>(1)</sup> Income and expenditure allocated to each function/activity using cost centres, with each cost centre being attached to one particular function/activity.

<sup>(2)</sup> Assets allocated to each activity on the basis of the activities expenditure as a proportion of total expenditure. The assumption is that a function's expenditure is a reflection of that activities utilisation of total assets.

### B1-2 Components of functions or activities

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

These Functions align with Council's Community Strategic Plan and are in line with Council's Integrated Planning and Reporting framework

#### A community working together to achieve its potential

These are activities that relate to council's leadership, including governance, administration and general purpose operations. Council's objectives of this function are:

- 1. Our community is informed and engaged.
- 2. We collaborate and pursue partnerships that achieve great outcomes for our community.
- 3. Our local government is efficient, innovative and financially sustainable.

#### A great place to live

These activities relate to council's society and community, including health, public order and security, community services and education, as well as recreation and culture. Council's objectives for this function are:

- 1. Our community has access to essential services.
- 2. Our community is safe, happy and healthy, both physically and mentally.
- 3. Our community and public spaces are accessible and inclusive and reflect our history, heritage and culture.

#### A prosperous and vibrant economy

These activities relate to the economy in Council's area of operation and include agriculture, manufacturing, construction and economic affairs. Council's objectives for this function are:

- 1. Our economy is strong and diverse.
- 2. We develop our key assets to enhance agriculture, boost tourism and support existing business.
- 3. Our region provides strong education, employment and training opportunities.

### A region with quality and sustainable infrastructure

These activities relate to infrastructure, including water and sewerage, roads, transport and communication. Council's objectives for this function are:

- 1. Our built environment is managed, maintained and improved.
- 2. Our road network is a source of pride.
- 3. Our water and sewer infrastructure is efficient and fit for purpose.

#### A valued and enhanced natural environment

These activities relate to the natural environment in which council operates, including solid waste management, drainage and storm water management. Council's objectives for this function are:

- 1. We are committed to resource recovery and waste management.
- 2. Our natural environment is protected and enhanced.
- 3. We plan for the future to accommodate and facilitate sustainable growth and development.

### B2 Sources of income

### B2-1 Rates and annual charges

	2022 \$ '000	2021 \$ '000
Ordinary rates		
Residential	3,791	3,621
Farmland	2,891	2,753
Business	1,076	1,040
Other	9	9
Less: pensioner rebates (mandatory)	(159)	(143)
Rates levied to ratepayers	7,608	7,280
Pensioner rate subsidies received	77	73
Total ordinary rates	7,685	7,353
<b>Annual charges</b> (pursuant to s.496, s.496A, s.496B, s.501 & s.611)		
Domestic waste management services	1,278	1,257
Stormwater management services	75	74
Water supply services	1,456	1,426
Sewerage services	3,112	3,051
Waste management services (non-domestic)	164	159
Less: pensioner rebates (mandatory)	(147)	(176)
Annual charges levied	<b>5,938</b>	5,791
Pensioner subsidies received:		
– Water	27	32
- Sewerage	34	30
<ul> <li>Domestic waste management</li> </ul>	32	26
Total annual charges	6,031	5,879
Total rates and annual charges	13,716	13,232

Council has used 2020 year valuations provided by the NSW Valuer General in calculating its rates.

### **Accounting policy**

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

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

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

### B2-2 User charges and fees

	Timing	2022 \$ '000	2021 \$ '000
Specific user charges			
(per s.502 - specific 'actual use' charges)			
Water supply services	2	1,613	1,851
Sewerage services	2	239	285
Waste management services (non-domestic)	2	104	90
Total specific user charges		1,956	2,226
Other user charges and fees			
(i) Fees and charges – statutory and regulatory functions (per s.60	8)		
Building regulation	2	65	46
Inspection services	2	45	52
Private works – section 67	2	266	251
Regulatory/ statutory fees	2	8	9
Section 10.7 certificates (EP&A Act)	2	8	2
Section 603 certificates	2	40	44
Development fees	2	99	72
Impounding fees	2	3	2
Other – certificates and permits	2	19	18
Total fees and charges – statutory/regulatory		553	496
(ii) Fees and charges – other (incl. general user charges (per s.608	))		
Aerodrome	2	128	73
Caravan park	2	107	52
Cemeteries	2	103	104
Leaseback fees – Council vehicles	2	7	7
Library and art gallery	2	8	7
Park rents	2	4	6
Transport for NSW (state roads not controlled by Council)	2	1,715	1,121
Animal control	2	-	1
Medical centre	2	102	100
Murray Valley industrial park	2	25	20
Museum donations	2	1	8
Other lease rentals	2	63	57
Truckwash	2	123	119
Other	2	39_	18
Total fees and charges – other		2,425	1,693
Total other user charges and fees		2,978	2,189
Total user charges and fees	_	4,934	4,415
Timing of revenue recognition for user charges and fees			
User charges and fees recognised over time (1)		_	_
User charges and fees recognised at a point in time (2)		4,934	4,415
Total user charges and fees		4,934	4,415

#### **Accounting policy**

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

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

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

### B2-2 User charges and fees (continued)

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

### B2-3 Other revenues

	Timing	2022 \$ '000	2021 \$ '000
		\$ 000	\$ 000
Rental income – other council properties	1	53	26
Fines	2	15	21
Legal fees recovery – rates and charges (extra charges)	2	77	33
Commissions and agency fees	2	1	3
Diesel rebate	2	103	104
Insurance claims recoveries	2	_	5
Recycling income (non-domestic)	2	41	11
Sales – general	2	43	83
Insurance rebates	2	7	49
Royalties	2	4	5
Other	2	218	76
Workers compensation reimbursement	2	58	32
Total other revenue	_	620	448
Timing of revenue recognition for other revenue			
Other revenue recognised over time (1)		53	26
Other revenue recognised at a point in time (2)		567	422
Total other revenue		620	448

#### Accounting policy for other revenue

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

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

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

### B2-4 Grants and contributions

	Timing	Operating 2022 \$ '000	Operating 2021 Restated \$ '000	Capital 2022 \$ '000	Capital 2021 Restated \$ '000
General purpose grants and non-developer					
contributions (untied)					
General purpose (untied)					
Current year allocation					
Financial assistance – general component	2	2,235	2,027	_	_
Financial assistance – local roads component	2	837	768	_	_
Payment in advance - future year allocation					
Financial assistance – general component	2	3,431	2,168	_	_
Financial assistance – local roads component	2	1,291	824	_	_
Amount recognised as income during current					
year		7,794	5,787		
Special purpose grants and non-developer contributions (tied)					
Cash contributions					
Economic development	2	158	116	1,181	350
Environmental programs	2	13	21	41	50
Heritage and cultural	2	_	13	_	2
Library – per capita	2	57	64	_	_
Library – special projects	2	_	15	_	-
Noxious weeds	2	82	62	_	_
NSW rural fire services	2	195	348	102	_
Recreation and culture	2	50	671	3,706	1,705
Street lighting	2	40	84	_	_
Transport (roads to recovery)	2	1,309	1,099	_	_
Transport (other roads and bridges funding) Transport for NSW contributions (regional roads, block	2	-	_	1,380	285
grant)	2	1,397	1,397	2,357	823
Other contributions	2	38	54	_	_
Library services	2	_	48	_	_
Total special purpose grants and	-				
non-developer contributions (tied)		3,339	3,992	8,767	3,215
Total grants and non-developer					
contributions		11,133	9,779	8,767	3,215
Comprising:					
- Commonwealth funding		9,249	7,107	2,245	1,332
– State funding		1,571	772	6,498	1,060
Other funding		313	1,900	24	823
<u> </u>		11,133	9,779	8,767	3,215

## B2-4 Grants and contributions (continued)

### **Developer contributions**

			Operating 2022	Operating 2021 Restated	Capital 2022	Capital 2021 Restated
	Notes	Timing	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000
Developer contributions: (s7.4 & s7.11 - EP&A Act, s64 of the LGA):	G5					
Cash contributions			27	60		
S 64 – water supply contributions		2	37	62	_	_
S 64 – sewerage service contributions		2	32	64		
Total developer contributions			69	126		
Total contributions			69	126		_
Total grants and contributions			11,202	9,905	8,767	3,215
Timing of revenue recognition for grants a contributions	nd					
Grants and contributions recognised over time	` ,		-	_	-	_
Grants and contributions recognised at a poin (2)	ı ın ume		11,202	9,905	8,767	3,215
Total grants and contributions			11,202	9,905	8,767	3,215

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

### Unspent grants and contributions

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

	Operating	Operating	Capital	Capital
	2022	2021	2022	2021
	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000
Unspent grants and contributions				
Unspent funds at 1 July	1,792	5,068	5,321	956
Add: Funds recognised as revenue in the reporting year but not yet spent in				
accordance with the conditions	377	422	1,110	4,880
<b>Less:</b> Funds received in prior year but revenue recognised and funds spent in current				
year	(1,249)	(3,698)	(2,344)	(515)
Unspent funds at 30 June	920	1,792	4,087	5,321

### **Accounting policy**

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

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

The performance obligations vary according to the agreement but include Local Roads and Community Infrastructure rounds 1 and 2, Showground Stimulus Phase 2, Stronger Country Communities Round 4 and Building Better Regions Fund. Payment terms vary depending on the terms of the grant, cash is received upfront for some grants and on the achievement of certain payment milestones for others.

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

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

### **Capital grants**

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

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

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

#### **Developer contributions**

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

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

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

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

### 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

		2022	2021 Restated
		\$ '000	\$ '000
Interest on financial assets measured at amortised cost			
<ul> <li>Overdue rates and annual charges (incl. special purpose rates)</li> </ul>		55	33
<ul> <li>Cash and investments</li> </ul>	G4-1	294	363
- Other		7	_
Finance income on the net investment in the lease	C2-2b	_	_
Total interest and investment income (losses)		356	396

### **Accounting policy**

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

Dividends are recognised as income in profit or loss when the shareholder's right to receive payment is established unless the dividend clearly represents a recovery of part of the cost of the investment.

### B3 Costs of providing services

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

	2022	2021
	\$ '000	\$ '000
Salaries and wages	7,847	7,794
Employee termination costs	_	162
Travel expenses	4	1
Employee leave entitlements (ELE)	1,090	1,203
Superannuation	930	827
Workers' compensation insurance	331	289
Fringe benefit tax (FBT)	230	58
Payroll tax	1	2
Training costs (other than salaries and wages)	135	121
Protective clothing	22	19
Uniform clothing	12	15
Recruitment costs	7	44
OH&S expenses	18	6
Other	4	5
Total employee costs	10,631	10,546
Less: capitalised costs	(1,080)	(1,190)
Total employee costs expensed	9,551	9,356
Number of 'full-time equivalent' employees (FTE) at year end	104	106
Number of 'full-time equivalent' employees (FTE) at year end (incl. vacancies)	116	111

#### **Accounting policy**

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

#### Retirement benefit obligations

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.

### Superannuation plans

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

		2022	2021 Restated
	Notes	\$ '000	\$ '000
Raw materials and consumables		1,438	1,585
Contractor Costs		2,300	2,385
Consultancy Costs		388	451
Audit Fees	F2-1	86	91
Previously other expenses:			
Councillor and Mayoral fees and associated expenses	F1-2	194	158
Advertising		210	202
Bank and centrepay charges		49	40
Election expenses		129	_
Electricity and heating		494	510
Insurance		825	709
Office expenses		25	28
Postage		26	32
Printing and stationery		21	14
Street lighting		87	112
Subscriptions and publications		116	165
Telephone and communications		89	79
Valuation fees		41	41
Other expenses	G4-1	26	49
Information technology		303	268
Licences, fees and permits		296	252
Legal expenses:			
<ul> <li>Legal expenses: debt recovery</li> </ul>		79	37
<ul><li>Legal expenses: other</li></ul>		12	6
Total materials and services		7,234	7,214
Total materials and services		7,234	7,214

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

### B3-3 Depreciation, amortisation and impairment of non-financial assets

	Notes	2022	2021 Restated
		\$ '000	\$ '000
Depresiation and amortication			
Depreciation and amortisation		4.000	4.047
Plant and equipment		1,096	1,217
Office equipment		107	90
Furniture and fittings		10	16
Land improvements (depreciable)	C1-6	114	107
Infrastructure:	C1-6		
- Buildings - non-specialised		260	264
- Buildings - specialised		803	801
- Other structures		108	108
- Roads		4,185	4,445
- Bridges		69	69
- Footpaths		322	397
<ul> <li>Other road assets</li> </ul>		66	69
- Stormwater drainage		367	363
<ul> <li>Water supply network</li> </ul>		787	773
<ul> <li>Sewerage network</li> </ul>		724	649
– Swimming pools		91	86
<ul> <li>Other open space/recreational assets</li> </ul>		369	277
Other assets:			
<ul> <li>Library books</li> </ul>		6	61
Reinstatement, rehabilitation and restoration assets:			
- Tip assets	C1-6	165	_
Intangible assets	C1-7	237	1
Total depreciation and amortisation costs		9,886	9,793
Revaluation decrement of IPPE			
Operational land		_	125
Total depreciation, amortisation and impairment for			
non-financial assets		9,886	9,918
Tion interioral accord		3,000	3,310

#### **Accounting policy**

### **Depreciation and amortisation**

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

### 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 no longer required to be tested for impairment under AASB 136. This is because 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 that have an indefinite useful life, or are 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 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). Non-financial assets that suffered an impairment are reviewed for possible reversal of the impairment at each reporting date.

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.

### B3-4 Other expenses

		2022	2021
	Notes	\$ '000	\$ '000
Impairment of receivables			
Other		15	27
Total impairment of receivables	C1-4	15	27
Other			
Contributions/levies to other levels of government			
- Emergency services levy (includes FRNSW, SES, and RFS levies)		338	576
Donations, contributions and assistance to other organisations (Section 356)		187	329
– ERC merger ute muster contribution		_	548
Other - prior year imbalances cleared		246	_
Other - Rounding adjustment		3	_
Total other		774	1,453
Total other expenses		789	1,480

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

Impairment expenses are recognised when identified.

### B4 Gains or losses

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

		2022	2021
	Notes	\$ '000	\$ '000
Gain (or loss) on disposal of plant and equipment	C1-6		
Proceeds from disposal – plant and equipment		201	254
Less: carrying amount of plant and equipment assets sold/written off		(10)	(83)
Gain (or loss) on disposal		191	171
Gain (or loss) on disposal of infrastructure	C1-6		
Proceeds from disposal – infrastructure		_	464
Less: carrying amount of infrastructure assets sold/written off			(186)
Gain (or loss) on disposal			278
Gain (or loss) on derecognition of Interest in Associates			
Loss on derecognition Interest in Associates		(385)	_
Net gain (or loss) from disposal of assets		(194)	449

### **Accounting policy**

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

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

#### B5-1 Material budget variations

Council's original budget was adopted by the Council on 20/05/2021 and is not required to be audited. The original projections on which the budget was based have been affected by a number of factors. These include state and federal government decisions, including new grant programs, changing economic activity, environmental factors, and by decisions made by Council.

