

Annual Financial Statements as at 30 June 2015

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GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended 30 June 2015



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General Purpose Financial Statements

for the financial year ended 30 June 2015

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Overview

(i) These financial statements are General Purpose Financial Statements and cover the consolidated operations for Griffith City Council.

(ii) Griffith City Council is a body politic of NSW, Australia - being constituted as a Local Government area by proclamation and is duly empowered by the Local Government Act (LGA) 1993 of NSW.

Council's Statutory Charter is detailed in Paragraph 8 of the LGA and includes giving Council;

- the ability to provide goods, services & facilities, and to carry out activities appropriate to the current & future needs of the local community and of the wider public,
- the responsibility for administering regulatory requirements under the LGA and
- a role in the management, improvement and development of the resources in the area.

A description of the nature of Council's operations and its principal activities are provided in Note 2(b).

(iii) All figures presented in these financial statements are presented in Australian Currency.

(iv) These financial statements were authorised for issue by the Council on 28 October 2015. Council has the power to amend and reissue these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the financial year ended 30 June 2015

Understanding Council's Financial Statements

Introduction

Each year, individual Local Governments across NSW are required to present a set of audited financial statements to their Council & Community.

What you will find in the Statements

The financial statements set out the financial performance, financial position & cash flows of Council for the financial year ended 30 June 2015.

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

About the Councillor/Management Statement

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

About the Primary Financial Statements

The financial statements incorporate 5 "primary" financial statements:

1. The Income Statement

Summarises Council's financial performance for the year, listing all income & expenses.

This statement also displays Council's original adopted budget to provide a comparison between what was projected and what actually occurred.

2. The Statement of Comprehensive Income

Primarily records changes in the fair values of Council's Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment.

3. The Statement of Financial Position

A 30 June snapshot of Council's financial position indicating its Assets, Liabilities & "Net Wealth".

4. The Statement of Changes in Equity

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

5. The Statement of Cash Flows

Indicates where Council's cash came from and where it was spent.

This statement also displays Council's original adopted budget to provide a comparison between what was projected and what actually occurred.

About the Notes to the Financial Statements

The Notes to the financial statements provide greater detail and additional information on the 5 primary financial statements.

About the Auditor's Reports

Council's financial statements are required to be audited by external accountants (that generally specialize in Local Government).

In NSW, the Auditor provides 2 audit reports:

1. An opinion on whether the financial statements present fairly the Council's financial performance & position, &
2. Their observations on the conduct of the Audit including commentary on the Council's financial performance & financial position.

Who uses the Financial Statements ?

The financial statements are publicly available documents & must be presented at a Council meeting between 7 days & 5 weeks after the date of the Audit Report.

Submissions from the public can be made to Council up to 7 days subsequent to the public presentation of the financial statements.

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

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General Purpose Financial Statements

for the financial year ended 30 June 2015

Statement by Councillors and Management

made pursuant to Section 413(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993 (as amended)

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

- The Local Government Act 1993 (as amended) and the Regulations made thereunder,
- The Australian Accounting Standards and professional pronouncements, and
- The Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting.

To the best of our knowledge and belief, these Financial Statements:

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

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

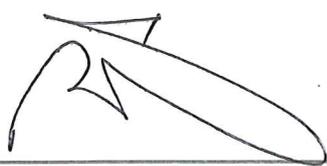
Signed in accordance with a resolution of Council made on 13 October 2015.



Cr John Dal Broi
MAYOR



Cr Doug Curran
COUNCILLOR



Brett Stonestreet
GENERAL MANAGER



Max Turner
RESPONSIBLE ACCOUNTING OFFICER

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Income Statement

for the financial year ended 30 June 2015

Budget ¹ 2015	\$ '000	Notes	Actual 2015	Actual 2014
Income from Continuing Operations				
<i>Revenue:</i>				
27,715	Rates & Annual Charges	3a	28,158	27,488
13,423	User Charges & Fees	3b	13,388	12,333
1,213	Interest & Investment Revenue	3c	1,275	1,267
956	Other Revenues	3d	1,048	991
7,047	Grants & Contributions provided for Operating Purposes	3e,f	7,877	5,698
3,129	Grants & Contributions provided for Capital Purposes	3e,f	5,660	6,510
<i>Other Income:</i>				
80	Net gains from the disposal of assets	5	87	94
-	Net Share of interests in Joint Ventures & Associates using the equity method	19	-	69
53,563	Total Income from Continuing Operations		57,493	54,450
Expenses from Continuing Operations				
21,186	Employee Benefits & On-Costs	4a	22,916	20,765
1,633	Borrowing Costs	4b	1,624	1,770
10,936	Materials & Contracts	4c	8,937	9,202
9,752	Depreciation & Amortisation	4d	10,931	10,003
-	Impairment	4d	-	-
4,801	Other Expenses	4e	3,972	4,206
-	Net Share of interests in Joint Ventures & Associates using the equity method	19	4	-
48,308	Total Expenses from Continuing Operations		48,384	45,946
5,255	Operating Result from Continuing Operations		9,109	8,504
Discontinued Operations				
-	Net Profit/(Loss) from Discontinued Operations	24	-	-
5,255	Net Operating Result for the Year		9,109	8,504
5,255	Net Operating Result attributable to Council		9,109	8,504
-	Net Operating Result attributable to Non-controlling Interests		-	-
2,126	Net Operating Result for the year before Grants and Contributions provided for Capital Purposes		3,449	1,994

¹ Original Budget as approved by Council - refer Note 16

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Statement of Comprehensive Income
for the financial year ended 30 June 2015

\$ '000	Notes	Actual 2015	Actual 2014
Net Operating Result for the year (as per Income statement)		9,109	8,504
Other Comprehensive Income:			
Amounts which will not be reclassified subsequently to the Operating Result			
Gain (loss) on revaluation of I,PP&E	20b (ii)	3,738	116,738
Water Entitlement availal. for Temp/Perm Sale revaluation for year	20b (ii)	1,521	729
Total Items which will not be reclassified subsequently to the Operating Result		5,259	117,467
Amounts which will be reclassified subsequently to the Operating Result when specific conditions are met			
Nil			
Total Other Comprehensive Income for the year		5,259	117,467
Total Comprehensive Income for the Year		14,368	125,971
Total Comprehensive Income attributable to Council		14,368	125,971
Total Comprehensive Income attributable to Non-controlling Interests		-	-

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Statement of Financial Position
as at 30 June 2015

\$ '000	Notes	Actual 2015	Actual 2014
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash & Cash Equivalents	6a	18,718	9,956
Investments	6b	9,642	13,256
Receivables	7	7,746	8,942
Inventories	8	1,366	1,337
Other	8	329	34
Non-current assets classified as "held for sale"	22	-	-
Total Current Assets		37,801	33,525
Non-Current Assets			
Investments	6b	6,000	3,000
Receivables	7	32	38
Inventories	8	7,032	5,511
Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	9	675,590	671,736
Investments accounted for using the equity method	19	320	303
Investment Property	14	-	-
Intangible Assets	25	-	-
Total Non-Current Assets		688,974	680,588
TOTAL ASSETS		726,775	714,113
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Payables	10	5,949	6,418
Borrowings	10	1,399	2,033
Provisions	10	5,885	5,554
Total Current Liabilities		13,233	14,005
Non-Current Liabilities			
Payables	10	9	12
Borrowings	10	20,670	21,569
Provisions	10	162	194
Total Non-Current Liabilities		20,841	21,775
TOTAL LIABILITIES		34,074	35,780
Net Assets		692,701	678,333
EQUITY			
Retained Earnings	20	381,139	372,030
Revaluation Reserves	20	311,562	306,303
Council Equity Interest		692,701	678,333
Non-controlling Equity Interests		-	-
Total Equity		692,701	678,333

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Statement of Changes in Equity
for the financial year ended 30 June 2015

\$ '000	Notes	Retained Earnings	Reserves (Refer 20b)	Council Interest	Non- controlling Interest	Total Equity
2015						
Opening Balance (as per Last Year's Audited Accounts)		371,796	306,303	678,099	-	678,099
a. Correction of Prior Period Errors	20 (c)	-	-	-	-	-
b. Changes in Accounting Policies (prior year effects)	20 (d)	234	-	234	-	234
Revised Opening Balance (as at 1/7/14)		372,030	306,303	678,333	-	678,333
c. Net Operating Result for the Year		9,109	-	9,109	-	9,109
d. Other Comprehensive Income						
- Revaluations : IPP&E Asset Revaluation Rsve	20b (ii)	-	3,738	3,738	-	3,738
- Revaluations: Other Reserves	20b (ii)	-	-	-	-	-
- Transfers to Income Statement	20b (ii)	-	-	-	-	-
- Impairment (loss) reversal relating to I,PP&E	20b (ii)	-	-	-	-	-
- Other Movements - Water Entitlements	20b (ii)	-	1,521	1,521	-	1,521
Other Comprehensive Income		-	5,259	5,259	-	5,259
Total Comprehensive Income (c&d)		9,109	5,259	14,368	-	14,368
e. Distributions to/(Contributions from) Non-controlling Interests		-	-	-	-	-
f. Transfers between Equity		-	-	-	-	-
Equity - Balance at end of the reporting period		381,139	311,562	692,701	-	692,701
2014						
Opening Balance (as per Last Year's Audited Accounts)		363,292	188,836	552,128	-	552,128
a. Correction of Prior Period Errors	20 (c)	-	-	-	-	-
b. Changes in Accounting Policies (prior year effects)	20 (d)	234	-	234	-	234
Revised Opening Balance (as at 1/7/13)		363,526	188,836	552,362	-	552,362
c. Net Operating Result for the Year		8,504	-	8,504	-	8,504
d. Other Comprehensive Income						
- Revaluations : IPP&E Asset Revaluation Rsve	20b (ii)	-	116,738	116,738	-	116,738
- Revaluations: Other Reserves	20b (ii)	-	-	-	-	-
- Transfers to Income Statement	20b (ii)	-	-	-	-	-
- Impairment (loss) reversal relating to I,PP&E	20b (ii)	-	-	-	-	-
- Other Movements - Water Entitlements	20b (ii)	-	729	729	-	729
Other Comprehensive Income		-	117,467	117,467	-	117,467
Total Comprehensive Income (c&d)		8,504	117,467	125,971	-	125,971
e. Distributions to/(Contributions from) Non-controlling Interests		-	-	-	-	-
f. Transfers between Equity		-	-	-	-	-
Equity - Balance at end of the reporting period		372,030	306,303	678,333	-	678,333

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Statement of Cash Flows

for the financial year ended 30 June 2015

Budget 2015	\$ '000	Notes	Actual 2015	Actual 2014
Cash Flows from Operating Activities				
Receipts:				
27,715	Rates & Annual Charges		28,261	27,458
13,423	User Charges & Fees		15,058	11,726
1,257	Investment & Interest Revenue Received		1,509	1,097
11,308	Grants & Contributions		14,055	12,963
974	Other		2,551	2,028
Payments:				
(21,186)	Employee Benefits & On-Costs		(22,754)	(20,807)
(10,954)	Materials & Contracts		(11,745)	(10,652)
(1,677)	Borrowing Costs		(1,561)	(1,696)
-	Bonds, Deposits & Retention amounts refunded		(29)	(77)
(5,934)	Other		(4,625)	(4,492)
14,926	Net Cash provided (or used in) Operating Activities	11b	20,720	17,548
Cash Flows from Investing Activities				
Receipts:				
-	Sale of Investment Securities		8,129	9,820
-	Sale of Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment		810	1,051
158	Deferred Debtors Receipts		5	-
Payments:				
-	Purchase of Investment Securities		(7,515)	(16,256)
(14,163)	Purchase of Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment		(11,770)	(13,238)
-	Deferred Debtors & Advances Made		-	(3)
-	Contributions Paid to Joint Ventures & Associates		(21)	-
(2,718)	Other Investing Activity Payments		-	-
(16,723)	Net Cash provided (or used in) Investing Activities		(10,362)	(18,626)
Cash Flows from Financing Activities				
Receipts:				
1,000	Proceeds from Borrowings & Advances		-	500
-	Proceeds from Finance Leases		-	144
Payments:				
(2,147)	Repayment of Borrowings & Advances		(1,495)	(2,864)
-	Repayment of Finance Lease Liabilities		(101)	(254)
(1,147)	Net Cash Flow provided (used in) Financing Activities		(1,596)	(2,474)
(2,944)	Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash & Cash Equivalents		8,762	(3,552)
22,401	plus: Cash & Cash Equivalents - beginning of year	11a	9,956	13,508
19,457	Cash & Cash Equivalents - end of the year	11a	18,718	9,956
Additional Information:				
	plus: Investments on hand - end of year	6b	15,642	16,256
	Total Cash, Cash Equivalents & Investments		34,360	26,212

Please refer to Note 11 for additional cash flow information

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Notes to the Financial Statements

for the financial year ended 30 June 2015

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n/a - not applicable

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Notes to the Financial Statements

for the financial year ended 30 June 2015

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies adopted by Council in the preparation of these consolidated financial statements are set out below in order to assist in its general understanding.

Under Australian Accounting Standards (AASBs), accounting policies are defined as those specific principles, bases, conventions, rules and practices applied by a reporting entity (in this case Council) in preparing and presenting its financial statements.

(a) Basis of preparation

(i) Background

These financial statements are general purpose financial statements which have been prepared in accordance with;

- Australian Accounting Standards and Australian Accounting Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board,
- the Local Government Act (1993) & Regulation, and
- the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting.

For the purpose of preparing these financial statements, Council has been deemed to be a not-for-profit entity.

(ii) Compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs)

Because AASBs are sector neutral, some standards either:

- (a) have local Australian content and prescription that is specific to the Not-For-Profit sector (including Local Government) which are not in compliance with IFRS's, or
- (b) specifically exclude application by Not for Profit entities.

Accordingly in preparing these financial statements and accompanying notes, Council has been unable to comply fully with International Accounting Standards, but has complied fully with Australian Accounting Standards.

Under the Local Government Act (LGA), Regulations and Local Government Code of Accounting Practice & Financial Reporting, it should be noted that Councils in NSW only have a requirement to comply with AASBs.

(iii) New and amended standards adopted by Council

During the current year, the following relevant accounting standards became mandatory and have been adopted by Council:

- AASB 10 Consolidated Financial Statements
- AASB 11 Joint Arrangements
- AASB 12 Disclosures of Interests in Other Entities

AASB 10 introduced a new definition of control based on the substance of the relationship and required Councils to consider their involvement with other entities regardless of whether there was a financial interest.

AASB 11 classified joint arrangements into either joint ventures (equity accounting) or joint operations (accounting for share of assets and liabilities).

AASB 12 has increased the level of disclosures required where Council has any interests in subsidiaries, joint arrangements, associates or unconsolidated structured entities.

(iv) Early adoption of Accounting Standards

Council has not elected to apply any pronouncements before their operative date in the annual reporting period beginning 1 July 2014.

Refer further to paragraph (ab) relating to a summary of the effects of Standards with future operative dates.

(v) Basis of Accounting

These financial statements have been prepared under the **historical cost convention** except for:

- (i) certain financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss and available-for-sale financial assets which are all valued at fair value,

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for the financial year ended 30 June 2015

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(ii) the write down of any Asset on the basis of Impairment (if warranted) and

(iii) certain classes of non current assets (eg. Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment and Investment Property) that are accounted for at fair valuation.

The accrual basis of accounting has also been applied in their preparation.

(vi) Changes in Accounting Policies

Council's accounting policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

There have also been no changes in accounting policies when compared with previous financial statements unless otherwise stated [refer Note 20(d)].

(vii) Critical Accounting Estimates

The preparation of financial statements requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates (in conformity with AASBs).

Accordingly this 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 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 are set out below:

(i) Estimated fair values of infrastructure, property, plant and equipment.

Critical judgements in applying Council's accounting policies

(i) Impairment of Receivables - Council has made a significant judgement about the impairment of a number of its receivables in Note 7.

(ii) Projected Section 94 Commitments - Council has used significant judgement in determining future Section 94 income and expenditure in Note 17.

(b) Revenue recognition

Council recognises revenue when the amount of revenue can be reliably measured, it is probable that future economic benefits will flow to it and specific criteria have been met for each of the Council's activities as described below.

Council bases any estimates on historical results, taking into consideration the type of customer, the type of transaction and the specifics of each arrangement.

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable.

Revenue is measured on major income categories as follows:

Rates, Annual Charges, Grants and Contributions

Rates, annual charges, grants and contributions (including developer contributions) are recognised as revenues when the Council obtains control over the assets comprising these receipts.

Control over assets acquired from rates and annual charges is obtained at the commencement of the rating year as it is an enforceable debt linked to the rateable property or, where earlier, upon receipt of the rates.

A provision for the impairment on rates receivables has not been established as unpaid rates represent a charge against the rateable property that will be recovered when the property is next sold.

Control over granted assets is normally obtained upon their receipt (or acquittal) or upon earlier notification that a grant has been secured, and is valued at their fair value at the date of transfer.

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Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Revenue from Contributions is recognised when the Council either obtains control of the contribution or the right to receive it, **(i)** it is probable that the economic benefits comprising the contribution will flow to the Council and **(ii)** the amount of the contribution can be measured reliably.

Where grants or contributions recognised as revenues during the financial year were obtained on condition that they be expended in a particular manner or used over a particular period and those conditions were undischarged at balance date, the unused grant or contribution is disclosed in Note 3(g).

Note 3(g) also discloses the amount of unused grant or contribution from prior years that was expended on Council's operations during the current year.

The Council has obligations to provide facilities from contribution revenues levied on developers under the provisions of S94 of the EPA Act 1979.

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

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

A detailed Note relating to developer contributions can be found at Note 17.

User Charges, Fees and Other Income

User charges, fees and other income (including parking 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 first occurs.

A provision for the impairment of these receivables is recognised when collection in full is no longer probable.

A liability is recognised in respect of revenue that is reciprocal in nature to the extent that the requisite service has not been provided as at balance date.

Sale of Infrastructure, Property, Plant and Equipment

The profit or loss on sale of an asset is determined when control of the asset has irrevocably passed to the buyer.

Interest and Rents

Rental income is accounted for on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

Interest Income from Cash & Investments is accounted for using the effective interest rate at the date that interest is earned.

Dividend Income

Revenue is recognised when the Council's right to receive the payment is established, which is generally when shareholders approve the dividend.

Other Income

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

(c) Principles of Consolidation

These financial statements incorporate **(i)** the assets and liabilities of Council and any entities (or operations) that it **controls** (as at 30 June 2015) and **(ii)** all the related operating results (for the financial year ended the 30th June 2015).

Detailed information relating to the entities that Council Controls can be found at Note 19 (a).

In the process of reporting on Council's activities as a single unit, all inter-entity year end balances and reporting period transactions have been eliminated in full between Council and its controlled entities.

(i) The Consolidated Fund

In accordance with the provisions of Section 409(1) of the LGA 1993, all money and property received by Council is held in the Council's Consolidated Fund

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for the financial year ended 30 June 2015

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

unless it is required to be held in the Council's Trust Fund.

The Consolidated Fund and other entities through which the Council controls resources to carry on its functions have been included in the financial statements forming part of this report.

The following entities have been included as part of the Consolidated Fund:

- Griffith City Council Ordinary Fund
- Griffith City Council Water Fund
- Griffith City Council Sewerage Fund
- Griffith Health Facilities Limited
- Pioneer Park Museum

2013 & 2014 financial data was unavailable at reporting date for Pioneer Park and no movements applicable for these periods have been brought to account.

(ii) The Trust Fund

In accordance with the provisions of Section 411 of the Local Government Act 1993 (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 statements.

Trust monies and property held by Council but not subject to the control of Council, have been excluded from these statements.

A separate statement of monies held in the Trust Fund is available for inspection at the Council office by any person free of charge.

(iii) Joint Arrangements

Joint Ventures

Joint Ventures represent operational arrangements where the parties joint control parties have rights to the net assets of the arrangement.

Any interests in Joint Ventures are accounted for using the equity method and are carried at cost.

Under the equity method, Council's share of the operation's profits/(losses) are recognised in the income statement, and its share of movements in retained earnings & reserves are recognised in the balance sheet.

Detailed information relating to Council's Joint Ventures can be found at Note 19 (b).

(iv) Associates

Council has no interest in any Associates.

(v) County Councils

Council is not a member of any County Councils.

(vi) Unconsolidated Structured Entities

Council has no interest in any Unconsolidated Structured Entities.

(d) Leases

All Leases entered into by Council are reviewed and classified on inception date as either a Finance Lease or an Operating Lease.

Finance Leases

Leases of property, plant and equipment where the Council has substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership are classified as finance leases.

Finance leases are capitalised at the lease's inception at the lower of the fair value of the leased property and the present value of the minimum lease payments.

The corresponding rental obligations, net of finance charges, are included in borrowings.

Each lease payment is allocated between the liability outstanding and the recognition of a finance charge.

The interest element of the finance charge is costed to the income statement over the lease period so as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability for each period.

Property, plant and equipment acquired under finance leases is depreciated over the shorter of each leased asset's useful life and the lease term.

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Operating Leases

Leases in which a significant portion of the risks and rewards of ownership are retained by the lessor are classified as operating leases.

Payments made under operating leases (net of any incentives received from the lessor) are charged to the income statement on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

Lease income from operating leases is recognised in income on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

(e) Cash and Cash Equivalents

For Statement of Cash Flows (and Statement of Financial Position) presentation purposes, cash and cash equivalents includes;

- 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 balance sheet but are incorporated into Cash & Cash Equivalents for presentation of the Cash Flow Statement.

