



# AGENDA

## EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

### 5 SEPTEMBER 2024

MEMBERSHIP: Councillors J Black, L Burns, S Chowdhury, M Dickerson, V Etheridge, J Gough, R Ivey, D Mahon, P Wells and M Wright.

The meeting is scheduled to commence at 12:00 PM.

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#### PRAYER:

O God, Grant that by the knowledge of thy will, all we may resolve shall work together for good, we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY:

"I would like to acknowledge the Wiradjuri People who are the Traditional Custodians of the Land. I would also like to pay respect to the Elders past, present and emerging of the Wiradjuri Nation and extend that respect to other Aboriginal peoples from other nations who are present".

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#### CCL24/227 LEAVE OF ABSENCE (ID24/1676)

#### CCL24/228 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (ID24/1677)

In accordance with their Oath/Affirmation under the Act, and Council's Code of Conduct, Councillors must disclose the nature of any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest which may arise during the meeting, and manage such interests accordingly.

#### CCL24/229 PUBLIC FORUM (ID24/1678)

#### CCL24/230 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES (ID24/1797)

Confirmation of the minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 15 August 2024.

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#### MAYORAL MINUTES:

#### CCL24/230a LEGACY INFRASTRUCTURE FUND (ID24/1775)

The Council had before it the Mayoral Minute regarding Legacy Infrastructure Fund

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**REPORTS FROM STAFF:**

- CCL24/231 REFERRAL OF 2023/2024 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR AUDIT (ID24/1773)** 33  
The Council had before it the report dated 26 August 2024 from the Chief Financial Officer regarding Referral of 2023/2024 Financial Statements for Audit.
- CCL24/232 LAND CLASSIFICATION - LOT 530 DEPOSITED PLAN 1303733 - HOLMWOOD DRIVE, DUBBO (ID24/1742)** 139  
The Council had before it the report dated 22 August 2024 from the Property and Land Officer regarding Land Classification - Lot 530 Deposited Plan 1303733 - Holmwood Drive, Dubbo.
- CCL24/233 COMMENTS AND MATTERS OF URGENCY (ID24/1679)**



## Confirmation of Minutes

Confirmation of the minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary Council Meeting meeting held on 15 August 2024.

### RECOMMENDATION

**That the minutes of the proceedings of the Dubbo Regional Council at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 15 August 2024 (as attached) be taken as read, confirmed as correct minutes and signed by the Mayor and the Chief Executive Officer.**

### APPENDICES:

- [1](#) Minutes - Ordinary Council Meeting - 15 August 2024



**REPORT  
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
15 AUGUST 2024**

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**PRESENT:** Councillors J Black, S Chowdhury, M Dickerson, V Etheridge, J Gough, R Ivey, P Wells and M Wright.

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

The Chief Executive Officer, the Director Organisational Performance, the Manager Corporate Governance, the Governance Team Leader, the Governance Officers, the Manager Building Assets, the Director Strategy, Partnerships and Engagement, the Manager Strategic Partnerships and Investment, the Communications Service Team Leader, the Director Development and Environment, the Manager Growth Planning, the Manager Building and Development Services, the Team Leader Growth Planning Projects, the Statutory Planning Services Team Leader, the Manager Resource Recovery and Efficiency, the Director Infrastructure, the Manager Strategy Water Supply and Sewerage, the Water and Sewer Client Services Coordinator, the Manager Infrastructure Strategy and Design, the Manager Infrastructure Delivery, the Senior Stormwater Engineer, the Director Community, Culture and Places, the Manager Recreation and Open Spaces, the Manager Regional Events, and the Events and Partnerships Co-ordinator

Councillor M Dickerson assumed the Chair of the meeting.

The proceedings of the meeting commenced at 5.30 pm at the Dubbo Civic Administration Building, Council Chamber, with a prayer for Divine Guidance to the Council in its deliberations and activities. The acknowledgement of country was also read by Councillor P Wells.

**CCL24/187 LEAVE OF ABSENCE (ID24/1628)**

Requests for leave of absence were received from Councillors L Burns and D Mahon who were absent from the meeting due to personal reasons.

Moved by Councillor S Chowdhury and seconded by Councillor V Etheridge

**MOTION**

**That such requests for leave of absence be accepted and Councillors L Burns and D Mahon be granted leave of absence from this meeting.**

**CARRIED**

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**Councillor M Wright attended via Audio Visual Link.**

**For:** Councillors J Black, S Chowdhury, M Dickerson, V Etheridge, J Gough, R Ivey, P Wells and M Wright.

**Against:** Nil

**CCL24/188 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (ID24/1629)**

The following Conflicts of Interest were declared:

- Councillor J Black – CCL24/204 – Pecuniary, Significant
- Councillor S Chowdhury – CCL24/213 - Non Pecuniary, Less than Significant
- Councillor S Chowdhury – CCL24/214 - Non Pecuniary, Less than Significant

**CCL24/189 PUBLIC FORUM (ID24/1630)**

The Council reports having met with the following persons during Public Forum:

- Brett Anderson - CCL24/203 - Development Application D23-628

**CCL24/190 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES (ID24/1631)**

Confirmation of the minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 25 July 2024.

Moved by Councillor S Chowdhury and seconded by Councillor P Wells

**MOTION**

**That the minutes of the proceedings of the Dubbo Regional Council at the Ordinary Council meeting held on 25 July 2024 (as attached) be taken as read, confirmed as correct minutes and signed by the Mayor and the Chief Executive Officer.**

**CARRIED**

**For:** Councillors J Black, S Chowdhury, M Dickerson, V Etheridge, J Gough, R Ivey, P Wells and M Wright.

**Against:** Nil

**CCL24/191 FLUORIDE UPDATE PRESENTATION (ID24/1508)**

The Council reports having met with the Manager Strategy, Sewerage and Water Supply regarding the Fluoride Update.

**CCL24/192 MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS AND MEETINGS (ID24/1505)**

The Council had before it the report dated 22 July 2024 from the Chief Executive Officer regarding Mayoral Appointments and Meetings.

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Moved by Councillor P Wells and seconded by Councillor S Chowdhury

**MOTION**

**That the information contained within the report be noted.**

**CARRIED**

**For:** Councillors J Black, S Chowdhury, M Dickerson, V Etheridge, J Gough, R Ivey, P Wells and M Wright.

**Against:** Nil

**CCL24/193 2023/2024 DELIVERY PROGRAM AND OPERATIONAL PLAN - FINAL PROGRESS  
REPORT (ID24/1600)**

The Council had before it the report dated 30 July 2024 from the Corporate Strategy Performance Coordinator regarding 2023/2024 Delivery Program and Operational Plan - Final Progress Report.

Moved by Councillor J Black and seconded by Councillor P Wells

**MOTION**

**That the report of the Director Strategy, Partnerships and Engagement, dated 30 July 2024, be noted.**

**CARRIED**

**For:** Councillors J Black, S Chowdhury, M Dickerson, V Etheridge, J Gough, R Ivey, P Wells and M Wright.

**Against:** Nil

**CCL24/194 INVESTMENT UNDER SECTION 625 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT - JULY  
2024 (ID24/1469)**

The Council had before it the report dated 5 August 2024 from the Revenue Accountant regarding Investment Under Section 625 of the Local Government Act - July 2024.

Moved by Councillor S Chowdhury and seconded by Councillor V Etheridge

**MOTION**

**That the information contained within the Investment under Section 625 of the Local Government Act Report, dated 5 August 2024, be noted.**

**CARRIED**

**For:** Councillors J Black, S Chowdhury, M Dickerson, V Etheridge, J Gough, R Ivey, P Wells and M Wright.

**Against:** Nil

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**CCL24/195 MONTHLY REPORTING SNAPSHOT FOR COUNCILLORS - JULY 2024 (ID24/1640)**

The Council had before it the report dated 1 August 2024 from the Corporate Strategy Performance Coordinator regarding Monthly Reporting Snapshot for Councillors - July 2024.

Moved by Councillor J Black and seconded by Councillor V Etheridge

**MOTION**

1. That the information contained within the report of the Corporate Strategy and Performance Coordinator, dated 1 August 2024, be noted.
2. That monthly data in relation to services and facility performance;
  - a. Continues to be collated.
  - b. Is presented to the new elected body.
3. That the newly elected body determine the categories of data and/or format of reporting for the new Councillor term.

**CARRIED**

**For:** Councillors J Black, S Chowdhury, M Dickerson, V Etheridge, J Gough, R Ivey, P Wells and M Wright.

**Against:** Nil

**CCL24/196 REGIONAL EXPRESS UNDER VOLUNTARY ADMINISTRATION: IMPACTS ON DUBBO REGIONAL AIRPORT (ID24/1641)**

The Council had before it the report dated 2 August 2024 from the Director Organisational Performance regarding Regional Express under Voluntary Administration: Impacts on Dubbo Regional Airport.

Moved by Councillor J Black and seconded by Councillor S Chowdhury

**MOTION**

**That the report from the Director Organisation Performance on the 2 August 2024 be noted.**

**CARRIED**

**For:** Councillors J Black, S Chowdhury, M Dickerson, V Etheridge, J Gough, R Ivey, P Wells and M Wright.

**Against:** Nil

**MATTERS CONSIDERED BY COMMITTEES**

**CCL24/197 REPORT OF THE WELLINGTON TOWN COMMITTEE - MEETING 15 JULY 2024 (ID24/1638)**

The Council had before it the report of the Wellington Town Committee meeting held 15 July 2024.

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Moved by Councillor R Ivey and seconded by Councillor S Chowdhury

**MOTION**

**That the report of the Wellington Town Committee meeting held on 15 July 2024, be noted.**

**CARRIED**

**For:** Councillors J Black, S Chowdhury, M Dickerson, V Etheridge, J Gough, R Ivey, P Wells and M Wright.

**Against:** Nil

**CCL24/198 REPORT OF THE VILLAGES COMMITTEE - MEETING 17 JULY 2024 (ID24/1639)**

The Council had before it the report of the Villages Committee meeting held 17 July 2024.

Moved by Councillor R Ivey and seconded by Councillor S Chowdhury

**MOTION**

**That the report of the Villages Committee meeting held on 17 July 2024, be noted.**

**CARRIED**

**For:** Councillors J Black, S Chowdhury, M Dickerson, V Etheridge, J Gough, R Ivey, P Wells and M Wright.

**Against:** Nil

**CCL24/199 REPORT OF THE YOUTH COUNCIL - MEETING 6 AUGUST 2024 (ID24/1651)**

The Council had before it the report of the Youth Council meeting held 6 August 2024.

Moved by Councillor P Wells and seconded by Councillor J Gough

**MOTION**

**That the report of the Youth Council meeting held on 6 August 2024, be noted.**

**CARRIED**

**For:** Councillors J Black, S Chowdhury, M Dickerson, V Etheridge, J Gough, R Ivey, P Wells and M Wright.

**Against:** Nil

**NOTICE OF MOTION**

**CCL24/200 FOOTPATHS IN DUBBO AND WELLINGTON (ID24/1644)**

Council had before it a Notice of Motion dated 5 August 2024 from Councillor S Chowdhury regarding the Footpaths in Dubbo and Wellington.

Moved by Councillor S Chowdhury and seconded by Councillor J Black



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**MOTION**

1. That the CEO provide a report to December 2024 Ordinary Meeting of Council that:
  - a. Details the work being undertaken under the adopted 2024/2025 Operational Plan and Budget regarding understanding the demand for and gaps in the provision of footpaths in Dubbo and Wellington.
  - b. Details what planning instruments Council use to ensure the provision of footpaths in new subdivision developments.

**CARRIED**

**For:** Councillors J Black, S Chowdhury, M Dickerson, V Etheridge, J Gough, R Ivey, P Wells and M Wright.

**Against:** Nil

**REPORTS FROM STAFF**

**CCL24/201 REPATRIATION OF AXE GRINDING GROOVE ROCKS IN WIRADJURI PARK (ID24/1085)**

The Council had before it the report dated 29 July 2024 from the Director Infrastructure regarding Repatriation of Axe Grinding Groove Rocks in Wiradjuri Park.

Moved by Councillor P Wells and seconded by Councillor V Etheridge

**MOTION**

1. That it be noted that the axe grinding groove rocks located in Wiradjuri Park are required to remain in place as part of the New Dubbo Bridge and associated works undertaken by Transport for NSW.
2. That Council commence the repatriation process with the consultation and approvals to be undertaken by Council.

**CARRIED**

**For:** Councillors J Black, S Chowdhury, M Dickerson, V Etheridge, J Gough, R Ivey, P Wells and M Wright.

**Against:** Nil

**CCL24/202 BALLIMORE FLOOD STUDY (ID24/1633)**

The Council had before it the report dated 1 August 2024 from the Senior Stormwater Engineer regarding Ballimore Flood Study.

Moved by Councillor S Chowdhury and seconded by Councillor J Black

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**MOTION**

1. That the Ballimore Flood Study (Volume 1) dated 11 July 2024 as attached to the report as Appendix 1 be adopted.
2. That the Ballimore Flood Mapping Compendium (Volume 3) dated 11 July 2024 as attached to the report as Appendix 2 be adopted.
3. That the following interim development controls apply to Ballimore:
  - a. The Defined Flood Event (DFE) shall be the 1% Annual Exceedance Probability (AEP) event.
  - b. A Flood Planning Level (FPL) of the DFE (1% AEP) + 0.5 metres freeboard shall be applied to all new dwellings proposed.
  - c. All new dwellings shall have a suspended floor system (no slab on ground) and be designed such that future house raising is possible.

That these interim development controls shall apply until the Ballimore Flood Risk Management Study and Plan is adopted by Council, at which point the resulting control measures adopted shall supersede those discussed above.

**CARRIED**

**For:** Councillors J Black, S Chowdhury, M Dickerson, V Etheridge, J Gough, R Ivey, P Wells and M Wright.

**Against:** Nil

**CCL24/203 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION D23-628, RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION (145 DEVELOPMENT LOTS AND 23 RESIDUE LOTS) LOT 51 DP 1282381, LOT 15 DP 1285243, LOT 7 DP 250606, LOT 64 DP 261382, 6R BUNGLEGUMBIE ROAD, 9R BUNGLEGUMBIE ROAD AND 33 CHIFLEY DRIVE, DUBBO**  
**APPLICANT: NORTH WEST PRECINCT COMMUNITY PTY LTD**  
**OWNER: BUNGLEGUMBIE PARTNERS PTY LTD AND MR COLIN MIDDLETON (ID24/1625)**

The Council had before it the report dated 5 August 2024 from the Senior Planner regarding Development Application D23-628, Residential Subdivision (145 development lots and 23 residue lots) Lot 51 DP 1282381, Lot 15 DP 1285243, Lot 7 DP 250606, Lot 64 DP 261382, 6R Bunglegumbie Road, 9R Bunglegumbie Road and 33 Chifley Drive, Dubbo  
Applicant: North West Precinct Community Pty Ltd  
Owner: Bunglegumbie Partners Pty Ltd and Mr Colin Middleton.

Moved by Councillor V Etheridge and seconded by Councillor J Black

**MOTION**

1. That Development Application D23-628 for a residential subdivision (145 development lots and 23 residue lots) at Lot 51 DP 1282381, Lot 15 DP 1285243, Lot 7 DP 250606, Lot 64 DP 261382, 6R Bunglegumbie Road, 9R Bunglegumbie Road and 33 Chifley Drive Dubbo be approved subject to conditions (Appendix 1).
2. That Council grant delegation to the Chief Executive Officer to sign the determination (approval).

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**For:** Councillors J Black, S Chowdhury, M Dickerson, V Etheridge, J Gough, R Ivey, P Wells and M Wright.

**Against:** Nil

**CCL24/204 PLANNING PROPOSAL R23-007 - 20L ROCKY ROAD, DUBBO - RESULTS OF PUBLIC EXHIBITION (ID24/1189)**

The Council had before it the report dated 25 July 2024 from the Growth Planner regarding Planning Proposal R23-007 - 20L Rocky Road, Dubbo - Results of Public Exhibition.

Moved by Councillor S Chowdhury and seconded by Councillor J Gough

**MOTION**

1. That Council adopt the Planning Proposal (attached in Appendix 1) to amend the Dubbo Regional Local Environmental Plan 2022 by changing the minimum lot size area for part of 20L Rocky Road, Dubbo from 20ha to 8ha.
2. That Council note the submissions received during the public exhibition period (attached in Appendix 2).
3. That Council prepare drafting instructions and liaise with the NSW Government Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure to arrange finalisation of the proposed amendment to the Dubbo Regional Local Environmental Plan 2022 and request gazettal of the Plan.
4. That the Chief Executive Officer (or delegate) be authorised to execute any required documentation to finalise the amendment to the Dubbo Regional Local Environmental Plan 2022.

**CARRIED**

**For:** Councillors S Chowdhury, M Dickerson, V Etheridge, J Gough, R Ivey, P Wells and M Wright.

**Against:** Nil

*Councillor J Black declared a pecuniary, significant interest in CCL24/204 before the Council and left the room during the Council's consideration of this matter. The reason for such interest is that Councillor J Black owns a farming block on the corner of Warrie Road and Old Dubbo Road which is close to the subject block.*

**CCL24/205 PLANNING PROPOSAL R24-002 - ZONING AND MINIMUM LOT SIZE AREA AMENDMENTS TO PART OF KESWICK ESTATE (ID24/1375)**

The Council had before it the report dated 1 August 2024 from the Senior Growth Planner regarding Planning Proposal R24-002 - Zoning and Minimum Lot Size Area Amendments to part of Keswick Estate.

Moved by Councillor J Black and seconded by Councillor P Wells

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**MOTION**

1. That Council endorse the Planning Proposal (attached as Appendix 1) to amend the Dubbo Regional Local Environmental Plan 2022 at part of Keswick Estate (Lot 101 DP1280301) by changing the zoning from R2 Low Density Residential to R1 General Residential and removing the existing Minimum Lot Size Area provisions for approximately 10 hectares of the land.
2. That Council note the Strategic and Site-Specific Assessment (attached in Appendix 2).
3. That Council submit the Planning Proposal to the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure for a Gateway Determination, and request it include a condition that a Stormwater Strategy be prepared prior to undertaking public and State Agency consultation.
4. That Council request the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure to be the Local Plan Making Authority under Section 3.36 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 as the Planning Proposal is related to Council-owned land.
5. That Council support a minimum 20 working days public exhibition period for the Planning Proposal, subject to the conditions of a Gateway Determination.
6. That following the completion of the public exhibition period, a further report be presented to Council for consideration, including the results of public exhibition.

**CARRIED**

**For:** Councillors J Black, S Chowdhury, M Dickerson, V Etheridge, J Gough, R Ivey, P Wells and M Wright.

**Against:** Nil

**CCL24/206 PLANNING PROPOSALS R22-005 AND R22-006 - 13L NARROMINE ROAD  
DUBBO - RESULTS OF PUBLIC EXHIBITION (ID24/1245)**

The Council had before it the report dated 24 July 2024 from the Manager Growth Planning regarding Planning Proposals R22-005 and R22-006 - 13L Narromine Road Dubbo - Results of Public Exhibition.

Moved by Councillor R Ivey and seconded by Councillor S Chowdhury

**MOTION**

1. That Council not proceed with Planning Proposal R22-005 (attached in Appendix 1) and Planning Proposal R22-006 (attached in Appendix 2) to amend the Dubbo Regional Local Environmental Plan 2022 for 13L Narromine Road, Dubbo due to the unresolved Transport for NSW objection.
2. That Council note submissions received during the public exhibition period (attached in Appendices 3, 4 and 5).
3. That Council prepare a city-wide strategic transportation model and an infrastructure contributions plan to address the requirements of the Transport for NSW objection.

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4. That following preparation of a city-wide strategic transportation model and an infrastructure contributions plan, Council resubmit the Planning Proposals to the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure and undertake additional consultation with Transport for NSW.
5. That following consultation with the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure, and Transport for NSW, a further report be presented to Council, including the results of consultation.

**CARRIED**

**For:** Councillors J Black, S Chowdhury, M Dickerson, V Etheridge, J Gough, R Ivey, P Wells and M Wright.

**Against:** Nil

**CCL24/207 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HOUSING SUPPORT PROGRAM - STREAM 1  
(ID24/1509)**

The Council had before it the report dated 23 July 2024 from the Manager Growth Planning regarding Federal Government Housing Support Program - Stream 1.

Moved by Councillor J Black and seconded by Councillor P Wells

**MOTION**

**That the information contained within the report of the Manager Growth Planning dated 23 July 2024, be noted.**

**CARRIED**

**For:** Councillors J Black, S Chowdhury, M Dickerson, V Etheridge, J Gough, R Ivey, P Wells and M Wright.

**Against:** Nil

**CCL24/208 DRAFT 2024-2034 WASTE STRATEGY (ID24/1637)**

The Council had before it the report dated 1 August 2024 from the Manager Resource Recovery and Efficiency regarding Draft 2024-2034 Waste Strategy.

Moved by Councillor R Ivey and seconded by Councillor J Gough

**MOTION**

1. That Council adopt the draft 2024-2034 Waste Strategy for the purpose of public exhibition.
2. That the draft 2024-2034 Waste Strategy be placed on public exhibition for a period of not less than 28 days.
3. That following completion of public exhibition and community consultation, a further report be provided to Council for consideration, including the results of the public exhibition and community consultation.

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**For:** Councillors J Black, S Chowdhury, M Dickerson, V Etheridge, J Gough, R Ivey, P Wells and M Wright.

**Against:** Nil

**CCL24/209 ADOPTION OF 2024/2026 WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE CUSTOMER SERVICE PLAN (ID24/1154)**

The Council had before it the report dated 29 July 2024 from the Water and Sewer Client Services Coordinator regarding Adoption of 2024/2026 Water Supply and Sewerage Customer Service Plan.

Moved by Councillor P Wells and seconded by Councillor S Chowdhury

**MOTION**

**That the 2024/2026 Water Supply and Sewerage Service Plan attached to this report (Appendix 1) be adopted.**

**CARRIED**

**For:** Councillors J Black, S Chowdhury, M Dickerson, V Etheridge, J Gough, R Ivey, P Wells and M Wright.

**CCL24/210 RENAMING OF THE LEGACY SHARED PATHWAY - LOCATED ON LOT 7023 DP1020031 (ID24/1475)**

The Council had before it the report dated 1 August 2024 from the LIS and E-Services Coordinator regarding Renaming of the Legacy Shared Pathway - Located on Lot 7023 DP1020031.

Moved by Councillor M Wright and seconded by Councillor R Ivey

**MOTION**

- 1. That the Legacy Shared Pathway be named Tracker Riley.**
- 2. That the existing formed and maintained private road be named Tracker Riley Promenade.**
- 3. That the proposed road name be notified on Council's website and Government Authorities in accordance with Section 162 of the Roads Act 1993 and Section 7 of the Roads Regulation 2018.**
- 4. That those who made a submission be advised of Council's determination on this matter.**
- 5. That the approved name be gazetted.**

**CARRIED**

**For:** Councillors J Black, S Chowdhury, M Dickerson, V Etheridge, J Gough, R Ivey, P Wells and M Wright.

**Against:** Nil

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**CCL24/211 VICTORIA PARK AMENITIES - RESULTS OF PUBLIC EXHIBITION (ID24/1537)**

The Council had before it the report dated 25 July 2024 from the Manager Recreation and Open Spaces regarding Victoria Park Amenities - Results of Public Exhibition.

Moved by Councillor R Ivey and seconded by Councillor S Chowdhury

**MOTION**

**That this item be deferred to the Ordinary Council Meeting on 24 October 2024 to allow for additional information to be prepared.**

**CARRIED**

**For:** Councillors J Black, S Chowdhury, M Dickerson, V Etheridge, J Gough, R Ivey, P Wells and M Wright.

**Against:** Nil

**CCL24/212 TREE PRESERVATION ORDER - PROPOSED FRAMEWORK FOR TREE PRESERVATION ORDER AND RESOURCING IMPACTS (ID24/1487)**

The Council had before it the report dated 16 July 2024 from the Manager Recreation and Open Spaces regarding Tree Preservation Order - Proposed Framework for Tree Preservation Order and Resourcing Impacts.

Moved by Councillor R Ivey and seconded by Councillor J Gough

**MOTION**

**That further consideration of a Tree Preservation Order be undertaken by the incoming Council post the September 2024 Election.**

**CARRIED**

**For:** Councillors J Black, S Chowdhury, M Dickerson, V Etheridge, J Gough, R Ivey, P Wells and M Wright.

**Against:** Nil

**CCL24/213 2024/2025 EVENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM - UPDATED (ID24/1649)**

The Council had before it the report dated 7 August 2024 from the Manager Regional Events regarding 2024/2025 Event Assistance Program - updated.

