ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2023



GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2023



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General Purpose Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2023

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

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

- the Local Government Act 1993 and the regulations made thereunder,
- the Australian Accounting Standards and other pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board
- the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting.

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

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

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

Signed in accordance with a resolution of Council made on 18 October 2023.

Robert Mustow Chairperson 18 October 2023 Sharon Cadwallader Deputy Chairperson 18 October 2023

Phillip Rudd General Manager 18 October 2023 Jonathan Patino

Responsible Accounting Officer 18 October 2023

Income Statement

for the year ended 30 June 2023

Original Inaudited budget 2023			Actual 2023	Restated Actua 2022
\$ '000		Notes	\$ '000	\$ '000
	Income from continuing operations			
23,685	User charges and fees	B2-1	24,045	22,501
2,744	Other revenues	B2-2	3,275	2,648
922	Grants and contributions provided for operating purposes	B2-3	2,222	3,419
7,596	Grants and contributions provided for capital purposes	B2-3	5,176	5,631
138	Interest and investment income	B2-4	1,181	237
164	Other income	B2-5	189	126
35,249	Total income from continuing operations		36,088	34,562
	Expenses from continuing operations			
11,427	Employee benefits and on-costs	B3-1	11,370	10,19 ²
11,974	Materials and services	B3-2	10,680	10,223
2,225	Borrowing costs	B3-3	1,313	1,520
7,814	Depreciation, amortisation and impairment of non-financial assets	B3-4	8,060	9,063
_	Other expenses	B3-5	-	ç
_	Net loss from the disposal of assets	B4-1	460	193
33,440	Total expenses from continuing operations		31,883	31,199
1,809	Operating result from continuing operations		4,205	3,36
1,809	Net operating result for the year attributable to Co	uncil	4,205	3,363

(5,787)	Net operating result for the year before grants and contributions provided for capital purposes	(971)	(2,268)

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

Statement of Comprehensive Income

for the year ended 30 June 2023

	Notes	2023 \$ '000	Restated 2022 \$ '000
Net operating result for the year – from Income Statement		4,205	3,363
Other comprehensive income: Amounts which will not be reclassified subsequently to the operating result Gain (loss) on revaluation of infrastructure, property, plant and equipment Total items which will not be reclassified subsequently to the operating	C1-6	56,404	4,542
result		56,404	4,542
Total other comprehensive income for the year		56,404	4,542
Total comprehensive income for the year attributable to Council	_	60,609	7,905

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

Statement of Financial Position

as at 30 June 2023

		2023	Restated 2022
	Notes	\$ '000	\$ '000
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	C1-1	8,772	3,054
Investments	C1-2	29,000	36,000
Receivables	C1-4	4,326	2,994
Inventories	C1-5	403	460
Other		1,313	614
Total current assets		43,814	43,122
Non-current assets			
Investments	C1-2	_	1,500
Inventories	C1-5	1,384	1,118
Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment (IPPE)	C1-6	569,037	510,498
Intangible assets	C1-8	453	506
Right of use assets	C2-1	421	34
Total non-current assets		571,295	513,656
Total assets		615,109	556,778
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
Payables	C3-1	3,598	2,907
Contract liabilities	C3-2	508	228
Lease liabilities	C2-1	257	50
Borrowings	C3-3	3,825	3,605
Employee benefit provisions	C3-4	2,367	2,409
Total current liabilities		10,555	9,199
Non-current liabilities			
Lease liabilities	C2-1	164	_
Borrowings	C3-3	21,530	25,355
Employee benefit provisions	C3-4	68	41
Total non-current liabilities		21,762	25,396
Total liabilities		32,317	34,595
Net assets		582,792	522,183
EQUITY			
Accumulated surplus	C4-1	252,467	248,262
IPPE revaluation reserve	C4-1	330,325	273,921
Total equity		582,792	522,183
i otali o quity		502,152	522,105

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 2023

			2023			2022	
	-	Accumulated	IPPE revaluation	Total	Accumulated	IPPE revaluation	Total
		surplus	reserve	equity	surplus	reserve	equity
	Notes	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	Restated \$ '000	Restated \$ '000	Restated \$ '000
Opening balance at 1 July		247,112	273,921	521,033	244,899	269,379	514,278
Correction of prior period errors		1,150	-	1,150		_	
Opening balance		248,262	273,921	522,183	244,899	269,379	514,278
Net operating result for the year		4,205	_	4,205	2,213	_	2,213
Correction of prior period errors	F4-1	-	-	_	1,150	_	1,150
Other comprehensive income							
Gain (loss) on revaluation of infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	C1-6	-	56,404	56,404	_	4,542	4,542
Other comprehensive income		-	56,404	56,404	_	4,542	4,542
Total comprehensive income		4,205	56,404	60,609	3,363	4,542	7,905
Closing balance at 30 June		252,467	330,325	582,792	248,262	273,921	522,183

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 2023

Original unaudited budget 2023			Actual 2023	Restated Actual 2022
\$ '000		Notes	\$ '000	\$ '000
	Cash flows from operating activities			
	Receipts:			
23,685	User charges and fees		24,651	21,904
138	Interest received		811	260
10,259	Grants and contributions		7,235	8,255
4,988	Other		4,332	2,47
	Payments:			
(11,427)	Payments to employees		(11,256)	(9,869
(15,795)	Payments for materials and services		(12,585)	(9,560
(2,225)	Borrowing costs		(1,353)	(1,559
	Other	G1-1	(688)	191
9,623	Net cash flows from operating activities	GI-I	11,147	12,097
	Cash flows from investing activities			
	Receipts:			
41,000	Redemption of term deposits		40,500	38,00
	Sale of investment property		_	85
_	Sale of real estate assets		-	
-	Proceeds from sale of IPPE		112	21
	Payments:			
(42,000)	Acquisition of term deposits		(32,000)	(37,000
(23,886)	Payments for IPPE		(9,890)	(18,343
(2,351)	Purchase of real estate assets		(183)	
-	Purchase of intangible assets		(101)	(10.07)
(27,237)	Net cash flows from investing activities		(1,562)	(16,271
	Cash flows from financing activities			
	Receipts:			
25,000	Proceeds from borrowings		-	-
	Payments:			
(4,489)	Repayment of borrowings		(3,605)	(3,398
_	Principal component of lease payments		(262)	(254
20,511	Net cash flows from financing activities		(3,867)	(3,652
2 907	Net change in cash and cash equivalents		E 740	(7.006
2,897	Net change in cash and cash equivalents		5,718	(7,826
3,054	Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		3,054	10,880
5,951	Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	C1-1	8,772	3,054
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38,500	plus: Investments on hand at end of year	C1-2	29,000	37,500
44,451	Total cash, cash equivalents and investments		37,772	40,554

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 18 October 2023. Council has the power to amend and reissue these financial statements in cases where critical information is received from public submissions or where the OLG directs Council to amend the financial statements.

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

These general purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and Australian Accounting Interpretations, the *Local Government Act 1993* (Act) and *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* (Regulation), and the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting. Council is a not for-profit entity. The financial statements are presented in Australian dollars and are rounded to the nearest thousand dollars.

Historical cost convention

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

Significant accounting estimates and judgements

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

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

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 investment properties - refer Note C1-7

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

Significant judgements in applying the Council's accounting policies

(i) Determination of whether performance obligations are sufficiently specific and whether the contract is within the scope of AASB 15 *Revenue from Contracts with Customers* and / or AASB 1058 *Income of Not-for-Profit Entities* – refer to Notes B2-3.
 (ii) Determination of the lease term, discount rate (when not implicit in the lease) and whether an arrangement contains a lease – refer to Note C2-1.

Monies and other assets received by Council

The Consolidated Fund

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

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

- Water service
- Flood mitigation services
- Biological weeds management.

A1-1 Basis of preparation (continued)

The Trust Fund

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

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

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 has no volunteer services.

New accounting standards and interpretations issued but not yet effective

New accounting standards and interpretations issued but not yet effective

Certain new accounting standards and interpretations (ie. pronouncements) have been published by the Australian Accounting Standards Board that are not mandatory for the 30 June 2023 reporting period.

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

As at the date of authorisation of these financial statements Council does not consider that any of these new (and still to be applied) standards and interpretations are likely to have a material impact on the Council's future financial statements, financial position, financial performance or cash flows.

