



Strathbogie Shire Council

Budget Report - 2015/2016

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Mayor's introduction

It gives me great pleasure to present this Budget to the community of Strathbogie Shire.

We will increase rates by 4.0 percent in the 2015/16 financial year. This level allows us to maintain existing service levels, fund a number of new initiatives and continue to address Council's infrastructure renewal demands.

Improved waste management practices will be introduced in 2015/16, enabling the separate collection of organic waste for conversion to reusable compostible material. This process will significantly reduce the amount of waste going to landfill, delivering long-term environmental and economic benefits.

The new system, which is in line with best practice waste management methodology, will require the introduction of an additional bin for the collection of organic waste and changes to the collection schedule for existing recyclable and non-recyclable household waste.

The new waste management system will be the the subject of a broad community education program, explaining the waste collection and treatment regimes and the new cost structures. The education program will be be run simultaneously and in conjunction with the budget process.

The total Capital Works program will be \$7.82 million.

Highlights of the Capital Works program include:

- Buildings program \$0.69 million
- Roads program \$3.67 million
- Bridges program \$1.30 million
- Plant & Machinery \$0.77 million
- Information systems \$0.25 million
- Footpaths \$0.14 million
- Drainage \$0.44 million

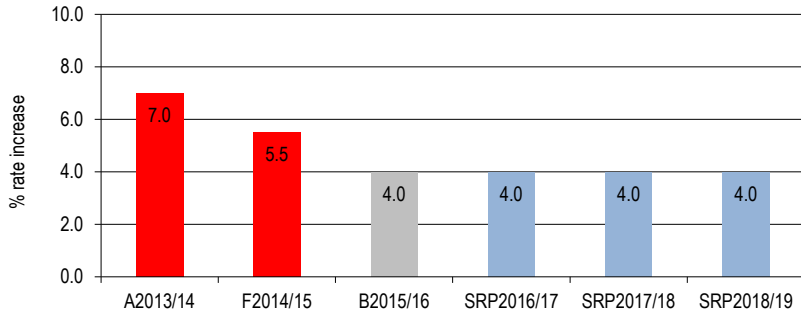
This budget was developed through a rigorous process of consultation and review and Council endorses it as financially responsible.

Cr Debra Swan
Mayor

Chief Executive Officer's summary

Council has prepared a Budget for the 2015/16 financial year which seeks to balance the demand for services and infrastructure with the community's capacity to pay. Key budget information is provided below about the rate increase, operating result, services, cash and investments, capital works, financial position, financial sustainability and strategic objectives of the Council.

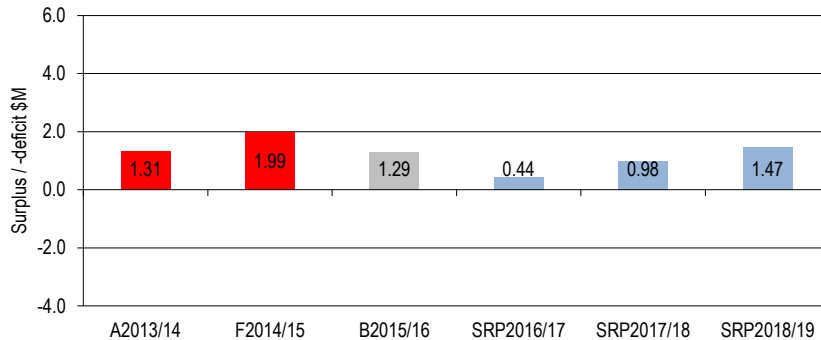
1. Rates & Charges



A = Actual F = Forecast B = Budget SRP = Strategic Resource Plan estimates

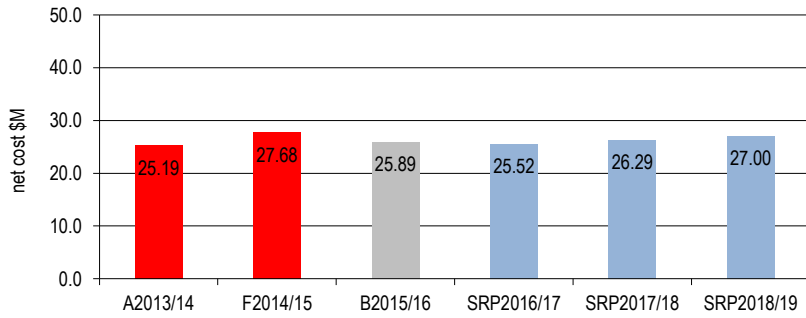
It is proposed that general rates increase by 4.0% for the 2015/16 year, raising total rates & charges of \$17.03 million, including an estimated \$0.13 million from supplementary rates. The 4.0% increase enables maintenance of existing service levels and meets the cost of a number of external influences affecting the operating budget including a \$0.15 million reduction in the Victorian Grants Commission allocation, and discontinuation of the \$1.0 million State Government Roads & Bridges program. The rates increase also enables Council to maintain its strong emphasis on infrastructure renewal. This rate increase is in line with the level foreshadowed in Council's Strategic Resource Plan adopted in the previous year. (The rate increase for the 2014/15 year was 5.5%).

2. Operating result



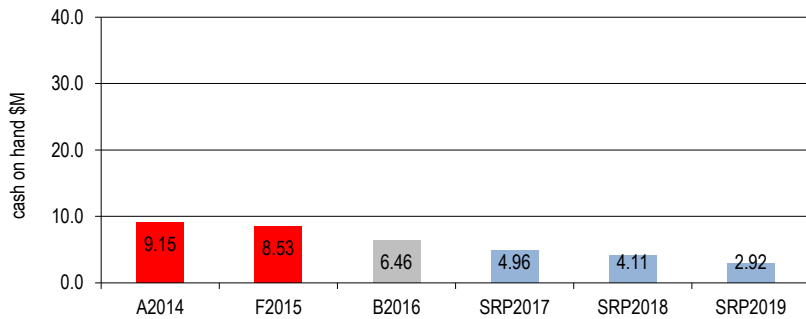
The expected operating result for the 2015/16 year is a surplus of \$1.29 million, which is decrease of \$0.70 million on 2014/15. The adjusted underlying result, which excludes items such as non-recurrent capital grants and non-cash contributions is a surplus of \$0.90 million, which is a decrease of \$0.14 million over 2014/15 - refer to section 4 of this summary for further information. (The forecast operating result for the 2014/15 year is a surplus of \$1.99 million).

3. Services



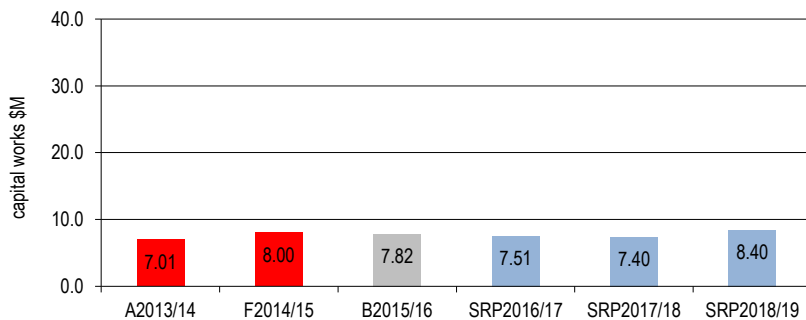
The net cost of services delivered to the community for the 2015/16 year is expected to be \$25.89 million which is a decrease of \$1.79 million over 2014/15. For the 2015/16 year, service levels generally have been maintained and a number of initiatives proposed. It should be noted however that the delivery of Home Care services by Council will be discontinued in 2015/16. The discontinuation of these services has significantly reduced both Council revenue and expenditure. The Department of Human Services is currently in the process of securing a new provider for these services. (The forecast net cost for the 2014/15 year is \$27.68 million).

4. Cash and investments



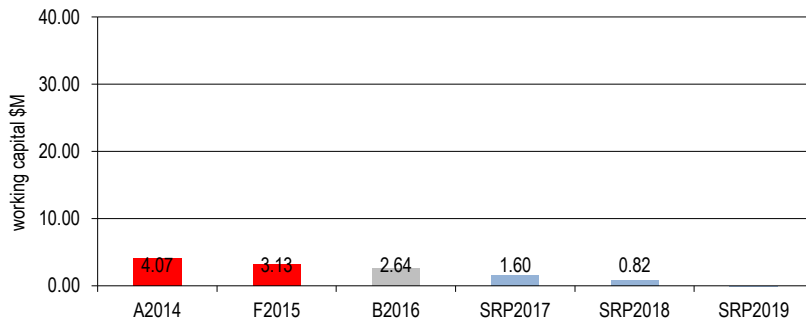
Cash and investments are expected to decrease by \$2.07 million during the year to \$6.46 million as at 30 June 2016. (Cash and investments are forecast to be \$8.53 million as at 30 June 2015).

5. Capital works



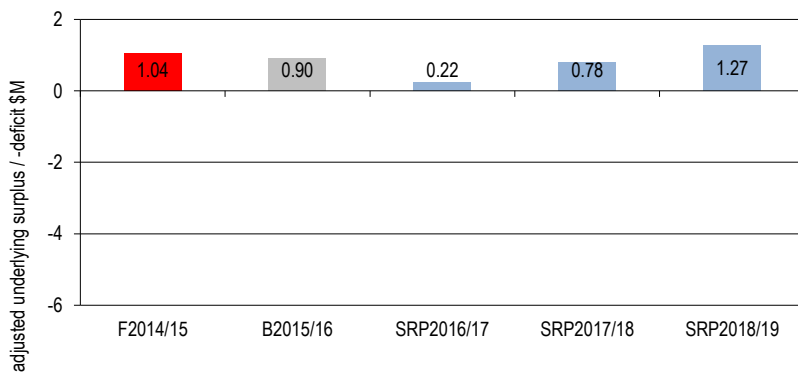
The capital works program for the 2015/16 year is expected to be \$7.82 million. Of the \$7.82 million of capital funding required, \$2.93 million will come from external grants with the balance of \$4.89 million from Council cash. The Council cash amount comprises asset sales (\$0.97 million) and cash generated through operations (\$3.92 million). The capital expenditure program has been set and prioritised based on a rigorous process that has enabled Council to assess needs and develop sound business cases for each project. Council has maintained its strong focus on the strategic investment in infrastructure renewal. (Capital works is forecast to be \$8.00 million for the 2014/15 year).

6. Financial position



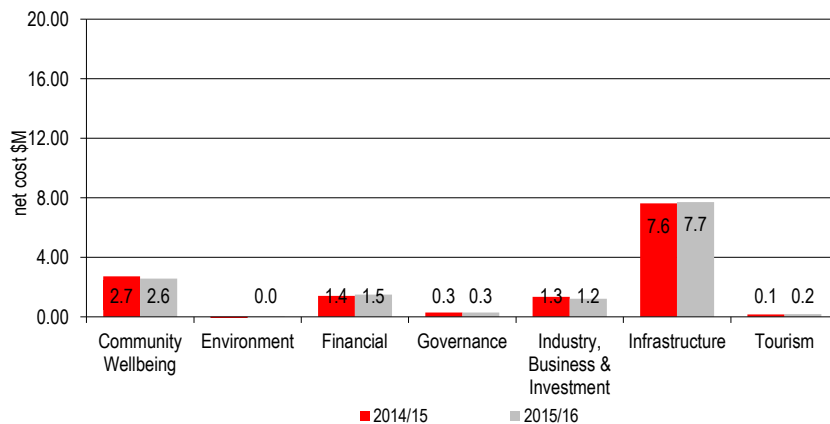
The financial position is expected to improve with net assets (net worth) to increase by \$1.30 million to \$238.22 million although net current assets (working capital) will reduce by \$0.49 million to \$2.64 million as at 30 June 2016. (Total equity is forecast to be \$236.92 million as at 30 June 2015).

7. Financial sustainability



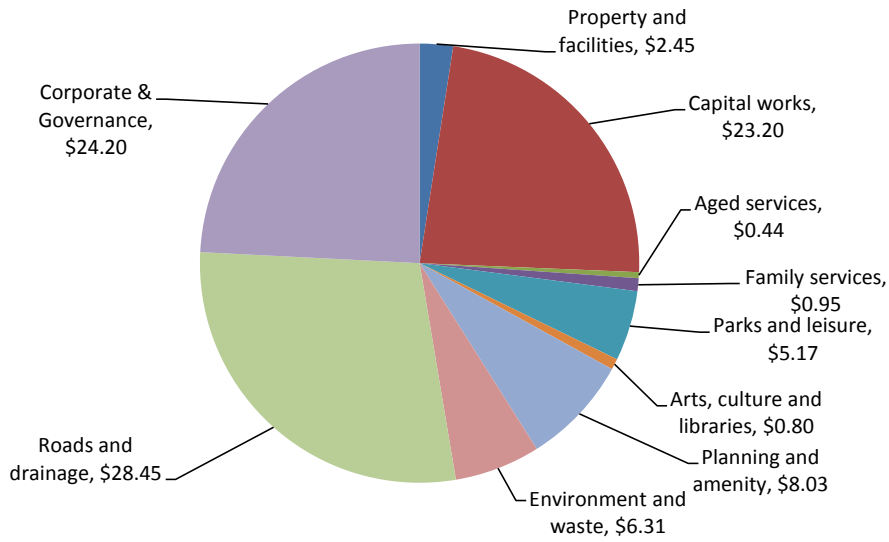
A high level Strategic Resource Plan for the years 2015/16 to 2018/19 has been developed to assist Council in adopting a budget within a longer term prudent financial framework. The key objective of the Plan is financial sustainability in the medium to long term, while still achieving the Council's strategic objectives as specified in the Council Plan. The adjusted underlying result, which is a measure of financial sustainability, shows continuing surpluses over the four year period.

8. Strategic objectives



The Annual Budget includes a range of services and initiatives to be funded that will contribute to achieving the strategic objectives specified in the Council Plan. The above graph shows the level of funding allocated in the budget to achieve the strategic objectives as set out in the Council Plan for the 2015/16 year.

9. Council expenditure allocations



The above chart provides an indication of how Council allocates its expenditure across the main services that it delivers. It shows how much is allocated to each service area for every \$100 that Council spends.

This budget has been developed through a rigorous process of consultation and review and management endorses it as financially responsible. More detailed budget information is available throughout this document.

Steve Crawcour
Chief Executive Officer

Budget processes

This section lists the budget processes to be undertaken in order to adopt the Budget in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1989* (the Act) and *Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014* (the Regulations).

Under the Act, Council is required to prepare and adopt an annual budget for each financial year. The budget is required to include certain information about the rates and charges that Council intends to levy as well as a range of other information required by the Regulations which support the Act.

The 2015/16 budget, which is included in this report, is for the year 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016 and is prepared in accordance with the Act and Regulations. The budget includes financial statements being a Comprehensive Income Statement, Balance Sheet, Statement of Changes in Equity, Statement of Cash Flows and Statement of Capital Works. These statements have been prepared for the year ended 30 June 2016 in accordance with the Act and Regulations, and consistent with the annual financial statements which are prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards. The budget also includes information about the rates and charges to be levied, the capital works program to be undertaken, the human resources required, and other financial information Council requires in order to make an informed decision about the adoption of the budget.

In advance of preparing the budget, Officers firstly review and update Council's long term financial projections. Financial projections for at least four years are ultimately included in Council's Strategic Resource Plan, which is the key medium-term financial plan produced by Council on a rolling basis. The preparation of the budget, within this broader context, begins with Officers preparing the operating and capital components of the annual budget during January and February. A draft consolidated budget is then prepared and various iterations are considered by Council at informal briefings during March and April. A 'proposed' budget is prepared in accordance with the Act and submitted to Council in May for approval 'in principle'. Council is then required to give 'public notice' that it intends to 'adopt' the budget. It must give 28 days notice of its intention to adopt the proposed budget and make the budget available for inspection at its offices and on its web site. A person has a right to make a submission on any proposal contained in the budget and any submission must be considered before adoption of the budget by Council.