Moved by Councillor J Gough and seconded by Councillor P Wells

**MOTION**

1. That Council endorse the recommendation from the assessment panel for the Community Events Fund as follows:
  - a. Teej Festival  
(Dubbo Nepalese Community Australia (Inc) \$ 800

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| b. | Under Western Skies<br>(Songwriters and Original Musicians Association Dubbo Inc)                                      | \$3,000 |
| c. | Dubbo Multicultural Event<br>(Central West Muslims Association Inc)  | \$2,000 |
| d. | Geurie Lions Christmas Carols<br>(Lions Club of Geurie Inc)  | \$ 100  |
| e. | Carols by Candlelight<br>(Rotary Club of Dubbo West Inc)   | \$ 600  |
| f. | Holi Festival of Colours<br>(Orana Residents of Indian Sub Continental Heritage)                                       | \$1,500 |
| g. | Man from Ironbark Festival<br>(Stuart Town Advancement Association Inc)  | \$2,000 |
| 2. | That Council endorse the recommendation from the assessment panel for the Destination Events Fund as follows:          |         |
| a. | Wellington Boot (Wellington Race Club)   | \$5,000 |
| b. | Stock Route Music Festival (Lazy River Estate)   | \$5,000 |
| c. | Dubbo Eisteddfod (Dubbo Eisteddfod Inc)  | \$5,000 |
| d. | Dubbo Winter Whiskey Festival (RJTP Pty Ltd)   | \$3,000 |
| e. | Cross Cultural Carnival<br>(Orana Residents of Indian Sub-Continental Heritage Inc)                                    | \$2,000 |
| f. | Dubbo MotorFest (Dubbo Motorcyclists and Drivers Club Inc)   | \$5,000 |
| 3. | That each applicant be advised of the outcome of their application in accordance with the Financial Assistance Policy. |         |
|    | <b>For:</b> Councillors J Black, S Chowdhury, M Dickerson, V Etheridge, J Gough, R Ivey, P Wells and M Wright.         |         |
|    | <b>Against:</b> Nil  |         |

Moved by Councillor R Ivey and seconded by Councillor P Wells

**MOTION**

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| 1. | That Council endorse the recommendation from the assessment panel for the Community Events Fund as follows: |                |
| a. | <b>Teej Festival</b><br>(Dubbo Nepalese Community Australia (Inc)   | <b>\$ 800</b>  |
| b. | <b>Under Western Skies</b><br>(Songwriters and Original Musicians Association Dubbo Inc)                    | <b>\$3,000</b> |
| c. | <b>Dubbo Multicultural Event</b><br>(Central West Muslims Association Inc)                                  | <b>\$2,000</b> |
| d. | <b>Geurie Lions Christmas Carols</b><br>(Lions Club of Geurie Inc)  | <b>\$ 100</b>  |
| e. | <b>Carols by Candlelight</b><br>(Rotary Club of Dubbo West Inc)   | <b>\$ 600</b>  |



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| f. | Holi Festival of Colours<br>(Orana Residents of Indian Sub Continental Heritage) | \$1,500 |
| g. | Man from Ironbark Festival<br>(Stuart Town Advancement Association Inc)          | \$2,000 |
| h. | Orana K9 Training Club<br>(Orana K9 Training Club Dog Obedience Trials)          | \$ 500  |
2. That Council endorse the recommendation from the assessment panel for the Destination Events Fund as follows:
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| a. | Wellington Boot (Wellington Race Club)  | \$5,000 |
| b. | Stock Route Music Festival (Lazy River Estate)                                      | \$5,000 |
| c. | Dubbo Eisteddfod (Dubbo Eisteddfod Inc)   | \$5,000 |
| d. | Dubbo Winter Whiskey Festival (RJTP Pty Ltd)  | \$3,000 |
| e. | Cross Cultural Carnival<br>(Orana Residents of Indian Sub-Continental Heritage Inc) | \$2,000 |
| f. | Dubbo MotorFest (Dubbo Motorcyclists and Drivers Club Inc)                          | \$5,000 |
3. That each applicant be advised of the outcome of their application in accordance with the Financial Assistance Policy.

The amendment on being put to the meeting was carried.

**CARRIED**

The amendment then became the motion and on being put to the meeting was carried.

**For:** Councillors J Black, S Chowdhury, M Dickerson, V Etheridge, J Gough, R Ivey, P Wells and M Wright.

**Against:** Nil

*Councillor S Chowdhury declared a non pecuniary, less than significant interest in CCL24/213 before the Council and remained in the room during the Council's consideration of this matter. The reason for such interest is that Councillor S Chowdhury knows a couple of community based groups but is not involved with any committee, except ORISCON.*

**CCL24/214 COMMUNITY SERVICES FUND 2024/2025 ROUND 1 (ID24/1320)**

The Council had before it the report dated 28 June 2024 from the Manager Community Services regarding Community Services Fund 2024/2025 Round 1.

Moved by Councillor P Wells and seconded by Councillor S Chowdhury

**MOTION**

1. That Council allocate \$81,894.60 to the community-based organisations in accordance with Section 356 of The Local Government Act 1993 and notification to be sent to each recommended applicant:
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| • | Dubbo Show Society Inc     | \$42,790.00 |
| • | Dubbo Melanoma March Group | \$5,000.00  |

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| • Western Region Academy of Sport             | \$3,523.00  |
| • Orana Education & Training Co-Operative     | \$6,000.00  |
| • ORISCON Inc                                 | \$2,500.00  |
| • Wiradjuri Wellington Aboriginal Town Common | \$2,081.60  |
| • U3A Dubbo Chapter Inc                       | \$5,000.00  |
| • Dubbo and District Can Assist               | \$15,000.00 |
2. That the surplus funds remaining from the 2024/2025 Round 1 be rolled over to 2024/2025 Round 2 of the Community Services Fund.

**CARRIED**

**For:** Councillors J Black, S Chowdhury, M Dickerson, V Etheridge, J Gough, R Ivey, P Wells and M Wright.

**Against:** Nil

*Councillor S Chowdhury declared a non pecuniary, less than significant interest in CCL24/214 before the Council and remained in the room during the Council's consideration of this matter. The reason for such interest is that Councillor S Chowdhury was part of ORISCON but is no longer.*

**CCL24/215 2025/2026 DESTINATION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM FEES AND CHARGES (ID24/1535)**

The Council had before it the report dated 25 July 2024 from the Manager Strategic Partnership and Investment regarding 2025/2026 Destination Partnership Program Fees and Charges.

Moved by Councillor V Etheridge and seconded by Councillor P Wells

**MOTION**

1. That Council adopt the charges for the 2025/2026 Destination Partnership Program as outlined in this report.
2. That the existing Visitor Information Centre Partnership Program be absorbed into the Destination Partnership Program.

**CARRIED**

**For:** Councillors J Black, S Chowdhury, M Dickerson, V Etheridge, J Gough, R Ivey, P Wells and M Wright.

**Against:** Nil

**CCL24/216 CENTRAL-WEST ORANA RENEWABLE ENERGY ZONE - COMMUNITY AND EMPLOYMENT BENEFIT PROGRAM (ID24/1510)**

The Council had before it the report dated 23 July 2024 from the Manager Strategic Partnership and Investment regarding Central-West Orana Renewable Energy Zone - Community and Employment Benefit Program.

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Moved by Councillor R Ivey and seconded by Councillor S Chowdhury

**MOTION**

1. That the Chief Executive Officer submit an application for the Central-West Orana Renewable Energy Zone (CWO REZ) Community and Employment Benefit Program (Legacy Infrastructure Fund)
2. That the priority project is the Renewable Energy Awareness and Career Training Centre subject to a positive commercial feasibility study.

**CARRIED**

**For:** Councillors S Chowdhury, M Dickerson, V Etheridge, J Gough, R Ivey, P Wells and M Wright.

**Against:** Councillor J Black.

**CCL24/217 EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL 5 SEPTEMBER 2024 - DRAFT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (ID24/1513)**

The Council had before it the report dated 23 July 2024 from the Director Organisational Performance regarding Extraordinary Meeting of Council 5 September 2024 - Draft Financial Statements.

Moved by Councillor V Etheridge and seconded by Councillor S Chowdhury

**MOTION**

**That an Extraordinary Council meeting be held on Thursday 5 September 2024 at 12.00pm for the purposes of adopting the draft financial statements to be referred to the NSW Audit Office, and consideration of Development Applications that are consistent with the caretaker provisions.**

**CARRIED**

**For:** Councillors J Black, S Chowdhury, M Dickerson, V Etheridge, J Gough, R Ivey, P Wells and M Wright.

**Against:** Nil

**CCL24/218 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE - 3D PRINTED TOILET BLOCK SIGNAGE (ID24/1646)**

The Council had before it the report dated 6 August 2024 from the Councillor regarding Questions on Notice - 3D Printed Toilet Block Signage.

Moved by Councillor J Black and seconded by Councillor J Gough

**MOTION**

**That the information contained within the report be noted.**

**CARRIED**

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**For:** Councillors J Black, S Chowdhury, M Dickerson, V Etheridge, J Gough, R Ivey, P Wells and M Wright.

**Against:** Nil

**CCL24/219 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE - COST OF RENAMING DUBBO MACQUARIE RIVER  
SHARED PATHWAY (ID24/1647)**

The Council had before it the report dated 6 August 2024 from the Councillor regarding Questions on Notice - Cost of Renaming Dubbo Macquarie River Shared Pathway.

Moved by Councillor J Black and seconded by Councillor V Etheridge

**MOTION**

**That the information contained within the report be noted.**

**CARRIED**

**For:** Councillors J Black, S Chowdhury, M Dickerson, V Etheridge, J Gough, R Ivey, P Wells and M Wright.

**Against:** Nil

**CCL24/220 COMMENTS AND MATTERS OF URGENCY (ID24/1632)**

There were no matters recorded under this clause.

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**CONFIDENTIAL**

In accordance with Section 9(2A) Local Government Act 1993, in the opinion of the Chief Executive Officer, the following business is of a kind as referred to in Section 10A(2) of the Act, and should be dealt with in a Confidential Session of the Council meeting closed to the press and public.

The items listed come within the following provisions of the Act:

- *CCL24/221 – Draft Planning Agreement – Sandy Creek Windfarm* - information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it (Section 10A(2)(d)(i)).
- *CCL24/222 – Quotation for the Supply and Delivery of two 6x4 Road Maintenance Trucks* - information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business (Section 10A(2)(c)).
- *CCL24/223 – Saxa Road/Comobella Crossing Replacement Project – Land Acquisition* - information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business (Section 10A(2)(c)).
- *CCL24/224 – Construction of New River Street West Collector Road Stage 1 – Tender recommendation* - commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the Council (Section 10A(2)(d)(ii)).
- *CCL24/225 – Dubbo Regional Airport Security Screening Tender* - commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the Council (Section 10A(2)(d)(ii)).
- *CCL24/226 - Belgravia Leisure Contract For The Management Of Dubbo's Aquatic Leisure Centres* (Section 10A(2)(c)) - information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it (Section 10A(2)(d)(i)).

There were no submissions as to whether the meeting should be closed for this item.

At this juncture it was moved by Councillor S Chowdhury and seconded by Councillor P Wells that the Council resolves into closed session, the time being 7:24 pm.

The open session resumed at 7:34 pm.

The Resolutions of the Closed session of Council were displayed on the screen on recommencement of live stream.

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**CCL24/221 DRAFT PLANNING AGREEMENT - SANDY CREEK SOLAR FARM (ID24/1614)**

The Council had before it the report dated 31 July 2024 from the Manager Growth Planning regarding Draft Planning Agreement - Sandy Creek Solar Farm.

Moved by Councillor S Chowdhury and seconded by Councillor P Wells

**MOTION**

The Council recommends that members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of this item, the reason being that the matter concerned information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it (Section 10A(2)(d)(i)).

Moved by Councillor R Ivey and seconded by Councillor J Black

**MOTION**

1. That Council negotiate a Voluntary Planning Agreement with Lightsource BP at 1.5% of the Capital Investment Value of the final Sandy Creek Solar Farm project.
2. That the Voluntary Planning Agreement to be negotiated in item 1 is for the overall project, with Dubbo Regional Council to receive funds based on pro rata of the project undertaken in the Dubbo Regional Local Government Area.
3. That a further report be presented to Council for consideration including the proposed terms of the draft Voluntary Planning Agreement and associated operating model.
4. That all documentation in relation to this matter remain confidential to Council.

**CARRIED**

For: Councillors J Black, S Chowdhury, M Dickerson, V Etheridge, J Gough, R Ivey, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil

**CCL24/222 QUOTATION FOR THE SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF TWO 6X4 ROAD MAINTENANCE TRUCKS (ID24/1601)**

The Council had before it the report dated 31 July 2024 from the Manager Fleet and Depot Services regarding Quotation for the Supply and Delivery of Two 6x4 Road Maintenance Trucks.

Moved by Councillor S Chowdhury and seconded by Councillor P Wells

**MOTION**

The Council recommends that members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of this item, the reason being that the matter concerned information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business (Section 10A(2)(c)).

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Moved by Councillor S Chowdhury and seconded by Councillor J Gough

**MOTION**

1. That the quotation from Ausroad Manufacturing to supply two Isuzu FXY240-350 trucks fitted with Jetmaster patching bodies for the purchase price of \$1,346,035 (excludes GST) be approved.
2. That plant number 159 and 2153 be valued for trade-in prices and auction estimates on handover of the replacement trucks.
3. That all documentation in relation to this matter remain confidential to Council.
4. That all documentation in relation to this matter be signed under the Common Seal of Council.

**CARRIED**

**For:** Councillors J Black, S Chowdhury, M Dickerson, V Etheridge, J Gough, R Ivey, P Wells and M Wright.

**Against:** Nil

**CCL24/223 SAXA ROAD/COMOBELLA CROSSING REPLACEMENT PROJECT - LAND ACQUISITION (ID24/1294)**

The Council had before it the report dated 25 July 2024 from the Senior Project Engineer regarding Saxa Road/Comobella Crossing Replacement Project - Land Acquisition.

Moved by Councillor S Chowdhury and seconded by Councillor P Wells

**MOTION**

The Council recommends that members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of this item, the reason being that the matter concerned information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business (Section 10A(2)(c)).

Moved by Councillor R Ivey and seconded by Councillor J Black

**MOTION**

1. That Council approve the compulsory acquisition of the whole of Lot 9 DP754327 pursuant to s177 and s178 of the Roads Act 1993 (NSW) as described in the body of this report and, upon acquisition, classify the land as operational, and dedicate such land as public road reserve.
2. That Council delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the power to negotiate actual and reasonable costs subject to budget limitations.
3. That Council delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the power to negotiate, finalise, and execute any applications, notices, documents and compensation claims required to be executed as part of the process for Council to compulsorily acquire the whole of Lot 9 DP754327.

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4. That all documentation in relation to this matter remain confidential to Council.
5. That all necessary documentation relating to this matter be executed under the Common Seal of Council.

**CARRIED**

**For:** Councillors J Black, S Chowdhury, M Dickerson, V Etheridge, J Gough, R Ivey, P Wells and M Wright.

**Against:** Nil

**CCL24/224 CONSTRUCTION OF NEW RIVER STREET WEST COLLECTOR ROAD STAGE 1 -  
TENDER RECOMMENDATION (ID24/1336)**

The Council had before it the report dated 2 July 2024 from the Senior Project Engineer regarding Construction of New River Street West Collector Road Stage 1 - Tender Recommendation.

Moved by Councillor S Chowdhury and seconded by Councillor P Wells

**MOTION**

The Council recommends that members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of this item, the reason being that the matter concerned information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business (Section 10A(2)(c)).

Moved by Councillor J Black and seconded by Councillor S Chowdhury

**MOTION**

1. That the contract for the construction of the new River Street West Collector Road Stage 1 be awarded to Maas Civil Pty Ltd, in accordance with Clause 178 (3) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 for the amount of \$8,472,291.90 (incl GST).
2. That Council delegate the Chief Executive Officer to approve the extension options for this contract if required.
3. That Council delegate the Chief Executive Officer to approve contract variations for this contract subject to budget limitations.
4. That all documentation in relation to this matter remain confidential to Council.
5. That all documentation in relation to this matter be signed under the Common Seal of Council.

**CARRIED**

**For:** Councillors J Black, S Chowdhury, M Dickerson, V Etheridge, J Gough, R Ivey, P Wells and M Wright.

**Against:** Nil



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**CCL24/225 DUBBO REGIONAL AIRPORT SECURITY SCREENING TENDER (ID24/1556)**

The Council had before it the report dated 26 July 2024 from the Manager Airport Strategy and Operations regarding Dubbo Regional Airport Security Screening Tender.

Moved by Councillor S Chowdhury and seconded by Councillor P Wells

**MOTION**

The Council recommends that members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of this item, the reason being that the matter concerned commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the Council (Section 10A(2)(d)(ii)).

Moved by Councillor S Chowdhury and seconded by Councillor V Etheridge

**MOTION**

1. That a contract for the Supply of Passenger Baggage and Cargo Screening Services for Dubbo Regional Airport be awarded to Trident Services Australia, in accordance with Clause 178 (1) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 for the price of \$1,697,754 ex GST.
2. That all documentation in relation to this matter remain confidential to Council.
3. That all documentation in relation to this matter be signed under the Common Seal of Council.

**CARRIED**

**For:** Councillors J Black, S Chowdhury, M Dickerson, V Etheridge, J Gough, R Ivey, P Wells and M Wright.

**Against:** Nil

**CCL24/226 MACQUARIE RIVER EVENT PRECINCT CONSTRUCTION TENDER (ID24/1648)**

The Council had before it the report dated 6 August 2024 from the Manager Building Assets regarding Macquarie River Event Precinct Construction Tender.

Moved by Councillor S Chowdhury and seconded by Councillor P Wells

**MOTION**

The Council recommends that members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of this item, the reason being that the matter concerned information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it (Section 10A(2)(d)(i)).

Moved by Councillor S Chowdhury and seconded by Councillor J Gough

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**MOTION**

1. That, in accordance with Clause 178 (1)(b) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, Council decline to accept any tenders received for the "Construction of the Macquarie River Event Precinct" due to the need to ensure the most cost-effective and high-quality solution for the community, and the fact that the current tenders do not fully meet the project requirements and budget constraints.
2. That, in accordance with Clause 178 (3)(e) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, Council enter into negotiations with the preferred tenderer, Stanaway t/as David Payne Constructions, with a view to entering into a contract in relation to the subject matter of the tender.
3. That all documentation in relation to this matter remain confidential to Council.
4. That all documentation in relation to this matter be signed under the Common Seal of Council.

**CARRIED**

**For:** Councillors J Black, S Chowdhury, M Dickerson, V Etheridge, J Gough, R Ivey, P Wells and M Wright.

**Against:** Nil

The meeting closed at 7:35pm.

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CHAIRPERSON



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## MAYORAL MINUTE: Legacy Infrastructure Fund

**DIVISION:** Elected Members  
**REPORT DATE:** 4 September 2024  
**TRIM REFERENCE:** ID24/1775

To the Council  
Ladies and Gentlemen

Office of the Mayor  
Civic Administration Building  
Church Street, Dubbo

Energy Corporation of NSW (EnergyCo) is a statutory authority established under the *Energy and Utilities Administration Act 1987* and is responsible for leading the delivery of Renewable Energy Zones (REZs) as part of the NSW Government's Electricity Infrastructure Roadmap. Communities in the Central West Orana REZ will receive \$128 million over the next four years through the Community and Employment Benefit Program to deliver community projects and employment opportunities.

In December 2023, Dubbo Regional Council completed a concept business case for a Renewable Energy Awareness and Career Training Centre (REACT), based in Wellington. The strength of the proposal led to financial backing from four (4) industry proponents to develop a detailed business case for REACT, with the view to submitting it for funding from the Central West Orana Renewable Energy Zone – Legacy Infrastructure Fund (LIF).

At the Ordinary Council meeting held on 15 August 2024, Council endorsed that the priority project for the LIF was to be REACT, subject to a positive commercial feasibility study.

Since then, work has continued on the business case and this Mayoral Minute seeks to update you on its development and provide a level of comfort that there is a positive business case supporting the project.

### **Proposal feasibility (site selection)**

In the Stage 1 feasibility study, several sites were investigated, with the Soil Conservation site being determined as most feasible for the project. Since then, further consultation has revealed a second site option, known as the Wellington town site. Both sites are being compared as part the cost benefit analysis in the current detailed business case.

#### Site 1

This option involves developing the Soil Conservation site, a brownfield location previously used by the NSW Government's Soil Conservation Service. This option would establish a renewable energy training facility. The site's characteristics and logistical considerations support the potential for a discovery centre, with some limitations.

Pros

- Reutilisation of a brownfield site: the development repurposes a previously underutilised or disused site, which aligns with sustainable development practices and reduces the need for greenfield development. Planning approval process might also be streamlined, as the site has a history of industrial use. Existing infrastructure can be incorporated into the design.
- Potential for customisation: the scale of the Soil Conservation location offers greater flexibility in designing a renewable energy facility tailored specifically to training needs.
- Environmental and historical value: revitalising the Soil Conservation site could preserve and highlight its historical significance, potentially adding educational value to the project by linking soil conservation and renewable energy concepts.
- Proximity to renewable projects: the site is within eyeline of renewable projects.

Cons

- Site limitations: as with any brownfield site, Soil Conservation may present challenges such as site contamination and potential for site remediation. These factors could increase development costs and complexity.
- Accessibility and location drawbacks: the site's location (7.5 km from the centre of Wellington) makes it less accessible for trainees and visitors compared to a more central, town-based site. This could limit community engagement and reduce the overall impact of the project.
- Location for a discovery centre: the site location and backdrop may not be ideal for a discovery centre aimed at attracting tourists and fostering community involvement.
- Reduced synergies: without the integration of a discovery centre, the project may not fully capitalise on the opportunity to create synergies between training and tourism/education, limiting the broader economic and social benefits.

Site 2

This option proposes the development of both a renewable energy training centre and a discovery centre within the Wellington town centre, adjacent to the current TAFE NSW site. Due to potential cost considerations, the project may be delivered in stages, most likely beginning with the training centre, and followed by the discovery centre.

Pros

- Maximised use of strategic location: the Wellington town site's central location is leveraged to its full potential, integrating training and tourism to create a vibrant hub for renewable energy education and community engagement.
- Comprehensive impact: combining training with a discovery centre creates synergies that enhance the overall value of the project. The discovery centre can serve as both an educational resource and a tourist attraction, drawing visitors from across the region and beyond.
- Ability to stage delivery: this option can be delivered in its entirety or in stages depending on financial and logistical settings at the time, enabling them to be managed more effectively. This ensures that the project remains feasible while progressively achieving

long-term goals, if required.

- Community and economic benefits: Site potentially supports stronger tourism numbers and community benefit, and positions Wellington as a leader in the renewable energy sector.

Cons:

- Higher upfront costs: the combined development of a training centre and discovery centre requires a significant financial investment, which may necessitate further external funding or partnerships.
- Complex project management: managing the development of both facilities, particularly if staged delivery is required, adds complexity to the project, increasing the risk of delays or cost overruns.
- Potential for community pushback: while community engagement is a key benefit, there is also a risk that the scale of the project could lead to concerns or resistance from local residents, particularly if not managed transparently. Community could perceive the project as not being of the highest priority in addressing local needs.

### **Proposal feasibility (financial)**

Financial modelling has been developed to support a staged approach to delivering REACT at the two sites, with the training centre component being delivered first and the discovery centre component able to be delivered through subsequent funding rounds.

The tables and graphs below summarise the current benefit cost analysis of the two sites; **option 1** is the Soil Conversation site training centre and **option 2** is the Wellington town site training centre. Modelling for both sites would deliver a benefit-cost ratio of >1. The modelling follows NSW Treasury guidelines for benefit cost analysis.

#### Key assumptions:

Costs:

- Build costs are modelled based on industry benchmarks and include significant contingencies, including planning, conveyancing and legal costs.
- Operating cost models for the training facility are based on like facilities.
- Option 1 assumes no land purchase costs.
- Option 2 assumes a partnership with TAFE NSW to utilise some of their current asset to deliver training.

Revenue:

- Training revenue models are conservative and include a growth rate of 7%.

#### Social-economic benefit:

- The contributing factors to social economic benefit include:
  - A reduction in recidivism
  - Increase in employment

- Direct and indirect economic benefit through the construction phase (including supply chain).

The following summaries the financial models associated with option 1 and 2:

## Options Comparison

Summary of All Investment Options for a 25-Year Period.

