



2017 - 2018

RICHMOND SHIRE COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT



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community that strives to achieve
a high quality of lifestyle for
residents and visitors”***



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FOREWORD

The purpose of this Report is to clearly identify how the Richmond Shire Council, through its policies, initiatives and improved management practices, is delivering quality services to the ratepayers of the Shire as required by the Local Government Act 2009 and Local Government Regulation 2012.

This report covers the period 1 July 2017 – 30 June 2018

THE COUNCIL'S VISION

“Richmond Shire will be a community that strives to achieve a high quality of lifestyle for residents and visitors.”

THE COUNCIL'S MISSION

“To facilitate and foster economic development, industries, innovative projects, while continually upgrading and maintaining public infrastructure, to meet the growth of the Shire”.

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RICHMOND SHIRE COUNCIL - SHIRE IN BRIEF

INCORPORATED:	7 October 1916 (Wyangarie) Renamed Richmond 1954
ADDRESS:	65 Goldring Street Richmond
SIZE:	26,602 km ² (about the size of Belgium)
POPULATION:	648 (Census 2016)
CLIMATE:	Average minimum 15°C to average maximum 33 °c
RAINFALL AVERAGE:	475mm
MAJOR INDUSTRIES:	Agricultural and Tourism
EMERGING INDUSTRIES:	Irrigation Farming, Gold and Uranium mining
OPPORTUNITY FOR GROWTH:	Irrigation farms along the Flinders River
DISTANCE FROM BRISBANE:	1,432km north-west
ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES:	Six including the Mayor
AUDITORS	Altius Advisors 2017-2018
ANNUAL BUDGET 2017/18	Revenue \$16,091,238 Expenses \$17,648,641 Loss \$ 1,557,404
RATES	Value of rateable property \$145,724,020 Value of non-rateable property \$ 69,920 Rate and Charges Revenue \$ 1,563,350
ROADS	Total 1,296 km
INVESTMENTS AT 30 JUNE 2017	\$2,363,035
STAFF ESTABLISHMENT:	84 (including contractors) ⇒ 51 outside staff ⇒ 29 administrative and community service staff ⇒ 2 Caravan Park (contract managers) ⇒ 1 Live Weight Scales (contract manager) ⇒ 1 Swimming Pool (contract manager)
WAGES	\$5,530,127 (excluding contractors)

TOURISM - FOSSIL CAPITAL OF AUSTRALIA

Tourism	Over 12,176 visitors in 2016-2017
Controlled entity	Kronosaurus Korner Board Inc. 4 Tourism Officers (Kronosaurus Korner) 1 Curator (Kronosaurus Korner)

ACCOMMODATION

Midway Motel

Ammonite Inn

Entrikens Pioneer Motel

Mud Hut Hotel/Motel

Federal Palace Hotel

The Big Wheel

Richmond Lakeview Caravan Park including ensuite cabins,
camping and backpacker accommodation

POINTS OF INTEREST

Kronosaurus Korner Fossil Museum and Visitor Information
Centre

Lake Fred Tritton – Recreation Lake

Cambridge Downs Heritage Display Centre

Fossil Hunting Sites, Croydon Road Pioneer
Cemetery, Flinders Highway Heritage Walk,
Goldring Street

Bush Tucker Gardens, Lake Fred Tritton

Bougainvillea in the Main Street

Jack Brown Lions Park, Flinders Highway

Bobby Murray Park, Goldring Street

Hampstead Springs Tour

AWARDS

Outback Queensland Tourism Award – Best Caravan Park
2016

Outback Queensland Tourism Award – Best Caravan Park
2015

IPWEA – Excellence Awards 2015 (Water Treatment Plant)

IXOM Water of Origin Taste Test Winner 2015

Orica Best Queensland Water Taste Test 2014

Ergon Energy Tidy Towns– Heritage Award 2008 for the
Cambridge Heritage Display Centre

Sarus Crane Award - Bush Tucker Gardens 2007

Finalist Banksia Foundation Awards – Bush Tucker Gardens
2007

Outback Queensland Tourism Award - Most Significant Tourism
Attraction – Kronosaurus Korner, 2004, 2005, 2006

Outback Queensland Award for Destination Promotion
Australia's Dinosaur Trail 2006

Outback Queensland Tourism Award – New Attraction – Lake
Fred Tritton 2007

National Heart Foundation Environment Award - Lake Fred
Tritton

Queensland's Tidiest Town 2001

OTHER SERVICES

REX - Air Services

Bus QLD Services

Queensland Rail Passenger Services

FUTURE PROJECTS

Flinders River Agriculture Projects

Complete Sealing Croydon – Richmond Road and Winton -
Richmond Road

Richmond Streetscape

RICHMOND - HISTORY



There are 59 places called Richmond in the world. As most of the Richmonds have been named after Richmond, North Yorkshire, it is considered to be the “mother” of all Richmonds.

The town of Richmond is the pivotal point of the Richmond Shire, situated on the south bank of the Flinders River. Richmond is 500 kilometres west of Townsville and stands 216 metres above sea level. The Wyangarie Shire was constituted as a Shire in 1916 and the name changed to Richmond Shire in 1954.

Its early history is based around explorers, adventurers and pastoralists in search of new land. William Landsborough first recorded exploration of the area in 1862 while searching for the lost explorers Burke and Wills. He named O’Connell Creek and a memorial now marks the location as part of Heritage trails.

Originally sheep were the primary source of income, however later years have seen cattle become the predominant market commodity. In the early 1880’s the Woolgar Goldfields to the north of the Shire was once a bustling part of the area and exploration continues today.

PRESENT DAY

The Shire is a community of 827 people. Extremes of climatic conditions including floods and drought are not uncommon in the area with temperatures ranging from 46°C during summer and -3 °C some winter nights. The average rainfall is only 475mm with the arrival of the monsoons. The Shire therefore relies on the Great Artesian Basin for its water supply for both town and stock.

Today, Richmond is a popular Outback tourist destination, evident by the increase in visitors to Kronosaurus Korner and the Richmond Lakeview Caravan Park. The lush green gardens and bougainvillea lined streets are a welcome sight for travellers into and through Richmond. Lake Fred Tritton has become a central meeting place and recreation facility utilised by locals and tourists, and attracts visitors from neighbouring Shires.

FUTURE OUTLOOK

Richmond's future has potential for growth and sustainability but is dependent upon State and Federal Government regional development strategies. Richmond is part of the Mount Isa to Townsville Economic Zone (MITEZ). Our involvement in this regional economic development committee gives us access to feasibility studies for new industries and funds to develop social planning and population research projects. MITEZ has also funded Council's prospectus for Irrigation Development and the Flinders River Agricultural Precinct.

The region's future is mapped out in the State North West Regional Plan and the Federal Regional Development Australia Roadmap. These plans were developed in consultation with the councils and communities in the region.

The Federal Regional Development Australia Roadmap identifies the following key priorities for the region:

- Developing a robust, sustainable economy with employment opportunities for all;
- Encouraging a caring and inclusive community that embraces all cultures;
- Enhancing a great lifestyle that attracts and retains people;
- Nurturing strong leadership to promote our region, develop partnerships and achieve recognition of the region;
- Valuing, managing and caring for our environment and natural assets.

The North West Regional Plan's vision is:

The North West region has a robust, diverse and sustainable economy and well-planned and coordinated infrastructure and services, built through the economic benefits of mining and agricultural industries. It is a place where people choose to live and visit due to its liveability, well-managed natural resources and the community's strong sense of cultural identity.

The North West Plan includes strategies for protecting the environment, promoting a dynamic, robust and diverse economy, integrating land use, economic activity and transport infrastructure, and creating liveable communities. The benefits of the State and Federal Government plans is that they form a basis for establishing Council's own Community Plan and provide access to funding opportunities that are consistent with the plans objectives.