To assist interested persons to understand the budget and make a submission if they wish, Council officers undertake a community engagement process including public information sessions, focus groups and other techniques. The final step is for Council to adopt the budget after receiving and considering any submissions from interested parties. The budget is required to be adopted by 30 June and a copy submitted to the Minister within 28 days after adoption. The key dates for the budget process are summarised below:

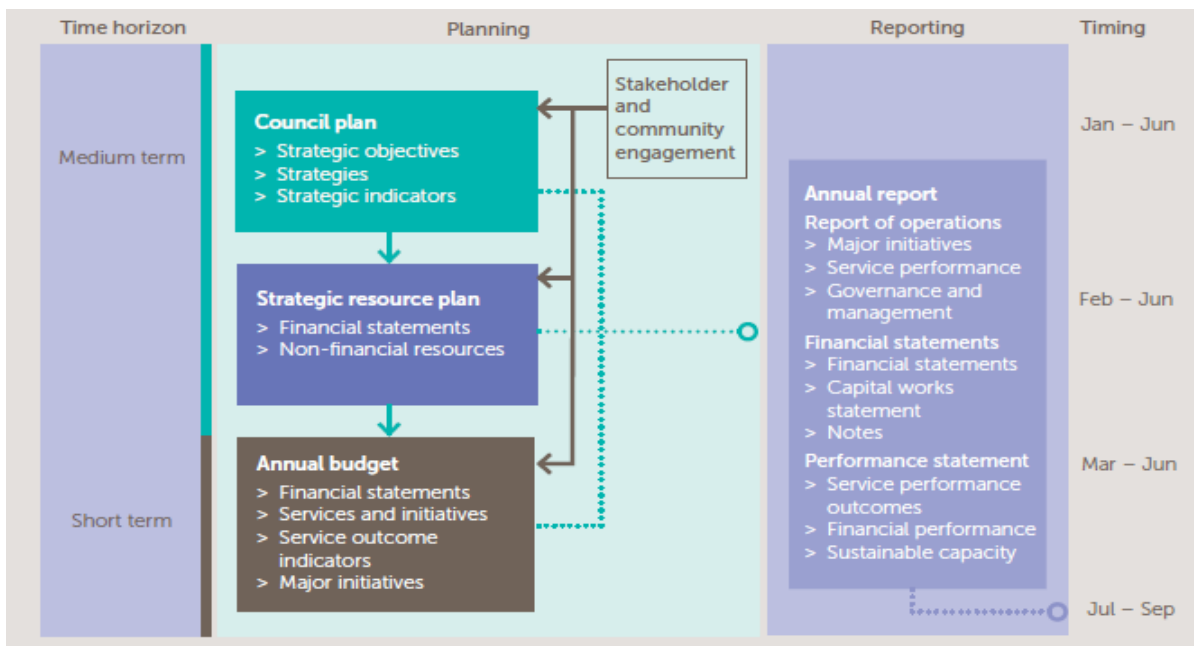
Budget process	Timing
1. Officers update Council's long term financial projections	Nov/Dec
2. Officers prepare operating and capital budgets	Nov/Dec
3. Councillors consider draft budgets at informal briefings	Feb/Mar
4. Proposed budget submitted to Council for approval	Mar
5. Public notice advising intention to adopt budget	Apr
6. Budget available for public inspection and comment	Apr
7. Public submission process undertaken	May
8. Submissions period closes (28 days)	May
9. Submissions considered by Council/Committee	May
10. Budget and submissions presented to Council for adoption	June
11. Copy of adopted budget submitted to the Minister	June
12. Revised budget where a material change has arisen	Sep-Jun

1. Linkage to the Council Plan

This section describes how the Annual Budget links to the achievement of the Council Plan within an overall planning framework. This framework guides the Council in identifying community needs and aspirations over the long term, medium term (Council Plan) and short term (Annual Budget) and then holding itself accountable (Audited Statements).

1.1 Planning and accountability framework

The Strategic Resource Plan, included in the Council Plan, summarises the financial and non-financial impacts of the objectives and strategies and determines the sustainability of these objectives and strategies. The Annual Budget is then framed within the Strategic Resource Plan, taking into account the services and initiatives included in the Annual Budget which contribute to achieving the strategic objectives specified in the Council Plan. The diagram below depicts the planning and accountability framework that applies to local government in Victoria.



Source: Department of Transport, Planning and Local Infrastructure

The timing of each component of the planning framework is critical to the successful achievement of the planned outcomes. The Council Plan, including the Strategic Resource Plan, is required to be completed by 30 June following a general election and is reviewed each year in advance of the commencement of the Annual Budget process.

1.2 Our Purpose

Our Vision:

“A Shire that drives and supports investment for population growth, shared wealth and wellbeing.”

Our Mission:

“To actively consult with community, investors and industry through advocacy and collaboration; delivering quality infrastructure, lifestyle and sustainable economic and community development.”

Our Guiding Principles:

Councillors and staff at Strathbogie Shire Council are committed to the following principles (values) as a guide to all its decisions and actions:

Good Governance – We value innovation, integrity, accountability, strength, and consistency in leadership and decision making with adherence to robust, transparent and equitable policies and processes.

Working together – We value the ability to maximise outcomes by working in partnership and collaboration with an engaged community, government, regional bodies and other stakeholders.

Quality Services – We value the role of research, strategic planning, flexibility and innovation in delivering accessible and effective services and regional solutions that enhance the quality of life.

Social Inclusion – We value widespread participation in civic and community life among people of all abilities and backgrounds.

Environment – We value the shire’s natural and built environment and the importance of local amenity on quality of life.

Stability – We value sound financial and resource planning and management to ensure Council’s long term sustainability and provision of quality services and infrastructure.

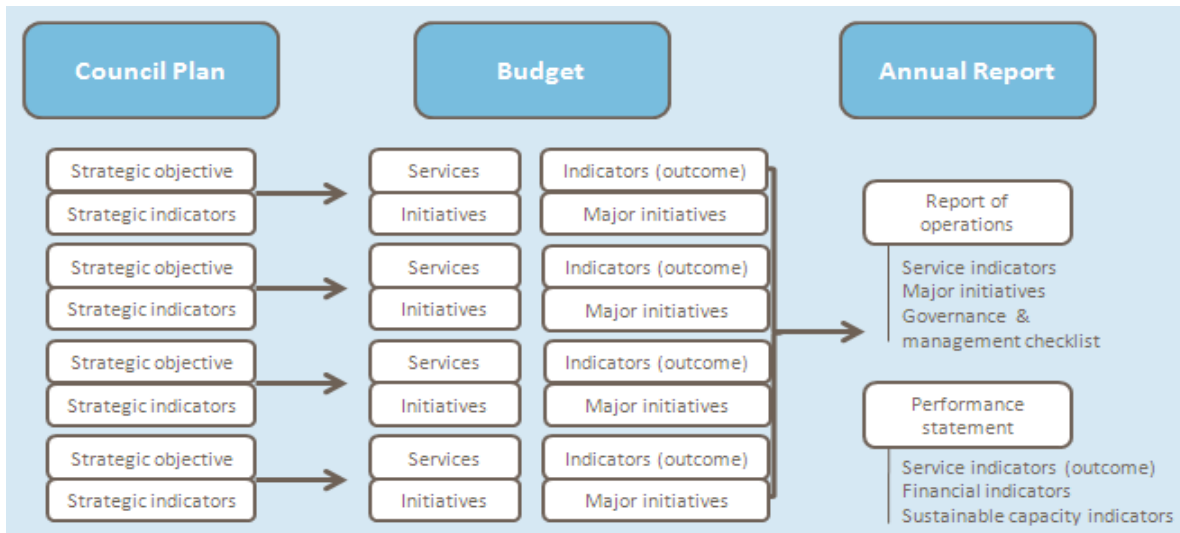
1.3 Strategic objectives

Council delivers activities and initiatives under various service categories. Each contributes to the achievement of one of the seven Strategic Objectives as set out in the Council Plan for the 2013-17 years. The following table lists the seven Strategic Objectives as described in the Council Plan.

Strategic Objective	Description
1. Community Wellbeing	Plan, support and / or deliver a broad range of responsive and accessible services to our diverse community.
2. Environment	Continue to protect and enhance the natural and built environment for current and future generations.
3. Financial	Provide best practice management and administrative systems and structures to support the delivery of Council services and programs.
4. Governance	Provide all our stakeholders with consistent and timely decision making.
5. Industry, Business and Investment	Pursue opportunities to increase the range of businesses and industries in the Shire to further strengthen our economy.
6. Infrastructure	Provide well maintained, affordable and appropriate infrastructure.
7. Tourism and Hospitality	Ensure a coordinated and effective approach to economic and tourism development is maintained at all times.

2. Activities, initiatives and service performance indicators

This section provides a description of the services and initiatives to be funded in the Budget for the 2015/16 year and how these will contribute to achieving the strategic objectives outlined in the Council Plan. It also describes a number of major initiatives, initiatives and service performance outcome indicators for key areas of Council's operations. Council is required by legislation to identify initiatives, major initiatives and service performance outcome indicators in the Budget and report against them in their Annual Report to support transparency and accountability. The relationship between these accountability requirements in the Council Plan, the Budget and the Annual Report is shown below.



To achieve our objective of Advocacy and Leadership, we will continue to plan, deliver and improve high quality, cost effective, accessible and responsive services. The services, and service performance indicators for each business area are described below.

2.1 Strategic Objective 1: Community Wellbeing

Plan, support and / or deliver a broad range of responsive and accessible services to our diverse community.

Services

Business area	Description of services provided	Expenditure (Revenue) Net Cost \$
Environmental Health	This service protects the community's health and well-being by coordinating food safety support programs, Tobacco Act activities, immunisation programs and public health promotions. The service also works to rectify any public health concerns relating to unreasonable noise emissions, housing standards and pest controls.	212,200 <u>(90,400)</u> 121,800
Libraries and Arts	This service provides public library services at three locations and a community cinema in Euroa. It provides a customer focused service that caters for the cultural, educational and recreational needs of residents and provides a focal point for the community where they can meet, relax and enjoy the facilities and services offered.	269,000 <u>(35,300)</u> 233,700
Community Grants and Recreational Planning	This service provides funding for the development of community facilities and activities	219,700 <u>(2,500)</u> 217,200
Maternal and Child Health	This service provides family oriented, visiting and centre based maternal and child health services.	158,300 <u>(107,500)</u> 50,800
Youth Services	This service provides youth facilities and a range of recreation and education based youth activities. Programs include Freeza, National Youth Week and L2P driving experience.	162,500 <u>(53,500)</u> 109,000
Aged and Disabled Community Care and Support	This service provides a range of home and community care services for the aged and disabled including home delivered meals, personal care, transport, dementia care, home maintenance, housing support and senior citizen clubs.	146,900 <u>(37,800)</u> 109,100
Street Lighting	This service enhances public safety and community access by providing street lighting in urban areas.	134,400 0 134,400
Parks and Reserves	This service is responsible for the management, maintenance and safety of parks and gardens, sporting grounds and playground facilities.	1,523,600 <u>(172,100)</u> 1,351,500
Emergency Services	This service includes financial assistance for the SES service, fire prevention activities and flood risk planning and mitigation.	311,200 <u>(69,700)</u> 241,500

2.1 Strategic Objective 1: Community Wellbeing

Service Performance Outcome Indicators

Service	Indicator	Performance Measure	Computation
Libraries and Arts	Participation	Active library members (Percentage of the municipal population that are active library members)	[Number of active library members / municipal population] x100
Aged and Disabled Community Care and Support	Participation	Participation in HACC service (Percentage of the municipal target population that receive a HACC service)	[Number of people that received a HACC service / Municipal target population for HACC services] x100
Aged and Disabled Community Care and Support	Participation	Participation in HACC service by CALD people (Percentage of the municipal target population in relation to CALD people that receive a HACC service)	[Number of CALD people who receive a HACC service / Municipal target population in relation to CALD people for HACC services] x100
Maternal and Child Health	Participation	Participation in MCH key ages and stages visits (Percentage of children attending the MCH key ages and stages visits)	Number of actual MCH visits / Number of expected MCH visits] x100
Maternal and Child Health	Participation	Participation in MCH key ages and stages visits by Aboriginal children (Percentage of Aboriginal children attending the MCH key ages and stages visits)	[Number of actual MCH visits for Aboriginal children / Number of expected MCH visits for Aboriginal children] x100
Environmental Health	Health and safety	Critical and major non-compliance notifications (Percentage of critical and major non-compliance notifications that are followed up by Council)	[Number of critical non-compliance notifications and major non-compliance notifications about a food premises followed up / Number of critical non-compliance notifications and major non-compliance notifications about food premises] x100

2.2 Strategic Objective 2: Environment

To continue to protect and enhance the natural and built environment for current and future generations.

Services

Business area	Description of services provided	Expenditure (Revenue) Net Cost \$
Sustainability Management	Council is committed to responsible and sustainable management of the Shire's natural resources. Programs in this service area include Pests and Weeds program, Implementation of Council's environmental strategy and Carbon Footprint Assessment program.	19,100 0 19,100
Waste Management	This service includes kerbside garbage and recycling collections, transfer station operations and waste management of public areas. Waste management charges are calculated on a full cost recovery basis. The surplus of \$555,900 is absorbed by attributable overhead costs	2,106,600 (2,104,700) 1,900

Service Performance Outcome Indicators

Service	Indicator	Performance Measure	Computation
Waste Management	Waste diversion	Kerbside collection waste diverted from landfill (Percentage of garbage, recyclables and green organics collected from kerbside bins that is diverted from landfill)	[Weight of recyclables and green organics collected from kerbside bins / Weight of garbage, recyclables and green organics collected from kerbside bins] x100

2.3 Strategic Objective 3: Financial

Provide best practice management and administrative systems and structures to support the delivery of Council services and programs.

Services

Business area	Description of services provided	Expenditure (Revenue) Net Cost \$
Financial & Administration Services	This service area provides financial advice and support to the providers of all Council services, including budget preparation, long term financial planning, periodic reporting, processing of debtors and creditors, and statutory financial requirements, including FBT and GST reporting.	1,478,400 0 1,478,400

2.4 Strategic Objective 4: Governance

To provide all our stakeholders with consistent and timely decision making.

Services

Business area	Description of services provided	Expenditure (Revenue) Net Cost \$
Governance	This area of governance includes the Mayor, Councillors, Chief Executive Officer and other Executive Management costs which cannot be easily attributed to the direct service provision areas.	276,700 (2,400) 274,300

Service Performance Outcome Indicators

Service	Indicator	Performance Measure	Computation
Governance	Satisfaction	Satisfaction with Council decisions	Community satisfaction rating

2.5 Strategic Objective 5: Industry, Business and Investment

Pursue opportunities to increase the range of businesses and industries in the Shire to further strengthen our economy.

Services

Business area	Description of services provided	Expenditure (Revenue) Net Cost \$
Planning	This service area processes all planning applications, provides advice and makes decisions about development proposals which require a planning permit, as well as representing Council at the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal where necessary. It monitors the Council's Planning Scheme as well as preparing major policy documents shaping the future of the Shire. It also prepares and processes amendments to the Council Planning Scheme and carries out research on demographic, development, economic and social issues affecting Council.	1,005,900 <u>(79,300)</u> 926,600
Building	This service area provides statutory building services to the community including processing of building permits, emergency management responsibilities, fire safety inspections, audits of Council buildings and investigations of complaints and illegal works.	98,200 <u>(35,000)</u> 63,200
Grants	This service area researches grant funding opportunities for Council projects and programs and manages the associated application, monitoring and aquital processes.	114,100 <u>0</u> 114,100
Strategic Projects	This service area provides resources for key strategic projects which generally have longer term outcomes for the development of the Shire. These projects often involve partnerships with other tiers of government and are often supported by external funding.	122,400 <u>0</u> 122,400
Saleyards	This service area refers to the Euroa Saleyards. The saleyards operate on an approximately one sale per month basis.	190,900 <u>(206,000)</u> (15,100)

Service Performance Outcome Indicators

Service	Indicator	Performance Measure	Computation
Economic Development	Economic activity	Change in number of businesses (Percentage change in the number of businesses with an ABN in the municipality)	[Number of businesses with an ABN in the municipality at the end of the financial year less the number of businesses at the start of the financial year / Number of businesses with an ABN in the municipality at the start of the financial year] x100
Statutory planning	Decision making	Council planning decisions upheld at VCAT (Percentage of planning application decisions subject to review by VCAT and that were upheld in favour of the Council)	[Number of VCAT decisions that upheld Council's decision in relation to a planning application / Number of decisions in relation to planning applications subject to review by VCAT] x100
Animal Management	Health and safety	Animal management prosecutions (Number of successful animal management prosecutions)	Number of successful animal management prosecutions

2.6 Strategic Objective 6: Infrastructure

Provide well maintained, affordable and appropriate infrastructure.

Services

Business area	Description of services provided	Expenditure (Revenue)
		Net Cost \$
Municipal Buildings	This service area is responsible for the maintenance of Council owned and controlled buildings.	433,300 <u>(39,500)</u> 393,800
Swimming Pools and Beaches	Council operates outdoor pools in Euroa, Nagambie, Violet Town and Avenel.	394,200 <u>(15,300)</u> 378,900
Roads and Bridge Maintenance Operations	This service area is responsible for the maintenance of Council's roads and bridges network.	9,592,100 <u>(2,658,700)</u> 6,933,400

Service Performance Outcome Indicators

Service	Indicator	Performance Measure	Computation
Pool Facilities	Utilisation	Utilisation of pool facilities (The number of visits to pool facilities per head of municipal population)	Number of visits to pool facilities / Municipal population
Roads	Satisfaction	Satisfaction with sealed local roads (Community satisfaction rating out of 100 with how Council has performed on the condition of sealed local roads)	Community satisfaction rating out of 100 with how Council has performed on the condition of sealed local roads.

2.7 Strategic Objective 7: Tourism

Ensure a coordinated and effective approach to economic and tourism development is maintained at all times.