	Option 1: Skills Hub at Soil-Con	Option 2: Skills Hub at Town Centre
Establishment Costs	17,171,250	13,355,000
Total Costs	54,707,256	50,975,006
Total Revenues	62,069,733	62,069,733
Socio-Economic Benefits	967,617,217	966,843,045

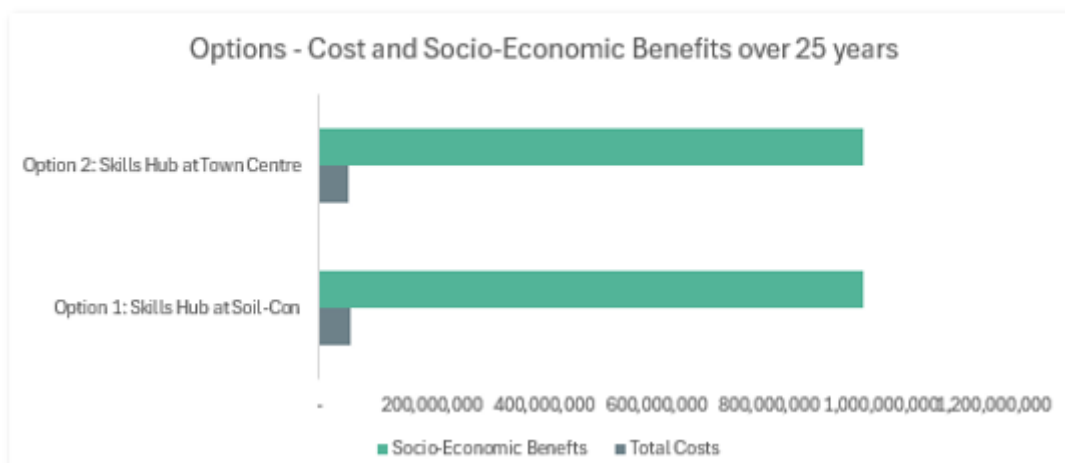
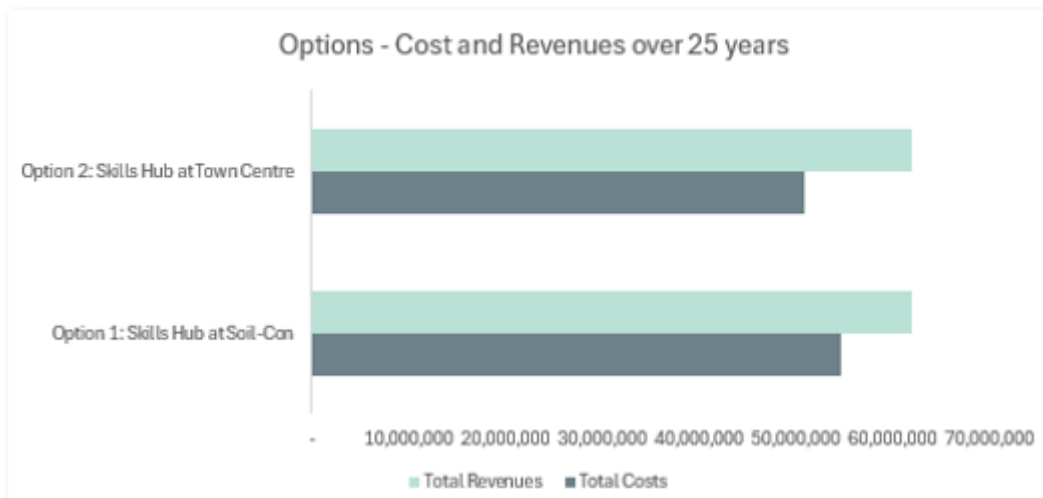
**Financial Measures:** focus on the direct monetary costs and benefits undertaking the project.

Internal Rate of Return - IIR	6.19%	17%
Benefit-Cost Ratio - BCR	1.13	1.22

**Economic Measures:** consider the broader impact on society, including both direct and indirect effects.

**Direct Employment Figures for the Construction Phase (FTE)**

Year 1	19.13	13.83
Year 2	12.75	9.22



**Proposal feasibility (stakeholder support)**

Potential partners and key stakeholders have been engaged as part of the detailed business case development.

**Training providers:**

- **TAFE NSW** – Supportive; especially around a partnership at the Wellington town site.
- **Department of Education** – Supportive; will provide advice about training models to support REACT outcomes based on their experience developing hybrid models e.g. Institute of Applied Technology – Construction. There is also the opportunity to market renewable energy careers to schools and people interested in retraining.
- **Other RTOs** – Supportive; can see the opportunity for both foundational and specialist skills delivery.

### Community

- **Wellington Correctional Centre** – Supportive; can see the training and ongoing employment opportunities for people in their care.
- **First Nations workforce facilitators** – Supportive; can see the training and employment benefits for community in Wellington, especially the Wellington town site.

### Industry

- **Project proponents** – Supportive; recommending that the training centre component of the project be prioritised.

EnergyCo has also indicated their support for the project.

### Summary

In summary, two sites in Wellington have been compared and contrasted as part of the recent detailed business case development. Each site has strengths and weaknesses; however, both present a BCR of greater than 1, indicating a positive business case. The Wellington town centre site is slightly stronger at this stage due to higher modelled training and visitor numbers but the full discovery centre and training facility would be potentially better located at the former Soil Conservation site.

The proposal to the LIF is not intending to propose a preferred site. It is proposed to submit an application presenting both sites, with the preferred site to be determined following further, in-depth consultation with potential partners and community.

### RECOMMENDATION

1. **That Council endorses the Renewable Energy Awareness and Career Training Centre (REACT) being submitted as the focus project for Dubbo Regional Council's application to the Central West Orana Renewable Energy Zone – Legacy Infrastructure Fund.**
2. **That further financial analysis continues on both sites along with consultation on both site options with key stakeholders.**

*MD*  
Mayor





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## REPORT: Referral of 2023/2024 Financial Statements for Audit

**DIVISION:** Organisational Performance

**REPORT DATE:** 26 August 2024

**TRIM REFERENCE:** ID24/1773

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

<b>Purpose</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seek endorsement</li> <li>Fulfil legislated requirement/Compliance</li> </ul>	
<b>Issue</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Draft financial statements referred to Audit</li> </ul>	
<b>Reasoning</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Financial Statements of Council have been prepared to comply with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1993, the Australian Accounting Standards, the Local Government Code and Manual.</li> </ul>	
<b>Financial Implications</b>	Budget Area	There are no financial implications arising from this report.
	Funding Source	N/A
<b>Policy Implications</b>	Policy Title	There are no policy implications arising from this report.
	Impact on Policy	N/A

### STRATEGIC DIRECTION

The Towards 2040 Community Strategic Plan is a vision for the development of the region out to the year 2040. The Plan includes six principle themes and a number of objectives and strategies. This report is aligned to:

Theme: 3 Economy

CSP Objective: 3.2 Employment opportunities are available in all sectors of our economy

Delivery Program Strategy: 3.2.1 Employment and investment opportunities for all sectors of the community are fostered

### RECOMMENDATION

**That the Draft 2023/2024 Financial Statements submitted for audit be noted.**

*Jane Bassingthwaighe*  
Director Organisational Performance

*SW*  
Chief Financial Officer

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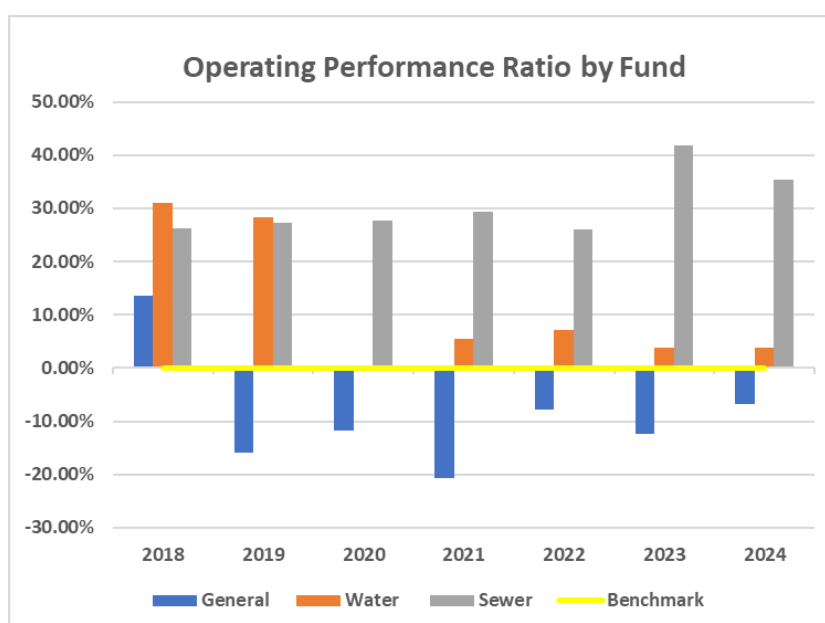
The General Purpose Financial Statements (**Appendix 1**) and the Special Purpose Financial Statements (**Appendix 2**) have been prepared to comply with Australian Accounting Standards and Australian Accounting Interpretations, the *Local Government Act 1993* and *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*, and the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting. They present fairly the Council's financial position as at 30 June 2024 and financial performance for the year ended 30 June 2024.

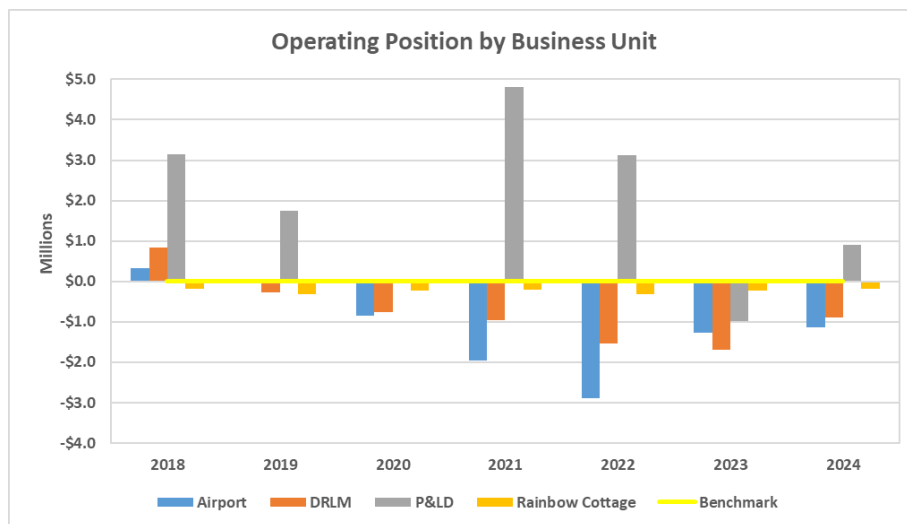
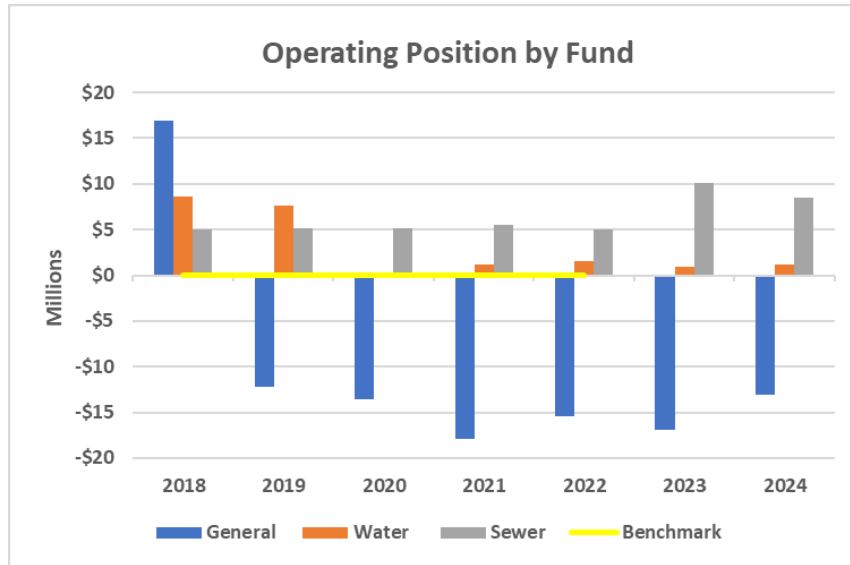
The audit of the financial statements commenced on Wednesday, 28 August 2024 and is expected to be completed in the ensuing four weeks. Following completion of the audit, the Audit Office of NSW will deliver a presentation on the final audited 2023/2024 Financial Statements at the October 2024 Ordinary meeting of Council.

Financial Implications

Total Financial Implications	2024 DRAFT (\$'000)	2023 Actual (\$'000)	2022 Actual (\$'000)	2021 Actual (\$'000)
a. Operating revenue	210,896	213,640	192,666	186,754
b. Operating expenses	181,317	162,924	152,220	149,630
c. Operating budget impact (a – b)	29,579	50,716	40,446	37,124
d. Capital Grants	33,122	56,552	49,260	48,265
e. Total net impact (c – d)	(3,543)	(5,836)	(8,814)	(11,141)

Table 1. Ongoing Financial Implications





During the financial year ended 30 June 2024, Dubbo Regional Council undertook a comprehensive revaluation of its operational land, non-specialised buildings and specialised building assets using an external independent qualified valuer.

The opening written down value of operational land assets (\$55.474M) was increased by \$3.296M which increased the accumulated revaluation reserve.

The opening written down value of non-specialised building assets (\$28.752M) and specialised building assets (\$151.145M) were increased by \$3.34M and \$5.565M respectively, which increased the accumulated revaluation reserve by a total of \$8.905M.

The Financial Statements of Council have been prepared to comply with Australian Accounting Standards and Australian Accounting Interpretations, the *Local Government Act 1993* and *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*, and the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting. They present fairly the Council's financial position as at 30 June 2024 and financial performance for the year ended 30 June 2024.

*Section 413 of the Local Government Act 1993 requires that:*

1. *A Council must prepare financial reports for each year, and must refer them for audit as soon as practicable (having regard to the requirements of Section 416 (1)) after the end of that year.*
2. *A Council's financial reports must include:*
  - a. *a general purpose financial report; and*
  - b. *any other matters prescribed by the regulations, and*
  - c. *a statement in the approved form by the Council as to its opinion on the general purpose financial report.*
3. *The general purpose financial report must be prepared in accordance with this Act and the regulations and the requirement of:*
  - a. *The publications issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board, as in force for the time being, subject to the regulations, and*
  - b. *Such other standards as may be prescribed by the regulations.*

*The statement required by Section 413 (2) (c) and the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, section 215 requires the following:*

1. *That the statement required by Section 413 (2) (c) of the Act must:*
  - a. *be made by resolution of the Council, and*
  - b. *be signed by:*
    - i. *the Mayor; and*
    - ii. *at least one other member of the Council; and*
    - iii. *the Responsible Accounting Officer; and*
    - iv. *the Chief Executive Officer (if not the responsible accounting officer)*
2. *The statement must indicate:*
  - a. *whether or not the Council's annual financial reports have been drawn up in accordance with:*
    - i. *The Act and this Regulation; and*
    - ii. *The Code and the Manual; and*
    - iii. *The Australian Accounting Standards issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board, and*
  - b. *whether or not those reports present fairly the Council's financial position and operating result for the year; and*
  - c. *whether or not those reports accord with the council's accounting and other records; and*
  - d. *whether or not the signatories know of anything that would make those reports false or misleading in any way, and include such information and explanations as will prevent those reports from being misleading because of any qualification that is included in the statement.*
3. *The council must ensure that the statement is attached to the relevant annual financial reports.*

A statement must also be made in relation to the Special Purpose Financial Statements. The statement must be made by resolution of Council, signed by the Mayor, a Councillor, the Responsible Accounting Officer and the Chief Executive Officer.

The statement by Council must indicate whether or not the Council's Special Purpose Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the Code and Manual.

The Special Purpose Financial Statements are prepared in accordance with the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting and the Division of Local Government guidelines "Pricing and Costing for Council Businesses: A Guide to Competitive Neutrality."

### Consultation

- The Executive Leadership Team have been presented the draft results for the 2023/2024 financial year.
- An independent qualified valuer was engaged for the comprehensive asset revaluation of operational land, non-specialised buildings and specialised building asset classes.

### Timeframe

Key Date	Event
28 August 2024	Audit team starts audit of financial statements
23 September 2024	Audit clearance meeting
24 October 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting - Council approves financial statements for lodgement to OLG and for public exhibition, and the Mayor, a Councillor, the Chief Executive Officer and the Responsible Accounting officer sign the statement
30 November 2024	Audit Office issues final Management Letter

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# Dubbo Regional Council

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
for the year ended 30 June 2024



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## Dubbo Regional Council

GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
for the year ended 30 June 2024



Dubbo Regional Council

General Purpose Financial Statements  
for the year ended 30 June 2024

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**Dubbo Regional Council**

**General Purpose Financial Statements**

for the year ended 30 June 2024

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Signed in accordance with a resolution of Council made on 24 October 2024.**

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[Mayor]  
**Mayor**  
24 October 2024

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[Councillor]  
**Deputy Mayor**  
24 October 2024

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Murray Wood  
**Chief Executive Officer**  
24 October 2024

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Stephanie Williamson  
**Responsible Accounting Officer**  
24 October 2024

**Dubbo Regional Council**

**Income Statement**

for the year ended 30 June 2024

<i>Original unaudited budget</i>			<i>Actual</i>	<i>Actual</i>
<b>2024</b>	<b>\$ '000</b>	Notes	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>Income from continuing operations</b>				
73,156		B2-1	<b>74,641</b>	72,492
42,599		B2-2	<b>54,418</b>	44,916
2,545		B2-3	<b>3,505</b>	3,405
21,075		B2-4	<b>32,079</b>	28,542
32,306		B2-4	<b>33,122</b>	56,552
7,815		B2-5	<b>12,971</b>	7,662
-		B2-6	<b>160</b>	71
179,496			<b>210,896</b>	213,640
<b>Expenses from continuing operations</b>				
52,216		B3-1	<b>49,340</b>	47,319
46,540		B3-2	<b>63,102</b>	51,966
2,455		B3-3	<b>3,037</b>	2,995
50,133		B3-4	<b>58,525</b>	54,323
2,716		B3-5	<b>2,824</b>	3,045
(6,916)		B4-1	<b>4,489</b>	3,276
147,144			<b>181,317</b>	162,924
<b>32,352</b>			<b>29,579</b>	<b>50,716</b>
<b>Discontinued operations</b>				
-			-	-
<b>32,352</b>			<b>29,579</b>	<b>50,716</b>
<b>Net operating result for the year attributable to Council</b>				
			<b>(3,543)</b>	(5,836)
<b>Net operating result for the year before grants and contributions provided for capital purposes</b>				
46				(5,836)

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

**Dubbo Regional Council**

**Statement of Comprehensive Income**  
for the year ended 30 June 2024

\$ '000	Notes	2024	2023
<b>Net operating result for the year – from Income Statement</b>		<b>29,579</b>	50,716
<b>Other comprehensive income:</b>			
Amounts which will not be reclassified subsequently to the operating result			
Gain (loss) on revaluation of infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	C1-8	<b>120,778</b>	(83,931)
Other comprehensive income – joint ventures and associates	D2-1	<b>1</b>	–
<b>Total items which will not be reclassified subsequently to the operating result</b>		<b>120,779</b>	(83,931)
Amounts which will be reclassified subsequently to the operating result when specific conditions are met			
Other movements		(1)	–
<b>Total items which will be reclassified subsequently to the operating result when specific conditions are met</b>		<b>(1)</b>	–
<b>Total other comprehensive income for the period</b>		<b>120,778</b>	(83,931)
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year attributable to Council</b>		<b>150,357</b>	(33,215)

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

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**Dubbo Regional Council**

**Statement of Financial Position**

as at 30 June 2024

\$ '000	Notes	2024	2023
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	C1-1	53,196	60,652
Investments	C1-2	149,038	98,250
Receivables	C1-4	27,722	34,368
Inventories	C1-5	6,129	8,113
Other	C1-11	841	933
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>236,926</b>	<b>202,316</b>
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Investments	C1-2	88,475	110,814
Receivables	C1-4	14	29
Inventories	C1-5	2,219	4,971
Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment (IPPE)	C1-8	2,728,017	2,595,567
Investments accounted for using the equity method	D2-1, D2-3	2,109	1,948
Other	C1-11	495	495
<b>Total non-current assets</b>		<b>2,821,329</b>	<b>2,713,824</b>
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>3,058,255</b>	<b>2,916,140</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Payables	C3-1	14,672	12,195
Contract liabilities	C3-2	8,863	14,346
Borrowings	C3-3	5,463	6,230
Employee benefit provisions	C3-4	11,514	11,469
<b>Total current liabilities</b>		<b>40,512</b>	<b>44,240</b>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>			
Payables	C3-1	13	3
Borrowings	C3-3	28,173	33,636
Employee benefit provisions	C3-4	836	883
Provisions	C3-5	11,738	10,752
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>		<b>40,760</b>	<b>45,274</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>81,272</b>	<b>89,514</b>
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>2,976,983</b>	<b>2,826,626</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Accumulated surplus	C4-1	2,407,706	2,378,127
IPPE revaluation reserve	C4-1	569,277	448,499
<b>Total equity</b>		<b>2,976,983</b>	<b>2,826,626</b>

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

Dubbo Regional Council | Statement of Changes in Equity | for the year ended 30 June 2024

## Dubbo Regional Council

## Statement of Changes in Equity

for the year ended 30 June 2024

\$ '000	Notes	2024			2023		
		Accumulated surplus	IPPE revaluation reserve	Total equity	Accumulated surplus	IPPE revaluation reserve	Total equity
Opening balance at 1 July		2,378,127	448,499	2,826,626	2,327,411	532,430	2,859,841
<b>Opening balance</b>		<b>2,378,127</b>	<b>448,499</b>	<b>2,826,626</b>	<b>2,327,411</b>	<b>532,430</b>	<b>2,859,841</b>
Net operating result for the year		29,579	–	29,579	50,716	–	50,716
<b>Net operating result for the period</b>		<b>29,579</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>29,579</b>	<b>50,716</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>50,716</b>
<b>Other comprehensive income</b>							
Gain (loss) on revaluation of infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	C1-8	–	120,778	120,778	–	(83,931)	(83,931)
<b>Other comprehensive income</b>		<b>–</b>	<b>120,778</b>	<b>120,778</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>(83,931)</b>	<b>(83,931)</b>
<b>Total comprehensive income</b>		<b>29,579</b>	<b>120,778</b>	<b>150,357</b>	<b>50,716</b>	<b>(83,931)</b>	<b>(33,215)</b>
<b>Closing balance at 30 June</b>		<b>2,407,706</b>	<b>569,277</b>	<b>2,976,983</b>	<b>2,378,127</b>	<b>448,499</b>	<b>2,826,626</b>

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

**Dubbo Regional Council**

**Statement of Cash Flows**  
for the year ended 30 June 2024

<i>Original unaudited budget</i>			<i>Actual</i>	<i>Actual</i>
<b>2024</b>	<b>\$ '000</b>	Notes	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>				
<i>Receipts:</i>				
73,299			<b>74,291</b>	72,787
43,061			<b>59,142</b>	41,431
7,855			<b>11,462</b>	6,082
49,678			<b>55,167</b>	71,011
-			<b>256</b>	59
2,729			<b>12,279</b>	7,005
<i>Payments:</i>				
(51,787)			<b>(49,213)</b>	(47,668)
(46,514)			<b>(72,831)</b>	(53,447)
(2,640)			<b>(2,437)</b>	(3,358)
(2,717)			<b>(2,540)</b>	(2,567)
72,964		G1-1	<b>85,576</b>	91,335
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>				
<i>Receipts:</i>				
-			<b>10,500</b>	150,575
-			<b>111,750</b>	-
14,550			<b>4,297</b>	-
2,447			<b>2,581</b>	1,943
-			<b>39</b>	75
<i>Payments:</i>				
(171)			-	(158,329)
-			<b>(151,000)</b>	(20,750)
(75,926)			<b>(64,291)</b>	(50,655)
(7,634)			<b>(678)</b>	(3,122)
-			-	19
(66,734)			<b>(86,802)</b>	(80,244)
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>				
<i>Payments:</i>				
(6,230)			<b>(6,230)</b>	(5,984)
(6,230)			<b>(6,230)</b>	(5,984)
-			<b>(7,456)</b>	5,107
3,000		C1-1b,C1-1	<b>60,652</b>	55,545
3,000		C1-1	<b>53,196</b>	60,652
208,999		C1-2	<b>237,513</b>	209,064
211,999			<b>290,709</b>	269,716

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

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## A About Council and these financial statements

### A1-1 Basis of preparation

These financial statements were authorised for issue by Council on 24 October 2024. Council has the power to amend and reissue these financial statements in cases where critical information is received from public submissions or where the OLG directs Council to amend the financial statements.

The material accounting policy information related to these consolidated financial statements are set out below. Accounting policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

These general purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and Australian Accounting Interpretations, the *Local Government Act 1993 (Act)* and *Local Government (General) Regulation 2022 (Regulation)*, and the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting. Council is a not-for-profit entity. The financial statements are presented in Australian dollars and are rounded to the nearest thousand dollars.

#### **New accounting standards adopted during the year**

During the year Council adopted all accounting standards and interpretations (as issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board) which were mandatorily effective from the first time at 30 June 2024.

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

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

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

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

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

#### **Historical cost convention**

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

#### **Significant accounting estimates and judgements**

The preparation of financial statements requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the Council's accounting policies. Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that may have a financial impact on the Council and that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

#### **Critical accounting estimates and assumptions**

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

- i. fair values of infrastructure, property, plant and equipment – refer Note C1-8
- ii. tip remediation provisions – refer Note C3-5
- iii. employee benefit provisions – refer Note C3-4.

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

- i. Impairment of receivables – refer Note C1-4.
- ii. Determination of whether performance obligations are sufficiently specific and whether the contract is within the scope of AASB 15 *Revenue from Contracts with Customers* and / or AASB 1058 *Income of Not-for-Profit Entities* – refer to Notes B2-2 – B2-4.

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## A1-1 Basis of preparation (continued)

### Monies and other assets received by Council

#### The Consolidated Fund

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

The Consolidated Fund has been included in the financial statements of the Council.

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

- general purpose operations
- water service
- sewerage service

#### The Trust Fund

In accordance with the provisions of Section 411 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, a separate and distinct Trust Fund is maintained to account for all money and property received by Council in trust which must be applied only for the purposes of, or in accordance with, the trusts relating to those monies. Trust monies and property subject to Council's control have been included in these reports.

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

#### Volunteer services

Council operate volunteer programs whereby volunteers provide services in performing activities including bush generation, weed control and plantings; ushering patrons during performances at the Dubbo Regional Theatre Convention Centre; and greeting and providing information to visitors of the Western Plains Cultural Centre and Dubbo Visitor Information Centre. Under AASB 1058 Income of Not-for-Profit Entities, Council is required to recognise the volunteer services at fair value when the following criteria are met:

- Volunteer services can be reliably measured;
- The services would be purchased if they were not donated; and
- The value would be material.