(f) Investments and Other Financial Assets

Council (in accordance with AASB 139) classifies each of its investments into one of the following categories for measurement purposes:

- financial assets at fair value through profit or loss,
- loans and receivables,
- held-to-maturity investments, and
- available-for-sale financial assets.

Each classification depends on the purpose/intention for which the investment was acquired & at the time it was acquired.

Management determines each Investment classification at the time of initial recognition and re-evaluates this designation at each reporting date.

(i) Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss include financial assets that are “held for trading”.

A financial asset is classified in the “held for trading” category if it is acquired principally for the purpose of selling in the short term.

Assets in this category are primarily classified as current assets as they are primarily held for trading &/or are expected to be realised within 12 months of the balance sheet date.

(ii) Loans and receivables

Loans and receivables are non derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market.

They arise when the Council provides money, goods or services directly to a debtor with no intention (or in some cases ability) of selling the resulting receivable.

They are included in current assets, except for those with maturities greater than 12 months after the balance sheet date which are classified as non-current assets.

(iii) Held-to-maturity investments

Held-to-maturity investments are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments and fixed maturities that the Council’s management has the positive intention and ability to hold to maturity.

In contrast to the “Loans & Receivables” classification, these investments are generally quoted in an active market.

Held-to-maturity financial assets are included in non-current assets, except for those with maturities less than 12 months from the reporting date, which are classified as current assets.

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(iv) Available-for-sale financial assets

Available-for-sale financial assets are non-derivatives that are either designated in this category or not classified in any of the other categories.

Investments must be designated as available-for-sale if they do not have fixed maturities and fixed or determinable payments and management intends to hold them for the medium to long term.

Accordingly, this classification principally comprises marketable equity securities, but can include all types of financial assets that could otherwise be classified in one of the other investment categories.

They are generally included in non-current assets unless management intends to dispose of the investment within 12 months of the balance sheet date or the term to maturity from the reporting date is less than 12 months.

Financial Assets – Reclassification

Council may choose to reclassify a non-derivative trading financial asset out of the held-for-trading category if the financial asset is no longer held for the purpose of selling it in the near term.

Financial assets other than loans and receivables are permitted to be reclassified out of the held-for-trading category only in rare circumstances arising from a single event that is unusual and highly unlikely to recur in the near term.

Council may also choose to reclassify financial assets that would meet the definition of loans and receivables out of the held-for-trading or available-for-sale categories if it has the intention and ability to hold these financial assets for the foreseeable future or until maturity at the date of reclassification.

Reclassifications are made at fair value as of the reclassification date. Fair value becomes the new cost or amortised cost as applicable, and no reversals of fair value gains or losses recorded before reclassification date are subsequently made.

Effective interest rates for financial assets reclassified to loans and receivables and held-to-maturity categories are determined at the reclassification date. Further increases in estimates of cash flows adjust effective interest rates prospectively.

General Accounting & Measurement of Financial Instruments:

(i) Initial Recognition

Investments are initially recognised (and measured) at fair value, plus in the case of investments not at "fair value through profit or loss", directly attributable transactions costs

Purchases and sales of investments are recognised on trade-date - the date on which the Council commits to purchase or sell the asset.

Financial assets are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows from the financial assets have expired or have been transferred and the Council has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership.

(ii) Subsequent Measurement

Available-for-sale financial assets and **financial assets at fair value through profit and loss** are subsequently carried at fair value.

Loans and receivables and **held-to-maturity** investments are carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Realised and unrealised gains and losses arising from changes in the fair value of the financial assets classified as "**fair value through profit or loss**" category are included in the income statement in the period in which they arise.

Unrealised gains and losses arising from changes in the fair value of non monetary securities classified as "**available-for-sale**" are recognised in equity in the available-for-sale investments revaluation reserve.

When securities classified as "**available-for-sale**" are sold or impaired, the accumulated fair value adjustments are included in the income statement as gains and losses from investment securities.

Impairment

Council assesses at each balance date whether there is objective evidence that a financial asset or group of financial assets is impaired.

A financial asset or a group of financial assets is impaired and impairment losses are incurred only if

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there is objective evidence of impairment as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the asset (a 'loss event') and that loss event (or events) has an impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset or group of financial assets that can be reliably estimated.

(iii) Types of Investments

Council has an approved Investment Policy in order to undertake its investment of money in accordance with (and to comply with) Section 625 of the Local Government Act and S212 of the LG (General) Regulation 2005.

Investments are placed and managed in accordance with the Policy and having particular regard to authorised investments prescribed under the Ministerial Local Government Investment Order.

Council maintains its investment Policy in compliance with the Act and ensures that it or its representatives exercise care, diligence and skill that a prudent person would exercise in investing Council funds.

Council amended its policy following revisions to the Ministerial Local Government Investment Order arising from the Cole Inquiry recommendations. Certain investments that Council holds are no longer prescribed (eg. managed funds, CDOs, and equity linked notes), however they have been retained under grandfathering provisions of the Order. These will be disposed of when most financially advantageous to Council.

(g) Fair value estimation

The fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities must be estimated for recognition and measurement or for disclosure purposes.

The fair value of financial instruments traded in active markets is based on quoted market prices at the balance sheet date.

The fair value of financial instruments that are not traded in an active market is determined using valuation techniques.

Council uses a variety of methods and makes assumptions that are based on market conditions existing at each balance date.

Quoted market prices or dealer quotes for similar instruments are used for long-term debt instruments held.

If the market for a financial asset is not active (and for unlisted securities), the Council establishes fair value by using valuation techniques.

These include reference to the fair values of recent arm's length transactions, involving the same instruments or other instruments that are substantially the same, discounted cash flow analysis, and option pricing models refined to reflect the issuer's specific circumstances.

The nominal value less estimated credit adjustments of trade receivables and payables are assumed to approximate their fair values.

The fair value of financial liabilities for disclosure purposes is estimated by discounting the future contractual cash flows at the current market interest rate that is available to the Council for similar financial instruments.

(h) Receivables

Receivables are initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost, less any provision for impairment.

Receivables (excluding Rates & Annual Charges) are generally due for settlement no more than 30 days from the date of recognition.

The collectibility of receivables is reviewed on an ongoing basis. Debts which are known to be uncollectible are written off in accordance with Council's policy.

A provision for impairment (ie. an allowance account) relating to receivables is established when there is objective evidence that the Council will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of each receivable.

The amount of the provision is the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows, discounted at the effective interest rate.

Impairment losses are recognised in the Income Statement within other expenses.

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When a receivable for which an impairment allowance had been recognised becomes uncollectible in a subsequent period, it is written off against the allowance account.

Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written off are credited against other expenses in the income statement.

(i) Inventories

Raw Materials and Stores, Work in Progress and Finished Goods

Raw materials and stores, work in progress and finished goods in respect of business undertakings are all stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Cost comprises direct materials, direct labour and an appropriate proportion of variable and fixed overhead expenditure, the latter being allocated on the basis of normal operating capacity.

Costs are assigned to individual items of inventory on the basis of weighted average costs.

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.

Inventories held in respect of non-business undertakings have been valued at cost subject to adjustment for loss of service potential.

Land Held for Resale/Capitalisation of Borrowing Costs

Land 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 land 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.

(j) Infrastructure, Property, Plant and Equipment (I,PP&E)

Acquisition of assets

Council's non current assets are continually revalued (over a 5 year period) in accordance with the fair valuation policy as mandated by the Office of Local Government.

At balance date, the following classes of I,PP&E were stated at their Fair Value;

- **Water and Sewerage Networks**
(External Valuation)
- **Operational Land** (External Valuation)
- **Buildings – Specialised**
(External Valuation)
- **Plant and Equipment**
(as approximated by depreciated historical cost)
- **Roads Assets incl. roads, bridges & footpaths**
(External Valuation)
- **Drainage Assets** (External Valuation)
- **Bulk Earthworks** (External Valuation)
- **Community Land** (External Valuation)
- **Land Improvements**
(as approximated by depreciated historical cost)
- **Other Structures**
(External Valuation)
- **Other Assets**
(as approximated by depreciated historical cost)

Initial Recognition

On initial recognition, an assets cost is measured at its fair value, plus all expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition.

Where settlement of any part of an asset's cash consideration is deferred, the amounts payable in the future are discounted to their present value as at the

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date of recognition (ie. date of exchange) of the asset to arrive at fair value.

The discount rate used is the Council's incremental borrowing rate, being the rate at which a similar borrowing could be obtained from an independent financier under comparable terms and conditions.

Where infrastructure, property, plant and equipment assets are acquired for no cost or for an amount other than cost, the assets are recognised in the financial statements at their fair value at acquisition date - being the amount that the asset could have been exchanged between knowledgeable willing parties in an arm's length transaction.

Subsequent costs

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.

Asset Revaluations (including Indexation)

In accounting for Asset Revaluations relating to Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment:

- Increases in the combined carrying amounts of asset classes arising on revaluation are credited to the asset revaluation reserve.
- To the extent that a net asset class increase reverses a decrease previously recognised via the profit or loss, then increase is first recognised in profit or loss.
- Net decreases that reverse previous increases of the same asset class are first charged against revaluation reserves directly in equity to the extent of the remaining reserve attributable to the asset, with all other decreases charged to the Income statement.

Water and sewerage network assets are indexed annually between full revaluations in accordance with the latest indices provided in the NSW Office of Water - Rates Reference Manual.

For all other assets, Council assesses at each reporting date whether there is any indication that a revalued asset's carrying amount may differ materially from that which would be determined if the asset were revalued at the reporting date.

If any such indication exists, Council determines the asset's fair value and revalues the asset to that amount.

Full revaluations are undertaken for all assets on a 5 year cycle.

Capitalisation Thresholds

Items of infrastructure, property, plant and equipment are not capitalised unless their cost of acquisition exceeds the following;

Land	
- council land	100% Capitalised
- open space	100% Capitalised
- land under roads (purchases after 30/6/08)	100% Capitalised

Plant & Equipment	
Office Furniture	> \$1,000
Office Equipment	> \$1,000
Other Plant & Equipment	> \$1,000

Buildings & Land Improvements	
Park Furniture & Equipment	> \$1,000

Building	
- construction/extensions	100% Capitalised
- renovations	> \$1,000

Other Structures	> \$1,000
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Water & Sewer Assets	
Reticulation extensions	> \$1,000
Other	> \$1,000

Stormwater Assets	
Drains & Culverts	> \$1,000
Other	> \$1,000

Transport Assets	
Road construction & reconstruction	> \$1,000
Reseal/Re-sheet & major repairs:	> \$1,000

Bridge construction & reconstruction	> \$1,000
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Other Infrastructure Assets

Swimming Pools	> \$10,000
Other Open Space/Recreational Assets	> \$10,000
Other Infrastructure	> \$10,000

- Reticulation pipes : PVC	70 to 80 years
- Reticulation pipes : Other	25 to 80 years
- Pumps and telemetry	15 to 25 years

Other Infrastructure Assets

- Bulk earthworks	Infinite
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Depreciation

Depreciation on Council's infrastructure, property, plant and equipment assets is calculated using the straight line method (or describe here any other methods Council uses) in order to allocate an assets cost (net of residual values) over its estimated useful life.

Land is not depreciated.

Estimated useful lives for Council's I,PP&E include:

Plant & Equipment

- Office Equipment	5 to 10 years
- Office furniture	10 to 20 years
- Computer Equipment	3 to 4 years
- Vehicles	3 to 6 years
- Heavy Plant/Road Making equip.	5 to 8 years
- Other plant and equipment	5 to 15 years

Other Equipment

- Playground equipment	5 to 15 years
- Benches, seats etc	10 to 20 years

Buildings

- Buildings : Masonry	50 to 100 years
- Buildings : Other	20 to 40 years

Stormwater Drainage

- Drains	80 to 100 years
- Culverts	50 to 80 years

Transportation Assets

- Sealed Roads : Surface	15 to 20 years
- Sealed Roads : Structure	20 to 120 years
- Unsealed roads (Structure & Surface)	20 to 120 years
- Bridge : Concrete	100 to 120 years
- Bridge : Other	100 to 120 years
- Kerb, Gutter & Paths	14 to 66 years

Water & Sewer Assets

- Dams and reservoirs	80 to 100 years
- Bores	20 to 40 years

- Other Open Space/ Recreational Assets	5 to 20 years
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- Other Infrastructure	5 to 20 years
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All asset residual values and useful lives are reviewed and adjusted (if appropriate), at each reporting date.

An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount – refer Note 1(s) on Asset Impairment.

Disposal and De-recognition

An item of property, plant and equipment is derecognised upon disposal or when no further future economic benefits are expected from its use or disposal.

Any gain or loss arising on derecognition of the asset (calculated as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset) is included in Council's Income Statement in the year the asset is derecognised.

(k) Land

Land (other than Land under Roads) is in accordance with Part 2 of Chapter 6 of the Local Government Act (1993) classified as either Operational or Community.

This classification of Land is disclosed in Note 9(a).

(l) Land under roads

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

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Council has elected not to recognise land under roads acquired before 1 July 2008 in accordance with AASB 1051.

Land under roads acquired after 1 July 2008 is recognised in accordance with AASB 116 – Property, Plant and Equipment.

(m) Intangible Assets

Council has not classified any assets as Intangible.

(n) Crown Reserves

Crown Reserves under Council's care and control are recognised as assets of the Council.

While ownership of the reserves remains with the Crown, Council retains operational control of the reserves and is responsible for their maintenance and use in accordance with the specific purposes to which the reserves are dedicated.

Improvements on Crown Reserves are also recorded as assets, while maintenance costs incurred by Council and revenues relating the reserves are recognised within Council's Income Statement.

Representations are currently being sought across State and Local Government to develop a consistent accounting treatment for Crown Reserves across both tiers of government.

(o) Rural Fire Service assets

Under section 119 of the Rural Fires Act 1997, *“all fire fighting equipment purchased or constructed wholly or from money to the credit of the Fund is to be vested in the council of the area for or on behalf of which the fire fighting equipment has been purchased or constructed”*.

At present, the accounting for such fire fighting equipment is not treated in a consistent manner across all Councils.

Until such time as discussions on this matter have concluded and the legislation changed, Council will continue to account for these assets as it has been doing in previous years, which is to exclude the

assets, their values and depreciation charges from these financial statements.

(p) Investment property

Council has not classified any Land or Buildings as “Investment Properties at the reporting date.

(q) Provisions for close down, restoration and for environmental clean-up costs – including Tips and Quarries

Council has no provision for the close down, restoration and environmental clean-up costs for Tips and Quarries at the reporting date.

(r) Non-Current Assets (or Disposal Groups) “Held for Sale” & Discontinued Operations

Council has no “Held for Sale” non-current assets or disposal groups at the reporting date.

(s) Impairment of assets

All Council's I,PP&E is subject to an annual assessment of impairment.

Assets that are subject to amortisation are reviewed 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.

Where an asset is not held principally for cash generating purposes (for example Infrastructure Assets) and would be replaced if the Council was deprived of it then depreciated replacement cost is used as value in use, otherwise value in use is estimated by using a discounted cash flow model.

Non-financial assets (other than goodwill) that suffered a prior period impairment are reviewed for

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possible reversal of the impairment at each reporting date.

Goodwill & other Intangible Assets that have an indefinite useful life and are not subject to amortisation are tested annually for impairment.

(t) Payables

These amounts represent liabilities and include goods and services provided to the Council prior to the end of financial year which are unpaid.

The amounts for goods and services are unsecured and are usually paid within 30 days of recognition.

(u) Borrowings

Borrowings are initially recognised at fair value, net of transaction costs incurred.

Borrowings are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Amortisation results in any difference between the proceeds (net of transaction costs) and the redemption amount being recognised in the Income Statement over the period of the borrowings using the effective interest method.

Borrowings are removed from the balance sheet when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expired.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the Council has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after the balance sheet date.

(v) Borrowing costs

Borrowing costs are expensed except to the extent that they are incurred during the construction of qualifying assets.

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.

(w) Provisions

Provisions for legal claims, service warranties and other like liabilities are recognised when:

- Council has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events;
- it is more likely than not that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation; and
- the amount has been reliably estimated.

Provisions are not recognised for future operating losses.

Where there are a number of similar obligations, the likelihood that an outflow will be required in settlement is determined by considering the class of obligations as a whole.

A provision is recognised even if the likelihood of an outflow with respect to any one item included in the same class of obligations may be small.

Provisions are measured at the present value of management's best estimate of the expenditure required to settle the present obligation at the reporting date.

The discount rate used to determine the present value reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the liability.

The increase in the provision due to the passage of time is recognised as interest expense.

(x) Employee benefits

(i) Short Term Obligations

Short term employee benefit obligations include liabilities for wages and salaries (including non-monetary benefits), annual leave and vesting sick leave expected to be wholly settled within the 12 months after the reporting period.

Leave liabilities are recognised in the provision for employee benefits in respect of employees' services up to the reporting date with other short term

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employee benefit obligations disclosed under payables.

These provisions are measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled.

All other short-term employee benefit obligations are presented as payables.

Liabilities for non vesting sick leave are recognised at the time when the leave is taken and measured at the rates paid or payable, and accordingly no Liability has been recognised in these reports.

Wages & salaries, annual leave and vesting sick leave are all classified as Current Liabilities.

(ii) Other Long Term Obligations

The liability for all long service and annual leave in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date (which is not expected to be wholly settled within the 12 months after the reporting period) are recognised in the provision for employee benefits.

These liabilities are measured at the present value of the expected future payments to be made 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 then discounted using market yields at the reporting date based on national government bonds with terms to maturity and currency that match as closely as possible the estimated future cash outflows.

Due to the nature of when and how Long Service Leave can be taken, all Long Service Leave for employees with 4 or more years of service has been classified as Current, as it has been deemed that Council does not have the unconditional right to defer settlement beyond 12 months – even though it is not anticipated that all employees with more than 4 years service (as at reporting date) will apply for and take their leave entitlements in the next 12 months.

(iii) 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.

Defined Benefit Plans

A liability or asset in respect of defined benefit superannuation plans would ordinarily be recognised in the balance sheet, and measured as the present value of the defined benefit obligation at the reporting date plus unrecognised actuarial gains (less unrecognised actuarial losses) less the fair value of the superannuation fund's assets at that date and any unrecognised past service cost.

The present value of the defined benefit obligation is based on expected future payments which arise from membership of the fund to the reporting date, calculated annually by independent actuaries using the projected unit credit method. Consideration is given to expected future wage and salary levels, experience of employee departures and periods of service.

However, when this information is not reliably available, Council can account for its obligations to defined benefit plans on the same basis as its obligations to defined contribution plans – i.e. as an expense when they become payable.

Council is party to an Industry Defined Benefit Plan under the Local Government Superannuation Scheme, named the "Local Government Superannuation Scheme – Pool B".

This Scheme has been deemed to be a "multi employer fund" for the purposes of AASB 119.

Sufficient information is not available to account for the Scheme as a defined benefit plan (in accordance with AASB 119) because the assets to the scheme are pooled together for all Councils.

The last valuation of the Scheme was performed by Mr Martin Stevenson BSc, FIA, FIAA on 20/02/13.

However the position is monitored annually and the Actuary has estimated that as at 30 June 2015 the prior period deficit still exists.

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Effective from 1 July 2009, employers are required to contribute additional contributions to assist in extinguishing this deficit.

The amount of employer contributions to the defined benefit section of the Local Government Superannuation Scheme and recognised as an expense and disclosed as part of Superannuation Expenses at Note 4(a) for the year ending 30 June 2015 was \$ 385,444.

Council's share of that deficiency cannot be accurately calculated as the Scheme is a mutual arrangement where assets and liabilities are pooled together for all member councils.

For this reason, no liability for the deficiency has been recognised in these financial statements.

Council has, however, disclosed a contingent liability in Note 18 to reflect the possible obligation that may arise should the Scheme require immediate payment to correct the deficiency.

Defined Contribution 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.

(iv) Employee Benefit On-Costs

Council has recognised at year end the aggregate on-cost liabilities arising from employee benefits, and in particular those on-cost liabilities that will arise when payment of current employee benefits is made in future periods.

These amounts include Superannuation and Workers Compensation expenses which will be payable upon the future payment of certain Leave Liabilities accrued as at 30/06/15.

(y) Self insurance

Council does not self insure.

(z) Allocation between current and non-current assets & liabilities

In the determination of whether an asset or liability is classified as current or non-current, consideration is given to the time when each asset or liability is expected to be settled.

The asset or liability is classified as current if it is expected to be settled within the next 12 months, being the Council's operational cycle.

Exceptions

In the case of liabilities where Council does not have the unconditional right to defer settlement beyond 12 months (such as vested long service leave), the liability is classified as current even if not expected to be settled within the next 12 months.

In the case of inventories that are "held for trading", these are also classified as current even if not expected to be realised in the next 12 months.

(aa) Taxes

The Council is exempt from both Commonwealth Income Tax and Capital Gains Tax.

Council does however have to comply with both Fringe Benefits Tax and Goods and Services Tax (GST).

Goods & Services Tax (GST)

Income, expenses and assets are all recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Tax Office (ATO).

In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the revenue / expense.

Receivables and payables within the Balance Sheet are stated inclusive of any applicable GST.

The net amount of GST recoverable from or payable to the ATO is included as a current asset or current liability in the Balance Sheet.

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Operating cash flows within the Cash Flow Statement are on a gross basis, ie. they are inclusive of GST where applicable.