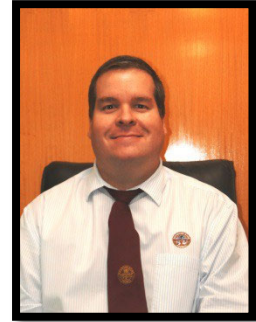
As we enter 2018-2019 Council aims to:

- upgrade and maintain our local streets;
- continue to secure and complete Main Road construction contracts;
- continue to pursue opportunities to seal Winton-Richmond Road and the Richmond-Croydon Road;
- identify and pursue opportunities for growth in Richmond's tourism industry that reflects the local culture and history of the Outback;
- continually improve the Cambridge Heritage Display Centre by encouraging future donations of artefacts;
- actively pursue opportunities that encourage employment and the development of private enterprise in Richmond

A MESSAGE FROM OUR MAYOR AND CEO



We are pleased to present
this Annual Report for
2017-2018 for Richmond
Shire Council.



Half way through the current election term for Local Government and the Council has delivered a multitude of projects and maintained a strong workforce in these trying drought times. Following on from successful projects last year like the new administration building and spending over \$2.5m on roads and town streets, this year the focus was on smaller jobs around town.

The main areas of focus were the lake and the caravan park. The lake received new upgraded and widen road access from both the Hillier Street side and also Gallaghers Drive. A new double toilet block was installed on the boat ramp side of the lake along with a new set of table and chairs in the Bush Tucker Gardens. The existing path around the lake has begun its upgrade, widening it to two metres to allow for increased usage. Other upgrades around the lake included the additions of the "Giant Krono Bucket" and water daisies at the waterpark and also the new staircase leading down to the "Hole in One" tee off area.

The caravan park has been at maximum capacity for the last few years so with the help of a State Government grant, the decision was made to extend the park another 60 metres towards the Flinders River to allow for more powered and unpowered sites. The new multi-level retaining wall looks amazing and all those involved should feel a sense of accomplishment. This new area allows a further 30 unpowered camping sites and 7 powered caravan sites which is why there is also a new ablution block being installed to handle the increased number of tourists. A new entertainment area was also built to house the increasing number of tourists and a rotunda was built on the top of the wall to give guests a place to eat drink and be merry or alternatively a place for events like weddings to be held.

With regards to roadworks, Council completed the upgrade on Goldring Street from the Ammonite Motel to Midway Service Station, 6km of widening and sealing on the Croydon Road and widening and sealing of Carter Street. Council also installing new stormwater pipes in part of Simpson Street and constructed a new footpath from the Caravan Park down to the Cambridge Downs Heritage Store.

Other projects of note were the revamp of the wading pool and tiled area at the pool, the upgrade to the cemetery headstones in the lawn cemetery, the brand new tennis clubhouse and the skate park toilet to name a few.

A handwritten signature in black ink, belonging to Cr John Wharton AM.

Cr John Wharton AM

A handwritten signature in black ink, belonging to Peter Bennett.

Peter Bennett

RICHMOND SHIRE – ELECTED MEMBERS

Our current council was elected in March 2016 for a term of four years. The next election will take place in March 2020.



Councillor John Wharton AM was first elected to the Richmond Shire Council in 1991 and became Mayor in 1997. On 11 June 2007 he was the recipient of a Member of the Order of Australia Award for his service to the community of North-West Queensland through local government, regional development, natural resource management and primary industry organisations. He also received the Centenary Medal for distinguished service to local government.

MAYOR

Cr John Wharton AM

Cr Wharton's Portfolio includes:

Corporate Governance
Disaster Management
Regional and Economic Development

Cr Wharton is Council's representative on:

Budget Review Committee
Local Disaster Management Group (Chair)
Regional Roads Group
Regional Development Australia
Kronosaurus Korner Board Inc.
Regional Planning Advisory Committee

Councillor Wharton can be contacted by email at: CRW@richmond.qld.gov.au



DEPUTY MAYOR

Cr June Kuhl

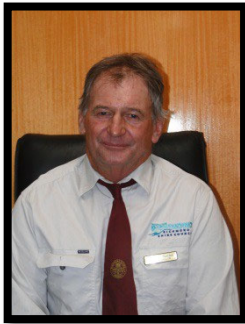
Cr Kuhl's Portfolios include:

Corporate Governance
Disaster Management
Regional and Economic Development
Budget Review and Financial Management
Planning & Development
Asset Management
Pest Management

Cr Kuhl is Council's Representative on:

Internal Audit Committee
Western Queensland Local Government Association
Australian Women's Local Government Association
Kronosaurus Korner Board Inc. (President)
NWOQTA Sub Committee
Local Government Grants Commission
Department of Natural Resources and Water Land Valuation Committee
Regional Development Australia
Regional Planning Advisory Committee
Local Disaster Management Group (Deputy Chair)
Richmond Outback Fossil Festival Inc. (President)
Kronosaurus Korner Management Committee (Chair July – March)

Councillor Kuhl can be contacted by email at: crkuhl@richmond.qld.gov.au

**COUNCILLOR****Cr Kevin Bawden**

Councillor Bawden was elected to the Richmond Shire Council in March 2012 and re-elected in March 2016.

Councillor Bawden is a man of the land owning his own property outside of Richmond where he breeds cattle and also produces hay. Kevin is also known as an expert when it comes to cattle yard construction and fencing. Kevin has constructed the double deck loading ramp at the Richmond Saleyards and also created the recently added holding yards.

Councillor Bawden also has a keen interest in weed management and brings fresh ideas on new products on how to target plants like Prickly Acacia and Rubber Vine.

Kevin has a passion for everything to do with rural lands. He regularly attends meetings around Queensland representing Council's interests with regards to rural lands. He has been a member of the Regional Landcare Facilitators Committee for two years.

Councillor Bawden's Portfolios include:

Rural Land Management
Parks and Gardens
Environmental Health

Cr Bawden is Council's representative on:

Southern Gulf Catchments
Richmond Fish Stocking Association
Regional Landcare Facilitators Committee
Kronosaurus Korner Management Committee (July-September)

Councillor Bawden can be contacted by email at: crbawden@richmond.qld.gov.au



COUNCILLOR
Cr Patsy-Ann Fox

Cr Fox was originally elected in November 2015 and re-elected in March 2016. Cr Fox is a fifth generation Richmond citizen and is very proud of her family history which is steeped in this Shire.

Patsy- Ann and husband David started their business Fox Helicopter Services in Richmond in September 2001.

Patsy-Ann's commitment to Richmond and passion for the district is demonstrated by the number of clubs and organisations she has been involved in over the past 16 years. Some of the clubs and organisations that she has been a member of or volunteered for are:

Richmond Early Education Centre
Richmond Swim Club Richmond
Junior Rugby League Richmond P
& C
Richmond State School Chaplaincy Committee
Richmond ICPA
Richmond Turf Club
Richmond Field Day Committee.

She also enjoys volunteering at Before School Reading at the Richmond State School.

Councillor Patsy-Ann Fox's Portfolio is:

Community Services and Development
Community Infrastructure
Youth Services

Cr Fox is Council's representative on:

Local Chaplain Committee
Community Advisory Network – Richmond Multi-Purpose Health Service
Kronosaurus Korner Board Member

Cr Fox can be contacted by email at: crfox@richmond.qld.gov.au



COUNCILLOR
Cr Bethea Pattel

Cr Pattel was elected March 2016. Cr Pattel moved to the Richmond Shire in late 1999 after she married husband Terry Pattel.

She transferred to the Richmond State School as a teacher in 2000. Since that time, she has had a family of three children.

Prior to living in Richmond, she worked as a journalist at the *Northern Miner* and *North Queensland Register* and worked as a teacher at Cloncurry State School.

