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# Quarterly Budget Review Statement for the quarter ending 31 December 2022

*Responsible Officer: Finance Manager (Jonathan Patino)*

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## Recommendation

That Council note the results presented in the Quarterly Budget Review Statement as at 31 December 2022 and authorise the variations to the amounts from those previously estimated.

## Background

The Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) framework sets out minimum standards of reporting that will assist Council in adequately disclosing its overall financial position and to provide sufficient additional information to enable informed decision-making and enhance transparency.

The Quarterly Budget Review Statement (QBRs) is made up of a minimum of six key statements:

- (QBRs1) Statement by the Responsible Accounting Officer on Council's financial position
- (QBRs2) Budget Review Income and Expenses Statement
- (QBRs3) Budget Review Capital Budget
- (QBRs4) Budget Review Cash and Investments Position
- (QBRs5) Budget Review Contracts and Other Expenses
- (QBRs6) Budget Review Key Performance Indicators

For the information of Council, the original 2022/23 budget was adopted on 15 June 2022 as part of the 2022/23 Operational plan and the 2022/26 Delivery program.

## Finance

### (QBRs1) Report by Responsible Accounting Officer

The following statement is made in accordance with clause 203(2) of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*.

"It is my opinion that the Quarterly Budget Review Statement of Rous County Council for the quarter ended 31 December 2022 indicates that Council's projected financial position at 30 June 2023 will be satisfactory at year end, having regard to the projected estimates of income and expenditure, the original budgeted income and expenditure and Council's short-term liquidity position."



Jonathan Patino  
Responsible Accounting Officer

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## **Commentary on Proposed Adjustments – December 2022 (Table 1 - see over)**

The following table details proposed budget variations as compared to the original budget and quarterly adjustments. The tables that follow summarise the changes on a reporting unit basis. For reporting purposes, only changes over \$5,000 are individually referenced.

Operating income has increased by \$1.1M, operating expenditure has been reduced by \$669K and capital expenditure has increased by \$680K resulting in an overall change of \$1.1M to be transferred back to reserves.

Operating expenditure particularly salaries and the capital works program will be high priorities for adjustments in the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for the quarter ending 31 March 2023.

### **Significant Adjustments**

#### **March 2022 Floods**

Rous' insurance policy with Statewide Mutual includes flood cover with a sub-limit of \$2M that applies for property loss and business interruptions. The claim is ongoing and budget estimates have been provided for claims received and expenses to 31 December 2022 including commitments.

In addition to the insurance claim Disaster Recovery Funding has been claimed. The works associated with this claim continue and will be in addition to the insurance claim which is concurrently being prepared to fund the replacement/renewal of eligible affected assets. Once a formal agreement is in place with NSW Public Works budget estimates will be provided. At present no changes have been made to the budget regarding these works, an update to budget will be presented through the QBRS process when details are available.

#### **Impact on Reserves as a Whole**

The required changes this quarter will result in an additional \$1,099,400 being transferred to reserves in the 2022/23 financial year. The projected balance as at 30 June 2023 will increase to \$16,137,300 which is short of the internal reserves policy target of 6 months operating expenditure or \$17,470,000. This is an internal policy, rather than one mandated.

It should be noted that the loan covenant that exists between Rous County Council and New South Wales Treasury Corporation requires reserves to held that equal 6 months of the next financial year's operating expenditure less depreciation. The projected balance above of \$16,137,300 exceeds this reserve target of 6 months operating expenditure less depreciation or \$14,887,000.

At present Council is unable to meet the internal reserves policy targets for the Bulk, Retail and Flood reporting units based on budget forecasts. It is important to note that this policy is an internal document adopted by Council, not an external requirement. There is a level of inconsistency between the internal policy and the requirements from regulations and external loan caveats. It is proposed that a revised policy will be presented to a Council meeting in the near future to better align the internal document with these requirements.

**(QBR2) Table 1: Summary of Proposed Changes Whole Organisation – December 2022**

BUDGET ITEMS	Original Budget 2022/23	2021/22 Carryovers	September	December	Ref	Projected Year End Result 2022/23
			30-Sep-22	31-Dec-22		
			Quarter	Quarter		
<b>Operating Income</b>						
Bulk	20,767,100	0	575,700	654,700	A1	21,997,500
Retail	3,099,200	0	0	0		3,099,200
Flood	1,061,600	0	(5,400)	0		1,056,200
Weeds	1,618,400	0	293,600	280,800	L1	2,192,800
RWL	868,300	0	0	0		868,300
Commercial Property	163,500	0	0	0		163,500
Fleet	75,000	0	0	174,900	M1	249,900
<b>TOTAL OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>27,653,100</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>863,900</b>	<b>1,110,400</b>		<b>29,627,400</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>						
Bulk	25,617,200	1,176,600	(195,000)	(689,500)	A2, B1, B2, C1, D1, E1, F1, N1, N2	25,909,300
Retail	3,176,500	0	60,000	5,700	A3	3,242,200
Flood	1,679,500	79,400	118,600	10,800	A4	1,888,300
Weeds	1,735,400	0	929,100	0		2,664,500
RWL	843,800	0	0	0		843,800
Commercial Property	312,600	0	0	0		312,600
Fleet	75,200	0	0	4,200	A5	79,400
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>33,440,200</b>	<b>1,256,000</b>	<b>912,700</b>	<b>(668,800)</b>		<b>34,940,100</b>
<b>OPERATING RESULT</b>	<b>(5,787,100)</b>	<b>(1,256,000)</b>	<b>(48,800)</b>	<b>1,779,200</b>		<b>(5,312,700)</b>
Exclude Depreciation	7,813,800	0	0	0		7,813,800
<b>Cash Result</b>	<b>2,026,700</b>	<b>(1,256,000)</b>	<b>(48,800)</b>	<b>1,779,200</b>		<b>2,501,100</b>
Add: Capital Income	32,595,800	0	(25,000,000)	0		7,595,800
Less: Capital Expense	26,236,800	10,472,000	(6,479,300)	679,800	A6, A7, A8, G1, G1, H1, I1, J1, K1, M2, N3, N4	30,909,300
Less: Loan Repayments	4,488,600	0	(884,000)	0		3,604,600
<b>Add: From/Less: (To) Reserve</b>	<b>(3,897,100)</b>	<b>11,728,000</b>	<b>17,685,500</b>	<b>(1,099,400)</b>		<b>24,417,000</b>
Estimated Cash Movement	0	0	0	0		0