Investing and Financing cash flows are treated on a net basis (where recoverable from the ATO), ie. they are exclusive of GST. Instead, the GST component of investing and financing activity cash flows which are recoverable from or payable to the ATO are classified as operating cash flows.

Commitments and contingencies are disclosed net of the amount of GST recoverable from (or payable to) the ATO.

(ab) New accounting standards and interpretations

Certain new (or amended) accounting standards and interpretations have been published that are not mandatory for reporting periods ending 30 June 2015.

Council has not adopted any of these standards early.

Council's assessment of the impact of these new standards and interpretations is set out below.

Apart from the AASB disclosures below, there are no other standards that are "not yet effective" which are expected to have a material impact on Council in the current or future reporting periods and on foreseeable future transactions.

Applicable to Local Government:

AASB 9 - Financial Instruments (and associated amending standards)

AASB 9 replaces AASB 139 Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement and has an effective date for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2018 (and must be applied retrospectively).

The overriding impact of AASB 9 is to change the requirements for the classification, measurement and disclosures associated with financial assets.

Under the new requirements the four current categories of financial assets stipulated in AASB 139 will be replaced with two measurement categories:

- fair value and
- amortised cost (where financial assets will only be able to be measured at amortised cost where very specific conditions are met).

AASB 15 - Revenue from contracts with customers and associated amending standards

AASB 15 will introduce a five step process for revenue recognition with the core principle of the new Standard being that entities recognise revenue so as to depict the transfer of goods or services to customers in amounts that reflect the consideration (that is, payment) to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services.

The changes in revenue recognition requirements in AASB 15 may cause changes to accounting policies relating to the timing and amount of revenue recorded in the financial statements as well as additional disclosures.

The full impact of AASB 15 has not yet been ascertained or quantified.

AASB 15 will replace AASB 118 which covers contracts for goods and services and AASB 111 which covers construction contracts.

The effective date of this standard is for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2017.

AASB 124 - Related Party Disclosures

From 1 July 2016, AASB 124 Related Party Disclosures will apply to Council.

This means that Council will be required to disclose information about related parties and Council transactions with those related parties.

Related parties will more than likely include the Mayor, Councillors and certain Council staff. In addition, the close family members of those people and any organisations that they control or are associated with will be classified as related parties (and fall under the related party reporting requirements).

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Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

AASB 2014 - 10 Sale or contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture

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

The main consequence of the amendments is that a full gain or loss is recognised when a transaction involves a business (whether it is housed in a subsidiary or not).

A partial gain or loss is recognised when a transaction involves assets that do not constitute a business, even if these assets are housed in a subsidiary.

The effective date of this standard is for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2016.

This standard will only impact Council where there has been a sale or contribution of assets between the entity and the associate/joint venture.

Not applicable to Local Government per se;

None

(ac) Rounding of amounts

Unless otherwise indicated, amounts in the financial statements have been rounded off to the nearest thousand dollars.

(ad) Comparative Figures

To ensure comparability with the current reporting period's figures, some comparative period line items and amounts may have been reclassified or individually reported for the first time within these financial statements and/or the notes.

(ae) Disclaimer

Nothing contained within these statements may be taken to be an admission of any liability to any person under any circumstance.

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Note 2(a). Council Functions / Activities - Financial Information

Functions/Activities	Income, Expenses and Assets have been directly attributed to the following Functions / Activities. Details of these Functions/Activities are provided in Note 2(b).												
	Income from Continuing Operations			Expenses from Continuing Operations			Operating Result from Continuing Operations			Grants included in Income from Continuing Operations		Total Assets held (Current & Non-current)	
	Original Budget 2015	Actual 2015	Actual 2014	Original Budget 2015	Actual 2015	Actual 2014	Original Budget 2015	Actual 2015	Actual 2014	Actual 2015	Actual 2014	Actual 2015	Actual 2014
Governance	-	2,744	211	1,624	1,619	1,517	(1,624)	1,125	(1,306)	2,278	-	25,279	18,989
Administration	191	782	594	6,783	6,422	5,952	(6,592)	(5,640)	(5,358)	11	46	21,484	19,369
Public Order & Safety	389	457	438	865	912	821	(476)	(455)	(383)	165	175	3,254	3,293
Health	216	118	296	642	344	466	(426)	(226)	(170)	(73)	4	16	22
Environment	6,115	6,403	6,568	4,102	4,508	4,471	2,013	1,895	2,097	400	602	57,655	55,495
Community Services & Education	70	70	166	427	434	327	(357)	(364)	(161)	-	-	3,641	3,697
Housing & Community Amenities	1,228	1,313	1,625	3,857	3,880	3,893	(2,629)	(2,567)	(2,268)	111	187	7,034	8,287
Water Supplies	8,139	8,431	8,175	6,148	5,947	5,718	1,991	2,484	2,457	68	68	145,436	143,188
Sewerage Services	8,042	8,019	7,802	6,248	6,257	6,380	1,794	1,762	1,422	59	59	140,767	139,271
Recreation & Culture	1,976	2,425	2,100	8,033	7,819	7,680	(6,057)	(5,394)	(5,580)	565	401	44,299	44,757
Mining, Manufacturing & Construction	148	65	135	22	1	4	126	64	131	-	-	4	39
Transport & Communication	6,289	5,534	8,368	8,032	8,679	7,281	(1,743)	(3,145)	1,087	3,390	6,489	270,860	270,580
Economic Affairs	638	831	737	1,525	1,558	1,436	(887)	(727)	(699)	10	18	6,726	6,823
Total Functions & Activities	33,441	37,192	37,215	48,308	48,380	45,946	(14,867)	(11,188)	(8,731)	6,984	8,049	726,455	713,810
Share of gains/(losses) in Associates & Joint Ventures (using the Equity Method)	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	(4)	-	-	-	320	303
General Purpose Income ¹	20,122	20,301	17,235	-	-	-	20,122	20,301	17,235	4,999	2,550	-	-
Operating Result from Continuing Operations	53,563	57,493	54,450	48,308	48,384	45,946	5,255	9,109	8,504	11,983	10,599	726,775	714,113

1. Includes: Rates & Annual Charges (incl. Ex-Gratia), Untied General Purpose Grants & Unrestricted Interest & Investment Income.

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Note 2(b). Council Functions / Activities - Component Descriptions

Details relating to the Council's functions / activities as reported in Note 2(a) are as follows:

GOVERNANCE

Costs relating to the Council's role as a component of democratic government, including elections, members' fees and expenses, subscriptions to local authority associations, meetings of council and policy making committees, area representation and public disclosure and compliance.

ADMINISTRATION

Corporate Support and Other Support Services (not otherwise attributed to the listed functions / activities).

PUBLIC ORDER & SAFETY

Fire protection, animal control, beach control, enforcement of local government regulations, emergency services, other.

HEALTH

Inspection, immunisations, food control, health centres, other, administration.

ENVIRONMENT

Noxious plants and insect/vermin control, other environmental protection, solid waste management, street cleaning, drainage, stormwater management.

COMMUNITY SERVICES & EDUCATION

Administration, family day care, child care, youth services, other family and children, aged and disabled, migrant services, Aboriginal services, other community services, education.

HOUSING & COMMUNITY AMENITIES

Housing, town planning, street lighting, other sanitation and garbage, public cemeteries, public conveniences,

WATER SUPPLIES

SEWERAGE SERVICES

RECREATION & CULTURE

Public libraries, museums, art galleries, community centres, public halls, other cultural services, swimming pools, sporting grounds, parks and gardens (lakes), other sport and recreation.

MINING, MANUFACTURING & CONSTRUCTION

Building control, abattoirs, quarries & pits, other.

TRANSPORT & COMMUNICATION

Urban roads, sealed rural roads, unsealed rural roads, bridges, footpaths, aerodromes, parking areas, bus shelters and services, water transport, RMS works, other.

ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Camping areas, caravan parks, tourism and area promotion, industrial development promotion, saleyards and markets, real estate development, commercial nurseries, other business undertakings.

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Note 3. Income from Continuing Operations

\$ '000	Notes	Actual 2015	Actual 2014
(a) Rates & Annual Charges			
Ordinary Rates			
Residential		7,485	7,287
Farmland		4,786	4,641
Business		2,438	2,364
Total Ordinary Rates		14,709	14,292
Special Rates			
Nil			
Annual Charges (pursuant to s.496, s.496A, s.496B, s.501 & s.611)			
Domestic Waste Management Services		2,260	2,173
Stormwater Management Services		182	181
Water Supply Services		1,934	1,938
Sewerage Services		6,849	6,618
Waste Management Services (non-domestic)		1,122	1,237
Kerbside Recycling		1,102	1,049
Total Annual Charges		13,449	13,196
TOTAL RATES & ANNUAL CHARGES		28,158	27,488

Council has used 2013 year valuations provided by the NSW Valuer General in calculating its rates.

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Note 3. Income from Continuing Operations (continued)

\$ '000	Notes	Actual 2015	Actual 2014
(b) User Charges & Fees			
Specific User Charges (per s.502 - Specific "actual use" charges)			
Domestic Waste Management Services		5	5
Water Supply Services		5,849	5,361
Sewerage Services		711	708
Waste Management Services (non-domestic)		381	379
Total User Charges		6,946	6,453
Other User Charges & Fees			
(i) Fees & Charges - Statutory & Regulatory Functions (per s.608)			
Planning & Building Regulation		165	189
Private Works - Section 67		137	89
Regulatory/ Statutory Fees		172	192
Registration Fees		28	22
Regulatory Fees		123	108
Section 149 Certificates (EPA Act)		102	93
Section 603 Certificates		40	41
Town Planning		32	24
Water Supplies		236	208
Total Fees & Charges - Statutory/Regulatory		1,035	966
(ii) Fees & Charges - Other (incl. General User Charges) (per s.608)			
Aerodrome		661	619
Cemeteries		346	464
Engineering Services		1	2
Hire of Council Chambers		-	1
Industrial Discharge		42	36
Library & Art Gallery		85	98
Regional Theatre		279	281
RMS (formerly RTA) Charges (State Roads not controlled by Council)		890	513
Saleyards		567	554
Sports Stadium		87	84
Sporting Grounds		18	19
Swimming Centres		1,177	1,217
Tourism		111	99
Waste Disposal Tipping Fees		1,060	903
Museum		59	-
Other		24	24
Total Fees & Charges - Other		5,407	4,914
TOTAL USER CHARGES & FEES		13,388	12,333

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Note 3. Income from Continuing Operations (continued)

\$ '000	Notes	Actual 2015	Actual 2014
(c) Interest & Investment Revenue (incl. losses)			
Interest & Dividends			
- Interest on Overdue Rates & Annual Charges (incl. Special Purpose Rates)		124	122
- Interest earned on Investments (interest & coupon payment income)		1,151	1,145
TOTAL INTEREST & INVESTMENT REVENUE		1,275	1,267
Interest Revenue is attributable to:			
Unrestricted Investments/Financial Assets:			
Overdue Rates & Annual Charges (General Fund)		48	122
General Council Cash & Investments		545	271
Restricted Investments/Funds - External:			
Development Contributions			
- Section 94		23	31
- Section 64		99	140
Water Fund Operations		226	337
Sewerage Fund Operations		134	181
Domestic Waste Management operations		29	33
Griffith Health Facilities Limited/Private Hospital		171	152
Total Interest & Investment Revenue Recognised		1,275	1,267
(d) Other Revenues			
Fines - Parking		138	77
Fines - Other		51	86
Legal Fees Recovery - Rates & Charges (Extra Charges)		125	97
Commissions & Agency Fees		4	8
Lease Rental		264	303
Quarry Income		64	135
Recycling Income (non domestic)		40	55
Refund for Constitutional Recognition of Local Government Contribution		-	7
Resource Sharing Income		6	9
Sales - General		12	7
Temporary Sale of Water Allocation		171	112
Work Health Safety Incentive Payment		116	60
Council share in Western Riverina Library Net Assets		22	-
Other		35	35
TOTAL OTHER REVENUE		1,048	991

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Note 3. Income from Continuing Operations (continued)

\$ '000	2015 Operating	2014 Operating	2015 Capital	2014 Capital
(e) Grants				
General Purpose (Untied)				
Financial Assistance - General Component	1 3,320	1,643	-	-
Financial Assistance - Local Roads Component	1 1,519	747	-	-
Pensioners' Rates Subsidies - General Component	160	160	-	-
Total General Purpose	4,999	2,550	-	-
¹ The Financial Assistance Grant for the comparative 13/14 year reflects a one off timing difference (reduction). This grant ceased being paid in advance in the 13/14 year by up to 50% as had occurred in previous years.				
Specific Purpose				
Pensioners' Rates Subsidies:				
- Water	68	68	-	-
- Sewerage	59	59	-	-
- Domestic Waste Management	43	41	-	-
Bushfire & Emergency Services	138	156	27	19
Economic Development	-	8	-	10
Employment & Training Programs	10	46	-	-
Environmental Protection	64	53	-	-
Flood Plain Study & Risk Management	37	95	-	-
Griffith Community Private Hospital	-	-	2,278	-
Health - Mosquito Control	3	3	-	-
Health - Noxious Weeds	140	181	-	-
Healthy Communities Initiative	(73)	-	-	-
Keep NSW Beautiful	-	4	-	-
LIRS Subsidy	-	7	-	-
March 2012 Emergency Event Cost Recovery	251	30	-	-
NSW Department of Planning	-	80	-	-
Recreation & Culture - Swimming Pool	-	-	25	-
Arts NSW - Shadow Play	6	81	-	-
Arts NSW - Cultural Development Program	17	-	-	-
Recreation & Culture - Community Projects	5	132	-	-
Recreation & Culture - Library	92	82	200	16
Recreation & Culture - Passive Recreation	-	-	25	90
Recreation & Culture - Sporting Facilities	-	-	145	-
Regional Development Australia Fund -				
Airport Upgrade	-	-	-	190
RMS Restoration Works re: March 2012 Flood Event	-	-	-	4,151
Road Safety	4	7	-	-
Street Lighting	105	100	-	-
Transport (RTA)	89	-	1,978	1,053
Transport (Roads to Recovery)	994	1,065	-	-
Transport (Other Roads & Bridges Funding)	-	-	78	-
Waste & Recycling	10	-	103	222
Tourism	10	-	-	-
Council Applications Management	2	-	-	-
Museum	-	-	50	-
Other	1	-	-	-
Total Specific Purpose	2,075	2,298	4,909	5,751
Total Grants	7,074	4,848	4,909	5,751

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Note 3. Income from Continuing Operations (continued)

\$ '000	2015 Operating	2014 Operating	2015 Capital	2014 Capital
(e) Grants (continued)				
Grant Revenue is attributable to:				
- Commonwealth Funding	5,971	3,611	2,278	190
- State Funding	1,103	1,237	2,631	5,561
- Other Funding	-	-	-	-
	<u>7,074</u>	<u>4,848</u>	<u>4,909</u>	<u>5,751</u>
(f) Contributions				
Developer Contributions:				
(s93 & s94 - EP&A Act, s64 of the LGA):				
S 94 - Contributions towards amenities/services	-	-	51	3
S 94A - Fixed Development Consent Levies	-	-	29	159
S 64 - Water Supply Contributions	-	-	64	29
S 64 - Sewerage Service Contributions	-	-	43	9
S 64 - Stormwater Contributions	-	-	33	-
Total Developer Contributions	17 <u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>220</u>	<u>200</u>
Other Contributions:				
Administration Services	-	-	13	12
Bushfire Services	-	-	-	10
Charles Sturt University	33	30	-	-
Economic Affairs - Tourism/Events	53	24	-	-
Griffith Community Private Hospital	-	-	447	194
Health - Health Services	22	23	-	-
Public Order & Safety - Bushfire/SES	77	92	-	-
Recreation & Culture - Sporting Facilities	-	1	1	-
Recreation & Culture - Community Projects	13	5	-	-
Recreation & Culture - Library	2	7	-	-
Recreation & Culture - Theatre	12	4	-	-
Recreation & Culture - Passive Recreation	7	14	15	24
Roads & Bridges	-	-	47	131
RMS Contributions (Regional Roads, Block Grant)	556	633	-	-
Sewerage (excl. Section 64 contributions)	-	-	8	13
Water Supplies (excl. Section 64 contributions)	11	17	-	175
Museum	4	-	-	-
Noxious Weeds	13	-	-	-
Total Other Contributions	<u>803</u>	<u>850</u>	<u>531</u>	<u>559</u>
Total Contributions	<u>803</u>	<u>850</u>	<u>751</u>	<u>759</u>
TOTAL GRANTS & CONTRIBUTIONS	<u>7,877</u>	<u>5,698</u>	<u>5,660</u>	<u>6,510</u>

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Note 3. Income from Continuing Operations (continued)

\$ '000	Actual 2015	Actual 2014
(g) Restrictions relating to Grants and Contributions		
Certain grants & contributions are obtained by Council on condition that they be spent in a specified manner:		
Unexpended at the Close of the Previous Reporting Period	3,706	3,257
add: Grants & contributions recognised in the current period but not yet spent:	140	449
less: Grants & contributions recognised in a previous reporting period now spent:	(35)	-
Net Increase (Decrease) in Restricted Assets during the Period	105	449
Unexpended and held as Restricted Assets	3,811	3,706
Comprising:		
- Specific Purpose Unexpended Grants	54	194
- Developer Contributions	3,757	3,512
- Other Contributions	-	-
	3,811	3,706

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Note 4. Expenses from Continuing Operations

\$ '000	Notes	Actual 2015	Actual 2014
(a) Employee Benefits & On-Costs			
Salaries and Wages		16,518	15,773
Travelling		29	29
Employee Leave Entitlements (ELE)		3,588	3,153
Superannuation		1,970	1,864
Workers' Compensation Insurance		1,115	1,219
Fringe Benefit Tax (FBT)		68	59
Payroll Tax		131	145
Training Costs (other than Salaries & Wages)		172	201
Educational Assistance		14	34
Motor Vehicle Allowance		98	105
Professional Development		42	43
Staff Recruitment		33	46
Total Employee Costs		23,778	22,671
less: Capitalised Costs		(862)	(1,906)
TOTAL EMPLOYEE COSTS EXPENSED		22,916	20,765
Number of "Equivalent Full Time" Employees at year end		280	287
(b) Borrowing Costs			
(i) Interest Bearing Liability Costs			
Interest on Loans		1,605	1,723
Total Interest Bearing Liability Costs		1,605	1,723
less: Capitalised Costs		(44)	(27)
Total Interest Bearing Liability Costs Expensed		1,561	1,696
(ii) Other Borrowing Costs			
Interest applicable on Interest Free (& favourable) Loans to Council		63	74
Total Other Borrowing Costs		63	74
TOTAL BORROWING COSTS EXPENSED		1,624	1,770
(c) Materials & Contracts			
Raw Materials & Consumables		8,691	8,935
Auditors Remuneration ⁽¹⁾		40	38
Legal Expenses:			
- Legal Expenses: Planning & Development		1	8
- Legal Expenses: Other		142	141
Operating Leases:			
- Operating Lease Rentals: Minimum Lease Payment ⁽²⁾		63	80
TOTAL MATERIALS & CONTRACTS		8,937	9,202

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Note 4. Expenses from Continuing Operations (continued)

\$ '000	Notes	Actual 2015	Actual 2014
(c) Materials & Contracts (continued)			
1. Auditor Remuneration			
During the year, the following fees were incurred for services provided by the Council's Auditor (& the Auditors of other Consolidated Entities):			
(i) Audit and Other Assurance Services			
- Audit & review of financial statements: Council's Auditor		40	38
Remuneration for audit and other assurance services		40	38
Total Auditor Remuneration		40	38
2. Operating Lease Payments are attributable to:			
Buildings		8	-
Computers		55	80
		63	80

\$ '000	Notes	Impairment Costs		Depreciation/Amortisation	
		Actual 2015	Actual 2014	Actual 2015	Actual 2014
(d) Depreciation, Amortisation & Impairment					
Plant and Equipment		-	-	1,398	1,508
Office Equipment		-	-	216	188
Furniture & Fittings		-	-	59	58
Buildings - Specialised		-	-	458	444
Other Structures		-	-	341	331
Infrastructure:					
- Roads		-	-	3,117	2,467
- Bridges		-	-	54	4
- Footpaths		-	-	207	259
- Stormwater Drainage		-	-	449	461
- Water Supply Network		-	-	1,859	1,749
- Sewerage Network		-	-	1,648	1,570
- Other Open Space/Recreational Assets		-	-	739	775
Other Assets					
- Other		-	-	480	470
Total Depreciation & Impairment Costs		-	-	11,025	10,284
less: Capitalised Costs		-	-	(94)	(281)
TOTAL DEPRECIATION & IMPAIRMENT COSTS EXPENSED		-	-	10,931	10,003

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Note 4. Expenses from Continuing Operations (continued)

\$ '000	Notes	Actual 2015	Actual 2014
(e) Other Expenses			
Other Expenses for the year include the following:			
Contributions/Levies to Other Levels of Government			
- DWR Contributions		47	46
- Emergency Services Levy		38	38
- NSW Fire Brigade Levy		86	86
- NSW Rural Fire Service Levy		128	162
Councillor Expenses - Mayoral Fee		39	37
Councillor Expenses - Councillors' Fees		215	203
Councillors' Expenses (incl. Mayor) - Other (excluding fees above)		102	84
Donations, Contributions & Assistance to other organisations (Section 356)			
- Donations, Contributions & Assistance: Griffith La Festa		20	20
- Donations, Contributions & Assistance: Griffith War Memorial		-	9
- Donations, Contributions & Assistance: Flix in the Stix		-	5
- Donations, Contributions & Assistance: Regional Arts Board		17	17
- Donations, Contributions & Assistance: RIVROC/RAMROC		24	23
- Donations, Contributions & Assistance: Riverina Regional Cities Forecast ID		16	20
- Donations, Contributions & Assistance: Town Band		7	7
- Donations, Contributions & Assistance: WRCL		232	236
- Donations, Contributions & Assistance: Other		85	82
Electricity & Heating		1,699	1,932
Insurance		669	612
Street Lighting		363	407
Telephone & Communications		184	180
Other		1	-
<u>TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES</u>		<u>3,972</u>	<u>4,206</u>

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Note 5. Gains or Losses from the Disposal of Assets

\$ '000	Notes	Actual 2015	Actual 2014
Property (excl. Investment Property)			
Proceeds from Disposal - Property		-	330
less: Carrying Amount of Property Assets Sold / Written Off		-	(271)
Net Gain/(Loss) on Disposal		-	59
Plant & Equipment			
Proceeds from Disposal - Plant & Equipment		810	705
less: Carrying Amount of P&E Assets Sold / Written Off		(723)	(624)
Net Gain/(Loss) on Disposal		87	81
Infrastructure			
Proceeds from Disposal - Infrastructure		-	16
less: Carrying Amount of Infrastructure Assets Sold / Written Off		-	(62)
Net Gain/(Loss) on Disposal		-	(46)
Financial Assets			
Proceeds from Disposal / Redemptions / Maturities - Financial Assets		8,129	9,820
less: Carrying Amount of Financial Assets Sold / Redeemed / Matured		(8,129)	(9,820)
Net Gain/(Loss) on Disposal		-	-
<u>NET GAIN/(LOSS) ON DISPOSAL OF ASSETS</u>		<u>87</u>	<u>94</u>

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Note 6a. - Cash Assets and Note 6b. - Investments

\$ '000	Notes	2015	2015	2014	2014
		Actual Current	Actual Non Current	Actual Current	Actual Non Current
Cash & Cash Equivalents (Note 6a)					
Cash on Hand and at Bank		6,546	-	7,835	-
Cash-Equivalent Assets ¹					
- Managed Funds		2,158	-	2,038	-
- Short Term Deposits		10,014	-	83	-
Total Cash & Cash Equivalents		18,718	-	9,956	-
Investments (Note 6b)					
- Long Term Deposits		-	6,000	8,129	3,000
- NCD's, FRN's (with Maturities > 3 months)		8,572	-	4,057	-
- Other Long Term Financial Assets		1,070	-	1,070	-
Total Investments		9,642	6,000	13,256	3,000
TOTAL CASH ASSETS, CASH EQUIVALENTS & INVESTMENTS		28,360	6,000	23,212	3,000

¹ Those Investments where time to maturity (from date of purchase) is < 3 mths.