New accounting standards adopted during the year

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

B Financial Performance

B1 Functions or activities

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

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

	Income		Expens	ses	Operating	result	Grants a Contribut		Carrying a of asse	
	2023	2022	2023	2022 De state d	2023	2022 Destated	2023	2022 Destated	2023	2022
	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	Restated \$ '000	\$ '000	Restated \$ '000	\$ '000	Restated \$ '000	\$ '000	Restated \$ '000
Functions or activities										
Bulk Water Supply	28,559	27,063	23,227	22,916	5,332	4,147	5,747	7,395	448,512	402,107
Commercial Property	242	116	366	296	(124)	(180)	_	_	2,767	3,191
Fleet Operations	272	96	145	5	127	91	-	_	2,612	2,364
Flood Mitigation	1,115	1,251	1,990	2,041	(875)	(790)	191	502	144,899	133,176
Retail Water Supply	3,227	3,056	3,275	3,069	(48)	(13)	-	_	14,330	13,388
Richmond Water Laboratories	272	955	501	1,268	(229)	(313)	-	_	-	452
Weeds Biosecurity	2,401	2,025	2,379	1,604	22	421	1,460	1,154	1,989	2,101
Total functions and activities	36,088	34,562	31,883	31,199	4,205	3,363	7,398	9,051	615,109	556,779

B1-2 Components of functions or activities

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

Bulk Water Supply

The regional water supply authority providing water in bulk to the local government areas of Lismore (excluding Nimbin), Ballina (excluding Wardell), Byron (excluding Mullumbimby) and Richmond Valley (excluding land to the west of Coraki).

Commercial Property

Real estate development and various rental properties.

Fleet Operations

All functions relating to vehicle investment, improving efficiency and productivity.

Flood Mitigation

Responsible for the construction, replacement and routine maintenance of various flood mitigation infrastructure. This includes floodgates and some rural drains and canals. In addition, we also have a key role in relation to an urban levee designed to protect the central business district of Lismore.

Retail Water Supply

Retail water services that are directly connected to Council's trunk main system. Water filling stations.

Richmond Water Laboratories

Analyse water to assess drinking water quality, and offer a range of tests designed for rainwatertanks and bores. Also test the environmental quality of waste water and effluent, as well as run off and leachates from contaminated landfill sites. This activity ended prior to 30 June 2023 and will not be reported in the future.

Weeds Biosecurity

Wide range of activities to combat the spread of targeted weeds across the Northern Rivers region of NSW.

B2 Sources of income

B2-1 User charges and fees

		2023	2022
	Timing	\$ '000	\$ '000
Specific user charges (per s502 - specific 'actual use' charges)			
Water supply services	1	23,998	22,423
Total specific user charges	_	23,998	22,423
Other user charges and fees			
(i) Fees and charges – statutory and regulatory functions (per s608)			
Private works – section 67	2	3	31
Regulatory/ statutory fees	2	44	47
Total fees and charges – statutory/regulatory		47	78
Total other user charges and fees		47	78
Total user charges and fees	_	24,045	22,501
Timing of revenue recognition for user charges and fees			
User charges and fees recognised over time (1)		23,678	22,423
User charges and fees recognised at a point in time (2)		367	78
Total user charges and fees		24,045	22,501

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, the customer is requied to pay a deposit in advance. There is no material obligation for Council in relation to refunds or returns.

Prepaid filling station keys granted by Council are all either short-term or low value and all revenue is recognised at the time that the key is granted.

B2-2 Other revenues

		2023	2022
	Timing	\$ '000	\$ '000
Assessment on other councils	2	1,661	1,567
Water testing	2	271	953
Other	2	1,343	128
Total other revenue		3,275	2,648
Timing of revenue recognition for other revenue			
Other revenue recognised over time (1)		-	_
Other revenue recognised at a point in time (2)		3,275	2,648
Total other revenue		3,275	2,648

Accounting policy for other revenue

Where the revenue is earned 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.

B2-3 Grants and contributions

		Operating 2023	Operating 2022	Capital 2023	Capital 2022
	Timing	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000
Special purpose grants and non-developer contributions (tied)					
Cash contributions					
Previously specific grants:					
Weed biosecurity	1,2	1,462	1,154	-	_
Flood mitigation	2	105	369	-	_
Water	2	559	1,751	-	_
Previously contributions:					
Bulk supply network	2	11	12	-	1
Flood mitigation	2	85	133	_	_
Total special purpose grants and					
non-developer contributions – cash		2,222	3,419		1
Total special purpose grants and					
non-developer contributions (tied)		2,222	3,419	_	1
Total grants and non-developer					
contributions		2,222	3,419	-	1
Comprising					
Comprising: – State funding		4 604	2.074		
– Other funding		1,564	3,274	-	-
		658	145		1
		2,222	3,419		I

Developer contributions

Nc	otes	Timing	Operating 2023 \$ '000	Operating 2022 \$ '000	Capital 2023 \$ '000	Capital 2022 \$ '000
Developer contributions: (s7.4 & s7.11 - EP&A Act, s64 of the LGA): Cash contributions	-5					
S 64 – water supply contributions		2	-	_	5,176	5,630
Total developer contributions			-		5,176	5,630
Total grants and contributions			2,222	3,419	5,176	5,631
Timing of revenue recognition for grants and contributions						
Grants and contributions recognised over time (1) Grants and contributions recognised at a point in ti	ime		37	402	-	-
(2)			2,185	3,017	5,176	5,631
Total grants and contributions			2,222	3,419	5,176	5,631

B2-3 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
	2023	2022	2023	2022
	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000
Unspent grants				
Unspent grants at 1 July	1,930	180	-	_
Add: Funds recognised as revenue in the reporting year but not yet spent in accordance with the conditions	764	1,930	_	_
Less: Funds received in prior year but revenue recognised and funds spent in current				
year	(331)	(180)	-	-
Unspent grants at 30 June	2,363	1,930	-	_

Water grants:

- Northern Rivers March 2022 Flood Water/Sewerage Program funding from the Northern Rivers Reconstruction Corporation.
- Safe and Secure Grant funding from NSW Department of Planning and Environment towards the Future Water Program.
- Local Water Authority funding from NSW Department of Planning and Environment towards the Regional Leakage Reduction Program

Weed grants:

- Early Needs Weeds Management Project funding from NSW Local Land Services.
- · Frogbit funding from NSW Department of Primary Industries.
- · Miconia funding from NSW Department of Primary Industries.
- · Parthenium funding from NSW Department of Primary Industries.
- Tropical Soda Apple funding from NSW Department of Primary Industries.
- · Washdown Bay Facility funding from NSW Department of Primary Industries.

Flood grants:

• Coastal Management Plan funding from The Department of Primary Industries.

Contributions

Contributions				
Unspent contributions at 1 July	223	180	-	_
Add: contributions recognised as revenue in the reporting year but not yet spent in accordance with the conditions	85	89	-	_
Less: contributions recognised as revenue in previous years that have been spent		(10)		
during the reporting year	-	(46)	-	
Unspent contributions at 30 June	308	223		

Flood Fund receives a number of operating contribution each year. They consist of:

Private landholder contributions

· Constituent Council contributions for drainage union maintenance

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. 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, whereas over time recognition is where the control of the services is ongoing throughout the project.

B2-3 Grants and contributions (continued)

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

Capital grants

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

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

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

Developer contributions

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

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

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

Other grants and contributions

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

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

B2-4 Interest and investment income

	2023	2022
	\$ '000	\$ '000
Interest on financial assets measured at amortised cost		
 Overdue user fees and charges 	1	3
 Cash and investments 	1,180	234
Total interest and investment income (losses)	1,181	237

Accounting policy

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

B2-5 Other income

	2023 \$ '000	2022 \$ '000
Rental income	189	126
Total other income	189	126

B3 Costs of providing services

B3-1 Employee benefits and on-costs

	2023	2022
	\$ '000	\$ '000
Salaries and wages	8,041	7,536
Employee leave entitlements (ELE)	1,917	1,688
Superannuation	1,005	891
Workers' compensation insurance	146	129
Fringe benefit tax (FBT)	40	29
Payroll tax	425	308
Training costs (other than salaries and wages)	247	149
Other	122	150
Total employee costs	11,943	10,880
Less: capitalised costs	(573)	(689)
Total employee costs expensed	11,370	10,191

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 D3-1 for more information.

B3-2 Materials and services

		2023	2022 Restated
	Notes	\$ '000	\$ '000
Raw materials and consumables		5,078	4,739
Contractor costs		3,209	3,439
Audit Fees	E2-1	71	73
Councillor fees and associated expenses	E1-2	134	96
Advertising		9	5
Bank fees		3	1
Electricity		1,360	1,240
Insurance		364	291
Postage		15	2
Printing and stationery		15	6
Subscriptions and publications		45	54
Telephone		28	36
Internal audit		21	13
Water billing and collection		153	53
Other expenses		69	56
Legal expenses:			
– Other		9	49
Expenses from leases of low value assets		97	70
Total materials and services		10,680	10,223

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

B3-3 Borrowing costs

	2023	2022
	\$ '000	\$ '000
(i) Interest bearing liability costs		
Interest on leases	2	2
Interest on loans	1,311	1,518
Total borrowing costs expensed	1,313	1,520

Accounting policy

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

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

Notes	2023 \$ '000	2022 \$ '000
Depreciation and amortisation		
Plant and equipment	391	357
Office equipment	168	169
Furniture and fittings	24	31
Land improvements (depreciable)	65	73
Infrastructure:		
– Buildings	254	210
 Water supply network 	5,778	6,612
 Flood mitigation assets 	740	683
Right of use assets C2-1	246	202
Intangible assets C1-8	154	266
Total depreciation and amortisation costs	7,820	8,603
Impairment / revaluation decrement of IPPE		
Infrastructure: C1-6		
– Buildings	-	56
 Water supply network 	240	404
Total gross IPPE impairment / revaluation decrement costs	240	460
Total IPPE impairment / revaluation decrement costs charged		
to Income Statement	240	460
TOTAL DEPRECIATION, AMORTISATION AND		
IMPAIRMENT FOR INTANGIBLES AND IPP&E	8,060	9,063

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 and Note C1-8 for intangible assets and Note C2-1 for right of use assets.