Bethea has been involved in numerous community clubs and events as either a volunteer, member or committee member. Her interest has always been to ensure Richmond community members are provided with services and events that are commonplace in other regions.

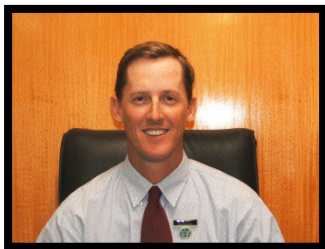
Councillor Bethea Pattel's Portfolio is:

Tourism and Marketing
Arts and Culture
Community Events

Committee Representation:

Fossil Festival Committee
NWOQTA Sub Committee
Australia Dinosaur Trail
North Queensland Sports Foundation
Kronosaurus Korner Board Inc.
Kronosaurus Korner Management Committee (Chair)

Cr Pattel can be contacted by email at: crpattel@richmond.qld.gov.au



Cr Kennedy was elected in March 2016. Cr Kennedy is very proud of his family history in the shire and Council, with his grandfather Peter Kennedy representing the council for 16 years.

Clay with his wife Karen and their children Lynisa and Mikayla have been running a cattle and contracting business from Gracedale Station, 75kms North West of Richmond for the past 7 years.

COUNCILLOR

Cr Clay Kennedy

Clay is actively involved in many local clubs

- President of the Richmond Campdraft Committee
- Member of Maxwellton Race Club
- Playing for the Richmond Tigers

While helping out when he can at

- Richmond Field Days
- Richmond Rodeo
- Richmond Races

Councillor Clay Kennedy's Portfolio is:

Roads
Water and Sewerage Services
Aerodrome

Committee Representation:

Regional Roads Group
Kronosaurus Korner Management Committee

Cr Kennedy can be contacted by email at: crkennedy@richmond.qld.gov.au

REMUNERATION TO COUNCILLORS

Every year the tribunal must also decide the maximum remuneration payable to councillors, mayors or deputy mayors in each category of local government (section 244, Local Government Regulation 2012). This decision must be made before 1 December.

Section 247 of the regulation requires councils to pay each elected representative as per the schedule below;

Local Government Area	Mayor	Deputy Mayor	Councillor	Amalgamation Loading (where applicable)	Category
Richmond Shire Council	\$101,631.00	\$58,633.00	\$50,815.00	No amalgamation loading payable	1

The following maximum remuneration applied from 1 July 2017 for Mayors, Deputy Mayors and Councillors of Local Governments.

<i>Mayor John Wharton AM</i>	<i>\$101,631.00</i>
<i>Deputy Mayor June Kuhl</i>	<i>\$58,633.00</i>
<i>Councillor Kevin Bawden</i>	<i>\$50,815.00</i>
<i>Councillor Patsy Ann Fox</i>	<i>\$50,815.00</i>
<i>Councillor Bethea Pattel</i>	<i>\$50,815.00</i>
<i>Councillor Clay Kennedy</i>	<i>\$50,815.00</i>

Refer to:

<http://www.dlgrma.qld.gov.au/local-government/about-local-government-and-councils/councillor-remuneration.html>

for more information and a comparison of other Councillor remunerations in other local government areas.

SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS TO COUNCILLORS

1 July 2017 – 30 June 2018

Name	General & Special Meetings	Travel	Conferences Deputations Inspections	Total
Cr. Wharton	101,631.00			101,631.00
Cr. Kuhl	58,632.96	476.56	4,838.86	58,632.96
Cr. Bawden	50,814.96			50,814.96
Cr. Fox	50,814.96			50,814.96
Cr. Pattel	46,580.38		2,664.74	46,580.38
Cr. Kennedy	50,814.96			50,814.96
TOTAL	359,289.22	476.56	7,503.60	364,377.04

SUMMARY OF COUNCILLORS SUPERANNUATION

1 July 2017 – 30 June 2018

Name				
Cr. Wharton	Super Guarantee			9,654.98
Cr. Kuhl	SuperChoice			5,570.15
Cr. Bawden	Super Guarantee			4,827.47
Cr. Fox	Super Guarantee			4,827.47
Cr. Pattel	SuperChoice			4,425.17
Cr. Kennedy	Austsafe			4,827.47
TOTAL				34,132.71

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS ATTENDED 2017 - 2018

1 July 2017 – 30 June 2018

Name	Ordinary Meetings Held	Ordinary Meetings Attended	Special Meetings Held	Special Meetings Attended
Cr. Wharton	12	12	2	2
Cr. Kuhl	12	11	2	2
Cr Bawden	12	12	2	2
Cr Fox	12	12	2	2
Cr Kennedy	12	12	2	2
Cr Pattel	12	10	2	2

In accordance with the local government's reimbursement policy, Council must state what facilities and expenses incurred by Council are for Councillors.

Facilities and Equipment Provided

Mayor

Mobile phone and laptop – private use

Council vehicle – private use

Councillors

Laptop – private use

A Council car is made available to all Councillors for their use to travel to any Council meetings or functions outside of Richmond.

Mileage Allowance is reimbursed to Councillors at the Australian Tax Office Rates (cents per kilometre) where a Councillor uses their private vehicle for Council business or commuting to official Council meetings or functions from their place of residence.

REMUNERATION TO SENIOR STAFF 2017- 2018

Section 201 of the *Local Government Act* requires the total remuneration packages that are payable to senior contract employees. Council had two (2) contract employees who received a total package in the range of \$100,000 - \$200,000 per annum. Council had two (2) executive officers who received a total package in the range of \$50,000 - \$150,000.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION COMPLAINTS

Council's electronic database for complaints has now been operating for three years. A register of complaints and actions completed is listed in the following table: -

Administrative Action Complaints	2017/2018
Complaints made to Council	8
Complaints resolved under the complaints management process	8
Complaints not resolved under the complaints management process and referred to council for internal review by the Queensland Ombudsman	0
Complaints not resolved under the complaints management process and externally reviewed by the Queensland Ombudsman	0
Complaints not yet resolved in 2016/17	0

SENIOR OFFICERS

Council's structure is made up of three Departments, each with a Senior Officer:

- Finance & Administration Services
- Community Development & Services
- Works & Services

The Chief Executive Officer and three Senior Officers form the executive team.

This group is responsible for leading the organisation and implementing decisions passed at Council meetings. The group oversees the day-to-day operations of Council, provides professional advice to elected Councillors, and has primary responsibility for delivering activities identified in the Corporate & Operational Plans.



Chief Executive Officer

Peter Bennett



Director of Works

Michael Wanrooy



Manager of Finance & Administration

Deborah Glyde



Manager of Community Development & Services

Angela Henry

Chief Executive Officer	Mr Peter Bennett
Director of Works	Mr Michael Wanrooy
Manager Finance & Administration	Mrs Deborah Glyde
Manager of Community Development & Services	Mrs Angela Henry
Works Co-ordinator	Mr Frank Norton
RMPC Foreman	Mr Ricki Davidson
Workshop Foreman	Mr Phillip Chappell
Water and Sewerage Officer	Mr Geoffrey Johnson
Town Services Supervisor	Mr Roy Sparrow
Safety & Compliance Advisor	Mr Ashley Lohmann

Other Key Staff -

Richmond Aged Care Coordinator	Mrs Ann-Maree Doyle
After School Care Co-ordinator	Mrs Teena Chappell
Librarian	Mr David Fickling

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council meetings are held at 8:00am on the third Tuesday of each month (subject to alteration in special circumstances). The Council meetings are chaired by the Mayor, Cr. John Wharton AM.

Agendas for each meeting are available for inspection on the Friday before the meeting. Members of the public are welcome to attend all Council meetings.

During the year there were twelve Ordinary and three Special Meetings of Council.