Cash, Cash Equivalents & Investments were classified at year end in accordance with AASB 139 as follows:

Cash & Cash Equivalents

a. "At Fair Value through the Profit & Loss"		18,718	-	9,956	-
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Investments

a. "At Fair Value through the Profit & Loss"					
- "Held for Trading"	6(b-i)	9,642	-	5,127	-
b. "Held to Maturity"	6(b-ii)	-	6,000	8,129	3,000
Investments		9,642	6,000	13,256	3,000

Refer to Note 27 - Fair Value Measurement for information regarding the fair value of investments held.

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Note 6b. Investments (continued)

\$ '000	2015 Actual Current	2015 Actual Non Current	2014 Actual Current	2014 Actual Non Current
Note 6(b-i)				
Reconciliation of Investments classified as "At Fair Value through the Profit & Loss"				
Balance at the Beginning of the Year	5,127	-	9,820	-
Additions	4,515	-	5,127	-
Disposals (sales & redemptions)	-	-	(9,820)	-
Balance at End of Year	9,642	-	5,127	-
Comprising:				
- NCD's, FRN's (with Maturities > 3 months)	8,572	-	4,057	-
- Other Long Term Financial Assets	1,070	-	1,070	-
Total	9,642	-	5,127	-
 Note 6(b-ii)				
Reconciliation of Investments classified as "Held to Maturity"				
Balance at the Beginning of the Year	8,129	3,000	-	-
Additions	-	3,000	8,129	3,000
Disposals (sales & redemptions)	(8,129)	-	-	-
Balance at End of Year	-	6,000	8,129	3,000
Comprising:				
- Long Term Deposits	-	6,000	8,129	3,000
Total	-	6,000	8,129	3,000

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Note 6c. Restricted Cash, Cash Equivalents & Investments - Details

\$ '000	2015	2015	2014	2014
	Actual Current	Actual Non Current	Actual Current	Actual Non Current
Total Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments	28,360	6,000	23,212	3,000
attributable to:				
External Restrictions (refer below)	16,785	6,000	17,763	-
Internal Restrictions (refer below)	7,413	-	5,131	-
Unrestricted	4,162	-	318	3,000
	28,360	6,000	23,212	3,000
2015	Opening	Transfers to	Transfers from	Closing
\$ '000	Balance	Restrictions	Restrictions	Balance
Details of Restrictions				
External Restrictions - Included in Liabilities				
Specific Purpose Unexpended Loans-General (A)	507	500	(507)	500
External Restrictions - Included in Liabilities	507	500	(507)	500
External Restrictions - Other				
Developer Contributions - General (D)	1,154	153	(97)	1,210
Developer Contributions - Water Fund (D)	1,650	122	-	1,772
Developer Contributions - Sewer Fund (D)	708	67	-	775
Specific Purpose Unexpended Grants (F)	194	-	(140)	54
Water Supplies (G)	7,033	1,567	-	8,600
Sewerage Services (G)	2,484	837	-	3,321
Stormwater Management (G)	611	21	-	632
Specific Purpose Unexpended Grants - Griffith Health Facilities Limited	3,422	2,499	-	5,921
External Restrictions - Other	17,256	5,266	(237)	22,285
Total External Restrictions	17,763	5,766	(744)	22,785
Internal Restrictions				
Plant & Vehicle Replacement	524	500	-	1,024
Infrastructure Replacement	-	500	-	500
Employees Leave Entitlement	1,840	225	-	2,065
Griffith Health Facilities Limited	2,214	482	-	2,696
Centenary Celebrations	26	75	-	101
Waste Services	527	500	-	1,027
Total Internal Restrictions	5,131	2,282	-	7,413
TOTAL RESTRICTIONS	22,894	8,048	(744)	30,198

A Loan moneys which must be applied for the purposes for which the loans were raised.

D Development contributions which are not yet expended for the provision of services and amenities in accordance with contributions plans (refer Note 17).

F Grants which are not yet expended for the purposes for which the grants were obtained. (refer Note 1)

G Water, Sewerage, Domestic Waste Management (DWM) & other Special Rates/Levies/Charges are externally restricted assets and must be applied for the purposes for which they were raised.

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Note 7. Receivables

\$ '000	Notes	2015		2014	
		Current	Non Current	Current	Non Current
Purpose					
Rates & Annual Charges		2,740	-	2,843	-
User Charges & Fees		3,734	-	4,292	-
Accrued Revenues					
- Interest on Investments		139	-	373	-
- Other Income Accruals		176	-	307	-
Government Grants & Subsidies		1,232	-	1,264	-
Deferred Debtors		16	32	15	38
Net GST Receivable		305	-	276	-
Total		8,342	32	9,370	38
less: Provision for Impairment					
User Charges & Fees		(596)	-	(428)	-
Total Provision for Impairment - Receivables		(596)	-	(428)	-
TOTAL NET RECEIVABLES		7,746	32	8,942	38
Externally Restricted Receivables					
Water Supply					
- Rates & Availability Charges		546	-	606	-
- Other		2,164	-	2,124	-
Sewerage Services					
- Rates & Availability Charges		2,034	-	2,041	-
- Other		277	-	385	-
Total External Restrictions		5,021	-	5,156	-
Internally Restricted Receivables					
Nil					
Unrestricted Receivables		2,725	32	3,786	38
TOTAL NET RECEIVABLES		7,746	32	8,942	38

Notes on Debtors above:

- (i) Rates & Annual Charges Outstanding are secured against the property.
- (ii) Doubtful Rates Debtors are provided for where the value of the property is less than the debt outstanding.
An allowance for other doubtful debts is made when there is objective evidence that a receivable is impaired.
- (iii) Interest was charged on overdue rates & charges at 8.50% (2014 9.00%).
Generally all other receivables are non interest bearing.
- (iv) Please refer to Note 15 for issues concerning Credit Risk and Fair Value disclosures.

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Note 8. Inventories & Other Assets

\$ '000	Notes	2015		2014	
		Current	Non Current	Current	Non Current
Inventories					
Real Estate for resale (refer below)		728	2,291	728	2,291
Stores & Materials		584	-	560	-
Trading Stock		48	-	49	-
Water Entitlement (avail. for Temporary/Permanent Sale)		-	4,741	-	3,220
Other		6	-	-	-
Total Inventories		1,366	7,032	1,337	5,511
Other Assets					
Prepayments		329	-	34	-
Total Other Assets		329	-	34	-
TOTAL INVENTORIES / OTHER ASSETS		1,695	7,032	1,371	5,511
Externally Restricted Assets					
Water					
Stores & Materials		349	-	343	-
Real Estate for Resale		-	2,233	-	2,233
Total Water		349	2,233	343	2,233
Sewerage					
Nil					
Domestic Waste Management					
Nil					
Other					
Nil					
Total Externally Restricted Assets		349	2,233	343	2,233
Total Internally Restricted Assets		-	-	-	-
Total Unrestricted Assets		1,346	4,799	1,028	3,278
TOTAL INVENTORIES & OTHER ASSETS		1,695	7,032	1,371	5,511

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Note 8. Inventories & Other Assets (continued)

\$ '000	2015		2014	
	Current	Non Current	Current	Non Current
(i) Other Disclosures				
(a) Details for Real Estate Development				
Residential	-	2,291	-	2,291
Industrial/Commercial	728	-	728	-
Total Real Estate for Resale	728	2,291	728	2,291
(Valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value)				
Represented by:				
Acquisition Costs	728	2,291	728	2,291
Total Costs	728	2,291	728	2,291
Total Real Estate for Resale	728	2,291	728	2,291
Movements:				
Real Estate assets at beginning of the year	728	2,291	728	2,291
Total Real Estate for Resale	728	2,291	728	2,291

(b) Inventory Write Downs

There were no amounts recognised as an expense relating to the write down of Inventory balances held during the year.

Refer to Note 27 - Fair Value Measurement for information regarding the fair value of other assets held.

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Note 9a. Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment

\$ '000	as at 30/6/2014					Asset Movements during the Reporting Period						as at 30/6/2015				
	At	At	Accumulated		Carrying	Asset Additions	Reinstatement Costs for Impaired Assets	WDV of Asset Disposals	Depreciation Expense	WIP Transfers	Revaluation Increments to Equity (ARR)	At	At	Accumulated		Carrying
	Cost	Fair Value	Dep'n	Impairment	Value							Cost	Fair Value	Dep'n	Impairment	Value
Capital Work in Progress	1,881	-	-	-	1,881	2,296	-	-	-	(332)	-	3,845	-	-	-	3,845
Plant & Equipment	-	15,030	7,261	-	7,769	2,185	-	(711)	(1,398)	-	-	-	15,105	7,260	-	7,845
Office Equipment	-	2,176	1,124	-	1,052	173	-	-	(216)	-	-	-	2,129	1,120	-	1,009
Furniture & Fittings	-	1,395	833	-	562	43	-	-	(59)	-	-	-	1,439	893	-	546
Land:																
- Operational Land	-	21,648	-	-	21,648	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21,648	-	-	21,648
- Community Land	-	9,171	3	-	9,168	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,171	3	-	9,168
Buildings - Specialised	-	62,974	6,016	-	56,958	1,566	-	-	(458)	40	-	-	64,580	6,474	-	58,106
Other Structures	-	13,009	3,445	-	9,564	118	-	-	(341)	-	-	-	13,126	3,785	-	9,341
Infrastructure:																
- Roads	-	291,135	40,988	4,501	245,646	1,697	2,168	-	(3,117)	1	-	-	292,835	44,106	2,334	246,395
- Bridges	-	5,311	2,194	-	3,117	-	-	-	(54)	-	-	-	5,311	2,248	-	3,063
- Footpaths	-	11,589	4,903	-	6,686	156	-	-	(207)	-	-	-	11,745	5,110	-	6,635
- Stormwater Drainage	-	56,216	10,536	-	45,680	101	-	-	(449)	-	-	-	56,317	10,985	-	45,332
- Water Supply Network	-	169,168	44,595	-	124,573	592	-	-	(1,859)	26	1,841	-	172,324	47,151	-	125,173
- Sewerage Network	-	166,961	38,814	-	128,147	308	-	-	(1,648)	-	1,897	-	169,773	41,069	-	128,704
- Other Open Space/Recreational Assets	-	12,900	7,238	-	5,662	220	-	-	(739)	-	-	-	13,121	7,978	-	5,143
Other Assets:																
- Other	-	6,915	3,292	-	3,623	241	-	(12)	(480)	265	-	-	7,359	3,722	-	3,637
TOTAL INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIP.	1,881	845,598	171,242	4,501	671,736	9,696	2,168	(723)	(11,025)	-	3,738	3,845	855,983	181,904	2,334	675,590

Additions to Buildings & Infrastructure Assets are made up of Asset Renewals (\$7,297) and New Assets (\$1,192). Renewals are defined as the replacement of existing assets (as opposed to the acquisition of new assets).

Refer to Note 27 - Fair Value Measurement for information regarding the fair value of other Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment.

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Note 9b. Externally Restricted Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment

\$ '000 Class of Asset	Actual 2015				Actual 2014			
	At Cost	At Fair Value	A/Dep & Impairm't	Carrying Value	At Cost	At Fair Value	A/Dep & Impairm't	Carrying Value
Water Supply								
WIP	71	-	-	71	26	-	-	26
Plant & Equipment	-	1,235	542	693	-	1,219	529	690
Office Equipment	-	12	12	-	-	12	12	-
Land								
- Operational Land	-	1,000	-	1,000	-	1,000	-	1,000
- Community Land	-	340	3	337	-	340	3	337
Buildings	-	2,411	192	2,219	-	2,411	180	2,231
Other Structures	-	170	36	134	-	160	31	129
Infrastructure	-	172,323	47,151	125,172	-	169,167	44,595	124,572
Other Assets	-	678	533	145	-	685	471	214
Total Water Supply	71	178,169	48,469	129,771	26	174,994	45,821	129,199
Sewerage Services								
WIP	250	-	-	250	-	-	-	-
Plant & Equipment	-	1,067	480	587	-	1,010	382	628
Office Equipment	-	2	2	-	-	2	2	-
Furniture & Fittings	-	9	3	6	-	9	1	8
Land								
- Operational Land	-	2,418	-	2,418	-	2,418	-	2,418
- Community Land	-	267	-	267	-	267	-	267
Buildings	-	1,632	91	1,541	-	1,632	82	1,550
Other Structures	-	362	86	276	-	362	73	289
Infrastructure	-	169,773	41,069	128,704	-	166,961	38,814	128,147
Other Assets	-	775	464	311	-	755	410	345
Total Sewerage Services	250	176,305	42,195	134,360	-	173,416	39,764	133,652
Domestic Waste Management								
Plant & Equipment	-	567	297	270	-	567	251	316
Land								
- Operational Land	-	1,340	-	1,340	-	1,340	-	1,340
- Community Land	-	357	-	357	-	357	-	357
Buildings	-	191	37	154	-	191	35	156
Other Assets	-	308	164	144	-	295	130	165
Total DWM	-	2,763	498	2,265	-	2,750	416	2,334
TOTAL RESTRICTED I,PP&E	321	357,237	91,162	266,396	26	351,160	86,001	265,185

Note 9c. Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment - Current Year Impairments

Council has recognised no impairment losses during the reporting period nor reversed any prior period losses.

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Note 10a. Payables, Borrowings & Provisions

\$ '000	Notes	2015		2014	
		Current	Non Current	Current	Non Current
Payables					
Goods & Services - operating expenditure		3,235	-	4,156	-
Payments Received In Advance		992	-	553	-
Accrued Expenses:					
- Other Expenditure Accruals		463	9	421	12
Security Bonds, Deposits & Retentions		1,259	-	1,288	-
Total Payables		5,949	9	6,418	12
Borrowings					
Loans - Secured ¹		1,399	20,670	1,932	21,569
Finance Lease Liabilities		-	-	101	-
Total Borrowings		1,399	20,670	2,033	21,569
Provisions					
Employee Benefits;					
Annual Leave		1,858	-	1,694	-
Sick Leave		139	-	159	-
Long Service Leave		3,888	162	3,701	194
Total Provisions		5,885	162	5,554	194
Total Payables, Borrowings & Provisions		13,233	20,841	14,005	21,775

(i) Liabilities relating to Restricted Assets

	2015		2014	
	Current	Non Current	Current	Non Current
Externally Restricted Assets				
Water	1	-	1	-
Sewer	779	19,140	913	19,919
Liabilities relating to externally restricted assets	780	19,140	914	19,919
Internally Restricted Assets				
Nil				
Total Liabilities relating to restricted assets	780	19,140	914	19,919
Total Liabilities relating to Unrestricted Assets	12,453	1,701	13,091	1,856
TOTAL PAYABLES, BORROWINGS & PROVISIONS	13,233	20,841	14,005	21,775

¹ Loans are secured over the General Income of Council

Disclosures on Liability Interest Rate Risk Exposures, Fair Value Disclosures & Security can be found in Note 15.

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Note 10a. Payables, Borrowings & Provisions (continued)

\$ '000	Actual 2015	Actual 2014
(ii) Current Liabilities not anticipated to be settled within the next 12 months		
The following Liabilities, even though classified as current, are not expected to be settled in the next 12 months.		
Provisions - Employees Benefits	4,360	4,108
Payables - Security Bonds, Deposits & Retentions	1,122	1,151
Other Liabilities: Payments Received in Advance	275	211
	5,757	5,470

Note 10b. Description of and movements in Provisions

Class of Provision	2014		2015			
	Opening Balance as at 1/7/14	Additional Provisions	Decrease due to Payments	Remeasurement effects due to Discounting	Unused amounts reversed	Closing Balance as at 30/6/15
Annual Leave	1,694	1,836	(1,713)	41	-	1,858
Sick Leave	159	(1)	(22)	3	-	139
Long Service Leave	3,895	753	(666)	68	-	4,050
TOTAL	5,748	2,588	(2,401)	112	-	6,047

- a. Employees Leave Entitlements & On-Costs represents those benefits accrued and payable and an estimate of those that will become payable in the future as a result of past service.

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Note 11. Statement of Cash Flows - Additional Information

\$ '000	Notes	Actual 2015	Actual 2014
(a) Reconciliation of Cash Assets			
Total Cash & Cash Equivalent Assets	6a	18,718	9,956
Less Bank Overdraft	10	-	-
BALANCE as per the STATEMENT of CASH FLOWS		18,718	9,956
(b) Reconciliation of Net Operating Result to Cash provided from Operating Activities			
Net Operating Result from Income Statement		9,109	8,504
Adjust for non cash items:			
Depreciation & Amortisation		10,931	10,003
Net Losses/(Gains) on Disposal of Assets		(87)	(94)
Losses/(Gains) recognised on Fair Value Re-measurements through the P&L:			
- Other (Water Licences Revaluation thru Revaluation Reserve)		1,521	729
Amortisation of Premiums, Discounts & Prior Period Fair Valuations			
- Interest Exp. on Interest Free Loans received by Council (previously Fair Valued)		63	74
Share of Net (Profits) or Losses of Associates/Joint Ventures		4	(69)
+/- Movement in Operating Assets and Liabilities & Other Cash Items:			
Decrease/(Increase) in Receivables		1,029	(1,432)
Increase/(Decrease) in Provision for Doubtful Debts		168	-
Decrease/(Increase) in Inventories		(1,550)	(786)
Decrease/(Increase) in Other Assets		(295)	6
Increase/(Decrease) in Payables		(921)	501
Increase/(Decrease) in other accrued Expenses Payable		39	131
Increase/(Decrease) in Other Liabilities		410	(128)
Increase/(Decrease) in Employee Leave Entitlements		299	109
NET CASH PROVIDED FROM/(USED IN) OPERATING ACTIVITIES from the STATEMENT of CASH FLOWS		20,720	17,548

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Note 11. Statement of Cash Flows - Additional Information (continued)

\$ '000	Notes	Actual 2015	Actual 2014
(c) Non-Cash Investing & Financing Activities			
Nil			
(d) Financing Arrangements			
(i) Unrestricted access was available at balance date to the following lines of credit:			
Bank Overdraft Facilities ⁽¹⁾		1,000	1,000
Credit Cards / Purchase Cards		79	71
Total Financing Arrangements		1,079	1,071
Amounts utilised as at Balance Date:			
- Credit Cards / Purchase Cards		31	30
Total Financing Arrangements Utilised		31	30

1. The Bank overdraft facility may be drawn at any time and may be terminated by the bank without notice. Interest rates on overdrafts are Interest Rates on Loans & Other Payables are disclosed in Note 15.

(ii) Secured Loan Liabilities

Loans are secured by a mortgage over future years General Revenue only.