Services

Business area	Description of services provided	(Revenue) Net Cost \$
Boating Operations and Safety	Council is the boating authority for Nagambie Lakes. This service area provides patrol services, maintenance of boating infrastructure and support for on-water recreational activities.	128,900 <u>(50,200)</u> 78,700
Tourism	Strathbogie Shire has a high tourism profile with broad ranging attractions including, natural environment, water based activities, wineries events and festivals. This service area is responsible for promoting the area generally and supporting local tourism bodies and tourism related events.	113,100 <u>(10,000)</u> 103,100
Nagambie Lakes Regatta Centre Precinct	The Nagambie Lakes Regatta Centre is a major national rowing complex which conducts many high profile State and National championships. This service area provides support for the attraction, promotion and management of rowing and other water based events at the Regatta Centre.	193,900 <u>(53,000)</u> 140,900
Events	This service area provides support for the planning, promotion and management of community based events.	69,300 <u>0</u> 69,300
Caravan Parks	Council has control of caravan parks at Nagambie Lakes and Euroa. The parks are operated by Council contractors.	13,700 <u>(228,600)</u> (214,900)

2.7 Performance Statement

The service performance indicators detailed in the preceding pages will be reported on within the

2.8 Reconciliation with budgeted operating result

	Net Cost (Revenue) \$'000	Expenditure \$'000	Revenue \$'000
Total services and initiatives	13,437,100	19,488,600	-6,051,500
Other non-attributable	3,174,400		
Deficit before funding sources	16,611,500		
Funding sources:			
Rates & charges	14,979,800		
Capital grants	2,927,300		
Total funding sources	17,907,100		
Surplus for the year	1,295,600		

3. Budget influences

This section sets out the key budget influences arising from the internal and external environment within which the Council operates.

3.1 Snapshot of Strathbogrie Shire Council

Strathbogrie Shire Council is situated midway between Melbourne and Albury in northeast Victoria. The municipality covers 3,300 square kilometres and has a population of approximately 10,000.

Strathbogrie Shire was formed on 18 November 1994 with the amalgamation of the former Shires of Goulburn, Euroa and Violet Town, and part of the City of Seymour. Today, Council operates within a structure of seven community-elected Councillors, with one Councillor elected annually by the Council to serve as the Mayor.

Population

In June 2011, the resident population of the shire was 10,060 people. The Shire is experiencing population growth particularly in the Nagambie area.

Ageing population

The population is ageing with numbers larger than Regional Victorian averages for the age groups 50 to 59, 60 to 69 and 70 to 84.

3.2 External influences

In preparing the 2015/16 budget, a number of external influences have been taken into consideration, because they are likely to impact significantly on the services delivered by Council in the budget period. These include:

- The current Enterprise Bargaining Agreement (EBA) ceases 1 July 2015. Assumed increase with banding adjustments @ 3%
- Consumer Price Index (CPI) increases of < 4% per annum
- Receipt of significant capital works funding of \$2.93 million
- State and Federal budgetary tightening with consequential impacts for Local Government
- Climate and other environmental impacts

3.3 Internal influences

As well as external influences, there are also a number of internal influences which will have a significant impact on the preparation of the 2015/16 Budget. These include:

- The transfer of Home Care services to an alternative service provider, resulting in significant offsetting revenue and expenditure impacts.
- The implementation of a new waste management regime, including organic waste collection and treatment, resulting in significant reductions in waste going to landfill sites
- Continued support for Shared Services arrangements with other councils including City of Greater Shepparton

3.4 Budget principles

The following guidelines set out the key budget principles upon which the officers were to prepare their budgets. The principles include:

- Existing fees and charges to be increased generally in line with CPI or market levels
- Grants to be based on confirmed funding levels where possible
- New revenue sources to be identified where possible
- Service levels to be maintained at 2014/15 levels with an aim to use less resources with an emphasis on innovation and efficiency
- Real savings in expenditure and increases in revenue identified in 2014/15 to be preserved

3.4 Long Term Strategies

The budget includes consideration of a number of long term strategies which assist Council in considering the Budget in a strategic financial management context. These include a Strategic Resource Plan for the years 2015 to 2019, Rating Strategy (section 9) and Other Long Term Strategies (section 10) including borrowings, infrastructure and service delivery.

4. Analysis of operating budget

This section analyses the operating budget including expected income and expenses of the Council for the 2015/16 year.

4.1 Budgeted income statement

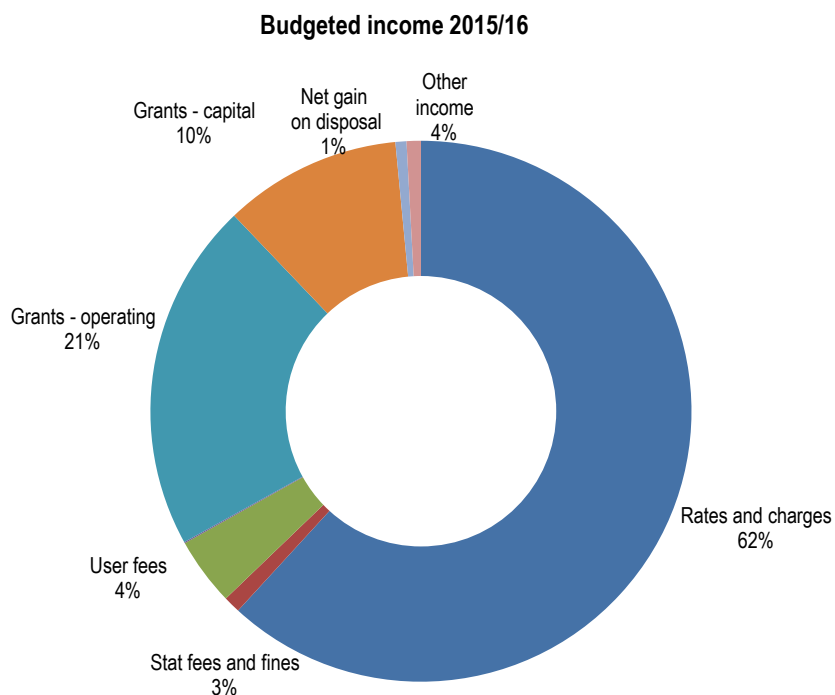
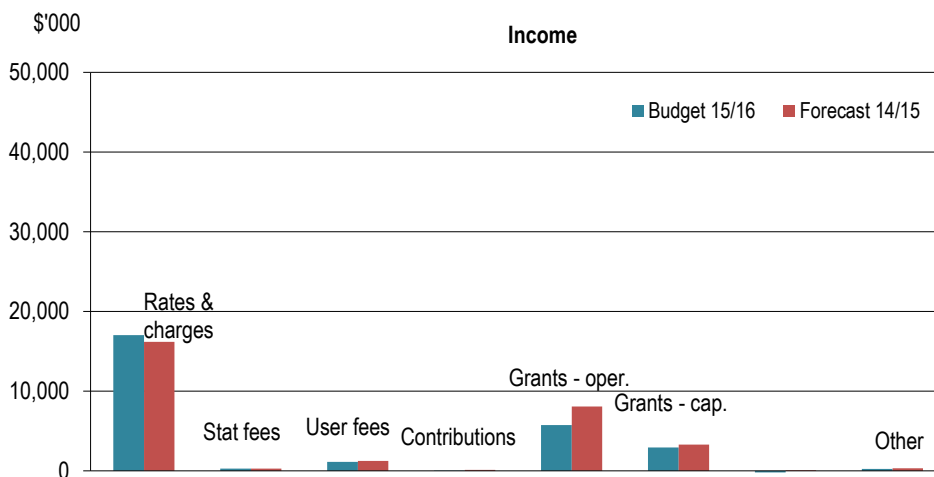
Forecast				
	Ref	Actual 2014/15 \$'000	Budget 2015/16 \$'000	Variance \$'000
Total income	4.2	29,670	27,189	(2,481)
Total expenses	4.3	(27,678)	(25,893)	1,785
Surplus (deficit) for the year		1,992	1,296	(696)
Grants –non-recurrent capital	4.2.6	(821)	(373)	448
Contributions - non-monetary assets		0	0	0
Capital contributions - other sources	4.2.4	(132)	(19)	113
Adjusted underlying surplus (deficit)		1,039	904	(135)

4.1.1 Adjusted underlying surplus (\$0.14 million decrease)

The adjusted underlying result is the net surplus or deficit for the year adjusted for non-recurrent capital grants, non-monetary asset contributions, and capital contributions from other sources. It is a measure of financial sustainability and Council's ability to achieve its service delivery objectives as it is not impacted by capital income items which can often mask the operating result. The adjusted underlying result for the 2015/16 year is a surplus of \$0.90 million which is a decrease of \$0.14 million from the 2014/15 year. In calculating the adjusted underlying result, Council has excluded grants received for capital purposes which are non-recurrent and capital contributions from other sources. Contributions of non-monetary assets are excluded as the value of assets assumed by Council is dependent on the level of development activity each year.

4.2 Income

Income Types	Ref	Forecast	Budget	Variance
		Actual 2014/15 \$'000	2015/16 \$'000	\$'000
Rates and charges	4.2.1	16,206	17,031	825
Statutory fees and fines	4.2.2	270	278	8
User fees	4.2.3	1,250	1,120	(130)
Contributions - monetary	4.2.4	132	19	(113)
Grants - operating	4.2.5	8,078	5,760	(2,318)
Grants - capital	4.2.6	3,308	2,927	(381)
Net gain on disposal of property, infrastructure, plant & equip.	4.2.7	106	(181)	(287)
Other income	4.2.8	320	235	(85)
Total income		29,670	27,189	(2,481)



Source: Appendix A

4.2.1 Rates and charges (\$0.83 million increase)

It is proposed that income raised by rates and municipal charges be increased by 4.0%, with the municipal charge component being maintained at the current level, \$266. A new system of waste management will be introduced for 2015/16, including the addition of a collection service for organic waste. Waste management services are based on a full cost recovery basis, reflecting the actual cost to Council of those services. Section 9. "Rating Information" includes a more detailed analysis of the rates and charges to be levied for 2015/16. Information on rates and charges specifically required by the Regulations is included in Appendix B.

4.2.2 Statutory fees and fines (\$0.01 million increase)

Statutory fees relate mainly to fees and fines levied in accordance with legislation and include animal registrations and *Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008* registrations. Increases in statutory fees are made in accordance with legislative requirements.

Statutory fees are forecast to increase by 2.9% or \$0.01 million compared to 2014/15.

A detailed listing of statutory fees is included in Appendix D.

4.2.3 User fees (\$0.13 million decrease)

User fees relate mainly to the recovery of service delivery costs through the charging of fees to users of Council's services. These include use of community facilities and the provision of services. In setting the budget, the key principle for determining the level of user charges has been to ensure that increases do not exceed CPI increases or market levels.

User charges are projected to decrease by 10.4% or \$0.13 million over 2014/15. The decrease is primarily attributable to the transfer of Home Care service delivery to an alternative provider, resulting in a reduction of fees from this source.

A detailed listing of fees and charges is included in Appendix D.

4.2.4 Contributions - monetary (\$0.11 million decrease)

Contributions relate to monies paid by developers in regard to public resort and recreation, drainage and car parking in accordance with planning permits issued for property development.

4.2.5 Grants - operating (\$2.31 million decrease)

Operating grants include all monies received from State and Federal sources for the purposes of funding the delivery of Council's services to ratepayers. Overall, the level of operating grants has decreased by 28.7% or \$2.32 million compared to 2014/15. A list of operating grants by type and source, classified into recurrent and non-recurrent, is included below.

Operating Grant Funding Type and Source	Forecast	Budget	Variance
	Actual 2014/15 \$'000	2015/16 \$'000	\$'000
<i>Recurrent - Commonwealth Government</i>			
Victorian Grants Commission	4,862	4,875	13
Commonwealth Roads of Access	38	26	(12)
<i>Recurrent - State Government</i>			
Aged care	1101	34	(1,067)
School crossing supervisors	16	16	0
Maternal and child health	105	107	2
Roadsides	7	7	0
Community safety	73	64	(9)
Youth	88	53	(35)
Pests & Plants Program	49	0	(49)
Fire Service Levy Financial Support	38	39	1
Compliance	4	0	(4)
Total recurrent grants	6,381	5,221	(1,160)
<i>Non-recurrent - State Government</i>			
Nagambie Main Street	500	500	0
Euroa Memorial Oval	235	0	(235)
Emergency Management	932	29	(903)
Recreation	5	0	(5)
Tourism	25	10	(15)
Total non-recurrent grants	1,697	539	(1,158)
Total operating grants	8,078	5,760	(2,318)

The decrease in recurrent operating grants is primarily a consequence of the transfer of Home Care services to an alternative provider, resulting in a reduction of \$1.07 million in grants from this source.

4.2.6 Grants - capital (\$0.38 million decrease)

Capital grants include all monies received from State, Federal and community sources for the purposes of funding the capital works program. Overall the level of capital grants has decreased by 11.5% or \$0.38 million compared to 2014/15 due mainly to specific funding for some large capital works projects. Section 6. "Analysis of Capital Budget" includes a more detailed analysis of the grants and contributions expected to be received during the 2015/16 year. A list of capital grants by type and source, classified into recurrent and non-recurrent, is included below.

Capital Grant Funding Type and Source	Forecast	Budget	Variance
	Actual 2014/15 \$'000	2015/16 \$'000	\$'000
<i>Recurrent - Commonwealth Government</i>			
Roads to Recovery	1,027	2,054	1,027
<i>Recurrent - State Government</i>			
State Government Roads & Bridges	1,000	0	(1,000)
Local Government Infrastructure Program	460	500	40
Total recurrent grants	2,487	2,554	67
<i>Non-recurrent - Commonwealth Government</i>			
<i>Non-recurrent - State Government</i>			
Buildings	615		(615)
Recreation	50	260	210
Cultural	90	7	(83)
Waste Management	66	106	40
Total non-recurrent grants	821	373	(448)
Total capital grants	3,308	2,927	(381)

4.2.7 Net gain on disposal of property, infrastructure, plant and equipment (\$0.29 million decrease)

Proceeds from the disposal of Council assets is forecast to be \$1.15 million for 2015/16 and relate mainly to the planned sale of the former Nagambie Depot land (\$0.85 million) and cyclical replacement of part of the plant and vehicle fleet (\$0.30 million). The written down value of assets sold is forecast to be \$1.33 million.

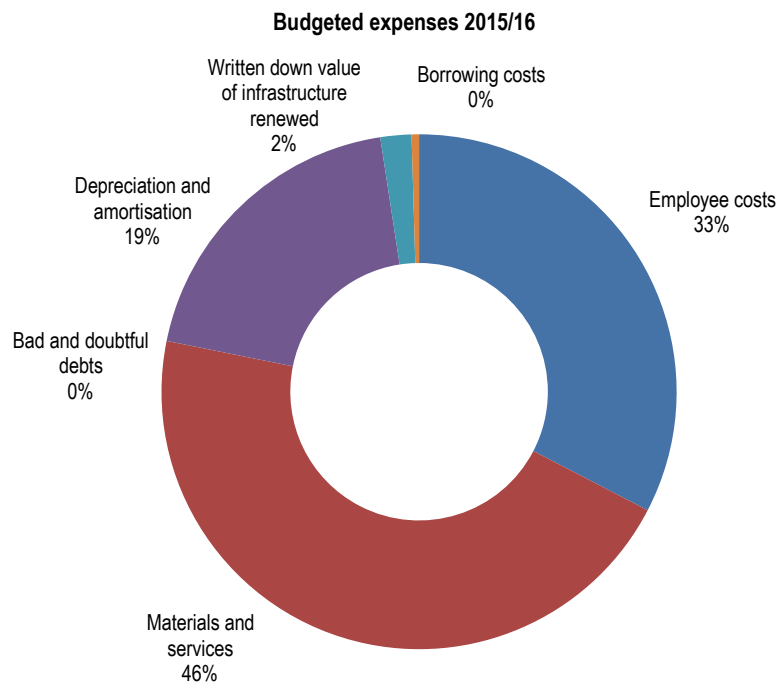
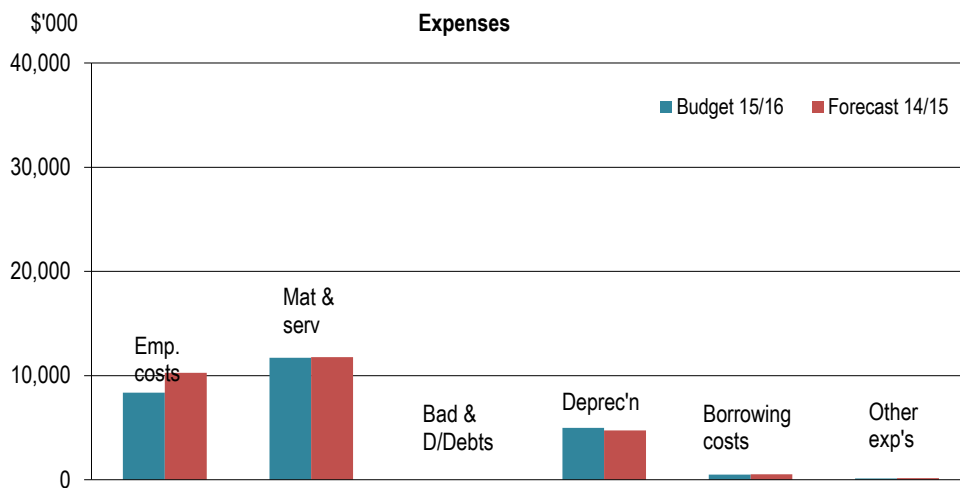
4.2.8 Other income (\$0.09 million increase)

Other income relates to a range of items such as private works, cost recoups and other miscellaneous income items. It also includes interest revenue on investments and rate arrears.

Other income is forecast to decrease by 26.6% or \$0.09 million compared to 2014/15.