## Budget adjustments required this quarter

New / Existing	Description	Reporting Unit	Category	Ref	Adjustment Amount		Notes
					Current Budget (2022/23)	LTFP (2023/24-2031/32)	
New	Insurance Claims - 2022 Flood Events	BULK	Operating Income	A1	654,700	0	Two insurance claims totalling \$654,700 have been received from Rous' insurer Statewide Mutual for damages from the February/March 2022 flood events. Expenditure has been incurred across several areas of Rous' business. The expenditure adjustments represent the actual spending that has occurred this financial year including known commitments.  Further updates will be provided in the Quarterly Budget Review for the quarter ending 31 March 2023.
		BULK	Operating Expenditure	A2	(106,900)	0	
		RETAIL	Operating Expenditure	A3	(5,700)	0	
		FLOOD	Operating Expenditure	A4	(10,800)	0	
		FLEET	Operating Expenditure	A5	(4,200)	0	
		BULK	Capital Expenditure	A6	(56,900)	0	
		RETAIL	Capital Expenditure	A7	(4,100)	0	
		FLOOD	Capital Expenditure	A8	(9,500)	0	
Existing	Demand Management Project	BULK	Operating Expenditure	B1	80,000	(60,000)	Several projects within this plan have been identified for deferral until the 2023/2024 financial year. Resourcing issues, site investigations and concerns about the appropriateness of specific projects in light of the February/March 2022 flood events have led to this request. \$30,000 is to be reallocated from contractor expenses to salaries and wages for the Regional Education Officer role.  Additionally, a duplication was discovered in the Long-Term Financial Plan and is to be returned to reserve.
		BULK	Operating Expenditure	B2	339,400	0	
Existing	OP-DT Tools Budget	BULK	Operating Expenditure	C1	(5,000)	0	Required to fit out a new vehicle with tools and equipment for the Technical Team Leader.
New	Expense Management Software	BULK	Operating Expenditure	D1	(3,000)	(89,000)	An additional software program is required to enable Rous staff to more efficiently manage corporate credit cards. At present 41 cards are available for use with approximately 26 of these cards being used on a regular basis. Each card is processed via a purchase order and tax invoices/receipts are collated manually. The new system will align to Rous' Digital Strategy. The required budget is \$8,000 per annum + CPI.

New / Existing	Description	Reporting Unit	Category	Ref	Adjustment Amount		Notes
					Current Budget (2022/23)	LTFP (2023/24-2031/32)	
New	Renewable Energy and Emissions Reduction Plan	BULK	Operating Expenditure	E1	(70,000)		<p>The objective of this plan is to review the 2018 Greenhouse Gas Abatement Strategy actions, re-confirm the renewable energy and emissions reduction targets and determine actions to achieve these targets. The progress made since 2018 and the viability of some proposed actions and the application of new technologies will be explored in this plan development.</p> <p>This project will be funded from the reserve which has sufficient funds available.</p>
Existing	Australian Research Council Linkage	BULK	Operating Expenditure	F1	30,000	55,000	<p>In August 2019, Council resolved to support a research application to the Australian Research Council Linkage Program for research on natural flood mitigation (NFM) measures – a key plank of the Northern Rivers Watershed Initiative (NRWI).</p> <p>Rous has worked with researchers at Southern Cross University and University of NSW and other stakeholders to develop an ARC grant application to assess and guide the roll out of such NFM measures in the Richmond River – it was submitted in December 2021. Unfortunately, the ARC has determined not to fund this application. Despite, a strong response to the ARC's initial assessment, there has been no change in the ARC decision.</p> <p>As such these funds will be returned to reserve. RCC shall continue to seek funding and support for the NRWI through other opportunities at the State and Federal level.</p>
Existing	Emigrant Service Water and Safety Shower Upgrade	BULK	Capital Expenditure	G1	(25,000)	0	<p>The original \$35,000 budget was for the installation of a new service water booster pump skid. Additional funds are required to implement pipework modifications and install backflow devices through the plant to separate process water from potable water for the safety showers.</p>
New	Internal Micro-Testing Equipment	BULK	Capital Expenditure	H1	(37,000)	0	<p>With the closure of Richmond Water Laboratories (RWL), Rous will be sampling and analysing the quality of the water supply internally. This equipment is required to be able to perform this function.</p>
New	CO2, Cl2 dosing system for the Lower River	BULK	Capital Expenditure	I1	(30,000)	0	<p>The Lower River pH is frequently outside of Australian Drinking Water Guideline (ADWG) limits. Studies have been undertaken to understand the mechanism behind this complex pH condition. Various Water Treatment Plant trials have been undertaken to mitigate the issue with limited success. To ensure pH is always within ADWG limits, a Carbon Dioxide dosing plant will be installed at the Woodburn Bore Site. The current budget will be used to complete the scoping study, specifications and cost estimates for final construction in the 23/24 FYR.</p>

New / Existing	Description	Reporting Unit	Category	Ref	Adjustment Amount		Notes
					Current Budget (2022/23)	LTFP (2023/24-2031/32)	
New	Install Drain at Rocky Creek Dam	BULK	Capital Expenditure	J1	(12,000)	0	This project is to divert water away from the southern wall groin at Rocky Creek Dam. It was identified as part of the risk assessment process post the recent floods.
Existing	Nightcap WTP Sludge Storage and Handling Upgrade Options	BULK	Capital Expenditure	K1	(30,000)	0	Additional funds will be used to engage a consultant to investigate sludge storage and handling options.
New	2 Way Radios	BULK	Capital Expenditure	L1	(70,000)		This project is to replace a temporary 2-way repeater station at Dorroughby and install a new 2-way repeater at Knockrow Reservoir to improve dam safety emergency communications. Note: Enhancing our 2 way radio network is a recommendation from our dam safety consultants.
Existing	Grant Funding - Early Needs Weed Management Project	WEEDS	Operating Income	M1	280,800	(280,800)	The remaining grant funds were originally expected to be received in the 2023/2024 financial year but have already been received.
New	Fleet Insurance Claims - 2022 Flood Events	FLEET FLEET	Operating Income Capital Expenditure	N1 N2	174,900 (421,600)	0	Several insurance claims have been received from Rous' fleet insurer for vehicles that were lost in the February/March 2022 flood events. The replacement costs for these vehicles have been added to the capital works program.
Existing	Budget Savings Identified:						
	Compliance Project Role	BULK	Operating Expenditure	O1	80,000	0	This role is no longer required and will be returned to reserve.
	Disposal of Waste Treatment Solids (Sludge) from the Nightcap Water Treatment Plant	BULK	Operating Expenditure	O2	345,000	0	This project was originally expected to begin earlier and as such the portion of funding that is no longer required will be returned to reserve.
	Emigrant Creek Water Treatment Plant Membrane Project	BULK	Capital Expenditure	O3	6,300	0	This project is complete, and the remaining funds are to be returned to reserve.
	Emigrant Creek Instruments Project	BULK	Capital Expenditure	O4	10,000	0	This project is complete, and the remaining funds are to be returned to reserve.
					<b>1,099,400</b>	<b>(374,800)</b>	