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

Impairment of non-financial assets

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

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

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

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

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

B3-5 Other expenses

	2023 \$ '000	2022 \$ '000
Other Contributions and donations	<u> </u>	9
Total other expenses		9

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

B4 Gains or losses

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

	Notes	2023 \$ '000	2022 \$ '000
Gain (or loss) on disposal of property (excl. investment propert	y)		
Proceeds from disposal – property		_	168
Less: carrying amount of property assets sold/written off			(78)
Gain (or loss) on disposal			90
Gain (or loss) on disposal of plant and equipment	C1-6		
Proceeds from disposal – plant and equipment		105	45
Less: carrying amount of plant and equipment assets sold/written off		(47)	(285)
Gain (or loss) on disposal		58	(240)
Gain (or loss) on disposal of infrastructure	C1-6		
Proceeds from disposal – infrastructure		7	1
Less: carrying amount of infrastructure assets sold/written off		(523)	(99)
Gain (or loss) on disposal		(516)	(98)
Gain (or loss) on disposal of real estate assets held for sale	C1-5		
Less: carrying amount of real estate assets sold/written off		(2)	_
Gain (or loss) on disposal		(2)	
Gain (or loss) on disposal of investment property	C1-7		
Proceeds from disposal – investment property		_	850
Less: carrying amount of investment property sold/written off		_	(795)
Gain (or loss) on disposal		-	55
Gain (or loss) on disposal of term deposits	C1-2		
Proceeds from disposal/redemptions/maturities – term deposits		40,500	38,000
Less: carrying amount of term deposits sold/redeemed/matured		(40,500)	(38,000)
Gain (or loss) on disposal			
Net gain (or loss) from disposal of assets		(460)	(193)
			()

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

B5 Performance against budget

B5-1 Material budget variations

Council's original budget was adopted by the Council on 15 June 2022 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.

	2023	2023	202	3	
\$ '000	Budget	Actual	Variai	nce	
Revenues					
User charges and fees	23,685	24,045	360	2%	F
Other revenues Other revenues resulted in an increase of \$531k (F) (1 revenue received on insurance claims.	2,744 19%) above budget.	3,275 The revenue inc	531 crease can be attr	19% ibuted to	F
Operating grants and contributions Grants & contributions provided for operating purposes Secure Grant funding of \$502k was received from NSV Program and Early Needs Weeds Management Prog accounting for \$1.06M. Several other small grants we	W Department of Pla gram funding of \$56	anning and Envi 61k was receive	ronment for Coun d from NSW Loca	cil's Future V	Vater
Capital grants and contributions Grants and contributions provided for capital purposes sales revenue of \$3.3M was deferred during the 2022/ Developer Contributions of \$953k.					U rty
Interest and investment revenue Interest and investment revenue was \$1.0M (F) (756% was based on an average rate of return of 0.6%. The balance at 30 June 2022 and interest rates increased of quarterly budget review statements throughout the year	e portfolio size was onsiderably during t	much higher du	ue to a significant	ly improved	cash

Other income1641892515%FRental income resulted in an increase of \$25k (F) (15%) above budget. Rental income increased as Council provided the
Kyogle Street Depot to Lismore City Council for their flood response team.F

B5-1 Material budget variations (continued)

\$ '000	2023 Budget	2023 Actual	2023 Variar		
Expenses					
Employee benefits and on-costs	11,427	11,370	57	0%	F
Materials and services Materials and services were \$1.3M (F) (11%) below t projects were unable to be completed in the financial 2023/24 financial year.	11,974 he original budget fo year and have contr	10,680 precast. Significa ibuted to Counci	1,294 nt contractor and (il's budget carryov	11% consultant ers into the	F
Borrowing costs Borrowing costs were \$912k (F) (41%) below the origits capital works program, however due to the improvioundertaken. This resulted in significant savings on definition of the second secon	ed financial position				
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment of non-financial assets	7,814	8,060	(246)	(3)%	U
Other expenses	-	-	-	00	F
Net losses from disposal of assets Traditionally, Council has not provided a budget for lo proceeds from asset disposal. As a result, actual loss This loss is comprised of loss from the disposal of Int gains on disposal of plant and equipment of \$58k (F)	on disposal of asse frastructure assets \$	ts has produced	a variance of \$46	0k (U) (1009	
Statement of cash flows					
Cash flows from operating activities Cash flows from operating activities was \$1.5M (F) (1 of increased interest and investment revenue, additio costs and a reduction in capital revenue from propert	nal grant funds, a de				
Cash flows from investing activities Cash flows from investing activities was \$25.6M (F) (of reduced payments for IPPE (\$13.9M), reduced spe held (\$8.5M).					
Cash flows from financing activities	20 511	(2 967)	(24 378)	(110)%	

Cash flows from financing activities20,511(3,867)(24,378)(119)%UCash flows from financing activities was \$24.3M (U) (119%) below the original budget forecast. This was due to Council not borrowing the original budgeted funds of \$25.0M.

C Financial position

C1 Assets we manage

C1-1 Cash and cash equivalents

	2023	2022
	\$ '000	\$ '000
Cash assets		
Cash on hand and at bank	2,032	1,026
Cash equivalent assets		
– Deposits at call	6,740	2,028
Total cash and cash equivalents	8,772	3,054
Reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents		
Total cash and cash equivalents per Statement of Financial Position	8,772	3,054
Balance as per the Statement of Cash Flows	8,772	3,054

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

	2023	2023	2022	2022
	Current	Non-current	Current	Non-current
	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000
Debt securities at amortised cost				
Term deposits	29,000	-	36,000	1,500
Total financial investments	29,000	_	36,000	1,500
Total cash assets, cash equivalents and				
investments	37,772		39,054	1,500

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-equity)

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

C1-2 Financial investments (continued)

• 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 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.

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

		2023 \$ '000	2022 \$ '000
(a)	Externally restricted cash,		
	cash equivalents and investments		
Total	cash, cash equivalents and investments	37,772	40,554
	Externally restricted cash, cash equivalents and investments	(4,755)	(5,428
	ctions	33,017	35,126
	nal restrictions		
	nal restrictions – included in liabilities al restrictions included in cash, cash equivalents and investments above se:		
	piosecurity	508	227
Exterr	nal restrictions – included in liabilities	508	227
	nal restrictions – other		
Externa compris	al restrictions included in cash, cash equivalents and investments above se:		
Bulk wa		3,567	4,566
	nitigation piosecurity	417	425
	nal restrictions – other	<u> </u>	210 5,201
	external restrictions	4,755	5,428
	cash equivalents and investments subject to external restrictions are those which a noil due to a restriction placed by legislation or third-party contractual agreement.	are only available for	specific use
		2023	2022
(h)	Internel ellecetione	\$ '000	\$ '000
(b)	Internal allocations		
Cash, restric	cash equivalents and investments not subject to external ctions	33,017	35,126
Less: Ir	nternally restricted cash, cash equivalents and investments	(30,288)	(32,421)
Jnres	tricted and unallocated cash, cash equivalents and investments	2,729	2,705
	al allocations une, Council has internally allocated funds to the following:		
Flood F	Fund	445	689
Weeds	Bio Fund	1 061	1 / 10

Flood Fulld	445	689
Weeds Bio Fund	1,061	1,410
Retail Water Fund	2,610	2,914
Richmond Water Laboratories Fund	-	252
Commercial Property Fund	1,505	1,811
Fleet Fund	1,093	1,458
Bulk Fund - Building & structures	66	738
Bulk Fund - Assets & programs	16,815	16,441
Bulk Fund - Employees leave entitlement	2,394	2,339
Bulk Fund - Electricity	2,611	2,610
Bulk Fund - Office equipment & computers	1,404	1,473
Bulk Fund - Greenhouse gas abatement	284	286
Total internal allocations	30,288	32,421

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

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

		2023 \$ '000	2022 \$ '000
(c)	Unrestricted and unallocated		
Unres	tricted and unallocated cash, cash equivalents and investments	2,729	2,705

C1-4 Receivables

	2023	2023	2022	2022
	Current	Non-current	Current	Non-current
	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000
User charges and fees	445	-	668	_
Accrued revenues				
 Interest on investments 	469	-	99	_
 Other income accruals 	1,274	-	1,554	_
Finance lease receivable	4	-	6	_
Government grants and subsidies	614	-	171	_
Sundry debtors	1,119	-	234	_
Other debtors	401	-	262	-
Total	4,326	-	2,994	
Total net receivables	4,326		2,994	_

Accounting policy

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

Impairment

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

When 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, 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 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.