Council has assessed the volunteer services for materiality. In relation to Council's overall operations, the value of the volunteer services are not material. Further, there are limitations on the ability for Council to reliably measure the services, and not all volunteer services would be purchased if they were not donated

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

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Certain new accounting standards and interpretations have been published that are not mandatory for the 30 June 2024 reporting period. Council has not applied any pronouncements before its operative date in the annual reporting period beginning 1 July 2023.

Council's assessment of these new standards and interpretations (where they have been deemed as having a material impact on Council's future financial performance, financial position and cash flows) are set out below:

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

This Standard amends AASB 13, including adding authoritative implementation guidance and providing related illustrative examples, for application by not-for-profit public sector entities.

In particular, this standard provides guidance on:

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

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

The standard applies prospectively to annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2024; i.e. Council's financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2025, with earlier application not permitted.

For most asset classes, the fair value of Infrastructure Property Plant and Equipment asset classes will be unchanged by AASB 2022-10, however, the valuation technique applied to Council's Community land assets may change. Currently, the fair values of Community land assets are based on the land values provided by the Valuer-General or on an average unit rate based on land values that take into consideration the highest and best use of the land. This recognises the restrictions on the land's use that would pass from a hypothetical seller to a hypothetical buyer.

In applying AASB 2022-10, there would be no discounts for restrictions that would not pass from the seller to the buyer. Fair value of Community land will be the market value of unrestricted land taking into account the embedded characteristics of the land only.

Apart from the standard listed above there are no other released standards and interpretations (with future effective dates) that are expected to have a material impact on Council.

Council has not applied any pronouncements before its operative date in the annual reporting period beginning 1 July 2023.

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## B Financial Performance

### B1 Functions or activities

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

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

\$ '000	Income		Expenses		Operating result		Grants and contributions		Carrying amount of assets	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
<b>Functions or activities</b>										
Governance	–	11	650	635	(650)	(624)	–	–	–	–
Administration	1,357	1,910	(7,294)	9,313	8,651	(7,403)	–	–	197,697	206,566
Public order and safety	4,542	7,332	5,618	4,982	(1,076)	2,350	3,784	6,328	23,253	29,005
Health	–	–	132	264	(132)	(264)	–	–	–	–
Environment	19,643	21,344	17,658	16,610	1,985	4,734	1,054	4,812	198,447	181,564
Community services and education	3,357	3,117	5,239	4,874	(1,882)	(1,757)	2,484	2,175	2,105	1,505
Housing and community amenities	3,328	3,854	3,405	4,482	(77)	(628)	211	207	20,914	20,253
Water supplies	34,558	33,817	27,559	24,225	6,999	9,592	5,878	8,656	467,323	438,809
Sewerage services	26,778	24,164	15,395	12,084	11,383	12,080	2,958	1,978	397,365	364,387
Recreation and culture	5,340	10,430	37,073	36,628	(31,733)	(26,198)	2,185	7,131	202,176	194,172
Mining, manufacturing and construction	–	–	1,548	1,406	(1,548)	(1,406)	–	–	444	427
Transport and communication	44,868	40,147	63,057	35,367	(18,189)	4,780	32,751	34,322	1,460,328	1,387,774
Economic affairs	7,831	7,490	11,277	12,054	(3,446)	(4,564)	1,020	1,054	86,094	89,729
Share of gains/(losses) in associates and joint ventures (using the equity method)	160	71	–	–	160	71	–	–	2,109	1,949
General purpose income	59,134	59,953	–	–	59,134	59,953	12,876	18,431	–	–
<b>Total functions and activities</b>	<b>210,896</b>	<b>213,640</b>	<b>181,317</b>	<b>162,924</b>	<b>29,579</b>	<b>50,716</b>	<b>65,201</b>	<b>85,094</b>	<b>3,058,255</b>	<b>2,916,140</b>

## B1-2 Components of functions or activities

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

### **Governance**

Includes costs relating to Council's role as a component of democratic government, including elections, members' fees and expenses, subscriptions to local authority associations, meetings of Council and policymaking committees, public disclosure (e.g. GIPA), and legislative compliance.

### **Administration**

Includes corporate support and other support services, engineering works, and any Council policy compliance.

### **Public order and safety**

Includes Council's fire and emergency services levy, fire protection, emergency services, enforcement of regulations and animal control.

### **Health**

Includes immunisation, food control, health centres etc.

### **Environment**

Includes noxious plants and insect/vermin control; other environmental protection; solid waste management, including domestic waste; other waste management; other sanitation; and garbage, street cleaning, drainage and stormwater management.

### **Community services and education**

Includes administration and education; social protection (welfare); migrant, Aboriginal and other community services and administration (excluding accommodation – as it is covered under 'housing and community amenities'); youth services; aged and disabled persons services; children's services, including family day care; child care; and other family and children services.

### **Housing and community amenities**

Includes public cemeteries; public conveniences; street lighting; town planning; other community amenities, including housing development and accommodation for families and children, aged persons, disabled persons, migrants and Indigenous persons.

### **Water supplies**

Provide safe reliable and cost effective water supply that caters for the sustainable growth.

### **Sewerage services**

Provision of an environmentally responsible sewerage service that maintains the health of the community cost effectively, and caters for the sustainable growth.

### **Recreation and culture**

Includes public libraries; museums; art galleries; community centres and halls, including public halls and performing arts venues; sporting grounds and venues; swimming pools; parks; gardens; lakes; and other sporting, recreational and cultural services.

### **Mining, manufacturing and construction**

Includes building control, quarries and pits, mineral resources, and abattoirs.

### **Transport and communication**

Urban local, urban regional, includes sealed and unsealed roads, bridges, footpaths, parking areas, and aerodromes.

### **Economic affairs**

Includes camping areas and caravan parks; tourism and area promotion; industrial development promotion; sale yards and markets; real estate development; commercial nurseries; and other business undertakings.

**B2 Sources of income**

**B2-1 Rates and annual charges**

\$ '000	2024	2023
<b>Ordinary rates</b>		
Residential	24,644	23,367
Farmland	6,668	6,501
Mining	1	1
Business	9,626	9,226
Less: pensioner rebates (mandatory)	(501)	(507)
<b>Rates levied to ratepayers</b>	<b>40,438</b>	<b>38,588</b>
Pensioner rate subsidies received	274	281
<b>Total ordinary rates</b>	<b>40,712</b>	<b>38,869</b>
<b>Annual charges (pursuant to s496, 496A, 496B, 501 &amp; 611)</b>		
Domestic waste management services	9,182	8,718
Water supply services	7,757	8,053
Sewerage services	14,840	14,881
Drainage	1,765	1,664
Waste management services (non-domestic)	847	780
Less: pensioner rebates (mandatory)	(625)	(637)
Less: pensioner rebates (Council policy)	(189)	(193)
<b>Annual charges levied</b>	<b>33,577</b>	<b>33,266</b>
Pensioner annual charges subsidies received:		
– Water	121	123
– Sewerage	117	116
– Domestic waste management	114	118
<b>Total annual charges</b>	<b>33,929</b>	<b>33,623</b>
<b>Total rates and annual charges</b>	<b>74,641</b>	<b>72,492</b>

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

**Material accounting policy information**

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

Pensioner rebates relate to reductions in rates and certain annual charges for eligible pensioners' place of residence in the local government council area.

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

**B2-2 User charges and fees**

<b>\$ '000</b>	<i>Timing</i>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>Specific user charges (per s502 - specific 'actual use' charges)</b>			
Water supply services	1	17,276	14,342
Sewerage services	1	5,577	4,894
Waste management services (non-domestic)	1	6,683	5,475
<b>Total specific user charges</b>		<b>29,536</b>	<b>24,711</b>
<b>Other user charges and fees</b>			
<b>(i) Fees and charges – statutory and regulatory functions (per s608)</b>			
Regulatory/ statutory fees	2	2,825	3,011
<b>Total fees and charges – statutory/regulatory</b>		<b>2,825</b>	<b>3,011</b>
<b>(ii) Fees and charges – other (incl. general user charges (per s608))</b>			
Aerodrome	2	5,765	3,925
Cemeteries	2	517	484
Leaseback fees – Council vehicles	2	321	309
Transport for NSW works (state roads not controlled by Council)	2	4,246	929
Tourism	2	202	180
Water service connections	2	50	147
Wellington Caves entry fees	2	971	896
Western Plains Cultural Centre	2	232	165
Dubbo Aquatic Leisure Centre	2	11	959
Family Day Care	2	290	304
Fodder sales 'greengrove' effluent reuse property	2	158	201
Old Dubbo Gaol	2	707	779
Private works	2	452	509
Public halls	2	2,114	2,139
Rainbow Cottage Childcare Centre	2	493	552
Dubbo Regional Livestock Markets	2	4,179	3,396
Dubbo Showground	2	189	225
Sewer plan drafting fees	2	132	152
Sporting facilities	2	246	230
Other	2	782	713
<b>Total fees and charges – other</b>		<b>22,057</b>	<b>17,194</b>
<b>Total other user charges and fees</b>		<b>24,882</b>	<b>20,205</b>
<b>Total user charges and fees</b>		<b>54,418</b>	<b>44,916</b>
<b>Timing of revenue recognition for user charges and fees</b>			
User charges and fees recognised over time		29,536	24,711
User charges and fees recognised at a point in time		24,882	20,205
<b>Total user charges and fees</b>		<b>54,418</b>	<b>44,916</b>

**Material accounting policy information**

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

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

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

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

**B2-3 Other revenues**

<b>\$ '000</b>	<i>Timing</i>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
Rental income – other council properties	1	<b>1,337</b>	1,388
Fines	2	<b>502</b>	423
Commissions and agency fees	2	<b>10</b>	13
Insurance claims recoveries	2	<b>272</b>	218
Other	2	<b>1,052</b>	1,027
Caves / caravan park kiosk – sales	2	<b>202</b>	206
StateCover WHS Incentive	2	<b>130</b>	130
<b>Total other revenue</b>		<b><u>3,505</u></b>	<b><u>3,405</u></b>

**Timing of revenue recognition for other revenue**

Other revenue recognised over time	<b>1,337</b>	1,388
Other revenue recognised at a point in time	<b>2,168</b>	2,017
<b>Total other revenue</b>	<b><u>3,505</u></b>	<b><u>3,405</u></b>

**Material accounting policy information for other revenue**

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

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

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

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**B2-4 Grants and contributions**

\$ '000	Timing	Operating 2024	Operating 2023	Capital 2024	Capital 2023
<b>General purpose grants and non-developer contributions (untied)</b>					
<b>Financial Assistance Grant</b>					
Relating to Current Year	2	596	3,409	-	-
Prepayment received in advance for subsequent year	2	12,198	13,742	-	-
<b>Amount recognised as income during current year</b>		<b>12,794</b>	<b>17,151</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Special purpose grants and non-developer contributions (tied)</b>					
<b>Cash contributions</b>					
Water supplies	2	-	-	2,865	4,463
Bushfire and emergency services	2	587	464	111	8
Employment and training programs	2	10	30	-	-
Heritage and cultural	2	124	306	-	-
Library	2	221	213	-	-
Noxious weeds	2	107	108	-	-
Storm/flood damage		3,361	9	-	-
Local Infrastructure Renewal Scheme interest subsidy	2	-	-	55	111
Tourism	2	-	-	238	533
Street lighting	2	211	207	-	-
Community services	2	225	193	-	-
Family Day Care	2	1,101	1,036	-	-
Rainbow Cottage Childcare Centre	2	1,086	873	-	-
Sporting facilities	2	1	121	382	2,176
Stormwater	2	-	39	-	-
Other specific grants	2	524	1,863	1,032	4,246
Transport (roads to recovery)	2	2,146	2,146	-	-
Transport (other roads and bridges funding)	1	7,113	1,167	9,979	12,829
<b>Previously contributions:</b>					
Transport for NSW contributions (regional roads, block grant)	2	2,101	2,463	-	-
Other contributions	2	367	153	1,880	5,307
Sporting facilities	2	-	-	54	104
<b>Total special purpose grants and non-developer contributions – cash</b>		<b>19,285</b>	<b>11,391</b>	<b>16,596</b>	<b>29,777</b>
<b>Non-cash contributions</b>					
NSW Rural Fire Services appliances	2	-	-	1,439	551
Dubbo City Holiday Park electrical infrastructure	2	-	-	402	-
Contributed artworks		-	-	158	-
<b>Total other contributions – non-cash</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,999</b>	<b>551</b>
<b>Total special purpose grants and non-developer contributions (tied)</b>		<b>19,285</b>	<b>11,391</b>	<b>18,595</b>	<b>30,328</b>
<b>Total grants and non-developer contributions</b>		<b>32,079</b>	<b>28,542</b>	<b>18,595</b>	<b>30,328</b>
<b>Comprising:</b>					
- Commonwealth funding		15,281	19,988	7,448	2,275
- State funding		16,512	8,165	9,130	27,404
- Other funding		286	389	2,017	649
		<b>32,079</b>	<b>28,542</b>	<b>18,595</b>	<b>30,328</b>

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

**Developer contributions**

\$ '000	Notes	Operating 2024	Operating 2023	Capital 2024	Capital 2023
<b>Developer contributions:</b>					
<b>(\$7.4 &amp; s7.11 - EP&amp;A Act, s64 of the LGA):</b>					
<b>Cash contributions</b>					
S 64 – water supply contributions		-	-	1,258	2,304
S 64 – sewerage service contributions		-	-	1,387	1,404
S 7.11 – open space		-	-	509	894
S 7.11 – drainage		-	-	48	155
S 7.11 – roadworks		-	-	1,900	3,060
Voluntary planning agreements		-	-	205	414
<b>Total developer contributions – cash</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,307</b>	<b>8,231</b>
<b>Non-cash contributions</b>					
Infrastructure - Drainage		-	-	1,007	4,447
Infrastructure - Footpaths		-	-	374	633
Infrastructure - Roads and bridges		-	-	4,442	10,277
Infrastructure - Land under roads		-	-	127	296
Water supply services		-	-	1,734	1,843
Sewerage services		-	-	1,536	497
<b>Total developer contributions non-cash</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,220</b>	<b>17,993</b>
<b>Total developer contributions</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>14,527</b>	<b>26,224</b>
<b>Total contributions</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>14,527</b>	<b>26,224</b>
<b>Total grants and contributions</b>		<b>32,079</b>	<b>28,542</b>	<b>33,122</b>	<b>56,552</b>
<b>Timing of revenue recognition for grants and contributions</b>					
Grants and contributions recognised over time		7,113	7,412	9,979	27,680
Grants and contributions recognised at a point in time		24,966	21,130	23,143	28,872
<b>Total grants and contributions</b>		<b>32,079</b>	<b>28,542</b>	<b>33,122</b>	<b>56,552</b>

**Unspent grants and contributions**

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

\$ '000	Operating 2024	Operating 2023	Capital 2024	Capital 2023
<b>Unspent grants and contributions</b>				
Unspent funds at 1 July	1,699	1,294	21,933	10,968
<b>Add:</b> Funds recognised as revenue in the reporting year but not yet spent in accordance with the conditions	8,533	3,356	3,989	18,831
<b>Add:</b> Funds received and not recognised as revenue in the current year	-	-	-	9,041
<b>Less:</b> grants recognised as income in a previous reporting period now spent	(849)	(1,854)	(4,858)	(7,136)
<b>Less:</b> Funds received in prior year but revenue recognised and funds spent in current year	(1,188)	(1,097)	(9,090)	(9,771)
<b>Unspent funds at 30 June</b>	<b>8,195</b>	<b>1,699</b>	<b>11,974</b>	<b>21,933</b>

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## B2-4 Grants and contributions (continued)

### Material accounting policy information

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

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

The performance obligations vary according to the agreement. Payment terms vary depending on the terms of the grant, cash is received upfront for some grants and on the achievement of certain payment milestones for others.

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

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

#### Capital grants

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

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

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

#### Developer contributions

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

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

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

#### Other grants and contributions

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

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

**B2-5 Interest and investment income**

\$ '000	2024	2023
<b>Interest on financial assets measured at amortised cost</b>		
– Overdue rates and annual charges (incl. special purpose rates)	367	232
– Cash and investments	12,845	7,616
– Other	54	96
<b>Amortisation of premiums and discounts</b>		
– Interest free (and interest reduced) loans provided	7	19
– Financial assets at amortised cost	(302)	(301)
<b>Total interest and investment income (losses)</b>	<b>12,971</b>	<b>7,662</b>

**B2-6 Other income**

\$ '000	Notes	2024	2023
<b>Net share of interests in joint ventures and associates using the equity method</b>			
Joint ventures		160	71
<b>Total net share of interests in joint ventures and associates using the equity method</b>	D2-1	<b>160</b>	<b>71</b>
<b>Total other income</b>		<b>160</b>	<b>71</b>

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### B3 Costs of providing services

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

\$ '000	2024	2023
Salaries and wages	42,557	40,932
Travel expenses	202	176
Employee leave entitlements (ELE)	4,641	4,450
Superannuation	4,984	4,698
Workers' compensation insurance	2,350	2,582
Fringe benefit tax (FBT)	69	61
Payroll tax	259	195
Training costs (other than salaries and wages)	532	647
Other	257	310
<b>Total employee costs</b>	<b>55,851</b>	<b>54,051</b>
Less: capitalised costs	(6,511)	(6,732)
<b>Total employee costs expensed</b>	<b>49,340</b>	<b>47,319</b>
Number of 'full-time equivalent' employees (FTE) at year end	491	496

#### Material accounting policy information

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

All employees of the Council are entitled to benefits on retirement, disability or death. Council contributes to various defined benefit plans and defined contribution plans on behalf of its employees.

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense as they become payable. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that a cash refund or a reduction in the future payments is available.

Council participates in a defined benefit plan under the Local Government Superannuation Scheme, however, sufficient information to account for the plan as a defined benefit is not available and therefore Council accounts for its obligations to defined benefit plans on the same basis as its obligations to defined contribution plans, i.e. as an expense when it becomes payable – refer to Note E3-1 for more information.

**B3-2 Materials and services**

\$ '000	Notes	2024	2023
Raw materials and consumables		36,372	32,566
Contractor costs		18,982	12,952
Audit Fees	F2-1	163	147
Councillor and Mayoral fees and associated expenses	F1-2	432	440
Advertising		395	519
Election expenses		7	-
Electricity and heating		4,766	3,923
Insurance		2,666	2,307
Postage		137	130
Printing and stationery		303	166
Street lighting		925	792
Telephone and communications		243	271
Valuation fees		217	200
Other expenses		1,049	1,133
Vehicle registration		245	224
Water resource charge		969	669
Contributions to emergency services		1,836	1,645
Credit card merchant fees		20	17
Family day care – fee relief		1,075	1,016
Property rental		62	42
Subscription shires association		59	57
<b>Legal expenses:</b>			
– Legal expenses: planning and development		40	28
– Legal expenses: other		588	383
<b>Total materials and services</b>		<b>71,551</b>	<b>59,627</b>
Less: capitalised costs		<b>(8,449)</b>	<b>(7,661)</b>
<b>Total materials and services</b>		<b>63,102</b>	<b>51,966</b>

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**B3-3 Borrowing costs**

\$ '000	Notes	2024	2023
<b>(i) Interest bearing liability costs</b>			
Interest on loans		2,398	2,742
<b>Total interest bearing liability costs</b>		<b>2,398</b>	<b>2,742</b>
<b>Total interest bearing liability costs expensed</b>		<b>2,398</b>	<b>2,742</b>
<b>(ii) Other borrowing costs</b>			
Discount adjustments relating to movements in provisions (other than ELE)			
– Remediation liabilities	C3-5	639	253
<b>Total other borrowing costs</b>		<b>639</b>	<b>253</b>
<b>Total borrowing costs expensed</b>		<b>3,037</b>	<b>2,995</b>

**Material accounting policy information**

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

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

\$ '000	Notes	2024	2023
<b>Depreciation and amortisation</b>			
Plant and equipment		4,732	4,373
Office equipment		485	711
Furniture and fittings		156	186
Land improvements (depreciable)		232	108
<b>Infrastructure:</b>			
	C1-8		
– Buildings – non-specialised		1,633	1,610
– Buildings – specialised		6,041	5,925
– Other structures		7,664	8,087
– Roads		20,811	17,589
– Airport runways		1,018	938
– Stormwater drainage		2,384	2,206
– Water supply network		6,697	6,874
– Sewerage network		6,125	5,506
– Swimming pools		138	132
<b>Other assets:</b>			
– Other		9	11
<b>Reinstatement, rehabilitation and restoration assets:</b>			
– Tip assets	C1-8,C3-5	1,367	1,174
– Quarry assets	C1-8,C3-5	12	61
<b>Total gross depreciation and amortisation costs</b>		<b>59,504</b>	<b>55,491</b>
Less: capitalised costs		(979)	(1,168)
<b>Total depreciation and amortisation costs</b>		<b>58,525</b>	<b>54,323</b>
<b>Total depreciation, amortisation and impairment for non-financial assets</b>		<b>58,525</b>	<b>54,323</b>

**Material accounting policy information**

**Depreciation and amortisation**

Depreciation and amortisation are calculated using the straight line method to allocate their cost, net of their residual values, over their estimated useful lives.

**Impairment of non-financial assets**

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

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

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

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

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



**B3-5 Other expenses**

\$ '000	Notes	2024	2023
<b>Impairment of receivables</b>			
Other		191	372
<b>Total impairment of receivables</b>	C1-4	<b>191</b>	<b>372</b>
<b>Other</b>			
Donations, contributions and assistance to other organisations (Section 356)		2,633	2,673
<b>Total other</b>		<b>2,633</b>	<b>2,673</b>
<b>Total other expenses</b>		<b>2,824</b>	<b>3,045</b>

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**B4 Gains or losses**

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

\$ '000	Notes	2024	2023
<b>Gain (or loss) on disposal of property (excl. investment property)</b>			
Proceeds from disposal – property		302	–
Less: carrying amount of property assets sold/written off		(194)	–
<b>Gain (or loss) on disposal</b>		<b>108</b>	<b>–</b>
<b>Gain (or loss) on disposal of plant and equipment</b>			
	C1-8		
Proceeds from disposal – plant and equipment		2,279	1,943
Less: carrying amount of plant and equipment assets sold/written off		(2,647)	2,337
<b>Gain (or loss) on disposal</b>		<b>(368)</b>	<b>4,280</b>
<b>Gain (or loss) on disposal of infrastructure</b>			
	C1-8		
Less: carrying amount of infrastructure assets sold/written off		(6,351)	(7,552)
<b>Gain (or loss) on disposal</b>		<b>(6,351)</b>	<b>(7,552)</b>
<b>Gain (or loss) on disposal of real estate assets held for sale</b>			
	C1-5		
Proceeds from disposal – real estate assets		4,297	–
Less: carrying amount of real estate assets sold/written off		(2,175)	–
<b>Gain (or loss) on disposal</b>		<b>2,122</b>	<b>–</b>
<b>Gain (or loss) on disposal of investments</b>			
	C1-2		
Proceeds from disposal		124,250	150,575
Less: carrying value of investments		(124,250)	(150,579)
<b>Gain (or loss) on disposal</b>		<b>–</b>	<b>(4)</b>
<b>Net gain (or loss) from disposal of assets</b>		<b>(4,489)</b>	<b>(3,276)</b>

**Material accounting policy information**

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

## B5 Performance against budget

### B5-1 Material budget variations

Council's original budget was adopted by the Council on 22 June 2023 and is not required to be audited. The original projections on which the budget was based have been affected by a number of factors. These include state and federal government decisions, including new grant programs, changing economic activity, environmental factors, and by decisions made by Council.