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

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

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

	2022	2022	2022	2	
\$ '000	Budget	Actual	Varian	nce	
Revenues					
Rates and annual charges	13,610	13,716	106	1%	F
User charges and fees	3,658	4,934	1,276	35%	F

This is related to a continued increase in the sale of properties and development in the Council area this year that has increased the revenue from regulatory fees and inspections. There has also been an increase in private works completed and there has also continued to be an increase in Transport of NSW Road Maintenance Council Contract ordered works.

353 620 267 76% Other revenues

Council have been able to source a larger number of training subsidies including Upskilling Work Apprenticeships and also funding received for Landfill rebates.

### Operating grants and contributions

7,968 11,202 3,234 The Financial Assistance Grant prepayment was amended to be a 75% prepayment in 2021/22 as opposed to prior years of 50%, Council were not notified until June 2022.

### Capital grants and contributions

5,941 8.767 2,826 48% Due to capital project delays caused by Covid-19 pandemic, the Council was able to this year recognise more income in accordance with AASB 15 and AASB 1058 as the projects were completed and specific obligations were met. Additional grants were also received through the year that were also recognised.

#### Interest and investment revenue

216 356 140 65% F Interest and investment income has increased due to the higher interest rate environment caused by RBA interest rate increase in late 2021/22.

### Net gains from disposal of assets

The significant adverse variance was due to the discontinuing cost of the central Murray library service where the cost of the assets in the associate had to be written off.

200

(200)

7,062

7,062

(100)%

F

#### Reversal of revaluation decrements / impairment of IPP&E previously expensed

This was not budgeted, with the revaluation released from asset revaluation due to inflation the replacement value of all the asset categories were high resulting in a positive variance.

### **Expenses**

9.673 9,551 122 F Employee benefits and on-costs 6,109 7,234 (18)% Materials and services (1,125)

Unexpected consultant costs for vacant employee positions, additional contractor costs for Waste to clean up the tip site for transfer stations, additional plant maintenance costs and increased RMCC costs that are offset by additional RMCC income

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## B5-1 Material budget variations (continued)

A. 1000	2022	2022	202	<del></del>
\$ '000	Budget	Actual	Variar	1ce
have increased materials and contracts for 2021/22.				
<b>Borrowing costs</b> There were no borrowings obtained in 2021/22.	105	-	105	100% F
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment of non-financial assets	9,281	9,886	(605)	(7)% <mark>U</mark>
Other expenses Emergency services levy was reduced due to a rebate of offs for 2021/22.	<b>833</b> fered by NSW go	<b>789</b> overnment and th	<b>44</b> ere were only 7k	5% F bad debt write
Net losses from disposal of assets	-	194	(194)	∞ <b>U</b>
Statement of cash flows				
Cash flows from operating activities Increase in operating and capital grants has led to addition rounds 1, 2 and 3.	15,428 onal cash flow in	<b>19,234</b> the 2021/22 year	<b>3,806</b> r, specifically Fixi	<b>25% F</b> ng Local Roads
Cash flows from investing activities  An increase in spending through the year on grant funded	<b>(28,754)</b> d and capital pro	(18,453) jects has reduced	<b>10,301</b> d the cash require	(36)% F ed for investing.
Cash flows from financing activities No loans were obtained for the 2021/22 year	5,538	-	(5,538)	(100)% <mark>U</mark>

### B6 Material Income Statement items

### B6-1 Material Income Statement items

### Material reversal of revaluation decrements on IPPE previously expensed

	2022	2021 Restated
	\$ '000	\$ '000
Operational Land	369	_
Community Land	81	_
Crown Land	232	_
Infrastructure:		
– Buildings – non-specialised	57	_
– Buildings – specialised	3,444	_
- Other structures	932	_
- Footpaths	271	_
<ul> <li>Water supply network</li> </ul>	1,318	318
<ul> <li>Sewerage network</li> </ul>	331	296
<ul> <li>Swimming pools</li> </ul>	27	_
Other open space/recreational assets	_	1,317
Total material reversal of revaluation decrements on IPPE		
previously expensed	7,062	1,931

### C Financial position

### C1 Assets we manage

### C1-1 Cash and cash equivalents

	2022	2021 Restated
	\$ '000	\$ '000
Cash assets		
Cash on hand and at bank	7,614	6,833
Cash equivalent assets		
- Deposits at call	2	2
Total cash and cash equivalents	7,616	6,835

### **Accounting policy**

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

### C1-2 Financial investments

2022	2022	2021	2021
Current	Non-current	Current	Non-current
\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000
27,500	15,000	30,750	12,000
27,500	15,000	30,750	12,000
35,116	15,000	37,585	12,000
	27,500 27,500	Current \$ '000 \$ '000  27,500 15,000  27,500 15,000	Current \$ '000         Non-current \$ '000         Current \$ '000           27,500         15,000         30,750           27,500         15,000         30,750

### **Accounting policy**

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

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

#### Financial assets

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

#### Classification

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

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

Financial assets are not reclassified subsequent to their initial recognition.

#### **Amortised cost**

Assets measured at amortised cost are financial assets where:

- the business model is to hold assets to collect contractual cash flows, and
- the contractual terms give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

Council's financial assets are measured at amortised cost comprise trade and other receivables, term deposits and cash and cash equivalents in the Statement of Financial Position.

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.

#### Financial assets through profit or loss

All financial assets not classified as measured at amortised cost or fair value through other comprehensive income as described above are measured at fair value through profit or loss.

Net gains or losses, including any interest or dividend income, are recognised in profit or loss.

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

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(b) Internal allocations		
Cash, cash equivalents and investments not subject to external		
restrictions	30,804	27,755
Less: Internally restricted cash, cash equivalents and investments	(7,879)	(8,549)
Unrestricted and unallocated cash, cash equivalents and investments	22,925	19,206

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

	2022	2021 Restated
	\$ '000	\$ '000
Internal allocations		
At 30 June, Council has internally allocated funds to the following:		
Plant and vehicle replacement	1,799	1,799
Infrastructure replacement	2,300	2,600
Employees leave entitlement	693	693
Deposits, retentions and bonds	323	323
Airport industrial land	20	20
Asset management	14	14
Airport runway development	187	187
Blighty-upgrade power	70	70
Building maintenance	50	50
Cemetery upgrade	9	9
Depot office and gates upgrade	41	41
Dog trail	3	3
Election reserve	12	12
Fencing Conargo	7	7
Gravel pits	14	14
Human resources	18	18
Internal audit	6	6
Land development fund	385	385
Landscaping plans	90	90
Recreation reserves / village landscaping	1,113	1,113
Risk management	44	44
Wanganella hall community	5	5
Shire – entrance signage	5	5
Tourism/industry promotion	13	13
Town planning plans, surveys and studies	103	103
Waste facilities	63	63
Water infrastructure	57	57
Website development	2	2
Seniors living precinct	_	217
Conargo and Pretty Pine rural landfills	_	23
Deniliquin town hall and civic precinct redevelopment	300	413
North Depot Redevelopment	133	150
Total internal allocations	7,879	8,549
Cash, cash equivalents and investments not subject to external restrictions may policy of the elected Council.	be internally allocated by res	solution or
	2022	2021 Restated

		2022	2021 Restated
		\$ '000	\$ '000
(c)	Unrestricted and unallocated		
Unres	tricted and unallocated cash, cash equivalents and investments	22,925	19,206

## C1-4 Receivables

	2022	2022	2021	2021
	Current	Non-current	Current	Non-current
	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000
Rates and annual charges	725	_	847	_
Interest and extra charges	198	_	184	_
User charges and fees	1,026	_	682	_
Accrued revenues				
<ul> <li>Interest on investments</li> </ul>	147	_	136	_
<ul> <li>Other income accruals</li> </ul>	760	_	454	_
Net GST receivable	283	_	316	_
Other debtors	1	_	246	_
Total	3,140		2,865	_
Less: provision for impairment				
Other debtors	(306)		(299)	_
Total provision for impairment –				
receivables	(306)		(299)	_
Total net receivables	2,834		2,566	_
			2022	2021
			\$ '000	\$ '000
Movement in provision for impairment o	of receivables		Ψ 000	Ψ 000
Balance at the beginning of the year (calculated	d in accordance with A	AASB 9)	299	284
+ new provisions recognised during the year			14	27
- amounts already provided for written off this ye	ear		(7)	(12)

## C1-4 Receivables (continued)

### **Accounting policy**

Receivables are included in current assets, except for those with maturities greater than 12 months after reporting date which are classified as non-current assets.

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.

Cash flows relating to short term receivables are not discounted if the effect of discounting is immaterial.

#### **Impairment**

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

When determining whether the credit risk of a financial asset has increased significantly since initial recognition, and 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.

When considering the ECL for rates debtors, Council takes into account that unpaid rates represent a charge against the rateable property that will be recovered when the property is next sold. For non-rates debtors, Council uses the presumption that an asset which is more than 30 days past due has seen a significant increase in credit risk.

The Council uses the presentation that a financial asset is in default when:

- the other party is unlikely to pay its credit obligations to the Council in full, without recourse by the Council to actions such as realising security (if any is held) or
- the financial assets (for non-rates debtors) are more than 90 days past due.

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.

On initial recognition of the asset, an estimate of the expected credit losses for the next 12 months is recognised. Where the asset has experienced significant increase in credit risk then the lifetime losses are estimated and recognised.

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

There has been no change in the estimation techniques or significant assumptions made during the current reporting period.

The 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 receivable are over 5 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.

Rates and annual charges outstanding are secured against the property.

### C1-5 Contract assets and Contract cost assets

### Contract cost assets

Council did not incur any material costs to fulfill a contract during the year, therefore had no contract cost assets as at 30 June 2022.

### **Accounting policy**

### **Contract assets**

Contract assets represent Councils right to payment in exchange for goods or services the Council has transferred to a customer when that right is conditional on something other than the passage of time.

Contract assets arise when the amounts billed to customers are based on the achievement of various milestones established in the contract and therefore the amounts recognised as revenue in a given period do not necessarily coincide with the amounts

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## C1-5 Contract assets and Contract cost assets (continued)

billed to or certified by the customer. Once an invoice or payment claim is raised or the relevant milestone is reached, Council recognises a receivable.

Impairment of contract assets is assessed using the simplified expected credit loss model where lifetime credit losses are recognised on initial recognition.

### Contract cost asset - costs to fulfil a contract

Where costs are incurred to fulfil a contract and these costs are outside the scope of another accounting standard, they are capitalised as contract cost assets if the following criteria are met:

- the costs relate directly to a contract
- the costs generate or enhance resources of Council that will be used to satisfy performance obligations in the future and
- the costs are expected to be recovered.

The capitalised costs are recognised in the Income statement on a systematic basis consistent with the timing of revenue recognition.

Refer to B3-4 for the accounting policy for impairment of contract cost assets.

# C1-6 Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment

_		At 1 July 2021		Asset movements during the reporting period						At 30 June 2022						
By aggregated asset class	Accumulated depreciation and impairment \$ '000	Gross carrying amount \$'000	Net carrying amount \$ '000	Additions renewals 1 \$ 000	Additions new assets \$ '000	Carrying value of disposals \$'000	Depreciation expense \$ '000	Impairment loss / revaluation decrements (recognised in P/L) \$ '000	Impairment reversal / prior period revaluation decrements reversal (via P&L) \$ '000	Impairment loss / revaluation decrements (recognised in equity) \$ '000	Adjustments and transfers \$'000	Other movements -Revaluation increment due to decrease in provision for remediation \$ '000	Revaluation increments to equity (ARR) \$ '000	Accumulated depreciation and impairment \$ '000	Gross carrying amount \$ '000	Ne carrying amoun \$ '000
Capital work in progress	_	8,770	8,770	1,292	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,062	10,062
Plant and equipment	(9,806)	15,751	5,945	-	1,020	(8)	(1,096)	_	-	_	-	-	-	(10,310)	16,171	5,861
Office equipment	(2,795)	3,105	310	-	166	(2)	(107)	-	-	-	1	-	-	(2,901)	3,269	368
Furniture and fittings	(248)	287	39	-	-	-	(10)	_	-	-	(1)	-	-	(259)	287	28
Land:																
<ul> <li>Operational land</li> </ul>	_	7,386	7,386	-	-	-	-	-	369	-	-	-	-	-	7,755	7,755
<ul> <li>Community land</li> </ul>	_	1,626	1,626	-	-	-	-	-	81	-	-	-	-	-	1,707	1,707
- Crown land	-	4,642	4,642	-	-	-	-	-	232	-	-	-	-	-	4,874	4,874
Land improvements – depreciable	(1,492)	5,260	3,768	98	27	-	(114)	-	-	-	-	-	188	(1,687)	5,654	3,967
Infrastructure:																
<ul> <li>Buildings – non-specialised</li> </ul>	(4,081)	14,735	10,654	334	748	-	(260)	-	57	-	(1)	-	1,091	(4,341)	16,964	12,623
<ul> <li>Buildings – specialised</li> </ul>	(21,792)	55,689	33,897	555	789	-	(803)	_	3,444	_	1	-	-	(22,595)	60,478	37,883
- Other structures	(2,646)	19,723	17,077	_	-	-	(108)	-	932	-	-	-	-	(2,907)	20,808	17,901
- Roads	(62,114)	239,148	177,034	6,432	2,019	_	(4,185)	_	-	_	1	-	2,883	(67,377)	251,561	184,184
- Bridges	(3,474)	10,564	7,090	183	_	_	(69)	_	_	_	1	_	79	(3,582)	10,866	7,284
<ul> <li>Footpaths and kerb and gutter</li> </ul>	(8,802)	26,303	17,501	2,102	191	_	(322)	_	271	_	_	_	_	(9,253)	28,996	19,743
<ul> <li>Other road assets (including bulk</li> </ul>																
earthworks)	(913)	4,766	3,853	_	82	_	(66)	_	-	_	-	-	23	(985)	4,877	3,892
<ul> <li>Bulk earthworks (non-depreciable)</li> </ul>	_	33,136	33,136	141	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1)	-	566	_	33,842	33,842
<ul> <li>Stormwater drainage</li> </ul>	(12,164)	37,425	25,261	364	749	-	(367)	_	-	_	1	-	663	(12,873)	39,544	26,671
<ul> <li>Water supply network</li> </ul>	(26,462)	61,597	35,135	428	330	_	(787)	(1)	1,319	_	413	-	693	(27,257)	64,787	37,530
<ul> <li>Sewerage network</li> </ul>	(26,933)	59,354	32,421	540	169	_	(724)	_	331	_	(412)	_	_	(27,458)	59,783	32,325
<ul> <li>Swimming pools</li> </ul>	(1,098)	5,316	4,218	118	54	_	(91)	_	27	_	1	_	208	(1,255)	5,790	4,535
- Other open space/recreational assets	(2,645)	11,049	8,404	326	655	_	(369)	_	_	_	1	_	730	(3,268)	13,015	9,747
- Other infrastructure	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Other assets:																
- Library books	(1,146)	1,251	105	3	36	_	(6)	_	_	_	(1)	_	_	(1,152)	1,289	137
Reinstatement, rehabilitation and restoration assets	, , , ,	•					(-)				. ,			,,,,	•	
- Tip assets	(430)	3,584	3,154	_	_	_	(165)	_	_	_	_	(1,423)	_	(595)	2,161	1,566
Total infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	(189,041)	630,467	441,426	12,916	7,035	(10)	(9,649)	(1)	7,063	_	4	(1,423)	7,124	(200,055)	664,540	464,485