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

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

C1-5 Inventories

	2023	2023	2022	2022
	Current	Non-current	Current	Non-current
	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000
Inventories at cost				
Real estate for resale (refer to (i) below)	-	1,158	85	892
Stores and materials	403	226	375	226
Total inventories at cost	403	1,384	460	1,118
Total inventories	403	1,384	460	1,118
(i) Real estate development				
Residential – undeveloped		1,158	85	892
Total real estate for resale	_	1,158	85	892

Accounting policy

Raw materials and stores, work in progress and finished goods

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

Real estate held for resale/capitalisation of borrowing costs

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

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

C1-6 Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment

		At 1 July 2022			Asset movements during the reporting period					At 30 June 2023				
	Gross carrying amount	Accumulated depreciation and impairment	Net carrying amount	Additions renewals 1	Additions new assets	Carrying value of disposals	Depreciation expense	Impairment loss / revaluation decrements (recognised in P/L)	Transfers	Revaluation decrements to equity (ARR)	Revaluation increments to equity (ARR)	Gross carrying amount	Accumulated depreciation and impairment	Net carrying amount
By aggregated asset class	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000
Capital work in progress ²	4,290	_	4,290	1,619	2,079	(554)	_	_	(1,858)	-	-	5,576	_	5,576
Plant and equipment	3,509	(2,435)	1,074	-	1,185	(45)	(391)	-	-	-	-	4,501	(2,679)	1,822
Office equipment	2,070	(1,814)	256	-	240	(2)	(168)	-	-	-	-	2,258	(1,933)	325
Furniture and fittings	492	(353)	139	-	-	-	(24)	-	-	-	-	492	(377)	115
Land:														
 Operational land 	18,220	_	18,220	_	-	(2)	-	-	-	-	16,461	34,679	-	34,679
- Non-depreciable land improvements	2,951	_	2,951	_	-	-	-	-	-	-	212	3,163	-	3,163
 Depreciable land improvements 	3,594	(969)	2,625	18	-	-	(65)	-	(82)	(182)	-	3,955	(1,642)	2,313
Infrastructure:														
– Buildings	13,429	(4,191)	9,238	-	142	-	(254)	-	189	-	895	15,072	(4,862)	10,210
 Water supply network 	499,042	(158,048)	340,994	5,168	448	(432)	(5,778)	(240)	596	-	26,226	541,385	(174,404)	366,981
 Flood mitigation 	144,757	(14,046)	130,711	-	24	(91)	(740)	-	1,155	-	12,792	160,121	(16,268)	143,853
Total infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	692,354	(181,856)	510,498	6,805	4,118	(1,126)	(7,420)	(240)	-	(182)	56,586	771,202	(202,165)	569,037

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

(2) Carrying amount at 1 July 2022 has been restated due to a prior year error adjustment; refer to Note F4-1

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

		At 1 July 2021 1				Asset i	movements duri	ng the reporting	period			At 30 June 2022				
	Gross carrying amount	Accumulated depreciation and impairment	Net carrying amount	Additions renewals 1	Additions new assets	Carrying value of disposals	Depreciation expense	Impairment loss / revaluation decrements (recognised in P/L)	Transfers	Revaluation decrements to equity (ARR)	Revaluation increments to equity (ARR) ₁	Gross carrying amount	Accumulated depreciation and impairment	Net carrying amount		
By aggregated asset class	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000		
Capital work in progress ²	4,704	_	4,704	2,327	1,285	(549)	_	_	(3,477)	_	_	4,290	_	4,290		
Plant and equipment	4,508	(3,311)	1,197	_	330	(96)	(357)	-	-	-	_	3,509	(2,435)	1,074		
Office equipment	2,021	(1,663)	358	_	73	(6)	(169)	-	-	-	_	2,070	(1,814)	256		
Furniture and fittings Land:	755	(401)	354	-	-	(184)	(31)	-	-	-	-	492	(353)	139		
– Operational land	10,506	_	10,506	_	3,345	(78)	_	_	_	_	4,447	18,220	_	18,220		
Land improvements - non-depreciable	2,374	_	2,374	_	-	_	_	_	_	-	576	2,951	_	2,951		
Land improvements – depreciable Infrastructure:	3,371	(963)	2,408	-	-	-	(73)	-	(168)	-	458	3,594	(969)	2,625		
– Buildings	4,555	(2,625)	1,930	_	3,505	_	(210)	(56)	4,069	-	_	13,429	(4,191)	9,238		
 Water supply network 	486,651	(136,958)	349,693	3,745	3,854	(90)	(6,612)	(404)	(424)	(8,768)	_	499,042	(158,048)	340,994		
 Flood mitigation 	136,393	(12,831)	123,562	12	_	(9)	(683)	-	-	-	7,829	144,757	(14,046)	130,711		
Total infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	655,838	(158,752)	497,086	6,084	12,392	(1,012)	(8,135)	(460)	-	(8,768)	13,310	692,354	(181,856)	510,498		

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

(2) Additions (renewals) and Carrying amount at 30 June 2022 have been restated due to the prior year error adjustment; refer to Note F4-1.

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

Accounting policy

Initial recognition of infrastructure, property, plant and equipment (IPPE)

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

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

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

Useful lives of IPPE

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

	Useful lives
Equipment, furniture and fittings	2 - 20 yrs
Land	Infinite
Land improvements	5 - 20 yrs
Infrastructure:	
 Buildings and other structures 	20 - 100 yrs
 Bulk earthworks 	Infinite
 Water supply network 	15 - 150 yrs
 Open space / recreational assets 	5 - 20 yrs
 Flood mitigation infrastructure 	20 - 100 yrs

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

Revaluation model

Equipment, furniture and fittings are held at cost. All other infrastructure, property, plant and equipment is held at fair value. Comprehensive valuations are generally performed every 5 years, however the carrying amount of assets is assessed by Council at each reporting date to confirm that it is not materially different from current fair value.

Water and sewerage network assets are indexed at each reporting period in accordance with the Rates Reference Manual issued by Department of Planning, Industry and Environment – Water. Flood mitigation assets have been indexed for 2023 based on indexation rates provided by an independent valuer while building assets have been indexed using Valuer General rates. Operational land, and site improvements have been comprehensively revalued for 2023 and as such no indexation has been applied.

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

C1-7 Investment properties

	2023 \$ '000	2022 \$ '000
At fair value		
Opening balance at 1 July	-	795
Disposals during year	-	(795)
Closing balance at 30 June		_

C1-8 Intangible assets

Intangible assets are as follows:

	2023 \$ '000	2022 \$ '000
Software		
Opening values at 1 July		
Gross book value	1,787	1,787
Accumulated amortisation	(1,281)	(1,015)
Net book value – opening balance	506	772
Movements for the year		
Purchases	102	-
Amortisation charges	(155)	(266)
Gross book value written off	(94)	_
Accumulated amortisation charges written off	94	-
Closing values at 30 June		
Gross book value	1,795	1,787
Accumulated amortisation	(1,342)	(1,281)
Total software – net book value	453	506
Total intangible assets – net book value	453	506

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 ten years.

C2 Leasing activities

C2-1 Council as a lessee

Council has leases over buildings. Information relating to the leases in place and associated balances and transactions is provided below.

Buildings

Council leases land and buildings for their corporate office; the lease has recently been renewed and runs until 31 August 2024 with a 6 month extension option which is likely to be taken.

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

Extension options

Council includes options in the building lease to provide flexibility and certainty to Council operations and reduce costs of moving premises; and the extension options are at Council's discretion.

At commencement date and each subsequent reporting date, Council assesses where it is reasonably certain that the extension options will be exercised.

There are no potential future lease payments which are not included in lease liabilities as Council has assessed that the exercise of the option is reasonably certain.

(a) Right of use assets

	Administration	
	building	Total
	\$ '000	\$ '000
2023		
Opening balance at 1 July	34	34
Adjustments due to re-measurement of lease liability	634	634
Depreciation charge	(245)	(245)
Balance at 30 June	421	421
2022		
Opening balance at 1 July	293	293
Adjustments due to re-measurement of lease liability	(57)	(57)
Depreciation charge	(202)	(202)
Balance at 30 June	34	34

(b) Lease liabilities

	2023	2023	2022	2022
	Current	Non-current	Current	Non-current
	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000
Lease liabilities	257	164	50	_
Total lease liabilities	257	164	50	_

C2-1 Council as a lessee (continued)

(c) (i) The maturity analysis

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

	< 1 year \$ '000	1 – 5 years \$ '000	> 5 years \$ '000	Total \$ '000	Total per Statement of Financial Position \$ '000
2023 Cash Flows	257	164	_	421	421
2022 Cash Flows	50	_	_	50	50

(d) Income Statement

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

	2023	2022
	\$ '000	\$ '000
Interest on lease liabilities	2	2
Interest income from sub-leasing right of use assets	-	3
Depreciation of right of use assets	246	202
Expenses relating to low-value leases	194	70
	442	277

(e) Statement of Cash Flows

Total cash outflow for leases	458	157
	458	157

Accounting policy

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

C2-1 Council as a lessee (continued)

Exceptions to lease accounting

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

C2-2 Council as a lessor

(a) Operating leases

Council leases out a number of properties; these leases have been classified as operating leases for financial reporting purposes and the assets are included in the Statement of Financial Position as:

- investment property - where the asset is held predominantly for rental or capital growth purposes (refer note C1-7)

- property, plant and equipment - where the rental is incidental, or the asset is held to meet Councils service delivery objective (refer note C1-6).