Note 12. Commitments for Expenditure

(a) Capital Commitments (exclusive of GST)

Capital expenditure committed for at the reporting date but not recognised in the financial statements as liabilities:

Property, Plant & Equipment

Buildings		15,991	17,088
Total Commitments		15,991	17,088
These expenditures are payable as follows:			
Within the next year		15,991	-
Later than one year and not later than 5 years		-	17,088
Total Payable		15,991	17,088
Sources for Funding of Capital Commitments:			
Future Grants & Contributions		7,374	11,352
Unexpended Grants		5,921	3,522
Internally Restricted Reserves		2,696	2,214
Total Sources of Funding		15,991	17,088

Details of Capital Commitments

Construction of the Griffith Community Private Hospital

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Note 12. Commitments for Expenditure (continued)

\$ '000	Notes	Actual 2015	Actual 2014	
(b) Finance Lease Commitments				
(i) Commitments under Finance Leases at the Reporting Date are payable as follows:				
Within the next year		-	101	
Later than one year and not later than 5 years		-	-	
Later than 5 years		-	-	
Total Minimum Lease Payments		-	101	
less: Future Finance Charges		-	-	
Amount Recognised as a Liability		-	101	
(ii) Finance Lease Liability Recognised represent;				
Current Liabilities		-	101	
Total Finance Lease Liabilities Disclosed		-	101	
(i) General Details				
Council Leases the following Property, Plant & Equipment under Finance Leases:				
	Term (Years)	Option to Purchase	Contingent Rent Clauses	
Heavy Plant - Carrying Value	Y/N	Y/N		101
Total Carrying Value at Year End				101

(c) Operating Lease Commitments (Non Cancellable)

Nil

(d) Investment Property Commitments

Nil

(e) Investment in Joint Operations - Commitments

For Capital Commitments and Other Commitments relating to Investments in Joint Operations, refer to Note 19 (c)

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Note 13a(i). Statement of Performance Measurement - Indicators (Consolidated)

\$ '000	Amounts 2015	Indicator 2015	Prior Periods 2014 2013	
Local Government Industry Indicators - Consolidated				
1. Operating Performance Ratio				
Total continuing operating revenue ⁽¹⁾				
<u>(excl. Capital Grants & Contributions) - Operating Expenses</u>	<u>3,366</u>	6.50%	3.83%	8.00%
Total continuing operating revenue ⁽¹⁾	<u>51,746</u>			
(excl. Capital Grants & Contributions)				
2. Own Source Operating Revenue Ratio				
Total continuing operating revenue ⁽¹⁾				
<u>(excl. ALL Grants & Contributions)</u>	<u>43,869</u>	76.42%	77.51%	67.70%
Total continuing operating revenue ⁽¹⁾	<u>57,406</u>			
(excl. Capital Grants & Contributions)				
3. Unrestricted Current Ratio				
Current Assets less all External Restrictions ⁽²⁾	<u>20,387</u>	3.04x	1.77	1.88
Current Liabilities less Specific Purpose Liabilities ^(3, 4)	<u>6,696</u>			
4. Debt Service Cover Ratio				
Operating Result ⁽¹⁾ before capital excluding interest and depreciation / impairment / amortisation	<u>15,921</u>	4.94x	2.78	3.35
Principal Repayments (from the Statement of Cash Flows)	<u>3,220</u>			
+ Borrowing Costs (from the Income Statement)				
5. Rates, Annual Charges, Interest & Extra Charges Outstanding Percentage				
Rates, Annual and Extra Charges Outstanding	<u>2,740</u>	8.77%	9.32%	10.63%
Rates, Annual and Extra Charges Collectible	<u>31,250</u>			
6. Cash Expense Cover Ratio				
Current Year's Cash and Cash Equivalents				
<u>+ All Term Deposits</u>	<u>24,718</u>	7.01 mths	6.20	6.15
Payments from cash flow of operating and financing activities	<u>3,526</u>			

Notes

(1) Excludes fair value adjustments and reversal of revaluation decrements, net gain/(loss) on sale of assets and the net share of interests in joint ventures & associates.

(2) Refer Notes 6-8 inclusive.

Also excludes any real estate & land for resale not expected to be sold in the next 12 months

(3) Refer to Note 10(a).

(4) Refer to Note 10(a)(ii) - excludes all payables & provisions not expected to be paid in the next 12 months (incl. ELE).

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Note 13a(ii). Local Government Industry Indicators - Graphs (Consolidated)



Purpose of Operating Performance Ratio

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

Commentary on 2014/15 Result

2014/15 Ratio 6.50%

Council has achieved another solid operating result with a positive performance recorded in each of the past 3 financial years. Operating expenses have been well contained and base revenues maintained for the year.

Benchmark: — Minimum $\geq 0.00\%$

Source for Benchmark: Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting #23

Ratio is within Benchmark
 Ratio is outside Benchmark



Purpose of Own Source Operating Revenue Ratio

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

Commentary on 2014/15 Result

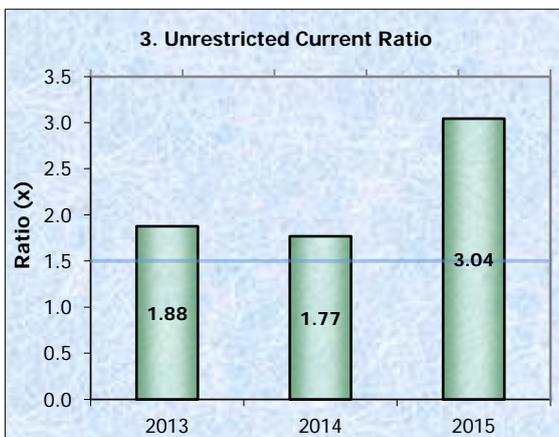
2014/15 Ratio 76.42%

Council's own source revenues are comfortably above the minimum 60% benchmark. Council has a healthy rating base that is supporting a strong ratio for own source revenue.

Benchmark: — Minimum $\geq 60.00\%$

Source for Benchmark: Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting #23

Ratio is within Benchmark
 Ratio is outside Benchmark



Purpose of Unrestricted Current Ratio

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

Commentary on 2014/15 Result

2014/15 Ratio 3.04x

Council's Unrestricted Current Ratio has been on a positive improving trend in the last 3 years in particular. Council is aiming to increase this ratio further to above 2.50 on the medium term, however the ratio is comfortably in excess of the minimum 1.50 ratio.

Benchmark: — Minimum ≥ 1.50

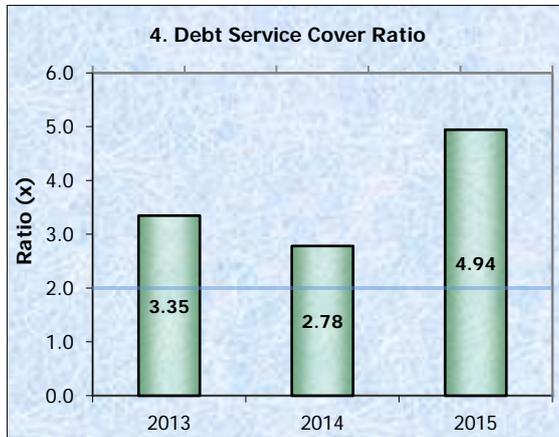
Source for Benchmark: Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting #23

Ratio is within Benchmark
 Ratio is outside Benchmark

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Note 13a(ii). Local Government Industry Indicators - Graphs (Consolidated)



Purpose of Debt Service Cover Ratio

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

Commentary on 2014/15 Result

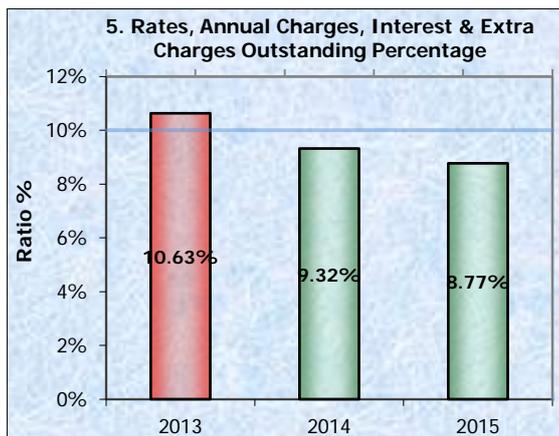
2014/15 Ratio 4.94x

Council's Debt Service Cover Ratio has increased as the full effect of the servicing of the Griffith Water Reclamation Plant loan has now taken effect. The ratio should now stabilise and continue to increase.

Benchmark: Minimum ≥ 2.00

Source for Benchmark: Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting #23

Ratio is within Benchmark
 Ratio is outside Benchmark



Purpose of Rates & Annual Charges Outstanding Ratio

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

Commentary on 2014/15 Result

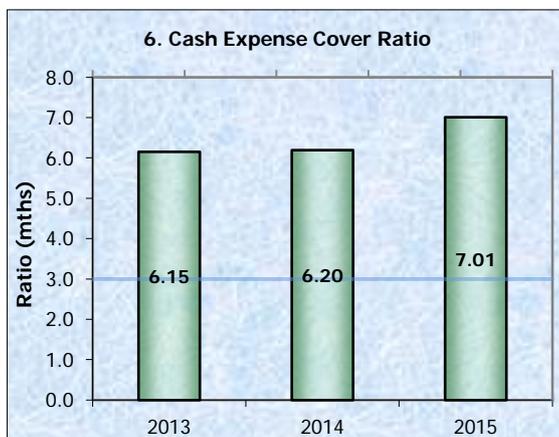
2014/15 Ratio 8.77%

This ratio is impacted by the timing of Council's 3rd Trimester Water/Sewer billing which is billed in June annually but is collectible in July. The Ratio will usually be around 10% each year due to this and Council is not concerned as a result. The 2015 ratio is however within the 10% benchmark.

Benchmark: Maximum $< 10.00\%$

Source for Benchmark: Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting #23

Ratio is within Benchmark
 Ratio is outside Benchmark



Purpose of Cash Expense Cover Ratio

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

Commentary on 2014/15 Result

2014/15 Ratio 7.01 mths

Council's Cash Expense Cover Ratio remains in a very healthy position with the coverage more than twice the minimum benchmark of 3 months.

Benchmark: Minimum ≥ 3.00

Source for Benchmark: Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting #23

Ratio is within Benchmark
 Ratio is outside Benchmark

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Note 13b. Statement of Performance Measurement - Indicators (by Fund)

\$ '000	Water 2015	Sewer 2015	General ⁵ 2015
Local Government Industry Indicators - by Fund			
1. Operating Performance Ratio			
Total continuing operating revenue ⁽¹⁾			
<u>(excl. Capital Grants & Contributions) - Operating Expenses</u>	11.40%	5.41%	5.46%
Total continuing operating revenue ⁽¹⁾			
(excl. Capital Grants & Contributions)	prior period: 14.02%	6.11%	0.34%
2. Own Source Operating Revenue Ratio			
Total continuing operating revenue ⁽¹⁾			
<u>(excl. ALL Grants & Contributions)</u>	97.80%	98.63%	67.07%
Total continuing operating revenue ⁽¹⁾			
	prior period: 96.28%	99.62%	68.40%
3. Unrestricted Current Ratio			
<u>Current Assets less all External Restrictions ⁽²⁾</u>	11972.00x	7.23x	2.38x
Current Liabilities less Specific Purpose Liabilities ^(3, 4)			
	prior period: 10252.00	5.38	1.35
4. Debt Service Cover Ratio			
<u>Operating Result ⁽¹⁾ before capital excluding interest and depreciation / impairment / amortisation</u>	3.42x	2.53x	11.06x
Principal Repayments (from the Statement of Cash Flows) + Borrowing Costs (from the Income Statement)			
	prior period: 2.61	2.45	3.14
5. Rates, Annual Charges, Interest & Extra Charges Outstanding Percentage			
<u>Rates, Annual and Extra Charges Outstanding</u>	30.17%	29.17%	0.71%
Rates, Annual and Extra Charges Collectible			
	prior period: 33.35%	23.48%	0.98%
6. Cash Expense Cover Ratio			
Current Year's Cash and Cash Equivalents <u>+ All Term Deposits</u>	20.79	7.48	4.13
Payments from cash flow of operating and financing activities	mths	mths	mths
	prior period: 18.67	5.61	3.89

Notes

(1) - (4) Refer to Notes at Note 13a(i) above.

(5) General Fund refers to all of Council's activities except for its Water & Sewer activities which are listed separately.

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Note 14. Investment Properties

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Council has not classified any Land or Buildings as "Investment Properties"

Note 15. Financial Risk Management

Risk Management

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

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

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

Financial risk management is carried out by Council's Finance Section under policies approved by the Council.

A comparison by category of the carrying amounts and fair values of Council's Financial Assets & Financial Liabilities recognised in the financial statements is presented below.

	Carrying Value		Fair Value	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
Financial Assets				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	18,718	9,956	18,718	9,956
Investments				
- "Held for Trading"	9,642	5,127	9,642	5,127
- "Held to Maturity"	6,000	11,129	6,000	11,129
Receivables	7,778	8,980	7,778	8,980
Total Financial Assets	42,138	35,192	42,138	35,192
Financial Liabilities				
Payables	4,966	5,877	4,966	5,877
Loans / Advances	22,069	23,501	22,069	23,501
Lease Liabilities	-	101	-	101
Total Financial Liabilities	27,035	29,479	27,035	29,479

Fair Value is determined as follows:

- **Cash & Cash Equivalents, Receivables, Payables** - are estimated to be the carrying value which approximates mkt value.
- **Borrowings & Held to Maturity Investments** - are based upon estimated future cash flows discounted by the current market interest rates applicable to assets & liabilities with similar risk profiles, unless quoted market prices are available.
- Financial Assets classified (i) **"at fair value through profit & loss"** or (ii) **Available for Sale** - are based upon quoted market prices (in active markets for identical investments) at the reporting date or independent valuation.

Refer to Note 27 - Fair Value Measurement for information regarding the fair value of financial assets & liabilities

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Note 15. Financial Risk Management (continued)

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(a) Cash & Cash Equivalents, Financial assets 'at fair value through the profit & Loss' "Available-for-sale" financial assets & "Held-to-maturity" Investments

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

Council's Finance area manages the Cash & Investments portfolio with the assistance of independent advisors.

Council has an Investment Policy which complies with the Local Government Act & Minister's Investment Order. This Policy is regularly reviewed by Council and it's staff and an Investment Report is tabled before Council on a monthly basis setting out the portfolio breakup and its performance.

The risks associated with the investments held are:

- **Price Risk** - the risk that the capital value of Investments may fluctuate due to changes in market prices, whether there changes are caused by factors specific to individual financial instruments or their issuers or are caused by factors affecting similar instruments traded in a market.
- **Interest Rate Risk** - the risk that movements in interest rates could affect returns and income.
- **Credit Risk** - the risk that the investment counterparty) will not complete their obligations particular to a financial instrument, resulting in a financial loss to Council - be it of a capital or income nature.

Council manages these risks (amongst other measures) by diversifying its portfolio and only purchasing investments with high credit ratings or capital guarantees.

Council also seeks advice from independent advisers before placing any funds in Cash Equivalents & Investments.

The following represents a summary of the sensitivity of Council's Income Statement and Accumulated Surplus (for the reporting period) due to a change in either the price of a financial asset or the interest rates applicable.

It is assumed that the change in interest rates would have been constant throughout the reporting period.

	Increase of Values/Rates		Decrease of Values/Rates	
	Profit	Equity	Profit	Equity
2015				
Possible impact of a 10% movement in Market Values	964	964	(964)	(964)
Possible impact of a 1% movement in Interest Rates	96	96	(96)	(96)
2014				
Possible impact of a 10% movement in Market Values	513	513	(513)	(513)
Possible impact of a 1% movement in Interest Rates	51	51	(51)	(51)

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Note 15. Financial Risk Management (continued)

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(b) Receivables

Council's major receivables comprise **(i)** Rates & Annual charges and **(ii)** User Charges & Fees.

The major risk associated with these receivables is credit risk - the risk that debts due and payable to Council may not be repaid in full.

Council manages this risk by monitoring outstanding debt and employing stringent debt recovery procedures. It also encourages ratepayers to pay their rates by the due date through incentives.

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

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

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

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

A profile of Council's receivables credit risk at balance date follows:

	2015 Rates & Annual Charges	2015 Other Receivables	2014 Rates & Annual Charges	2014 Other Receivables
(i) Ageing of Receivables - %				
Current (not yet overdue)	75%	86%	74%	86%
Overdue	25%	14%	26%	14%
	100%	100%	100%	100%

		2015 Rates & Annual Charges	2015 Other Receivables	2014 Rates & Annual Charges	2014 Other Receivables
(ii) Ageing of Receivables - value					
Rates & Annual Charges	Other Receivables				
Current	Current	2,048	4,821	2,115	5,612
< 1 year overdue	0 - 30 days overdue	692	115	728	842
1 - 2 years overdue	30 - 60 days overdue	-	150	-	24
2 - 5 years overdue	60 - 90 days overdue	-	16	-	6
> 5 years overdue	> 90 days overdue	-	532	-	81
		2,740	5,634	2,843	6,565

(iii) Movement in Provision for Impairment of Receivables

	2015	2014
Balance at the beginning of the year	428	428
+ new provisions recognised during the year	168	-
Balance at the end of the year	596	428

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Note 15. Financial Risk Management (continued)

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(c) Payables & Borrowings

Payables & Borrowings are both subject to liquidity risk - the risk that insufficient funds may be on hand to meet payment obligations as and when they fall due.

Council manages this risk by monitoring its cash flow requirements and liquidity levels and maintaining an adequate cash buffer.

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

The contractual undiscounted cash outflows (ie. principal and interest) of Council's Payables & Borrowings are set out in the maturity table below:

\$ '000	Subject to no maturity	payable in:						Total Cash Outflows	Actual Carrying Values
		≤ 1 Year	1-2 Yrs	2-3 Yrs	3-4 Yrs	4-5 Yrs	> 5 Yrs		
2015									
Trade/Other Payables	1,259	3,698	9	-	-	-	-	4,966	4,966
Loans & Advances	-	1,399	1,172	1,033	1,107	1,184	16,174	22,069	22,069
Total Financial Liabilities	1,259	5,097	1,181	1,033	1,107	1,184	16,174	27,035	27,035
2014									
Trade/Other Payables	1,288	4,577	12	-	-	-	-	5,877	5,877
Loans & Advances	-	1,932	1,399	1,172	1,016	978	17,004	23,501	23,501
Lease Liabilities	-	101	-	-	-	-	-	101	101
Total Financial Liabilities	1,288	6,610	1,411	1,172	1,016	978	17,004	29,479	29,479

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

The following interest rates were applicable to Council's Borrowings at balance date:

	2015		2014	
	Carrying Value	Average Interest Rate	Carrying Value	Average Interest Rate
Trade/Other Payables	4,966	0.0%	5,877	0.0%
Loans & Advances - Fixed Interest Rate	22,069	6.3%	23,501	6.3%
Lease Liabilities	-		101	3.1%
	<u>27,035</u>		<u>29,479</u>	

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Note 16. Material Budget Variations

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Council's Original Financial Budget for 14/15 was adopted by the Council on 24 June 2015.

While the Income Statement included in this General Purpose Financial Report must disclose the Original Budget adopted by Council, the Local Government Act requires Council to review its Financial Budget on a Quarterly Basis, so that it is able to manage the various variations between actuals versus budget that invariably occur throughout the year.

This Note sets out the details of MATERIAL VARIATIONS between Council's Original Budget and its Actual results for the year as per the Income Statement - even though such variations may have been adjusted for during each Quarterly Budget Review.

Note that for Variations* of Budget to Actual :

Material Variations represent those variances that amount to **10%** or more of the original budgeted figure.

F = Favourable Budget Variation, **U** = Unfavourable Budget Variation

\$ '000	2015 Budget	2015 Actual	2015 ----- Variance* -----		
REVENUES					
Rates & Annual Charges	27,715	28,158	443	2%	F
User Charges & Fees	13,423	13,388	(35)	(0%)	U
Interest & Investment Revenue	1,213	1,275	62	5%	F
Other Revenues	956	1,048	92	10%	F
Council received a further \$56k in Work Health Safety Incentive payments than budgeted for and also a further \$71k in Temporary Water Sales. Quarry income was less than budgeted.					
Operating Grants & Contributions	7,047	7,877	830	12%	F
Council received \$341k for flood restoration, and additional \$300k from Roads to Recovery and \$80k from the EPA for illegal dumping control that were unbudgeted.					
Capital Grants & Contributions	3,129	5,660	2,531	81%	F
Council received \$2.725M in for the Griffith Community Private Hospital in grant funds & contributions that were not budgeted for.					
Net Gains from Disposal of Assets	80	87	7	9%	F

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Note 16. Material Budget Variations (continued)

\$ '000	2015 Budget	2015 Actual	2015 ----- Variance* -----		
EXPENSES					
Employee Benefits & On-Costs	21,186	22,916	(1,730)	(8%)	U
Borrowing Costs	1,633	1,624	9	1%	F
Materials & Contracts	10,936	8,937	1,999	18%	F
This variation is mainly due to timing differences and council making a concentrated effort to reduce expenditure.					
Depreciation & Amortisation	9,752	10,931	(1,179)	(12%)	U
Differences are due to increases in depreciation in Roads, Water & Sewer after revaluations on these asset classes in 2013 and 2014.					
Other Expenses	4,801	3,972	829	17%	F
Differences are due to higher budgets than actuals for electricity and telephne expenses. Savings have been made due to new contracts.					
Joint Ventures & Associates - Net Losses	-	4	(4)	0%	U
No budget was recorded for Western Riverina Library Council share of profit/loss					

Budget Variations relating to Council's Cash Flow Statement include:

Cash Flows from Operating Activities	14,926	20,720	5,794	38.8%	F
Differences in operating activites actual to budget include \$1.635M for User Fees, \$2.747 for Grants & Contributions, and a \$1.577M difference in Other Revenues.					
Cash Flows from Investing Activities	(16,723)	(10,362)	6,361	(38.0%)	F
Differences from investing activities actual to budget include \$614k for securities which Council does not budget for and Council underspent on Plant, Property & Equipment by \$5.111M compared to the original budget.					
Cash Flows from Financing Activities	(1,147)	(1,596)	(449)	39.1%	U
Differences from financing activities actual compared to budget includes \$1M loan that Council did not draw down and \$101k for the finalisation of a lease that was also unbudgeted.					