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

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

		At 1 July 2020					Asset move	ments during the rep	orting period					At 30 June 2021	
By aggregated	Gross carrying amount	Accumulated depreciation and impairment	Net carrying amount	Additions renewals	Additions new assets	Carrying value of disposals	Depreciation expense	Impairment loss / revaluation decrements (recognised in P/L) Restated	Impairment reversal / prior period revaluation decrements reversal (via P&L) Restated	Impairment loss / revaluation decrements (recognised in equity)	Adjustments and transfers	Revaluation increments to equity (ARR) Restated	Gross carrying amount	Accumulated depreciation and impairment	Net carrying amount
asset class	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000
Capital work in progress	6,678	_	6,678	2,092	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	8,770	_	8,770
Plant and equipment	14,986	(9,459)	5,527	9	1,709	(83)	(1,217)	_	_	_	_	_	15,751	(9,806)	5,945
Office equipment	3,058	(2,705)	353	_	47	(00)	(90)	_	_	_	_	_	3,105	(2,795)	310
Furniture and fittings	287	(233)	54	_	-	_	(16)	_	_	_	1	_	287	(248)	39
Land:	201	(200)	04				(10)				•		201	(240)	00
- Operational land	7,626	_	7,626	_	45	(160)	_	(125)	_	_	_	_	7,386	_	7,386
- Community land	1,626	_	1,626	_	_	_	_	( /	_	_	_	_	1,626	_	1,626
- Crown land	4,642	_	4,642	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	4,642	_	4,642
Land improvements – depreciable	4,774	(1,411)	3,363	15	126	(26)	(107)	_	_	_	94	303	5,260	(1,492)	3,768
Infrastructure:	7,77	(1,411)	0,000	10	120	(20)	(101)				04	000	0,200	(1,402)	0,700
- Buildings - non-specialised	14,735	(3,816)	10,919	_	_	_	(264)	_	_	_	(1)	_	14,735	(4,081)	10,654
- Buildings - specialised	54,847	(20,991)	33,856	843	_	_	(801)	_	_	_	(1)	_	55,689	(21,792)	33,897
- Other structures	19,683	(2,538)	17,145	40	_	_	(108)	_	_	_	_	_	19,723	(2,646)	17,077
- Roads	236,187	(57,620)	178,567	2,908	54	_	(4,445)	49	_	(49)	(50)	_	239,148	(62,114)	177,034
- Bridges	10,564	(3,405)	7,159	_	_	_	(69)	_	_	_	_	_	10,564	(3,474)	7,090
- Footpaths	24,904	(8,303)	16,601	1,153	170	_	(397)	25	_	(25)	(26)	_	26,303	(8,802)	17,501
- Other road assets (including bulk	,	(0,000)	,	1,122			()			(==)	(==)			(=,===)	,
earthworks)	4,726	(845)	3,881	40	-	_	(69)	-	-	_	1	_	4,766	(913)	3,853
<ul> <li>Bulk earthworks (non-depreciable)</li> </ul>	33,092	_	33,092	38	-	_	-	-	_	_	1	5	33,136	_	33,136
<ul> <li>Stormwater drainage</li> </ul>	36,871	(11,801)	25,070	554	_	_	(363)	_	_	_	_	_	37,425	(12,164)	25,261
<ul> <li>Water supply network</li> </ul>	60,283	(25,716)	34,567	1,024	-	_	(773)	-	318	_	(1)	_	61,597	(26,462)	35,135
<ul> <li>Sewerage network</li> </ul>	56,529	(26,284)	30,245	2,039	491	_	(649)	-	296	_	(1)	_	59,354	(26,933)	32,421
<ul> <li>Swimming pools</li> </ul>	5,030	(889)	4,141	26	_	_	(86)	_	_	_	137	_	5,316	(1,098)	4,218
<ul> <li>Other open space/recreational assets</li> </ul>	8,072	(2,924)	5,148	992	1,005	_	(277)	_	1,317	_	(230)	449	11,049	(2,645)	8,404
<ul> <li>Other infrastructure</li> </ul>	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	(74)	_	74	74	(74)	_	_	_
Other assets:															
<ul> <li>Library books</li> </ul>	1,222	(1,085)	137	29	_	_	(61)	_	_	_	_	_	1,251	(1,146)	105
Reinstatement, rehabilitation and restoration assets															
- Tip assets	430	(430)	_	2,620	_		_	_	_	_	_	534	3,584	(430)	3,154
Total infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	610,852	(180,455)	430,397	14,422	3,647	(269)	(9,792)	(125)	1,931	_	(2)	1,217	630,467	(189,041)	441,426

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

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

### **Accounting policy**

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

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

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

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	30 to 60
Office furniture	10 to 20	Benches, seats etc.	20 to 60
Computer equipment	4		
Vehicles	5 to 10	Buildings	
Heavy plant/road making equipment	5 to 10	Buildings: masonry	60 to125
Other plant and equipment	5 to 15	Buildings: other	40 to 100
Water and sewer assets		Stormwater assets	
Dams and reservoirs	50 to 150	Drains	100 to 175
Bores	50 to 75	Culverts	60 to 140
Reticulation pipes: PVC	40 to 150	Flood control structures	100 to 175
Reticulation pipes: other	80 to 120		
Pumps and telemetry	30 to 95		
Transportation assets		Other infrastructure assets	
Sealed roads: surface	20 to 70	Bulk earthworks	120 to 200
Sealed roads: structure	70 to100	Swimming pools	40 to 81
Unsealed roads	15 to 80	Other open space/recreational assets	25 to 60
Bridge: concrete	100 to175	Other infrastructure	25 to 75
Bridge: other	50		
Road pavements	60		
Kerb, gutter and footpaths	35 to140		

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

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with carrying amount. These are included in the Income Statement.

#### **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**

Council recognises the land and buildings used by the Rural Fire Service situated within the Local Government area, however, it does not recognise the Rural Fire Service equipment.

## C1-7 Intangible assets

## Intangible assets are as follows:

	2022	2021
	\$ '000	\$ '000
Software		
Opening values at 1 July		
Gross book value	2,061	896
Accumulated amortisation	(897)	(896)
Net book value – opening balance	1,164	_
Movements for the year		
Development costs	343	1,165
Amortisation charges	(237)	(1)
Closing values at 30 June		
Gross book value	2,402	2,061
Accumulated amortisation	(1,134)	(897)
Total intangible assets – net book value	4 269	1 164
Total intallybue assets – Het book value	1,268	1,164

## **Accounting policy**

### IT development and software

Software development costs include only those costs directly attributable to the development phase (including external direct costs of materials and services, direct payroll, and payroll-related costs of employees' time spent on the project) and are only recognised following completion of technical feasibility, and where the Council has an intention and ability to use the asset. Amortisation is calculated on a straight-line basis over periods generally ranging from three to five years.

## C1-8 Other

## Other assets

	2022	2021
	\$ '000	\$ '000
Prepayments	103	97
Total other assets	103	97

# C2 Liabilities of Council

# C2-1 Payables

2022	2022	2021	2021
			Non-current
\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000
548	_	492	_
520	_	326	_
888	_	919	_
226	_	321	_
581	_	407	_
81	_	81	_
208	50	273	50
25	_	44	_
106	5	106	_
12		28	_
3,195	55	2,997	50
	520 888 226 581 81 208 25 106 12	Current \$ '000 \$ '000  548 - 520 - 888 -   226 - 581 - 208 50 25 - 106 5 12 - 1	Current         Non-current         Current           \$ '000         \$ '000           548         -         492           520         -         326           888         -         919           226         -         321           581         -         407           81         -         81           208         50         273           25         -         44           106         5         106           12         -         28

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## C2-1 Payables (continued)

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

	2022	2021
	\$ '000	\$ '000
The following liabilities, even though classified as current, are not expected to be settled in the next 12 months.		
Payables – security bonds, deposits and retentions	50	50
Total payables	50	50

### **Accounting policy**

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

The financial liabilities of the Council comprise trade payables, accrued expenses and bonds for development applications.

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

### C2-2 Contract Liabilities

		2022	2022	2021	2021
		Current	Non-current	Current	Non-current
	Notes	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000
Grants and contributions received in advance:					
Unexpended capital grants (to					
construct Council controlled assets)	(i)	4,464	-	5,724	-
Total contract liabilities	_	4,464		5,724	
Total contract habilities		4,404		5,724	

### Notes

- (i) Council has received funding to construct assets including roads 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) The contract liability relates to grants received prior to the revenue recognition criteria in AASB 15 being satisfied since the performance obligations are ongoing.

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

	2022 \$ '000	2021 \$ '000
Grants and contributions received in advance:		
Capital grants (to construct Council controlled assets)	5,321	956
Total revenue recognised that was included in the contract liability balance at the beginning of the period	5,321	956

### Significant changes in contract liabilities

We received a significant amount of grants paid in advance in 2021/22 and due to many factors including delays due to Covid-19 we were unable to meet all the performance obligations of the contracts.

## C2-2 Contract Liabilities (continued)

### **Accounting policy**

Where the amounts billed to customers are based on the achievement of various milestones established in the contract, the amounts recognised as revenue in a given period do not necessarily coincide with the amounts billed to or certified by the customer.

When a performance obligation is satisfied by transferring a promised good or service to the customer before the customer pays consideration or before the payment is due, Council presents the work in progress as a contract asset, unless the rights to that amount of consideration are unconditional, in which case Council recognises a receivable.

When an amount of 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.

# C2-3 Employee benefit provisions

	2022	2022	2021	2021
	Current	Non-current	Current	Non-current
	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000
Annual leave	795	_	788	_
Sick leave	187	_	194	_
Long service leave	1,712	141	1,769	145
Rostered Day Off leave	68	_	78	_
Time in lieu leave	11	_	7	_
Employee Leave Entitlements on-costs	140	5	137	5
Total employee benefit provisions	2,913	146	2,973	150

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

	2022 \$ '000	2021 \$ '000
The following provisions, even though classified as current, are not expected to be settled in the next 12 months.		
Provisions – employees benefits	2,215	2,730
	2,215	2,730

# C2-3 Employee benefit provisions (continued)

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

		ELE provisions							
	Annual leave \$ '000	Sick leave \$ '000	Long service leave \$ '000	ELE on-costs \$ '000	Other employee benefits \$ '000	Total \$ '000			
2022									
At beginning of year	788	194	1,914	143	85	3,124			
Additional provisions	495	259	51	2	125	932			
Amounts used (payments)	(488)	(266)	(112)	_	(131)	(997)			
Total ELE provisions at end of year	795	187	1,853	145	79	3,059			
2021									
At beginning of year	786	174	1,841	150	74	3,025			
Additional provisions	609	252	140	_	_	1,001			
Amounts used (payments)	(609)	(252)	(140)	_	_	(1,001)			
Other	2	20	73	(7)	11	99			
Total ELE provisions at end of year	788	194	1,914	143	85	3,124			

## C2-3 Employee benefit provisions (continued)

### **Accounting policy**

Provisions are recognised when Council has a present legal or constructive obligations 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 anyone 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 interest expenses.

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 reporting date, regardless of when the actual settlement is expected to occur and therefore all annual leave and vested long service leave (or that which vests within 12 months) is presented as current.

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

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

### Other long-term employee benefit obligations

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

### **On-costs**

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

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

The obligations are presented as current liabilities in the Statement of Financial Position if the 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.

### C2-4 Provisions

	2022	2022	2021	2021
	Current	Non-Current	Current	Non-Current
	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000
Asset remediation/restoration:				
Asset remediation/restoration (future works)	165	1,566	166	2,988
Total provisions	165	1,566	166	2,988

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

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

### Description of and movements in provisions

Other provisions

## C2-4 Provisions (continued)

	Asset remediation \$ '000	Total \$ '000
2022		
At beginning of year	3,154	3,154
Other	(1,423)	(1,423)
Total other provisions at end of year	1,731	1,731
2021		
At beginning of year	534	534
Remeasurement effects	2,620	2,620
Total other provisions at end of year	3,154	3,154

### **Accounting policy**

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

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

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

### Asset remediation – tips and quarries

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

The ultimate cost of environmental remediation is uncertain and cost estimates can vary in response to many factors, including changes to the relevant legal requirements, the emergence of new restoration techniques, or experience at other locations. The expected timing of expenditure can also change, for example in response to changes in quarry reserves or production 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.

#### **C**3 Reserves

# C3-1 Nature and purpose of reserves

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

## D Council structure

## D1 Results by fund

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

## D1-1 Income Statement by fund

	General 2022 \$ '000	Water 2022 \$ '000	Sewer 2022 \$ '000
Income from continuing operations			
Rates and annual charges	9,201	1,429	3,086
User charges and fees	3.072	1,613	249
Interest and investment revenue	262	52	42
Other revenues	620	_	_
Grants and contributions provided for operating purposes	11,133	37	32
Grants and contributions provided for capital purposes	8,767	_	_
Reversal of revaluation decrements on IPPE	•		
previously expensed	5,023	2,039	_
Total income from continuing operations	38,078	5,170	3,409
Expenses from continuing operations			
Employee benefits and on-costs	8,633	547	371
Materials and services	4,462	1,577	1,195
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment of non-financial assets	8,372	789	725
Other expenses	789	_	_
Net losses from the disposal of assets	192	_	_
Total expenses from continuing operations	22,448	2,913	2,291
Net operating result for the year	15,630	2,257	1,118
Net operating result attributable to each council fund	15,630	2,257	1,118
Net operating result for the year before grants and contributions provided for capital purposes	6,863	2,257	1,118

# D1-2 Statement of Financial Position by fund

	General 2022 \$ '000	Water 2022 \$ '000	Sewer 2022 \$ '000
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	3,402	2,095	2,119
Investments	18,867	5,391	3,242
Receivables	2,301	393	140
Other	72	31	_
Total current assets	24,642	7,910	5,501
Non-current assets			
Investments	15,000	_	_
Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	399,969	34,651	29,865
Intangible assets	1,268	_	_
Total non-current assets	416,237	34,651	29,865
Total assets	440,879	42,561	35,366
LIABILITIES Current liabilities			
Current liabilities Payables	0.000	444	454
Contract liabilities	2,930	114	151
Employee benefit provision	4,464	_	_
Provisions	2,913	_	_
Total current liabilities	165		454
	10,472	114	151
Non-current liabilities Payables	F.F.		
Employee benefit provision	55	_	_
Provisions	146 1,566	_	_
Total non-current liabilities	1,767		
Total liabilities	12,239	114	151
Net assets	428,640	42,447	35,215
EQUITY			
Accumulated surplus	376,853	42,447	34,884
Revaluation reserves	51,787	_	331
Total equity	428,640	42,447	35,215
			,

## D2 Interests in other entities

	Council's share of	Council's share of net assets		
	2022	2021		
	\$ '000	\$ '000		
Associates		50		
Total net share of interests in joint ventures and associates using the equity method – income	_	50		
Associates *		385		
Total net share of interests in joint ventures and associates using the equity method – assets		385		

<sup>(\*)</sup> Central Murray Regional Library agreement was terminated in 2021

## E Risks and accounting uncertainties

## E1-1 Risks relating to financial instruments held

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

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

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

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

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

	Carrying value	Carrying value	Fair value	Fair value
	2022	2021	2022	2021
		Restated		Restated
	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000
Financial assets				
Measured at amortised cost				
Cash and cash equivalents	7,616	6,835	7,616	6,835
Receivables	2,834	2,566	2,834	2,566
Investments	·	·	•	,
<ul> <li>Debt securities at amortised cost</li> </ul>	42,500	42,750	42,500	42,750
Total financial assets	52,950	52,151	52,950	52,151
Financial liabilities				
Payables	3,250	3,047	3,250	3,047
Total financial liabilities	3,250	3,047	3,250	3,047

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

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

Council has an investment policy which complies with the *Local Government Act 1993* and Minister's Investment Order 625. This policy is regularly reviewed by Council and 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 these 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.