Other meetings, deputations or conferences attended include but are not limited to the Mount Isa Townsville Economic Zone (MITEZ), Regional Roads Technical Group, Regional Organisation of Councils, Ministerial Deputations, Regional Advisory Planning Committee, Outback Queensland Tourism Association, North West Outback Queensland Tourism Association, Australia's Dinosaur Trail and Queensland Health.

WORKS AND SERVICES

July 2017 to June 2018 was a busy year for Councils workforce. Council had to deliver major projects within tight timeframes.

Council's Works Department covers the maintenance of the entire Shires road network to ensure that roads stay accessible and safe for all road users. Roads Infrastructure undertakes its activities via internal resources and by engaging external contractors. Road construction and maintenance activities are funded via Council revenue, Federal and State Government Grants.

The Works Department is also responsible for the delivery and maintenance of water and sewerage, maintenance of the aerodrome, maintenance of stock routes and bores, greening of town gardens and parks, collection of refuse, and maintenance of all Council plant and equipment, and Local Laws.

Richmond Shire – Key Infrastructure Network

Description	(Km)
Total Length of Shire Rural Roads unsealed	1,228
Total Length of Shire Rural Roads sealed	141
Total Length of State Controlled Roads unsealed	35
Total Length of State Controlled Roads sealed	176
Total Kilometre of all roads in the Shire	1580

Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme (TIDS)

Council continued to extend the bitumen surfacing on the Richmond – Croydon Road via 50% State funding which is made available through the Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme (TIDS) and 50% Council funding.

Gravel and single lane seals pose the greatest risk to vehicles passing or overtaking, due to reduced visibility because of dust, the potential to lose control of the vehicle due to rough or soft unsealed sections and shoulders and boggy conditions after even minor rain. To mitigate those risks Council is committed to widening existing single bitumen lanes and to extend bitumen surfacing on dirt sections on the Richmond Croydon Rd. Council will continue to do so in the future.

In this financial year, Council has completed widening the existing 4m wide bitumen lane to a new 7m wide two-lane bitumen road. The works included widening the existing pavement to 8m, undertaking minor realignments and increased pavement depths, and cement stabilising the pavement.

The widening project will greatly increase the safety for the heavy transport industry, commuters and tourists using this road as well as providing better overtaking opportunities. The upgrade will improve freight and livestock productivity by reducing transport costs, maintaining safer higher constant speeds and better flood immunity.

Widening works:

Council completed 6km of widening works from Mountain Creek which has been sealed with two coats of bitumen. Widening works will were also undertaken at Double Barrel Creek and the approach to Hazelwood Channels.



Photo: Sealed Works before Double Barrel Ck.



Photo: Widening of culverts at Double Barrel Creek crossing.



Several culvert replacement works on the Richmond Winton Road were completed. Detour roads were constructed around the structures that were replaced to keep traffic flowing smoothly.



Photo:
Detour roads
around
culvert
structures.

Roads Maintenance Contract (RMPC)

Council maintains the Flinders Highway and the Richmond Winton Road under a Road Maintenance Contract with Transport and Main Roads. Some of the works that Council undertakes routine maintenance are:

- Minor pavement defects;
- Vegetation management;
- Minor drainage and culvert maintenance: and
- Inspection and monitoring of the road network.

Photo: New fence
at Maxwellton –
constructed by the
RMPC Crew.





Photo: Sealing patches near Maxwellton.

Main Roads Works

NTWD-136 Flinders Highway (Midway to Carter) Stage 2

This section of Goldring St was closed on Monday 4 September. Milling works that started on Wednesday 6 2017 with 300mm thick of hydrated lime stabilisation of the subgrade.



Photo: Milling existing pavement.



Photo: Lime stabilisation works.



Photo: Carting and placement of gravel pavement.



Photo: Sealing works.



Photo: Constructing Concrete Medians.

Natural Disaster Relief & Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA)

Shire 2017-18 Flood Damage Works:

Heavy rainfall and flooding in March 2018 caused damaged to the Shires Road network. Council applied for funding to have the roads repaired under NDRRA assistance. The funding was approved by the Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA) in October 2018.

Water Supply

Council plumbers maintain the Water Treatment Plant daily to ensure the drinking water meets all quality and government standards.

Council also received a grant for firefighting tanks and outlets at the Richmond Aerodrome so that if an emergency fire eventuates out there, the response time for accessing the water needed to fight the fire is drastically reduced.



Photo: New Fire tanks at the aerodrome.

Rural Lands & Stock Routes

Council is responsible for day-to-day administration and management of the stock routes in partnership with the State Government.

Council's Rural Lands Officers has continued to conduct repairs and maintenance to water tanks, bores and troughs within the Stockroute reserve.

Council's officers conducts a spraying program throughout the year to eradicate noxious plant's in our Shire which include Prickly Acacia, Rubber Vine, Cactus and other noxious weeds. Along with this, there was pest animal destruction programs piloted using 1080 baiting and throughout the year private baiting is run as land holders require.



Photo: new yards at saleyards

Lake Fred Tritton



Photo: New stairs at the hole in one tee off.



Photo: Picnic table at the bush tucker garden.



Photo: New plants at the waterfall

Upgrades to the Water Park

Several new water features were added to the water park including the 6m tall Krono Bucket, Daisy Flower Sprays and toddlers water fountain. These new features have made the water park the number one spot to be on a hot day.



Photo: Waterpark features being erected.

Footpath widening

Approximately 500m of new footpath was constructed from the Hillier Street carpark to where it intersects with the pontoon entry at Matron's Bay. The old pontoon was removed as the existing aluminium walkway was severely cracked. The repaired walkway and pontoon will be installed this week.



Photo: Widening of footpath at Matron's Bay

Brass Plaques on footpath: Some of the plaques depicting historical timelines have been placed to the new widened footpath at the lake at approximately every 40m.



Photo: Installation of plaque.

New Toilet at the Lake

A local contractor and the Council Plumbers erected the new toilet at the Hillier Street Carpark which will be a welcome addition especially with the increased usage of the lake in the warmer months.



Town and Shire Works

Gallaghers Drive

The road was widened with additional pavement, cement stabilised and sealed as part of Works for Queensland project.



Photo: Sealing of Gallaghers Drive

Wading Pool

Council upgraded the wading pool and the surrounding tiles at the swimming pool.



Photo: Demolishing part of the existing slab.



Photo: Stone tiling underway at the wading pool



Photo: Completed wading Pool.

Council commissioned a local concreter to install sets of uniformed concrete headstones for the plaques to rest on. The end result looks amazing.



Photo: Exposed aggregate slope headstones.



Photo: Turf being laid 6th December.



Road works on
Carter St
between
Crawford St and
Simson Street.
This section has
been excavated
and new full
width seal laid.



Stormwater Simpson to Railyards

The existing single row of concrete pipes that run from Simpson St to the railyards have blockages, sections broken and cracked. There is lack of cover with the top of the pipes exposed in some areas. The concrete pipes have been removed and replaced with three rows of polyethylene stormwater pipes.



Photo: Exposing the existing concrete pipe at the railway yard.



Photo: Replaced with three rows of polyethylene stormwater pipe.

Tennis Club

The old canteen and toilets were removed to make way for a new tennis clubhouse constructed by local contractors. The new clubhouse features male and female toilets, shower, fully functioning kitchen with servery and a great observation deck to watch the tennis from.



Photo: Steel Frame Erection.



Photo: Roofing and Flooring completed.



Photo: Stainless Steel benchtops and double sink



Photo: Observation deck almost completed

Landscaping at the Lions Park

New lilly-pilly's hedging has been planted between the park and footpath to beautify the streetscape with a new access way installed.



Photo: Stairs and Handrail completed for access to the park.



Photo: Finished footpath and hedging.

Skate Park Toilet

The Skate Park was the last official public park that lacked a community toilet. The new toilet and roof over the Skate Park will be a welcome addition for the summer ahead.