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Note 17. Statement of Developer Contributions

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Council recovers contributions, raises levies & enters into planning agreements on development works that are subject to a development consent issued by Council. All contributions must be spent/utilised for the specific purpose they were levied and any interest applicable to unspent funds must be attributed to remaining funds.

The following tables detail the receipt, interest and use of the above contributions & levies and the value of all remaining funds which are "restricted" in their future use.

SUMMARY OF CONTRIBUTIONS & LEVIES

PURPOSE	Opening Balance	Contributions received during the Year		Interest earned in Year	Expenditure during Year	Internal Borrowing (to)/from	Held as Restricted Asset	Projections			Cumulative Internal Borrowings due/(payable)
		Cash	Non Cash					Future income	Exp still outstanding	Over or (under) Funding	
Traffic Facilities	69	5	-	2	-	-	76	-	(76)	-	-
Parking	(35)	-	-	-	-	-	(35)	-	-	(35)	-
Open Space	70	35	-	2	-	-	107	-	(107)	-	-
Community Facilities	14	11	-	-	-	-	25	-	(25)	-	-
S94 Contributions - under a Plan	118	51	-	4	-	-	173	-	(208)	(35)	-
S94A Levies - under a Plan	536	29	-	19	(97)	-	487				-
Total S94 Revenue Under Plans	654	80	-	23	(97)	-	660				-
S94 not under Plans	7	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	(7)	-	-
S64 Contributions	2,851	140	-	99	-	-	3,090				
Total Contributions	3,512	220	-	122	(97)	-	3,757	-	(215)	(35)	-

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Note 17. Statement of Developer Contributions (continued)

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S94 CONTRIBUTIONS - UNDER A PLAN

CONTRIBUTION PLAN - CAR PARKING

PURPOSE	Opening Balance	Contributions received during the Year		Interest earned in Year	Expenditure during Year	Internal Borrowing (to)/from	Held as Restricted Asset	Projections			Cumulative Internal Borrowings due/(payable)
		Cash	Non Cash					Future income	Exp still outstanding	Over or (under) Funding	
Parking	(35)	-	-	-	-	-	(35)	-	-	(35)	-
Total	(35)	-	-	-	-	-	(35)	-	-	(35)	-

CONTRIBUTION PLAN - OPEN SPACE

PURPOSE	Opening Balance	Contributions received during the Year		Interest earned in Year	Expenditure during Year	Internal Borrowing (to)/from	Held as Restricted Asset	Projections			Cumulative Internal Borrowings due/(payable)
		Cash	Non Cash					Future income	Exp still outstanding	Over or (under) Funding	
Open Space	30	31	-	1	-	-	62	-	(62)	-	-
Total	30	31	-	1	-	-	62	-	(62)	-	-

CONTRIBUTION PLAN - COMMUNITY FACILITIES

PURPOSE	Opening Balance	Contributions received during the Year		Interest earned in Year	Expenditure during Year	Internal Borrowing (to)/from	Held as Restricted Asset	Projections			Cumulative Internal Borrowings due/(payable)
		Cash	Non Cash					Future income	Exp still outstanding	Over or (under) Funding	
Community Facilities	14	11	-	-	-	-	25	-	(25)	-	-
Total	14	11	-	-	-	-	25	-	(25)	-	-

CONTRIBUTION PLAN - NEIGHBOURHOOD PARKS

PURPOSE	Opening Balance	Contributions received during the Year		Interest earned in Year	Expenditure during Year	Internal Borrowing (to)/from	Held as Restricted Asset	Projections			Cumulative Internal Borrowings due/(payable)
		Cash	Non Cash					Future income	Exp still outstanding	Over or (under) Funding	
Open Space	40	4	-	1	-	-	45	-	(45)	-	-
Total	40	4	-	1	-	-	45	-	(45)	-	-

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Note 17. Statement of Developer Contributions (continued)

\$ '000

S94 CONTRIBUTIONS - UNDER A PLAN

CONTRIBUTION PLAN - TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

PURPOSE	Opening Balance	Contributions received during the Year		Interest earned in Year	Expenditure during Year	Internal Borrowing (to)/from	Held as Restricted Asset	Projections			Cumulative Internal Borrowings due/(payable)
		Cash	Non Cash					Future income	Exp still outstanding	Over or (under) Funding	
Traffic Facilities	69	5	-	2	-	-	76	-	(76)	-	-
Total	69	5	-	2	-	-	76	-	(76)	-	-

S94A LEVIES - UNDER A PLAN

CONTRIBUTION SEC 94A FROM 01-07-10

PURPOSE	Opening Balance	Contributions received during the Year		Interest earned in Year	Expenditure during Year	Internal Borrowing (to)/from	Held as Restricted Asset	Projections			Cumulative Internal Borrowings due/(payable)
		Cash	Non Cash					Future income	Exp still outstanding	Over or (under) Funding	
Sec 94A from 01-07-10	536	29	-	19	(97)	-	487	-	(487)	-	-
Total	536	29	-	19	(97)	-	487				-

S94 CONTRIBUTIONS - NOT UNDER A PLAN

PURPOSE	Opening Balance	Contributions received during the Year		Interest earned in Year	Expenditure during Year	Internal Borrowing (to)/from	Held as Restricted Asset	Projections			Cumulative Internal Borrowings due/(payable)
		Cash	Non Cash					Future income	Exp still outstanding	Over or (under) Funding	
Open Space	7	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	(7)	-	-
Total	7	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	(7)	-	-

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Note 18. Contingencies & Other Assets/Liabilities Not Recognised

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

LIABILITIES NOT RECOGNISED:

1. Guarantees

(i) Defined Benefit Superannuation Contribution Plans

Council participates in an employer sponsored Defined Benefit Superannuation Scheme, and makes contributions as determined by the Superannuation Scheme's Trustees.

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

The Schemes most recent full actuarial review indicated that the Net Assets of the Scheme were not sufficient to meet the accrued benefits of the Schemes Defined Benefit member category with member Councils required to make significantly higher contributions in future years.

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

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

(ii) Statewide Limited

Council is a member of Statewide Mutual, a mutual pool scheme providing liability insurance to Local Government.

Membership includes the potential to share in either the net assets or liabilities of the fund depending on its past performance. Council's share of the Net Assets or Liabilities reflects Council's contributions to the pool and the result of insurance claims within each of the Fund Years.

The future realisation and finalisation of claims incurred but not reported to 30/6 this year may result in future liabilities or benefits as a result of past events that Council will be required to fund or share in respectively.

(iii) StateCover Limited

Council is a member of StateCover Mutual Limited and holds a partly paid share in the entity.

StateCover is a company providing workers compensation insurance cover to the NSW Local Government Industry and specifically Council.

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

These future equity contributions would be required to maintain the company's minimum level of Net Assets in accordance with its Licence Requirements.

(iv) Other Guarantees

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

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Note 18. Contingencies & Other Assets/Liabilities Not Recognised (continued)

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LIABILITIES NOT RECOGNISED (continued):

2. Other Liabilities

(i) Third Party Claims

The Council is involved from time to time in various claims incidental to the ordinary course of business including claims for damages relating to its services.

Council believes that it is appropriately covered for all claims through its Insurance Coverage and does not expect any material liabilities to eventuate.

(ii) S94 Plans

Council levies Section 94/94A Contributions upon various development across the Council area through the required Contributions Plans.

As part of these Plans, Council has received funds for which it will be required to expend the monies in accordance with those Plans.

As well, these Plans indicate proposed future expenditure to be undertaken by Council, which will be funded by making levies and receipting funds in future years or where a shortfall exists by the use of Council's General Funds.

These future expenses do not yet qualify as liabilities as of the Reporting Date, but represent Council's intention to spend funds in the manner and timing set out in those Plans.

(iii) Landfill Restoration Provision

Council operates 2 landfill sites and will have to remediate the sites at some future date. At balance date Council is unable to reliably estimate the financial cost of such work. Refer Note 26.

ASSETS NOT RECOGNISED:

(i) Land Under Roads

As permitted under AASB 1051, Council has elected not to bring to account Land Under Roads that it owned or controlled up to & including 30/6/08.

(ii) Infringement Notices/Fines

Fines & Penalty Income, the result of Council issuing Infringement Notices is followed up and collected by the Infringement Processing Bureau.

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

Accordingly, at Year End, there is a potential asset due to Council representing issued but unpaid Infringement Notices.

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

(iii) Rural Fire Fighting Assets

Council has an ownership interest in certain rural fire appliances, plant & associated rural fire fighting equipment.

These assets are under the control of the Rural Fire Services to enable that Department to provide the bushfire protection defences set out in their Service Level Agreement with Council.

Historically Council has some items of plant & equipment in its assets register and a decision as to whether these assets will be transferred to the RFS or remain with Council will be clarified in a future period.

In accordance with normal Rural Fire Service funding arrangements, Council continues to contribute to the costs of maintenance of this equipment.

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Note 19. Interests in Other Entities

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Council's objectives can and in some cases are best met through the use of separate entities & operations.

These operations and entities range from 100% ownership and control through to lower levels of ownership and control via co-operative arrangements with other Councils, Bodies and other Outside Organisations.

The accounting and reporting for these various entities, operations and arrangements varies in accordance with accounting standards, depending on the level of Councils (i) interest and (ii) control and the type (form) of entity/operation, as follows;

Controlled Entities (Subsidiaries)

Note 19(a)

Operational arrangements where Council's control (but not necessarily interest) exceeds 50%.

Joint Ventures & Associates

Note 19(b)

Joint Ventures are operational arrangements where the parties that have joint control have rights to the net assets of the arrangement.

Associates are separate entities where Council has significant influence over the operations (but neither controls nor jointly controls them).

Joint Operations

Note 19(c)

Operational arrangements where the parties that have joint control have rights to specific assets and obligations for specific liabilities relating to the arrangement rather than a right to the net assets of the arrangement.

Unconsolidated Structured Entities

Note 19(d)

Unconsolidated Structured Entities represent "special vehicles" that Council has an interest in but which are not controlled by Council and therefore not consolidated as a Subsidiary, Joint Arrangement or Associate. Attributes of Structured Entities include restricted activities, a narrow and well-defined objective and insufficient equity to finance its activities without financial support.

Subsidiaries, Joint Arrangements and Associates not recognised

Note 19(e)

Accounting Recognition:

(i) Subsidiaries disclosed under Note 19(a) and Joint Operations disclosed at Note 19(c) are accounted for on a "line by line" consolidation basis within the Income Statement and Statement of Financial Position.

(ii) Joint Ventures and Associates as per Notes 19(b)(i) & (ii) are accounted for using the Equity Accounting Method and are disclosed as a 1 line entry in both the Income Statement and Statement of Financial Position.

	Council's Share of Net Income		Council's Share of Net Assets	
	Actual 2015	Actual 2014	Actual 2015	Actual 2014
Joint Ventures	(4)	69	320	303
Associates	-	-	-	-
Total	(4)	69	320	303

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Note 19. Interests in Other Entities (continued)

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(a) Controlled Entities (Subsidiaries) - being entities & operations controlled by Council

Council's consolidated financial statements incorporate the assets, liabilities & results of the following subsidiaries in accordance with AASB 10 and the accounting policy described in Note 1(c).

Name of Operation/Entity	Principal Activity			
Griffith Health Facilities Limited	Fundraising for Griffith Community Private Hospital Griffith, NSW			
	Ownership		Voting Rights	
Interests in Subsidiary	2015	2014	2015	2014
Council's Interest in Subsidiary	100%	100%	100%	100%
Summarised Financial Information for the Subsidiary	\$ '000		\$ '000	
Summarised Statement of Comprehensive Income	2015		2014	
Revenue	482		200	
Profit for the Period	482		200	
Summarised Statement of Financial Position	2015		2014	
Current Assets	2,696		2,214	
Total Assets	2,696		2,214	
Net Assets	2,696		2,214	
Summarised Statement of Cash Flows	2015		2014	
Cash Flows from Operating Activities	432		149	
Cash Flows from Investing Activities	50		51	
Net increase (decrease) in Cash & Cash Equivalents	482		200	

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Note 19. Interests in Other Entities (continued)

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(b) Joint Ventures and Associates

Council has incorporated the following Joint Ventures and Associates into its consolidated Financial Statements.

(a) Net Carrying Amounts - Council's Share

Name of Entity	Nature of Relationship	Measurement Method	\$ '000 2015	\$ '000 2014
Western Riverina Library	Joint Venture	Percentage	320	303
Total Carrying Amounts - Material Joint Ventures and Associates			320	303

(b) Details

Name of Entity	Principal Activity	Place of Business
Western Riverina Library	Provision of Library/Mobile Library Services	Various

(c) Relevant Interests & Fair Values

Name of Entity	Quoted Fair Value		Interest in Outputs		Interest in Ownership		Proportion of Voting Power	
	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014
Western Riverina Library	320	303	59%	55%	59%	55%	17%	17%

(d) Summarised Financial Information for Joint Ventures & Associates

The below data is based on unaudited management accounts.

Statement of Financial Position	Western Riverina Library	
	2015 \$ '000	2014 \$ '000
Current Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	91	155
Other Current Assets	4	22
Total Current Assets	95	177
Non-Current Assets	469	393
Current Liabilities		
Other Current Liabilities	17	16
Total Current Liabilities	17	16
Net Assets	547	554
Reconciliation of the Carrying Amount		
Opening Net Assets (1 July)	553	426
Profit/(Loss) for the period	(6)	127
Closing Net Assets	547	553
Council's share of Net Assets (%)	58.5%	54.6%
Council's share of Net Assets (\$)	320	303

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Note 19. Interests in Other Entities (continued)

 \$ '000

(b) Joint Ventures and Associates (continued)

(d) Summarised Financial Information for Joint Ventures & Associates (continued)

	Western Riverina Library	
	2015	2014
Statement of Comprehensive Income		
Income	379	510
Interest Income	3	4
Depreciation & Amortisation	(119)	(123)
Other Expenses	(269)	(264)
Profit/(Loss) from Continuing Operations	(6)	127
Profit/(Loss) for Period	(6)	127
Total Comprehensive Income	(6)	127
Council's share of Income (%)	58.5%	54.6%
Council's share of Profit/(Loss) (\$)	(4)	69
Council's share of Comprehensive Income (\$)	(4)	69

(c) Joint Operations

Council has no interest in any Joint Operations.

(d) Unconsolidated Structured Entities

Council has no Unconsolidated Structured Entities

(e) Subsidiaries, Joint Arrangements & Associates not recognised

None.

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Note 20. Equity - Retained Earnings and Revaluation Reserves

\$ '000	Notes	Actual 2015	Actual 2014
(a) Retained Earnings			
Movements in Retained Earnings were as follows:			
Balance at beginning of Year (from previous years audited accounts)		371,796	363,292
a. Changes in Accounting Policies (prior period effects)	20 (d)	234	234
b. Net Operating Result for the Year		9,109	8,504
Balance at End of the Reporting Period		381,139	372,030
(b) Reserves			
(i) Reserves are represented by:			
- Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment Revaluation Reserve		311,562	306,303
Total		311,562	306,303
(ii) Reconciliation of movements in Reserves:			
Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment Revaluation Reserve			
- Opening Balance		306,303	188,836
- Revaluations for the year	9(a)	3,738	116,738
- Water Entitlement avail. for Temp/Perm Sale revaluation for year		1,521	729
- Balance at End of Year		311,562	306,303
TOTAL VALUE OF RESERVES		311,562	306,303
(iii) Nature & Purpose of Reserves			
Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment Revaluation Reserve			
- The Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment Revaluation Reserve is used to record increments/decrements of Non Current Asset values due to their revaluation.			
(c) Correction of Error/s relating to a Previous Reporting Period			
Council made no correction of errors during the current reporting period.			
(d) Voluntary Changes in Accounting Policies			
GCC Share of WRL Net Assets - First Time Recognition		234	-
In accordance with AASB 108 - Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors, the above changes in Accounting Policy have been recognised retrospectively.			
These amounted to the following Equity Adjustments:			
- Adjustments to Closing Equity - 30/6/14 (relating to adjustments for the 30/6/14 year end)		234	-
Total Prior Period Adjustments - Accounting Policy Changes		234	-

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Note 21. Financial Result & Financial Position by Fund

Income Statement by Fund \$ '000	Actual 2015	Actual 2015	Actual 2015
Continuing Operations	Water	Sewer	General¹
Income from Continuing Operations			
Rates & Annual Charges	1,810	6,973	19,375
User Charges & Fees	6,896	766	5,726
Interest & Investment Revenue	300	159	816
Other Revenues	50	13	985
Grants & Contributions provided for Operating Purposes	79	59	7,739
Grants & Contributions provided for Capital Purposes	64	50	5,546
Other Income			
Net Gains from Disposal of Assets	28	3	56
Share of interests in Joint Ventures & Associates using the Equity Method	-	-	-
Total Income from Continuing Operations	9,227	8,023	40,243
Expenses from Continuing Operations			
Employee Benefits & on-costs	2,038	1,673	19,205
Borrowing Costs	-	1,491	133
Materials & Contracts	2,967	1,697	4,273
Depreciation & Amortisation	2,077	1,856	6,998
Impairment	-	-	-
Other Expenses	917	736	2,319
Share of interests in Joint Ventures & Associates using the Equity Method	-	-	4
Total Expenses from Continuing Operations	7,999	7,453	32,932
Operating Result from Continuing Operations	1,228	570	7,311
Discontinued Operations			
Net Profit/(Loss) from Discontinued Operations	-	-	-
Net Operating Result for the Year	1,228	570	7,311
Net Operating Result attributable to each Council Fund	1,228	570	7,311
Net Operating Result attributable to Non-controlling Interests	-	-	-
Net Operating Result for the year before Grants and Contributions provided for Capital Purposes	1,164	520	1,765

¹ General Fund refers to all Council's activities other than Water & Sewer.

NB. All amounts disclosed above are Gross - that is, they include internal charges & recoveries made between the Funds.

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Note 21. Financial Result & Financial Position by Fund (continued)

Statement of Financial Position by Fund \$ '000	Actual 2015	Actual 2015	Actual 2015
ASSETS	Water	Sewer	General¹
Current Assets			
Cash & Cash Equivalents	10,372	4,096	4,250
Investments	-	-	9,642
Receivables	3,023	2,311	2,725
Inventories	349	-	1,017
Other	-	-	329
Non-current assets classified as 'held for sale'	-	-	-
Total Current Assets	13,744	6,407	17,963
Non-Current Assets			
Investments	-	-	6,000
Receivables	882	-	32
Inventories	2,233	-	4,799
Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	129,771	134,360	411,459
Investments Accounted for using the equity method	-	-	320
Investment Property	-	-	-
Intangible Assets	-	-	-
Total Non-Current Assets	132,886	134,360	422,610
TOTAL ASSETS	146,630	140,767	440,573
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Payables	1	-	5,948
Borrowings	-	779	933
Provisions	-	-	5,885
Total Current Liabilities	1	779	12,766
Non-Current Liabilities			
Payables	-	-	9
Borrowings	-	19,140	2,412
Provisions	-	-	162
Total Non-Current Liabilities	-	19,140	2,583
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1	19,919	15,349
Net Assets	146,629	120,848	425,224
EQUITY			
Retained Earnings	82,373	63,103	235,663
Revaluation Reserves	64,256	57,745	189,561
Total Equity	146,629	120,848	425,224

¹ General Fund refers to all Council's activities other than Water & Sewer.

NB. All amounts disclosed above are Gross - that is, they include internal receivables & payables between the Funds.

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Note 22. "Held for Sale" Non Current Assets & Disposal Groups

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Council did not classify any Non Current Assets or Disposal Groups as "Held for Sale".

Note 23. Events occurring after the Reporting Date

Events that occur between the end of the reporting period (ending 30 June 2015) and the date when the financial statements are "authorised for issue" have been taken into account in preparing these statements.

Council has adopted the date of receipt of the Auditors' Report as the applicable "authorised for issue" date relating to these General Purpose Financial Statements.

Accordingly, the "authorised for issue" date is 28/10/15.

Events that occur after the Reporting Period represent one of two types:

(i) Events that provide evidence of conditions that existed at the Reporting Period

These financial statements (and the figures therein) incorporate all "adjusting events" that provided evidence of conditions that existed at 30 June 2015.

(ii) Events that provide evidence of conditions that arose after the Reporting Period

These financial statements (& figures therein) do not incorporate any "non-adjusting events" that have occurred after 30 June 2015 and which are only indicative of conditions that arose after 30 June 2015.

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

Note 24. Discontinued Operations

Council has not classified any of its Operations as "Discontinued".