Council also seeks advice from independent advisers before placing any funds in cash equivalents and investments.

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

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

	2022	2021
	\$ '000	\$ '000
The impact on result for the year and equity of a reasonably possible movement in interest rates is shown below. The reasonably possible movements were determined based on historical movements and economic conditions in place at the reporting date.		
Impact of a 1% movement in interest rates		
- Equity / Income Statement	425	334
Impact of a 10% movement in price of investments		
- Equity / Income Statement	4,250	_

## (b) Credit risk

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Credit risk profile

### Receivables - rates and annual charges

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

	Not yet Ov	Not yet overdue rates and annual charges				
	overdue \$ '000	< 5 years \$ '000	≥ 5 years \$ '000	Total \$ '000		
2022 Gross carrying amount	-	614	111	725		
2021 Gross carrying amount	_	762	85	847		

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

Council applies the simplified approach for non-rates and annual charges debtors to provide for expected credit losses prescribed by AASB 9, which permits the use of the lifetime expected loss provision. To measure the expected credit losses, non-rates and annual charges debtors have been grouped based on shared credit risk characteristics and the days past due.

The loss allowance provision as at 30 June 2022 is determined as follows. The expected credit losses incorporate forward-looking information.

	Not yet	Overdue debts						
	overdue \$ '000	0 - 30 days \$ '000	31 - 60 days \$ '000	61 - 90 days \$ '000	> 91 days \$ '000	Total \$ '000		
2022								
Gross carrying amount	-	1,977	10	67	361	2,415		
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## E1-1 Risks relating to financial instruments held (continued)

	Not yet	Overdue debts						
	overdue	0 - 30 days	31 - 60 days	61 - 90 days	> 91 days	Total		
	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000		
Expected loss rate (%)	5.65%	2.47%	2.47%	7.77%	52.50%	10.10%		
ECL provision	111	-	-	5	190	306		
2021								
Gross carrying amount	1,000	35	54	268	661	2,018		
Expected loss rate (%)	7.44%	0.89%	0.93%	1.30%	33.29%	14.80%		
ECL provision	74	_	1	3	220	298		

## (c) Liquidity risk

Payables, lease liabilities and borrowings are both subject to liquidity risk - 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 maintaining an adequate cash buffer.

Payment terms can (in extenuating circumstances) also be extended, and overdraft facilities utilised as required.

Borrowings are also subject to interest rate risk - the risk that movements in interest rates could adversely affect funding costs and debt servicing requirements. 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 and therefore the balances in the table may not equal the balances in the Statement of Financial Position due to the effect of discounting.

	Weighted average interest rate %	Subject to no maturity \$ '000	≤ 1 Year \$ '000	payable in: 1 - 5 Years \$ '000	> 5 Years \$ '000	Total contractual cash outflows \$ '000	Actual carrying values \$ '000
2022 Payables Total financial liabilities	0.00%	258 258	2,987 2,987	5 5		3,250 3,250	3,250 3,250
2021 Payables Total financial liabilities	0.00%	323 323	2,674 2,674	50 50		3,047	3,047 3,047

### 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

### Fair value hierarchy

All assets and liabilities measured at fair value are 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: Unobservable inputs for the asset or liability

The table below shows the assigned level for each asset and liability held at fair value by Council:

			Fair valu	ie measurement	hierarchy		
		Date of lates	st valuation		S Significant vable inputs	Tota	I
\$ '000	Notes	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021
Recurring fair value mea	surement	S					
Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	C1-6						
Plant and equipment		30/06/22	30/06/21	5,861	5,945	5,861	5,945
Office equipment		30/06/22	30/06/21	368	310	368	310
Furniture and fittings		30/06/22	30/06/21	28	39	28	39
Operational land		30/06/21	30/06/21	7,755	7,386	7,755	7,386
Community land		30/06/21	30/06/21	1,707	1,626	1,707	1,626
Crown land		30/06/21	30/06/21	4,874	4,642	4,874	4,642
Land improvements –							
depreciable		30/06/21	30/06/21	3,967	3,768	3,967	3,768
Buildings – non-specialised		29/02/20	29/02/20	12,623	10,654	12,623	10,654
Buildings – specialised		29/02/20	29/02/20	37,883	33,897	37,883	33,897
Other structures		29/02/20	29/02/20	17,901	17,077	17,901	17,077
Roads		29/02/20	29/02/20	184,184	177,034	184,184	177,034
Bridges		29/02/20	29/02/20	7,284	7,090	7,284	7,090
Footpaths and kerb and							
gutter		29/02/20	29/02/20	19,743	17,501	19,743	17,501
Other road assets		29/02/20	29/02/20	3,892	3,853	3,892	3,853
Bulk earthworks		29/02/20	29/02/20	33,842	33,136	33,842	33,136
Stormwater drainage		29/02/20	29/02/20	26,671	25,261	26,671	25,261
Water supply network		30/06/21	30/06/21	37,530	35,135	37,530	35,135
Sewerage network		01/06/22	30/06/21	32,325	32,421	32,325	32,421
Swimming pools		30/06/21	30/06/21	4,535	4,218	4,535	4,218
Other open							
spaces/recreational assets		30/06/21	30/06/21	9,747	8,404	9,747	8,404
Library books		30/06/21	30/06/21	137	105	137	105
Tip assets		29/02/20	29/02/20	1,556	3,154	1,556	3,154
Total infrastructure, property, plant and							
equipment			_	454,413	432,656	454,413	432,656

## Valuation techniques

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

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

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

Plant and Equipment - This class of asset category is not valued at fair value. The category is at depreciated historical cost, which approximates fair value.

Office Equipment - Same as Plant and Equipment above.

Furniture and Fittings - Same as Plant and Equipment above.

Operational Land - The latest valuation was conducted by APV Valuers during the 2020/21 financial year.

The valuation method used is in accordance with the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting (Guidelines). Operational Land should be valued at market value after considering the buyers and sellers in the market and, where possible, include elements such as zoning limitations, alternative use and size of the land.

Sources of data used when determining revaluations include: Actual sales evidence, mapping evidence, PDSLive property searches, Benchmarking, APV database of recent projects and on-site visits.

Community Land - The latest valuation was conducted by APV Valuers during the 2020/21 financial year.

The valuation method used is in accordance with the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting (Guidelines). Council is unable to provide neither observable nor unobservable valuation techniques and therefore it is reported as a Level 3.

Sources of data used when determining revaluations include: Actual sales evidence, mapping evidence, PDSLive property searches, Benchmarking, APV database of recent projects and on-site visits.

Following advice from the NSW Audit Office, Council discounted the market value of Community Land to equal values from the Valuer General's office. This was done so as to cater for the restrictions that are on Community Land.

Crown Land - Same as Community Land above.

**Land Improvements (Depreciable)** - The latest valuation was conducted by APV Valuers during the 2020/21 financial year. Council assessed no material movements in the fair value during the year.

The valuation method is based on determining the Replacement Cost of the modern equivalent (or cost of reproduction where relevant) and then adjusting for the level of consumed future economic benefit and impairment.

Sources of data used when determining revaluations include: Actual sales evidence, mapping evidence, Rawlinson's Construction Guide, Benchmarking, APV database of recent projects and on-site visits.

**Buildings (Non - Specialised)** - The latest valuation was conducted by APV Valuers during the 2019/20 financial year. To account for the movements in fair value due to the rise in the inflation rate during the year, Council applied an indexation rate of 10% on the fair values as at 30 June 2022.

The valuation method is based on determining the Replacement Cost of the modern equivalent (or cost of reproduction where relevant) and then adjusting for the level of consumed future economic benefit and impairment.

In accordance with the depreciation requirements of AASB 116, "complex assets" are componentised and depreciated separately. This is consistent with the AASB's May 2015 decision regarding residual value.

Sources of data used when determining revaluations include: Actual sales evidence, mapping evidence, Rawlinson's Construction Guide (or similar), Benchmarking, APV database of recent projects and on-site visits.

**Buildings (Specialised)** - The latest valuation was conducted by APV Valuers during the 2019/20 financial year. To account for the movements in fair value due to the rise in the inflation rate during the year, Council applied an indexation rate of 10% on the fair values as at 30 June 2022.

Refer to Buildings (Non-Specialised) above for valuation method and data sources.

**Other Structures** - The latest valuation was conducted by APV Valuers during the 2019/20 financial year. Council assessed no material movements in the fair value during the year.

The valuation method is based on determining the Replacement Cost of the modern equivalent (or cost of reproduction where relevant) and then adjusting for the level of consumed future economic benefit and impairment.

In accordance with the depreciation requirements of AASB 116, "complex assets" are componentised and depreciated separately (splitting each component into the short and long life parts). This is consistent with the AASB's May 2015 decision regarding residual value.

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Sources of data used when determining revaluations include: Actual sales evidence, mapping evidence, Rawlinson's Construction Guide, Benchmarking, APV database of recent projects and on-site visits.

Roads & Bulk Earthworks - The latest valuation was conducted by APV Valuers during the 2019/20 financial year.

The valuation method is based on determining the Replacement Cost of the modern equivalent (or cost of reproduction where relevant) and then adjusting for the level of consumed future economic benefit and impairment.

In accordance with the depreciation requirements of AASB 116, "complex assets" are componentised and depreciated separately (splitting each component into the short and long life parts). This is consistent with the AASB's May 2015 decision regarding residual value.

Sources of data used when determining revaluations include: Actual construction or purchase prices, mapping evidence, Rawlinson's Construction Guide (or similar), Benchmarking, APV database of recent projects and on-site visits.

Council assessed no material movements in the fair value during the year.

**Bridges** - The latest valuation was conducted by APV Valuers during the 2019/20 financial year. Refer to Roads above for valuation method and data sources.

Council assessed no material movements in the fair value during the year.

**Footpaths** - The latest valuation was conducted by APV Valuers during the 2019/20 financial year. Refer to Roads above for valuation method and data sources.

Council assessed no material movements in the fair value during the year.

**Stormwater** - The latest valuation was conducted by APV Valuers during the 2019/20 financial year. Refer to Roads above for valuation method and data sources.

Council assessed no material movements in the fair value during the year.

**Water Supply Network** - The latest valuation was conducted by APV Valuers during the 2019/20 financial year, with an indexation rate of 5.73% applied to the asset values for the 2021/22 year in accordance with the NSW Rates Reference Manual issued by DPI- Water.

The valuation method is based on determining the Replacement Cost of the modern equivalent (or cost of reproduction where relevant) and then adjusting for the level of consumed future economic benefit and impairment.

In accordance with the depreciation requirements of AASB 116, "complex assets" are componentised and depreciated separately (splitting each component into the short and long life parts). This is consistent with the AASB's May 2015 decision regarding residual value.

Sources of data used when determining revaluations include: Actual construction or purchase prices, mapping evidence, Rawlinson's Construction Guide (or similar), Benchmarking, APV database of recent projects and on-site visits.

Sewer Network - The latest valuation was conducted by APV Valuers during the year.

The valuation method is based on determining the Replacement Cost of the modern equivalent (or cost of reproduction where relevant) and then adjusting for the level of consumed future economic benefit and impairment.

In accordance with the depreciation requirements of AASB 116, "complex assets" are componentised and depreciated separately (splitting each component into the short and long life parts). This is consistent with the AASB's May 2015 decision regarding residual value.

Sources of data used when determining revaluations include: Actual construction or purchase prices, mapping evidence, Rawlinson's Construction Guide (or similar), Benchmarking, APV database of recent projects and on-site visits.

**Swimming Pools** - The latest valuation was conducted by APV Valuers during the 2020/21 financial year. Council assessed no material movements in the fair value during the year.

The valuation method is based on determining the Replacement Cost of the modern equivalent (or cost of reproduction where relevant) and then adjusting for the level of consumed future economic benefit and impairment.

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In accordance with the depreciation requirements of AASB 116, "complex assets" are componentised and depreciated separately (splitting each component into the short and long life parts). This is consistent with the AASB's May 2015 decision regarding residual value.

Sources of data used when determining revaluations include: Actual sales evidence, mapping evidence, Rawlinson's Construction Guide (or similar), Benchmarking, APV database of recent projects and on-site visits.

Other Open Spaces/ Recreational Assets - The latest valuation was conducted by APV Valuers during the 2020/21 financial year. Council assessed no material movements in the fair value during the year. Refer to Swimming Pools above for valuation method and data sources.

Library Books - Same as Plant and Equipment above.

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

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

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

	Valuation technique/s	Unobservable inputs
Infrastructure, property, plant an	d equipment	
Work in progress	Cost approach	At cost.
Plant and equipment	Cost approach	Gross replacement cost, remaining useful life and residual value
Office equipment	Cost approach	Gross replacement cost, remaining useful life and residual value
Furniture and fittings	Cost approach	Gross replacement cost, remaining useful life and residual value
Operational land	Market value approach	Comparison to other similar land sales/property prices, use of land and land area.
Community land	Market value approach	Use of land, zoning conditions and unit rates per square metre
Crown land	Market value approach	Use of land, zoning conditions and unit rates per square metre
Land improvements – depreciable	Cost approach - depreciated replacement	Unit rates, pattern of consumption and consumption score
Buildings – non specialised	Cost approach - depreciated replacement	Unit rates, pattern of consumption and consumption score
Buildings – specialised	Cost approach - depreciated replacement	Unit rates, pattern of consumption and consumption score
Other structures	Cost approach - depreciated replacement	Unit rates, pattern of consumption and consumption score
Roads	Cost approach - depreciated replacement	Asset condition, relationship between asset consumption rating scale and the level of consumed service potential and unit rate cost.
Bridges	Cost approach - depreciated replacement	Asset condition, relationship between asset consumption rating scale and the level of consumed service potential and unit rate cost.
Footpaths and kerb	Cost approach - depreciated replacement	Asset condition, relationship between asset consumption rating scale and the level of consumed service potential and unit rate cost.