## Bulk Water Reporting Unit

<b>(QBR2) Income &amp; Expenses - Bulk</b>							
	<b>Original Budget 2022/23</b>	<b>2021/22 Carryovers</b>	<b>Approved Changes Sept Review</b>	<b>Recommend Changes for Council Resolution</b>	<b>Ref</b>	<b>Projected Year End Result 2022/23</b>	<b>Actual YTD</b>
<b>Operating Income</b>							
Water Sales	20,591,900	0	0	0		20,591,900	10,295,900
Interest Income / Sundry	154,800	0	575,700	654,700	A1	1,385,200	1,209,300
Property Income	20,400	0	0	0		20,400	10,200
Operating Grants and Contributions	0	0	0	0		0	3,000
Profit on Sale	0	0	0	0		0	0
<b>Total Operating Income</b>	<b>20,767,100</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>575,700</b>	<b>654,700</b>		<b>21,997,500</b>	<b>11,518,400</b>
<b>Operating Expense</b>							
Administration Expenses	585,500	0	0	0		585,500	592,700
Administration - Retail Water Cost	(1,896,500)	0	0	0		(1,896,500)	(948,500)
Finance Costs	2,305,100	0	(875,000)	0		1,430,100	702,000
Building/Depot Expenses	561,300	0	0	0		561,300	211,400
Fleet Hire Expense	548,600	0	0	0		548,600	272,460
Training & Staff	367,500	0	0	0		367,500	165,200
Insurance	385,700	0	0	0		385,700	334,300
Members Expenses	168,500	0	0	0		168,500	62,800
Salaries & Wages	8,294,100	50,000	(25,000)	30,000	B1	8,349,100	3,964,800
Operations Purchases	7,956,900	1,126,600	705,000	(719,500)	A2, B1, B2, C1, D1, E1, F1, O1, O2	9,069,000	2,051,200
Depreciation	6,340,500	0	0	0		6,340,500	3,220,000
<b>Total Operating Expense</b>	<b>25,617,200</b>	<b>1,176,600</b>	<b>(195,000)</b>	<b>(689,500)</b>		<b>25,909,300</b>	<b>10,628,360</b>
<b>Operating Result</b>	<b>(4,850,100)</b>	<b>(1,176,600)</b>	<b>770,700</b>	<b>1,344,200</b>		<b>(3,911,800)</b>	<b>890,040</b>
Less: Depreciation	6,340,500	0	0	0		6,340,500	3,220,000
<b>Operating Result Excl. Non Cash</b>	<b>1,490,400</b>	<b>(1,176,600)</b>	<b>770,700</b>	<b>1,344,200</b>		<b>2,428,700</b>	<b>4,110,040</b>
Add: Capital Income	29,223,000	0	(25,000,000)	0		4,223,000	2,210,600
Less: Capital Expenses	21,545,500	9,070,100	(5,703,800)	244,600	A6, G1, H1, I1, J1, K1, L1, O3, O4	25,156,400	3,899,200
Less: Loan Repayments	4,488,600	0	(884,000)	0		3,604,600	1,776,000
<b>Transfer from/(to) Reserve</b>	<b>(4,679,300)</b>	<b>10,246,700</b>	<b>17,641,500</b>	<b>(1,099,600)</b>		<b>22,109,300</b>	<b>(645,440)</b>
Net Cash Movement	0	0	0	0		0	0

### Impact on Bulk Water Reserve

The required changes above will result in \$1,099,600 being transferred to the Bulk Water reserve in the 2022/23 financial year. The projected balance as at 30 June 2023 will increase to \$8,033,900 which is short of the internal reserves policy target of 6 months operating expenditure or \$12,954,600.

## Retail Water Reporting Unit

<b>(QBR52) Income &amp; Expenses - Retail</b>							
	<b>Original Budget 2022/23</b>	<b>2021/22 Carryovers</b>	<b>Approved Changes Sept Review</b>	<b>Recommend Changes for Council Resolution</b>	<b>Ref</b>	<b>Projected Year End Result 2022/23</b>	<b>Actual YTD</b>
<b>Operating Income</b>							
Water Sales	3,088,000	0	0	0		3,088,000	1,504,500
Interest Income / Sundry	11,200	0	0	0		11,200	8,000
<b>Total Operating Income</b>	<b>3,099,200</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>3,099,200</b>	<b>1,512,500</b>
<b>Operating Expense</b>							
Administration Expenses	2,144,100	0	60,000	0		2,204,100	1,111,600
Fleet Hire Expenses	86,400	0	0	0		86,400	43,200
Salaries and Wages	495,600	0	0	0		495,600	248,300
Operations Purchases	155,800	0	0	5,700	A3	161,500	91,700
Depreciation and Amortisation	294,600	0	0	0		294,600	134,300
<b>Total Operating Expense</b>	<b>3,176,500</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>60,000</b>	<b>5,700</b>		<b>3,242,200</b>	<b>1,629,100</b>
<b>Operating Result</b>	<b>(77,300)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(60,000)</b>	<b>(5,700)</b>		<b>(143,000)</b>	<b>(116,600)</b>
Less Depreciation	294,600	0	0	0		294,600	134,300
<b>Operating Result Excl. Non Cash</b>	<b>217,300</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(60,000)</b>	<b>(5,700)</b>		<b>151,600</b>	<b>17,700</b>
Add: Capital Income	0	0	0	0		0	200
Less: Capital Expenses	1,628,100	1,260,100	(853,000)	4,100	A7	2,039,300	58,200
<b>Transfer from/(to) Reserve</b>	<b>1,410,800</b>	<b>1,260,100</b>	<b>(793,000)</b>	<b>9,800</b>		<b>1,887,700</b>	<b>40,300</b>
Net Cash Movement	0	0	0	0		0	0

### Impact on Retail Water Reserve

These required changes above will result in a \$9,800 transfer from the Retail Water reserve in the 2022/23 financial year. The projected balance as at 30 June 2023 will decrease to \$1,126,300 which is short of the internal reserves policy target of 8 months operating expenditure or \$2,161,500.