Note 25. Intangible Assets

Intangible Assets represent identifiable non-monetary asset without physical substance.

Council is unaware of any control over Intangible Assets that warrant recognition in the Financial Statements, including either internally generated and developed assets or purchased assets.

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Note 26. Reinstatement, Rehabilitation & Restoration Liabilities

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Council has two Garbage Centres that are situated at Tharbogang and Yenda.

These all have useful lives, which on being reached will result in Council having to reinstate these areas through restoration and remediation works.

These future liabilities have however, not been brought to account due to;

- the remaining useful lives of these assets being estimated at beyond 20 years and accordingly the effects of discounting the future cash outflows to present values deems the amounts immaterial,
- preliminary estimates of the individual amounts required to undertake the future restoration works do not materially affect either Council's Financial Results or Financial Position as at 30/6/15.

Accordingly, no Provision amounts have been brought to account in these Financial Statements for such future Reinstatement & Restoration Costs.

Council is currently conducting a full Environmental Report on the main Tharbogang Landfill/Quarry site and this will largely determine the size, scope and timing of any future provisions required for the remediation and rehabilitation of these sites.

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Note 27. Fair Value Measurement

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

- Infrastructure, Property, Plant and Equipment
- Financial Assets & Liabilities

The fair value of assets and liabilities must be estimated in accordance with various Accounting Standards for either recognition and measurement requirements or for disclosure purposes.

AASB 13 Fair Value Measurement requires all assets and liabilities measured at fair value to be assigned to a "level" in the fair value hierarchy as follows:

Level 1: Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date.

Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.

Level 3: Inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

(1) The following table presents all assets and liabilities that have been measured & recognised at fair values:

2015	Date of latest Valuation	Fair Value Measurement Hierarchy			Total
		Level 1 Quoted prices in active mkts	Level 2 Significant observable inputs	Level 3 Significant unobservable inputs	
Recurring Fair Value Measurements					
Financial Assets					
Investments					
- "Held for Trading"	30/06/15	9,642	-	-	9,642
Total Financial Assets		9,642	-	-	9,642
Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment					
Plant & Equipment	30/06/15	-	-	7,845	7,845
Office Equipment	30/06/15	-	-	1,009	1,009
Furniture & Fittings	30/06/15	-	-	546	546
Operational Land	30/06/13	-	-	21,648	21,648
Community Land	30/06/13	-	-	9,168	9,168
Buildings - Specialised	30/06/13	-	-	58,106	58,106
Other Structures	30/06/13	-	-	9,341	9,341
Roads	30/06/14	-	-	246,395	246,395
Bridges	30/06/14	-	-	3,063	3,063
Footpaths	30/06/14	-	-	6,635	6,635
Stormwater Drainage	30/06/15	-	-	45,332	45,332
Water Supply Network	30/06/12	-	-	125,173	125,173
Sewerage Network	30/06/12	-	-	128,704	128,704
Other Open Space/Recreational Assets	30/06/13	-	-	5,143	5,143
Other	30/06/14	-	-	3,637	3,637
Total Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment		-	-	671,745	671,745

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Note 27. Fair Value Measurement (continued)

\$ '000

(1) The following table presents all assets and liabilities that have been measured & recognised at fair values (continued):

2014	Date of latest Valuation	Fair Value Measurement Hierarchy			Total
		Level 1 Quoted prices in active mkts	Level 2 Significant observable inputs	Level 3 Significant unobservable inputs	
Recurring Fair Value Measurements					
Financial Assets					
Investments					
- "Held for Trading"	30/06/14	5,127	-	-	5,127
Total Financial Assets		5,127	-	-	5,127
Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment					
Plant & Equipment	30/06/14	-	-	7,769	7,769
Office Equipment	30/06/14	-	-	1,052	1,052
Furniture & Fittings	30/06/14	-	-	562	562
Operational Land	30/06/13	-	-	21,648	21,648
Community Land	30/06/13	-	-	9,168	9,168
Buildings - Specialised	30/06/13	-	-	56,958	56,958
Other Structures	30/06/13	-	-	9,564	9,564
Roads	30/06/14	-	-	245,646	245,646
Bridges	30/06/14	-	-	3,117	3,117
Footpaths	30/06/14	-	-	6,686	6,686
Stormwater Drainage	30/06/14	-	-	45,680	45,680
Water Supply Network	30/06/12	-	-	124,573	124,573
Sewerage Network	30/06/12	-	-	128,147	128,147
Other Open Space/Recreational Assets	30/06/13	-	-	5,662	5,662
Other	30/06/14	-	-	3,623	3,623
Total Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment		-	-	669,855	669,855

(2) Transfers between Level 1 & Level 2 Fair Value Hierarchies

During the year, there were no transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 Fair Value hierarchies for recurring fair value measurements.

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Note 27. Fair Value Measurement (continued)

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(3) Valuation techniques used to derive Level 2 and Level 3 Fair Values

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

The Fair Valuation techniques Council has employed while utilising Level 2 and Level 3 inputs are as follows:

Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment

Plant & Equipment

This asset class comprises Major plant such trucks, tractors, street sweepers; and fleet vehicles such as passenger vehicles, utility vehicles etc.

Plant & Equipment assets are valued at cost but are disclosed at fair value in the notes. Council reviews the value of these assets against quoted prices for the gross current replacement cost of similar assets having similar service potential and includes allowances for preliminaries and professional fees. Council assumes that the carrying amount reflects the fair value of the asset due to the nature of the items

No Level 2 inputs (Market based evidence) are available therefore Level 3 inputs (Significant unobservable inputs) were used for this asset class. The unobservable Level 3 inputs used include:

- Useful life
- Residual value
- Gross replacement cost.

There has been no change to the valuation process during the reporting period.

Office Equipment

This asset class comprises computers, photocopiers, printers, whiteboards etc.

Office Equipment assets are valued at cost but are disclosed at fair value in the notes. Council reviews the value of these assets against quoted prices for the gross current replacement cost of similar assets. Council assumes that the carrying amount reflects the fair value of the asset due to the nature of the items.

No Level 2 inputs (Market based evidence) are available therefore Level 3 inputs (Significant unobservable inputs) were used for this asset class. The unobservable Level 3 inputs used include:

- Useful life
- Residual value
- Gross replacement cost.

There has been no change to the valuation process during the reporting period.

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Note 27. Fair Value Measurement (continued)

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(3) Valuation techniques used to derive Level 2 and Level 3 Fair Values (continued)

Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment (continued)

Furniture & Fittings

This asset class comprises chairs, desks, workstations, file cabinets etc.

Furniture & Fittings are valued at cost but are disclosed at fair value in the notes. Council reviews the value of these assets against quoted prices for the gross current replacement cost of similar assets. Council assumes that the carrying amount reflects the fair value of the asset due to the nature of the items.

No Level 2 inputs (Market based evidence) are available therefore Level 3 inputs (Significant unobservable inputs) were used for this asset class. The unobservable Level 3 inputs used include:

- Useful life
- Residual value
- Gross replacement cost.

There has been no change to the valuation process during the reporting period.

Operational Land

This asset class comprises all of Council's land classified as Operational Land under the NSW Local Government Act 1993. The key unobservable input to the valuation is the price per square metre. The last valuation was undertaken at 30 June 2013 and was performed by APV Valuers & Asset Management.

Level 3 valuation inputs were used to value land held in freehold title as well as land used for special purposes which is restricted in use under current zoning rules. Sales prices of comparable land sites in close proximity are adjusted for differences in key attributes such as property size.

There were also some parks and reserves for which there was no observable market evidence of sales prices for comparable sites in close proximity. These were subsequently valued at the level 3 valuation input hierarchy by using the professional judgement of a Registered Valuer who adjusted the price per square metre of sales from sites not in close proximity which provided only a low level of comparability.

There has been no change to the valuation process during the reporting period.

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Note 27. Fair Value Measurement (continued)

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(3) Valuation techniques used to derive Level 2 and Level 3 Fair Values (continued)

Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment (continued)

Community Land

This asset class comprises all of Council's land classified as Community Land under the NSW Local Government Act 1993. Community land (including owned by Council, the Crown and various other Government Agencies that is managed by Council) by definition is land intended for public access and use or where other restrictions applying to the land create some obligation to maintain public access (such as a trust deed, dedication under section 94 of the Environment Planning and Assessment Act 1979) This gives rise to the restrictions in the Act, intended to preserve the qualities of the land. Community land:

- Cannot be sold
- Cannot be leased, licensed, or any other estate granted over the land for more than 21 years and
- Must have a plan of management for it.

The key unobservable input to the valuation is the price per square metre. The last valuation was undertaken as at 30 June 2013 and was performed by APV Valuers & Asset Management.

Level 3 valuation inputs were used to value land held in freehold title as well as land used for special purposes which is restricted in use under current zoning rules. Sales prices of comparable land sites in close proximity are adjusted for differences in key attributes such as property size.

There were some parks and reserves for which there was no observable market evidence of sales prices for comparable sites in close proximity. These were subsequently valued at the level 3 valuation input hierarchy by using the professional judgement of a Registered Valuer who adjusted the price per square metre of sales from sites not in close proximity which provided only a low level of comparability.

There has been no change to the valuation process during the reporting period.

Buildings – Specialised

Buildings were valued by APV Valuers and Asset Management as at 30 June 2013 using the cost approach. The approach estimated the replacement cost for each building by physically inspecting the properties and componentising the buildings into significant parts with different useful lives and taking into account a range of factors. Inputs such as estimates of residual value and pattern of consumption required extensive professional judgement and impacted significantly on the final determination of fair value. As such these assets were classified as having been valued using Level 3 valuation inputs.

No Level 2 inputs (Market based evidence) are available therefore Level 3 inputs (Significant unobservable inputs) were used for this asset class. The unobservable Level 3 inputs used include:

- Consumption rate
- Future economic benefits
- Condition
- Useful life of an asset
- Gross replacement cost.

There has been no change to the valuation process during the reporting period.

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Note 27. Fair Value Measurement (continued)

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(3) Valuation techniques used to derive Level 2 and Level 3 Fair Values (continued)

Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment (continued)

Other Structures

Examples of other structures include fencing, lighting, washbays, stock yards and hardstands.

Other Structures were valued by APV Valuers and Asset Management as at 30 June 2013 using the cost approach. The approach estimated the replacement cost for each structure by physically inspecting the properties and componentising the structures into significant parts with different useful lives and taking into account a range of factors. Inputs such as estimates of residual value and pattern of consumption required extensive professional judgement and impacted significantly on the final determination of fair value. As such these assets were classified as having been valued using Level 3 valuation inputs.

No Level 2 inputs (Market based evidence) are available therefore Level 3 inputs (Significant unobservable inputs) were used for this asset class. The unobservable Level 3 inputs include:

- Pattern of consumption
- Future economic benefits
- Condition
- Useful life of an asset
- Gross replacement cost.

There has been no change to the valuation process during the reporting period.

Roads

Roads includes all sealed and unsealed road segments (lengths of road between intersections) and car parks.

The Cost Approach was used to value this asset class as at 30 June 2014. Valuations were undertaken inhouse using Council's Asset System, Assetic MyData, with assistance and review provided by the system vendor's valuation staff.

Road assets were componentised into Formation, Pavement and Surface. Gross values were attributed to these components based on the relevant unit rates and quantity measured in square metres. Fair value was then determined taking into account the condition and relevant patterns of consumption. These component values were then combined to determine the overall valuation for each road segment and car park.

No Level 2 inputs (Market based evidence) are available therefore Level 3 inputs (Significant unobservable inputs) were used for this asset class. The unobservable Level 3 inputs used include:

- Asset quantity based on a comprehensive review of councils road asset register
- Unit rates developed by councils Operations department
- Asset condition based on a comprehensive condition survey conducted by IMG Pty Ltd
- Pattern of consumption based on benchmarked patterns developed by Assetic Pty Ltd
- Useful life determined by technical knowledge of the life of similar assets
- Residual value based on the estimated amount that would currently obtain from disposal of the asset

There has been no change to the valuation process during the reporting period but there has been significant changes the level 3 inputs utilised in the revaluation process.

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Note 27. Fair Value Measurement (continued)

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(3) Valuation techniques used to derive Level 2 and Level 3 Fair Values (continued)

Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment (continued)

Bridges

Bridges includes all council owned road and foot bridges.

The approach estimated fair value for each bridge by componentising the bridges into significant parts with different useful lives and taking into account a range of factors. The components included the Bridge Deck/Superstructure, Bridge Abutments/Foundations and Bridge rails/handrails. These component values were then combined to determine the overall valuation for each bridge.

The Cost Approach was used to value this asset class. Valuations were undertaken in-house using Council's Asset System, Assetic MyData as at 30 June 2014. Assistance and review was provided by the system vendor's valuation staff.

A pricing model was developed and is based on unit rates determined from Rawlinson's Cost Guide indexed for regional price differences. The model was calibrated using costs data from a recently constructed foot bridge in Griffith and a road bridge constructed by Wagga Wagga City Council. Condition information was obtained from an in house level 3 inspection.

No Level 2 inputs (Market based evidence) are available therefore Level 3 inputs (Significant unobservable inputs) were used for this asset class. The unobservable Level 3 inputs used include:

- Asset quantity based on desktop survey of bridge data and field inspections
- Unit rates developed using the pricing model described above
- Asset condition based on in house visual inspection
- Pattern of consumption based on benchmarked patterns developed by Assetic Pty Ltd
- Useful life determined by technical knowledge of the life of similar assets

Footpaths

Footpaths comprises all council owned paths and cycle ways and shared paths other than internal pathways within parks and reserves.

Footpath assets were componentised into Formation, Pavement and Surface. Replacement values were attributed to these components based on the relevant unit rates and quantity measured in square meters. Fair value was then determined taking into account the condition and relevant patterns of consumption. These component values were then combined to determine the overall valuation for each footpath segment.

The Cost Approach was used to value this asset class as at 30 June 2014. Valuations were undertaken inhouse using Council's Asset System, Assetic MyData, with assistance and review provided by the system vendor's valuation staff.

No Level 2 inputs (Market based evidence) are available therefore Level 3 inputs (Significant unobservable inputs) were used for this asset class. The unobservable Level 3 inputs used include:

- Asset quantity based on a comprehensive review of councils footpath asset register
- Unit rates developed by councils Operations department
- Asset condition based on a comprehensive condition survey conducted by IMG Pty Ltd
- Pattern of consumption based on benchmarked patterns developed by Assetic Pty Ltd
- Useful life determined by technical knowledge of the life of similar assets
- Residual value based on the estimated amount that would currently obtain from disposal of the asset

There has been no change to the valuation process during the reporting period but there has been significant changes the level 3 inputs utilised in the revaluation process.

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Note 27. Fair Value Measurement (continued)

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(3) Valuation techniques used to derive Level 2 and Level 3 Fair Values (continued)

Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment (continued)

Stormwater Drainage

Stormwater assets including drainage pits and drainage pipes were valued by APV Valuers and Asset Management as at 30 June 2014 using the cost approach. The approach estimated the fair value for each drainage component based on calculated replacement cost and condition. Due to the nature of these assets condition was determined by service history of the assets and local knowledge which was used to calibrate age based condition models.

Also, due to limitations in the historical records of these very long lived assets there some uncertainty regarding the actual design, specifications and dimensions of some assets.

Other inputs such as estimates of residual value and pattern of consumption required extensive professional judgement and impacted significantly on the final determination of fair value. As such these assets were classified as having been valued using Level 3 valuation inputs.

No Level 2 inputs (Market based evidence) are available therefore Level 3 inputs (Significant unobservable inputs) were used for this asset class. The unobservable Level 3 inputs used include:

- Consumption rate
- Future economic benefits
- Condition
- Useful life of an asset
- Gross replacement cost.

There has been no change to the valuation process during the reporting period.

Water Supply Network

Water supply network assets including water treatment plants, reservoirs and reticulation assets. The valuation was completed in house with extensive input and review by Assetic Australia as at 30 June 2012 using the cost approach. The approach estimated the replacement cost for each asset component based on calculated replacement cost and condition. Due to the nature of these assets condition was determined by service history of the assets and local knowledge which was used to calibrate age based condition models.

Also, due to limitations in the historical records of these very long lived assets there some uncertainty regarding the actual design, specifications and dimensions of some assets.

Other inputs such as estimates of residual value and pattern of consumption required extensive professional judgement and impacted significantly on the final determination of fair value. As such these assets were classified as having been valued using Level 3 valuation inputs.

These assets are indexed each year in line with the NSW Reference Rates Manual as publish by the Office of Water.

No Level 2 inputs (Market based evidence) are available therefore Level 3 inputs (Significant unobservable inputs) were used for this asset class. The unobservable Level 3 inputs used include:

- Consumption rate
- Future economic benefits
- Condition
- Useful life of an asset
- Gross replacement cost.

There has been no change to the valuation process during the reporting period.

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Note 27. Fair Value Measurement (continued)

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(3) Valuation techniques used to derive Level 2 and Level 3 Fair Values (continued)

Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment (continued)

Sewerage Network

Sewerage network assets include sewer treatment plants, pump stations and reticulation assets. The valuation was completed in house with extensive input and review by Assetic Australia as at 30 June 2012 using the cost approach. The approach estimated the replacement cost for each asset component based on calculated replacement cost and condition. Due to the nature of these assets condition was determined by service history of the assets and local knowledge which was used to calibrate age based condition models.

Also, due to limitations in the historical records of these very long lived assets there some uncertainty regarding the actual design, specifications and dimensions of some assets.

Other inputs such as estimates of residual value and pattern of consumption required extensive professional judgement and impacted significantly on the final determination of fair value. As such these assets were classified as having been valued using Level 3 valuation inputs.

These assets are indexed each year in line with the NSW Reference Rates Manual as publish by the Office of Water.

No Level 2 inputs (Market based evidence) are available therefore Level 3 inputs (Significant unobservable inputs) were used for this asset class. The unobservable Level 3 inputs used include:

- Consumption rate
- Future economic benefits
- Condition
- Useful life of an asset
- Gross replacement cost.

There has been no change to the valuation process during the reporting period.

Other Open Space/Recreational Assets

This includes assets in parks and reserves such as play equipment, tables, chairs, barbeques and irrigation systems.

The valuation methodology used by APV as at 30 June 2013. The approach estimated the replacement cost for each asset by physically inspecting them and componentising into significant parts with different useful lives and taking into account a range of factors. Inputs such as estimates of residual value and pattern of consumption required extensive professional judgement and impacted significantly on the final determination of fair value. As such these assets were classified as having been valued using Level 3 valuation inputs.

Other Open Space/Recreational Assets (continued)

No Level 2 inputs (Market based evidence) are available therefore Level 3 inputs (Significant unobservable inputs) were used for this asset class. The unobservable Level 3 inputs used include:

- Consumption rate
- Future economic benefits
- Condition
- Useful life of an asset
- Gross replacement cost.

There has been no change to the valuation process during the reporting period.

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Note 27. Fair Value Measurement (continued)

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(3) Valuation techniques used to derive Level 2 and Level 3 Fair Values (continued)

Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment (continued)

Other

This asset class comprises miscellaneous minor plant and other items not included in the asset classes above.

Other assets are valued at cost but are disclosed at fair value in the notes. Council reviews the value of these assets against quoted prices for the gross current replacement cost of similar assets Council assumes that the carrying amount reflects the fair value of the asset due to the nature of the items.

No Level 2 inputs (Market based evidence) are available therefore Level 3 inputs (Significant unobservable inputs) were used for this asset class. The unobservable Level 3 inputs used include:

- Useful life
- Residual value
- Gross replacement cost.

There has been no change to the valuation process during the reporting period.

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Note 27. Fair Value Measurement (continued)

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(4). Fair value measurements using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3)

a. The following tables present the changes in Level 3 Fair Value Asset Classes.