4.3 Expenses

Expense Types	Ref	Forecast	Budget	Variance
		Actual 2014/15 \$'000	2015/16 \$'000	\$'000
Employee costs	4.3.1	10,271	8,379	(1,892)
Materials and services	4.3.2	11,766	11,702	(64)
Bad and doubtful debts		0	0	0
Depreciation and amortisation	4.3.3	4,736	4,990	254
Written down value of infrastructure renewed	4.3.4	547	500	(47)
Borrowing costs	4.3.5	160	120	(40)
Other expenses	4.3.6	198	202	4
Total expenses		27,678	25,893	(1,789)



Source: Appendix A

4.3.1 Employee costs (\$1.89 million decrease)

Employee costs include all labour related expenditure such as wages and salaries and on-costs such as allowances, leave entitlements, employer superannuation, rostered days off, etc.

Employee costs are forecast to decrease by 18.4% or \$1.89 million compared to 2014/15. This decrease relates to two key factors:

Increases in line with EBA and award related increments, approximately \$0.33 million.

Decrease related to the transfer of Home Care services to an alternative service provider, \$1.41 million. The Home Care services transfer has also resulted in redundancy payments to effected staff in 2014/15.

A summary of human resources expenditure categorised according to the organisational structure of Council is included below:

Department	Budget	Permanent	Comprises:	Casual
	2015/16	Full time	Permanent	
	\$'000	\$'000	Part Time	\$'000
Executive Services	315	315	-	-
Corporate & Community	1,817	1,141	576	100
Asset Services	4,874	4,255	559	60
Sustainable Development	1,373	951	422	-
Total	8,379	6,662	1,557	160

A summary of the number of full time equivalent (FTE) Council staff in relation to the above expenditure is included below:

Department	Budget	Permanent	Comprises:	Casual
	FTE	Full time	Permanent	
			Part Time	
Executive Services	2	2	-	-
Corporate & Community	19	11	7	1
Asset Services	62	53	8	1
Sustainable Development	14	10	4	-
Total	97	76	19	2

The most significant decreases in employee costs by service unit are summarised below:

Department	ServiceUnit	Forecast	Budget	Variance
		Actual	2015/16	\$'000
		2014/15	\$'000	\$'000
Corporate & Community	Home Care	1,527	116	(1,411)

4.3.2 Materials and services (\$0.06 million decrease)

Materials and services include the purchases of consumables, payments to contractors for the provision of services and utility costs. Materials and services are forecast to decrease by 0.54% or \$0.06 million compared to 2014/15.

4.3.3 Depreciation and amortisation (\$0.25 million increase)

Depreciation is an accounting measure which attempts to allocate the value of an asset over its useful life for Council's property, plant and equipment including infrastructure assets such as roads and drains. The increase of \$0.25 million for 2015/16 is due mainly to the completion of the 2015/16 capital works program and the full year effect of depreciation on the 2014/15 capital works program. Refer to Section 6. 'Analysis of Capital Budget' for a more detailed analysis of Council's capital works program for the 2015/16 year.

4.3.4 Written down value of infrastructure renewed (\$0.05 million decrease)

This is the cost of writing off the residual value of infrastructure assets at the time of their renewal. The transaction has no cash impact and is similar to depreciation in its application.

4.3.5 Borrowing costs (\$0.04 million decrease)

Borrowing costs relate to interest charged by financial institutions on funds borrowed. The reduction in borrowing costs results from the planned reduction in borrowings due to repayment of principal in accordance with loan agreements.

4.3.6 Other expenses (\$0.01 million increase)

Other expenses relate to a range of unclassified items, not elsewhere included.

5. Analysis of budgeted cash position

This section analyses the expected cash flows from the operating, investing and financing activities of Council for the 2015/16 year. Budgeting cash flows for Council is a key factor in setting the level of rates and providing a guide to the level of capital expenditure that can be sustained with or without using existing cash reserves.

The analysis is based on three main categories of cash flows:

- **Operating activities** - Refers to the cash generated or used in the normal service delivery functions of Council. Cash remaining after paying for the provision of services to the community may be available for investment in capital works, or repayment of debt.
- **Investing activities** - Refers to cash generated or used in the enhancement or creation of infrastructure and other assets. These activities also include the acquisition and sale of other assets such as vehicles, property and equipment.
- **Financing activities** - Refers to cash generated or used in the financing of Council functions and include borrowings from financial institutions and advancing of repayable loans to other organisations. These activities also include repayment of the principal component of loan repayments for the year.

5.1 Budgeted cash flow statement

	Ref	Forecast Actual 2014/15 \$'000	Budget 2015/16 \$'000	Variance \$'000
		Inflows (Outflows)	Inflows (Outflows)	
Cash flows from operating activities	5.1.1			
Rates and charges		16,070	16,951	881
Statutory fees and fines		270	278	8
User fees		777	747	(30)
Grants - operating		8,868	5,761	(3,107)
Grants - capital		2,518	2,927	409
Interest received		320	235	(85)
Other receipts		604	391	(213)
Employee costs		(9,620)	(9,030)	590
Materials and services		(11,776)	(12,202)	(426)
Other payments		(198)	(202)	(4)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating		7,833	5,856	(1,977)
Cash flows from investing activities	5.1.2			
Payments for property, infrastructure, plant and		(7,996)	(7,821)	175
Proceeds from sale of property, infrastructure, plant		327	970	643
and equipment				
Payments for landfill rehabilitation		0	(524)	(524)
Net cash provided by/ (used in) investing activities		(7,669)	(7,375)	294
Cash flows from financing activities	5.1.3			
Finance costs		(160)	(120)	40
Proceeds from borrowings		0	0	0
Repayment of borrowings		(626)	(433)	193
Net cash provided by/(used in) financing activities		(786)	(553)	233
Net increase/(decrease) in cash & cash equivalents		(622)	(2,072)	(1,450)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year		9,154	8,532	(622)
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year	5.1.4	8,532	6,460	(2,072)

5.1.1 Operating activities (\$1.98 million decrease)

The decrease in cash inflows from operating activities is primarily related to decreased grant revenue (\$2.7 million). This is due to a reduction in Victorian State Government grants for roads (\$1M), HACC Funding (\$1M), Violet Town Flood Mitigation grant (\$500K) and Seven Creeks Facilities (\$300K). This is offset by an increase in rate revenue.

The net cash flows from operating activities does not equal the surplus (deficit) for the year as the expected revenues and expenses of the Council include non-cash items which have been excluded from the Cash Flow Statement. The budgeted operating result is reconciled to budgeted cash flows available from operating activities as set out in the following table.

	Forecast Actual 2014/15 \$'000	Budget 2015/16 \$'000	Variance \$'000
Surplus (deficit) for the year	1,992	1,296	(696)
Depreciation	4,736	4,990	254
Loss (gain) on disposal of property, infrastructure, plant & equipment	106	(181)	(287)
Finance Costs	160	120	(40)
Written down value of infrastructure renewed	547	500	(47)
Net movement in current assets and liabilities	292	(869)	(1,161)
Cash flows available from operating activities	7,833	5,856	(1,977)

5.1.2 Investing activities (\$0.29 million decrease)

The decrease in payments for investing activities results from a reduction of \$0.17 million in the capital works program, \$0.52 million for landfill rehabilitation, offset by increased proceeds from sale of assets of \$0.64 million.

5.1.3 Financing activities (\$0.23 million decrease)

For 2015/16 the total of principal repayments is \$0.43 million and finance charges is \$0.12 million.

5.1.4 Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year (\$2.07 million decrease)

Overall, total cash and investments is forecast to decrease by \$2.07 million to \$6.46 million as at 30 June 2016, The cash flow statement reflects Council's strategy of using excess cash and investments to renew existing infrastructure. This is consistent with Council's Strategic Resource Plan (see Section 8).

5.2 Restricted and unrestricted cash and investments

Cash and cash equivalents held by Council are restricted in part, and not fully available for Council's operations. The budgeted cash flow statement above indicates that Council is estimating at 30 June 2015 it will have cash and investments of \$6.46 million, which has been restricted as shown in the following table.

	Ref	Forecast Actual 2015 \$'000	Budget 2016 \$'000	Variance \$'000
Total cash and investments		8,532	6,460	(2,072)
Restricted cash and investments				
- Statutory reserves	5.2.1	(150)	(150)	0
- Cash held to carry forward capital works	5.2.2	1,024	0	(1,024)
- Trust funds and deposits		0	0	0
Unrestricted cash and investments	5.2.3	9,406	6,310	(3,096)
- Discretionary reserves	5.2.4	(750)	(650)	100

Unrestricted cash adjusted for discretionary reserves	5.2.5	8,656	5,660	(2,996)
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5.2.1 Statutory reserves (\$0.00 million)

These funds must be applied for specified statutory purposes in accordance with various legislative requirements. While these funds earn interest revenues for Council, the funds are not available for other purposes.

5.2.2 Cash held to fund carry forward capital works

\$1.02 million is shown as cash held at 30 June 2015 to fund works carried forward to 2015/16. Section 6.2 contains further details on capital works funding.

5.2.3 Unrestricted cash and investments (\$6.31 million)

The amount shown is in accordance with the definition of unrestricted cash included in the Regulations. These funds are free of statutory reserve funds and cash to be used to fund capital works expenditure from the previous financial year.

5.2.4 Discretionary reserves (\$0.65 million)

These funds are shown as discretionary reserves as, although not restricted by a statutory purpose, Council has made decisions regarding the future use of these funds and unless there is a Council resolution these funds should be used for those earmarked purposes.

5.2.5 Unrestricted cash adjusted for discretionary reserves (\$5.66 million)

These funds are free of all specific Council commitments and represent funds available to meet daily cash flow requirements, unexpected short term needs and any budget commitments which will be expended in the following year such as grants and contributions. Council regards these funds as the minimum necessary to ensure that it can meet its commitments as and when they fall due without borrowing further funds.

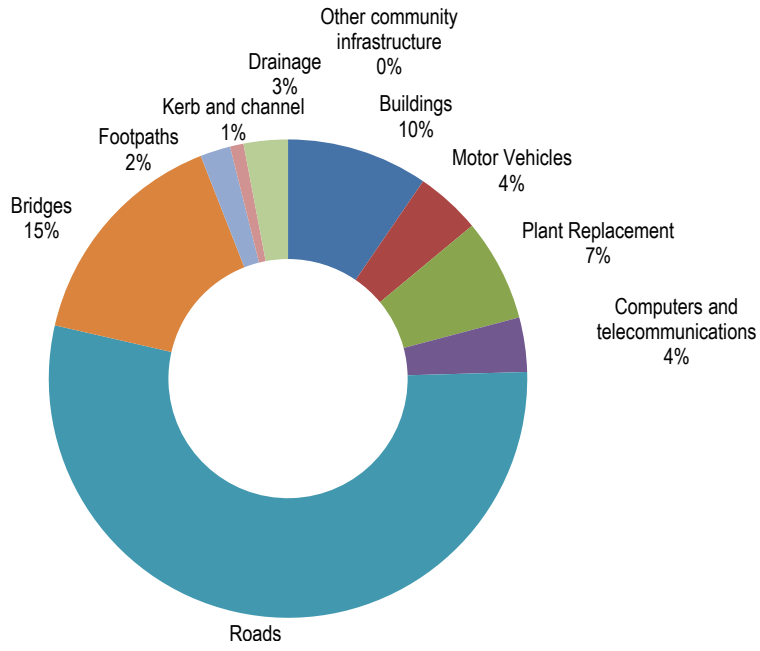
6. Analysis of capital budget

This section analyses the planned capital expenditure budget for the 2015/16 year and the sources of funding for the capital budget. Further detail on the capital works program can be found in Appendix C.

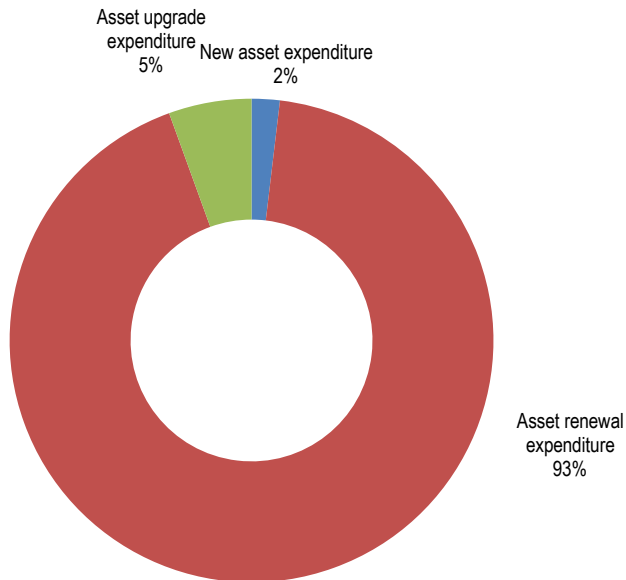
6.1 Capital works

Capital Works Areas	Ref	Forecast	Budget	Variance
		Actual 2014/15 \$'000	2015/16 \$'000	\$'000
Works carried forward	6.1.1	1270	1024	(246)
New works				
Property	6.1.2			
Land		810	0	(810)
Buildings		1,028	425	(603)
Total property		1,838	425	(1,413)
Plant, machinery and equipment	6.1.3			
Motor Vehicles		320	300	(20)
Plant Replacement		470	470	0
Total plant, machinery and equipment		790	770	(20)
Furniture and equipment	6.1.4			
Computers and telecommunications		2	250	248
		2	250	248
Infrastructure	6.1.5			
Roads		3,303	3,671	368
Bridges		360	1,052	692
Footpaths		105	139	34
Kerb and channel		80	62	(18)
Drainage		248	203	(45)
Other community infrastructure		0	224	224
Total infrastructure		4,096	5,352	1,256
Total new works		6,726	6,796	70
Total capital works expenditure		7,996	7,820	(176)
Represented by:				
New asset expenditure	6.1.6	147	147	0
Asset renewal expenditure	6.1.6	7,442	7,240	(202)
Asset upgrade expenditure	6.1.6	407	433	26
Asset expansion expenditure	6.1.6	0	0	0
Total capital works expenditure		7,996	7,820	(176)

Budgeted capital works 2015/16



Budgeted capital works 2015/16



Source: Appendix A. A more detailed listing of capital works is included in Appendix C.

6.1.1 Carried forward works (\$1.02 million)

It is forecast that b\$1.02 million of capital works will be incomplete and carried forward to the 2015/16 year.

6.1.2 Property (\$0.43 million)

The property class comprises buildings and building improvements including community facilities, municipal offices, sports facilities and pavilions.

For the 2015/16 year, \$0.43 million will be expended on building and building improvement projects.

6.1.3 Plant, machinery and equipment (\$0.77million)

Plant and equipment includes plant, machinery and equipment and motor vehicles.

For the 2015/16 year, \$0.77 million will be expended on plant, machinery and equipment. The more significant projects include ongoing cyclical replacement of the plant and vehicle fleet (\$0.47 million), upgrade and replacement of motor vehicles (\$0.30 million).

6.1.4 Furniture and equipment (\$0.25 million)

For 2015/16 year, \$0.25 million will be expended on computer equipment.

6.1.5 Infrastructure (\$5.35 million)

Infrastructure includes roads, bridges, footpaths and cycleways, drainage, recreation, leisure and community facilities, parks, open space and streetscapes, off street car parks and other structures.

For the 2015/16 year, \$3.67 million will be expended on road projects. The more significant road projects include reseal program (\$1.30 million), rehabilitation program (\$1.20 million), resheeting program (\$0.63 million) and shoulder pavement program (\$0.32 million).

\$1.05 million will be expended on bridge projects. The more significant of these include Kirwan's Bridge (\$0.40 million) and Kelly's Bridge, Creighton Creek Road (\$0.12 million) and Cullen's Road Bridge (\$0.10 million).

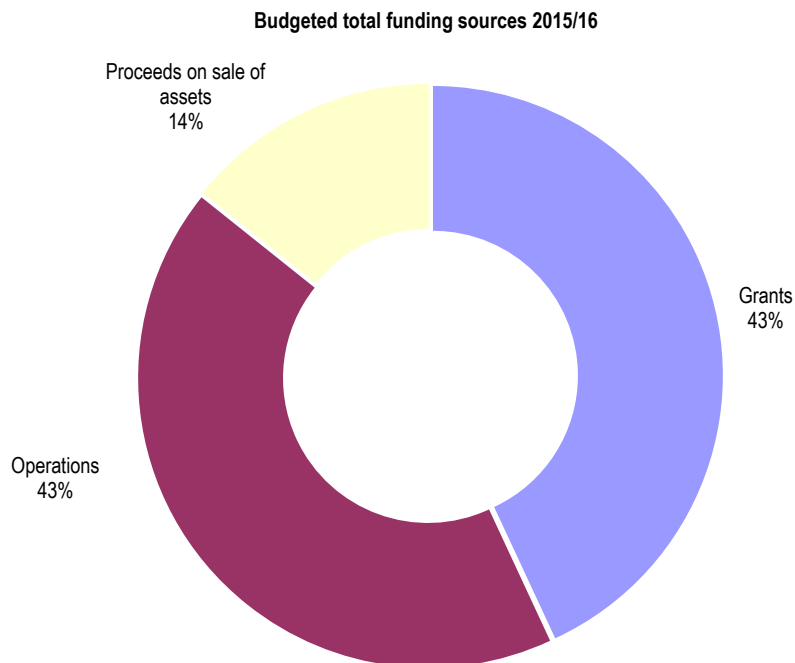
6.1.6 Asset renewal (\$7.24 million), new assets (\$0.15 million), upgrade (\$0.43 million)

A distinction is made between expenditure on new assets, asset renewal, upgrade and expansion. Expenditure on asset renewal is expenditure on an existing asset, or on replacing an existing asset that returns the service of the asset to its original capability. Expenditure on new assets does not have any element of expansion or upgrade of existing assets but will result in an additional burden for future operation, maintenance and capital renewal.