	Valuation technique/s	Unobservable inputs
Bulk earthworks	Cost approach - depreciated replacement	Asset condition, relationship between asset consumption rating scale and the level of consumed service potential and unit rate cost.
Other road assets	Cost approach - depreciated replacement	Asset condition, relationship between asset consumption rating scale and the level of consumed service potential and unit rate cost.
Stormwater drainage	Cost approach - depreciated replacement	Asset condition, relationship between asset consumption rating scale and the level of consumed service potential and unit rate cost.
Water supply network	Cost approach - depreciated replacement	Unit rate cost from market evidence, split between short and long life components, valuation profiles and consumption score.
Sewerage network	Cost approach - depreciated replacement	Unit rate cost from market evidence, split between short and long life components, valuation profiles and consumption score.
Swimming pools	Cost approach - depreciated replacement	Unit rates, pattern of consumption and consumption score.
Other open spaces/recreational assets	Cost approach - depreciated replacement	Unit rates, pattern of consumption and consumption score.
Library books	Cost approach	Gross replacement cost and remaining useful life
Other assets	Cost approach - depreciated replacement	Gross replacement cost and remaining useful life
Tip assets	Cost approach - depreciated replacement	Gross replacement cost and remaining useful life

Closing balance

1,707

1,626

4,874

4,642

3,967

3,768

12,623

10,654

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

	Plant and e	quipment	Office equ	ipment	Furniture an	d fittings Operation		al land
	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021
	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000
Opening balance	5,945	5,527	310	353	39	54	7,386	7,626
Total gains or losses for the period	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	-,-					,	,-
Recognised in profit or loss  – realised (refer to Note B6-1)							369	
Recognised in other comprehensive income –	_	_	_	_	-	_	303	_
revaluation surplus	_	_	_	_	_	_	-	(125)
Other movements								
Purchases	1,020	1,718	166	47	_	_	-	45
Disposals	(8)	(83)	(2)	_	_	_	_	(160)
Depreciation and impairment	(1,096)	(1,217)	(107)	(90)	(10)	(15)	_	_
Adjustments and transfers	_	_	1	_	(1)	_	_	_
Closing balance	5,861	5,945	368	310	28	39	7,755	7,386
	Communi	ty Land	Crown Land		Land improv- ements		Building special	
	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021
	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000
Opening balance	1,626	1,626	4,642	4,642	3,768	3,363	10,654	10,919
Total gains or losses for the period								
Recognised in profit or loss  – realised (refer to Note B6-1)	81		232				57	
Recognised in other comprehensive income –	01	_	232	_	_	_	57	_
revaluation surplus	-	_	-	_	188	303	1,091	_
Other movements								
Purchases	-	_	-	-	125	141	1,082	_
Disposals	-	_	_	_	_	(26)	_	_
Depreciation and impairment	-	_	_	_	(114)	(107)	(260)	(264)
Adjustments and transfers						94	(1)	(1)

	Building sp	ecialised	Other stru	ıctures	Roa	Roads		Bridges	
	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	
	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	
Opening balance	33,897	33,856	17,077	17,145	177,034	178,567	7,090	7,159	
Total gains or losses for the period	·		·		·		·		
Recognised in profit or loss – realised (refer to Note									
B6-1)	3,444	_	932	_	-	_	-	-	
Recognised in other comprehensive income –									
revaluation surplus	-	_	_	_	2,883	_	79	-	
Other movements									
Purchases	1,344	843	_	40	8,451	2,962	183	_	
Depreciation and impairment	(803)	(801)	(108)	(108)	(4,185)	(4,445)	(69)	(69)	
Adjustments and transfers	1_	(1)				(50)	2		
Closing balance	37,883	33,897	17,901	17,077	184,183	177,034	7,285	7,090	
	Footpa	aths	Bulk earthworks		Other road assets		Stormwater drainage		
	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	
	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	
Opening balance	17,501	16,601	33,136	33,092	3,853	3,881	25,261	25,070	
Total gains or losses for the period									
Recognised in profit or loss  – realised (refer to Note									
B6-1)	271	_	_	_	-	_	_	-	
Recognised in other comprehensive income –									
revaluation surplus	_	_	566	5	23	_	663	-	
Other movements									
Purchases	2,293	1,323	141	38	82	40	1,113	554	
Depreciation and impairment	(322)	(397)	_	_	(66)	(69)	(367)	(363)	
Adjustments and transfers		(26)	(1)	1_		1	1		
Closing balance	19,743	17,501	33,842	33,136	3,892	3,853	26,671	25,261	

	Water suppl	y network	Sewerage	network	Swimmin	g pools	Other ope	n spaces
	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021
	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000
Opening balance	35,135	34,567	32,421	30,245	4,218	4,141	8,404	5,148
Total gains or losses for the period								
Recognised in profit or loss  – realised (refer to Note								
B6-1)	1,316	_	331	_	27	_	_	_
Recognised in other comprehensive income –								
revaluation surplus	696	_	_	_	208	_	730	1,766
Other movements								
Purchases	758	1,024	709	2,530	172	26	981	1,997
Depreciation and impairment	(787)	(455)	(724)	(353)	(91)	(86)	(369)	(277)
Adjustments and transfers	412	(1)_	(412)	(1)	1_	137	1	(230)
Closing balance	37,530	35,135	32,325	32,421	4,535	4,218	9,747	8,404
	Library I	books	Other assets		Tip assets		Total	
	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021
						Restated		
	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000
Opening balance	105	137	_	_	3,154	_	432,656	423,719
Recognised in profit or loss  – realised (refer to Note								
B6-1)	_	_	_	_	_	_	7,060	-
Recognised in other comprehensive income –						504	7.407	0.400
revaluation surplus	_	_	_	_	_	534	7,127	2,483
Purchases	39	29	-	_	-	2,620	18,659	15,977
Disposals	_	_	_		_	_	(10)	(269)
Depreciation and impairment	(6)	(61)	_	(74)	(165)	_	(9,649)	(9,251)
Adjustments and transfers	(1)			74	(1,423)		(1,420)	(3)
Closing balance	137	105	_	_	1,566	3,154	454,423	432,656

## 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.

#### 1. Guarantees

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

Council participates in an employer-sponsored defined benefit superannuation scheme, and makes contributions as determined by the superannuation scheme's trustees.

Member councils bear responsibility of ensuring there are sufficient funds available to pay out the required benefits as they fall due.

The Local Government Superannuation Scheme however is unable to provide Council with an accurate estimate of its share of the net deficit and accordingly Council has not recorded any net liability from its defined benefit scheme obligations in accordance with AASB 119.

Future contributions made to the defined benefit scheme to rectify the net deficit position will be recognised as an expense when they become payable – similar to the accounting for defined contributions plans.

Member councils are treated as Pooled Employers for the purpose of AASB119. 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 future service employer contribution rates are:

Division B 1.9 times employee contributions for non-180 Point members

Nil for 180 Point Members\*

Division C 2.5% salaries

Division D 1.64 times employee contributions

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

The past service contribution for each Pooled Employer is a share of total past service contributions of \$40.0 million per annum for 1 July 2019 to 31 December 2021 and \$20.0 million per annum for 1 January to 31 December 2024, apportioned according to each employer's share of the accrued liabilities as at 30 June 2021. These past service contributions are used maintain the adequacy of the funding position for the accrued liabilities.

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

As stated 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.

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 entity.

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

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

The plan is a defined benefit plan. However, 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, there is not 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.

The amount of Council employer contributions to the defined benefit section of the Local Government Superannuation Scheme and recognised as an expense and disclosed as part of superannuation expenses at Note B3-1 for the year ending 30 June 2022 was \$119,651.55.

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The last valuation of the scheme was performed by Mr Richard Boyfield FIAA as at 30 June 2021.

Council's expected contribution to the Fund for the next annual reporting period is \$90,926.40.

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## E3-1 Contingencies (continued)

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

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

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

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

Investment return5.5% per annumSalary inflation3.5% per annumIncrease in CPI2.5% per annum

The contribution requirements may vary from the current rates if the overall sub-group experience is not in line with the actuarial assumptions in determining the funding program; however, any adjustment to the funding program would be the same for all sponsoring employers in the Pooled Employers group.

Please note that the estimated employer reserves financial position above is a preliminary calculation, and once all the relevant information has been received by the Funds Actuary, the final end of year review will be completed around December 2022.

Council's past service contribution per annum of 0.28% of the total past services contributions for all Pooled Employers (of \$40m for each year from 1 July 2019 to 31 December 2021 and \$20 million for each year from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2024) provides an indication of the level of participation of Council compared with other employers in the Pooled Employer sub-group.

#### (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 2022 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

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

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

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

### (iv) Other guarantees

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

#### (v) 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.

#### (vi) 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.

# E3-1 Contingencies (continued)

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.

# F People and relationships

## F1 Related party disclosures

## F1-1 Key management personnel (KMP)

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

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

	2022 \$ '000	2021 \$ '000
Compensation:		
Short-term benefits	929	1,018
Other long-term benefits	84	78
Total	1,013	1,096

# F1-2 Councillor and Mayoral fees and associated expenses

	2022	2021
	\$ '000	\$ '000
The aggregate amount of Councillor and Mayoral fees and associated expenses included in materials and services expenses in the Income Statement are:		
Mayoral fee	26	27
Councillors' fees	105	108
Other Councillors' expenses (including Mayor)	63	23
Total	194	158

## F1-3 Other related parties

	Ref	Transactions during the year \$ '000	Outstanding balances including commitments \$ '000	Impairment provision on outstanding balances \$ '000	Impairment expense \$ '000
2022					
Infrastructure works	2	115	_	_	_
Other	3	200	_	_	_
2021					
Real Estate	1	11	_	_	_
Infrastructure works	2	10	_	_	_
Other	3	191	_	_	_

- 1 There were no transactions in 2022 as prior Councillor no longer worked for real estate company of prior years and had no other transactions in new company.
- 2 Council paid 115k for watermain works for a KMP related company. The KMP works as a volunteer for this Company.
  - Two family members of different KMP work for council and they have not received any payments other than remuneration in terms of their employment contract \$182,241.19 in 2022.
- 3 Other transactions included small grants paid, tipping fees received, gravel royalties paid; as well as payments for training provided across mulitple KMP.

# F2 Other relationships

# F2-1 Audit fees

	2022	2021
	\$ '000	\$ '000
During the year, the following fees were incurred for services provided by the auditor of Council, related practices and non-related audit firms		
Auditors of the Council - NSW Auditor-General:		
(i) Audit and other assurance services		
Audit and review of financial statements	86	91
Total audit fees	86	91

# G Other matters

# G1-1 Statement of Cash Flows information

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

		2022	2021
		\$ '000	\$ '000
Net operating result from Income Statement		19,003	6,073
Add / (less) non-cash items:		,	
Depreciation and amortisation		9,886	9,918
(Gain) / loss on disposal of assets		(191)	(449)
Non-cash distribution from dissolution of Associate		385	321
Reversal of prior year IPP&E revaluation decrements / impairment			
previously costed direct to the P&L		(7,062)	(1,931)
Share of net (profits)/losses of associates using the equity method	D2-3	-	(50)
Movements in operating assets and liabilities and other cash items:			
(Increase) / decrease of receivables		(275)	327
Increase / (decrease) in provision for impairment of receivables		7	15
(Increase) / decrease of other current assets		(6)	(35)
Increase / (decrease) in payables		194	(25)
Increase / (decrease) in other accrued expenses payable		79	(777)
Increase / (decrease) in other liabilities		(39)	(54)
Increase / (decrease) in contract liabilities		(1,260)	4,768
Increase / (decrease) in employee benefit provision		(64)	98
Increase / (decrease) in other provisions		(1,423)	2,620
Net cash flows from operating activities		19,234	20,819
(b) Non-cash investing and financing activities			
Non-cash distribution from dissolution of Central Murray County Council (CMC	C)	(385)	(321)
Total non-cash investing and financing activities	′	(385)	(321)
		(555)	(021)

#### **G2-1** Commitments

## Capital commitments (exclusive of GST)

	2022	2021
	\$ '000	\$ '000
Capital expenditure committed for at the reporting date but not		
recognised in the financial statements as liabilities:		
Property, plant and equipment		
Buildings	2,906	5,099
Open space and recreational assets	309	439
Water infrastructure	96	24
Sewer infrastructure	182	241
Roads	1,321	860
Motor vehicles and major plant acquisitions	1	154
ERC Merger projects	28	343
Total commitments	4,843	7,160
These expenditures are payable as follows:		
Within the next year	4,843	7,160
Total payable	4,843	7,160

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

Commitments exist for various grant funded projects including the Civic Place Redevelopment, roads, water and sewer projects.

# G3-1 Events occurring after the reporting date

Council is unaware of any material or significant events that should be disclosed.

## G4 Changes from prior year statements

#### G4-1 Correction of errors

#### Nature of prior period error

The nature of the prior period errors are as follows:

A bequest to the Conargo Recreation Hall Committee set up pursuant to Section 355 of the Local Government Act 1993 which was not recorded. The prior period error for 2020/21 includes the interest earned from the bequest and materials and service expenses relating to the Conargo Recreation Hall Committee. The cash balance adjusted to 1 July 2020 is \$2,786,000 and 30 June 2021 is \$2,786,000. Interest income of \$19,000 and Material and services expenses \$16,000 are adjusted to Income Statement for the year ended 30 June 2021.

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

In the previous year the following were incorrectly allocated to the Asset revaluation reserve instead of the Income Statement:

- a revaluation increment of \$1,317,000 for Other Open Space/Recreation Assets that should have been recorded in the Income Statement to offset previously recognised decrements for this asset class as required by AASB 116.39
- a revaluation decrement of \$125,000 for Operational Land.

The effect of the error is a net increase to the Income Statement of \$1,192K and a reduction to the Revaluation Reserve by the corresponding amount.