## Flood Mitigation Reporting Unit

<b>(QBR2) Income &amp; Expenses - Flood</b>							
	<b>Original Budget 2022/23</b>	<b>2021/22 Carryovers</b>	<b>Approved Changes Sept Review</b>	<b>Recommend Changes for Council Resolution</b>	<b>Ref</b>	<b>Projected Year End Result 2022/23</b>	<b>Actual YTD</b>
<b>Operating Income</b>							
Grants and Contributions	1,052,700	0	(5,400)	0		1,047,300	455,100
Interest Income / Sundry	8,900	0	0	0		8,900	6,800
<b>Total Operating Income</b>	<b>1,061,600</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(5,400)</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>1,056,200</b>	<b>461,900</b>
<b>Operating Expense</b>							
Administration Expenses	211,400	0	0	0		211,400	105,700
Building/Depot Expenses	9,800	0	0	0		9,800	4,000
Fleet Hire Expenses	74,100	0	0	0		74,100	37,000
Insurance	4,700	0	0	0		4,700	0
Salaries and Wages	453,700	0	0	0		453,700	240,300
Operations Purchases	230,500	79,400	118,600	10,800	A4	439,300	73,900
Depreciation and Amortisation	695,300	0	0	0		695,300	365,200
<b>Total Operating Expense</b>	<b>1,679,500</b>	<b>79,400</b>	<b>118,600</b>	<b>10,800</b>		<b>1,888,300</b>	<b>826,100</b>
<b>Operating Result</b>	<b>(617,900)</b>	<b>(79,400)</b>	<b>(124,000)</b>	<b>(10,800)</b>		<b>(832,100)</b>	<b>(364,200)</b>
Less Depreciation	695,300	0	0	0		695,300	365,200
<b>Operating Result Excl. Non Cash</b>	<b>77,400</b>	<b>(79,400)</b>	<b>(124,000)</b>	<b>(10,800)</b>		<b>(136,800)</b>	<b>1,000</b>
Add: Capital Income	0	0	0	0		0	0
Less: Capital Expenses	182,700	0	0	9,500	A8	192,200	111,800
<b>Transfer from/(to) Reserve</b>	<b>105,300</b>	<b>79,400</b>	<b>124,000</b>	<b>20,300</b>		<b>329,000</b>	<b>110,800</b>
Net Cash Movement	0	0	0	0		0	0

### Impact on Flood Mitigation Reserve

These required changes above will result in a \$20,300 transfer from the Flood Mitigation reserve in the 2022/23 financial year. The projected balance as at 30 June 2023 will decrease to \$782,900 which is short of the internal reserves policy target of 5 months operating expenditure or \$786,800.

## Weed Biosecurity Reporting Unit

<b>(QBR2) Income &amp; Expenses - Weeds</b>							
	<b>Original Budget 2022/23</b>	<b>2021/22 Carryovers</b>	<b>Approved Changes Sept Review</b>	<b>Recommend Changes for Council Resolution</b>	<b>Ref</b>	<b>Projected Year End Result 2022/23</b>	<b>Actual YTD</b>
<b>Operating Income</b>							
Grants and Contributions	1,607,300	0	293,600	280,800	<b>M1</b>	2,181,700	1,023,700
Interest Income / Sundry	11,100	0	0	0		11,100	8,400
<b>Total Operating Income</b>	<b>1,618,400</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>293,600</b>	<b>280,800</b>		<b>2,192,800</b>	<b>1,032,100</b>
<b>Operating Expense</b>							
Administration Expenses	338,700	0	0	0		338,700	172,800
Building/Depot Expenses	13,900	0	0	0		13,900	10,200
Fleet Hire Expenses	176,900	0	85,000	0		261,900	95,800
Salaries and Wages	1,105,600	0	631,700	0		1,737,300	616,000
Operations Purchases	69,800	0	212,400	0		282,200	182,100
Depreciation and Amortisation	30,500	0	0	0		30,500	12,800
<b>Total Operating Expense</b>	<b>1,735,400</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>929,100</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>2,664,500</b>	<b>1,089,700</b>
<b>Operating Result</b>	<b>(117,000)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(635,500)</b>	<b>280,800</b>		<b>(471,700)</b>	<b>(57,600)</b>
Less Depreciation	30,500	0	0	0		30,500	12,800
<b>Operating Result Excl. Non Cash</b>	<b>(86,500)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(635,500)</b>	<b>280,800</b>		<b>(441,200)</b>	<b>(44,800)</b>
Add: Capital Income	0	0	0	0		0	0
Less: Capital Expenses	43,000	0	27,500	0		70,500	5,100
<b>Transfer from/(to) Reserve</b>	<b>129,500</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>663,000</b>	<b>(280,800)</b>		<b>511,700</b>	<b>49,900</b>
Net Cash Movement	0	0	0	0		0	0

### Impact on Weed Biosecurity Reserve

These required changes above will result in a \$280,800 transfer to the Weed Biosecurity reserve in the 2022/23 financial year. The projected balance as at 30 June 2023 will increase to \$2,092,100 which is beyond the internal reserves policy target of 4 months operating expenditure or \$888,200.