	Plant & Equipment	Office Equipment	Furniture & Fittings	Operational Land	Total
Adoption of AASB 13	8,120	712	568	21,731	31,131
Purchases (GBV)	1,781	528	52	188	2,549
Disposals (WDV)	(624)	-	-	(271)	(895)
Depreciation & Impairment	(1,508)	(188)	(58)	-	(1,754)
Closing Balance - 30/6/14	7,769	1,052	562	21,648	31,031
Purchases (GBV)	2,185	173	43	-	2,401
Disposals (WDV)	(711)	-	-	-	(711)
Depreciation & Impairment	(1,398)	(216)	(59)	-	(1,673)
Closing Balance - 30/6/15	7,845	1,009	546	21,648	31,048

	Community Land	Buildings - Specialised	Other Structures	Roads	Total
Adoption of AASB 13	9,168	55,076	9,553	131,117	204,914
Purchases (GBV)	-	2,326	342	3,194	5,862
Disposals (WDV)	-	-	-	(62)	(62)
Depreciation & Impairment	-	(444)	(331)	(2,467)	(3,242)
FV Gains - Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	109,466	109,466
Reinstatement Costs of Impaired Assets	-	-	-	4,398	4,398
Closing Balance - 30/6/14	9,168	56,958	9,564	245,646	321,336
Purchases (GBV)	-	1,606	118	1,698	3,422
Depreciation & Impairment	-	(458)	(341)	(3,117)	(3,916)
Reinstatement of Impaired Assets	-	-	-	2,168	2,168
Closing Balance - 30/6/15	9,168	58,106	9,341	246,395	323,010

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Note 27. Fair Value Measurement (continued)

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(4). Fair value measurements using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) (continued)**a. The following tables present the changes in Level 3 Fair Value Asset Classes.** (continued)

	Bridges	Foothpaths	Stormwater Drainage	Water Supply Network	Total
Adoption of AASB 13	2,488	11,723	45,573	118,525	178,309
Purchases (GBV)	-	139	568	1,415	2,122
Depreciation & Impairment	(4)	(259)	(461)	(1,749)	(2,473)
FV Gains - Other Comprehensive Income	633	(4,917)	-	6,382	2,098
Closing Balance - 30/6/14	3,117	6,686	45,680	124,573	180,056
Purchases (GBV)	-	156	101	618	875
Depreciation & Impairment	(54)	(207)	(449)	(1,859)	(2,569)
FV Gains - Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	1,841	1,841
Closing Balance - 30/6/15	3,063	6,635	45,332	125,173	180,203

	Sewerage Network	Open Space Recreational Assets	Other Assets	Total
Adoption of AASB 13	123,905	6,384	3,873	134,162
Purchases (GBV)	638	53	220	911
Depreciation & Impairment	(1,570)	(775)	(470)	(2,815)
FV Gains - Other Comprehensive Income	5,174	-	-	5,174
Closing Balance - 30/6/14	128,147	5,662	3,623	137,432
Purchases (GBV)	308	220	506	1,034
Disposals (WDV)	-	-	(12)	(12)
Depreciation & Impairment	(1,648)	(739)	(480)	(2,867)
FV Gains - Other Comprehensive Income	1,897	-	-	1,897
Closing Balance - 30/6/15	128,704	5,143	3,637	137,484

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Note 27. Fair Value Measurement (continued)

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(4). Fair value measurements using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) (continued)

b. The Valuation Process for Level 3 Fair Value Measurements

The Valuation Process for Level 3 Fair Value Measurements

AASB 13 Fair Value Measurement requires disclosure of fair value measurement using the following Fair value Hierarchy and techniques:

Fair value Hierarchy

- Level 1 – Quoted prices (unadjusted) 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 asset or liability

Fair Value- Valuation techniques

The valuation techniques prescribed by AASB 13 can be summarised as:

- **Cost Approach:**
A valuation technique that reflects the amount what would be required to replace the service capacity of an asset (current replacement cost)
- **Income Approach:**
Valuation technique that converts future amounts (cash flows inflows/outflows) to signal the current (i.e. discounted) amount. The fair value measurement is determined on the basis of the value indicated by current market expectations about these future amounts.
- **Market Approach:**
A valuation technique that uses prices and other relevant information, generated by market transactions involving identical or comparable (similar) assets, liabilities or a group of assets and liabilities such as a business.

Valuation Approach and Level used by Griffith City Council

(1) Valuation techniques used to derive Fair Values

Due to the nature of council assets and the absence of an active market council utilises the Cost Approach.

Likewise, for the majority of assets Council is unable to derive Fair Valuations using quoted market prices of identical assets (i.e. Level 1 inputs) or observable inputs (Level 2 inputs). Council therefore utilises unobservable inputs (Level 3 inputs)

The following Level 3 inputs were used:

- **Asset quantity**

Asset quantity was derived from a combination of desk top survey and physical inspection

- **Unit rates**

For asset classes valued in house (ei Roads, Bridges, Footpaths, Water network, Sewer network, and Other) unit rate information is determined by consultation with relevant engineering and operations staff. Assets valued by external valuers APV Asset Management (Land, Buildings, Other Structures, Stormwater Drainage, Swimming pools, and Open space/ Recreational assets) the costs were determined using their extensive database of cost data and professional judgement.

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Note 27. Fair Value Measurement (continued)

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(4). Fair value measurements using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) (continued)

b. The Valuation Process for Level 3 Fair Value Measurements (continued)

• Asset condition

Asset condition was assessed using both in house inspectors, specialist asset inspection contractors and asset valuation professionals.

For exposed asset classes such as buildings, Roads and Footpaths condition can be readily assessed via physical inspection. A visual inspection process was completed and condition was reported in relation to several criteria which were then combined to arrive at an overall condition index.

For buried assets such as Water, Sewer and Drainage reticulation assets it is more difficult to assess the condition because the assets are covered. In these cases condition was determined by service history of the assets and local knowledge which was used to calibrate age based condition models.

• Pattern of consumption

The pattern of consumption were developed by professional valuers APV Asset Management and asset management specialists Assetic Australia. In both cases the patterns were selected based on models developed for similar councils and in conjunction with Griffith City Council asset management staff.

• Useful life

Useful Life was determined by council staff in conjunction with consultants based on engineering experience, local knowledge and historic data

• Residual value

Residual value is based on the estimated amount that would currently obtain from disposal of the asset

• Valuation processes

Griffith City Council uses a combination of in house valuations and independent and qualified valuers to determine the fair value of the assets listed in this note. An annual assessment is undertaken to determine whether the carrying amount of the assets is materially different from the fair value. If any variation is considered material a revaluation is undertaken either by comprehensive revaluation or by applying an interim revaluation using appropriate indices.

The basic process is the same whether completed in house or via external valuers:

Under the Cost Approach Fair Value is estimated by calculating the cost to replace the asset based on unit rates and quantities. This is then adjusting to take account of an accumulated depreciation based on asset condition and pattern of consumption, useful life and pattern of consumption of the future economic benefit.

(2). Transfers between hierarchy

Council's policy for determining when transfers into different levels of the hierarchy have occurred is at the end of the reporting period. During the reporting period there were no transfers between levels of hierarchy.

(3). Highest and best use

All of Council's non-financial assets are considered to be utilised for their highest and best use. This was established in consideration the criteria of physical possibility, legal permissibility, financial feasibility and maximum profitability. Implied within these criteria is the recognition of the contribution of that specific use to community environment and community development goals.

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Note 28. Council Information & Contact Details

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Cr Pat Cox
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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO GRIFFITH CITY COUNCIL (SECTION 417(2) – REPORT ON THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS)

REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Griffith City Council ("the Council"), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2015 and the income statement, statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year ended on that date, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes 1 to 28 and the Statement by Councillors and Management of the Council. The financial statements and Council's statement are in the approved form as required by Section 413(2) (a) and (c) of the Local Government Act, 1993.

COUNCIL'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Councillors and management of the Council are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, Local Government Act 1993 (as amended) and the Regulations made there under and the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting. This responsibility includes establishing and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

AUDITORS' RESPONSIBILITY

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal controls relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal controls. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by Council, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We performed the procedures to assess whether in all material respects the financial statements present fairly, in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 (as amended) and the Regulations made there under and the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting and Australian Accounting Standards, a view which is consistent with our understanding of the Council's financial position and of its performance.

Our audit responsibilities do not extend to the Original Budget figures disclosed in the income statement, cash flow statement, Notes 2(a) and 16 to the financial statements nor the attached Special Schedules. Our audit opinion does not extend to the projections data in Note 17 and accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

INDEPENDENCE

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board.

AUDITOR'S OPINION

In our opinion:

- a) the Council's accounting records have been kept in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1993 Chapter 13, Part 3, Division 2;
- b) the Council's financial statements:
 - have been properly prepared in accordance with the requirements of this Division;
 - are consistent with the Council's accounting records;
 - present fairly the Council's financial position and result of its operations; and
 - are in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards.
- c) all information relevant to the conduct of the audit has been obtained; and
- d) there are no material deficiencies in the accounting records or financial statements that have come to light during the course of the audit.



CROWE HORWATH AUSWILD



BRADLEY D BOHUN

Partner

Dated at Albury this 28th day of October 2015.

Report on the Conduct of the Audit

Griffith City Council

For the Year Ended 30 June 2015

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1 Report on the Conduct of Audit

We have completed our audit of the financial statements for Griffith City Council (Council) for the year ended 30 June 2015, in accordance with Section 415 of the Local Government Act, 1993. Our audit opinion under Section 417(2) has been issued to Council and this report on the conduct of the audit should be read in conjunction with the audit opinion.

The Council is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial statements and the information they contain. The financial statements consist of the general purpose financial statements and Council's statement in the approved form required by Section 413 (2) and (3) respectively of the Local Government Act 1993.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosure in the financial statements, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether in all material respects, the financial statements are presented fairly in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and statutory requirements so as to present a view which is consistent with our understanding of the Council's financial position, the results of its operations and its cash flows.

Our engagement is summarised as:

Nature of Engagement	Opinion	Basis of Preparation
General purpose financial statements	Unqualified	Going concern Not for Profit entity
Special purpose financial statements	Unqualified with an emphasis of matter regarding basis of preparation	National Competition Policy requirements by area of business activity
Special Schedule 7	Agreed upon procedures	Report of factual findings to Council and OLG
Special Schedule 9	Emphasis of matter regarding basis of preparation	OLG requirements

Following from our audit there are a number of comments we wish to raise concerning Council's financial statements. These comments are set out in this report below.

2 Operating Result

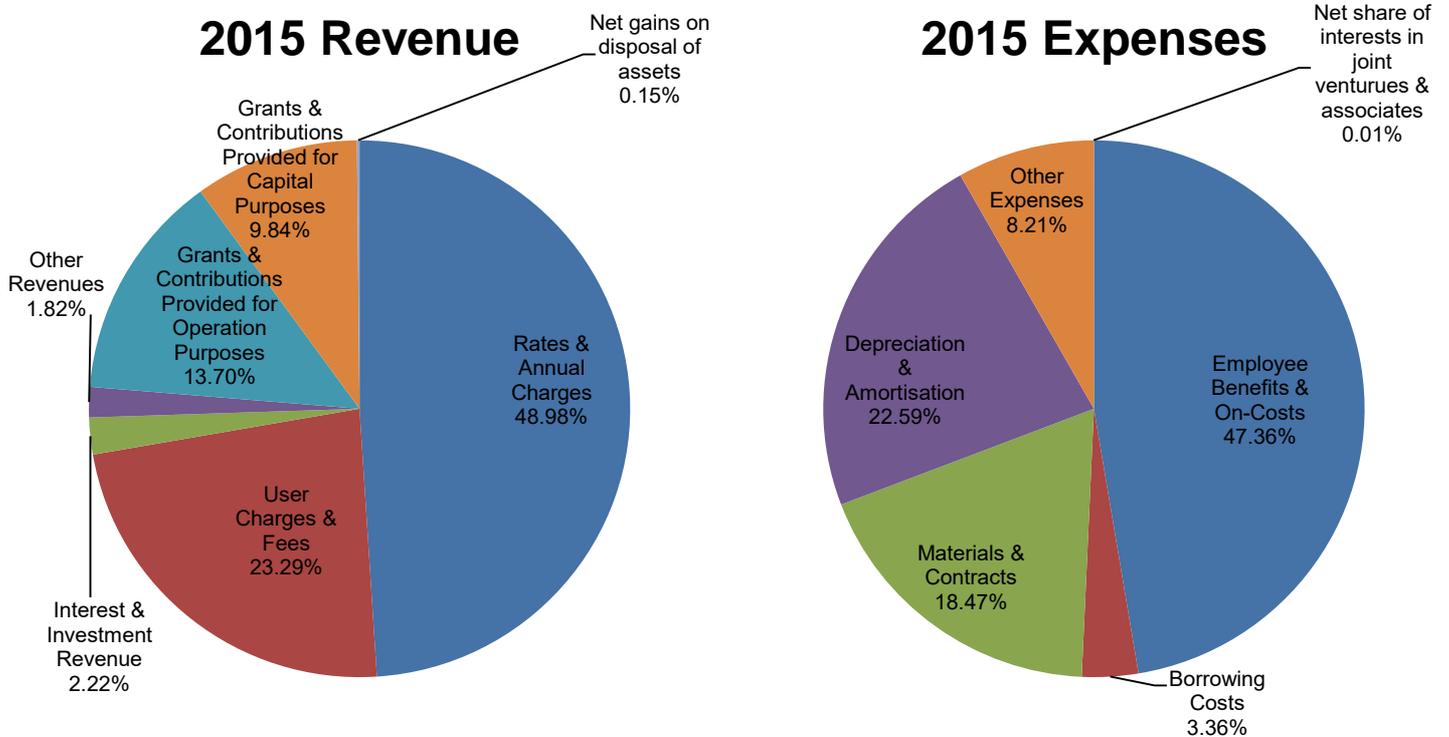
Griffith City Council is a regionally based City Council in South Central New South Wales, whose affairs are governed by:

- Local Government Act 1993;
- Local Government Regulations;
- Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting; and
- Local Government Asset Accounting Manual Regulations.

The Council is responsible for the administration and implementation of the strategic policies voted on in Council.

As disclosed in the Income Statement, the Council achieved a surplus in net operating result from continuing operations (including capital contributions) of \$9,109k (2014: \$8,504k) for the year ended 30 June 2015.

A breakdown of Council's revenues and expenses for the year are as follows:



Significant income and expense items in the current year were:

	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000	2013 \$'000
Rates and annual charges	28,158	27,488	26,212
User charges and fees	13,388	12,333	12,677
Grants and contributions - operating	7,877	5,698	8,159
Grants and contributions - capital	5,660	6,510	11,599
Employee costs	(22,916)	(20,765)	(19,467)
Materials and contracts	(8,937)	(9,202)	(9,867)
Depreciation and amortisation	(10,931)	(10,003)	(9,622)

The size of Council's core operations has remained relatively constant year on year. The above income and expense items all have the potential to have a significant impact on Council's operating result. A strong rating base and the timing and nature of grants received have a major influence on the reported result as demonstrated by the above. Operating grants have been impacted by a \$2.5m increase in financial assistance grants post the timing realignment applied in 2014. Capital grants and contributions in 2015 included \$2.3m in relation to the Griffith Community Private Hospital (2014: \$nil), whilst 2014 included \$4.1m of flood restoration works funding which were fully completed in 2014.

The above significant items are based on the operational results from Council as disclosed in the income statement and accompanying notes.

3 Financial Position

A measure of the Council's financial position is its unrestricted working capital. The following table sets out the unrestricted working capital position of Council as at the end of the financial year.

	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000	2013 \$'000
Cash and Liquid Investments	28,360	26,212	23,328
External Restrictions - included in liabilities	(500)	(507)	-
- not included in liabilities	(16,285)	(17,256)	(15,026)
Internal Restrictions - included in liabilities	(2,065)	(1,840)	(1,750)
- not included in liabilities	(5,348)	(3,291)	(5,363)
Unrestricted Cash and Investments	4,162	3,318	1,189
Other Net Current Assets / (Liabilities) excluding anticipated LSL Provision & restrictions included in liabilities	(4,494)	(4,576)	(5,522)
Unrestricted Working Capital	332	(1,258)	(4,333)

Council has used internal restrictions extensively; these are a discretionary item specific to each individual Council. It should be noted that the level of internal restrictions can be adjusted via Council.

The above represents the amount of available working capital Council has at its disposal to meet its future spending requirements after making allowance for any restrictions in place over the use of such working capital.

The above calculation includes internal restrictions which are discretionary, however Note 13a(ii) of the general purpose financial statements and section 4.3 of this report only capture external restrictions to facilitate comparison across NSW Local Government.

We recommend that Council continue to monitor its unrestricted working capital position when reviewing its financial position.

4 Performance Indicators

Refer to Note 13 of the financial statements. Sections 4.1 to 4.6 contemplate Councils performance on a consolidated basis. Section 4.7 shows Councils performance against the same ratios on a fund basis.

4.1 Operating Performance Ratio

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

The operating performance ratio at Note 13 has strengthened this year to 6.50% due to an increase in grants and contributions provided for operating purposes.

Grants and contributions provided for operating purposes has increased due to the timing of receipt of the financial assistance grant.

4.2 Own Source Operating Revenue Ratio

This ratio measures fiscal flexibility and shows the degree of reliance on external funding sources such as operating grants and contributions. A Council has improved financial flexibility with a higher level of own source revenue.

This ratio has decreased from 77.51% in 2014 to 76.42% in 2015. However, this remains comfortably above the minimum 60.00% benchmark set by the Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting.

4.3 Unrestricted Current Ratio

This ratio is used to assess the adequacy of working capital and Council's ability to satisfy its obligations in the short term for the unrestricted activities of Council. A Council has improved financial flexibility with a higher level of own source revenue.

The liquidity ratio at Note 13 shows a strengthened liquidity position compared to the prior year. Council continues to report a result in excess of the 1.5:1 minimum.

4.4 Debt Service Cover Ratio

This ratio demonstrates the percentage of Council revenue required to service the debts carried by Council.

This ratio indicates that Council has sufficient and appropriate operating results to service the borrowing repayments.

4.5 Rates, Annual Charges, Interest & Extra Charges Outstanding Percentage

The outstanding percentage assesses the impact of uncollected rates and annual charges on Council's liquidity and the adequacy of debt recovery efforts.

This year the Council has improved from 9.32% in 2014 to 8.77% in 2015, indicating a relatively low percentage of receivables remains outstanding at year end. This remains below the benchmark of 10%. The ratio is heavily impacted by the 3rd trimester of water and sewer billing which is billed in June and due for collection in July.

4.6 Cash Expense Cover Ratio

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

Council has performed strongly in both the current and prior period, indicating a strong liquidity position with a ratio of 7.01 months (2014: 6.20 months). This remains above the minimum benchmark of 3.00 months.

4.7 Performance Indicators by Fund

The following performance indicators are shown on a fund basis as at 30 June 2015. The below allows analysis of how Council performs at a final level and would indicate the result of Council's general operations excluding its water and sewer operations.

Indicators	Water	Sewer	General
Operating performance ratio	11.40%	5.41%	5.46%
Own source operating revenue	97.80%	98.63%	67.07%
Unrestricted current ratio	11,972x	7.23x	2.38x
Debt service cover ratio	3.42x	2.53x	11.06x
Rates, Annual Charges, Interest and extra charges outstanding %	30.17%	29.17%	0.71%
Cash expense cover ratio	20.79 months	7.48 months	4.13 months

5 Specific Balance Sheet Items

5.1 Receivables

Total current receivables at 30 June 2015, net of allowance for impairment was \$7,746k (2014: \$8,942k).

This balance primarily consists of user charges and fees of \$3,734k (2014: \$4,292k) and rates and annual charges of \$2,740k (2014: \$2,843k). The percentage of rates and annual charges outstanding is referred to at Section 4.5 of this report.

The allowance for impairment at 30 June 2015 was \$596k (2014: \$428k). The allowance is specifically matched against user fees and charges outstanding. An assessment of the collectability of the receivables balance indicated the allowance was sufficient. No provision is raised against rates and annual charges as these debts are secured over the underlying property and the level of default is minimal.

5.2 Capital Expenditure

During the reporting period Council spent \$9,696k (2014: \$9,121k) on asset additions of infrastructure, property, plant and equipment. A further \$2,168k (2014: \$4,398k) was spent on reinstatement costs for impaired assets. The primary areas of capital expenditure were as follows:

	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000	2013 \$'000
Work in progress	2,296	576	2,790
Land & improvements	-	188	545
Buildings	1,566	353	1,303
Plant and equipment	2,401	2,061	2,636
Roads, bridges and footpaths	1,853	3,094	4,022
Stormwater drainage	101	557	226
Water supply network	592	1,402	1,291
Sewerage network	308	638	1,627
Other	579	252	342
Asset additions	9,696	9,121	14,782
Reinstatement costs for impaired assets	2,168	4,398	2,551
Total capital expenditure	11,864	13,519	17,333

5.3 Borrowings

Total borrowings have decreased by \$1.4m from the prior year's balance of \$23.5m to the 2015 total balance of \$22.1m. These loans are secured over the general income of Council.

5.4 Fair Value I,PP&E

In 2011 the Council should have completed the progressive revaluation of all property, plant and equipment to fair value where all assets are revalued on a 5 year cycle. The Office of Local Government minimum requirements timetable is as follows:

2011: Community land, land improvements, other structures and other assets;
2012: Water and sewer networks;
2013: Operational land and buildings;
2014: Land under roads (if applicable); and
2015: Roads, bridges, footpaths, drainage and bulk earthworks.

In 2015 the Council only performed an indexation of water supply network and sewerage network to fair value, as roads, bridges, footpaths, drainage and bulk earthworks were revalued in 2014. This revaluation resulted in the following increments and decrements:

Water supply network:	\$1,841k	Increment
Sewerage network:	\$1,897k	Increment

As per the statement of comprehensive income the net gain on revaluation of PP&E was \$3,738k (2014: \$116,738k).

5.5 New Standards and Interpretations Not Yet Adopted

Certain new accounting standards have been published that are not mandatory for the 30 June 2015 reporting period as follows:

- AASB 9 *Financial Instruments* and associated amending standards, effective 1 January 2018.
- AASB 15 *Revenue from Contracts with Customers*, effective 1 January 2018,
- AASB 2014-3 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – *Accounting for Acquisitions of Interests in Joint Operations (AASB1 and AASB11) and AASB 2014-10 Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture*, effective 1 January 2018.
- AASB 2015-2 Presentation of Financial Statements (amendments to AASB101), effective 1 January 2016.

Council is of the view that these standards not yet effective will not significantly affect any of the amounts recognised in the financial statements, however they may impact certain information otherwise disclosed, or the format in which information is disclosed.

6 Other Matters

6.1 Management Letter

A separate report is issued to Council's management which covers in further detail the audit and accounting issues identified during our audit process.

6.2 Independence

In conducting our audit, we followed applicable independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

6.3 Assistance Provided

We recognise and appreciate the Director – Business, Cultural & Financial Services and staff of Council for their cooperation and courtesy extended to us during the course of the audit.

6.4 Reliance on the Report

The report on the conduct of the audit has been prepared for distribution to Council. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report to any person other than Council or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

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