Garbage Truck

The new garbage truck has arrived. Mark spent time with Bucher representatives to familiarise himself with the dual controls. The only complaints heard, which is a good thing, is that the new garbage truck is so quiet no one can hear it coming.



Photo: Assessing the new garbage truck

Caravan Park

The award winning Lakeview Caravan Park is one of Richmond's' best assets drawing a larger crowd of tourists every year. With this in mind, Council has continued to upgrade the facilities with a variety of works completed aimed at increasing the comfort and usability of the park.

Caravan Park Retaining Wall

The retaining wall project to extend camping site at the caravan park looks great and is a perfect example of the work that Council employees are capable of producing.

Interesting Facts:

- Red loam fill was carted, placed and compacted to the embankment for the new camping sites.
- The first wall is approximately 170m long and will be approximately 2.1m high. A second wall of similar dimensions will be built 5m apart from the first one at the next level.
- Almost 8000 retaining wall blocks were used in the construction of the "Great Wall of Richmond".
- Retaining wall blocks were all laid by hand. Each block weighs 29kg making total weight lifted almost 230,000kg.



Photo: Placing and compacting fill at the embankment



Photo: Pouring footings for the retaining wall.



Photo: Placing blockwork.



Photo: Constructing the first wall.



Photo: Constructing the second wall



Photo: Completed two tier wall.



Photo: Sealed access road to lake.



Photo: New van sites.

Caravan Park – New large van sites: Gravel is currently being brought in, placed and compacted on site. Electrical conduits, water and sewerage will be installed next.



Plan: Gravel placed on new caravan sites.



Photo: Installing water supply and grey water drainage to new caravan sites.



Photo: Concrete sites under construction.

Caravan Park New Entertainment Site

The entertainment site has been prepared. A concrete slab is being constructed at the site, complete with two BBQ units.



Photo: Construction of concrete slab.



Photo: Installing the BBQ basin drainage and water supply.

Rotunda

Council has installed a rotunda at the Caravan Park that overlooks the lake and makes the most of the spectacular views. This rotunda can be used by the travellers and locals alike. It will also make a perfect spot for special events such as a wedding.



Photo: Rotunda slab at background.



Photo – Completed Rotunda

Caravan Park Ablution Block

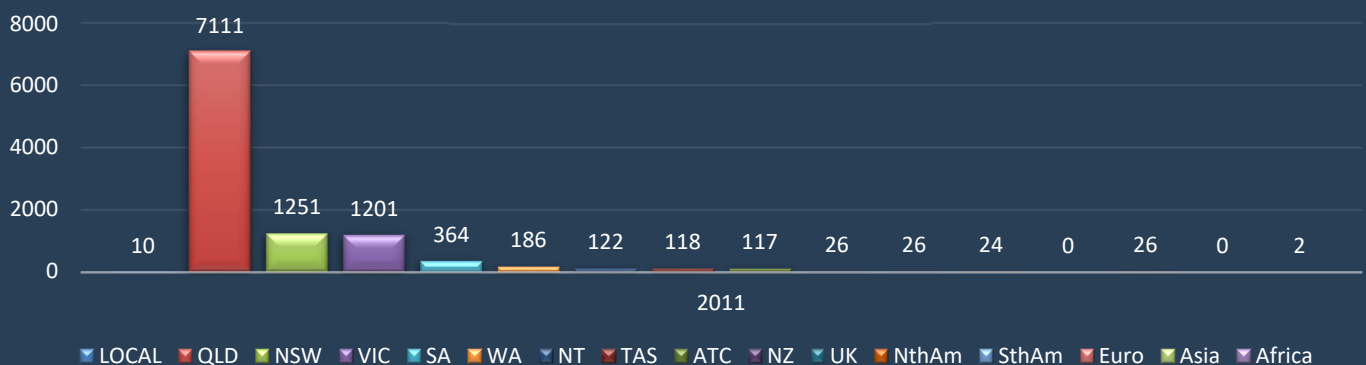
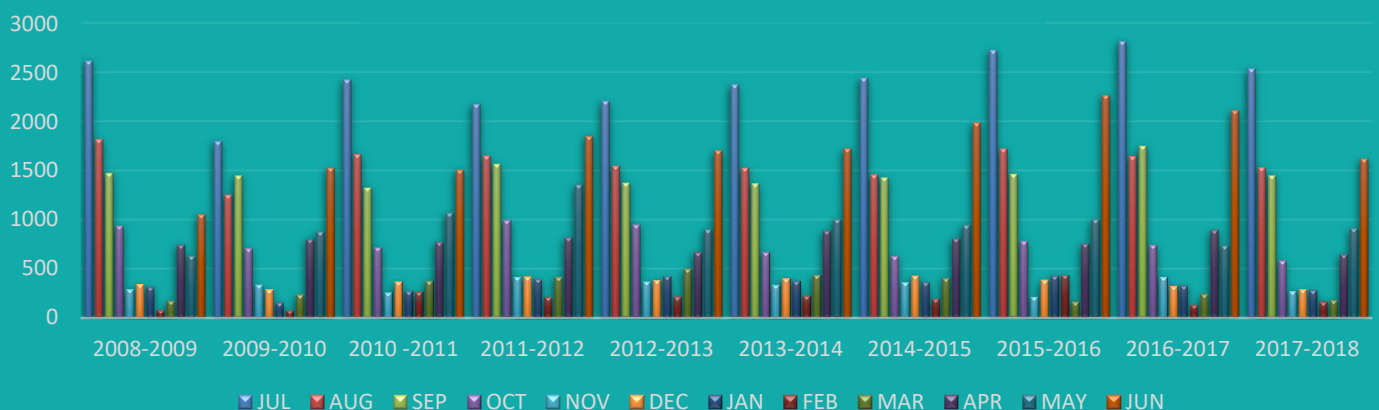
Due to the extensions to the caravan park with extra powered and unpowered sites, there is a need for more showers and toilets. Council has repurposed 2 ablutions dongas that will also include laundry rooms and contain 3 toilets and 4 showers per donga.



Photo: Installing the ablution dongas.

KRONOSAURUS KORNER REPORT

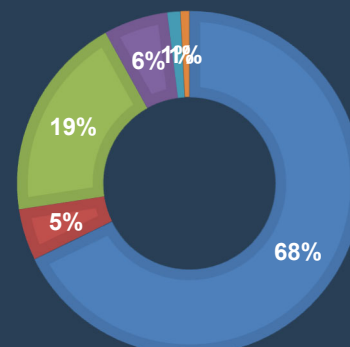
	2016/2017	2017/2018	DIFFERENCE %
Adults	2679	2158	-19.45%
Concessions	3160	2900	-8.23%
Children	1902	1241	-34.75%
Complimentary	109	84	-22.94%
Tour	98	73	-25.51%
ADT	1183	851	-28.06%
Total Museum Admission	9131	7307	-19.98%
VIC Visitors	3045	3277	7.62%
TOTAL	12149	10584	-12.88%
Admission \$	\$128,560.61	\$148,340.62	15.35%
Digs \$	\$22,207.46	\$31,642.00	42.48%
Souvenir Sales \$	\$106,578.98	\$100,989.19	-5.24%
Bus / Rail Sales \$	\$4,628.30	\$4,231.81	-8.57%
TOTAL \$	\$261,975.35	\$285,203.62	8.87%
\$ Expenditure per person	\$21.56	\$26.95	25.00%

**ORIGIN OF VISITORS
JUL 2017 - JUN 2018**

**YEARLY COMPARISON FIGURES
VISITOR NUMBERS**


Self-completed visitor surveys are implemented year round across the Museum and Visitor Information Centre. Data captured is reported monthly and provides a robust and timely reflection of customer satisfaction levels. Overall visitor satisfaction levels are outlined below.