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

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

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

\$ '000	2024 Budget	2024 Actual	2024 ----- Variance -----		
<b>Revenues</b>					
<b>Rates and annual charges</b>	73,156	74,641	1,485	2%	<b>F</b>
<b>User charges and fees</b>	42,599	54,418	11,819	28%	<b>F</b>
Significant increases were seen across multiple areas including an increase in water consumption above forecast amount largely due to changes in environmental forecasts, additional heavy patching and maintenance work completed on State Highways (which is offset by additional expenditure incurred to deliver the projects), and an increase in yard dues at Dubbo Regional Livestock Markets due to higher than anticipated throughput. Other increases include additional income received from trade waste and non-residential quarterly charges, tipping charges along with scrap metal and landfill gas, and sales from venues including the Regional Theatre and Convention Centre and Wellington Caves. These were offset by a reduction in income from Council's Aquatic Leisure Centres due to the commencement of the outsourced Management Contract from September 2023.					
<b>Other revenues</b>	2,545	3,505	960	38%	<b>F</b>
The favourable increase in Other revenues was largely due to numerous low value increases across various areas of the organisation including rental income and venue hire adjustments. Other items of note include additional income for successful insurance claims that were not budgeted, an increase in enforcement income and an adjustment to account for the recoup of utilities of the Aquatic Leisure Centres which were contracted out during the year, as noted above.					
<b>Operating grants and contributions</b>	21,075	32,079	11,004	52%	<b>F</b>
The favourable increase was largely due to the receipt of the NSW Government Natural Disaster Declaration funding relating to 2022/2023 flood grant expenditure, along with the Regional Emergency Road Repair Fund grant. There was also an additional unbudgeted Financial Assistance Grant allocation received for the 2023/2024 financial year.					
<b>Capital grants and contributions</b>	32,306	33,122	816	3%	<b>F</b>
<b>Interest and investment revenue</b>	7,815	12,971	5,156	66%	<b>F</b>
The favourable increase in Interest and investment revenue was the result of higher opening cash balances and lower capital expenditure than anticipated in the budget, combined with the significant increase in interest rates offered in the financial year compared to original economic forecasts.					
<b>Other income</b>	-	160	160	∞	<b>F</b>

### Expenses

<b>Employee benefits and on-costs</b>	52,216	49,340	2,876	6%	<b>F</b>
<b>Materials and services</b>	46,540	63,102	(16,562)	(36)%	<b>U</b>
The unfavourable increase in Materials and services expenditure was largely due to an increase in costs incurred relating to Water Treatment maintenance and operations along with additional costs for chemicals, the recognition of cost reductions in other areas (such as employee benefits and on-costs) reallocated to materials and contracts to account for the commencement of the Management Contract of the Aquatic Leisure Centres, and additional expenditure on heavy patching and maintenance work completed on State Highways (which is offset by additional income received for these projects). There are various other minor expenditure increases across the organisation, including some increases being offset by savings across a wide range of activity including consultancies, surveys and studies and the non-utilisation of operational					

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**B5-1 Material budget variations (continued)**

\$ '000	2024 <i>Budget</i>	2024 <i>Actual</i>	2024 <i>Variance</i>	
contingencies.				
<b>Borrowing costs</b>	<b>2,455</b>	<b>3,037</b>	<b>(582)</b>	<b>(24)% U</b>
The unfavourable movement reflects the increase in Council's Asset remediation provision for tips and quarries. The provision represents the present value estimate of future costs of remediation. As part of the annual financial reporting process, Council's cost estimate underlying the provision is recalculated using the inflation rate and the 10-year bond rate as at the financial reporting date. As at 30 June 2024, the 10-year bond rate was 4.24% (2023: 3.92%) and the inflation rate was 3.74% (2023: 2.00%). The increases in these indices from the rates as at 30 June 2023 have resulted in an increase in the provision which is recognised as a borrowing cost.				
<b>Depreciation, amortisation and impairment of non-financial assets</b>	<b>50,133</b>	<b>58,525</b>	<b>(8,392)</b>	<b>(17)% U</b>
The revaluation of transport infrastructure assets and the indexation of other infrastructure and significant asset classes as at 30 June 2023 had a larger than expected impact on 2023/2024 depreciation calculations than budgeted.				
<b>Other expenses</b>	<b>2,716</b>	<b>2,824</b>	<b>(108)</b>	<b>(4)% U</b>
<b>Statement of cash flows</b>				
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>	<b>72,964</b>	<b>85,576</b>	<b>12,612</b>	<b>17% F</b>
The favourable budget variations in key User charges and fees; Operating grants and contributions; and Interest and investment revenue items detailed above generated cash flows from operating activities in excess of budget.				
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>	<b>(66,734)</b>	<b>(86,802)</b>	<b>(20,068)</b>	<b>30% U</b>
The performance against budget primarily reflects the reduction in the expected income and associated development costs for Keswick Estate Stage 5 Release 2 which is anticipated to be sold in the 2025 financial year.				
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>	<b>(6,230)</b>	<b>(6,230)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0% F</b>

**C Financial position**

**C1 Assets we manage**

**C1-1 Cash and cash equivalents**

\$ '000	2024	2023
<b>Cash assets</b>		
Cash on hand and at bank	13	3
Cash equivalent assets		
– Deposits at call	53,183	60,649
<b>Total cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>53,196</b>	<b>60,652</b>

**Reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents**

Total cash and cash equivalents per Statement of Financial Position	53,196	60,652
<b>Balance as per the Statement of Cash Flows</b>	<b>53,196</b>	<b>60,652</b>

**C1-2 Financial investments**

\$ '000	2024 Current	2024 Non-current	2023 Current	2023 Non-current
<b>Debt securities at amortised cost</b>				
Term deposits	113,000	57,000	90,750	53,000
NCD's, FRN's (with maturities > 3 months)	36,038	31,475	7,500	57,814
<b>Total</b>	<b>149,038</b>	<b>88,475</b>	<b>98,250</b>	<b>110,814</b>
<b>Total financial investments</b>	<b>149,038</b>	<b>88,475</b>	<b>98,250</b>	<b>110,814</b>
<b>Total cash assets, cash equivalents and investments</b>	<b>202,234</b>	<b>88,475</b>	<b>158,902</b>	<b>110,814</b>

**Material accounting policy information**

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

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

**Financial assets**

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

**Classification**

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

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

Financial assets are not reclassified subsequent to their initial recognition.

**Amortised cost**

Council's financial assets measured at amortised cost comprise trade and other receivables, term deposits and cash and cash equivalents in the Statement of Financial Position. Term deposits with an initial term of more than 3 months are classified as investments rather than cash and cash equivalents.

Subsequent to initial recognition, these assets are carried at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method less provision for impairment.

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**C1-2 Financial investments (continued)**

Interest income, impairment and gains or loss on de-recognition are recognised in profit or loss.

**Fair value through other comprehensive income – equity instruments**

Council has a number of strategic investments in entities over which they do not have significant influence nor control. Council has made an irrevocable election to classify these equity investments as fair value through other comprehensive income as they are not held for trading purposes.

These investments are carried at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in other comprehensive income (financial asset reserve). On disposal any balance in the financial asset reserve is transferred to accumulated surplus and is not reclassified to profit or loss.

Other net gains and losses excluding dividends are recognised in the Other Comprehensive Income Statement.

**Financial assets through profit or loss**

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

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

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

\$ '000	2024	2023
(a) Externally restricted cash, cash equivalents and investments		
<b>Total cash, cash equivalents and investments</b>	<b>290,709</b>	269,716
Less: Externally restricted cash, cash equivalents and investments	<u>(184,701)</u>	<u>(184,709)</u>
<b>Cash, cash equivalents and investments not subject to external restrictions</b>	<b>106,008</b>	85,007
<b>External restrictions</b>		
External restrictions included in cash, cash equivalents and investments above comprise:		
Developer contributions – general	18,315	15,621
Unexpended grants	20,169	23,632
Water fund	54,949	63,219
Sewer fund	82,490	73,660
Stormwater management	5,499	4,357
Domestic waste management	<u>3,279</u>	<u>4,220</u>
<b>Total external restrictions</b>	<b>184,701</b>	184,709

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

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

**Internal allocations**

At 30 June, Council has internally allocated funds to the following:

Employees leave entitlement	3,528	3,401
Dubbo Regional Airport	1,549	2,027
Dubbo Regional Livestock Markets	3,744	3,298
Other waste management services	25,026	21,612
Road network – state roads	1,439	1,401
Fleet management services	7,734	9,728
Future Asset Renewal	62,988	43,540

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

<b>\$ '000</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>Total internal allocations</b>	<b>106,008</b>	<b>85,007</b>

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

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**C1-4 Receivables**

\$ '000	2024		2023	
	Current	Non-current	Current	Non-current
Rates and annual charges	3,848	–	3,407	–
Interest and extra charges	431	–	319	–
User charges and fees	8,868	–	10,857	–
Accrued revenues				
– Interest on investments	4,364	–	2,672	–
Deferred debtors	35	14	39	29
Government grants and subsidies	9,015	–	14,884	–
Net GST receivable	1,575	–	898	–
Due from other levels of government	30	–	32	–
Other debtors	452	–	1,967	–
<b>Total</b>	<b>28,618</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>35,075</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>Less: provision for impairment</b>				
User charges and fees	(896)	–	(707)	–
<b>Total provision for impairment – receivables</b>	<b>(896)</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>(707)</b>	<b>–</b>
<b>Total net receivables</b>	<b>27,722</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>34,368</b>	<b>29</b>

\$ '000	2024	2023
<b>Movement in provision for impairment of receivables</b>		
Balance at the beginning of the year (calculated in accordance with AASB 9)	707	371
+ new provisions recognised during the year	511	336
– amounts already provided for and written off this year	(2)	–
– amounts provided for but recovered during the year	(316)	–
– previous impairment losses reversed	(4)	–
<b>Balance at the end of the year</b>	<b>896</b>	<b>707</b>

**Material accounting policy information**

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

**Impairment**

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

When estimating ECL, Council considers reasonable and supportable information that is relevant and available without undue cost or effort. This includes both quantitative and qualitative information and analysis based on Council's historical experience and informed credit assessment, and including forward-looking information.

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

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

Credit losses are measured at the present value of the difference between the cash flows due to the entity in accordance with the contract, and the cash flows expected to be received. This is applied using a probability weighted approach.

Council writes off a receivable when there is information indicating that the debtor is in severe financial difficulty and there is no realistic prospect of recovery, e.g. when the debtor has been placed under liquidation or has entered into bankruptcy proceedings.

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



**C1-5 Inventories**

<b>\$ '000</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>Current</b>	<b>Non-current</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>Non-current</b>
<b>(i) Inventories at cost</b>				
Stores and materials	1,548	–	1,231	–
Trading stock	162	–	173	–
Real estate for resale	4,419	2,219	6,709	4,971
<b>Total inventories at cost</b>	<b>6,129</b>	<b>2,219</b>	<b>8,113</b>	<b>4,971</b>
<b>Total inventories</b>	<b>6,129</b>	<b>2,219</b>	<b>8,113</b>	<b>4,971</b>

**(i) Other disclosures**

<b>\$ '000</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>Current</b>	<b>Non-current</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>Non-current</b>
<b>(a) Details for real estate development</b>				
Residential	4,419	1,873	6,709	1,169
Industrial/commercial	–	346	–	3,802
<b>Total real estate for resale</b>	<b>4,419</b>	<b>2,219</b>	<b>6,709</b>	<b>4,971</b>

**Material accounting policy information**

**Raw materials and stores, work in progress and finished goods**

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

**Land held for resale**

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.

**C1-6 Contract assets and Contract cost assets**

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Council does not have Contract assets to report

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**C1-7 Non-current assets classified as held for sale**

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Council did not classify any non-current assets or disposal groups as 'held for sale'.

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C1-8 Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment

By aggregated asset class	At 1 July 2023			Asset movements during the reporting period							At 30 June 2024		
	Gross carrying amount	Accumulated depreciation and impairment	Net carrying amount	Additions renewals <sup>1</sup>	Additions	Carrying value of disposals	Depreciation expense	WIP transfers	Adjustments and transfers at cost	Revaluation increments/(decrements) to equity (ARR)	Gross carrying amount	Accumulated depreciation and impairment	Net carrying amount
Capital work in progress	79,626	-	79,626	16,912	24,796	(4,249)	-	(45,518)	21,025	(4,167)	88,425	-	88,425
Plant and equipment	68,387	(32,553)	35,834	11	9,445	(2,362)	(4,732)	-	(1,005)	1,433	73,110	(34,486)	38,624
Office equipment	5,049	(2,568)	2,481	-	330	(33)	(485)	-	(240)	-	4,764	(2,711)	2,053
Furniture and fittings	4,794	(3,457)	1,337	28	92	(14)	(156)	-	(100)	-	4,750	(3,563)	1,187
<b>Land:</b>													
- Operational land	55,474	-	55,474	-	9,205	(194)	-	1,889	3,414	3,296	73,084	-	73,084
- Community land	40,582	-	40,582	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,237	42,819	-	42,819
- Land under roads (post 30/6/08)	1,856	-	1,856	-	127	-	-	-	131	-	2,114	-	2,114
Land improvements - non-depreciable	2,871	-	2,871	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,871	-	2,871
Land improvements - depreciable	10,989	(5,649)	5,340	-	255	-	(232)	-	-	-	11,244	(5,881)	5,363
<b>Infrastructure:</b>													
- Airport runways	74,623	(12,345)	62,278	-	582	-	(1,018)	2,021	(2,607)	1,908	76,946	(13,783)	63,163
- Buildings - non-specialised	60,605	(31,853)	28,752	56	-	-	(1,633)	-	(182)	3,340	62,333	(32,000)	30,333
- Buildings - specialised	251,808	(100,663)	151,145	161	1,377	-	(6,027)	6,843	(15,252)	5,565	240,549	(96,737)	143,812
- Other structures	196,585	(83,931)	112,654	107	1,233	(201)	(7,678)	719	(1,637)	7,177	209,794	(97,420)	112,374
- Roads	1,383,228	(460,071)	923,157	603	5,167	(704)	(20,811)	20,175	(52)	42,087	1,473,288	(503,666)	969,622
- Bulk earthworks (non-depreciable)	341,519	-	341,519	-	354	(325)	-	3,303	53	18,172	363,076	-	363,076
- Stormwater drainage	198,973	(53,295)	145,678	-	1,007	-	(2,384)	3,459	-	9,961	217,268	(59,547)	157,721
- Water supply network	488,915	(149,760)	339,155	111	1,954	(932)	(6,697)	590	-	16,905	515,258	(164,172)	351,086
- Sewerage network	416,265	(165,464)	250,801	742	1,642	(143)	(6,125)	6,519	-	12,807	444,980	(178,737)	266,243
- Swimming pools	8,451	(2,821)	5,630	33	-	(36)	(138)	-	-	-	8,396	(2,907)	5,489
<b>Other assets:</b>													
- Heritage collections	50	(2)	48	-	-	-	-	-	184	-	234	(2)	232
- Other	3,700	(53)	3,647	-	158	-	(9)	-	(183)	57	3,709	(39)	3,670
<b>Restoration assets:</b>													
- Quarry assets	1,187	(547)	640	-	-	-	(12)	-	82	-	1,270	(560)	710
- Tip assets	7,270	(2,208)	5,062	-	-	-	(1,367)	-	251	-	7,521	(3,575)	3,946
<b>Total infrastructure, property, plant and equipment</b>	<b>3,702,807</b>	<b>(1,107,240)</b>	<b>2,595,567</b>	<b>18,764</b>	<b>57,724</b>	<b>(9,193)</b>	<b>(59,504)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,882</b>	<b>120,778</b>	<b>3,927,803</b>	<b>(1,199,786)</b>	<b>2,728,017</b>

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

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C1-8 Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment (continued)

By aggregated asset class	At 1 July 2022			Asset movements during the reporting period										At 30 June 2023		
	Gross carrying amount	Accumulated depreciation and impairment	Net carrying amount	Additions renewals <sup>1</sup>	Additions	Carrying value of disposals	Depreciation expense	Impairment loss (recognised in P/L)	Remeasurement adjustment (via P&L)	WIP transfers	Adjustments and transfers at cost	Remeasurement adjustment (via P/L)	Revaluation increments/(decrements) to equity (A/R)	Gross carrying amount	Accumulated depreciation and impairment	Net carrying amount
Capital work in progress <sup>2</sup>	81,724	–	81,724	11,568	21,490	(11)	–	–	–	(34,159)	(987)	–	–	79,626	–	79,626
Plant and equipment	66,437	(30,958)	35,479	14	6,363	(1,703)	(4,373)	–	–	–	60	(6)	–	68,387	(32,553)	35,834
Office equipment	6,427	(3,538)	2,889	19	315	(32)	(711)	–	–	–	–	–	–	5,049	(2,568)	2,481
Furniture and fittings	4,967	(3,550)	1,417	–	155	(43)	(186)	–	–	–	(10)	5	–	4,794	(3,457)	1,337
<b>Land:</b>																
– Operational land	44,483	–	44,483	–	98	(32)	–	–	–	999	–	–	9,926	55,474	–	55,474
– Community land	33,432	–	33,432	–	–	(5)	–	–	–	–	–	–	7,156	40,582	–	40,582
– Land under roads (post 30/6/08)	1,560	–	1,560	–	296	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1,856	–	1,856
Land improvements – non-depreciable	1,393	–	1,393	–	–	–	–	–	–	1,150	–	–	328	2,871	–	2,871
Land improvements – depreciable	7,651	(5,282)	2,369	62	–	(5)	(108)	–	–	82	640	(460)	2,760	10,989	(5,649)	5,340
<b>Infrastructure:</b>																
– Buildings – non-specialised	60,572	(29,888)	30,684	119	–	(3)	(1,610)	–	–	180	(4,302)	1,769	1,916	60,605	(31,853)	28,752
– Buildings – specialised	222,869	(87,817)	135,052	622	6,820	(162)	(5,925)	–	–	1,615	4,588	(1,771)	10,306	251,808	(100,663)	151,145
– Other structures	186,919	(71,998)	114,921	1,846	2,133	(2,141)	(8,087)	–	–	(4,204)	1,076	(238)	7,349	196,585	(83,931)	112,654
– Roads	1,376,658	(397,286)	979,372	6	11,753	(2,998)	(17,589)	–	–	22,627	(53)	1	(69,964)	1,383,228	(460,071)	923,157
– Airport runways	68,944	(10,807)	58,137	21	2,042	–	(938)	–	–	–	–	–	3,017	74,623	(12,345)	62,278
– Bulk earthworks (non-depreciable)	445,930	–	445,930	–	–	–	–	–	–	6,664	–	–	(111,075)	341,519	–	341,519
– Stormwater drainage	181,394	(47,533)	133,861	–	4,447	–	(2,206)	–	–	149	–	–	9,426	198,973	(53,295)	145,678
– Water supply network	447,673	(132,256)	315,417	–	1,950	(416)	(6,874)	–	–	4,827	–	–	24,250	488,915	(149,760)	339,155
– Sewerage network	385,508	(148,113)	237,395	233	671	–	(5,506)	–	–	70	17	(1)	17,922	416,265	(165,464)	250,801
– Swimming pools	8,451	(2,689)	5,762	–	–	–	(132)	–	–	–	–	–	–	8,451	(2,821)	5,630
<b>Other assets:</b>																
– Heritage collections	33	(5)	28	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	20	50	(2)	48
– Other	2,282	(916)	1,366	–	–	(1)	(11)	–	–	–	(1,141)	701	2,732	3,700	(53)	3,647
<b>Restoration assets:</b>																
– Tip assets	7,477	(1,032)	6,445	–	–	–	(1,174)	207	(207)	–	–	–	–	7,270	(2,208)	5,062
– Quarry assets	1,206	(485)	721	–	–	–	(61)	19	(19)	–	–	–	–	1,187	(547)	640
<b>Total infrastructure, property, plant and equipment</b>	<b>3,643,990</b>	<b>(974,153)</b>	<b>2,669,837</b>	<b>14,510</b>	<b>58,533</b>	<b>(7,552)</b>	<b>(55,491)</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>(226)</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>(112)</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>(83,931)</b>	<b>3,702,807</b>	<b>(1,107,240)</b>	<b>2,595,567</b>

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

(2) A total of \$24,644 Capital WIP is recorded within several asset classes Net balance for 2022/2023, and identified to be moved in 2024. These asset classes and amounts are as follows: Plant and Equipment - \$1,068; Office Equipment - \$320; Furniture and Fittings - \$117; Operational Land - \$27; Land under Roads - \$3; Land Improvements Depreciable - \$15; Buildings Specialised - \$15,987; Buildings Non Specialised - \$183; Other Structures - \$4,316 and Airport and Taxiways - \$2,607.

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**C1-8 Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment (continued)**

**Material accounting policy information**

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

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

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

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

**Useful lives of IPPE**

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

<b>Plant and equipment</b>	<b>Years</b>	<b>Other equipment</b>	<b>Years</b>
Office equipment	1 to 8	Playground equipment	5 to 15
Office furniture	1 to 10	Benches, seats etc.	10 to 20
Computer equipment	1 to 8		
Vehicles	5 to 8	<b>Buildings</b>	
Heavy plant/road making equipment	5 to 8	Buildings: masonry	50 to 100
Other plant and equipment	5 to 15	Buildings: other	20 to 100
<b>Water and sewer assets</b>		<b>Stormwater assets</b>	
Dams and reservoirs	100	Drains	80 to 120*
Bores	30	Culverts	80*
Reticulation pipes: PVC	70	Flood control structures	60 to 150*
Reticulation pipes: other	25 to 75		
Pumps and telemetry	15 to 50		
<b>Transportation assets</b>		<b>Other infrastructure assets</b>	
Sealed roads: surface	20 to 23	Bulk earthworks	Infinite
Sealed roads: structure	40 to 90	Swimming pools	5 to 50
Unsealed roads	10 to 24	Other open space/recreational assets	15 to 80
Bridge: concrete	110		
Bridge: other	100		
Road pavements	60 to 90		
Kerb, gutter and footpaths	40 to 120		

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

**Revaluation model**

Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment are held at fair value. Comprehensive valuations are performed at least every 5 years, however the carrying amount of assets is assessed by Council at each reporting date to confirm that it is not materially different from current fair value.

Water and sewerage network assets are indexed at each reporting period in accordance with the Rates Reference Manual issued by Department of Planning, Industry and Environment – Water.

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

**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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## C1-8 Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment (continued)

Council has elected not to recognise land under roads acquired before 1 July 2008. Land under roads acquired after 1 July 2008 is recognised in accordance with the IPPE accounting policy.

### **Crown reserves**

Crown reserves under Council's care and control are recognised as assets of the Council. While ownership of the reserves remains with the Crown, Council retains operational control of the reserves and is responsible for their maintenance and use in accordance with the specific purposes to which the reserves are dedicated. Where the Crown reserves are under a lease arrangement they are accounted for under AASB 16 Leases, refer to Note C2-1.

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

### **Rural Fire Service assets**

Under Section 119 of the Rural Fire Services Act 1997 (NSW), "all firefighting equipment purchased or constructed wholly or from money to the credit of the Fund is to be vested in the council of the area for or on behalf of which the firefighting equipment has been purchased or constructed".

These Rural Fire Service assets are recognised as assets of the Council in these financial statements.

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### C1-9 Investment properties

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Council has not classified any land or buildings as 'investment properties'

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**C1-10 Intangible assets**

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.

**C1-11 Other**

**Other assets**

\$ '000	2024		2023	
	Current	Non-current	Current	Non-current
Prepayments	841	-	933	-
Shares in unlisted companies – StateCover	-	495	-	495
<b>Total other assets</b>	<b>841</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>933</b>	<b>495</b>

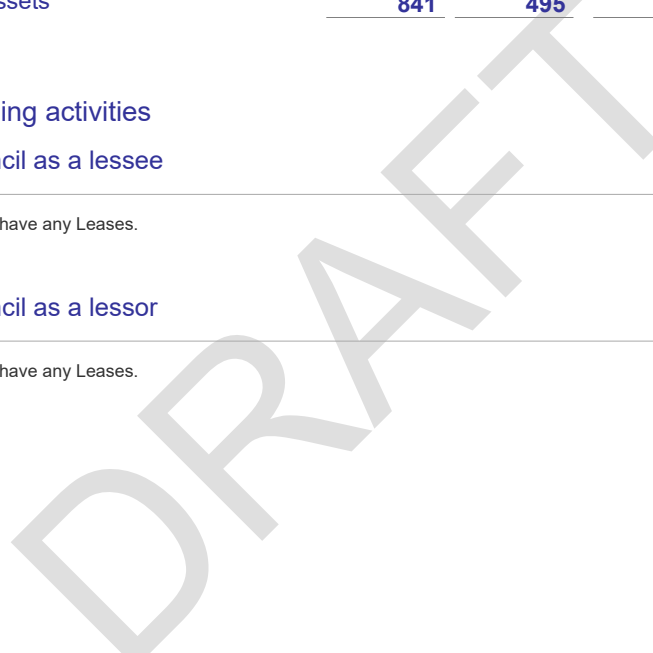
**C2 Leasing activities**

**C2-1 Council as a lessee**

Council does not have any Leases.

**C2-2 Council as a lessor**

Council does not have any Leases.



### C3 Liabilities of Council

#### C3-1 Payables

\$ '000	2024		2023	
	Current	Non-current	Current	Non-current
Prepaid rates	4,181	–	4,090	–
Goods and services – operating expenditure	5,211	9	3,466	–
Accrued expenses:				
– Borrowings	302	–	354	–
– Salaries and wages	2,735	–	2,298	–
Security bonds, deposits and retentions	2,243	–	1,987	–
Other	–	4	–	3
<b>Total payables</b>	<b>14,672</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>12,195</b>	<b>3</b>

#### Material accounting policy information

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

#### Payables

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

#### C3-2 Contract Liabilities

\$ '000	2024		2023	
	Current	Non-current	Current	Non-current
<b>Grants and contributions received in advance:</b>				
Unexpended capital grants to construct Council controlled assets (i)	8,485	–	14,041	–
<b>Total grants received in advance</b>	<b>8,485</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>14,041</b>	<b>–</b>
<b>User fees and charges received in advance:</b>				
Payments Received in Advance	378	–	305	–
<b>Total user fees and charges received in advance</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>–</b>
<b>Total contract liabilities</b>	<b>8,863</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>14,346</b>	<b>–</b>

#### Notes

(i) Council has received funding to construct roads infrastructure. The funds received are under an enforceable contract which require Council to construct an identified asset which will be under Council's control on completion. The revenue is recognised as Council constructs the asset and the contract liability reflects the funding received which cannot yet be recognised as revenue. The revenue is expected to be recognised in the next 12 months.