Council has continued its strong focus on asset renewal (\$7.24 million), with renewal expenditure exceeding 90% of the capital works budget.

6.2 Funding sources

Sources of funding	Ref	Forecast	Budget 2015/16 \$'000	Variance \$'000
		Actual 2014/15 \$'000		
Works carried forward	6.2.1			
Current year funding				
- unrestricted cash and investments		1,270	1,024	(246)
Total works carried forward		1,270	1,024	(246)
New works				
Current year funding				
Grants	6.2.2	3,308	2,927	(381)
Council cash				
- operations	6.2.3	3,091	2,899	(192)
- proceeds on sale of assets	6.2.4	327	970	643
- reserve cash and investments	6.2.5	0	0	0
- unrestricted cash and investments	6.2.6	0	0	0
Total new works		6,726	6,796	70
Total funding sources		7,996	7,820	(176)



Source: Appendix A

6.2.1 Carried forward works (\$1.02 million)

At the end of each financial year there are projects which are either incomplete or not commenced due to factors including planning issues, weather delays or extended consultation. For the 2014/15 year it is forecast that \$1.024 million of capital works will be incomplete and be carried forward into the 2015/16 year.

6.2.2 Grants - Capital (\$2.93 million)

Capital grants include all monies received from State and Federal sources for the purposes of funding the capital works program. Significant grants are budgeted to be received for Roads to Recovery projects (\$2.05 million), Local Government Infrastructure Program (\$0.50 million), Kirwan's Bridge (\$0.20 million) and transfer station upgrades (\$0.11 million).

6.2.3 Council cash - operations (\$2.90 million)

Council generates cash from its operating activities, which is used as a funding source for the capital works program. It is forecast that \$2.90 million will be generated from operations to fund the 2015/16 capital works program.

6.2.4 Council cash - proceeds from sale of assets (\$0.97 million)

Proceeds from sale of assets include motor vehicle sales in accordance with Council's fleet renewal policy of \$0.30 million and sales of land at Nagambie.

7. Analysis of budgeted financial position

This section analyses the movements in assets, liabilities and equity between 2014/15 and 2015/16. It also considers a number of key financial performance indicators.

7.1 Budgeted balance sheet

	Ref	Forecast		Variance
		Actual 2015 \$'000	Budget 2016 \$'000	
Current assets	7.1.1			
Cash and cash equivalents		8,532	6,460	(2,072)
Trade and other receivables		1,614	1,693	79
Other assets		124	124	0
Total current assets		10,270	8,277	(1,993)
Non-current assets	7.1.1			
Trade and other receivables		226	226	0
Property, infrastructure, plant and equipment		235,920	237,101	1,181
Total non-current assets		236,146	237,327	1,181
Total assets		246,416	245,604	(812)
Current liabilities	7.1.2			
Trade and other payables		3,943	2,793	1,150
Provisions		2,763	2,239	524
Interest-bearing loans and borrowings		433	608	(175)
Total current liabilities		7,139	5,640	1,499
Non-current liabilities	7.1.2			
Provisions		665	665	0
Interest-bearing loans and borrowings		1,688	1,080	608
Total non-current liabilities		2,353	1,745	608
Total liabilities		9,492	7,385	2,107
Net assets		236,924	238,219	1,295
Equity	7.1.4			
Accumulated surplus		76,736	77,932	1,196
Asset Revaluation Reserve		159,438	159,637	199
Other Reserves		750	650	(100)
Total equity		236,924	238,219	1,295

Source: Appendix A

7.1.1 Current Assets (\$1.99 million decrease) and Non-Current Assets (\$1.18 million increase)

Cash and cash equivalents include cash and investments such as cash held in the bank and in petty cash and the value of investments in deposits or other highly liquid investments with short term maturities of three months or less. These balances are projected to decrease by \$2.07 million during the year mainly to fund the capital works program during the year.

Trade and other receivables are monies owed to Council by ratepayers and others. Debtors are expected to increase by \$0.08 million as ratepayers look for payment options.

Other assets includes items such as prepayments for expenses that Council has paid in advance of service delivery, inventories or stocks held for sale or consumption in Council's services and other revenues due to be received in the next 12 months.

Property, infrastructure, plant and equipment is the largest component of Council's worth and represents the value of all the land, buildings, roads, vehicles, equipment, etc which has been built up by Council over many years. The increase in this balance is attributable to the net result of the capital works program (\$7.82 million of new assets), depreciation of assets (\$4.99 million), written down value of infrastructure renewed (\$0.50million) and the sale of property, plant and equipment (\$1.13 million).

7.1.2 Current Liabilities (\$1.5 million decrease) and Non Current Liabilities (\$0.61 million decrease)

Trade and other payables are those to whom Council owes money as at 30 June. These liabilities are budgeted to increase by \$1.15 million which includes redundancies from 2014/15.

Provisions include accrued long service leave, annual leave and rostered days off owing to employees.

Interest-bearing loans and borrowings are borrowings of Council. The Council is budgeting to repay loan principal of \$0.43 million over the year.

7.1.3 Working Capital (\$0.49 million decrease)

Working capital is the excess of current assets above current liabilities. This calculation recognises that although Council has current assets, some of those assets are already committed to the future settlement of liabilities in the following 12 months, and are therefore not available for discretionary spending.

Some of Council's cash assets are restricted in that they are required by legislation to be held in reserve for specific purposes or are held to fund carry forward capital works from the previous financial year.

	Forecast Actual 2015 \$'000	Budget 2016 \$'000	Variance \$'000
Current assets	10,270	8,277	1,993
Current liabilities	7,139	5,640	1,499
Working capital	3,131	2,637	494
Restricted cash and investment current assets			
- Statutory reserves	0	0	0
- Cash used to fund carry forward capital works	1,024	0	1,024
- Trust funds and deposits	0	0	0
Unrestricted working capital	4,155	2,637	1,518

In addition to the restricted cash shown above, Council is also projected to hold \$0.65 million in discretionary reserves at 30 June 2016. Although not restricted by a statutory purpose, Council has made decisions regarding the future use of these funds and unless there is a Council resolution these funds should be used for those earmarked purposes.

7.1.4 Equity (\$1.30 million increase)

Total equity always equals net assets and is made up of the following components:

- Asset revaluation reserve which represents the difference between the previously recorded value of assets and their current valuations.
- Other reserves that are funds that Council wishes to separately identify as being set aside to meet a specific purpose in the future and to which there is no existing liability. These amounts are transferred from the Accumulated Surplus of the Council to be separately disclosed.
- Accumulated surplus which is the value of all net assets less Reserves that have accumulated over time. The increase in accumulated surplus of \$1.20 million results directly from the operating surplus for the year.

7.2 Key assumptions

In preparing the Budgeted Balance Sheet for the year ending 30 June 2016 it was necessary to make a number of assumptions about assets, liabilities and equity balances. The key assumptions are as follows:

- Trade and other receivables - the long term financial planning model parameters assume these figures will increase to 7% of rates & charges.
- Employee provision increases due to Enterprise Bargaining and Award related outcomes are offset by more stringent management of excess leave accumulations.
- Repayment of loan principal to be \$0.43 million
- Total capital expenditure to be \$7.82 million

8. Strategic resource plan and financial performance indicators

This section includes an extract of the adopted Strategic Resource Plan to provide information on the long term financial projections of the Council.

8.1 Plan development

The Act requires a Strategic Resource Plan to be prepared describing both financial and non-financial resources (including human resources) for at least the next four financial years to achieve the strategic objectives in the Council Plan. In preparing the SRP, Council must take into account all other plans and strategies in regard to services and initiatives which commit financial and non-financial resources for the period of the SRP.

Council has prepared an SRP for the four years 2015/16 to 2018/19 as part of its ongoing financial planning to assist in adopting a budget within a longer term framework. The SRP takes the strategic objectives and strategies as specified in the Council Plan and expresses them in financial terms for the next four years.

The key objective, which underlines the development of the SRP, is financial sustainability in the medium to long term, while still achieving Council's strategic objectives as specified in the Council Plan. The key financial objectives, which underpin the SRP, are:

- Maintain existing service levels
- Maintain operating and underlying operating surpluses
- Maintain a capital expenditure program which meets infrastructure renewal demand
- Achieve a balanced budget on a cash basis.

In preparing the SRP, Council has also been mindful of the need to comply with the following Principles of Sound Financial Management as contained in the Act:

- Prudently manage financial risks relating to debt, assets and liabilities
- Provide reasonable stability in the level of rate burden
- Consider the financial effects of Council decisions on future generations
- Provide full, accurate and timely disclosure of financial information.

The SRP is updated annually through a rigorous process of consultation with Council service providers followed by a detailed sensitivity analysis to achieve the key financial objectives.

8.2 Financial resources

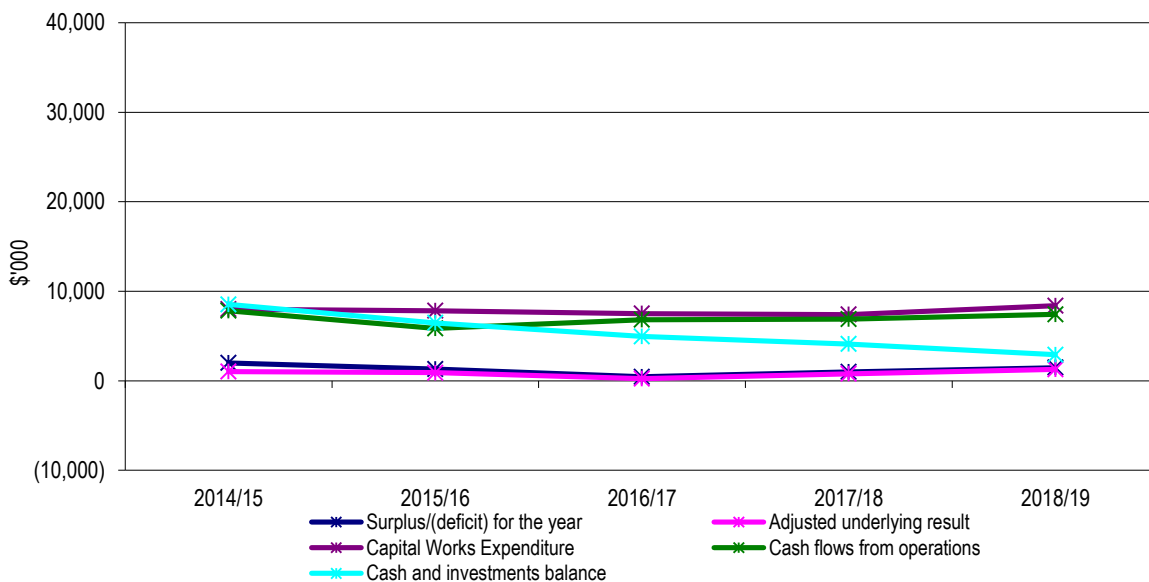
The following table summarises the key financial results for the next four years as set out in the SRP for years 2015/16 to 2018/19. Appendix A includes a more detailed analysis of the financial resources to be used over the four year period.

Indicator	Forecast	Budget	Strategic Resource Plan			Trend
	Actual	2015/16	Projections			+/-
	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	+/-
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	1,992	1,296	439	983	1,468	-
Adjusted underlying result	1,039	904	224	783	1,268	+
Cash and investments balance	8,532	6,460	4,962	4,112	2,917	-
Cash flows from operations	7,833	5,856	6,808	6,883	7,426	o
Capital works expenditure	7,996	7,820	7,511	7,400	8,400	-

Key to Forecast Trend:

- + Forecasts improvement in Council's financial performance/financial position indicator
- o Forecasts that Council's financial performance/financial position indicator will be steady
- Forecasts deterioration in Council's financial performance/financial position indicator

The following graph shows the general financial indicators over the four year period.



The key outcomes of the Plan are as follows:

- **Financial sustainability (Section 5)** - Cash and investments is forecast to decrease over the four year period from \$6.46 million to \$2.92 million.
- **Rating levels (Section 9)** – Modest rate increases are forecast over the four years at an average of 4.0%.
- **Service delivery strategy** – Service levels have been maintained throughout the four year period. Despite this, operating surpluses and adjusted underlying surpluses are forecast in each of the forecast years. The underlying result is a measure of financial sustainability and is an important measure as non-recurrent capital items can often mask the operating result.
- **Borrowing strategy (Section 10)** – Borrowings are forecast to reduce from \$1.68 million to \$0.72 million over the four year period.
- **Infrastructure strategy (Section 10)** - Capital expenditure over the four year period will total \$31.13 million at an average of \$7.78 million.

8.3 Financial performance indicators

The following table highlights Council's current and projected performance across a range of key financial performance indicators. These indicators provide a useful analysis of Council's financial position and performance and should be used in the context of the organisation's objectives.

Indicator	Measure	Notes	Forecast	Budget	Strategic Resource Plan			Trend +/-
			Actual 2014/15	2015/16	Projections			
					2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	
Operating position								
Adjusted underlying result	Adjusted underlying surplus (deficit) / Adjusted underlying revenue	1	7.5%	4.9%	1.7%	3.7%	5.2%	o
Liquidity								
Working Capital	Current assets / current liabilities	2	144.0%	147.0%	129.0%	115.0%	94.0%	-
Unrestricted cash	Unrestricted cash / current liabilities		0.0%	97.0%	73.0%	57.0%	35.0%	-
Obligations								
Loans and borrowings	Interest bearing loans and borrowings / rate revenue	3	13.0%	10.0%	5.0%	4.0%	3.0%	+
Loans and borrowings	Interest and principal repayments on interest bearing loans and borrowings / rate revenue		5.0%	3.0%	4.0%	2.0%	1.0%	+
Indebtedness	Non-current liabilities / own source revenue		13.0%	9.0%	7.0%	6.0%	5.0%	+
Asset renewal	Asset renewal expenditure / depreciation	4	157.0%	145.0%	134.0%	125.0%	139.0%	o
Stability								
Rates concentration	Rate revenue / adjusted underlying revenue	5	61.0%	65.0%	69.0%	69.0%	70.0%	-
Rates effort	Rate revenue / CIV of rateable properties in the municipality		1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	o
Efficiency								
Expenditure level	Total expenditure / no. of property assessments		\$3,778	\$3,506	\$3,432	\$3,509	\$3,574	o
Revenue level	Residential rate revenue / No. of residential property assessments				\$1,466	\$1,585	\$1,714	+
Workforce turnover	No. of permanent staff resignations & terminations / average no. of permanent staff for the financial year		5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	o

Key to Forecast Trend:

- + Forecasts improvement in Council's financial performance/financial position indicator
- o Forecasts that Council's financial performance/financial position indicator will be steady
- Forecasts deterioration in Council's financial performance/financial position indicator

Notes to indicators

1 Adjusted underlying result - An indicator of the sustainable operating result required to enable Council to continue to provide core services and meet its objectives. A reduction in this result over the first three years means reliance on Council's cash reserves or increased debt to maintain services.

2 Working Capital - The proportion of current liabilities represented by current assets. Working capital is forecast to decrease over the forecast period.

3 Debt compared to rates - Trend indicates Council's reducing reliance on debt against its annual rate revenue through redemption of long term debt.

4 Asset renewal - This percentage indicates the extent of Council's renewals against its depreciation charge (an indication of the decline in value of its existing capital assets). A percentage greater than 100 indicates Council is maintaining its existing assets, while a percentage less than 100 means its assets are deteriorating faster than they are being renewed and future capital expenditure will be required to renew assets.

5 Rates concentration - Reflects extent of reliance on rate revenues to fund all of Council's on-going services. Trend indicates Council will become more reliant on rate revenue compared to all other revenue sources.

8.4 Non-financial resources

In addition to the financial resources to be consumed over the planning period, Council will also consume non-financial resources, in particular human resources. A summary of Council's anticipated human resources requirements for the 2015/16 year is shown below and further detail is included in section 4.3.1 of this budget. A statement of Human Resources is included in Appendix A.

Indicator	Forecast	Budget 2015/16	Strategic Resource Plan Projections		
	Actual 2014/15		2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Employee costs (\$'000)					
- Operating	10,168	8,295	8,545	8,800	9,063
- Capital	103	84	86	89	92
Total	10,271	8,379	8,630	8,889	9,156
Employee numbers (EFT)	118	97	98	99	100

9. Rating information

This section considers the Council's rating strategy including strategy development and assumptions underlying the current year rate increase and rating structure.

9.1 Strategy development

Rates and charges are a key component of Council revenue, accounting for 62% of the total revenue received annually.

Council has a Rating Strategy which, in conjunction with the relevant sections of the Local Government Act 1989, provides the principles for Council's rating system. The strategy was implemented in the 2010/11 budget year after extensive community consultation and input. The strategy has since been reviewed annually and refined.