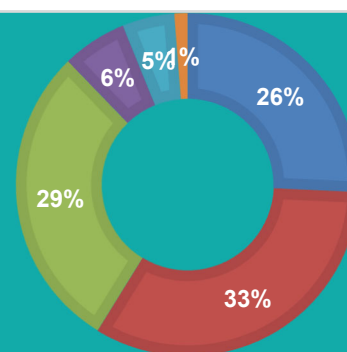
WHAT IS THE MAIN PURPOSE FOR YOUR TRIP?

- Part of a driving holiday
- A special event
- Specifically to see Kronosaurus Korner
- On the way to somewhere else
- Business
- Visit friends and relatives



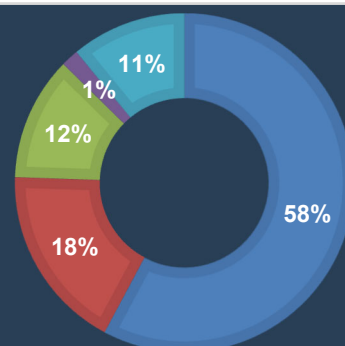
HOW MANY NIGHTS DO YOU PLAN TO SPEND IN RICHMOND?

- Passing through only
- 2 nights
- 4 or more nights
- 1 night
- 3 nights
- A week of more



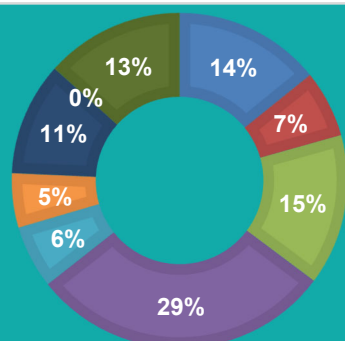
WHERE ARE YOU PLANNING TO STAY?

- Caravan Park
- Motel
- Other
- RV Friendly Site
- Hotel



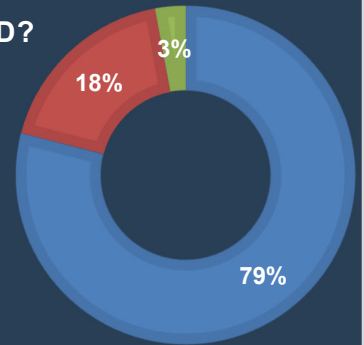
WHERE DID YOU STAY THE NIGHT PRIOR TO ARRIVING IN RICHMOND?

- Mount Isa
- Hughenden
- Winton
- Cloncurry
- Charters Towers
- Croydon
- Julia Creek
- Townsville
- Other



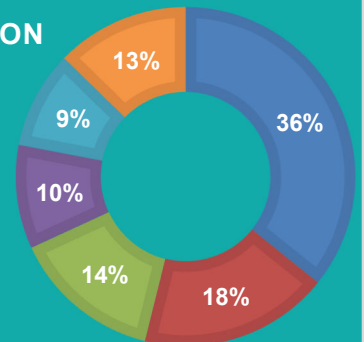
HOW MANY TIMES HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY VISITED RICHMOND?

- Never before, this is my first time
- 1-3 times
- 4 or more



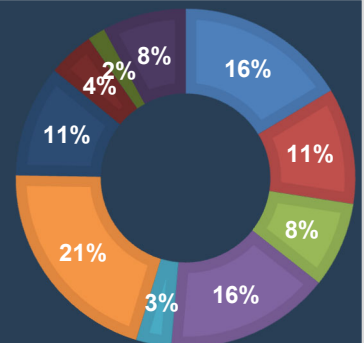
WHAT ATTRACTIONS / ACTIVITIES HAVE YOU DONE OR PLAN ON DOING DURING YOUR STAY IN RICHMOND?

- Kronosaurus Korner
- Fossil Hunting Sites
- Historical Walk
- Lake Fred Tritton
- Cambridge Downs Heritage Display Centre
- Bush Tucker Gardens



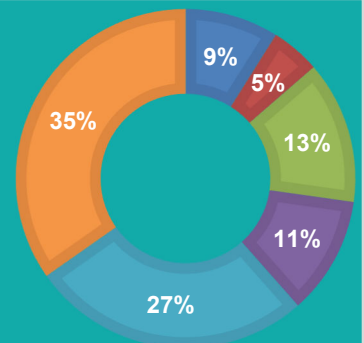
HOW DID YOU FIND OUT ABOUT RICHMOND?

- Word of mouth
- Outback Travellers Guide
- The Overlanders Way
- Other Visitor Information Centers
- Travel/consumer shows
- Internet
- Travel brochures
- ADT
- Signage on the way
- Other



WHAT AGE GROUP ARE YOU IN?

- 18-25
- 25-34
- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-65
- 66+



Kronosaurus Korner is proud to have been awarded a Trip Advisor Certificate of Excellence! The Certificate of Excellence honours hospitality businesses that deliver consistently great service. This designation is given to establishments that have consistently achieved great traveller reviews on TripAdvisor over the past year. Thank you to our many visitors who have shared their experience of Kronosaurus Korner with other travellers through TripAdvisor.

The July 'Big Dig' program was extended to two weeks duration for the first time, with 13 paying participants in week one, and one paying participant in week two. A fragmented ichthyosaur specimen was excavated at Dig Site 1, resulting in a 1.8m2 plaster jacket. This remains onsite awaiting appropriate numbers and weather conditions to retrieve it into the Kronosaurus Korner

shed.

The public digging program at Kronosaurus Korner has been further expanded this year. Since September 2017, during the Queensland and New South Wales school holidays, Mini-Paleo Adventures have been value-added to be a full day of digging on a private property, and now run three days/week. Digging@Dusk / Dawn introductory digging tours have increased to three days/week, during the September, April & June school holidays). So, no matter what the budget of the individual tourist, there are digging opportunities where participants are guaranteed to find fossils they can keep.

These digging programs have significantly contributed to the collection at Kronosaurus Korner, with many specimens collected by the public and staff during these digs.

There has been a strong educational focus this year, with the collaboration with Heatley Secondary College in Townsville, to form a fossil club, following a chance meeting with one of the teachers whilst visiting the dig pits. Three High Schools have visited Kronosaurus Korner as part of their curriculum, with two of these groups staying 1 or more nights in Richmond to enhance their stay.

Research partnerships have been established between Australian Age of Dinosaurs and the Queensland University of Technology, with a Grant submission to the Australian Research Council (ARC). This is for an education-focused project. Researchers from the University of Queensland, Swinburne University (Vic), have visited Kronosaurus Korner to access collection material. Appropriate documentation associated with accessing the collection has been developed to meet international museum standards.

Future-proofing this growth of Kronosaurus Korner has been taken into consideration, with Stage 3 expansion plans developed, incorporating additional gallery, storage, preparation, researcher space. These plans will be progressed toward a shovel-ready state accordingly as funding allows in the next financial year.

During 2017/2018 Kronosaurus Korner attended the Townsville Home Show & Caravan Camping Expo & Queensland Caravan, Camping and Touring Supershow in Brisbane.