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

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

#### C3-3 Borrowings

\$ '000	2024		2023	
	Current	Non-current	Current	Non-current
Loans – secured	5,463	28,173	6,230	33,636
<b>Total borrowings</b>	<b>5,463</b>	<b>28,173</b>	<b>6,230</b>	<b>33,636</b>

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**C3-3 Borrowings (continued)**

**(a) Changes in liabilities arising from financing activities**

	2023		Non-cash movements				2024
	Opening Balance	Cash flows	Acquisition	Fair value changes	Acquisition due to change in accounting policy	Other non-cash movement	Closing balance
\$ '000							
Loans – secured	39,866	(6,230)	–	–	–	–	33,636
<b>Total liabilities from financing activities</b>	<b>39,866</b>	<b>(6,230)</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>33,636</b>

	2022		Non-cash movements				2023
	Opening Balance	Cash flows	Acquisition	Fair value changes	Acquisition due to change in accounting policy	Other non-cash movement	Closing balance
\$ '000							
Loans – secured	45,850	(5,984)	–	–	–	–	39,866
<b>Total liabilities from financing activities</b>	<b>45,850</b>	<b>(5,984)</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>39,866</b>

**(b) Financing arrangements**

\$ '000	2024	2023
<b>Total facilities</b>		
Credit cards/purchase cards	600	600
Bank Guarantee	200	200
<b>Total financing arrangements</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>800</b>
<b>Drawn facilities</b>		
– Credit cards/purchase cards	136	156
– Bank Guarantee	40	40
<b>Total drawn financing arrangements</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>196</b>
<b>Undrawn facilities</b>		
– Credit cards/purchase cards	464	444
– Bank Guarantee	160	160
<b>Total undrawn financing arrangements</b>	<b>624</b>	<b>604</b>

**C3-4 Employee benefit provisions**

\$ '000	2024		2023	
	Current	Non-current	Current	Non-current
Annual leave	4,241	–	4,362	–
Sick leave	432	–	419	–
Long service leave	6,698	836	6,559	883
Other leave	143	–	129	–
<b>Total employee benefit provisions</b>	<b>11,514</b>	<b>836</b>	<b>11,469</b>	<b>883</b>

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

\$ '000	2024	2023
The following provisions, even though classified as current, are not expected to be settled in the next 12 months.		
Provisions – employee benefits	4,422	4,508
	<b>4,422</b>	<b>4,508</b>

**Material accounting policy information**

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

**Short-term obligations**

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

**Other long-term employee benefit obligations**

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

**On-costs**

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

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

**C3-5 Provisions**

\$ '000	2024		2023	
	Current	Non-Current	Current	Non-Current
<b>Asset remediation/restoration:</b>				
Asset remediation/restoration (future works)	–	11,738	–	10,752
<b>Sub-total – asset remediation/restoration</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>11,738</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>10,752</b>
<b>Total provisions</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>11,738</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>10,752</b>

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**C3-5 Provisions (continued)**

**Description of and movements in provisions**

\$ '000	Other provisions			Total
	Self insurance	Asset remediation	Other	
<b>2024</b>				
At beginning of year	-	10,752	-	10,752
Unwinding of discount	-	652	-	652
Remeasurement effects	-	334	-	334
Total other provisions at end of year	-	11,738	-	11,738
<b>2023</b>				
At beginning of year	-	10,738	-	10,738
Additional provisions	-	326	-	326
Unwinding of discount	-	(312)	-	(312)
Remeasurement effects	-	-	-	-
Total other provisions at end of year	-	10,752	-	10,752

**Nature and purpose of provisions**

**Asset remediation**

The asset remediation provision represents the present value estimate of future costs Council will incur to restore, rehabilitate and reinstate the tip and quarry as a result of past operations.

**Material accounting policy information**

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

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

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

**Asset remediation – tips and quarries**

Council recognises an obligation for the remediation of the Whylandra Landfill but cannot determine a reasonable estimate to the costs due to the useful life ranging from 50-100 years. Council declares a contingent liability for the Whylandra Landfill which currently undergoes remediation on an on-going basis when required.

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

The ultimate cost of environmental remediation is uncertain and cost estimates can vary in response to many factors, including changes to the relevant legal requirements, the emergence of new restoration techniques, or experience at other locations. The expected timing of expenditure can also change, for example in response to changes in quarry reserves or production rates. As a result, there could be significant adjustments to the provision for close down and restoration and environmental clean-up, which would affect future financial results.

Other movements in the provisions for close-down and restoration costs, including those resulting from new disturbance, updated cost estimates, changes to the estimated lives of operations, and revisions to discount rates, are capitalised within infrastructure, property, plant and equipment. These costs are then depreciated over the lives of the assets to which they relate.

## C4 Reserves

### C4-1 Nature and purpose of reserves

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#### **IPPE Revaluation Surplus**

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

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## D Council structure

### D1 Results by fund

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

#### D1-1 Income Statement by fund

\$ '000	<i>General 2024</i>	<i>Water 2024</i>	<i>Sewer 2024</i>
<b>Income from continuing operations</b>			
Rates and annual charges	51,617	8,415	14,609
User charges and fees	30,716	17,718	5,984
Interest and investment income	7,332	2,536	3,103
Other revenues	3,369	14	122
Grants and contributions provided for operating purposes	32,079	-	-
Grants and contributions provided for capital purposes	24,286	5,878	2,958
Other income	160	-	-
<b>Total income from continuing operations</b>	<b>149,559</b>	<b>34,561</b>	<b>26,776</b>
<b>Expenses from continuing operations</b>			
Employee benefits and on-costs	38,209	6,731	4,400
Materials and services	47,389	11,623	4,090
Borrowing costs	1,380	1,230	427
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment of non-financial assets	45,093	7,089	6,343
Other expenses	2,821	3	-
Net losses from the disposal of assets	3,474	883	132
<b>Total expenses from continuing operations</b>	<b>138,366</b>	<b>27,559</b>	<b>15,392</b>
<b>Operating result from continuing operations</b>	<b>11,193</b>	<b>7,002</b>	<b>11,384</b>
<b>Net operating result for the year</b>	<b>11,193</b>	<b>7,002</b>	<b>11,384</b>
<b>Net operating result attributable to each council fund</b>	11,193	7,002	11,384
<b>Net operating result for the year before grants and contributions provided for capital purposes</b>	<b>(13,093)</b>	<b>1,124</b>	<b>8,426</b>

**D1-2 Statement of Financial Position by fund**

<b>\$ '000</b>	<b>General 2024</b>	<b>Water 2024</b>	<b>Sewer 2024</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	39,959	7,949	5,288
Investments	72,538	31,000	45,500
Receivables	18,017	6,418	3,287
Inventories	5,998	131	-
Other	821	10	10
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>137,333</b>	<b>45,508</b>	<b>54,085</b>
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Investments	40,773	16,000	31,702
Receivables	14	-	-
Inventories	2,219	-	-
Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	2,034,827	393,690	299,500
Investments accounted for using the equity method	2,109	-	-
Other	451	44	-
<b>Total non-current assets</b>	<b>2,080,393</b>	<b>409,734</b>	<b>331,202</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>2,217,726</b>	<b>455,242</b>	<b>385,287</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Payables	13,731	640	301
Contract liabilities	8,861	1	1
Borrowings	2,559	1,494	1,410
Employee benefit provision	10,388	1,126	-
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>35,539</b>	<b>3,261</b>	<b>1,712</b>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>			
Payables	13	-	-
Borrowings	6,225	16,997	4,951
Employee benefit provision	763	73	-
Provisions	11,738	-	-
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>	<b>18,739</b>	<b>17,070</b>	<b>4,951</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>54,278</b>	<b>20,331</b>	<b>6,663</b>
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>2,163,448</b>	<b>434,911</b>	<b>378,624</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Accumulated surplus	1,845,055	268,982	293,669
Revaluation reserves	318,393	165,929	84,955
<b>Council equity interest</b>	<b>2,163,448</b>	<b>434,911</b>	<b>378,624</b>
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>2,163,448</b>	<b>434,911</b>	<b>378,624</b>

(in accordance with s410(3) of the *Local Government Act 1993*)



## D2 Interests in other entities

\$ '000	Council's share of net assets	
	2024	2023
<b>Council's share of net assets</b>		
<b>Net share of interests in joint ventures and associates using the equity method – assets</b>		
Joint ventures	2,109	1,948
<b>Total net share of interests in joint ventures and associates using the equity method – assets</b>	<b>2,109</b>	<b>1,948</b>
<b>Total Council's share of net assets</b>	<b>2,109</b>	<b>1,948</b>

### D2-1 Interests in joint arrangements

#### Net carrying amounts – Council's share

\$ '000	Place of business	Nature of relationship	Interest in ownership		2024	2023
			2024	2023		
Macquarie Regional Library	Branches in Dubbo, Narromine and Warrumbungle Council area	Joint Venture	71.0%	71.3%	2,109	1,948
<b>Total carrying amounts – material joint ventures</b>					<b>2,109</b>	<b>1,948</b>

#### Material joint ventures

The following information is provided for joint ventures that are individually material to the Council. Included are the total amounts as per the joint venture financial statements, adjusted for fair-value adjustments at acquisition date and differences in accounting policies, rather than the Council's share.

#### Details

	Principal activity	Measurement method
Macquarie Regional Library	Public library services	Equity

#### Relevant interests and fair values

	Interest in outputs		Proportion of voting power	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
Macquarie Regional Library	67.5%	69.9%	33.3%	33.3%

#### Summarised financial information for joint ventures

\$ '000	Macquarie Regional Library	
	2024	2023
<b>Statement of financial position</b>		
<b>Current assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	2,630	2,305
Other current assets	49	65
<b>Non-current assets</b>	<b>1,150</b>	<b>1,221</b>

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**D2-1 Interests in joint arrangements (continued)**

\$ '000	<i>Macquarie Regional Library</i>	
	2024	2023
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Current financial liabilities (excluding trade and other payables and provisions)	831	825
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>		
Non-current financial liabilities (excluding trade and other payables and provisions)	26	34
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>2,972</b>	<b>2,732</b>
<b>Statement of comprehensive income</b>		
Income	3,611	3,570
Interest income	122	86
Depreciation and amortisation	(377)	(340)
Other expenses	(3,119)	(3,214)
<b>Profit/(loss) from continuing operations</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>102</b>
<b>Profit/(loss) for the period</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>102</b>
<b>Total comprehensive income</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>102</b>
<b>Share of income – Council (%)</b>	<b>67.5%</b>	<b>69.9%</b>
<b>Profit/(loss) – Council (\$)</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>71</b>
<b>Total comprehensive income – Council (\$)</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>71</b>
<b>Reconciliation of the carrying amount</b>		
Opening net assets (1 July)	2,736	2,634
Profit/(loss) for the period	237	102
<b>Closing net assets</b>	<b>2,973</b>	<b>2,736</b>
<b>Council's share of net assets (%)</b>	<b>71.0%</b>	<b>71.3%</b>
<b>Council's share of net assets (\$)</b>	<b>2,109</b>	<b>1,948</b>

**Material accounting policy information**

Council has determined that it has only joint ventures

**Joint ventures**

Interests in joint ventures are accounted for using the equity method where the investment is initially recognised at cost and the carrying amount is increased or decreased to recognise Council's share of the profit or loss and other comprehensive income of the joint venture after the date of acquisition.

If Council's share of losses of a joint venture equals or exceeds its interest in the joint venture, Council discontinues recognising its share of further losses.

Council's share in the joint venture's gains or losses arising from transactions between itself and its joint venture are eliminated.

Adjustments are made to the joint venture's accounting policies where they are different from those of the Council for the purposes of the consolidated financial statements.

## E Risks and accounting uncertainties

### E1-1 Risks relating to financial instruments held

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

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

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

Financial risk management is carried out by the finance team under policies approved by the Councillors.

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

The risks associated with the financial instruments held are:

- interest rate risk – the risk that movements in interest rates could affect returns
- liquidity risk – the risk that Council will not be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.
- credit risk – the risk that a contracting entity will not complete its obligations under a financial instrument, resulting in a financial loss to the Council.

Council manages these risks by diversifying its portfolio and only purchasing investments with high credit ratings or capital guarantees. Council also seeks advice from independent advisers before placing any cash and investments.

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

\$ '000	2024	2023
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The impact on result for the year and equity of a reasonably possible movement in the price of investments held and interest rates is shown below. The reasonably possible movements were determined based on historical movements and economic conditions in place at the reporting date.

Impact of a 1% movement in interest rates		
– Equity / Income Statement	2,802	2,531

#### (b) Credit risk

Council's major receivables comprise rates, annual charges, user charges and fees.

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

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

There are no significant concentrations of credit risk other than Council has significant credit risk exposures in its local area given the nature of Council activities.

The level of outstanding receivables is reported to Council monthly and benchmarks are set and monitored for acceptable collection performance. The balances of receivables that remain within initial trade terms (as detailed in the table) are considered to be of high credit quality.

The maximum exposure to credit risk at the reporting date is the carrying amount of each class of receivable in the financial statements.

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

#### Credit risk profile

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

**Receivables – rates and annual charges**

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

\$ '000	<i>Not yet overdue rates and annual charges</i>			<i>Total</i>
	<i>overdue</i>	<i>&lt; 5 years</i>	<i>≥ 5 years</i>	
<b>2024</b>				
Gross carrying amount	3,446	402	–	3,848
<b>2023</b>				
Gross carrying amount	2,863	544	–	3,407

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

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

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

\$ '000	<i>Not yet overdue</i>	<i>Overdue debts</i>				<i>Total</i>
		<i>0 - 30 days</i>	<i>31 - 60 days</i>	<i>61 - 90 days</i>	<i>&gt; 91 days</i>	
<b>2024</b>						
Gross carrying amount	22,440	463	159	208	1,514	24,784
Expected loss rate (%)	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%	100.00%	10.80%
<b>2023</b>						
Gross carrying amount	31,126	446	8	40	77	31,697
Expected loss rate (%)	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%	100.00%	5.23%

**(c) Liquidity risk**

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

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

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

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

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

\$ '000	<i>Weighted average interest rate</i>	<i>Subject to no maturity</i>	<i>Due within 1 year</i>	<i>Due between 1 and 5 years</i>		<i>Total contractual cash flows</i>	<i>Actual carrying values</i>
				<i>Due after 1 year</i>	<i>Due after 5 years</i>		
<b>2024</b>							
Payables	0.00%	2,243	12,442	–	–	14,685	14,685
Borrowings	6.52%	–	7,559	17,759	20,450	45,768	33,636
<b>Total financial liabilities</b>		<b>2,243</b>	<b>20,001</b>	<b>17,759</b>	<b>20,450</b>	<b>60,453</b>	<b>48,321</b>

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

<i>\$ '000</i>	<i>Weighted average interest rate</i>	<i>Subject to no maturity</i>	<i>Due within 1 year</i>	<i>Due between 1 and 5 years</i>	<i>Due after 5 years</i>	<i>Total contractual cash flows</i>	<i>Actual carrying values</i>
2023							
Payables	0.00%	1,987	10,213	–	–	12,200	12,198
Borrowings	6.40%	–	8,777	29,943	24,552	63,272	39,866
<b>Total financial liabilities</b>		<b>1,987</b>	<b>18,990</b>	<b>29,943</b>	<b>24,552</b>	<b>75,472</b>	<b>52,064</b>

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## E2-1 Fair value measurement

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

– Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment

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.

### Fair Value Hierarchy

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 for the asset or liability).

\$ '000	Notes	Fair value measurement hierarchy				Total	
		Level 2 Significant observable inputs 2024	2023	Level 3 Significant unobservable inputs 2024	2023	2024	2023
<b>Recurring fair value measurements</b>							
<b>Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment</b>							
	C1-8						
Plant and equipment		-	-	38,624	35,834	38,624	35,834
Office equipment		-	-	2,053	2,481	2,053	2,481
Furniture and fittings		-	-	1,187	1,337	1,187	1,337
Operational land		73,084	55,474	-	-	73,084	55,474
Community land		-	-	42,819	40,582	42,819	40,582
Land under roads (post 30/06/2008)		-	-	2,114	1,856	2,114	1,856
Land improvements – non-depreciable		-	-	2,871	2,871	2,871	2,871
Land improvement – depreciable		-	-	5,363	5,340	5,363	5,340
Airport runways/taxiways		-	-	63,163	62,278	63,163	62,278
Buildings – non-specialised		-	-	30,333	28,752	30,333	28,752
Buildings – specialised		-	-	143,812	151,145	143,812	151,145
Other structures		-	-	112,374	112,654	112,374	112,654
Roads		-	-	969,622	923,157	969,622	923,157
Bulk earthworks		-	-	363,076	341,519	363,076	341,519
Stormwater drainage		-	-	157,721	145,678	157,721	145,678
Water supply network		-	-	351,086	339,155	351,086	339,155
Sewerage network		-	-	266,243	250,801	266,243	250,801
Swimming pools		-	-	5,489	5,630	5,489	5,630
Heritage collections		-	-	232	48	232	48
Other assets		-	-	3,670	3,647	3,670	3,647
Tip restoration assets		-	-	3,946	5,062	3,946	5,062
Quarry restoration assets		-	-	710	640	710	640
<b>Total infrastructure, property, plant and equipment</b>		<b>73,084</b>	<b>55,474</b>	<b>2,566,508</b>	<b>2,460,467</b>	<b>2,639,592</b>	<b>2,515,941</b>

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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## E2-1 Fair value measurement (continued)

### Valuation techniques

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

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

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

##### **Plant and equipment, Office equipment, Furniture and fittings**

The Cost Approach is used for these asset classes, based on depreciated original cost representing fair value. The assets are primarily for operational purposes and are not of a nature where valuation increments are likely. Gross value is adjusted by depreciation representing the wear and tear of the assets based on the estimated useful life of the asset. The valuation process is conducted by Council staff. 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. Operational land was comprehensively valued by independent and professionally qualified valuers from Marsh Valuation Services as at 30 June 2024 using both Level 2 and Level 3 inputs. Land valuations take into consideration the characteristics of the land, such as size, zoning, topography, configuration etc. There is an active liquid market for most of Council's Operational Land, however, the subjectivity of pricing has resulted in this land to be classified as predominantly Level 2 (observable) inputs.

##### **Buildings - specialised and non-specialised and other structures**

Comprehensive valuations of all building assets were undertaken by external, qualified valuers from Marsh Valuation Services as at 30 June 2024. The valuations are based on a range of inputs. These include sales data, market and current rental income data, design and construction costs, average cost of construction, and condition scores for each component as well as the dates of acquisition and decommissioning.

The unobservable inputs (such the relationship between condition and the assessed level of remaining service potential of the depreciable amount 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.

##### **Quarry assets**

The quarry assets are valued on the basis of the price of acquiring the same quality material from commercial quarries that operate within the Dubbo local government area. The reason for level 3 classification is that there is a degree of estimation required to determine the amount of material remaining in the quarry, and also the potential variation in quality of the material that has yet to be won from the quarry.

##### **Community land**

Community land was valued using urban and rural average municipal site values. These were determined by analysing the total rateable value of urban and rural lands, and then dividing the total valuations by the total area to determine an average rate per hectare or square metre. This was then applied to the areas of community land. This work was carried out by Council's rating staff. This method has no market observable inputs as the rating value is the valuation provided by the Valuer General for rating purposes, and may or may not align with the market value of the land. However, it is not a market valuation of the land. The level 3 unobservable inputs are the valuations provided by the Valuer General on which the value of the land is determined.

##### **Land under roads**

Council has elected to only recognise land under roads that have been acquired after 30 June 2008. There are two methods by which this land is valued, neither of which represent the market value of the land as there is no market for land that is currently used for road or road reserve purposes. Land which is transferred to Council from private subdividers is valued using the municipal site value as outlined in valuation of community land above then discounted accordingly. Land under roads relating to Council's own subdivisions is valued at the cost of that land at acquisition, on an area basis. The level 3 unobservable inputs are the average municipal site value of subdividers land vested in Council, and the cost of the land acquired by Council for subdivision on an area basis.

##### **Land improvements depreciable and non-depreciable**

Land improvements - non-depreciable are valued at current replacement cost. This is a level 3 unobservable input as the valuation method does not reflect a market rate as there is no active market for sale of land improvements - non-depreciable.

##### **Airport runways/taxiways**

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## E2-1 Fair value measurement (continued)

Airport runways/taxiways are valued at current replacement cost. This is a level 3 unobservable input as the valuation method does not reflect a market rate as there is no active market for sale of airport runways/taxiways.

### **Infrastructure roads, bridges and footpaths**

Valuation of roads was undertaken by Council staff, based on the current written down value of the road assets within Council's network. As this is based on the current costs of construction at time of valuation, and not market value, this valuation is a level 3 unobservable input valuation.

### **Bulk earthworks (non-depreciable)**

Valuation of non-depreciable bulk earthworks has two different valuations depending on whether the earthworks relate to roads or stormwater retarding basins. All earthworks relating to roads were valued in conjunction with the valuation of the roads by Council staff, on a current replacement cost basis. All stormwater retarding basin earthworks were valued on a current replacement cost basis by Council staff as an internal valuation. The basis of determining the value for internal valuations was a combination of the cost of similar works carried out by Council, recent similar contract works, and reference rates for construction of similar earthworks. Both the internal and external valuations are level 3 unobservable inputs valuations due to the fact that market valuation was not a factor in determining the value of the assets.

### **Stormwater, water and sewer infrastructure assets**

All three asset networks were valued by Council staff using recent Council cost of constructing similar assets, recent contractor costs to construct Council assets, and then cross validating the costs to construction cost indexes provided by the NSW Office of Water. The written down value was then assessed by estimating the total and remaining useful lives of the asset to determine the written down current replacement cost of each asset.

### **Heritage collection assets**

These items comprise historical artefacts that have been obtained generally by purchase through antique dealers or through private sale. As there is not an active liquid market in the types of items acquired, they are valued at historical cost, and therefore have been assessed as being Level 3 unobservable input valuations.

### **Library books**

The library books are reported at fair value in the notes, however, due to the nature of these items they are valued at historical cost. There are no major variances between the fair value and carrying amount of these assets. The cost of these assets were based on invoices at the time of capitalisation.

### **Tip and quarry restoration assets**

It has been recognised that there will be significant costs associated with the closure and post closure management of the landfill and quarry assets. Closure of the landfill and quarry sites will involve a wide range of activities, including final capping of the landfill waste and site revegetation, monitoring of landfill gas, revision of the surface water management system and leachate management infrastructure to suit post closure operation.

Valuations are based on actual timing of costs and future environmental management requirements.

There were no changes in valuation techniques from prior years.

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**E2-1 Fair value measurement (continued)**

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

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

	<i>Valuation technique/s</i>	<i>Unobservable inputs</i>
<b>Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment</b>		
Community Land	NSW Valuer General land valuation	Land value, land area
Land under Roads	NSW Valuer General land valuation	Land value, land area
Land improvements non-depreciable	Cost approach	Asset condition, remaining lives, residual value
Land improvements depreciable	Cost approach	Asset condition, remaining lives, residual value
Buildings non specialised	Cost approach	Gross replacement cost
Building specialised	Cost approach	Gross replacement cost
Other structures	Cost approach	Asset condition, remaining lives, residual value
Roads	Cost approach	Asset condition, remaining lives, residual value
Airports, runways, taxiways	Cost approach	Asset condition, remaining lives, residual value
Bulk earthworks	Cost approach	Asset condition, remaining lives, residual value
Stormwater drainage	Cost approach	Asset condition, remaining lives, residual value
Water supply network	Cost approach	Asset condition, remaining lives, residual value
Sewerage network	Cost approach	Asset condition, remaining lives, residual value
Swimming pools	Cost approach	Asset condition, remaining lives, residual value
Other open space recreational	Cost approach	Asset condition, remaining lives, residual value
Heritage collections	Cost approach	Gross replacement cost
Library books	Cost approach	Gross replacement cost
Other assets	Cost approach	Gross replacement cost
Tip restoration assets	Cost estimate of future liability	
Quarry restoration assets	Cost estimate of future liability	

**Highest and best use**

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

### E3-1 Contingencies

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

#### LIABILITIES NOT RECOGNISED

##### 1. Guarantees

###### (i) Defined benefit plans

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

- a) Assets are not segregated within the sub-group according to the employees of each sponsoring employer.
- b) The contribution rates have been the same for all sponsoring employers. That is, contribution rates have not varied for each sponsoring employer according to the experience relating to the employees of that sponsoring employer.
- c) Benefits for employees of all sponsoring employers are determined according to the same formulae and without regard to the sponsoring employer.
- d) The same actuarial assumptions are currently used in respect of the employees of each sponsoring employer.

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

###### Description of the funding arrangements.

Pooled Employers are required to pay future service employer contributions and past service employer contributions to the Fund.

The future service employer contributions were determined using the new entrant rate method under which a contribution rate sufficient to fund the total benefits over the working life-time of a typical new entrant is calculated. The current future service employer contribution rates are:

Division B	1.9 times member contributions for non-180 Point Members; Nil for 180 Point Members*
Division C	2.5% salaries
Division D	1.64 times member contributions

\* For 180 Point Members, Employers are required to contribute 8.5% of salaries for the year ending 30 June 2024 (increasing to 9.0% in line with the increase in the Superannuation Guarantee) to these members' accumulation accounts, which are paid in addition to members' defined benefits.

The past service contribution for each Pooled Employer is a share of the total past service contributions of \$20.0 million per annum for 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2024, apportioned according to each employer's share of the accrued liabilities as at 30 June 2023. These past service contributions are used to maintain the adequacy of the funding position for the accrued liabilities.

The adequacy of contributions is formally assessed at each triennial actuarial investigation. The next triennial actuarial investigation is due effective 30 June 2024. The adequacy of contributions is monitored annually between triennials.

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

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

With respect to a description of any allocation of a deficit or surplus:

- There are no specific provisions under the Fund's trust deed dealing with deficits or surplus on wind-up of the plan.
- There is no provision for allocation of any surplus which may be present at the date of withdrawal of an employer from the plan.