## Richmond Water Laboratory (RWL) Reporting Unit

<b>(QBR2) Income &amp; Expenses - Richmond Water Laboratory</b>							
	<b>Original Budget 2022/23</b>	<b>2021/22 Carryovers</b>	<b>Approved Changes Sept Review</b>	<b>Recommend Changes for Council Resolution</b>	<b>Ref</b>	<b>Projected Year End Result 2022/23</b>	<b>Actual YTD</b>
<b>Operating Income</b>							
Water Testing	866,000	0	0	0		866,000	270,600
Interest Income / Sundry	2,300	0	0	0		2,300	900
<b>Total Operating Income</b>	<b>868,300</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>868,300</b>	<b>271,500</b>
<b>Operating Expense</b>							
Administration Expenses	74,200	0	0	0		74,200	22,400
Building/Depot Expenses	45,800	0	0	0		45,800	21,200
Fleet Hire Expenses	16,000	0	0	0		16,000	5,340
Salaries and Wages	516,100	0	0	0		516,100	224,400
Operations Purchases	171,400	0	0	0		171,400	207,500
Depreciation and Amortisation	20,300	0	0	0		20,300	3,600
<b>Total Operating Expense</b>	<b>843,800</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>843,800</b>	<b>484,440</b>
<b>Operating Result</b>	<b>24,500</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>24,500</b>	<b>(212,940)</b>
Less Depreciation	20,300	0	0	0		20,300	3,600
<b>Operating Result Excl. Non Cash</b>	<b>44,800</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>44,800</b>	<b>(209,340)</b>
Less: Capital Expenses	50,000	0	0	0		50,000	0
<b>Transfer from/(to) Reserve</b>	<b>5,200</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>5,200</b>	<b>209,340</b>
Net Cash Movement	0	0	0	0		0	0

The RWL was officially closed on 31 October 2022 as per the decision made at the August 2022 Council meeting [Resolution 60/22] and operations ceased on 30 November 2022. Council staff are in the process of re-allocating assets and finalising expenditure related to this activity. The budget forecasts will be updated and finalised in the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for the quarter ending 31 March 2023.

### Impact on RWL Reserve

Nil.

## Property Reporting Unit

<b>(QBR2) Income &amp; Expenses - Property</b>							
	<b>Original Budget 2022/23</b>	<b>2021/22 Carryovers</b>	<b>Approved Changes Sept Review</b>	<b>Recommend Changes for Council Resolution</b>	<b>Ref</b>	<b>Projected Year End Result 2022/23</b>	<b>Actual YTD</b>
<b>Operating Income</b>							
Interest Income / Sundry	12,700	0	0	0		12,700	6,100
Property Income	150,800	0	0	0		150,800	56,200
<b>Total Operating Income</b>	<b>163,500</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>163,500</b>	<b>62,300</b>
<b>Operating Expense</b>							
Administration Expenses	55,600	0	0	0		55,600	28,000
Building/Depot Expenses	187,600	0	0	0		187,600	95,700
Salaries and Wages	10,500	0	0	0		10,500	31,300
Operations Purchases	16,300	0	0	0		16,300	24,900
Depreciation and Amortisation	42,600	0	0	0		42,600	24,900
<b>Total Operating Expense</b>	<b>312,600</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>312,600</b>	<b>204,800</b>
<b>Operating Result</b>	<b>(149,100)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>(149,100)</b>	<b>(142,500)</b>
Less Depreciation	42,600	0	0	0		42,600	24,900
<b>Operating Result Excl. Non Cash</b>	<b>(106,500)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>(106,500)</b>	<b>(117,600)</b>
Add: Capital Income	3,372,800	0	0	0		3,372,800	0
Less: Capital Expenses	2,351,200	141,800	0	0		2,493,000	190,300
<b>Transfer from/(to) Reserve</b>	<b>(915,100)</b>	<b>141,800</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>(773,300)</b>	<b>307,900</b>
Net Cash Movement	0	0	0	0		0	0

No budget adjustments are required this quarter.

### Impact on Property Reserve

Nil.

## Fleet Reporting Unit

<b>(QBR2) Income &amp; Expenses - Fleet</b>							
	<b>Original Budget 2022/23</b>	<b>2021/22 Carryovers</b>	<b>Approved Changes Sept Review</b>	<b>Recommend Changes for Council Resolution</b>	<b>Ref</b>	<b>Projected Year End Result 2022/23</b>	<b>Actual YTD</b>
<b>Operating Income</b>							
Interest Income / Sundry	75,000	0	0	174,900	<b>N1</b>	249,900	203,200
<b>Total Operating Income</b>	<b>75,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>174,900</b>		<b>249,900</b>	<b>203,200</b>
<b>Operating Expense</b>							
Fleet Operations	492,900	0	85,000	4,200	<b>A5</b>	582,100	289,700
Fleet Hire Income	(926,000)	0	(85,000)	0		(1,011,000)	(453,500)
Salaries and Wages	118,300	0	0	0		118,300	55,200
Depreciation and Amortisation	390,000	0	0	0		390,000	148,500
<b>Total Operating Expense</b>	<b>75,200</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,200</b>		<b>79,400</b>	<b>39,900</b>
<b>Operating Result</b>	<b>(200)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>170,700</b>		<b>170,500</b>	<b>163,300</b>
Less Depreciation	390,000	0	0	0		390,000	148,500
<b>Operating Result Excl. Non Cash</b>	<b>389,800</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>170,700</b>		<b>560,500</b>	<b>311,800</b>
Add: Capital Income	0	0	0	0		0	0
Less: Capital Expenses	436,300	0	50,000	421,600	<b>N2</b>	907,900	167,000
<b>Transfer from/(to) Reserve</b>	<b>46,500</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>250,900</b>		<b>347,400</b>	<b>(144,800)</b>
Net Cash Movement	0	0	0	0		0	0

### Impact on Fleet Reserve

These required changes above will result in a \$250,900 transfer from the Fleet reserve in the 2022/23 financial year. The projected balance as at 30 June 2023 will decrease to \$1,160,800 which is beyond the internal reserves policy target of 4 months operating expenditure or \$363,500.