Excellent feedback from visitors was received from online sites such as TripAdvisor:

"Another Great Stop on the Dino Trail - Visited while on the Qld Dinosaur Trail in June. Fossils were presented in an interesting way with the bones laid out as they would have been found and a model of the marine animal hanging over the top. This really helped with understanding the fossils. Good audio guide and enjoyed a coffee and an éclair at the cafe. Also did the 'Digging at Dusk' tour and kids found numerous fish bones and shells to bring home. I think this was worth doing as we would not have identified as much without help. Overall this is definitely worth the drive to Richmond" - **722murrayh - Brisbane, Australia (7 July 2017 - TripAdvisor)**

"Dinosaur Museum and Fossils - This is an unbelievable collection of dinosaur information and fossils in a small, very remote, Queensland town. We certainly had no idea. The building and the presentation of the fossils is brilliant. It is all aided by an individual audio machine that explains what you are looking at. If you are ever in the vicinity of Richmond, do not miss" - **Fadden2904 - Canberra, Australia (3 September 2018 - TripAdvisor)**

"A terrific museum. Highly recommended - Have done the Age of dinosaurs a few years ago, we were keen to follow the dinosaur trail and visit Richmond. We were blown away by the museum and the range of displays. The staff were informative and clearly loved their job here. The addition of the fossil dig just outside of town was fantastic. Master 16 found several fossils which the museum curator on site looked at and explained what they were - and he was allowed to keep them. A wonderful holiday treasure. This is a wonderful introduction to archaeology for any age group. We really enjoyed our stay in Richmond" - **Susan M - Brisbane, California (11 June 2018 - TripAdvisor)**

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND DEVELOPMENT

Economic Development is vital to progress our Shire and provide benefit to our residents. Our Council is progressive and innovative toward economic development and welcomes the opportunity to discuss potential projects within our Shire.

Recognised investment opportunities include diversified agriculture, professional services, health and aged care services.

Our council is proactively pursuing sustainable economic development to create wealth, employment, educational opportunities and enhance the lifestyle of our residents and visitors

TOURISM, SPORTS AND EVENTS

Richmond Shire Council plays an active role in supporting and promoting the cultural identity of our community. Our vibrant and diverse lifestyle is expressed through the many community events and celebrations on our social calendar.

Tourism, Sports and Events highlights council's role in community events and celebrations that Enriched our community and reflect the diversity of the Shire.

Most importantly, these events create a sense of fun and vibrancy, resulting in a strong sense of community connectivity, pride and sense of place.

I am very proud of the role council plays in supporting community events, bringing more energy and excitement to our Shire. Council will continue to build on relationships in the events sector and broader community to ensure we identify and address event related issues that may affect the outback region. We are confident our approach will result in a continued outstanding calendar of community events for our residents and visitors to enjoy.

Monday Night Social Sports continues to be a popular community based activity with Netball, Soccer and Touch Football attracting much interest.

Richmond Shire Council plays a vital role in supporting community welfare, cultural, sporting and other community based organisations.

Although impacted by drought and low membership numbers 2017-18 saw many great community events take place. With the assistance of the State Government's Community Drought Support Initiative Council was able to provide additional financial support to ensure these annual events remained on the social calendar.

DATE	EVENT	VENUE
8-9 July	Western Games Open Sporting Weekend	Richmond Pony Club Grounds
9 July	Richmond Tiger JRL Home Game	Charlie Wehlow Oval
10-14 July	Kronosaurus Korner "Big Dig"	Kronosaurus Korner
15 July	John Single Tennis Coaching	Richmond Tennis Club
15-16 July	Ian Francis horsemanship clinic	Richmond Campdraft grounds
22 July	Markets	Bobby Murray Park
23 July	Richmond Tiger JRL Home Game	Charlie Wehlow Oval
29 July	Richmond Rodeo	Richmond Rodeo Grounds
5 August	John Single Tennis Coaching	Richmond Tennis Club
12 August	Markets	Bobby Murray Park
12 August	Diggers Race Meeting	Richmond Racecourse
12-13 August	Spirituality Tune-Up Weekend	Shire Supper Room
13 August	Richmond Tiger JRL Home Game	Charlie Wehlow Oval
19 August	Richmond Golf Club August Fete	Richmond Golf Club
26 August	John Single Tennis Coaching	Richmond Tennis Club
27 August	Richmond Tigers JRL Home Game	Charlie Wehlow Oval
1-3 September	Richmond Campdraft	Richmond Campdraft Grounds
2 September	RHS Annual Carnival & Challenge	Richmond Horse Sports Grounds
3 September	Pony Club Open Gymkhana	Richmond Pony Club Grounds
9 September	John Single Tennis Coaching	Richmond Tennis Club
9 September	Midwest Rugby League Carnival	Charlie Wehlow Oval
16 September	Markets	Bobby Murray Park
16 September	Spouse Hunters Ball	Richmond Racecourse
7 October	Combined Services Race Meet	Richmond Racecourse
14 October	Markets	Bobby Murray Park
1 October	Bunga's Barefoot Bowls	Richmond Bowls Club
28 October	Ladies Day Race Meeting	Richmond Racecourse
11 November	Richmond Amateur Swim Club	Richmond Pool
11 November	Rite of Remembrance	Richmond Cemetery
18 November	Laurence Sorbello LIVE	Richmond Civic Centre
26 January	Australia Day Awards & Celebrations	Richmond Civic Centre
17 February	Trivia Night	Richmond Civic Centre
7 April	Markets	Bobby Murray Park
7 April	Maxi Races	Maxi Racecourse
14-15 April	Instructor Refresher & Admin Clinic	Richmond Pony Club
25 April	ANZAC Day	Jack Brown Lions Park
25 April	ANZAC Bowls	Richmond Bowls Club
28-29 April	Greg Cook Horsemanship Clinic	Richmond Pony Club
4 May	Richmond Rodeo	Rodeo Grounds
4-6 May	Richmond Outback Fossil Fest	Various Locations
20 May	JRL Cluster Day	
26-27 May	Richmond Golf Club Open	Golf Club
26 May	AFL Battle of the Midway III	Charlie Wehlow Oval
6 June	State of Origin	Bowls Club
9 June	Markets	Bobby Murray Park
10 June	Richmond Tigers JRL Home Game	Charlie Wehlow Oval
15-16 June	Richmond Field Days & Races	Richmond Racecourse
24 June	State of Origin	Bowls Club
30 June	Richmond Enduro	Lake Fred Tritton

During 2017-18 Council provided donations, rates rebates and subsidies as well as non-financial assistance to volunteer and not for profit groups. Councils support of community groups is helping to build a stronger and safer community by encouraging greater community involvement. To alleviate the financial burden of two clubs, Council resolved to waive the rates for both the Golf and Bowls Club for three years.

2017-18 Club, Organisation and Individual In Kind Support

Club	Item	Cost for year
Richmond Lions Club	150 Chairs and 8 Tables	\$155.00
Richmond Swimming Club	100 Chairs	50.00
	BBQ	35.00
	Marquee	Not in Fees
Richmond Turf Club	Generator	Not in Fees
	Bins – Oct 2017	Not in Fees
	Labour & Plant	\$797.90
	Bollards – Oct 2017	Not in Fees
	Bins – May 2018	Not in Fees
	Bollards – May 2018	Not in Fees
Richmond Campdraft	Racecourse Hire x 3 days	\$840.00
	Canteen Hire x 4 days	\$252.00
	100 Chairs	\$50.00
	BBQ x 2 days	\$72.00
	Council Plant and Labour	144.22
Richmond Spouse Hunters	Racecourse Hire	\$280.00
	Bus Hire – Local Bus	Not in Fees
	Temporary Fencing	Not in Fees
	Council Labour and Equip	\$257.55
Richmond Bowls Club	100 Chairs	\$50.00
	Council Labour and Equip	\$119.78
Richmond State School	Local Bus Usage	Not in Fees
	Hall Hire	160.00
	Bus Hire for Midwest Events	\$950.00
	Hire of Oval	\$286.00
	Labour and Equipment	\$906.44
Chaplaincy Program	Financial	\$15000
Richmond Senior League	Oval Hire	\$280.00
	Bus Hire to Hughenden	\$200.00
	Bus Hire to Julia Creek	\$250.00
Mt Isa School of the Air	Sponsorship	\$75.00
KK Big Dig	Equipment and Bus Hire	\$10,952.46
St John the Baptist Church	Hall Hire	\$280.00
Pistol Club	Photocopying x 2 lots	\$100.00
Mary McKillop House	25 chairs	\$12.50
	Water cooler	Not in Fees
	Table	10
	PA	Not in Fees
	25 x photocopying	\$112.50
	Hall Hire x 2 days	\$560.00
Hughenden Country Music Festival	Donation	\$300
Connor Smith	Donation	\$500.00
Louis Maxwell	Donation	\$500.00
Grace Moloney	Donation	\$500.00
ICPA	Supper room Hire x 2	\$224.00