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

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

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

	Original Balance 1 July, 2020 \$ '000	Impact Increase/ (decrease) \$ '000	Restated Balance 1 July, 2020 \$ '000
Cash and Cash Equivalents	12,902	2,786	15,688
Total current assets	48,027	2,786	50,813
Total assets	478,770	2,786	481,556
Net assets	470,113_	2,786	472,899
Accumulated Surplus	426,336	2,786	429,122
Total equity	43,777 470,113	2,786	43,777 <b>472,899</b>

<sup>(\*)</sup> This correction is to record the transaction and balances for Conargo Recreation Committee Hall Committee of \$2,786k

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

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

	Original Balance 30 June, 2021 \$ '000	Impact Increase/ (decrease) \$ '000	Restated Balance 30 June, 2021 \$ '000	
Cash & Cash Equivalents *	4,049	2,786	6,835	
Total current assets	37,462	2,786	40,248	

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# G4-1 Correction of errors (continued)

	Original Balance	Impact Increase/	Restated Balance
	30 June, 2021 \$ '000	(decrease) \$ '000	30 June, 2021 \$ '000
Total non-current assets	454,975		454,975
Total assets	492,437	2,786	495,223
Net assets	477,389	2,786	480,175
Accumulated surplus *,**,**,**	431,203	3,978	435,181
Revaluation Reserves ***, ***, ***	46,186	(1,192)	44,994
Total equity	477,389	2,786	480,175

<sup>(\*)</sup> Cornago term deposit (2786k) and errors in income and expense of 3k (FY2020)

<sup>(\*)</sup> This correction is to record the Conargo Recreation Committee Hall Committee of \$2786k (FY2021)

<sup>(\*\*) \$3,978</sup>K consists of:

 $<sup>\</sup>ensuremath{^{(**)}}$  - Cornago term deposit of 2786k and errors in income and expense of 3k

<sup>(\*\*) -</sup> Revaluation increment for Open space assets in 2021 for \$1317k incorrectly recorded to revaluation reserve

<sup>(\*\*) -</sup> Revaluation decrement of Operational land for \$125k

<sup>(\*\*\*) \$1,192</sup>K consists of:

<sup>(\*\*\*)-</sup> Revaluation increment for Open space assets in 2021 for \$1317k incorrectly recorded to revaluation reserve

<sup>(\*\*\*) -</sup> Revaluation decrement of Operational land for \$125k

# G4-1 Correction of errors (continued)

#### **Income Statement**

	Notes	Original Balance 30 June, 2021 \$ '000	Impact Increase/ (decrease) \$ '000	Restated Balance 30 June, 2021 \$ '000
Interest and Investment Income	B2-5	377	19	396
Reversal of revaluation decrements/ impairment of infrastructure, property, plant and equipment previously				
expensed *		614	1,317	1,931
Total income from continuing operations		32,705	1,336	34,041
Materials & Services  Depreciation, amortisation and impairment for	B3-2	7,198	16	7,214
non-financial assets **		9,793	125	9,918
Total expenses from continuing operations		27,827	141	27,968
Net operating result for the year		4,878	1,195	6,073

<sup>(\*)</sup> Record the revaluation increment for open space assets of \$1,317K incorrectly recorded in revaluation reserve in 2021

#### **Statement of Comprehensive Income**

	Notes	Original Balance 30 June, 2021 \$ '000	Impact Increase/ (decrease) \$ '000	Restated Balance 30 June, 2021 \$ '000
Net operating result for the year		4,878	1,195	6,073
Gain/(loss) on value of infrastructure, property, plant and			1,100	3,010
equipment **	C1-6	2,534	(1,317)	1,217
Impairment (loss) reversal / (revaluation decrement) relating to infrastructure, property, plant and equipment		(125)	125	_
Other Comprehensive Income- from associates	D2a	(11)	_	(11)
Share of Associates Net assets				
Other comprehensive income		2,398	(1,192)	1,206
Total comprehensive income for the year		7,276	3	7,279
Statement of Cash Flows		_	_	_
Cash flows from operating activities				
Interest received		494	19	513
Payments for materials and services		(7,943)	(16)	(7,959)
Total impact of the prior period error on the			, /	
Statement of Cash Flows		(7,449)	3	(7,446)

<sup>(\*)</sup> Revaluation decrement of Operational Land

 $<sup>(^{**})</sup>$  Recognize the revaluation decrement of Operational land for \$125k

<sup>(\*\*)</sup> Moved 1317k and (125k) to Financial statements to recognised the revaluation realisation correctly

# G5 Statement of developer contributions as at 30 June 2022

## G5-1 Summary of developer contributions

	Opening	Contributions received during the year		Interest and			Held as restricted	balance of internal
	balance at 1 July 2021	Cash	Non-cash	investment income earned	Amounts expended	Internal borrowings	asset at 30 June 2022	borrowings (to)/from
	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000
Roads	11	_	_	_	_	_	11	_
Parking	8	_	_	_	_	_	8	_
Open space	4	_	_	_	_	_	4	_
Community facilities	9	_	_	_	_	_	9	_
Other	1	68	_	_	(68)	_	1	_
S7.11 contributions – under a plan	33	68	_	-	(68)	_	33	-
Total S7.11 and S7.12 revenue under plans	33	68	_	_	(68)	_	33	_
S7.11 not under plans	6	_	_	_	_	_	6	_
Total contributions	39	68	_	_	(68)	_	39	_

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

# G5-2 Developer contributions by plan

	Opening	Contributions received during the year		Interest and			Held as restricted	Cumulative balance of internal
	balance at 1 July 2021 \$ '000	Cash \$ '000	Non-cash \$ '000	investment income earned \$ '000	Amounts expended \$ '000	Internal borrowings \$ '000	asset at 30 June 2022 \$ '000	borrowings (to)/from \$ '000
CONTRIBUTION PLAN (former Deniliquin)								·
Roads	11	_	_	_	_	_	11	_
Parking	8	_	_	_	_	_	8	_
Open space	4	_	_	_	_	_	4	_
Community facilities	9	_	_	_	_	_	9	_
Other	1	68	_	_	(68)	_	1	_
Total	33	68	_	_	(68)	_	33	_

# G6 Statement of performance measures

## G6-1 Statement of performance measures – consolidated results

	Amounts	Indicator	Indic	Benchmarl	
			Restated		
\$ '000	2022	2022	2021	2020	
1. Operating performance ratio					
Total continuing operating revenue excluding					
capital grants and contributions less operating					
expenses 1,2	3,383	10.97%	2.04%	2.21%	> 0.00%
Total continuing operating revenue excluding capital grants and contributions <sup>1</sup>	30,828				
2. Own source operating revenue ratio					
Total continuing operating revenue excluding all					
grants and contributions 1	19,626	49.57%	58.50%	55.39%	> 60.00%
Total continuing operating revenue <sup>1</sup>	39,595				
3. Unrestricted current ratio					
Current assets less all external restrictions	18,208	5.54x	5.66x	2.46x	> 1.50x
Current liabilities less specific purpose liabilities	3,288	5.54X	5.00x	2. <del>4</del> 0X	> 1.50X
4. Debt service cover ratio					
Operating result before capital excluding interest					
and depreciation/impairment/amortisation <sup>1</sup>	13,269	00	∞	∞	> 2.00x
Principal repayments (Statement of Cash Flows)	_	30	55		> 2.00X
plus borrowing costs (Income Statement)					
5. Rates and annual charges outstanding					
percentage					
Rates and annual charges outstanding	923	6.20%	6.97%	10.62%	< 10.00%
Rates and annual charges collectable	14,879	0.2070	0.07 70	10.0270	10.0070
6. Cash expense cover ratio					
Current year's cash and cash equivalents plus all					
term deposits	50,116	27.97	32.19	27.92	> 3.00
Monthly payments from cash flow of operating and financing activities	1,792	months	months	months	months

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

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

## G6-2 Statement of performance measures by fund

	General In	General Indicators <sup>3</sup>		Water Indicators		Sewer Indicators	
¢ 1000	2022	Restated	2022	2024	2022	2024	
\$ '000	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	
1. Operating performance ratio							
Total continuing operating revenue excluding capital grants and contributions less operating expenses 1,2	0.04%	(8.12)%	43.66%	22.54%	32.80%	38.86%	> 0.00%
Total continuing operating revenue excluding capital grants and contributions <sup>1</sup>							
2. Own source operating revenue ratio							
Total continuing operating revenue excluding capital grants and contributions <sup>1</sup>	- 35.84%	46.28%	99.28%	98.32%	99.06%	98.28%	> 60.00%
Total continuing operating revenue <sup>1</sup>	33.04 /0	40.2070	33.20 /0	90.3270	33.00 /0	90.2070	2 00.0070
3. Unrestricted current ratio							
Current assets less all external restrictions	- 5.53x	5.66x	69.39x	83.75x	36.43x	36.35x	> 1.50x
Current liabilities less specific purpose liabilities	- 3.33X	J.00X	09.39X	03.73X	30.43X	30.33X	> 1.50X
4. Debt service cover ratio							
Operating result before capital excluding interest and							
depreciation/impairment/amortisation 1	_ ∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	> 2.00x
Principal repayments (Statement of Cash Flows) plus borrowing costs (Income Statement)							
5. Rates and annual charges outstanding percentage							
Rates and annual charges outstanding	0.040/	0.040/	0.000/	0.000/	0.000/	0.000/	- 10 000/
Rates and annual charges collectable	- 8.91%	9.94%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	< 10.00%
6. Cash expense cover ratio							
Current year's cash and cash equivalents plus all term deposits	25.61	29.27	∞		00		> 3.00
Monthly payments from cash flow of operating and financing activities	months	months	w	∞	w	∞	months

<sup>(1) - (2)</sup> Refer to Notes at Note 24a above.

To allow for comparative purposes, a discrepancy totalling \$173,000 has been taken up in 2018 'Income for continuing operations' figures. Code 27 has moved 'Pensioner rate subsidies', previously recognised in 'Special Purpose Grants', into 'Rates and annual charges'. Of the \$173,000, Financial assistance grants were decreased \$78,000 and Special purpose grants were decreased \$95,000. This required a restating of Indicator ratios for General, Water and Sewerage. As a result, the ratio percentages for 2018 figures have been slightly changed.

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

#### End of the audited financial statements

## H Additional Council disclosures (unaudited)

## H1-1 Statement of performance measures – consolidated results (graphs)

1. Operating performance ratio



# Purpose of operating performance ratio

This ratio measures Council's achievement of containing operating expenditure within operating revenue.

#### Commentary on 2021/22 result

2021/22 ratio 10.97%

Council's operating performance ratio improved significantly this year due to increased funding, with the Financial Assistance Grant prepayment portion being increased to 75% from 50% the previous year. In addition, there was a \$1.6M reversal of revaluation decrements for Water Fund Assets previously expensed. This had the effect of increasing the income from operating activities and therefore improving the ratio.

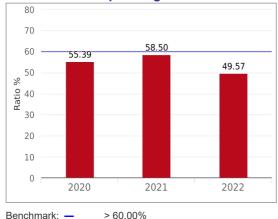
Benchmark: - > 0.00%

Source of benchmark: Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting

Ratio achieves benchmark

Ratio is outside benchmark

#### 2. Own source operating revenue ratio



# Purpose of own source operating revenue ratio

This ratio measures fiscal flexibility. It is the degree of reliance on external funding sources such as operating grants and contributions.

#### Commentary on 2021/22 result

2021/22 ratio 49.57%

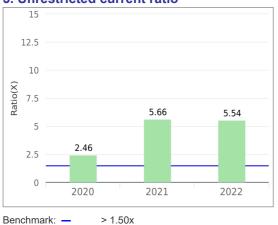
The increase in Financial Assistance Grants led to a reduction in the Own source operating revenue ratio this year. Slightly more than half of Council's revenue was from external sources. Council continues to face the challenge of improving its revenue sources apart from grants and contributions going into the future.

Source of benchmark: Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting

#### Ratio achieves benchmark

Ratio is outside benchmark

#### 3. Unrestricted current ratio



# Purpose of unrestricted current ratio

To assess the adequacy of working capital and its ability to satisfy obligations in the short term for the unrestricted activities of Council.

#### Commentary on 2021/22 result

2021/22 ratio 5.54x

Council has consistently managed to maintain its unrestricted current ratio above the benchmark over the years. This highlights its capacity to meet short term obligations as and when they arise. Council is in a very strong liquidity position, with unrestricted current assets able to cover current liabilities more than five times.

Source of benchmark: Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting

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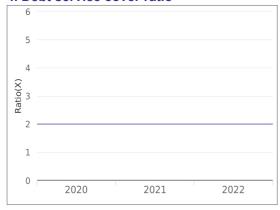
Ratio achieves benchmark

Ratio is outside benchmark

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## H1-1 Statement of performance measures – consolidated results (graphs) (continued)

#### 4. Debt service cover ratio



# Purpose of debt service cover ratio

This ratio measures the availability of operating cash to service debt including interest, principal and lease payments

#### Commentary on 2021/22 result

2021/22 ratio

Council did not have any borrowings during the year ending 30 June 2022.

Benchmark: - > 2.00x

Source of benchmark: Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting

Ratio achieves benchmark

Ratio is outside benchmark

#### 5. Rates and annual charges outstanding percentage



# Purpose of rates and annual charges outstanding percentage

To assess the impact of uncollected rates and annual charges on Council's liquidity and the adequacy of recovery efforts.

#### Commentary on 2021/22 result

2021/22 ratio 6.20%

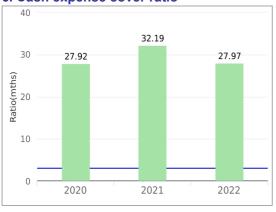
The Rates and annual charges outstanding percentage continues to show a steady decline from a peak of 10.62% in 2020 to be just over 6% for 2022. This was due to normalisation of debt recovery processes following the initial worsening situation as a result of the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020. The ratio is anticipated to settle around the 6% mark in the future, which is well within the Rural councils benchmark of 10%.

Source of benchmark: Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting

Ratio achieves benchmark

Ratio is outside benchmark

6. Cash expense cover ratio



# Purpose of cash expense cover ratio

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

#### Commentary on 2021/22 result

2021/22 ratio 27.97 months

Similar to the the unrestricted current ratio, Council has a very strong liquidity position. Council's outstanding cash expense ratio shows that cash balances are sufficient to support its short term operations for more than 33 months.

Source of benchmark: Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting

Ratio achieves benchmark

Ratio is outside benchmark

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Cr Peta Betts

Councillors

Cr Paul Fellows - Deputy Mayor

Cr Shirlee Burge Cr Harold Clapham Cr Linda Fawns Cr Pat Fogarty Cr Tarria Moore

Cr Marc Petersen Cr Shannon Sampson



#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

# Report on the general purpose financial statements Edward River Council

To the Councillors of Edward River Council

#### **Qualified Opinion**

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

In my opinion, except for the effects of the matter described in the 'Basis for Qualified Opinion' section of my report:

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

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

#### **Basis for Qualified Opinion**

#### Non recognition of rural fire-fighting equipment

As disclosed in Note C1-6 to the financial statements, the Council has not recognised rural fire-fighting equipment as assets within 'Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment' in the Statement of Financial Position at 30 June 2022. In my opinion, these assets are controlled by the Council and should be recognised as assets in accordance with AASB 116 'Property, Plant and Equipment'.

Australian Accounting Standards refers to control of an asset as being the ability to direct the use of, and obtain substantially all of the remaining benefits from, the asset. Control includes the ability to prevent other entities from directing the use of, and obtaining the benefits from, an asset.