2023	2022	
\$ '000	\$ '000	

(i) Assets held as investment property

Investment property operating leases relate to Council owned buildings not required for the operations of Council business.

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

Lease income (excluding variable lease payments not dependent on an index or rate)	_	30
Total income relating to operating leases for investment property assets	-	30
Operating lease expenses		
Direct operating expenses that generated rental income	_	8
Direct operating expenses that did not generate rental income		6
Total expenses relating to operating leases	-	14
Repairs and maintenance: investment property		
Other	_	10
Total repairs and maintenance: investment property	-	10
 (ii) Assets held as property, plant and equipment Council provides operating leases on Council land and buildings that are currently not required for operational purposes. Lease income (excluding variable lease payments not dependent on an index or rate) Total income relating to operating leases for Council assets 	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Other leased assets expenses		
Other	97	48
Total expenses relating to other leases assets	97	48
(iii) Maturity analysis of undiscounted lease payments to be received after reporting date for all operating leases:		

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

< 1 year	180	55
Total undiscounted lease payments to be received	180	55

C2-2 Council as a lessor (continued)

(b) Finance leases

202	3 2022
\$ '00) \$ '000

Council has sub-leased a section of the Administration building and has classified this as finance leases since the sub-lease is for the remaining life of the Council's lease to the building.

Finance income on the net investment in the lease	65	52
Total Income relating to finance leases	65	52

Maturity analysis of undiscounted lease payments to be received after reporting date for finance leases:

< 1 year Total lease payments receivable	74 74	<u> </u>
Net investment in the lease	4	12

Accounting policy

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

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

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

The lease income is recognised on a straight-line basis over the lease term for an operating lease and as finance income using amortised cost basis for finance leases.

C3 Liabilities of Council

C3-1 Payables

	2023	2023	2022	2022
	Current	Non-current	Current	Non-current
	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000
Goods and services	1,367	_	1,251	_
Capital creditors	1,284	-	809	_
Accrued expenses:				
– Borrowings	201	_	241	_
 Salaries and wages 	265	_	136	_
Accrued expenses	481	_	463	-
Other	-	-	7	_
Total payables	3,598	-	2,907	_

Accounting policy

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

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

C3-2 Contract Liabilities

	2023 Current \$ '000	2023 Non-current \$ '000	2022 Current \$ '000	2022 Non-current \$ '000
Funds held on behalf of other Government departments	508	-	228	_
Total contract liabilities	508	_	228	

Accounting policy

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

C3-3 Borrowings

	2023	2023	2022	2022
	Current	Non-current	Current	Non-current
	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000
Loans – secured	3,825	21,530	3,605	25,355
Total borrowings	3,825	21,530	3,605	25,355

(a) Changes in liabilities arising from financing activities

	2022	2022 Non-cash movements					
	Opening Balance \$ '000	Cash flows \$ '000	Acquisition \$ '000	Fair value changes \$ '000	Acquisition due to change in accounting policy \$ '000		Closing balance \$ '000
Loans – secured	28,960	(3,605)	-	_	-	-	25,355
Lease liability (Note C2-1b) Total liabilities from financing activities	5029,010	(3,605)		371			<u>421</u> 25,776

	2021			2022			
	Opening Balance \$ '000	Cash flows \$ '000	Acquisition \$ '000	Fair value changes \$ '000	Acquisition due to change in accounting policy \$ '000	Other non-cash movement \$ '000	Closing balance \$ '000
Loans – secured Lease liability (Note C2-1b)	32,358 361	(3,398)	-	_ (311)	-	-	28,960 50
Total liabilities from financing activities	32,719	(3,398)	_	(311)	_	_	29,010

(b) Financing arrangements

	2023	2022
	\$ '000	\$ '000
Total facilities		
Bank overdraft facilities 1	100	100
Credit cards/purchase cards	110	110
Total financing arrangements	210	210
Undrawn facilities		
– Bank overdraft facilities	100	100
 Credit cards/purchase cards 	110	110
Total undrawn financing arrangements	210	210

⁽¹⁾ The bank overdraft facility may be drawn at any time and may be terminated by the bank without notice.

Accounting policy

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

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

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

C3-4 Employee benefit provisions

	2023	2023	2022	2022	
	Current	Non-current	Current	Non-current	
	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	
Annual leave	838	-	833	_	
Long service leave	1,488	68	1,515	41	
TIL	41	-	61	_	
Total employee benefit provisions	2,367	68	2,409	41	

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

	2023	2022
	\$ '000	\$ '000
The following provisions, even though classified as current, are not expected to be settled in the next 12 months.		
Provisions – employees benefits	1,895	1,701
	1,895	1,701

Accounting policy

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

Short-term obligations

Liabilities for wages and salaries (including non-monetary benefits and annual 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 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.

C4 Reserves

C4-1 Nature and purpose of reserves

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

D Risks and accounting uncertainties

D1-1 Risks relating to financial instruments held

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's objective is to maximise its return on cash and investments whilst maintaining an adequate level of liquidity and preserving capital. The finance team manages the cash and Investments portfolio with the assistance of independent advisors. Council has an investment policy which complies with the s 625 of the Act and the Ministerial Investment Order. The policy is regularly reviewed by Council and a monthly investment report is provided to Council setting out the make-up performance of the portfolio as required by local government regulations.

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 the finance team under policies approved by the Councillors.

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

The risks associated with the financial instruments held are:

- · interest rate risk the risk that movements in interest rates could affect returns
- 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 a contracting entity will not complete its obligations under a financial instrument, resulting in a financial loss to the Council.

Council manages these risks 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 cash and investments.

(a) Market risk – interest rate and price risk

2023	2022
\$ '000	\$ '000

The impact on result for the year and equity of a reasonably possible movement in the price of investments held and interest rates is shown below. The reasonably possible movements were determined based on historical movements and economic conditions in place at the reporting date.

Impact of a 1% movement in interest rates – Equity / Income Statement

(b) Credit risk

Council's major receivables comprise user charges and fees, contributions from constituent councils and sundry debtors.

Council manages this risk by monitoring outstanding debt and employing stringent debt recovery procedures.

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.

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 debtors.

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

Receivables

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

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

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D1-1 Risks relating to financial instruments held (continued)

Not vet		Overdue	debts		
overdue	0 - 30 days	31 - 60 days	61 - 90 days	> 91 days	Total
\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000
Not yet		Overdue	debts		
overdue	0 - 30 days	31 - 60 days	61 - 90 days	> 91 days	Total
\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000
3,559	584	71	24	88	4,326
0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	27.37%	0.56%
-	-	_		24	24
2,804	_	_	_	190	2,994
0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	26.00%	1.65%
_	_	_	_	49	49
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(c) Liquidity risk

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

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

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

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

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

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

	Weighted average	Subject		payable in:			Actual
	interest rate	to no maturity	≤ 1 Year	1 - 5 Years	> 5 Years	Total cash outflows	carrying values
	%	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000 \$ '000		\$ '000	\$ '000
2023							
Payables	0.00%	_	3,598	_	_	3,598	3,598
Borrowings	6.02%	-	4,955	14,260	11,393	30,608	25,355
Total financial liabilities		-	8,553	14,260	11,393	34,206	28,953
2022							
Payables	0.00%	_	1,859	_	_	1,859	2,907
Borrowings	6.02%	_	4,955	17,864	12,744	35,563	28,960
Total financial liabilities			6,814	17,864	12,744	37,422	31,867

D2-1 Fair value measurement

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

- Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment

- Investment property

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 value m	easureme	nt hierarchy	/		
		Date of latest valuation		Level 2 Significant observable inputs		Level 3 Significant unobservable inputs		Total	
\$ '000	Notes	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
Recurring fair value meas	urement	s							
Investment property	C1-7								
Commercial property		31/10/21	31/10/21	-	_	-	_	-	_
Total investment									
property				_					_
Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	C1-6								
Buildings		30/06/18	30/06/18	-	_	10,210	9,238	10,210	9,238
Land		01/07/22	30/06/18	-	_	34,679	18,220	34,679	18,220
Non-depreciable land									
improvements		01/07/22	30/06/17	-	_	3,163	2,951	3,163	2,951
Depreciable land improvements		01/07/22	31/12/21	_	_	2,313	2,625	2,313	2,625
Water infrastructure: water		01/01/22	51/12/21			2,010	2,020	2,010	2,020
distribution assets		31/12/21	31/12/21	-	_	190,671	166,313	190,671	166,313
Water infrastructure: dams									
and treatment assets		31/12/21	31/12/21	-	-	176,309	174,681	176,309	174,681
Flood mitigation infrast.		23/06/20	30/06/20	-		143,853	130,711	143,853	130,711
Total infrastructure, property, plant and									
equipment				_		561,198	504,739	561,198	504,739

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).