Budget Review for the Quarter Ended 31 December 2022							
(QBR3) Capital Budget							
	Original Budget 2022/23	2021/22 Carryovers	Approved Changes Sept Review	Recommend Changes for Council Resolution	Ref	Projected Year End Result 2022/23	Actual YTD
<b>Capital Funding:</b>							
Capital Grants & Contributions	0	0	0	0		0	0
Internal Restrictions							
- Renewals	5,228,200	4,565,400	(698,800)	84,200		9,179,000	1,818,000
- New Assets	14,434,400	5,906,600	(5,780,500)	595,600		15,156,100	2,613,600
External Restrictions							
- Infrastructure	0	0	0	0		0	0
Other Capital Funding Sources							
- Operating Revenue	0	0	0	0		0	0
- S64 Contributions	4,223,000	0	0	0		4,223,000	0
Income from Sale of Assets							
- Plant and Equipment	0	0	0	0		0	0
- Land and Buildings	2,351,200	0	0	0		2,351,200	0
<b>Total Capital Funding</b>	<b>26,236,800</b>	<b>10,472,000</b>	<b>(6,479,300)</b>	<b>679,800</b>		<b>30,909,300</b>	<b>4,431,600</b>
<b>Capital Expenditure:</b>							
New Assets							
- Plant and Equipment	486,300	0	50,000	421,600	N2	957,900	167,000
- Office Equipment	21,000	82,600	47,500	107,000	H1, L1	258,100	93,300
- Inventory (Land)	2,290,000	106,800	0	0		2,396,800	141,600
- Land and Buildings	1,087,500	550,300	0	0		1,637,800	349,600
- Infrastructure	17,123,800	5,166,900	(5,878,000)	67,000	G1, I1, J1	16,479,700	1,862,100
Renewals (Replacement)							
- Plant and Equipment	0	0	0	46,100	A6	46,100	0
- Office Equipment	373,300	274,000	0	0		647,300	0
- Land and Buildings	61,200	0	0	0		61,200	48,700
- Infrastructure	4,793,700	4,291,400	(698,800)	38,100	A6, A8, A7, K1, O3, O4	8,424,400	1,769,300
<b>Total Capital Expenditure</b>	<b>26,236,800</b>	<b>10,472,000</b>	<b>(6,479,300)</b>	<b>679,800</b>		<b>30,909,300</b>	<b>4,431,600</b>

### Impact on Capital Works Program

The required adjustments above will result in additional capital works of \$679,800 being funded from reserves bringing the total capital works program for 2022/23 to \$30,909,300. As at 31 December, \$4,431,600 or 14.3% of these works have been completed. The completion of these capital works will be a high priority for adjustments in the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for the quarter ending 31 March 2023.

Budget Review for the Quarter Ended 31 December 2022 (QBR54) Cash & Investments						
	Opening Balances 2022/23	Original Budget 2022/23	2021/22 Carryovers	Approved Changes Sept Review	Recommend Changes for Council Resolution	Projected Year End Result 2022/23
<b>Unrestricted:</b>						
Flood Mitigation	99,000	0	0	0	0	99,000
Weeds Biosecurity	25,800	0	0	0	0	25,800
Retail Water	100,000	0	0	0	0	100,000
Richmond Water Laboratories	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000
Property	100,000	0	0	0	0	100,000
Fleet	50,000	0	0	0	0	50,000
Bulk Water	1,688,900	0	0	0	0	1,688,900
<b>Total Unrestricted</b>	<b>2,073,700</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,073,700</b>
<b>Externally Restricted:</b>						
Flood Grants	424,800	0	0	(124,000)	0	300,800
Weeds Grants	437,400	0	0	(135,500)	280,800	582,700
Weeds Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bulk Water Grants	1,616,500	0	0	(895,200)	0	721,300
Bulk Water Other	2,950,000	(2,154,000)	0	0	0	796,000
<b>Total Externally Restricted</b>	<b>5,428,700</b>	<b>(2,154,000)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(1,154,700)</b>	<b>280,800</b>	<b>2,400,800</b>
<b>Internally Restricted:</b>						
Flood Mitigation	588,000	(105,300)	(79,400)	0	(20,300)	383,000
Weeds Biosecurity	2,140,500	(129,500)	0	(500,000)	0	1,511,000
Retail Water	2,914,000	(497,900)	(1,260,100)	(60,000)	(9,800)	1,086,200
Richmond Water Laboratories	252,300	(5,200)	0	0	0	247,100
Property	1,810,900	915,100	(141,800)	0	0	2,584,200
Fleet	1,458,200	(46,500)	0	(50,000)	(250,900)	1,110,800
Bulk Water				0	0	
- Buildings & Structures	738,000	0	0	(738,000)	0	0
- Assets & Programs	16,440,700	6,448,500	(10,136,700)	(12,544,900)	1,169,600	1,377,200
- Employee Leave Entitlement	2,339,500	0	0	0	0	2,339,500
- Electricity	2,610,400	0	0	(2,610,400)	0	0
- Office Equipment & Computer	1,473,400	(373,300)	(110,000)	(27,500)	0	962,600
- Greenhouse Gas Abatement	285,800	(154,600)	0	0	(70,000)	61,200
<b>Total Internally Restricted</b>	<b>33,051,700</b>	<b>6,051,300</b>	<b>(11,728,000)</b>	<b>(16,530,800)</b>	<b>818,600</b>	<b>11,662,800</b>
<b>Total Restricted</b>	<b>38,480,400</b>	<b>3,897,300</b>	<b>(11,728,000)</b>	<b>(17,685,500)</b>	<b>1,099,400</b>	<b>14,063,600</b>

## Investment and Cash Bank Statement

The Responsible Accounting Officer certifies that all funds including those under restriction have been invested in accordance with section 625 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, clause 212 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* and Council's 'Investment' policy. Council's bank statement has been reconciled up to and including 31 December 2022.

## Reconciliation

The YTD cash and investment figure reconciles to the actual balances held as follows:

Cash at Bank (as per bank statements)	3,633,452
Investments on Hand	36,000,000
<b>Reconciled Cash at Bank &amp; Investments</b>	<b><u>39,633,452</u></b>

A comparison of the actual cash and investment balance above of \$39,633,452 as at 31 December 2022 to the forecast cash and investment balance of \$16,137,300 as at 30 June 2023, indicates significant spending will need to occur before 30 June 2023 if all forecast works are to be completed

## (QBR5) Contractors

Contractor	Contract Details & Purpose	Contract Value (\$) Excluding GST	Contract Date	Duration of Contract	Budgeted (Y/N)
Kingfisher Environmental Consultancy Pty LTd	Coraki Riparian Revegetation Project	78,400	12/10/2022	21 mths	Y
The Comms Team Pty Ltd	Development of Communication and Marketing Plan	68,500	14/10/2022	3 mths	Y
Stantec Australia Pty Ltd	Emigrant Creek Dam Risk Rating Assessment	213,800	21/10/2022	12 mths	Y
MDA Consulting Engineers Pty Ltd	Design for Gallan's Road Worksite	63,900	26/10/2022	5 mths	Y
James Ralph T/as Ralph's Garden Maintenance	Grounds and Garden Maintenance for Gallan's Road Worksite	114,200	15/11/2022	12 mths	Y
Safe@Heights Pty Ltd	Installation of Roof Height Safety Measures	66,000	24/11/2022	5 mths	Y
Net Communications Pty Ltd	Replacement of IT Server	130,000	24/11/2022	4 mths	Y
SAF Australia Pty Ltd	Microwave Bridges Upgrade	87,100	5/12/2022	5 mths	Y
ACS Equip Pty Ltd	Alstonville Groundwater Bores	91,700	21/12/2022	12 mths	Y

**Note:** Minimum reporting level is 1% of estimated income from continuing operations or \$50,000 whichever is the lesser.