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**E3-1 Contingencies (continued)**

The amount of employer contributions to the defined benefit section of the Fund and recognised as an expense for the year ending 30 June 2024 was \$335,770.95. The last formal valuation of the Fund was undertaken by the Fund Actuary, Richard Boyfield FIAA as at 30 June 2023.

Council's expected contribution to the plan for the next annual reporting period is \$204,553.58.

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

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

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

The share of any funding surplus or deficit that can be attributed to Council is 1.36%

Council's share of that deficiency cannot be accurately calculated as the Scheme is a mutual arrangement where assets and liabilities are pooled together for all member councils. For this reason, no liability for the deficiency has been recognised in Council's accounts. Council has a possible obligation that may arise should the Scheme require immediate payment to correct the deficiency.

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

Investment return	6% per annum
Salary inflation	3.5% per annum
Increase in CPI	3.5% for FY 2023/2024 2.5% per annum thereafter

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

Please note that the estimated employer reserves financial position above is a preliminary calculation, and once all the relevant information has been received by the Funds Actuary, the final end of year review will be completed by December 2024.

**(ii) CivicRisk Mutual Limited**

Council is a member of CivicRisk Mutual, a mutual pool scheme providing liability insurance to local government.

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

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

**(iii) StateCover Limited**

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

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

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

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

**2. Other liabilities**

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### E3-1 Contingencies (continued)

**(i) Third party claims**

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

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

**(ii) Potential land acquisitions due to planning restrictions imposed by Council**

Council has classified a number of privately owned land parcels as local open space or bushland.

As a result, where notified in writing by the various owners, Council will be required to purchase these land parcels.

At reporting date, reliable estimates as to the value of any potential liability (and subsequent land asset) from such potential acquisitions has not been possible.

**ASSETS NOT RECOGNISED**

**(ii) Infringement notices/fines**

Fines and penalty income, the result of Council issuing infringement notices is followed up and collected by the Infringement Processing Bureau.

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

Accordingly, at year end, there is a potential asset due to Council representing issued but unpaid infringement notices.

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

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**F People and relationships**

**F1 Related party disclosures**

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

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

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

<b>\$ '000</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>Compensation:</b>		
Short-term benefits	1,817	2,004
Post-employment benefits	175	179
Other long-term benefits	53	48
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,045</b>	<b>2,231</b>

The compensation amounts above relate to non-Councillor Key Management Personnel. Annual expenses related to Mayoral and Councillor fees are shown at Note F1-2 below.

**Other transactions with KMP and their related parties**

Council has determined that transactions at arm's length between KMP and Council as part of Council delivering a public service objective (e.g. access to library or Council swimming pool by KMP) will not be disclosed.

**F1-2 Councillor and Mayoral fees and associated expenses**

<b>\$ '000</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
The aggregate amount of Councillor and Mayoral fees and associated expenses included in materials and services expenses in the Income Statement are:		
Mayoral fee	64	68
Councillors' fees	261	274
Councillors' (including Mayor) expenses	107	98
<b>Total</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>440</b>

F2 Other relationships

F2-1 Audit fees

\$ '000	2024	2023
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Audit and other assurance services: Auditors of Dubbo Regional Council - NSW Auditor-General:

Audit of financial statements	163	147
<b>Total fees paid or payable to the Auditor-General</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>147</b>

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**G Other matters**

**G1-1 Statement of Cash Flows information**

**(a) Reconciliation of Operating Result**

\$ '000	2024	2023
<b>Net operating result from Income Statement</b>	<b>29,579</b>	50,716
<b>Add / (less) non-cash items:</b>		
Depreciation and amortisation	58,525	54,323
(Gain) / loss on disposal of assets	4,489	3,276
Non-cash capital grants and contributions	(11,219)	(18,544)
Amortisation of premiums, discounts and prior period fair valuations		
– Financial assets at amortised cost / held to maturity	302	301
– Interest on all fair value adjusted interest free advances made by Council	(7)	(19)
Unwinding of discount rates on reinstatement provisions	318	(312)
Share of net (profits)/losses of associates/joint ventures using the equity method	(160)	(71)
<b>Movements in operating assets and liabilities and other cash items:</b>		
(Increase) / decrease of receivables	6,453	(11,257)
Increase / (decrease) in provision for impairment of receivables	189	336
(Increase) / decrease of inventories	(306)	(277)
(Increase) / decrease of other current assets	92	(220)
Increase / (decrease) in payables	1,754	(1,204)
Increase / (decrease) in accrued interest payable	(52)	(51)
Increase / (decrease) in other accrued expenses payable	437	367
Increase / (decrease) in other liabilities	348	368
Increase / (decrease) in contract liabilities	(5,483)	13,993
Increase / (decrease) in employee benefit provision	(2)	(716)
Increase / (decrease) in other provisions	334	326
<b>Net cash flows from operating activities</b>	<b>85,591</b>	<b>91,335</b>
<b>(b) Non-cash investing and financing activities</b>		
Infrastructure contributions	10,659	18,544
<b>Total non-cash investing and financing activities</b>	<b>10,659</b>	<b>18,544</b>

**G2-1 Commitments**

**Capital commitments (exclusive of GST)**

<b>\$ '000</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
Capital expenditure committed for at the reporting date but not recognised in the financial statements as liabilities:		
<b>Property, plant and equipment</b>		
Buildings	6,134	-
Road Infrastructure	4,443	209
Other structures	1,433	4,160
Water infrastructure	1,445	2,941
Sewer infrastructure	1,876	463
Sewer infrastructure	-	-
<b>Total commitments</b>	<b>15,331</b>	<b>7,773</b>

**Details of capital commitments**

As at 30 June 2024, significant capital projects included in the capital expenditure commitments are:

- Construction of New Animal Shelter facility
- Wheelers Lane Stage 2: Construction of Asphalt Deep Lift Road Pavement
- Benolong Bridge Replacement
- Construction of Upgrade works for Troy Gully Sewerage Pump Station

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**G3-1 Events occurring after the reporting date**

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

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## G4 Statement of developer contributions as at 30 June 2024

## G4-1 Summary of developer contributions

	Opening balance at 1 July 2023	Contributions received during the year			Interest and investment income earned	Amounts expended	Internal borrowings	Held as restricted asset at 30 June 2024	Cumulative balance of internal borrowings (to)/from
		Cash	Non-cash Land	Non-cash Other					
Drainage	1,570	48	-	-	67	(12)	-	1,673	-
Roads	10,467	1,899	-	-	537	(491)	-	12,412	-
Parking	101	-	-	-	5	-	-	106	-
Open space	3,103	509	-	-	161	(59)	-	3,714	-
Voluntary planning agreements	211	-	-	-	-	-	-	211	-
<b>S7.11 contributions – under a plan</b>	<b>15,452</b>	<b>2,456</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>770</b>	<b>(562)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>18,116</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>S7.12 levies – under a plan</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total S7.11 and S7.12 revenue under plans</b>	<b>15,621</b>	<b>2,486</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>770</b>	<b>(562)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>18,315</b>	<b>-</b>
S64 contributions	-	2,646	-	-	53	(2,699)	-	-	-
<b>Total contributions</b>	<b>15,621</b>	<b>5,132</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>823</b>	<b>(3,261)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>18,315</b>	<b>-</b>

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

G4-2 Developer contributions by plan

\$ '000	Opening balance at 1 July 2023	Contributions received during the year			Interest and investment income earned	Amounts expended	Internal borrowings	Held as restricted asset at 30 June 2024	Cumulative balance of internal borrowings (to)/from
		Cash	Non-cash Land	Non-cash Other					
<b>CONTRIBUTION PLAN (former Dubbo)</b>									
Drainage	1,570	48	-	-	67	(12)	-	1,673	-
Roads	10,467	1,899	-	-	537	(491)	-	12,412	-
Parking	101	-	-	-	5	-	-	106	-
Open space	3,103	509	-	-	161	(59)	-	3,714	-
Voluntary planning agreements	211	-	-	-	-	-	-	211	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,452</b>	<b>2,456</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>770</b>	<b>(562)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>18,116</b>	<b>-</b>

S7.12 Levies – under a plan

<b>CONTRIBUTION PLAN NUMBER 2012 (former Wellington)</b>									
Public order and safety	22	4	-	-	-	-	-	26	-
Community services and education	22	4	-	-	-	-	-	26	-
Household and community amenities	22	4	-	-	-	-	-	26	-
Recreation and culture	33	6	-	-	-	-	-	39	-
Transport and communication	28	5	-	-	-	-	-	33	-
Economic affairs	42	7	-	-	-	-	-	49	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>-</b>

**G5 Statement of performance measures**

**G5-1 Statement of performance measures – consolidated results**

<b>\$ '000</b>	<b>Amounts 2024</b>	<b>Indicator 2024</b>	<b>Indicators 2023 2022</b>		<b>Benchmark</b>
<b>1. Operating performance ratio</b>					
Total continuing operating revenue excluding capital grants and contributions less operating expenses <sup>1,2</sup>	<b>977</b>	<b>0.55%</b>	(1.44)%	(0.86)%	> 0.00%
Total continuing operating revenue excluding capital grants and contributions <sup>1</sup>	<b>177,614</b>				
<b>2. Own source operating revenue ratio</b>					
Total continuing operating revenue excluding all grants and contributions <sup>1</sup>	<b>145,535</b>	<b>69.06%</b>	60.16%	60.88%	> 60.00%
Total continuing operating revenue <sup>1</sup>	<b>210,736</b>				
<b>3. Unrestricted current ratio</b>					
Current assets less all external restrictions	<b>130,844</b>	<b>4.20x</b>	3.49x	4.33x	> 1.50x
Current liabilities less specific purpose liabilities	<b>31,119</b>				
<b>4. Debt service cover ratio</b>					
Operating result before capital excluding interest and depreciation/impairment/amortisation <sup>1</sup>	<b>62,539</b>	<b>6.75x</b>	6.13x	5.64x	> 2.00x
Principal repayments (Statement of Cash Flows) plus borrowing costs (Income Statement)	<b>9,267</b>				
<b>5. Rates and annual charges outstanding percentage</b>					
Rates and annual charges outstanding	<b>4,279</b>	<b>5.43%</b>	4.87%	5.13%	< 10.00%
Rates and annual charges collectable	<b>78,734</b>				
<b>6. Cash expense cover ratio</b>					
Current year's cash and cash equivalents plus all term deposits	<b>223,196</b>	<b>20.10</b>	21.70	20.20	> 3.00
Monthly payments from cash flow of operating and financing activities	<b>11,104</b>	<b>months</b>	months	months	months

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

G5-2 Statement of performance measures by fund

\$ '000	General Indicators <sup>3</sup>		Water Indicators		Sewer Indicators		Benchmark
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	
<b>1. Operating performance ratio</b>							
Total continuing operating revenue excluding capital grants and contributions less operating expenses <sup>1,2</sup>	<b>(6.85)%</b>	(12.37)%	<b>3.92%</b>	3.77%	<b>35.38%</b>	41.71%	> 0.00%
Total continuing operating revenue excluding capital grants and contributions <sup>1</sup>							
<b>2. Own source operating revenue ratio</b>							
Total continuing operating revenue excluding capital grants and contributions <sup>1</sup>	<b>62.27%</b>	51.66%	<b>82.99%</b>	74.04%	<b>88.95%</b>	92.01%	> 60.00%
Total continuing operating revenue <sup>1</sup>							
<b>3. Unrestricted current ratio</b>							
Current assets less all external restrictions	<b>4.20x</b>	3.49x	<b>13.96x</b>	19.39x	<b>31.59x</b>	7.72x	> 1.50x
Current liabilities less specific purpose liabilities							
<b>4. Debt service cover ratio</b>							
Operating result before capital excluding interest and depreciation/impairment/amortisation <sup>1</sup>	<b>4.98x</b>	4.13x	<b>7.68x</b>	7.18x	<b>35.59x</b>	30.33x	> 2.00x
Principal repayments (Statement of Cash Flows) plus borrowing costs (Income Statement)							
<b>5. Rates and annual charges outstanding percentage</b>							
Rates and annual charges outstanding	<b>7.68%</b>	6.99%	<b>0.00%</b>	0.00%	<b>0.00%</b>	0.00%	< 10.00%
Rates and annual charges collectable							
<b>6. Cash expense cover ratio</b>							
Current year's cash and cash equivalents plus all term deposits	<b>18.91 months</b>	20.53 months	∞	∞	∞	∞	> 3.00 months
Monthly payments from cash flow of operating and financing activities							

(1) - (2) Refer to Notes at Note G5-1 above.

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

**End of the audited financial statements**

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## H Additional Council disclosures (unaudited)

### H1-1 Council information and contact details

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#### Officers

**Chief Executive Officer**  
Murray Wood

**Responsible Accounting Officer**  
Stephanie Williamson

**Auditors**  
Audit Office of New South Wales  
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Sydney NSW 2001

#### Elected members

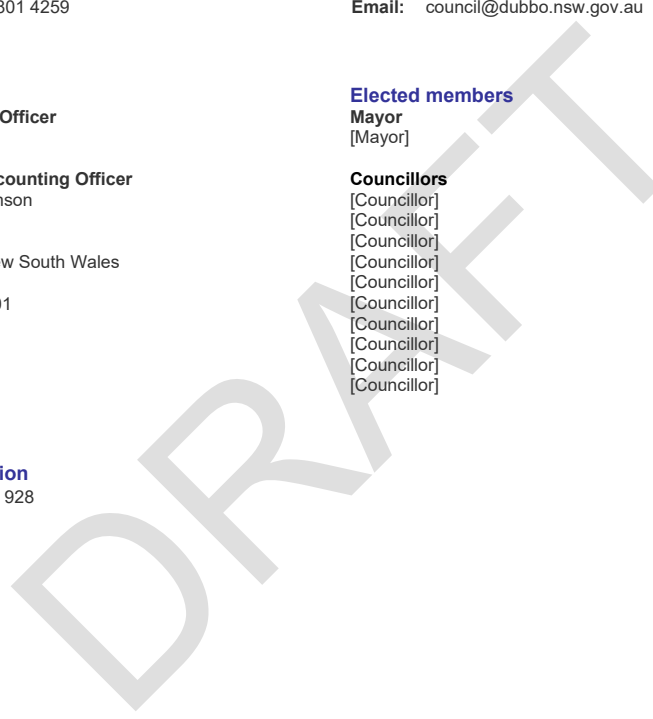
**Mayor**  
[Mayor]

#### Councillors

[Councillor]  
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#### Other information

**ABN:** 53 539 070 928



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## Dubbo Regional Council

### Special Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2024

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

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

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

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

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

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

Signed in accordance with a resolution of Council made on 24 October 2024.

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[Mayor]  
Mayor  
24 October 2024

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[Councillor]  
Deputy Mayor  
24 October 2024

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Murray Wood  
Chief Executive Officer  
24 October 2024

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Stephanie Williamson  
Responsible Accounting Officer  
24 October 2024

**Dubbo Regional Council**

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

<b>\$ '000</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>Income from continuing operations</b>		
Access charges	8,415	8,672
User charges	17,718	14,889
Interest and investment income	2,536	1,423
Grants and contributions provided for operating purposes	-	134
Other income	14	55
<b>Total income from continuing operations</b>	<b>28,683</b>	<b>25,173</b>
<b>Expenses from continuing operations</b>		
Employee benefits and on-costs	6,731	5,926
Borrowing costs	1,230	1,306
Materials and services	11,623	9,472
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment	7,089	7,116
Net loss from the disposal of assets	883	403
Calculated taxation equivalents	189	134
Other expenses	3	-
<b>Total expenses from continuing operations</b>	<b>27,748</b>	<b>24,357</b>
<b>Surplus (deficit) from continuing operations before capital amounts</b>	<b>935</b>	<b>816</b>
Grants and contributions provided for capital purposes	5,878	8,644
<b>Surplus (deficit) from continuing operations after capital amounts</b>	<b>6,813</b>	<b>9,460</b>
<b>Surplus (deficit) from all operations before tax</b>	<b>6,813</b>	<b>9,460</b>
Less: corporate taxation equivalent (25%) [based on result before capital]	(234)	(204)
<b>Surplus (deficit) after tax</b>	<b>6,579</b>	<b>9,256</b>
<b>Plus accumulated surplus</b>	<b>261,980</b>	<b>259,876</b>
<b>Plus adjustments for amounts unpaid:</b>		
- Taxation equivalent payments	189	134
- Corporate taxation equivalent	234	204
<b>Closing accumulated surplus</b>	<b>268,982</b>	<b>269,470</b>
<b>Return on capital %</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>0.6%</b>
<b>Subsidy from Council</b>	<b>14,764</b>	<b>12,678</b>
<b>Calculation of dividend payable:</b>		
Surplus (deficit) after tax	6,579	9,256
Less: capital grants and contributions (excluding developer contributions)	(5,878)	(8,644)
<b>Surplus for dividend calculation purposes</b>	<b>701</b>	<b>612</b>
<b>Dividend calculated from surplus</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>306</b>

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

\$ '000	2024	2023
<b>Income from continuing operations</b>		
Access charges	14,609	14,524
User charges	5,603	4,920
Liquid trade waste charges	23	35
Fees	358	429
Interest and investment income	3,103	1,991
Grants and contributions provided for operating purposes	-	116
Other income	122	170
Gain on Sale of Assets	-	2,037
<b>Total income from continuing operations</b>	<b>23,818</b>	<b>24,222</b>
<b>Expenses from continuing operations</b>		
Employee benefits and on-costs	4,400	4,153
Borrowing costs	427	534
Materials and services	4,090	3,872
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment	6,343	5,561
Net loss from the disposal of assets	132	-
Calculated taxation equivalents	191	198
<b>Total expenses from continuing operations</b>	<b>15,583</b>	<b>14,318</b>
<b>Surplus (deficit) from continuing operations before capital amounts</b>	<b>8,235</b>	<b>9,904</b>
Grants and contributions provided for capital purposes	2,958	1,978
<b>Surplus (deficit) from continuing operations after capital amounts</b>	<b>11,193</b>	<b>11,882</b>
<b>Surplus (deficit) from all operations before tax</b>	<b>11,193</b>	<b>11,882</b>
Less: corporate taxation equivalent (25%) [based on result before capital]	(2,059)	(2,476)
<b>Surplus (deficit) after tax</b>	<b>9,134</b>	<b>9,406</b>
<b>Plus accumulated surplus</b>	<b>282,285</b>	<b>270,205</b>
<b>Plus adjustments for amounts unpaid:</b>		
- Taxation equivalent payments	191	198
- Corporate taxation equivalent	2,059	2,476
<b>Closing accumulated surplus</b>	<b>293,669</b>	<b>282,285</b>
<b>Return on capital %</b>	<b>2.9%</b>	<b>3.6%</b>
<b>Subsidy from Council</b>	<b>4,217</b>	<b>1,111</b>
<b>Calculation of dividend payable:</b>		
Surplus (deficit) after tax	9,134	9,406
Less: capital grants and contributions (excluding developer contributions)	(2,958)	(1,978)
<b>Surplus for dividend calculation purposes</b>	<b>6,176</b>	<b>7,428</b>
<b>Dividend calculated from surplus</b>	<b>3,088</b>	<b>3,714</b>

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**Income Statement of Dubbo Regional Airport**  
for the year ended 30 June 2024

<b>\$ '000</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>Category 1</b>	<b>Category 1</b>
<b>Income from continuing operations</b>		
User charges	5,774	3,936
Grants and contributions provided for operating purposes	332	721
Other income	449	419
<b>Total income from continuing operations</b>	<b>6,555</b>	<b>5,076</b>
<b>Expenses from continuing operations</b>		
Employee benefits and on-costs	944	821
Borrowing costs	8	29
Materials and services	4,131	2,945
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment	2,613	2,443
Net loss from the disposal of assets	-	111
Calculated taxation equivalents	206	139
<b>Total expenses from continuing operations</b>	<b>7,902</b>	<b>6,488</b>
<b>Surplus (deficit) from continuing operations before capital amounts</b>	<b>(1,347)</b>	<b>(1,412)</b>
Grants and contributions provided for capital purposes	815	629
<b>Surplus (deficit) from continuing operations after capital amounts</b>	<b>(532)</b>	<b>(783)</b>
<b>Surplus (deficit) from all operations before tax</b>	<b>(532)</b>	<b>(783)</b>
<b>Surplus (deficit) after tax</b>	<b>(532)</b>	<b>(783)</b>
<b>Plus accumulated surplus</b>	<b>81,987</b>	<b>80,607</b>
<b>Plus adjustments for amounts unpaid:</b>		
- Taxation equivalent payments	206	139
<b>Closing accumulated surplus</b>	<b>81,661</b>	<b>79,963</b>
<b>Return on capital %</b>	<b>(1.1)%</b>	<b>(1.3)%</b>
<b>Subsidy from Council</b>	<b>6,534</b>	<b>5,718</b>

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**Income Statement of Dubbo Regional Livestock Markets**  
for the year ended 30 June 2024

<b>\$ '000</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>Category 1</b>	<b>Category 1</b>
<b>Income from continuing operations</b>		
User charges	4,189	3,407
Other income	29	40
<b>Total income from continuing operations</b>	<b>4,218</b>	<b>3,447</b>
<b>Expenses from continuing operations</b>		
Employee benefits and on-costs	782	786
Materials and services	2,489	1,648
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment	1,790	1,753
Net loss from the disposal of assets	54	943
Calculated taxation equivalents	73	29
<b>Total expenses from continuing operations</b>	<b>5,188</b>	<b>5,159</b>
<b>Surplus (deficit) from continuing operations before capital amounts</b>	<b>(970)</b>	<b>(1,712)</b>
Grants and contributions provided for capital purposes	591	10
<b>Surplus (deficit) from continuing operations after capital amounts</b>	<b>(379)</b>	<b>(1,702)</b>
<b>Surplus (deficit) from all operations before tax</b>	<b>(379)</b>	<b>(1,702)</b>
<b>Surplus (deficit) after tax</b>	<b>(379)</b>	<b>(1,702)</b>
<b>Plus accumulated surplus</b>	<b>25,440</b>	<b>23,815</b>
<b>Plus adjustments for amounts unpaid:</b>		
– Taxation equivalent payments	73	29
<b>Closing accumulated surplus</b>	<b>25,134</b>	<b>22,142</b>
<b>Return on capital %</b>	<b>(3.0)%</b>	<b>(5.6)%</b>
<b>Subsidy from Council</b>	<b>2,373</b>	<b>2,935</b>



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**Income Statement of Property Development**  
for the year ended 30 June 2024

\$ '000	2024 Category 1	2023 Category 1
<b>Income from continuing operations</b>		
Net gain from the disposal of assets	2,123	–
Other income	38	71
<b>Total income from continuing operations</b>	<b>2,161</b>	<b>71</b>
<b>Expenses from continuing operations</b>		
Employee benefits and on-costs	650	594
Materials and services	325	419
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment	37	34
Calculated taxation equivalents	259	163
Other expenses	17	–
<b>Total expenses from continuing operations</b>	<b>1,288</b>	<b>1,210</b>
<b>Surplus (deficit) from continuing operations before capital amounts</b>	<b>873</b>	<b>(1,139)</b>
<b>Surplus (deficit) from continuing operations after capital amounts</b>	<b>873</b>	<b>(1,139)</b>
<b>Surplus (deficit) from all operations before tax</b>	<b>873</b>	<b>(1,139)</b>
Less: corporate taxation equivalent (25%) [based on result before capital]	(218)	–
<b>Surplus (deficit) after tax</b>	<b>655</b>	<b>(1,139)</b>
<b>Plus accumulated surplus</b>	<b>27,507</b>	<b>22,091</b>
<b>Plus adjustments for amounts unpaid:</b>		
– Taxation equivalent payments	259	163
– Corporate taxation equivalent	218	–
<b>Closing accumulated surplus</b>	<b>28,639</b>	<b>21,115</b>
<b>Return on capital %</b>	<b>20.2%</b>	<b>(156.0)%</b>
<b>Subsidy from Council</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>1,168</b>

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**Income Statement of Rainbow Cottage Childcare Centre**  
for the year ended 30 June 2024

\$ '000	2024 Category 2	2023 Category 2
<b>Income from continuing operations</b>		
User charges	493	551
Grants and contributions provided for operating purposes	1,087	883
<b>Total income from continuing operations</b>	<b>1,580</b>	<b>1,434</b>
<b>Expenses from continuing operations</b>		
Employee benefits and on-costs	1,279	1,245
Materials and services	412	345
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment	75	76
Calculated taxation equivalents	11	8
<b>Total expenses from continuing operations</b>	<b>1,777</b>	<b>1,674</b>
<b>Surplus (deficit) from continuing operations before capital amounts</b>	<b>(197)</b>	<b>(240)</b>
<b>Surplus (deficit) from continuing operations after capital amounts</b>	<b>(197)</b>	<b>(240)</b>
<b>Surplus (deficit) from all operations before tax</b>	<b>(197)</b>	<b>(240)</b>
<b>Surplus (deficit) after tax</b>	<b>(197)</b>	<b>(240)</b>
<b>Plus accumulated surplus</b>	<b>(833)</b>	<b>(601)</b>
<b>Plus adjustments for amounts unpaid:</b>		
– Taxation equivalent payments	11	8
<b>Closing accumulated surplus</b>	<b>(1,019)</b>	<b>(833)</b>
<b>Return on capital %</b>	<b>(9.5)%</b>	<b>(16.3)%</b>
<b>Subsidy from Council</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>299</b>

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**Statement of Financial Position of water supply business activity**  
as at 30 June 2024