Level 3 measurements

Valuation techniques

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

Class	Valuation Technique(s)	Unobservable Inputs
IPPE		

Plant, equipment, furniture, fittings and office equipment	Cost approach	Current replacement cost of modern equivalent asset, asset condition, useful life and residual value
		Price per square metre
Operational land	General	A comprehensive revaluation resulted in a revaluation increment of \$16.4M for the year ended 30 June 2023.
Non-depreciable	Cost approach Land values obtained	Patterns of consumption, asset conditions and remaining useful lives.
	from the NSW Valuer-	A NSW Valuer-General indexation factor of 7.20% has been applied to this asset class resulting in a revaluation increment of \$212K.
		Patterns of consumption, asset conditions and remaining useful lives.
Depreciable land improvements	Cost approach	A comprehensive revaluation resulted in a revaluation decrement of (\$182K) for the year ended 30 June 2023.
	Cost approach	Patterns of consumption, asset conditions and remaining useful lives.
Buildings	NSW building	NSW building construction indexation factors of between 9.54% and 9.70% have been applied to this asset class resulting in a revaluation increment of \$895K.
	Cost approach	Asset condition, remaining lives using componentisation
Water infrastructure: water distribution assets	sewerage construction	A NSW water supply and sewerage construction indexation factor of 7.71% have been applied to this asset class resulting in a revaluation increment of \$13.4M
Water infrastructure:	Cost approach	Asset condition, remaining lives using componentisation
dams and treatment assets	sewerage construction	A NSW water supply and sewerage construction indexation factor of 7.71% have been applied to this asset class resulting in a revaluation increment of \$12.8M
	Cost approach	Asset condition, remaining lives using componentisation
Flood mitigation infrastucture	Independent cost indice	Independent cost indexation factors of between 5.30% and 15.10% have been applied to this asset class resulting in a revaluation increment of \$12.8M

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

Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment (IPPE)

For land, buildings and infrastructure council generally obtains external valuations by independent valuers every five years. The last revaluation was performed by:

• Land & Site Improvements – APV Valuers & Asset Management for the 2022/23 financial year. APV Valuers & Asset Management is an independent entity and is not an employee of Council.

• Water Infrastructure – APV Valuers & Asset Management for the 2021/22 financial year. APV Valuers & Asset Management is an independent entity and is not an employee of Council.

• Flood Mitigation Infrastructure – Assetic for the 2019/20 financial year. Assetic is an independent entity and is not an employee of Council.

• Buildings – Taylor Byrne Pty Ltd for the 2017/18 financial year. Taylor Byrne Pty Ltd is an independent entity and is not an employee of Council.

At the end of each reporting period a fair value assessment is made on any movements since the last revaluation, and a determination as to whether any adjustments need to be made. These adjustments are made by way of application of indices.

In accordance with AASB 13 Fair Value Measurement no assets have been found to have a higher and better use than their current use. Highest and best use takes account of use that is physically possible, legally permissible and financially feasible.

The following non-current assets categorised above have been measured as either level 2 or level 3 based on the following valuation techniques and inputs:

The best evidence of fair value is current prices in an active market for similar properties. Where such information is not available the Council considers information from a variety of sources, including:

• Current prices in an active market for properties of a different nature or recent prices of similar properties in less active markets, adjusted to reflect those differences.

· Discounted cash flow projections based on reliable estimates of future cash flows.

• Capitalised income projections based on a property's estimated not market income, and a capitalisation rate derived from an analysis of market evidence.

All resulting fair value estimates for properties are included in level 3.

Specialised buildings were valued using the cost approach using professionally qualified Registered Valuers. The approach estimated replacement cost for each building componentising the buildings into significant parts with different useful lives and taking into account a range of factors. While the unit rates based on square metres could be supported from market evidence (level 2) other inputs (such as estimates of useful life, pattern of consumption and asset condition) required extensive professional judgement and impacted significantly on the final determination of fair value. As such these assets were classified as having been valued using level 3 valuation inputs.

Newly Completed Buildings are categorised as level 2, as the initial measurement is recognised at cost and is represented accordingly until subject to revaluation. This is considered appropriate as, once assets are brought into use, there is no longer an identical correlation with the "shelf product". Council did not have any of these assets at reporting date.

For infrastructure, many assets are of a specialised nature or use, and thus the most appropriate valuation method is current replacement cost. These assets are included as Level 3 as these assets have a high level of unobservable inputs.

For non-specialised assets with short useful lives, AASB 13 allows recognition at depreciated historical cost as an acceptable surrogate for fair value as differences are considered immaterial.

Water Infrastructure Assets

Council's water infrastructure assets include Distributions Assets (such as water pipelines), Treatment Assets (such as treatment plants) and Source Assets (such as Rocky Creek Dam) and Catchment Assets.

These assets are valued by an external valuer every 5 years using the cost approach.

In between full revaluations, these assets are indexed each year in line with the NSW Reference Rates Manuals as published by the NSW Office of Water.

Whilst the units rates based on linear metres of certain diameter pipes and prices per unit per pit or similar capacity can be supported by market evidence (Level 2), other inputs (such as estimates or residual value, useful life, pattern of consumption and asset condition) require extensive professional judgement and impact significantly on the final determination of fair value. As such, this asset class is classified as being valued using Level 3 inputs. There has been no change to the valuation process during the reporting period.

The current replacement cost of each asset is calculated to assess fair value. The current replacement cost of the individual infrastructure assets is assessed by referencing to building costs in external publications such as the Rawlinson's Australian Construction Handbook and with allowances made for the regional locations as well as internal project costs for similar assets. The useful economic life of the assets is assessed in accordance with Council's Asset Capitalisation Policy as described in Note A1-1. The remaining economic life is assessed based upon physical deprecation and obsolescence. The council provides details to the valuer, of any known structural faults and future planning which may involve the demolition or removal of an asset. Any new assets constructed in between full revaluation years are included and where refurbishment has been undertaken the capital expenditure is reflected in the remaining life of the asset.

Construction costs used to establish gross replacement cost are not expected to have significant variations, unless new construction is impacted by building/construction variations. Sensitivity to changes in unobservable inputs may significantly impact on fair value. Council's exposure to sensitivity of the unobservable inputs is generally limited to the projected increase in infrastructure construction costs which has historically been in the range of 2-5% per annum. Disclosure of additional quantitative information about significant unobservable inputs is considered immaterial.

Flood Mitigation Infrastructure

The current replacement cost of each asset is calculated to assess fair value. The current replacement cost of the individual infrastructure assets is assessed by referencing to building costs in external publications such as the Rawlinson's Australian Construction Handbook and with allowances made for the regional locations as well as internal project costs for similar assets. The useful economic life of the assets is assessed in accordance with Council's Asset Capitalisation Policy as described in Note A1-1. The remaining economic life is assessed based upon physical deprecation and obsolescence. The council provides details to the valuer, of any known structural faults and future planning which may involve the demolition or removal of an asset. Any new assets constructed in between full revaluation years are included and where refurbishment has been undertaken the capital expenditure is reflected in the remaining life of the asset.

Construction costs used to establish gross replacement cost are not expected to have significant variations, unless new construction is impacted by building/construction variations. The Council is not aware of any sensitivity to changes in unobservable inputs that may significantly impact on fair value.

Fair value measurements using significant unobservable inputs (level 3)

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

	Buildings		Land		Non-deprec. Land improv.		Deprec. Land improv.	
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000
Opening balance	9,238	1,930	18,220	10,506	2,951	2,374	2,625	2,408
Total gains or losses for the period			-					
Recognised in other comprehensive income								
– revaluation surplus	895	_	16,461	4,447	212	577	(183)	458
Other movements								
Transfers from/(to) another asset class	189	4,069	_	_	-	_	(82)	(168)
Purchases (GBV)	142	3,505	_	3,345	_	_	18	
Disposals (WDV)	_	, _	(2)	(78)	_	_	_	_
Depreciation and impairment	(254)	(266)	_	_	_	_	(65)	(73)
Closing balance	10,210	9,238	34,679	18,220	3,163	2,951	2,313	2,625

	Water distribution		Water dams & treatment		Flood mitigation		Total	
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000
Opening balance	174,679	174,161	166,314	175,531	130,711	123,561	504,738	490,471
Recognised in other comprehensive income								
 revaluation surplus 	13,403	(6,837)	12,823	(1,741)	12,792	7,829	56,403	4,733
Transfers from/(to) level 2 FV hierarchy	-	_	377	_	-	_	377	-
Transfers from/(to) another asset class	219	3,137	_	(3,564)	1,155	_	1,481	3,474
Purchases (GBV)	5,437	7,252	178	156	24	12	5,799	14,270
Disposals (WDV)	(303)	_	(129)	(91)	(90)	(8)	(524)	(177)
Depreciation and impairment	(2,764)	(3,034)	(3,254)	(3,977)	(740)	(683)	(7,077)	(8,033)
Closing balance	190,671	174,679	176,309	166,314	143,852	130,711	561,197	504,738

Highest and best use

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

D3-1 Contingencies

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

LIABILITIES NOT RECOGNISED

1. Guarantees

(i) Defined benefit superannuation contribution plans

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

- Assets are not segregated within the sub-group according to the employees of each sponsoring employer.