9.2 Current year rate increase

The proposed increase in **rates and municipal charges** for 2015/16 is 4%. The combined **rates, municipal and service charges** increase is 5.09%.

Improved waste management practices will be introduced in 2015/16, enabling the separate collection of organic waste for conversion to reusable compostable material. This process will significantly reduce the amount of waste going to landfill, delivering long-term environmental and economic benefits.

The new system, which is in line with best practice waste management methodology, will necessitate the introduction of an additional bin for the collection of organic waste (in rural areas) and changes to the collection schedule for existing recyclable and non-recyclable household waste.

The new waste management system will be the subject of a broad community education program, explaining the waste collection and treatment regimes and the new cost structures. The education program will be run simultaneously and in conjunction with the budget process.

The following table sets out future proposed rate increases and total rates to be raised, in accordance with the budget and forecasts

Year	Total Rates & Municipal Charge increase %	Total Rates, Municipal & Waste Services Increase %	Total Rates, Municipal & Waste Services Charges Raised \$000
2015/16	4	5.5	17,031
2016/17	4	4	17,829
2017/18	4	4	18,666
2018/19	4	4	19,541

The following table summarises the rates to be raised for the 2013/14 year. A more detailed analysis of the rates to

		2014/15	2015/16
General/Residential	Cents/ \$ of CIV	0.5106248	0.5334707
Residential Vacant land (175%)	Cents/ \$ of CIV	0.8935934	0.9335737
Farm Differential (85%)	Cents/ \$ of CIV	0.4340311	0.4534501
Commercial/Industrial Rate (120%)	Cents/ \$ of CIV	0.6127498	0.6401648
Vacant Comm/Industrial Land (175%)	Cents/ \$ of CIV	1.0723121	1.1202885
Kerbside collection - 80 Litre	\$ per property	339	N/A
Kerbside collection - 120 Litre Commercial	\$ per property	339	339
Kerbside collection - 240 Litre Commercial & Farm	\$ per property	679	679
Recycling - 120 Litre Farm	\$ per property	168	168
Recycling - 240 Litre Farm	\$ per property	168	168
Recycling - 360 Litre Farm	\$ per property	168	168
Organics Collection - 120 Litre	\$ per property	N/A	N/A
Organics Collection - 240 Litre	\$ per property	N/A	N/A
Tree Management Service Charge	\$ per property	N/A	25
Kerbside/Recycling/Organics Collection	\$ per property	N/A	507
Kerbside/Organics Collection Farms	\$ per property	N/A	339

9.3 General revaluation of properties

The latest general revaluation of properties was undertaken with the effective revaluation date being 1 January

10. Other strategies

This sections sets out the strategies that have been developed and incorporated into the Strategic Resource Plan.

10.1 Borrowings

This budget proposes no new borrowings in 2015/16.

The following table sets out future proposed borrowings, in accordance with the budget forecast.

Year	New Borrowings \$'000	Principal \$'000	Interest \$'000	Balance 30 June \$'000
2014/15	0	626	161	2,121
2015/16	0	433	120	1,688
2016/17	0	609	81	1,079
2017/18	0	172	53	907
2018/19	0	185	41	722

The table below shows information on borrowings specifically required by the Regulations.

	2014/15 \$	2015/16 \$
Total amount borrowed as at 30 June of the prior year	2,747,457	2,121,621
Total amount to be borrowed	0	0
Total amount projected to be redeemed	(625,836)	(433,274)
Total amount proposed to be borrowed as at 30 June	2,121,621	1,688,347

Appendices

The following appendices include voluntary and statutory disclosures of information which provide support for the analysis contained in sections 1 to 10 of this report.

This information has not been included in the main body of the budget report in the interests of clarity and conciseness. Council has decided that whilst the budget report needs to focus on the important elements of the budget and provide appropriate analysis, the detail upon which the annual budget is based should be provided in the interests of open and transparent local government.

The contents of the appendices are summarised below:

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Appendix A

Financial Statements

This appendix presents information in regard to the Financial Statements and Statement of Human Resources. The budget information for the years 2015/16 to 2018/19 has been extracted from the Strategic Resource Plan.

The appendix includes the following budgeted information:

- Comprehensive Income Statement
- Balance Sheet
- Statement of Changes in Equity
- Statement of Cash Flows
- Statement of Capital Works
- Statement of Human Resources

Comprehensive Income Statement

For the four years ending 30 June 2019

	Forecast	Budget	Strategic Resource Plan		
	Actual		Projections		
	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Income					
Rates and charges	16,206	17,031	17,829	18,666	19,541
Statutory fees and fines	270	278	286	295	304
User fees	1,250	1,120	1,165	1,211	1,260
Grants - Operating (Recurrent)	6,381	5,221	4,911	5,107	5,311
Grants - Operating (Non-recurrent)	1,697	539	0	0	0
Grants - Capital (Recurrent)	2,487	2,554	1,546	1,608	1,672
Grants - Capital (Non-recurrent)	821	373	200	200	200
Contributions - monetary	132	19	15	0	0
Contributions - non-monetary	0	0	0	0	0
Net gain/(loss) on disposal of property, infrastructure, plant and equipment	106	(181)	(167)	9	9
Fair value adjustments for investment property	0	0	0	0	0
Share of net profits/(losses) of associates and joint ventures	0	0	0	0	0
Other income	320	235	235	235	235
Total income	29,670	27,189	26,020	27,331	28,532
Expenses					
Employee costs	10,271	8,379	8,630	8,889	9,156
Materials and services	11,766	11,702	11,386	11,671	12,020
Bad and doubtful debts	0	0	0	0	0
Depreciation and amortisation	4,736	4,990	4,775	5,023	5,130
Written down value of infrastructure renewed	547	500	500	500	500
Borrowing costs	160	120	82	51	37
Other expenses	198	202	208	214	221
Total expenses	27,678	25,893	25,581	26,348	27,064
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	1,992	1,296	439	983	1,468
Other comprehensive income					
Items that will not be reclassified to surplus or deficit in future periods:					
Net asset revaluation increment /(decrement)	0	199	0	11,909	0
Share of other comprehensive income of	0	0	0	0	0
Items that may be reclassified to surplus or deficit in future periods					
(detail as appropriate)					
Total comprehensive result	1,992	1,495	439	12,892	1,468

Balance Sheet

For the four years ending 30 June 2019

	Forecast	Budget	Strategic Resource Plan		
	Actual 2015 \$'000	2016 \$'000	Projections		
			2017 \$'000	2018 \$'000	2019 \$'000
Assets					
Current assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	8,532	6,460	4,962	4,112	2,917
Trade and other receivables	1,614	1,693	1,981	2,038	2,124
Other assets	124	124	124	124	124
Total current assets	10,270	8,277	7,067	6,274	5,165
Non-current assets					
Trade and other receivables	226	226	226	226	226
Property, infrastructure, plant & equipment	235,920	237,101	238,187	251,674	254,144
Total non-current assets	236,146	237,327	238,413	251,900	254,370
Total assets	246,416	245,604	245,480	258,174	259,535
Liabilities					
Current liabilities					
Trade and other payables	3,943	2,793	2,944	3,027	3,104
Provisions	2,763	2,239	2,239	2,239	2,239
Interest-bearing loans and borrowings	433	608	282	184	134
Total current liabilities	7,139	5,640	5,465	5,450	5,477
Non-current liabilities					
Provisions	665	665	665	665	665
Interest-bearing loans and borrowings	1,688	1,080	692	509	375
Total non-current liabilities	2,353	1,745	1,357	1,174	1,040
Total liabilities	9,492	7,385	6,822	6,624	6,517
Net assets	236,924	238,219	238,658	251,550	253,018
Equity					
Accumulated surplus	76,736	77,932	78,371	79,353	80,822
Asset Revaluation Reserve	159,438	159,637	159,637	171,547	171,546
Other Reserves	750	650	650	650	650
Total equity	236,924	238,219	238,658	251,550	253,018

Statement of Changes in Equity

For the four years ending 30 June 2019

	Total \$'000	Accumulated Surplus \$'000	Revaluation Reserve \$'000	Other Reserves \$'000
2016				
Balance at beginning of the financial year	236,924	76,736	159,438	750
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	1,296	1,296	-	-
Net asset revaluation increment/(decrement)	199	-	199	-
Transfer to other reserves	-	-	-	-
Transfer from other reserves	(200)	(100)	-	(100)
Balance at end of the financial year	238,219	77,932	159,637	650
2017				
Balance at beginning of the financial year	238,219	77,932	159,637	650
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	439	439	-	-
Net asset revaluation increment/(decrement)	-	-	-	-
Transfer to other reserves	-	-	-	-
Transfer from other reserves	-	-	-	-
Balance at end of the financial year	238,658	78,371	159,637	650
2018				
Balance at beginning of the financial year	238,658	78,371	159,637	650
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	983	983	-	-
Net asset revaluation increment/(decrement)	11,909	-	11,909	-
Transfer to other reserves	-	-	-	-
Transfer from other reserves	-	-	-	-
Balance at end of the financial year	251,550	79,354	171,546	650
2019				
Balance at beginning of the financial year	251,550	79,354	171,546	650
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	1,468	1,468	-	-
Net asset revaluation increment/(decrement)	-	-	-	-
Transfer to other reserves	-	-	-	-
Transfer from other reserves	-	-	-	-
Balance at end of the financial year	253,018	80,822	171,546	650

Statement of Cash Flows

For the four years ending 30 June 2019

	Forecast	Budget	Strategic Resource Plan		
	Actual		Projections		
	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
	Inflows	Inflows	Inflows	Inflows	Inflows
	(Outflows)	(Outflows)	(Outflows)	(Outflows)	(Outflows)
Cash flows from operating activities					
Rates and charges	16,070	16,951	17,641	18,627	19,482
Statutory fees and fines	270	278	283	294	303
User fees	777	747	1,152	1,209	1,256
Grants - operating	8,868	5,761	4,859	5,097	5,295
Grants - capital	2,518	2,927	1,728	1,804	1,867
Interest received	320	235	233	235	234
Other receipts	604	391	987	309	309
Employee costs	(9,620)	(9,030)	(8,566)	(8,854)	(9,123)
Materials and services	(11,776)	(12,202)	(11,302)	(11,625)	(11,977)
Other payments	(198)	(202)	(207)	(213)	(220)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	7,833	5,856	6,808	6,883	7,426
Cash flows from investing activities					
Payments for property, infrastructure, plant and equipment	(7,996)	(7,821)	(7,511)	(7,400)	(8,400)
Proceeds from sale of property, infrastructure, plant and equipment	327	970		0	0
Payments for landfill rehabilitation	0	(524)	0	0	0
Net cash provided by/ (used in) investing activities	(7,669)	(7,375)	(7,511)	(7,400)	(8,400)
Cash flows from financing activities					
Finance costs	(160)	(120)	(82)	(51)	(37)
Proceeds from borrowings	0	0	0	0	0
Repayment of borrowings	(626)	(433)	(713)	(282)	(184)
Net cash provided by/(used in) financing activities	(786)	(553)	(795)	(333)	(221)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash & cash equivalents	(622)	(2,072)	(1,498)	(850)	(1,195)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year	9,154	8,532	6,460	4,962	4,112
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year	8,532	6,460	4,962	4,112	2,917

Statement of Capital Works

For the four years ending 30 June 2019

	Forecast	Budget	Strategic Resource Plan		
	Actual 2014/15 \$'000	2015/16 \$'000	Projections		
			2016/17 \$'000	2017/18 \$'000	2018/19 \$'000
Property					
Land	858	231	0	0	0
Buildings	1,693	686	1,768	2,081	2,304
Total property	2,551	917	1,768	2,081	2,304
Plant and equipment					
Plant, machinery and equipment	790	770	1,012	1,002	1,004
Computers and telecommunications	192	250	294	294	294
Total plant and equipment	982	1,020	1,306	1,296	1,298
Infrastructure					
Roads	3,584	3,671	4,012	3,550	4,311
Bridges	360	1,297	385	432	441
Footpaths and cycleways	105	139	35	34	36
Drainage	334	439	5	7	10
Other community infrastructure	0	275	0	0	0
Kerb & Channel	80	62	0	0	0
Total infrastructure	4,463	5,883	4,437	4,023	4,798
Total capital works expenditure	7,996	7,820	7,511	7,400	8,400
Represented by:					
New asset expenditure	147	147	376	370	420
Asset renewal expenditure	7,442	7,240	6,384	6,290	7,140
Asset expansion expenditure	0	0	0	0	0
Asset upgrade expenditure	407	433	751	740	840
Total capital works expenditure	7,996	7,820	7,511	7,400	8,400

Statement of Human Resources

For the four years ending 30 June 2019

	Forecast	Budget	Strategic Resource Plan		
	Actual		Projections		
	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Staff expenditure					
Employee costs - operating	10,168	8,295	8,544	8,800	9,064
Employee costs - capital	103	84	86	89	92
Total staff expenditure	10,271	8,379	8,630	8,889	9,156
	FTE	FTE	FTE	FTE	FTE
Staff numbers					
Employees	118	97	98	99	100
Total staff numbers	118	97	98	99	100

Appendix B

Rates and charges

This appendix presents information which the Act and the Regulations require to be disclosed in the Council's annual budget.

Rates and charges

1. Rates and charges

1.1 The rate in the dollar to be levied as general rates under section 158 of the Act for each type or class of land compared with the previous financial year

Type or class of land	2013/14 cents/\$CIV	2014/15 cents/\$CIV	Change
General rate for rateable residential properties	0.5106248	0.5334707	4.47%
General rate for rateable vacant residential properties	0.8935934	0.9335737	4.47%
General rate for rateable farm properties	0.4340311	0.4534501	4.47%
General rate for rateable commercial/industrial properties	0.6127498	0.6401648	4.47%
General rate for rateable vacant comm/ind properties	1.0723121	1.1202885	4.47%

1.2 The estimated total amount to be raised by general rates in relation to each type or class of land, and the estimated total amount to be raised by general rates, compared with the previous financial year

Type or class of land	2014/15 \$	2015/16 \$	Change
Residential	5,565,141	5,858,111	5.26%
Vacant Residential	513,987	566,293	10.18%
Farm	5,785,730	6,099,690	5.43%
Commercial/Industrial	596,992	634,004	6.20%
Vacant Commercial/Industrial	8,289	8,660	4.48%
Total amount to be raised by general rates	12,470,140	13,166,758	5.59%

1.3 The number of assessments in relation to each type or class of land, and the total number of assessments, compared with the previous financial year

Type or class of land	2014/15 \$	2015/16 \$	Change
Residential	4,307	4,346	0.91%
Vacant Residential	393	403	2.54%
Farm	2,195	2,202	0.32%
Commercial/Industrial	280	284	1.43%
Vacant Commercial/Industrial	7	7	0.00%
Total number of assessments	7,182	7,242	0.84%

1.4 The basis of valuation to be used is the Capital Improved Value (CIV)

1.5 The estimated total value of each type or class of land, and the estimated total value of land, compared with the previous financial year

Type or class of land	2014/15 \$	2015/16 \$	Change
Residential	1,086,146,000	1,104,691,540	1.71%
Vacant Residential	57,546,000	60,658,580	5.41%
Farm	1,328,656,000	1,345,173,405	1.24%
Commercial/Industrial	97,041,000	99,037,570	2.06%
Vacant Commercial/Industrial	773,000	773,000	0.00%
Total value of land	2,570,162,000	2,610,334,095	1.56%

1.6 The municipal charge under section 159 of the Act compared with the previous financial year

Type of Charge	Per Rateable Property 2014/15 \$	Per Rateable Property 2015/16 \$	Change
Municipal	266	266	0.0%

1.7 The estimated total amount to be raised by municipal charges compared with the previous financial year

Type of Charge	2014/15 \$	2015/16 \$	Change
Municipal	1,735,121	1,753,121	1.04%

1.8 The rate or unit amount to be levied for each type of service rate or charge under section 162 of the Act compared with the previous financial year

Type of Charge	Per Rateable Property 2014/15 \$	Per Rateable Property 2015/16 \$	Change
Kerbside collection - 80 Litre	339	N/A	N/A
Kerbside collection - 120 Litre Commercial	339	339	0.00%
Kerbside collection - 240 Litre Commercial & Farm	679	679	0.00%
Recycling - 120 Litre Farm	168	168	0.00%
Recycling - 240 Litre Farm	168	168	0.00%
Recycling - 360 Litre Farm	168	168	0.00%
Organics Collection - 120 Litre	N/A	N/A	N/A
Organics Collection - 240 Litre	N/A	N/A	N/A
Tree Management Service Charge	N/A	25	N/A
Kerbside/Recycling/Organics Collection	N/A	507	N/A
Kerbside/Organics Collection Farms	N/A	339	N/A

1.9 The estimated total amount to be raised by each type of service rate or charge, and the estimated

Type of Charge	2014/15 \$	2015/16 \$	Change
Kerbside collection - 120 Litre	1,317,529	0	-100.00%
Kerbside collection - 240 Litre	47,310	0	-100.00%
Recycling	600,864	0	-100.00%
Kerbside/Recycling/Organics Collection	N/A	1,729,964	N/A
Kerbside/Organics Collection Farms		114,228	
Kerbside collection - Commercial & Farm		103,808	
Tree Management Service Charge	N/A	163,325	N/A
Total	1,965,703	2,111,325	7.41%

1.10 The estimated total amount to be raised by all rates and charges compared with the previous

Type of Charge	2014/15 \$	2015/16 \$	Change
Rates and charges	16,170,964	17,031,204	5.32%

1.11 Any significant changes that may affect the estimated amounts to be raised by rates and

There are no known significant changes which may affect the estimated amounts to be raised by rates and

- The making of supplementary valuations
- The variation of returned levels of value (e.g. valuation appeals);
- Changes of use of land such that rateable land becomes non-rateable land and vice versa; and
- Changes of use of land such that residential land becomes business land and vice versa.