## (QBR5) Consultancy and Legal Expenses

### Definition of Consultant

A consultant is a person or organisation engaged under contract on a temporary basis to provide recommendations or high-level specialist or professional advice to assist decision making by management. Generally, it is the advisory nature of the work that differentiates a consultant from other contractors.

Expense	Expenditure YTD \$	Budgeted (Y/N)
Consultancies	\$152,400	Y
Legal Fees	\$1,900	Y

**Comment:** All consultancies and legal expenses incurred to date are within budget allocations. All figures exclude GST.

Consultancies		
	Corporate & Commercial - RAP Advisory	\$5,800
	Corporate & Commercial - Information Systems Strategy Review	\$7,900
	Corporate & Commercial - Debt Advisory Services	\$200
	Corporate & Commercial - Revaluation of Land and Buildings	\$1,500
	Planning & Delivery – Catchment Monitoring Review	\$12,700
	Planning & Delivery – Update Rocky Creek Dam Drawings	\$1,500
	Planning & Delivery – Bulk Water Distribution Modelling	\$40,700
	Planning & Delivery – Dam Safety Management System	\$60,800
	Planning & Delivery – Geotechnical Investigations Coraki Landslip	\$3,000
	Planning & Delivery – Emigrant Creek Reach Property Site Actions	\$7,300
	Planning & Delivery – Emigrant Creek Causeway Construction Estimate	\$11,000
Legal Fees		
	Planning & Delivery – Developer Contributions	\$1,000
	Relocation & Properties - Registration of Lease	\$900



## Statement of Expenses for Councillors

### Councillor Expenses for the Quarter Ending 31/12/2022 (Q2)

Quarter 2	Other Expenses	Official Business of Council - Travel	Official Business of Council - Professional Development/Training	Total by Councillor (Q2)
Councillor Bruem	0	0	0	0
Councillor Cadwallader	0	0	1,080	1,080
Councillor Gordon	0	0	0	0
Councillor Humphrys	0	112	0	112
Councillor Lyon	1,085	0	0	1,085
Councillor Mustow	0	0	0	0
Councillor Ndiaye	0	0	0	0
Councillor Rob	0	0	1,080	1,080
<b>Total Per Expense Type</b>	<b>1,085</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>2,160</b>	<b>3,357</b>

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total by Councillor YTD
Councillor Bruem	0	0	0	0	0
Councillor Cadwallader	1,326	1,080	0	0	2,406
Councillor Gordon	0	0	0	0	0
Councillor Humphrys	59	112	0	0	172
Councillor Lyon	0	1,085	0	0	1,085
Councillor Mustow	0	0	0	0	0
Councillor Ndiaye	615	0	0	0	615
Councillor Rob	1,095	1,080	0	0	2,175
<b>Total Per Expense Type</b>	<b>3,096</b>	<b>3,357</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6,453</b>

Budget 2022/23 FY 48,600

This information is provided in accordance with paragraph 6.2 of the 'Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities for Chairperson and Councillors' policy.

### (QBR56) Key Performance Indicators

In assessing an organisation's financial position, there are several performance indicators that can assist to easily identify whether an organisation is financially sound. These indicators and their associated benchmarks, as stipulated by Office of Local Government, are set out below:

	# Performance Indicator		Flood	Weeds	Retail	RWL	Property	Fleet	Bulk	Consolidated (Whole Organisation)	Local Government Bench Mark
1	Operating Performance	2022/23 Budget Review	(832,100)	(471,700)	(143,000)	24,500	(149,100)	170,500	(3,911,800)	<b>(5,312,700)</b>	Surplus
		2021/22 Actual	(1,940,000)	421,300	(11,300)	(313,700)	(179,400)	116,500	4,120,800	<b>2,214,200</b>	
2	Current Ratio	2022/23 Budget Review	5.10	5.84	32.59	2.34	4.65	26.20	1.14	<b>2.03</b>	> 1.5
		2021/22 Actual	8.98	6.12	83.31	4.00	3.35	34.04	3.49	<b>4.08</b>	
3	Debt Service Cover Ratio	2022/23 Budget Review	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.77	<b>2.08</b>	> 2
		2021/22 Actual	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.68	<b>2.60</b>	
4	Own Source Operating Revenue Ratio	2022/23 Budget Review	1%	1%	100%	100%	100%	100%	84%	<b>78%</b>	> 60%
		2021/22 Actual	0%	2%	100%	100%	100%	100%	77%	75%	
5	Building and Infrastructure Renewals Ratio	2022/23 Budget Review	0.22 : 1	-	-	-	1.24 : 1	-	1.66 : 1	<b>1.45 : 1</b>	> 1:1
		2021/22 Actual	0.02 : 1	-	-	-	0.00 : 1	-	0.68 : 1	<b>0.62 : 1</b>	

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## Comments on Key Performance Indicators

Please note that comments relate to the consolidated financial indicators.

### 1. Operating Result Before Capital Contributions

The operating result is the surplus or deficit that Council makes from normal operations (including depreciation) excluding expenditure on capital items. A surplus is a positive financial indicator.

*Comment: Council's operating result (deficit) before capital items has decreased compared with the original budgeted deficit of \$5,787,100. Due to the existing reserve balances Council has, a conscious decision has been made not to adhere to this benchmark.*

Original Budgeted Deficit	(\$5,787,100)
Projected Year End Result 2022/23	(\$5,312,700)
	<b>\$474,400</b>

The decrease can be attributed to carry over works (\$1.256M) reinstated from 2021/22, operating expenses (\$393K), salaries (\$637K) and fleet expenses (\$89K) offset by an increase in interest on investments (\$576K), grant revenue (\$569K), insurance claims (\$829K) and loan financing costs (\$875K).

Carryovers / Reinstatements	(\$1,256,000)
Expenses	(\$243,900)
Revenue	\$1,974,300
	<b>\$474,400</b>

Note: Operating results include depreciation of \$7,813,800 which is non-cash.