Rural fire-fighting equipment is controlled by the Council as:

- these assets are vested in the Council under section 119(2) of the *Rural Fires Act 1997* (Rural Fires Act), giving the Council legal ownership
- the Council has the ability, outside of emergency events as defined in section 44 of the Rural Fires Act, to prevent the NSW Rural Fire Service from directing the use of the rural fire-fighting equipment by either not entering into a service agreement, or cancelling the existing service agreement that commenced on 1 April 2012
- the Council has specific responsibilities for fire mitigation and safety works and bush fire hazard reduction under Part 4 of the Rural Fires Act. The Council obtains economic benefits from the rural fire-fighting equipment as these assets are used to fulfil Council's responsibilities
- in the event of the loss of an asset, the insurance proceeds must be paid into the New South Wales Rural Fire Fighting Fund (section 119(4) of the Rural Fires Act) and be used to reacquire or build a similar asset, which is again vested in the Council as an asset provided free of charge.

The Council has not undertaken procedures to confirm the completeness, accuracy, existence or condition of these assets. Nor has the Council performed procedures to identify the value of assets vested in it during the year. When these assets are vested, no financial consideration is required from the Council and as such these are assets provided to Council free-of-charge.

This is a limitation on the scope of my audit as I was unable to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to:

- support the carrying values of rural fire-fighting equipment that should be recorded in the Statement of Financial Position and related notes as at 30 June 2022
- determine the impact on the 'Accumulated surplus' in the Statement of Changes in Equity and Statement of Financial Position
- determine the amount of 'Grants and contributions provided for capital purposes' income from any rural fire-fighting equipment assets vested as an asset received free of charge during the year and/or 'Depreciation, amortisation and impairment of non-financial assets' expense that should be recognised in the Income Statement for the year ended 30 June 2022
- determine the impact on the 'Operating performance' and 'Own source operating revenue' ratios in Note G6-1 'Statement of performance measures – consolidated results' and Note G6-2 'Statement of performance measures by fund'.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### Other Information

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

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

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

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

I have nothing to report in this regard.

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

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

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

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

My objectives are to:

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

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

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

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

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

• about any other information which may have been hyperlinked to/from the financial statements.

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Hong Wee Soh Delegate of the Auditor-General for New South Wales

27 February 2023 SYDNEY

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27 February 2023

Dear Mayor

# Report on the Conduct of the Audit for the year ended 30 June 2022 Edward River Council

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

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

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

#### SIGNIFICANT AUDIT ISSUES AND OBSERVATIONS

I identified the following significant audit issues and observations during my audit of the Council's financial statements.

#### Modification to the opinion in the Independent Auditor's Report

#### Non-recognition of rural fire-fighting equipment

The Council has not recognised rural fire-fighting equipment as assets within 'Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment' in the Statement of Financial Position at 30 June 2022. In my opinion, these assets are controlled by the Council and should be recognised as assets in accordance with AASB 116 'Property, Plant and Equipment'.

Australian Accounting Standards refers to control of an asset as being the ability to direct the use of, and obtain substantially all of the remaining benefits from, the asset. Control includes the ability to prevent other entities from directing the use of, and obtaining the benefits from, an asset.

Rural fire-fighting equipment is controlled by the Council as:

- these assets are vested in the Council under section 119(2) of the Rural Fires Act 1997 (Rural Fires Act), giving the Council legal ownership
- the Council has the ability, outside of emergency events as defined in section 44 of the Rural Fires Act, to prevent the NSW Rural Fire Service from directing the use of the rural fire-fighting equipment by either not entering into a service agreement, or cancelling the existing service agreement that commenced on 1 April 2012

- the Council has specific responsibilities for fire mitigation and safety works and bush fire hazard reduction under Part 4 of the Rural Fires Act. The Council obtains economic benefits from the rural fire-fighting equipment as these assets are used to fulfil Council's responsibilities
- in the event of the loss of an asset, the insurance proceeds must be paid into the New South Wales Rural Fire Fighting Fund (section 119(4) of the Rural Fires Act) and be used to reacquire or build a similar asset, which is again vested in the Council as an asset provided free of charge.

The Council has not undertaken procedures to confirm the completeness, accuracy, existence or condition of these assets. Nor has the Council performed procedures to identify the value of assets vested in it during the year. When these assets are vested, no financial consideration is required from the Council and as such these are assets provided to Council free-of-charge.

Consequently, we were unable to determine the carrying values of rural firefighting equipment assets and related amounts that should be recorded and recognised in the council's 30 June 2022 financial statements.

This has resulted in the audit opinion on the Council's 30 June 2022 GPFS to be modified.

Refer to the Independent Auditor's report on the GPFS.

#### Financial statement close process

The financial statements and supporting workpapers were not ready for audit on the agreed date. Council did not have permanent senior finance and accounting staff, which impacted the extent of the quality review of the financial statements presented for audit. The financial statements contained disclosures seeking to retrospectively correct errors contained in the financial statements of prior period, which took several iterations to address the disclosure deficiencies identified by audit. All these factors resulted in significant delays in finalising the audit process, causing Council to seek extensions from the Office of Local Government for the lodgement of their audited financial statements.

#### **INCOME STATEMENT**

#### **Operating result**

	2022	2021	Variance
	\$m	\$m	%
Rates and annual charges revenue	13.7	13.2	3.8
Grants and contributions revenue	20.0	13.1	52.7
Operating result from continuing operations	19	6.1	>100
Net operating result before capital grants and contributions	10.2	2.9	>100

Rates and annual charges revenue (\$13.7 million) increased by \$0.5 million (3.8 per cent) in 2021–22 with the main increase due to the IPART rate peg of 2.0 per cent.

Grants and contributions revenue (\$20.0 million) increased by \$6.9 million (52.7 per cent) in 2021–22 due to:

- increase in Financial Assistance Grant of \$2.0 million (from \$5.8 million in 2020-21 to \$7.8 million in 2021-22).
- increase in special purpose grants of \$5.0 million for Transport works, recreation and culture, and economic development.

The Council's operating result from continuing operations (\$19 million including depreciation and amortisation expense of \$9.9 million) was \$12.9 million higher than the 2020–21 result due to:

- increase in grants and contributions revenue by \$6.9 million
- increase in reversal of revaluation decrements of IPP&E previously expensed by \$7.1 million
- increase in rates and annual charges revenue by \$0.5 million
- increase in user charges and fess revenue by \$0.5 million

The net operating result before grants and contributions provided for capital purposes (\$10.3 million) was \$5.5 million higher than the 2020–21 result due to:

- increase in operating grants received by \$1.3 million, driven by the additional advance payment of the Financial Assistance Grant received in 2021-22
- increase in reversal of revaluation decrements of IPP&E previously expensed by \$7.1 million
- increase in rates and annual charges revenue by \$0.5 million
- increase in user charges and fess revenue by \$0.5 million

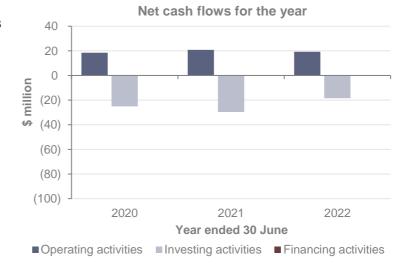
#### STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

Council's cash and cash equivalents was \$7.6 million at 30 June 2022 (\$6.8 million at 30 June 2021). There was a net increase in cash and cash equivalents of \$0.8 million during 2021-22 financial year.

Net cash provided by operating activities remained consistent year on year.

Net cash used in investing activities has decreased by \$11.2 million. The decrease is mainly due to lower acquisition of term deposits by \$11.0 million.

There were no cash flows from financing activities for the current year and prior year.



# **FINANCIAL POSITION**

## **Cash and investments**

Cash and investments	2022	2021	Commentary
	\$m	\$m	
Total cash, cash equivalents and investments	50.1	48.9	Externally restricted cash and investments are restricted in their use by externally imposed requirements. The externally restricted funds as at
Restricted and allocated cash, cash equivalents and investments:			30 June 2022 has decreased due to decrease in specific purpose unexpended grants – general fund by \$1.2 million and decrease in other unexpended merger fund by \$0.8 million.
<ul> <li>External restrictions</li> </ul>	19.3	21.8	Internally restricted cash and investments have
<ul> <li>Internal allocations</li> </ul>	7.9	8.6	been restricted in their use by resolution or policy
Unrestricted	22.9	19.2	of Council to reflect identified programs of works and any forward plans identified by Council. The internally restricted funds as at 30 June 2022 has decreased mainly due to decrease in infrastructure replacement by \$0.3 million and decrease in seniors living precinct by \$0.2 million.  • Unrestricted cash and investments was \$22.9
			million, which is available to provide liquidity for day-to-day operations of the Council.

#### **PERFORMANCE**

#### **Performance measures**

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

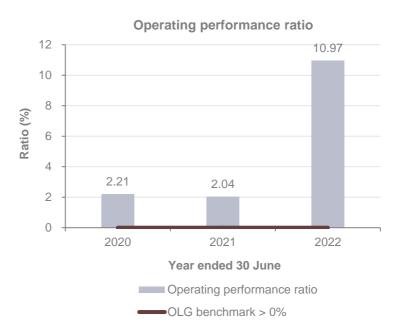
#### Operating performance ratio

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

The 2021 ratio was restated to correct a prior period error relating to transactions and balances of Conargo Hall Committee which was not recorded.

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

The operating performance ratio increased to 10.97 per cent due to the increase in operating grants and rates and annual charges revenue.

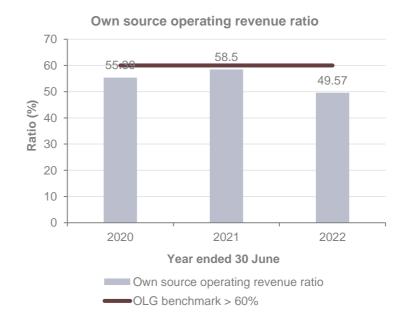


#### Own source operating revenue ratio

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

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

The own source operating revenue ratio has decreased in 2022, due to the overall increase in grants and contributions revenue in 2021-22. Council relies heavily on operating and capital grants from Commonwealth and State Government as source of revenue to fund services to its community.

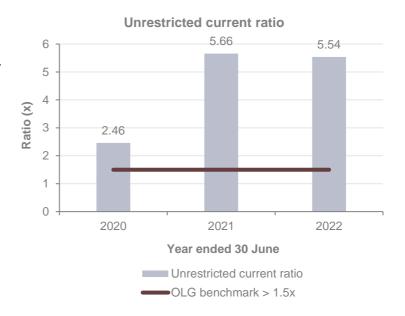


#### **Unrestricted current ratio**

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

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

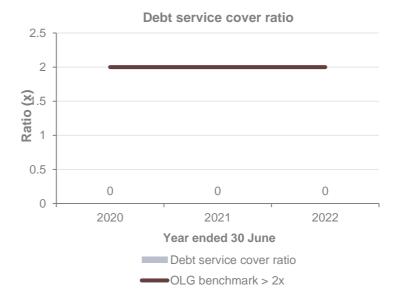
Council's unrestricted current ratio of 5.54 per cent is relatively consistent with the prior year (4.76 per cent).



#### Debt service cover ratio

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

Council fully repaid its borrowings in 2019-20.

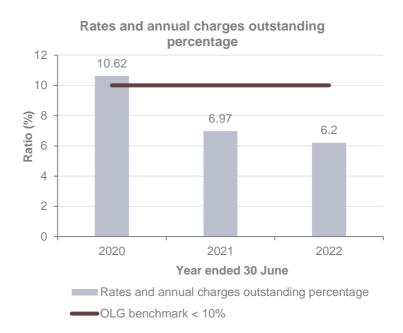


#### Rates and annual charges outstanding percentage

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

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

The rates and annual charges outstanding percentage has decreased for Council as the interest and extra charges receivables have decreased this year.



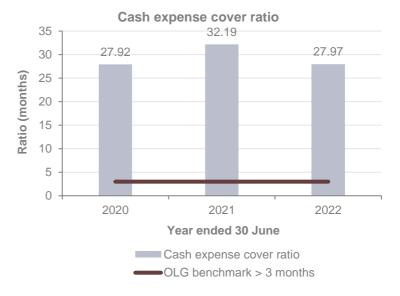
#### Cash expense cover ratio

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

The 2021 ratio was restated to correct a prior period error as a result of an unrecognised 355 Committee.

The Council exceeded the OLG benchmark for the current reporting period. This indicates that Council had the capacity to cover 27.97 months of operating cash expenditure without additional cash inflows at 30 June 2022.

The cash expense cover ratio has increased due to increase in cash and cash equivalent by \$0.8 million.



#### Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment renewals

The Council renewed \$12.9 million of assets in the 2021-22 financial year, compared to \$14.4 million of assets in the 2020-21 financial year. This decline is largely due to decrease in renewals of Capital WIP, water supply and sewerage network.

#### **OTHER MATTERS**

My audit procedures identified a material deficiency in the Council's financial statements that will be reported in the Management Letter as a high risk matter relating to rural fire-fighting equipment was not recognised in the financial statements.

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

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

Hong Wee Soh

Delegate of the Auditor-General for New South Wales

cc: Mr Philip Stone, General Manager

Mr Peter Rae, Chair of Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee

Michael Cassel, Secretary of the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment

SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2022



## Special Purpose Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2022

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#### **Background**

- i. These Special Purpose Financial Statements have been prepared for the use by both Council and the Office of Local Government in fulfilling their requirements under National Competition Policy.
- ii. The principle of competitive neutrality is based on the concept of a 'level playing field' between persons/entities competing in a market place, particularly between private and public sector competitors.
  - Essentially, the principle is that government businesses, whether Commonwealth, state or local, should operate without net competitive advantages over other businesses as a result of their public ownership.
- iii. For Council, the principle of competitive neutrality and public reporting applies only to declared business activities.
  - These include (a) those activities classified by the Australian Bureau of Statistics as business activities being water supply, sewerage services, abattoirs, gas production and reticulation, and (b) those activities with a turnover of more than \$2 million that Council has formally declared as a business activity (defined as Category 1 activities).
- iv. In preparing these financial statements for Council's self-classified Category 1 businesses and ABS-defined activities, councils must (a) adopt a corporatisation model and (b) apply full cost attribution including tax-equivalent regime payments and debt guarantee fees (where the business benefits from Council's borrowing position by comparison with commercial rates).

## Special Purpose Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2022

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

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

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

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

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

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

Signed in accordance with a resolution of Council made on 06 December 2022.