- The contribution rates have been the same for all sponsoring employers. That is, contribution rates have not varied for each sponsoring employer according to the experience relating to the employees of that sponsoring employer.

- Benefits for employees of all sponsoring employers are determined according to the same formulae and without regard to the sponsoring employer.

- The same actuarial assumptions are currently used in respect of the employees of each sponsoring employer.

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

Description of the funding arrangements.

Pooled Employers are required to pay 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 member contributions for non-180 Point Members; Nil for 180 Point Members*
Division C	2.5% salaries
Division D	1.64 times member contributions

* For 180 Point Members, Employers are required to contribute 8.0% of salaries for the year ending 30 June 2023 (increasing to 8.5% in line with the increase in the Superannuation Guarantee) to these members' accumulation accounts, which are paid in addition to members' defined benefits.

The past service contribution for each Pooled Employer is a share of the total past service contributions of \$20.0 million for 1 July 2022 to 31 December 2024, apportioned according to each employer's share of the accrued liabilities as at 30 June 2022. These past service contributions are used to maintain the adequacy of the funding position for the accrued liabilities.

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

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

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

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

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

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

D3-1 Contingencies (continued)

The amount of Council employer contributions to the defined benefit section of the Local Government Superannuation Scheme and recognised as an expense for the year ending 30 June 2023 was \$49,958.55. The last valuation of the Scheme was performed by the Fund Actuary, Richard Boyfield FIAA, and covers the period ended 30 June 2022.

Council's expected contribution to the plan for the next annual reporting period is \$51,732.72.

The estimated employer reserves financial position for the Pooled Employers at 30 June 2023 is:

Employer reserves only *	\$millions	Asset Coverage
Assets	2,290.9	
Past Service Liabilities	2,236.1	102.4%
Vested Benefits	2,253.6	101.7%

* excluding member 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 return 6.0% per annum	
Salary inflation *	3.5% per annum
Increase in CPI	6.0% for FY 22/23
	2.5% per annum thereafter

* Plus promotional increases

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

Please note that the estimated employer reserves financial position above is a prelimnary calculation, and once all the relevant information has been received by the Funds Actuary, the final end of year review will be completed by December 2023.

E People and relationships

E1 Related party disclosures

E1-1 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:

	2023	2022
	\$ '000	\$ '000
Compensation:		
Short-term benefits	361	336
Post-employment benefits	41	24
Other long-term benefits	10	25
Total	412	385

E1-2 Councillor and Chairperson fees and associated expenses

2023	2022
\$ '000	\$ '000

The aggregate amount of Councillor and Chairperson fees and associated expenses included in materials and services expenses in the Income Statement are:

Chairperson's fee	19	14
Councillors' fees	92	69
Councillors' (incl. Chairperson) expenses	23	13
Total	134	96

E2 Other relationships

E2-1 Audit fees

	2023 \$ '000	2022 \$ '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	71	73
Remuneration for audit and other assurance services	71	73
Total Auditor-General remuneration	71	73
Non NSW Auditor-General audit firms		
Total audit fees	71	73

F Other matters

F1-1 Statement of Cash Flows information

Reconciliation of net operating result to cash provided from operating activities

	2023	2022 Restated
	\$ '000	\$ '000
Net operating result from Income Statement	4,205	3,363
Add / (less) non-cash items:	-,••	0,000
Depreciation and amortisation	7,820	8,603
(Gain) / loss on disposal of assets	460	193
Losses/(gains) recognised on fair value re-measurements through the P&L:		
 Revaluation decrements / impairments of IPP&E direct to P&L 	240	460
Movements in operating assets and liabilities and other cash items:		
(Increase) / decrease of receivables	(1,332)	(899)
(Increase) / decrease of inventories	(28)	13
(Increase) / decrease of other current assets	(699)	65
Increase / (decrease) in payables	116	643
Increase / (decrease) in accrued interest payable	(40)	(39)
Increase / (decrease) in other accrued expenses payable	147	271
Increase / (decrease) in other liabilities	(7)	7
Increase / (decrease) in contract liabilities	280	(769)
Increase / (decrease) in employee benefit provision	(15)	186
Net cash flows from operating activities	11,147	12,097

F2-1 Commitments

Capital commitments (exclusive of GST)

	2023	2022
	\$ '000	\$ '000
Capital expenditure committed for at the reporting date but not recognised in the financial statements as liabilities:		
Property, plant and equipment		
Buildings	222	257
Plant and equipment	71	26
Infrastructure	4,972	6,603

Details of capital commitments

Land development

Total commitments

Council has committed to progressing several projects including the St Helena 600 upgrade, the Smart Metering and Backflow program, the Gallans Road workplace consolidation and Reticulation Mains projects.

106

6,992

103

5,368

F3-1 Events occurring after the reporting date

There are no known events that would impact on the Council or have a material impact on the financial statements.

F4 Changes from prior year statements

F4-1 Correction of errors

Nature of prior period error

The following prior period error has been identified:

In the previous financial year the renewal of a flood mitigation asset at West Coraki was incorrectly reported as a repair and recognised in 'Materials and services' expenses rather than a capital renewal in progress.

Council considers the error to be material and has corrected the comparative amounts presented for the year ended 30 June 2022, as follows:

As at 30 June 2022:

Infrastructure, Property, Plant and Equipment	\$1,149,743	Increase
Operating Expenditure	\$1,149,743	Decrease

The error identified above has been corrected by restating the balances at the end of 30 June 2022 and taking the adjustment through to the accumlated surplus at that date. Comparatives have been changed to reflect the correction of errors. The impact on each line item is shown in the tables below.

F4-1 Correction of errors (continued)

Adjustments to the comparative figures for the year ended 30 June 2022

Statement of Financial Position

	Original Balance 30 June, 2022 \$ '000	Impact Increase/ (decrease) \$ '000	Restated Balance 30 June, 2022 \$ '000
Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	509,348	1,150	510,498
Total non-current assets	512,506	1,150	513,656
Total assets	555,628	1,150	556,778
Net assets	521,033	1,150	522,183
Accumulated surplus	247,112	1,150	248,262
Total equity	521,033	1,150	522,183

Income Statement

	Original Balance 30 June, 2022 \$ '000	Impact Increase/ (decrease) \$ '000	Restated Balance 30 June, 2022 \$ '000
Materials and services	11,373	(1,150)	10,223
Total expenses from continuing operations	32,349	(1,150)	31,199
Net operating result for the year	2,213	1,150	3,363

Statement of Comprehensive Income

	Original Balance 30 June, 2022 \$ '000	Impact Increase/ (decrease) \$ '000	Restated Balance 30 June, 2022 \$ '000
Materials and services	2,213	1,150	3,363
Net operating result for the year	2,213	1,150	3,363
Total comprehensive income for the year	6,755	1,150	7,905

Impact on the Statement of Cash Flows

The correction of the error resulted in a decrease of payments for materials and services under operating activities by \$1.15m and an increase in payments for IPPE under investing activities by \$1.15m for the year ended 30 June 2022.

F5 Statement of developer contributions as at 30 June 2023

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.