### 2. Current Ratio Liquidity

The current ratio measures Council's ability to pay existing liabilities in the next 12 months. A ratio greater than one is a positive financial indicator.

*Comment: The above ratio means that for every dollar Council owes in the short term, it has \$2.03 available in assets that can be converted to cash.*

### 3. Debt Service Cover Ratio

This ratio demonstrates the cost of servicing Council's annual debt obligations (loan repayments, both principal and interest) as a portion of available revenue from ordinary activities. A higher ratio is a positive financial indicator.

*Comment: Ratio, as a percentage of ordinary revenue, is consistent with the Long-Term Financial Plan.*

### 4. 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. A Council's financial flexibility improves the higher the level of its own source revenue. A higher ratio is a positive financial indicator.

*Comment: The above percentage demonstrates that the majority of Council's income is generated from user fees and charges, i.e. water sales.*

### 5. Building and Infrastructure Renewal Ratio

This ratio indicates the rate of renewal/replacement of existing assets against the depreciation of the same category of assets. A ratio greater than one is a positive financial indicator.

*Comment: The current ratio reflects an above benchmark forecast.*

## Grant application information

This table provides information on grant applications that have been approved or submitted up to time of preparation of the QBRS. Any grants that may have been approved after that date or that have been applied for, will be covered in future reports. The details of new grants, including grants awaiting a determination, are provided below. A financial update on existing grants has also been provided.

Note: all totals are GST exclusive

Grant Name	Reporting Unit	Synopsis	Funding Body	Program	Project Length	Total Project Value	Grant Funding	Council Funding	Total Expenditure to Date	Balance of Approved Funds to Spend
<b>2022/23 New Grant Applications Awaiting Determination</b>										
Rous Regional Water Supply Drought Readiness Project Stage 1 - Woodburn Bore 3 Drought Readiness	Bulk	FWP 2060 - Drought contingency water supply at existng Woodburn groundwater bore.	DITRDC	Building Better Regions Fund - Infrastructure Projects Stream Round 6	6 mths	481,300	240,650	240,650		
Langs Hill to Broadwater Water Main Augmentation	Bulk	Replacement of drinking water supply to Broadwater with a larger main.	DITRDC	Building Better Regions Fund - Infrastructure Projects Stream Round 6	6 mths	1,942,700	971,350	971,350		
<b>Active Grants That Have Been Previously Reported</b>										
Voluntary House Raising	Flood	Facilitate the voluntary house raising of 2 homes in the Lismore area.	DPIE	Floodplain Management Grants Scheme	12 mths	187,800	187,800	-	60,228	127,551
Coastal Management Plan	Flood	Stage one of the Richmond River Coastal Management program scoping study	DPIE	Floodplain Management Grants Scheme	18 mths	149,997	100,594	49,999	145,528	4,469
Water Quality Monitoring 2019-22	Flood	Richmond River water quality monitoring project	DPIE	Coastal & Estuary Grants Program	36 mths	199,768	99,884	99,884	145,832	53,936
Flood Maintenance 2018-22	Flood	Fourth year of a four year grant. Each year Council approves spending on this project in excess of the required 1:2 (funding per the agreement \$169,200).	DPIE	Floodplain Management Grants Scheme	48 mths	676,800	84,600 p.a.	84,600 p.a.	125,708	158,292
Coraki Riparian Project	Flood	Richmond River coastal riparian project at Coraki	DPIE	Fish Habitat Action Grant	12 mths	112,160	40,000	72,160	344	111,816
Weeds Action Program 2020-25	Weeds	Funding allocated annually	DPIE	North Coast Weeds Action Program 2020-25	12 mths	1,267,500	642,500	625,000	736,323	531,177
WAP New Weed Incursion – Parthenium Weed Rapid Response	Weeds	Rapid response to control prohibited Matter species – parthenium weed	NSW DPI	New Weed Incursion	12 mths	25,000	15,000	10,000	19,902	5,098
North Coast Bushfire Recovery – Delivery of – W1 Tropical Soda Apple Landholder Engagement Project in the North Coast (5 years)	Weeds	Tropical Soda Apple Landholder Engagement and Compliance Program – delivery of 210 property inspections	LLS & DPI	NSW Bushfire Recovery Stimulus	60 mths	236,000	214,000	22,000	161,654	74,346
Tropical Soda Apple (Riparian/High Risk Pathways)	Weeds	Tropical Soda Apple - strategic and ongoing control In high-risk pathways.	LLS	Small Grants Funding	8 mths	47,750	42,750	5,000	24,996	22,754
Richmond and Wilsons Rivers NSW Flood Mitigation Planning	Flood	This planning project is anticipated to reduce the risk and improve resilience of the community to floods in the natural environment by conducting a comprehensive scan of strategic disaster risks and mitigation options for the Richmond River Catchment.	DISER	Preparing Australian Communities – Local Stream Program	3 years	250,000	250,000	-	-	250,000
High Risk Site Surveillance for Frogbit and Parthenium	Weeds	Flood modelling, surveillance and control works at identified high risk sites for Frogbit and Parthenium weeds.	DPE	NSW Weeds Action Program – State Priority Weeds Coordination and Response	-	16,000	15,000	1,000	11,907	4,093
Miconia 2022-2024	Weeds	Miconia weed surveillance and control services in Northern NSW	QLD DAF	Miconia Weed Surveillance 2022-2024	36 mths	298,000	298,000	-	62,646	235,354
Early Needs Weed Management	Weeds	Early Needs Weed Management Project	LLS	Early Needs Weed Management Program	24 mths	710,000	710,000	0	59,512	650,488
Natural Resource Management Flood Water Sustainability Project Grant	Water	Emergency Repairs Claim	Public Works Advisory	Northern Rivers March 2022 Flood/Water Sewerage Program	-	1,600,000	1,600,000	0	192,219	1,407,781

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**Legal**

In accordance with clause 203 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*, Council's financial position is satisfactory having regard to the original estimate of income and expenditure and Council's projected short-term liquidity position.

**Consultation**

This report was prepared in consultation with the General Manager and relevant staff.

**Conclusion**

In summary, all budget items other than those identified in the report have performed within the parameters set by Council in adopting the 2022/23 Operational Plan.

An update will be provided at a future Council meeting regarding a revision of the current internal reserves policy.