\$ '000	2024	2023
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	7,949	4,219
Investments	31,000	45,000
Receivables	6,418	5,807
Inventories	131	130
Other	10	21
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>45,508</b>	<b>55,177</b>
<b>Non-current assets</b>		
Investments	16,000	14,000
Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	393,690	368,165
Other	44	44
<b>Total non-current assets</b>	<b>409,734</b>	<b>382,209</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>455,242</b>	<b>437,386</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Contract liabilities	1	-
Payables	640	422
Borrowings	1,494	1,412
Employee benefit provisions	1,126	1,012
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>3,261</b>	<b>2,846</b>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>		
Borrowings	16,997	18,491
Employee benefit provisions	73	79
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>	<b>17,070</b>	<b>18,570</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>20,331</b>	<b>21,416</b>
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>434,911</b>	<b>415,970</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>		
Accumulated surplus	268,982	269,470
Revaluation reserves	165,929	146,500
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>434,911</b>	<b>415,970</b>

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**Statement of Financial Position of sewerage business activity**  
as at 30 June 2024

\$ '000	2024	2023
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	5,288	6,864
Investments	45,500	10,500
Receivables	3,287	2,935
Other	10	38
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>54,085</b>	<b>20,337</b>
<b>Non-current assets</b>		
Investments	31,702	56,296
Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	299,500	287,283
<b>Total non-current assets</b>	<b>331,202</b>	<b>343,579</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>385,287</b>	<b>363,916</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Contract liabilities	1	-
Payables	301	201
Borrowings	1,410	2,432
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>1,712</b>	<b>2,633</b>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>		
Borrowings	4,951	6,361
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>	<b>4,951</b>	<b>6,361</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>6,663</b>	<b>8,994</b>
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>378,624</b>	<b>354,922</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>		
Accumulated surplus	293,669	282,285
Revaluation reserves	84,955	72,637
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>378,624</b>	<b>354,922</b>

**Dubbo Regional Council**

**Statement of Financial Position of Dubbo Regional Airport**  
as at 30 June 2024

\$ '000	2024 Category 1	2023 Category 1
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	(5,488)	–
Investments	749	654
Receivables	401	503
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>(4,338)</b>	<b>1,157</b>
<b>Non-current assets</b>		
Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	120,825	107,825
<b>Total non-current assets</b>	<b>120,825</b>	<b>107,825</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>116,487</b>	<b>108,982</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Payables	192	192
Borrowings	–	218
Employee benefit provisions	271	242
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>652</b>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>		
Employee benefit provisions	2	9
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>465</b>	<b>661</b>
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>116,022</b>	<b>108,321</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>		
Accumulated surplus	81,661	79,962
Revaluation reserves	34,361	28,359
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>116,022</b>	<b>108,321</b>

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**Statement of Financial Position of Dubbo Regional Livestock Markets**  
as at 30 June 2024

\$ '000	2024 Category 1	2023 Category 1
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current assets</b>		
Investments	9,562	7,002
Receivables	388	232
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>9,950</b>	<b>7,234</b>
<b>Non-current assets</b>		
Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	32,628	30,432
<b>Total non-current assets</b>	<b>32,628</b>	<b>30,432</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>42,578</b>	<b>37,666</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Payables	81	65
Employee benefit provisions	60	188
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>253</b>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>		
Employee benefit provisions	1	8
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>261</b>
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>42,436</b>	<b>37,405</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>		
Accumulated surplus	25,134	22,142
Revaluation reserves	17,302	15,263
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>42,436</b>	<b>37,405</b>

**Dubbo Regional Council**

**Statement of Financial Position of Property Development**  
as at 30 June 2024

\$ '000	2024 Category 1	2023 Category 1
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current assets</b>		
Investments	17,981	6,311
Receivables	16	2,568
Inventories	4,419	6,707
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>22,416</b>	<b>15,586</b>
<b>Non-current assets</b>		
Inventories	2,219	4,967
Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	4,312	730
<b>Total non-current assets</b>	<b>6,531</b>	<b>5,697</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>28,947</b>	<b>21,283</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Payables	38	28
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>28,909</b>	<b>21,255</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>		
Accumulated surplus	28,639	21,115
Revaluation reserves	270	140
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>28,909</b>	<b>21,255</b>

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**Statement of Financial Position of Rainbow Cottage Childcare Centre**  
as at 30 June 2024

<b>\$ '000</b>	<b>2024</b> <i>Category 2</i>	<b>2023</b> <i>Category 2</i>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current assets</b>		
Receivables	20	18
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Non-current assets</b>		
Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	2,075	1,474
<b>Total non-current assets</b>	<b>2,075</b>	<b>1,474</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>2,095</b>	<b>1,492</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Payables	72	50
Employee benefit provisions	251	239
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>289</b>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>		
Employee benefit provisions	22	21
Borrowings	970	882
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>	<b>992</b>	<b>903</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>1,315</b>	<b>1,192</b>
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>780</b>	<b>300</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>		
Accumulated surplus	(1,019)	(833)
Revaluation reserves	1,799	1,133
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>780</b>	<b>300</b>



## Note – Material accounting policy information

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

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

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

The disclosures in these special purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993* (Act), the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2022* (Regulation) and the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting.

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

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

### National Competition Policy

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

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

### Declared business activities

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

#### Category 1

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

##### a. Water Supply Services

Comprising the whole of the water supply operations and net assets servicing the city of Dubbo, the town of Wellington and the villages of Wongarbron, Ballimore, Brocklehurst, Geurie, Mumbil and North Yeoval.

##### b. Sewerage Services

Comprising the whole of the sewerage reticulation and treatment operations and net assets system servicing the city of Dubbo, the town of Wellington and the villages of Wongarbron, Brocklehurst, Geurie and Mumbil.

##### c. Dubbo Regional Airport

Comprising the whole of the airport operations and net assets located on Coreena Road.

##### d. Dubbo Regional Livestock Markets

Comprising the whole of the livestock markets operations and net assets located on Bootherba Road.

##### e. Property Development

Council's property development function competes with other private land developers in Dubbo in the development of both industrial and residential land for purchase. The surplus on disposal of land is disclosed in the Income Statement of the Business Activities as operating revenue. In the General Purpose Financial Statements this is disclosed as gain/(loss) on disposal of assets.

#### Category 2

(where gross operating revenue is less than \$2 million)

##### a. Rainbow Cottage Childcare Centre

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## Note – Material accounting policy information (continued)

Rainbow Cottage Childcare Centre is located on Mitchell Street, Dubbo and provides day care for children aged between 0 and 5 years. Several other childcare facilities operate within Dubbo and Rainbow Cottage is in direct competition with these centres.

### Taxation equivalent charges

Council is liable to pay various taxes and financial duties. Where this is the case, they are disclosed as a cost of operations just like all other costs. However, where Council does not pay some taxes, which are generally paid by private sector businesses, such as income tax, these equivalent tax payments have been applied to all Council-nominated business activities and are reflected in special purpose financial statements. For the purposes of disclosing comparative information relevant to the private sector equivalent, the following taxation equivalents have been applied to all Council-nominated business activities (this does not include Council's non-business activities):

#### Notional rate applied (%)

Corporate income tax rate – 25% (23/24 25%)

Land tax – the first \$1,075,000 of combined land values attracts 0%. For the combined land values in excess of \$1,075,000 up to \$6,571,000 the rate is \$100 + 1.6%. For the remaining combined land value that exceeds \$6,571,000 a premium marginal rate of 2.0% applies.

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

In accordance with DCCEEW's regulatory and assurance framework, a payment for the amount calculated as the annual tax equivalent charges (excluding income tax) must be paid from water supply and sewerage business activities.

The payment of taxation equivalent charges, referred to in the regulatory and assurance framework as a 'dividend for taxation equivalent', may be applied for any purpose allowed under the Act.

Achievement of substantial compliance to DCCEEW's regulatory and assurance framework is not a prerequisite for the payment of the tax equivalent charges; however the payment must not exceed \$3 per assessment.

### Income tax

An income tax equivalent has been applied on the profits of the business activities. Whilst income tax is not a specific cost for the purpose of pricing a good or service, it needs to be taken into account in terms of assessing the rate of return required on capital invested. Accordingly, the return on capital invested is set at a pre-tax level – gain/(loss) from ordinary activities before capital amounts, as would be applied by a private sector competitor. That is, it should include a provision equivalent to the relevant corporate income tax rate, currently 25% (22/23 25%).

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

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

### Local government rates and charges

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

### Loan and debt guarantee fees

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

#### (i) Subsidies

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

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**Note – Material accounting policy information (continued)**

**(ii) Return on investments (rate of return)**

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

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

As a minimum, business activities should generate a return equal to the Commonwealth 10 year bond rate which is 4.24% at 30 June 2024.

**(iii) Dividends**

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

A local government water supply and sewerage business is permitted to pay annual dividends from their water supply or sewerage business surpluses. Each dividend must be calculated and approved in accordance with section 4 of DPE – Water's regulatory and assurance framework and must not exceed 50% of the relevant surplus in any one year, or the number of water supply or sewerage assessments at 30 June 2024 multiplied by \$30 (less the payment for tax equivalent charges, not exceeding \$3 per assessment).

In accordance with section 4 of DPE – Water's regulatory and assurance framework, statement of compliance and statement of dividend payment, dividend payment form and unqualified independent financial audit report are submitted to DPE – Water.

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**Special Purpose Financial Statements**  
for the year ended 30 June 2024

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# Dubbo Regional Council

SPECIAL SCHEDULES  
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Dubbo Regional Council

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**Permissible income for general rates**

\$ '000	Notes	Calculation 2023/24	Calculation 2024/25
<b>Notional general income calculation <sup>1</sup></b>			
Last year notional general income yield	a	41,210	43,309
Plus or minus adjustments <sup>2</sup>	b	634	415
<b>Notional general income</b>	c = a + b	<b>41,844</b>	<b>43,724</b>
<b>Permissible income calculation</b>			
Percentage increase	d	3.70%	5.00%
Plus percentage increase amount <sup>3</sup>	f = d x (c + e)	1,548	2,186
<b>Sub-total</b>	g = (c + e + f)	<b>43,392</b>	<b>45,910</b>
Plus (or minus) last year's carry forward total	h	5	88
<b>Sub-total</b>	j = (h + i)	<b>5</b>	<b>88</b>
<b>Total permissible income</b>	k = g + j	<b>43,397</b>	<b>45,998</b>
Less notional general income yield	l	43,309	45,935
<b>Catch-up or (excess) result</b>	m = k - l	<b>88</b>	<b>63</b>
<b>Carry forward to next year <sup>4</sup></b>	p = m + n + o	<b>88</b>	<b>63</b>

**Notes**

- (1) The notional general income will not reconcile with rate income in the financial statements in the corresponding year. The statements are reported on an accrual accounting basis which include amounts that relate to prior years' rates income.
- (2) Adjustments account for changes in the number of assessments and any increase or decrease in land value occurring during the year. The adjustments are called 'supplementary valuations' as defined in the *Valuation of Land Act 1916 (NSW)*.
- (3) The 'percentage increase' is inclusive of the rate-peg percentage, and/or special variation and/or Crown land adjustment (where applicable).
- (4) Carry-forward amounts which are in excess (an amount that exceeds the permissible income) require Ministerial approval by order published in the *NSW Government Gazette* in accordance with section 512 of the Act. The OLG will extract these amounts from Council's Permissible income for general rates Statement in the financial data return (FDR) to administer this process.

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Report on infrastructure assets as at 30 June 2024

Asset Class	Asset Category	Estimated cost to bring assets to satisfactory standard		2023/24 Required maintenance	2023/24 Actual maintenance	Net carrying amount	Gross replacement cost (GRC)	Assets in condition as a percentage of gross replacement cost					
		to agreed level of service set by Council	to bring assets to satisfactory standard	\$ '000	\$ '000			\$ '000	\$ '000	1	2	3	4
Buildings	Non-specialised and Specialised buildings		14,022	14,022	7,007	1,093	174,145	302,882	61.5%	15.4%	17.9%	3.2%	2.0%
	<b>Sub-total</b>		<b>14,022</b>	<b>14,022</b>	<b>7,007</b>	<b>1,093</b>	<b>174,145</b>	<b>302,882</b>	<b>61.5%</b>	<b>15.4%</b>	<b>17.9%</b>	<b>3.2%</b>	<b>2.0%</b>
Other structures	Other structures		8,342	8,342	3,442	1,424	112,374	209,793	38.8%	45.4%	9.9%	5.2%	0.7%
	<b>Sub-total</b>		<b>8,342</b>	<b>8,342</b>	<b>3,442</b>	<b>1,424</b>	<b>112,374</b>	<b>209,793</b>	<b>38.8%</b>	<b>45.4%</b>	<b>9.9%</b>	<b>5.2%</b>	<b>0.7%</b>
Roads	Roads including Bulk earthworks, Sealed roads, Unsealed roads, Bridges and Footpaths		50,706	50,706	28,968	30,621	1,332,698	1,836,364	54.4%	28.8%	13.2%	3.4%	0.2%
	<b>Sub-total</b>		<b>50,706</b>	<b>50,706</b>	<b>28,968</b>	<b>30,621</b>	<b>1,332,698</b>	<b>1,836,364</b>	<b>54.4%</b>	<b>28.8%</b>	<b>13.2%</b>	<b>3.4%</b>	<b>0.2%</b>
Water supply network	Water supply network		38,366	38,366	10,028	11,858	351,086	515,258	68.1%	10.7%	12.8%	4.7%	3.7%
	<b>Sub-total</b>		<b>38,366</b>	<b>38,366</b>	<b>10,028</b>	<b>11,858</b>	<b>351,086</b>	<b>515,258</b>	<b>68.1%</b>	<b>10.7%</b>	<b>12.8%</b>	<b>4.7%</b>	<b>3.7%</b>
Sewerage network	Sewerage network		40,158	40,158	11,446	4,543	266,243	444,980	40.7%	30.8%	18.5%	6.2%	3.8%
	<b>Sub-total</b>		<b>40,158</b>	<b>40,158</b>	<b>11,446</b>	<b>4,543</b>	<b>266,243</b>	<b>444,980</b>	<b>40.7%</b>	<b>30.8%</b>	<b>18.5%</b>	<b>6.2%</b>	<b>3.8%</b>
Stormwater drainage	Stormwater drainage		5,231	5,231	1,756	166	157,721	217,268	53.0%	35.3%	6.7%	4.4%	0.6%
	<b>Sub-total</b>		<b>5,231</b>	<b>5,231</b>	<b>1,756</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>157,721</b>	<b>217,268</b>	<b>53.0%</b>	<b>35.3%</b>	<b>6.7%</b>	<b>4.4%</b>	<b>0.6%</b>
Open space / recreational assets	Swimming pools		678	678	633	73	5,489	8,395	45.8%	1.0%	50.5%	2.7%	0.0%
	<b>Sub-total</b>		<b>678</b>	<b>678</b>	<b>633</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>5,489</b>	<b>8,395</b>	<b>45.8%</b>	<b>1.0%</b>	<b>50.5%</b>	<b>2.7%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Total – all assets</b>			<b>157,503</b>	<b>157,503</b>	<b>63,280</b>	<b>49,778</b>	<b>2,399,756</b>	<b>3,534,940</b>	<b>54.2%</b>	<b>26.6%</b>	<b>13.7%</b>	<b>4.1%</b>	<b>1.4%</b>

Infrastructure asset condition assessment 'key'

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



**Dubbo Regional Council**

**Report on infrastructure assets as at 30 June 2024**

**Infrastructure asset performance indicators (consolidated) \***

<b>\$ '000</b>	<b>Amounts 2024</b>	<b>Indicator 2024</b>	<b>Indicators 2023      2022</b>		<b>Benchmark</b>
<b>Buildings and infrastructure renewals ratio</b>					
Asset renewals <sup>1</sup>	<b>18,764</b>	<b>36.44%</b>	30.27%	44.78%	> 100.00%
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment	<b>51,493</b>				
<b>Infrastructure backlog ratio</b>					
Estimated cost to bring assets to a satisfactory standard	<b>157,503</b>	<b>6.33%</b>	6.30%	22.93%	< 2.00%
Net carrying amount of infrastructure assets	<b>2,488,181</b>				
<b>Asset maintenance ratio</b>					
Actual asset maintenance	<b>49,778</b>	<b>78.66%</b>	100.00%	100.66%	> 100.00%
Required asset maintenance	<b>63,280</b>				
<b>Cost to bring assets to agreed service level</b>					
Estimated cost to bring assets to an agreed service level set by Council	<b>157,503</b>	<b>4.46%</b>	4.48%	17.85%	
Gross replacement cost	<b>3,534,940</b>				

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

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

## Dubbo Regional Council

## Report on infrastructure assets as at 30 June 2024

## Infrastructure asset performance indicators (by fund)

\$ '000	General fund		Water fund		Sewer fund		Benchmark
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	
<b>Buildings and infrastructure renewals ratio</b>							
Asset renewals <sup>1</sup>	46.32%	40.82%	1.66%	0.00%	12.11%	0.00%	> 100.00%
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment							
<b>Infrastructure backlog ratio</b>							
Estimated cost to bring assets to a satisfactory standard	4.22%	4.21%	10.93%	10.54%	15.08%	15.52%	< 2.00%
Net carrying amount of infrastructure assets							
<b>Asset maintenance ratio</b>							
Actual asset maintenance	79.84%	100.00%	118.25%	100.00%	39.69%	100.00%	> 100.00%
Required asset maintenance							
<b>Cost to bring assets to agreed service level</b>							
Estimated cost to bring assets to an agreed service level set by Council	3.07%	3.08%	7.45%	7.31%	9.02%	9.35%	
Gross replacement cost							

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



## REPORT: Land Classification - Lot 530 Deposited Plan 1303733 - Holmwood Drive, Dubbo

**DIVISION:** Organisational Performance  
**REPORT DATE:** 22 August 2024  
**TRIM REFERENCE:** ID24/1742

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

<b>Purpose</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fulfil legislated requirement</li> </ul>	
<b>Issue</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Under s31 of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> (Act), Council must classify land within three months of acquisition.</li> <li>Council was gifted Lot 530 on DP1303733 (Property) on 26 June 2024 by a developer. The Property was gifted to Council for drainage purposes but will also be encumbered by an electrical infrastructure easement.</li> <li>It is recommended that Council classify the Property as operational land to enable operational actions to be undertaken over the Property.</li> </ul>	
<b>Reasoning</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Classifying the Property as operational land will facilitate Council's ability to fulfill its objectives for the use of the Property.</li> </ul>	
<b>Financial Implications</b>	Budget Area	There are no budget implications.
	Funding Source	Not Applicable
<b>Policy Implications</b>	Policy Title	There are no policy implications.
	Impact on Policy	Nil
<b>Consultation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Infrastructure Strategy and Design branch</li> <li>Infrastructure Delivery branch</li> <li>Open Space and Recreation branch</li> </ul>	Telephone attendances and meetings.

### STRATEGIC DIRECTION

The Towards 2040 Community Strategic Plan is a vision for the development of the region out to the year 2040. The Plan includes six principal themes and a number of objectives and strategies. This report is aligned to:

Theme: 2 Infrastructure

CSP Objective: 2.2 Infrastructure meets the current and future needs of our

community  
Delivery Program Strategy: 2.2.3 Urban drainage systems meet the needs of the community

**RECOMMENDATION**

- 1. That Council classifies Lot 530 on DP1303733 as operational land for the purposes of the *Local Government Act 1993*.**
- 2. That the Chief Executive Officer execute all documentation necessary to complete the classification of Lot 530 on DP1303733 as operational land under his Temporary Power of Attorney.**

*Jane Bassingthwaite*  
Director Organisational Performance

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Property and Land Officer

## BACKGROUND

### Land Classification

Under s31 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (Act), any land owned by the Council must be classified as either community land or operational land. The classification must occur within three months of acquisition of land.

If Council does not resolve, by Council resolution, to classify land within three months of acquisition, the land would, by default, become classified as community land.

### Property

Lot 530 on DP1303733 (Property) is identified in **Figure 1** below.



**Figure 1: Lot 530 on DP1303733**

The Property was gifted to Council as a drainage reserve, with an electrical easement encumbering most of the Property. **Figure 2** depicts the Property within DP1303733.

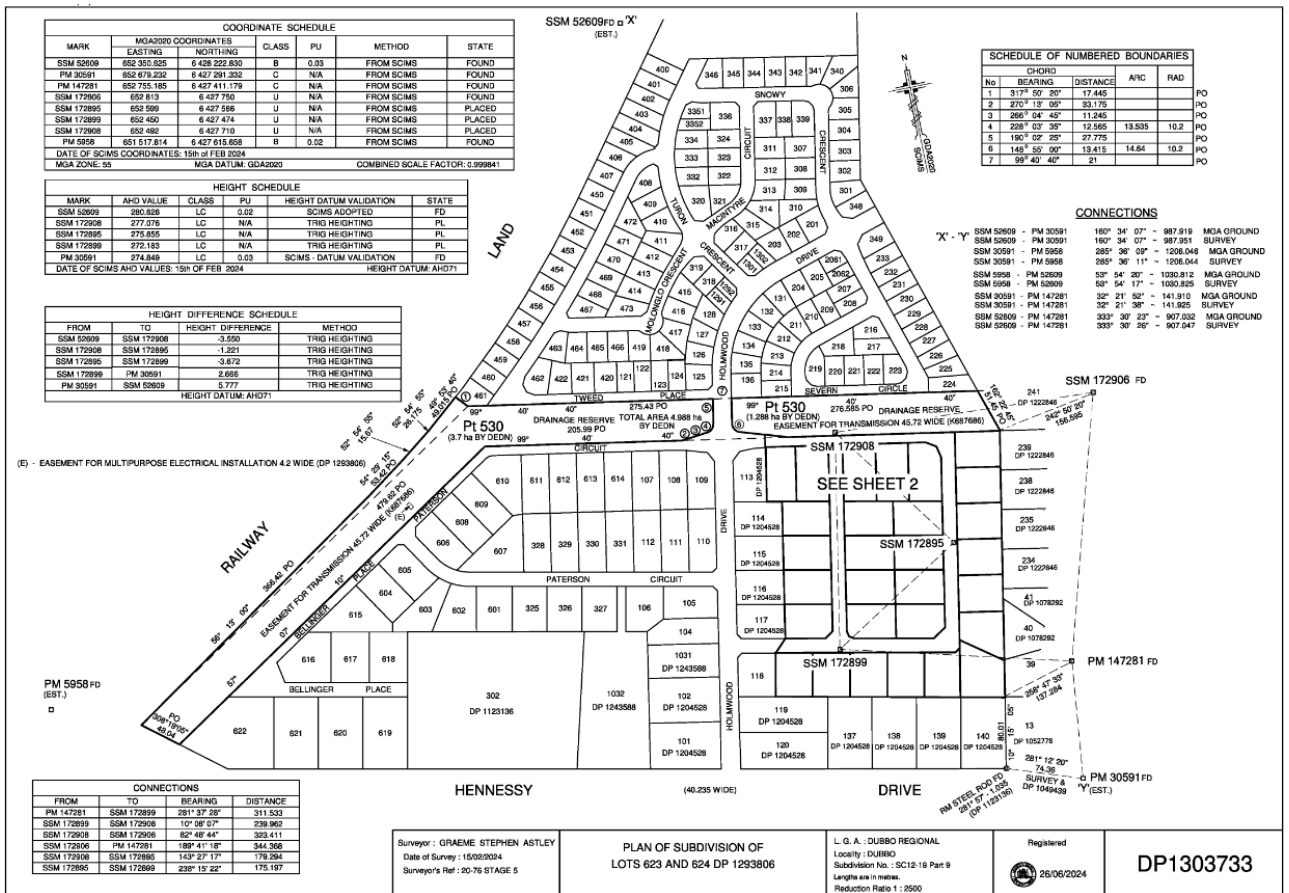


Figure 2: DP1303733

### Stakeholder Consultation and Advice

The Property contains essential drainage infrastructure, footpath and open space assets that have an operational need to provide continual and uninterrupted service to the surrounding community. To ensure ongoing service is provided to the community, the infrastructure and assets contained within the Property may need to be augmented, redesigned, or reconstructed throughout the life of the asset. The Property also adjoins other essential road, footpath and drainage infrastructure that are subject to a broader strategy, the outcomes of which may result in the need to adjust boundaries and redesign infrastructure to meet strategic objectives.

If the Property, being a separate parcel, was to be classified as community land, the above-listed activities may be delayed as a separate Plan of Management would be required to allow the works to be undertaken.

It is not considered appropriate for the Property to be classified as community land but rather operational land.

### Ownership

On 26 June 2024, NSW Land Registry Services (NSWLRS) issued a title vesting the Property in Council's name as, inter-alia, drainage reserve.

## REPORT

### Consultation

The following branches of Council were consulted, and no concerns were raised with the proposal to classify the Property as operational land:

- Infrastructure Strategy and Design branch;
- Infrastructure Delivery branch; and
- Open Space and Recreation branch.

### Resourcing Implications

- Nil.

### Planned Communications

In accordance with s34 of the Act, Council must give public notice of a proposal to classify, or reclassify, public land. The notice must provide for a period of not less than 28 days during which submissions can be made to Council.

It is proposed to publish notification of the classification of the Property on Council's website at the YourSay webpage, as well as on the Public Notices page starting on or after 14 September 2024 and expiring 28 days later.

### Timeframe

Key Date	Explanation
5 September 2024	Council Resolution.
14 September 2024	Publish notification in the Daily Liberal's Council Column.
14 September 2024	Publish notification on Council's website at the YourSay page.
14 October 2024	28-day period closes.