F5-1 S64 contributions

	Opening	Contributio	ons received during the yea	ar	Interest and			Held as	Cumulative balance of internal
	balance at 1 July 2022	Cash	Non-cash Land	Non-cash Other	investment income earned	Amounts expended	Internal borrowings	restricted asset at 30 June 2023	borrowings (to)/from
	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000
S64									
S64 contributions	-	5,176	-	-	-	(5,176)	-	-	-
Total	_	5,176	-	-	-	(5,176)	_	-	-

F6 Statement of performance measures

F6-1 Statement of performance measures – consolidated results

	Amounts	Indicator	Indic	ators	Benchmark
			Restated		
\$ '000	2023	2023	2022	2021	
I. Operating performance ratio					
Total continuing operating revenue excluding					
capital grants and contributions less operating					
expenses ^{1,2}	(271)	(0.88)%	(5.58)%	(4.92)%	> 0.00%
Fotal continuing operating revenue excluding capital grants and contributions ¹	30,912				
2. Own source operating revenue ratio					
Fotal continuing operating revenue excluding all					
grants and contributions ¹	28,690	79.50%	73.82%	78.85%	> 60.00%
otal continuing operating revenue ¹	36,088				
3. Unrestricted current ratio					
Current assets less all external restrictions	36,586	4.00	1.00.	7.00.	. 4 50
Current liabilities less specific purpose liabilities	9,112	4.02x	4.26x	7.03x	> 1.50x
I. Debt service cover ratio					
Operating result before capital excluding interest					
and depreciation/impairment/amortisation 1	8,862	1.71x	1.65x	1.59x	> 2.00x
Principal repayments (Statement of Cash Flows) olus borrowing costs (Income Statement)	5,180	1.71X	1.00X	1.59X	2.00X
5. Cash expense cover ratio					
Current year's cash and cash equivalents plus all					
erm deposits	37,772	15.24	19.90	25.80	> 3.00
Monthly payments from cash flow of operating	2,479	months	months	months	months
and financing activities	2,773				

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

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

End of the audited financial statements

General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2023

Independent Auditor's Reports:

On the Financial Statements (Sect 417 [2])

Independent Auditor's Report

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General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2023

Independent Auditor's Reports: (continued)

On the Financial Statements (Sect 417 [3])

Independent Auditor's Report

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SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2023



Special Purpose Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2023

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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 2023

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

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

- NSW Government Policy Statement, Application of National Competition Policy to Local Government
- Division of Local Government Guidelines, Pricing and Costing for Council Businesses: A Guide to Competitive Neutrality
- The Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting
- Sections 3 and 4 of the NSW Department of Planning and Environment, Water's Regulatory and assurance framework for local water utilities.

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

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

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

Signed in accordance with a resolution of Council made on 18 October 2023.

Robert Mustow Chairperson 18 October 2023 Sharon Cadwallader Deputy Chairperson 18 October 2023

Phillip Rudd General Manager 18 October 2023 Jonathan Patino Responsible Accounting Officer 18 October 2023

Income Statement of water supply business activity

for the year ended 30 June 2023

	2023 \$ '000	2022 \$ '000
Income from continuing operations		
User charges	24,041	22,470
Interest and investment income	1,037	212
Grants and contributions provided for operating purposes	571	1,763
Other income	1,234	139
Total income from continuing operations	26,883	24,584
Expenses from continuing operations		
Employee benefits and on-costs	9,238	8,431
Borrowing costs	1,313	1,520
Materials and services	8,522	7,787
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment	7,204	8,221
Net loss from the disposal of assets	369	22
Other expenses		9
Total expenses from continuing operations	26,646	25,990
Surplus (deficit) from continuing operations before capital amounts	237	(1,406)
Grants and contributions provided for capital purposes	5,175	5,632
Surplus (deficit) from continuing operations after capital amounts	5,412	4,226
Surplus (deficit) from all operations before tax	5,412	4,226
Surplus (deficit) after tax	5,412	4,226
Plus accumulated surplus	128,233	124,007
Plus/less: Correction of error	-	_
Plus adjustments for amounts unpaid: Less:		
Closing accumulated surplus	133,645	128,233
Return on capital %	0.0%	0.0%
Subsidy from Council	-	-
Calculation of dividend payable:		
Surplus (deficit) after tax	5,412	4,226
Surplus for dividend calculation purposes	5,412	4,226
Potential dividend calculated from surplus	2,706	2,113

Statement of Financial Position of water supply business activity

as at 30 June 2023

	2023 \$ '000	2022 \$ '000
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	7,744	2,597
Investments	25,603	31,197
Receivables	4,263	2,340
Inventories	334	316
Other	1,313	614
Total current assets	39,257	37,064
Non-current assets		
Right of use assets	421	34
Investments	-	1,500
Inventories	226	226
Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	425,098	378,528
Intangible assets	453	507
Total non-current assets	426,198	380,795
Total assets	465,455	417,859
LIABILITIES Current liabilities		
Lease liabilities	257	50
Payables	3,382	2,629
Borrowings	3,825	3,605
Employee benefit provisions	2,366	2,409
Total current liabilities	9,830	8,693
Non-current liabilities		
Lease liabilities	164	-
Borrowings	21,530	25,355
Employee benefit provisions	68	41
Total non-current liabilities	21,762	25,396
Total liabilities	31,592	34,089
Net assets	433,863	383,770
EQUITY		
	400.044	400.000
Accumulated surplus Revaluation reserves	133,644	128,232
	300,219	255,538
Total equity	433,863	383,770

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 2021* (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)

Water

Provision of safe drinking water to the Constituent Councils and their consumers.

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% (21/22 25%)

<u>Land tax</u> – the first 969,000 of combined land values attracts **0%**. For the combined land values in excess of 969,000 up to 5,925,000 the rate is 100 + 1.6%. For the remaining combined land value that exceeds 5,925,000 a premium marginal rate of **2.0%** applies.

Note – Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Payroll tax – 5.45% on the value of taxable salaries and wages in excess of \$1,200,000.

In accordance with the Department of Planning, Industry & Environment – 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 Act.

Achievement of substantial compliance to the DPIE – 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% (21/22 25%).

Income tax is only applied where a gain from ordinary activities before capital amounts has been achieved. Since the taxation equivalent is notional – that is, it is payable to the 'Council' as the owner of business operations – it represents an internal payment and has no effect on the operations of the Council.

Accordingly, there is no need for disclosure of internal charges in the SPFS. The rate applied of 25% is the equivalent company tax rate prevalent at reporting date. No adjustments have been made for variations that have occurred during the year.

Local government rates and charges

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

Loan and debt guarantee fees

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

(i) Subsidies

Government policy requires that subsidies provided to customers, and the funding of those subsidies, must be explicitly disclosed. Subsidies occur where Council provides services on a less than cost recovery basis. This option is exercised on a range of services in order for Council to meet its community service obligations. The overall effect of subsidies is contained within the Income Statements of business activities.

(ii) Return on investments (rate of return)

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

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

The rate of return is calculated as follows:

Operating result before capital income + interest expense

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

As a minimum, business activities should generate a return equal to the Commonwealth 10 year bond rate which is 4.008% at 30/06/23.

(iii) Dividends

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

Note – Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Local government water supply businesses are permitted to pay an annual dividend from its water supply 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 assessments at 30 June 2020 multiplied by \$30 (less the payment for tax equivalent charges, not exceeding \$3 per assessment).

In accordance with the Best Practice Management of Water Supply and Sewer 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.

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Asset Class	Asset Category	Estimated cost to bring assets	Estimated cost to bring to the agreed level of service set by Council	2022/23 Required maintenance ª	2022/23 Actual maintenance	Net carrying amount	Gross replacement cost (GRC)	Assets		ition as a eplaceme		
		\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	1	2	3	4	5
Buildings	Buildings	_	_	212	53	5,426	8,866	5.6%	0.4%	94.1%	0.0%	0.0%
J	Other	-	_	_		- 0.0%	0.0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	Council works depot	-	-	357	375	4,784	6,206	0.1%	0.0%	99.9%	0.0%	0.0%
	Sub-total		_	569	428	10,210	15,072	3.3%	0.2%	96.5%	0.0%	0.0%
Water supply	Water supply network	5,143	5,143	6,834	6,105	366,981	541,385	29.9%	53.9%	12.0%	4.2%	0.0%
network	Sub-total	5,143	5,143	6,834	6,105	366,981	541,385	29.9%	53.9%	12.0%	4.2%	0.0%
Flood mitigatio	n Flood mitigation	989	989	348	287	143,853	160,121	5.3%	74.3%	17.8%	2.6%	0.0%
network	Sub-total	989	989	348	287	143,853	160,121	5.3%	74.3%	17.8%	2.6%	0.0%
	Total – all assets	6,132	6,132	7,751	6,820	521,044	716,578	23.9%	57.3%	15.0%	3.8%	0.0%

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

Infrastructure asset condition assessment 'key'

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

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Infrastructure asset performance indicators (consolidated) *

	Amounts	Indicator	Indicator Indicators		
			Restated		
\$ '000	2023	2023	2022	2021	
Buildings and infrastructure renewals ratio					
Asset renewals ¹	6,805	97.05%	C1 059/	00.00%	> 100 00%
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment	7,012	97.05%	61.95%	90.06%	> 100.00%
Infrastructure backlog ratio					
Estimated cost to bring assets to a satisfactory					
standard	6,132	1.16%	1.81%	1.37%	< 2.00%
Net carrying amount of infrastructure assets	526,620				
Asset maintenance ratio					
Actual asset maintenance	6,820	07.00%	<u> </u>	07 4 40/	. 400.000/
Required asset maintenance	7,751	87.99%	69.68%	97.14%	> 100.00%
Cost to bring assets to agreed service level					
Estimated cost to bring assets to					
an agreed service level set by Council	6,132	0.86%	2.65%	4.24%	
Gross replacement cost	716,578	0.0070	2.0070	1.2470	

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

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