2. Differential rates

2.1 Rates to be levied

The rate and amount of rates payable in relation to land in each category of differential are:

- A general rate of 0.5334707% (0.5334707 cents in the dollar of CIV) for all rateable Residential properties and Farm zoned properties which do not meet the Farm differential criteria.
- A differential rate of 0.9335737% (0.9335737 cents in the dollar of CIV) for all rateable Vacant Residential properties.
- A differential rate of 0.4534501% (0.4534501 cents in the dollar of CIV) for all rateable Farm properties.
- A differential rate of 0.6401648% (0.6401648 cents in the dollar of CIV) for all rateable Commercial/Industrial properties.
- A differential rate of 1.1202885% (1.1202885 cents in the dollar of CIV) for all rateable Vacant Commercial/Industrial properties.

Each differential rate will be determined by multiplying the Capital Improved Value of each rateable land (categorised by the characteristics described below) by the relevant percentages indicated above.

Council considers that each differential rate will contribute to the equitable and efficient carrying out of council functions. Details of the objectives of each differential rate, the types of classes of land, which are subject to each differential rate and the uses of each differential rate, are set out below.

2.2 Vacant Residential Land Differential Rate

A differential rate will be applied for vacant residential land.

The reasons for the application of a vacant residential differential rate are to ensure the equitable and efficient carrying out of Council's functions and to ensure the appropriate distribution of costs associated with the delivery of services. The differential is also applied to encourage the development of vacant residential land for the general benefit of the community.

Land classed as vacant residential is identified as that land which is categorised within the rating system as having a residential use and having improvements valued at not greater than \$20,000. Vacant residential land which is considered contiguous with occupied residential land will be rated as residential.

The characteristics of the land classed as vacant residential are that it is located within a residential (or township or similar) zone, is permitted for residential development and has improvements of not greater than \$20,000.

2.3 Commercial/Industrial Differential Rate

A differential rate will be applied to land used for commercial or industrial purposes.

The reasons for the application of a commercial/industrial differential rate are to ensure the equitable and efficient carrying out of Council's functions and to ensure the appropriate distribution of costs associated with the delivery of services which specifically benefit commercial/industrial properties.

Services specifically benefiting commercial/industrial properties include;

- street cleaning, streetscape infrastructure maintenance, waste management, environmental health, compliance - and animal control, street tree management and improvements to commercial and industrial areas.

The appropriate level for the commercial/industrial differential rate is considered to be 120% of the general rate, subject to the following transitional arrangements -

Land classed as commercial/industrial is identified as that land which is categorised within the rating system as having a commercial or industrial use.

The characteristics of the land classed as commercial/industrial are that it is used for the purposes of retail, wholesale, tourism activities, accommodation, professional or other commercial services or for manufacturing, maintenance, storage and distribution of goods or other industrial services.

2.4 Vacant Commercial/Industrial Differential Rate

A differential rate will be applied for vacant commercial/industrial land.

The reasons for the application of a vacant commercial/industrial differential rate are to ensure the equitable and efficient carrying out of Council's functions and to ensure the appropriate distribution of costs associated with the delivery of services. The differential is also applied to encourage the development of vacant commercial/industrial land for the general benefit of the community.

Land classed as vacant commercial/industrial is identified as that land which is categorised within the rating system as having a commercial or industrial use and having improvements valued at not greater than \$20,000. Vacant commercial/industrial land which is considered contiguous with occupied commercial/industrial land will be rated as commercial/industrial.

The characteristics of the land classed as vacant commercial/industrial are that it is located within a commercial or industrial zone, is permitted for commercial or industrial development and has improvements of not greater than \$20,000.

2.5 Farm Differential Rate

A differential rate will be applied to land used for farming purposes.

The reason for the application of a farm differential rate is to ensure the equitable and efficient carrying out of Council's functions.

Specifically, reasons include –

Acknowledgement that land invested in farming is intrinsic to the activity, distinguishing it from land upon which an activity is based.

Acknowledgement that farming viability generally requires broadacre investment and recognition of the consequent adverse rating impacts of that investment.

Acknowledgement that farmers are key contributors to the successful management of the rural environment and that the general community derives benefit from that management.

Recognition of the importance of farming as a local economic generator with flow on impacts for local business and employment.

The importance of maintaining the Shire's rural amenity for the enjoyment of residents and the attraction of tourists.

The application of a farm differential is consistent with the general practice of rural local governments.

National economic importance of encouraging investment in primary industry.

The appropriate level for the farm differential rate is considered to be 85% of the general rate.

Land classed as farm is identified as that land which is situated within the farming zone, is not less than 40 hectares in area and is not classified as having a commercial or industrial use. Land classified as having a commercial or industrial use will be rated accordingly.

Land situated within the farming zone of less than 40 hectares may be considered for the farm differential rate, subject to satisfying Council's criteria for recognition as a bone fide farming activity. Typically such consideration would apply to intensive farming pursuits.

The characteristics of the land classed as farm are that it is used to;

- propagate, cultivate or harvest plants, including cereals, flowers, fruit, seeds, trees, turf, and vegetables; or
- keep, breed, board, or train animals, including livestock, and birds; or
- propagate, cultivate, rear, or harvest living resources of the sea or inland waters.

Appendix C Capital works program

This appendix presents a listing of the capital works projects that will be undertaken for the 2015/16 year.

The capital works projects are grouped by class and include the following:

- New works for 2015/16
- Works carried forward from the 2014/15 year.

Capital works program

For the year ending 30 June 2016

1. New works

Capital Works Area	Project cost \$'000	Asset expenditure type				Summary of funding sources			
		New \$'000	Renewal \$'000	Upgrade \$'000	Expansion \$'000	Grants \$'000	Contributions \$'000	Council cash \$'000	Borrow's \$'000
PROPERTY									
Buildings									
Strathbogie Memorial Hall	3		3					3	
Nagambie Glass Square Bowling Club Rooms	30		30					30	
Nagambie Glass Square Tennis Club Rooms	20		20					20	
Violet Town Bowls club shed	15		15					15	
Brock Street Toilet Cubicle refurbishment	22		22					22	
Euroa Civic Centre - Damp proofing	10		10					10	
Euroa Caravan Park - amenities building	35		35					35	
Euroa Caravan Park - switch room renewal	5		5					5	
Euroa Caravan Park Lease Upgrade	30			30				30	
Roof Euroa Civic Centre	97		97					97	
Euroa Guides Hall	8		8					8	
Euroa Depot - sewer conection	10		10					10	
Euroa Band Hall William Pearson	20		20					20	
RSL Hall Memorial Park, Euroa - Stage 2 painting & rendering the exterior of building	45		45					45	
Nagambie Lakes Community House - Restumping	10		10					10	
Boho South Hall - Kitchen referb	10		10					10	
Decomission Locksley Tennis Club toilets	5		5					5	
Decomission Violet Town Shadforth Reserve Toilet	15		15					15	
Violet Town Old Library - white ant damage (stage 2)	10		10					10	
Violet Town Depot - Stage 2	25	25						25	
Total Buildings	425	25	370	30	0	0	0	425	0
TOTAL PROPERTY	425	25	370	30	0	0	0	425	0

Capital Works Area	Project cost \$'000	Asset expenditure type				Summary of funding sources			
		New \$'000	Renewal \$'000	Upgrade \$'000	Expansion \$'000	Grants \$'000	Contributions \$'000	Council cash \$'000	Borrow's \$'000
PLANT AND EQUIPMENT									
Plant, Machinery and Equipment									
Plant replacement	470		470					470	
Motor vehicle replacement	300		300					300	
Total Plant, Machinery and Equipment	770	0	770	0	0	0	0	770	0
Furniture and Equipment									
Computers and Telecommunications									
Information technology	250		250					250	
Total Computers and Telecommunications	250	0	250	0	0	0	0	250	0
TOTAL PLANT AND EQUIPMENT	1,020	0	1,020	0	0	0	0	1,020	0

Capital Works Area	Project cost \$'000	Asset expenditure type				Summary of funding sources			
		New \$'000	Renewal \$'000	Upgrade \$'000	Expansion \$'000	Grants \$'000	Contributions \$'000	Council cash \$'000	Borrow's \$'000
INFRASTRUCTURE									
Roads									
Reseal Program	1,296		1296			2,554		897	
Rehabilitation Program	1,201		1201						
Shoulder Pavement Program	321		321						
Resheeting Program	633		633						
Birkett Street - Railway pedestrian crossing	25	25						25	
Mitchellstown Road - Signage Upgrade	2			2				2	
Garret St Euroa shoulder widening & Seal - Graham to Sutherland St	20			20				20	
Charles St resheet & seal - Frost St to Hay Street	38			38				38	
Binney St - ramp for disabled bay	5			5				5	
Euroa Mansfield Road, Seven Creeks to Anderson St Stage 1	130			130				130	
Total Roads	3,671	25	3,451	195	0	2,554	0	1,117	0
Bridges									
Kirwan's Bridge	400		400			200		200	
Kelly's Bridge, Creighton's Creek Road	120		120			60		60	
Currie's Road Bridge No 30	45		45					45	
Avenel Longwood Bridge No 63	65		65					65	
Arcadia-Tamleugh Road Bridge No 105	28		28					28	
Abutment works as per Moloney 2015 report	139		139					139	
Cullens Road Bridge No 86	100		100					100	
*High Street- Violet Town Bridge No 90	155		155					155	
Total Bridges	1,052	0	1052	0	0	260	0	792	0

Capital Works Area	Project cost \$'000	Asset expenditure type				Summary of funding sources			
		New \$'000	Renewal \$'000	Upgrade \$'000	Expansion \$'000	Grants \$'000	Contributions \$'000	Council cash \$'000	Borrow's \$'000
Footpaths									
Binney St asphalt renewal-Bury to Brock (both sides)	22		22					22	
Elizabeth Street	18		18					18	
High St - Nagambie (south)	18		18					18	
McGinness Street	16		16					16	
Lighting of Nagambie Foreshore walkway	25	13		12				25	
Avenel - Livingstone St - gravel paths	40	40						40	
Total Footpaths	139	53	74	12	0	0	0	139	0
Kerb and channel									
Gobur Street	11		11					11	
Kirkland Avenue	21		21					21	
Fancourt street	16		16					16	
Fancourt street	14		14					14	
Total Kerb and channel	62	0	62	0	0	0	0	62	0
Drainage									
Pit lid inserts	1		1					1	
Davey Lane	8			8			4	4	
Barwon Street Nagambie	20			20				20	
Thorndike Road	20			20				20	
Rowe Street, Euroa Stage 1	100		50	50				100	
Saxon Street Euroa - stage 2	50			50				50	
Kennedy Street drainage improvement -open drain	4	4						4	
Total Drainage	203	4	51	148	0	0	4	199	0

Capital Works Area	Project cost \$'000	Asset expenditure type				Summary of funding sources			
		New \$'000	Renewal \$'000	Upgrade \$'000	Expansion \$'000	Grants \$'000	Contributions \$'000	Council cash \$'000	Borrow's \$'000
Community infrastructure									
Heritage Signs Plaques	7		7					7	
Jubilee Park Avenal - Electrical Upgrade	18			18				18	
Spring Creek Road - Shelter & Pathway	10	10						10	
Brock Street Drainage - Replace & relay brick pavers	8		8					8	
Creation of easement for Flood Levees	15	15						15	
Euroa Skate Park - Shade Sail	15	15						15	
Nagambie Oval	16		16					16	
Avenal Oval	15		15					15	
Euroa Friendlies Oval	16		16					16	
Violet Town Oval	16		16					16	
Longwood Oval	31		31					31	
Longwood Recreation Reserve Tree Removal	30			30				30	
Play equipment Bi-Centennial Park, Euroa	13		13					13	
Replacement of fences, bollards and park lighting	14		14					14	
Total community infrastructure	224	40	136	48	0		0	224	0
TOTAL INFRASTRUCTURE	5,351	122	4,826	403	0	2,814	4	2,533	0
TOTAL NEW CAPITAL WORKS 2015/16	6,796	147	6,216	433	0	2,814	4	3,978	0

2. Works carried forward from the 2014/15 year

Capital Works Area	Project cost \$'000	Asset expenditure type				Summary of funding sources			
		New \$'000	Renewal \$'000	Upgrade \$'000	Expansion \$'000	Grants \$'000	Contributions \$'000	Council cash \$'000	Borrow's \$'000
Buildings									
Avenel Memorial Hall - Stormwater drains, footings	40							40	
Violet Town Community Centre - Roof	181		181					181	
Violet Town Library	40			40				40	
Waste Transfer Stations	275		275			106		169	
Total Buildings	536	0	496	40	0	106	0	430	0
Bridges									
Pranjip Road Bridge	245		245					245	
Total Bridges	245	0	245	0	0	0	0	245	0
Drainage									
Nagambie Industrial Area Scope	43	43						43	
Nagambie Industrial Area drainage	43	43						43	
Nagambie drainage - retention dam	70		70					70	
Avenel drainage	15		15					15	
Pit Lids	65		65					65	
Total Drainage	236	86	150	0	0	0	0	236	0
Community infrastructure									
Euroa Flood Mitigation Works	7			7		7			
Community infrastructure	7	0	0	7	0	7	0	0	0
TOTAL CARRIED FWD WORKS 2014/15	1,024	86	891	47	0	113	0	911	0
TOTAL CAPITAL WORKS	7,820	233	7,107	480	0	2,927	4	4,889	0
3. Summary									
PROPERTY	961	25	866	70	0	106	0	855	0
PLANT AND EQUIPMENT	1,020	0	1,020	0	0	0	0	1,020	0
INFRASTRUCTURE	5,839	208	5,221	410	0	2,821	4	3,014	0
TOTAL CAPITAL WORKS	7,820	233	7,107	480	0	2,927	4	4,889	0

Appendix D

Fees and charges schedule

This appendix presents the fees and charges of a statutory and non-statutory nature which will be charged in respect to various goods and services provided during the 2015/16 year.

	Fee Unit	Current Fees 2014/15 (ex GST)	Proposed Fees 2015/16 (ex GST)	% Increase 2015/16 (Ex GST)	GST Applicable	Fee 2015/16 (Inc GST)
<u>Community Transport</u>						
Euroa to Longwood	Return trip	\$12.65		-100.00%	Yes	-
Euroa to Benalla	Return trip	\$37.15		-100.00%	Yes	-
Euroa to Shepparton	Return trip	\$38.00		-100.00%	Yes	-
Euroa to Violet Town	Return trip	\$17.00		-100.00%	Yes	-
Euroa to Wangaratta	Return trip	\$67.50		-100.00%	Yes	-
Euroa to Heidelberg	Return trip	\$121.50		-100.00%	Yes	-
Euroa to Melbourne	Return trip	\$129.40		-100.00%	Yes	-
Euroa to Alexandra	Return trip	\$47.25		-100.00%	Yes	-
Euroa to Seymour	Return trip	\$43.70		-100.00%	Yes	-
Nagambie to Euroa	Return trip	\$37.15		-100.00%	Yes	-
Nagambie to Seymour	Return trip	\$23.60		-100.00%	Yes	-
Nagambie to Heidelberg	Return trip	\$101.30		-100.00%	Yes	-
Nagambie Melbourne	Return trip	\$109.00		-100.00%	Yes	-
Nagambie to Shepparton	Return trip	\$41.55		-100.00%	Yes	-
Avenel to Nagambie	Return trip	\$18.00		-100.00%	Yes	-
Avenel to Shepparton	Return trip	\$59.90		-100.00%	Yes	-
Avenel to Seymour	Return trip	\$16.50		-100.00%	Yes	-
<u>Euroa Cinema</u>						
Single Ticket	1 ticket	\$9.10	\$9.10	0.00%	Yes	10.00
Book of Tickets	5 tickets	\$36.36	\$36.36	0.00%	Yes	40.00
<u>Swimming Pools</u>						
Family	Season	76.36	76.36	0.00%	Yes	84.00
Adult	Season	50.91	50.91	0.00%	Yes	56.00
Child	Season	33.64	33.64	0.00%	Yes	37.00
Adult	Day	4.55	4.55	0.00%	Yes	5.00
Child	Day	3.64	3.64	0.00%	Yes	4.00
<u>Tip/Transfer Station Fees</u>						
Commercial Garbage (Residents)	m3	47.27	47.27	0.00%	Yes	52.00
Commercial Garbage (Non - Residents)	m3	86.36	86.36	0.00%	Yes	95.00
Domestic Garbage (Residents)	m3	30.00	30.00	0.00%	Yes	33.00
Domestic Garbage (Non - Residents)	m3	60.00	60.00	0.00%	Yes	66.00
Greenwaste (Residents)	m3	15.45	15.45	0.00%	Yes	17.00
Greenwaste (Non-Residents)	m3	20.00	20.00	0.00%	Yes	22.00
Whitegoods (Requiring degassing)	unit	8.18	8.18	0.00%	Yes	9.00
Mattresses/Mattress Bases (Single) (Residents)	unit	14.55	14.55	0.00%	Yes	16.00
Mattresses/Mattress Bases (Single) (Non-Residents)	unit	29.09	29.09	0.00%	Yes	32.00
Mattresses/Mattress Bases (Double) (Residents)	unit	20.91	20.91	0.00%	Yes	23.00
Mattresses/Mattress Bases (Double) (Non-Residents)	unit	41.82	41.82	0.00%	Yes	46.00
Tyres - Car (Residents)	unit	7.27	7.27	0.00%	Yes	8.00
Tyres - Car (Non-Residents)	unit	9.09	9.09	0.00%	Yes	10.00
Tyres - Light Truck/4WD (Residents)	unit	10.00	10.00	0.00%	Yes	11.00
Tyres - Light Truck/4WD (Non-Residents)	unit	13.64	13.64	0.00%	Yes	15.00
Tyres - Heavy Truck (Residents)	unit	22.73	22.73	0.00%	Yes	25.00
Tyres - Heavy Truck (Non-Residents)	unit	27.27	27.27	0.00%	Yes	30.00
Tyres - Tractor (Residents)	unit	45.45	45.45	0.00%	Yes	50.00
Tyres - Tractor (Non-Residents)	unit	54.55	54.55	0.00%	Yes	60.00
Tyres - Earthmoving (Residents)	unit	56.36	56.36	0.00%	Yes	62.00
Tyres - Earthmoving (Non-Residents)	unit	68.18	68.18	0.00%	Yes	75.00
Commingled Recyclables - Residential (Residents)	m3	No charge	No charge			
Commingled Recyclables - Residential (Non-Residents)	m3	6.36	6.36	0.00%	Yes	7.00
Commingled Recyclables -Commercial/Business (Residents)	m3	4.55	4.55	0.00%	Yes	5.00
Commingled Recyclables -Commercial/Business (Non-Residents)	m3	9.09	9.09	0.00%	Yes	10.00
Gas Bottles (<9kg) (Residents)	unit	5.45	5.45	0.00%	Yes	6.00
Gas Bottles (<9kg) (Non-Residents)	unit	9.09	9.09	0.00%	Yes	10.00
Gas Bottles (9kg) (Residents)	unit	7.27	7.27	0.00%	Yes	8.00
Gas Bottles (9kg) (Non-Residents)	unit	13.64	13.64	0.00%	Yes	15.00
Gas Bottles (>9kg) (Residents)	unit	12.73	12.73	0.00%	Yes	14.00
Gas Bottles (>9kg) (Non-Residents)	unit	20.00	20.00	0.00%	Yes	22.00
TV's/Computers	unit	-	27.27		Yes	30.00