Cr Peta Betts

Mayor

06 December 2022

General Manager
06 December 2022

Alistair Cochrane

Cr Paul Fellows Deputy Mayor

06 December

Responsible Accounting Officer

06 December 2022

# Income Statement of water supply business activity

for the year ended 30 June 2022

	2022 \$ '000	2021 \$ '000
Income from continuing operations		
Access charges	1,429	1,396
User charges	1,613	1,851
Interest and investment income	52	65
Grants and contributions provided for operating purposes	37	62
Reversal of revaluation decrements of IPPE previously expensed	2,039	318
Total income from continuing operations	5,170	3,692
Expenses from continuing operations		
Employee benefits and on-costs	547	528
Materials and services	1,577	1,558
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment	789	774
Total expenses from continuing operations	2,913	2,860
Surplus (deficit) from continuing operations before capital amounts	2,257	832
Surplus (deficit) from continuing operations after capital amounts	2,257	832
Surplus (deficit) from all operations before tax	2,257	832
Less: corporate taxation equivalent (25%) [based on result before capital]	(564)	(216)
Surplus (deficit) after tax	1,693	616
Plus opening accumulated surplus Plus adjustments for amounts unpaid:	41,548	40,716
- Corporate taxation equivalent	564	216
Closing accumulated surplus	43,805	41,548
Return on capital %	6.3%	2.5%
Subsidy from Council	-	-
Calculation of dividend payable:		
Surplus (deficit) after tax	1,693	616
Surplus for dividend calculation purposes	1,693	616
Potential dividend calculated from surplus	846	114

# Income Statement of sewerage business activity

for the year ended 30 June 2022

	2022 \$ '000	2021 \$ '000
Income from continuing operations		
Access charges	3,086	3,022
User charges	237	286
Fees	12	9
Interest and investment income	42	54
Grants and contributions provided for operating purposes	32	64
Reversal of revaluation decrements of IPPE previously expensed		296
Total income from continuing operations	3,409	3,731
Expenses from continuing operations		
Employee benefits and on-costs	371	399
Materials and services	1,195	1,232
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment	725	650
Total expenses from continuing operations	2,291	2,281
Surplus (deficit) from continuing operations before capital amounts	1,118	1,450
Surplus (deficit) from continuing operations after capital amounts	1,118	1,450
Surplus (deficit) from all operations before tax	1,118	1,450
Less: corporate taxation equivalent (25%) [based on result before capital]	(280)	(377)
Surplus (deficit) after tax	838	1,073
Plus opening accumulated surplus Plus adjustments for amounts unpaid:	35,866	34,416
- Corporate taxation equivalent	280	377
Closing accumulated surplus	36,984	35,866
Return on capital %	3.5%	4.7%
Subsidy from Council	52	_
Calculation of dividend payable:		
Surplus (deficit) after tax	839	1,073
Surplus for dividend calculation purposes	839	1,073
Potential dividend calculated from surplus	419	104

# Statement of Financial Position of water supply business activity

as at 30 June 2022

	2022	2021
	\$ '000	\$ '000
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	2,095	2,658
Investments	5,391	5,391
Receivables	393	577
Other	31	_
Total current assets	7,910	8,626
Non-current assets		
Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	36,009	33,025
Total non-current assets	36,009	33,025
Total assets	43,919	41,651
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities		
Payables	114	103
Total current liabilities	114	103
Total liabilities	114	103
Net assets	43,805	41,548
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EQUITY		
Accumulated surplus	43,805	41,548
Total equity	43,805	41,548

# Statement of Financial Position of sewerage business activity

as at 30 June 2022

	2022	2021
	\$ '000	\$ '000
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	2,119	1,835
Investments	3,242	3,242
Receivables	140	267
Total current assets	5,501	5,344
Non-current assets		
Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	31,965	30,669
Total non-current assets	31,965	30,669
Total assets	37,466	36,013
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities		
Payables	151	147
Total current liabilities	151	147
Total liabilities	151	147
Net assets	37,315	35,866
EQUITY		
Accumulated surplus	36,984	35,866
Revaluation reserves	331	_
Total equity	37,315	35,866
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#### Note - Significant Accounting Policies

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **National Competition Policy**

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

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

#### **Declared business activities**

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

#### **Category 1**

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

- a. Water business activity
- b. Sewer business activity

#### **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 Finanncial Statements.

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

#### Notional rate applied (%)

Corporate income tax rate - 25%

#### Note - Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

<u>Land tax</u> – the first \$734,000 of combined land values attracts **0**%. For the combined land values in excess of \$734,001 up to \$4,488,000 the rate is **1.6**% **+ \$100**. For the remaining combined land value that exceeds \$4,488,000 a premium marginal rate of **2.0**% applies.

Payroll tax – 5.45% on the value of taxable salaries and wages in excess of \$900,000.

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

The payment of taxation equivalent charges, referred to in the Best Practice Management of Water Supply and Sewer Guidelines as a 'dividend for taxation equivalent', may be applied for any purpose allowed under the *Local Government Act,* 1993.

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

#### Income tax

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

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

Accordingly, the return on capital invested is set at a pre-tax level - gain/(loss) from ordinary activities before capital amounts, as would be applied by a private sector competitor. That is, it should include a provision equivalent to the corporate income tax rate, currently 25%.

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

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

The rate applied of 25% is not 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'.

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

The rate of return is calculated as follows:

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

## Note - Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

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

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

#### (iii) Dividends

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

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

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

- 50% of this surplus in any one year, or
- the number of water supply or sewerage assessments at 30 June 2022 multiplied by \$30 (less the payment for tax equivalent charges, not exceeding \$3 per assessment).

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



#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

## Report on the special purpose financial statements Edward River Council

To the Councillors of Edward River Council

#### **Opinion**

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

The Declared Business Activities of the Council are:

- Water Supply
- Sewerage.

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

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

#### **Basis for Opinion**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### Other Information

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

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

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

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

I have nothing to report in this regard.

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

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

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

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

My objectives are to:

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

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

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

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

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

Hong Wee Soh

Delegate of the Auditor-General for New South Wales

27 February 2023 SYDNEY

SPECIAL SCHEDULES for the year ended 30 June 2022



Special Schedules for the year ended 30 June 2022

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## Permissible income for general rates

		Calculation 2021/22	Calculation 2022/23
	Notes	\$ '000	\$ '000
Notional general income calculation <sup>1</sup>			
Last year notional general income yield	а	7,421	7,769
Plus or minus adjustments <sup>2</sup>	b	6	7
Notional general income	c = a + b	7,427	7,776
Permissible income calculation			
Or rate peg percentage	е	2.00%	2.00%
Or plus rate peg amount	i = e x (c + g)	149	156
Sub-total	k = (c + g + h + i + j)	7,576	7,932
Plus (or minus) last year's carry forward total	1	192	_
Sub-total	n = (I + m)	192	_
Total permissible income	o = k + n	7,768	7,932
Less notional general income yield	p	7,769	7,933
Catch-up or (excess) result	q = o - p	_	(1)
Plus income lost due to valuation objections claimed <sup>4</sup>	r		2
Carry forward to next year <sup>6</sup>	t = q + r + s	_	1

#### **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)*.
- (4) Valuation objections are unexpected changes in land values as a result of land owners successfully objecting to the land value issued by the Valuer General. Councils can claim the value of the income lost due to valuation objections in any single year.
- (6) 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.



#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

# Special Schedule – Permissible income for general rates Edward River Council

To the Councillors of Edward River Council

#### **Opinion**

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

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

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

#### **Basis for Opinion**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### Other Information

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

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

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

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

I have nothing to report in this regard.

#### The Councillors' Responsibilities for the Schedule

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

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

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

My objectives are to:

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

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

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

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

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

Hong Wee Soh

Delegate of the Auditor-General for New South Wales

27 February 2023

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## Report on infrastructure assets as at 30 June 2022

Asset Class	to brir		Estimated cost to bring to the agreed level of service set by Council	the el of 2021/22	2021/22 Actual maintenance	Net carrying amount	Gross replacement cost (GRC)	Assets in condition as a percentage of gross replacement cost				
		\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	1	2	3	4	5
Buildings	Buildings – non-specialised	264	264	144	131	12,623	16,964	13.0%	50.0%	30.0%	7.0%	0.0%
	Buildings – specialised	801	801	514	467	37,883	60,478	18.0%		27.0%	13.0%	1.0%
	Sub-total	1,065	1,065	658	598	50,506	77,442	16.9%	43.0%	27.7%	11.7%	0.8%
Other	Other structures	107	107	35	37	17,901	19,723	24.0%	51.0%	17.0%	8.0%	0.0%
structures	Sub-total Sub-total	107	107	35	37	17,901	19,723	24.0%	51.0%	17.0%	8.0%	0.0%
Roads	Sealed roads	3,923	3,923	1,234	1,092	184,184	247,599	12.0%	26.0%	55.0%	6.0%	1.0%
	Unsealed roads	523	523	1,173	1,051	_	_	23.0%	28.0%	27.0%	22.0%	0.0%
	Bridges	69	69	69	69	7,284	10,748	14.0%	54.0%	32.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	Footpaths and kerb and gutter	397	397	73	78	19,743	28,596	6.0%	27.0%	61.0%	5.0%	1.0%
	Other road assets	_	_	_	_	3,892	4,848	33.0%	30.0%	37.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	Bulk earthworks	_	_	_	_	33,842	33,276	24.0%	1.0%	75.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	Other road assets (incl. bulk earth works)	_	_	_	_	_	_	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	Sub-total	4,912	4,912	2,549	2,290	248,945	325,067	13.1%			5.0%	0.8%
Water supply	Water supply network	773	773	959	941	37,530	64,787	6.0%	27.0%	47.0%	16.0%	4.0%
network	Sub-total Sub-total	773	773	959	941	37,530	64,787	6.0%	27.0%	47.0%	16.0%	4.0%
Sewerage	Sewerage network	649	649	761	720	32,325	59,793	23.0%	28.0%	13.0%	18.0%	18.0%
network	Sub-total Sub-total	649	649	761	720	32,325	59,793	23.0%	28.0%	13.0%	18.0%	18.0%
Stormwater	Stormwater drainage	363	363	69	93	26,671	38,539	32.0%	32.0%	26.0%	8.0%	2.0%
drainage	Sub-total	363	363	69	93	26,671	38,539	32.0%	32.0%	26.0%	8.0%	2.0%

## Report on infrastructure assets as at 30 June 2022 (continued)

Asset Class	Asset Category	Estimated cost to bring assets a	Estimated cost  It to bring to the s agreed level of 2021/22 y service set by Required Council maintenance		2021/22 Actual Net carrying maintenance amount	Gross replacement cost (GRC)	Assets in condition as a percentage of gross replacement cost					
		\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	1	2	3	4	5
Open space /	Swimming pools	66	66	312	319	4,535	5,488	21.0%	57.0%	19.0%	3.0%	0.0%
recreational	Other open space/ recreational	277	277	770	870	9,747	12,030	45.0%	25.0%	14.0%	15.0%	1.0%
assets	Sub-total	343	343	1,082	1,189	14,282	17,518	37.5%	35.0%	15.6%	11.2%	0.7%
	Total – all assets	8,212	8,212	6,113	5,868	428,160	602,869	16.1%	29.1%	43.1%	8.8%	2.9%

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

#### Infrastructure asset condition assessment 'key'

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

Excellent/very good No work required (normal maintenance)
Cood Only minor maintenance work required

3 Satisfactory Maintenance work required

Poor Renewal required

5 Very poor Urgent renewal/upgrading required

## Report on infrastructure assets as at 30 June 2022

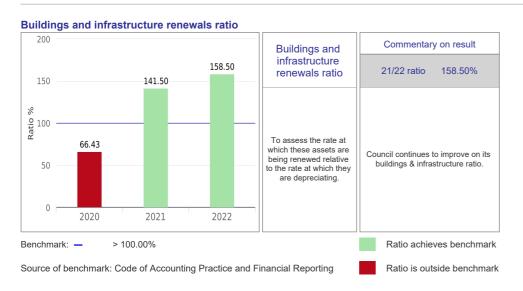
## Infrastructure asset performance indicators (consolidated) \*

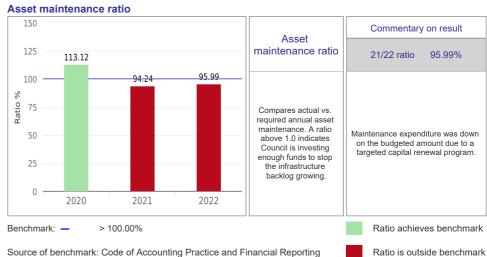
	Amounts	Indicator	Indic	Benchmark	
\$ '000	2022	2022	2021	2020	
Buildings and infrastructure renewals ratio					
Asset renewals 1	12,916	450 500/	444 500/	00.400/	. 400 000/
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment	8,149	158.50%	141.50%	66.43%	> 100.00%
Infrastructure backlog ratio Estimated cost to bring assets to a satisfactory standard	8,212	1.87%	1.99%	3.09%	< 2.00%
Net carrying amount of infrastructure assets	438,222	1101 70	1.0070	0.0070	2.0070
Asset maintenance ratio					
Actual asset maintenance	5,868	05.000/	04.040/	440.400/	. 400 000/
Required asset maintenance	6,113	95.99%	94.24%	113.12%	> 100.00%
Cost to bring assets to agreed service level					
Estimated cost to bring assets to					
an agreed service level set by Council	8,212	1.36%	1.42%	2.22%	
Gross replacement cost	602,869	,			

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

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

## Report on infrastructure assets as at 30 June 2022

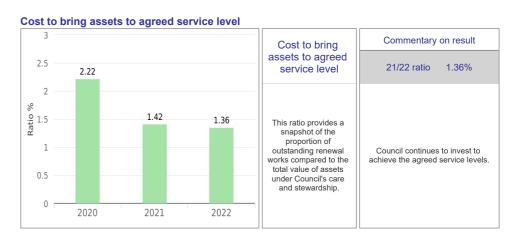




#### Infrastructure backlog ratio Commentary on result Infrastructure backlog ratio 3.09 21/22 ratio 1.87% 3 1.99 This ratio shows what proportion the backlog is Council's infrastructure backlog ratio against the total value of has improved due to Council's continued focus on asset renewal. a Council's infrastructure. 2020 2021 2022 Ratio achieves benchmark Benchmark: -< 2.00%

Ratio is outside benchmark

Source of benchmark: Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting



## Report on infrastructure assets as at 30 June 2022

### Infrastructure asset performance indicators (by fund)

	General fund		Water fund		Sewer fund		Benchmarl	
\$ '000	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021		
Buildings and infrastructure renewals ratio Asset renewals <sup>1</sup> Depreciation, amortisation and impairment	155.86%	156.76%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	> 100.00%	
Infrastructure backlog ratio Estimated cost to bring assets to a satisfactory standard Net carrying amount of infrastructure assets	1.84%	1.96%	2.06%	2.20%	2.01%	2.00%	< 2.00%	
Asset maintenance ratio Actual asset maintenance Required asset maintenance	95.77%	95.86%	98.12%	90.39%	94.61%	90.30%	> 100.00%	
Cost to bring assets to agreed service level Estimated cost to bring assets to an agreed service level set by Council Gross replacement cost	1.42%	1.49%	1.19%	1.25%	1.09%	1.09%		

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