	Fee Unit	Current Fees 2014/15 (ex GST)	Proposed Fees 2015/16 (ex GST)	% Increase 2015/16 (Ex GST)	GST Applicable	Fee 2015/16 (Inc GST)
General File/Permit Retrieval						
Admin Fee Electronic Retrieval of file (Planning, Building, Health, Septic, Food)	per file		33.00		Yes	36.30
plus scan up to A3 1-50 pages	page		0.15		Yes	0.17
plus scan up to A3 51-100 pages	page		0.14		Yes	0.15
plus scan greater than A3	page		1.40		Yes	1.50
Admin Fee Hard Copy Retrieval of file (Planning, Building, Health, Septic, Food)	per file		33.00		Yes	36.30
Scan up to A3 1-50 pages plus general photocopying charge	page		0.15		Yes	0.17
Scan up to A3 51-100 pages plus general photocopying charge	page		0.14		Yes	0.15
Scan greater than A3 plus general photocopying charge	page		1.40		Yes	1.50
General Photocopying						
A4 (each)	page	1.00	0.91	-9.09%	Yes	1.00
A3 (each)	page	2.00	1.82	-9.09%	Yes	2.00
A2 (each)	page	3.00	2.73	-9.09%	Yes	3.00
A1 (each)	page	5.00	4.55	-9.09%	Yes	5.00
Building Fees						
Domestic Building Works:						
New Dwellings up to \$180,000	app'n	2546.00	2546.00	0.00%	No	2,546.00
New Dwellings Over \$180,000	app'n	2812.00	2812.00	0.00%	No	2,812.00
Additions to Dwelling, Garage, Decks, Pergolas, Fencing, Masts etc. \$0 - \$30,000	app'n	795.00	795.00	0.00%	No	795.00
Additions Over \$30,000 to \$180,000	app'n	1167.00	1167.00	0.00%	No	1,167.00
Industrial / Commercial						
Minor Works to \$10,000	app'n	1920.00	1,920.00	0.00%	No	1,920.00
Minor Works \$10,000 to \$30,000 (Cost of works x 0.0145+\$2,000)	app'n	Cost formula				
Building Works \$30,000 to \$500,000 (Cost of works x 0.0145+\$2,000)	app'n	Cost formula				
Building Works Above \$500,000 (POA)	app'n	POA				
Service Fees						
Building Permit Extension Class 1	app'n	190.00	190.00	0.00%	No	190.00
Building Permit Extension Class 10	app'n	106.00	106.00	0.00%	No	106.00
Essential Safety Measures Report per hour (Minimum 2 hour charge)	hour	160.00	160.00	0.00%	No	160.00
Occupancy Inspection per hour (Minimum 2 hour charge)	hour	160.00	160.00	0.00%	No	160.00
Building Permit Amendments per hour (Minimum 2 hour charge)	hour	160.00	160.00	0.00%	No	160.00
Preparation of Reports per hour (Minimum 2 hour charge)	hour	160.00	160.00	0.00%	No	160.00
Installation Permit (Removable Dwellings under <i>Residential Tenancies Act</i>)	app'n	850.00	850.00	0.00%	No	850.00
P.O.P.E. Places Of Public Entertainment Approval	app'n	1545.00	1545.00	0.00%	No	1,545.00
P.O.P.E. Siting MBS approvals (Min 2 hours)	hour		164.80		No	165.00
Road Opening Permit Fees						
Vehicle Crossing	Permit	69.00	69.00	0.00%	No	69.00
Other Road Openings - per Regulations						
Permit for removal of fallen timber	Permit	10.00	10.00		No	10.00
Domestic Animal Registration Fees						
Standard Fee (As Set by Council)	Animal	165.00	165.00	0.00%	No	165.00
Reduced Fee (Set by the Act =not greater than 33.33% of Maximum Fee)	Animal	38.00	38.00	0.00%	No	38.00
Pensioner Fee (Set by the Act = 50% of Reduced Fees)	Animal	19.00	19.00	0.00%	No	19.00
Declared dogs (no concession)	Animal	-	250.00		No	250.00
Pound Fees						
Domestic Animals (Dogs/Cats)	Day	16.50	16.50	0.00%	No	17.00
Domestic Animal - Administration Fee (Accounting/Advertising/Release etc)		100.00	100.00	0.00%	No	100.00
Domestic Animals - After Hours Collection Fee when impounded	Collection	100.00	100.00	0.00%	No	100.00
Livestock - Sheep	Head/Day	6.20	6.20	0.00%	No	6.00
Livestock - Cattle	Head/Day	16.50	16.50	0.00%	No	17.00
Livestock - Horses	Head/Day	16.50	16.50	0.00%	No	17.00
Livestock - Stallions & Bulls	Head/Day	59.00	59.00	0.00%	No	59.00
Livestock - Other	Head/Day	16.50	16.50	0.00%	No	17.00
Transport - By Staff	Trip	101.00	101.00	0.00%	No	101.00
Transport - By Contractor	Trip					
Livestock - Administration Fee (Accounting/Advertising/Release etc)	Offence	101.00	101.00	0.00%	No	101.00

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Impound/Call Out Fees						
Staff impound/Call out fee		101.00	101.00	0.00%	No	101.00
Contractor impound/Call out fee						
Surrender of Animals						
Animals to be euthanased where owner surrenders -		85.00	85.00	0.00%	No	85.00
All animals		85.00	85.00	0.00%	No	85.00
Other Fees						
Vet Fees (all animals)		At Cost +10%			Yes	-
Domestic Animal Business						
Registration and Renewal		222.00	222.00	0.00%	No	222.00
Additional Inspections		106.00	106.00	0.00%	No	106.00
New Business Establishment Fee		-	222.00		No	222.00
Local Laws - Permits						
Permit to graze livestock by resident owner		37.00	37.00	0.00%	No	37.00
Other Permits (Administration Fee)	Permit	69.00	69.00	0.00%	No	69.00
Annual Permits, including single item street trading		69.00	69.00	0.00%	No	69.00
Annual Permits for multiple use in street trading		120.00	120.00	0.00%	No	120.00
Saleyards						
Agents Yard Fee for sale days (cattle sold per head)		0.30	0.30	0.00%	Yes	0.33
or						
Fee per sale (whichever is greater)		309.00	309.00	0.00%	Yes	340.00
Crush Use						
Weighings		4.10	4.10	0.00%	Yes	4.50
NLIS Tags		10.00	50.00	400.00%	Yes	55.00
Scanning		2.50	2.50	0.00%	Yes	2.75
Sheep		0.25	0.25	0.00%	Yes	0.30
Horse		5.65	5.65	0.00%	Yes	6.20
Alpaca		5.65	5.65	0.00%	Yes	6.20
Llama		5.65	5.65	0.00%	Yes	6.20
Truck wash		1.55	1.55	0.00%	Yes	1.70
Fees Associated with Sales						
2nd day before sale day (after mid-day)		8.75	8.75	0.00%	Yes	9.60
Day before sale day		8.75	8.75	0.00%	Yes	9.60
Sale day		8.75	8.75	0.00%	Yes	9.60
Day after Sale day (before 5.00pm)		8.25	8.25	0.00%	Yes	9.10
Use of yards as a trans-shipment point (max. 12hours)		227.00	227.00	0.00%	Yes	249.70
Single Truck Operators		113.00	113.00	0.00%	Yes	124.30
Health Fees						
Food Premises etc Fees						
Class 1 Food Premises (includes one routine inspection and audit)	Permit	488.00	488.00	0.00%	No	488.00
- Additional fees for late registration (add 50% of scheduled fee)		244.00	244.00	0.00%	No	244.00
Class 2 Food Premises (includes one routine inspection and compliance check)	Permit	488.00	488.00	0.00%	No	488.00
- Additional fees for late registration (add 50% of scheduled fee)		244.00	244.00	0.00%	No	244.00
Class 2 with 3rd party FSP (includes one routine inspection and compliance check)	Permit	488.00	488.00	0.00%	No	488.00
- Additional fees for late registration (add 50% of scheduled fee)		244.00	244.00	0.00%	No	244.00
Class 3 Food Premises (includes one routine inspection)	Permit	212.00	212.00	0.00%	No	212.00
- Additional fees for late registration (add 50% of scheduled fee)		106.00	106.00	0.00%	No	106.00
New Business Establishment Fee	Permit		50% of scheduled fee			
More than 5 persons employed (\$10 per person to a maximum \$2,500)	Permit	10.00	10.00	0.00%	No	10.00
Sporting Clubs/Community Groups (not for profit)	Permit	-				
Food vehicle						
Class 2	Permit	276.00	276.00	0.00%	No	276.00
Class 3	Permit	170.00	170.00	0.00%	No	170.00

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Temporary Food Stall						
Single event						
Class 2	Permit	117.00	117.00	0.00%	No	117.00
Class 3	Permit	64.00	64.00	0.00%	No	64.00
Class 4 (sausage sizzlesetc,for fund raising)	Permit	-	-		No	-
Single event for Sporting Clubs/Community Groups (not for profit) registered in Starthb	Permit	-	-		No	-
Annual Fee						
Class 2	Permit	212.00	212.00	0.00%	No	212.00
Class 3	Permit	106.00	106.00	0.00%	No	106.00
Class 4 (sausage sizzlesetc,for fund raising)	Permit	-	-			-
Food stall for Sporting Clubs/Community Groups (not for profit)	Permit					
Refunds						
Refund due to closure	Permit	No refund	No Refund	0.00%	No	No Refund
Submission of plans						
Application fee for submission of plans (50% of applicable registration fee)			50% of scheduled fee	0.00%	No	-
Inspections						
Additional inspections (all categories)	Each	106.00	106.00	0.00%	No	106.00
Pre Inspection of New Premise prior to opening	Each	106.00	106.00	0.00%	No	106.00
Pre Inspection of Premise being sold	Each	106.00	106.00	0.00%	No	106.00
Priority inspection request (within 5 days)	Each	159.00	159.00	0.00%	No	159.00
Urgent inspection request (within 48 hrs)	Each	276.00	276.00	0.00%	No	276.00
Public Health & Well being Act Fees						
Hairdressers, beauty parlours, skin penetration or similar	Permit	148.00	148.00	0.00%	No	148.00
Allied Health and Alternative Therapy Including Massage Therpy and Acupuncture, etc		148.00	148.00	0.00%	No	148.00
Joint Hairdressers, beauty parlours, skin penetration or similar	Permit	148.00	148.00	0.00%	No	148.00
Prescribed Accommodation	Permit	190.00	190.00	0.00%	No	190.00
New Business Establishment Fee			50% of scheduled fee		No	-
Septic Tank Application Fees						
New Installation	Permit	372.00	372.00	0.00%	No	372.00
Alteration	Permit	190.00	190.00	0.00%	No	190.00
Boat Ramp Fees						
Boat Ramp	Day	10.00	10.00	0.00%	Yes	11.00
Boat Ramp Residents	Annum	67.27	67.27	0.00%	Yes	74.00
Boat Ramp Non-Residents	Annum	110.00	110.00	0.00%	Yes	121.00
Regatta Centre Building						
Downstairs Function area - no staff - 1/2 day hire (4 hours)	1/2 Day	62.00	62.00	0.00%	Yes	68.00
Downstairs Function area - no staff - full day hire (8 hours)	Full Day	144.00	144.00	0.00%	Yes	158.00
Upstairs Conference area - no staff - 1/2 Day hire (4 hours)	1/2 Day	62.00	62.00	0.00%	Yes	68.00
Upstairs Conference area - no staff - Full Day hire (8 hours)	Full Day	144.00	144.00	0.00%	Yes	158.00
Kitchen - commercial (if selling) - 1/2 Day hire (4 hours)	1/2 Day	103.00	103.00	0.00%	Yes	113.00
Kitchen - commercial (if selling) - Full Day hire (8 hours)	Full Day	206.00	206.00	0.00%	Yes	227.00
Kitchen - private function 1/2 Day Hire (4 hours)	1/2 Day	52.00	52.00	0.00%	Yes	57.00
Kitchen - private function Full Day Hire (8 hours)	Full Day	103.00	103.00	0.00%	Yes	113.00
Boatshed - showers & toilets - 1/2 Day (4 hours)	1/2 Day	52.00	52.00	0.00%	Yes	57.00
Boatshed - showers & toilets - Full Day (8 hours)	Full Day	103.00	103.00	0.00%	Yes	113.00
Entire Regatta Centre Building not including kitchen - no staff - 1/2 Day hire (4 hours)	1/2 Day	165.00	165.00	0.00%	Yes	182.00
Entire Regatta Centre Building not including kitchen - no staff - Full Day hire (8 hours)	Full Day	330.00	330.00	0.00%	Yes	363.00
Peninsular - 1/2 Day hire (4 hours)	1/2 Day	412.00	412.00	0.00%	Yes	453.00
Peninsular - Full Day hire (8 hours)	Full Day	824.00	824.00	0.00%	Yes	906.00
Training Camps - Groups of 50 or less	Day	52.00	52.00	0.00%	Yes	57.00
Training Camps - Groups of more than 51	Day	103.00	103.00	0.00%	Yes	113.00
Entire Venue - no staff - 1/2 Day hire (4 hours)	1/2 Day	515.00	515.00	0.00%	Yes	567.00
Entire Venue - no staff - Full Day hire (8 hours)	Day	1,030.00	1,030.00	0.00%	Yes	1,133.00

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<u>Tourist Attraction Signage</u>						
4' Standard Name Blade	Sign	170.00	170.00	0.00%	Yes	187.00
Other sizes	Sign					
<u>Official Visitor Guide (OVG) Advertising</u>						
1/4 Page	Advertisement		268.18	#DIV/0!	Yes	295.00
1/2 Page	Advertisement		450.00	#DIV/0!	Yes	495.00
Full Page	Advertisement		813.64	#DIV/0!	Yes	895.00
Back Cover	Advertisement		1,177.27	#DIV/0!	Yes	1,295.00
Inside Back Cover	Advertisement		995.45	#DIV/0!	Yes	1,095.00
<u>Wesley Hall User Fees</u>						
Main Hall - half day hire	1/2 Day	160.00	160.00	0.00%	Yes	176.00
Main Hall - full day hire	Full Day	300.00	300.00	0.00%	Yes	330.00
Main Hall - evening hire	Evening	160.00	160.00	0.00%	Yes	176.00
Kitchen - half day hire	1/2 Day	60.00	60.00	0.00%	Yes	66.00
Kitchen - full day hire	Full Day	108.00	108.00	0.00%	Yes	119.00
Bond		309.00	309.00	0.00%	Yes	340.00