Golf Club	3 x portaloos x 2 days 8 x rubbish bins Council Labour & Equip	\$540.00 Not in Fees \$384.80
Gold City Suns AFL	Hire of Oval x 2	\$560.00
Mac Pattel	Donation	\$250.00
Hughenden Country Music Festival	Donation	\$500.00
Fish Stocking	Hall Hire	\$260.00
Maxwelton Races	Bus Hire – Local Use 15 x bins Labour and Equipment	Not in Fees Not in Fees \$527.59
Dirt Bike Club	10 x Bins Caravan Bollards Generator 3 x portable toilets x 2 days	Not in Fees Not in Fees Not in Fees Not in Fees \$540.00
Fossil Festival	Labour and Equipment	\$6626.16
Richmond Early Education Centre	Labour and Equipment	\$178.56
Field Day Committee	Labour and Equipment	\$660.61

Australia Day Celebrations 2017 was hosted by the Richmond Shire Council. Community Members enjoyed a free morning tea in the Shire Hall out of the oppressive heat.

Christmas Light winners for 2017 were:
Best Business: North West Pumps and Power
First Place Residential – Warren Hussey
2nd Place Residential – Kerri McMunn
3rd Place Residential – Tyson & Rebecca Gunther

Decorate your Gate for 2017
1st Place – Patroy Station
2nd Place – Plainby Station
3rd Place - Riverdale

The Richmond Community honoured the following worthy recipients:

2018 Award Winners

Citizen of the Year Award

Deirdre Dickson

Community Spirit

Lorrae Johnston
Natalie Maxwell

Sarus Crane Environmental

OSHC

Junior Sports

Connor Smith

Sports Admin

Megan Carrigan





NORTH QUEENSLAND SPORTS FOUNDATION AND PAYCE SPORTS ENCOURAGEMENT BURSARIES

Council nominees Grace Moloney and Connor Smith were both successful in gaining the PAYCE Sports Encouragement Bursaries. Bursary packs include \$650, a medal and a jacket.

LIBRARY SERVICES

During 2017-18 the Shire Library relocated to the Works Administration Building. Now boasting a dedicated room for Centrelink Services, Telehealth and two meeting rooms. The library continues to provide free WiFi and internet access for the community, Centrelink Access Point Services and participates in the rural book Exchange. The library collection consists of books, magazines, CD's, DVD's and board games. The collection is regularly updated with new items. Displays of local art and historical items will also

be on display.

The Shire Library participated in the First Five Forever Reading Program in conjunction with the Me and My Mum Hub.

The library employs one permanent part time Librarian and one casual Librarian.



RICHMOND AGED CARE

Richmond Shire Aged Care delivers a range of services including case management, group activities and individualised support services that assist older community members, younger people with disabilities and their Carers. This is achieved through a combined Commonwealth and State program of Commonwealth Home Support Packages (CHSP). The recent aged care reform and consumer directed care models will continue to see many changes to the superseded HACC model of care. Richmond Aged Care is preparing and implementing these changes with a planned and consistent approach.



Case Management is now an additional service offered by Richmond Aged Care for its Fee for Service Packages. Case Managers coordinate individual care plans for clients and a range of services including Transport, Group Social Support and Client Services. Case Managers are able to support clients with a range of problems they may be experiencing such as advocacy with government departments and support with other contacts such as banks and health services. Individual consumer directed care plans include social support, information and advocacy or practical aids such as domestic assistance, personal care and transport. Transport is a vitally



important service for the Shire in the absence of public transport. This service supports access for elderly people to medical appointments, social contacts and tasks such as shopping that enable them to maintain an independent and satisfying life. The Richmond Aged Care Team assist and accommodate individual preferences where possible, supporting outings and excursions. For Seniors Week a small number of Clients visited Hampstead Springs and enjoyed the hospitality of Ross and Linda Mickan.

The Centre-based Day Care program operates 2 days per week with a morning tea and a client elected activity. The Respite hall is open outside these days for individually organised events. A monthly Luncheon is always well attended. Richmond Aged Care continues to provide free access to the Primary Health Network Telehub providing access to Health support services between outreach visits.

Richmond Aged Care and Richmond Health Centre enjoy a close working relationship to ensure continuity of care for our residents and we welcomed the appointment of Ann-Marie Gieles the new Community Health Nurse in early 2018. Representatives from Richmond Aged Care attend the monthly Community Advisory Network (CAN) meetings for the Richmond Health Centre.

The Aged Care Service employs 1 Full Time Registered Nurse, 1 Casual Enrolled Nurse, 3 Full Time Personal Carers, 1 Part Time Cook, 1 Casual Cook and 2 Casual Personal Carers.

OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Richmond Outside of School Hours Care offers Afterschool Services Monday to Friday from 2.30pm – 5.30pm during the school term and Vacation Care Services Monday – Friday (ex Public Holidays) from 8.00am to 5.30pm during School Holidays. Richmond Shire Council does not charge a gap fee for those registered with Centrelink who have been issued a Child Care Benefit. The Child Care Rebate is also available at our Centre.

Statistics continue to be collected for yearly comparisons.

The Service was successful in obtaining funding through the Junior Landcare Program. This has enabled the service to have a vegetable garden, racetrack and fairy gardens that the children designed. The Service won the Sarus Crane Environmental Award at the 2018 Australia Day Awards.

The Service employs 1 Part time Co-ordinator, 1 Part Time Assistant and 1 Part time Trainee and 2 Casual Assistants.

REGIONAL ARTS DEVELOPMENT FUND

Whilst community expressions of interest have remained low, the Council Strategic Initiative of an Airport Mural depicting iconic Richmond images and the Oral Histories Project was a great success. Lead by former resident Norah Kersh, daughter Rosana and arts facilitator Alex Christopher, the OSHC Vacation Care Program and interested community members assisted with the planning and creation of this piece of public art depicting Iconic Richmond



RADF also funded a series of Dance Workshops that culminated in a public performance featuring Children from Prep to Year 6.

Funding Achieved in 2017-18

In a year where funding dollars were again not easily gained Richmond Shire Community Services Department managed to secure the following funds which assisted in the completion of the below projects.

Southern Gulf Catchments – Native Tree Rehabilitation Project on wasteland between the Golf Club and Lake Fred Tritton - \$5150.00

First Five Forever – Sensory Play Toys for the 0-5 age group - \$1200

Lasting Legacies Grant - \$28,245.00 Wall of Remembrance to commemorate Military Personnel who returned from War.

Regional Arts Development Fund - \$10,000

The 2017-18 Community Drought Support Initiative has assisted with the following events

- Free Get Fit Bootcamp Sessions
- Free Aqua Aerobics
- Free Yoga
- Community Van Park Dinners
- Christmas Light competition
- Turf Club – Family Day
- Health Pitstop
- Lions Christmas Fete Fireworks
- Rodeo Association Events
- Spirituality Retreat
- Swim Club Carnival
- Junior Rugby League
- Richmond Golf Open
- Richmond Pony Club
- Dirt Bike Club
- Spouse Hunters Ball
- Campdraft
- Day for Daniel – Richmond State School

Richmond Shire Council together with Q-Health and RFDS conducted a Health Pitstop for the Community. 66 community members participated in a general health and wellbeing check in 4 hours. The positive feedback received will ensure this event will be repeated in 2018



ANZAC DAY

Continues to grow each year. Members of the Townsville RAAF play an important role in our services forming the Catafalque. 2018 saw the unveiling of the Wall of Remembrance honouring all those that were born or enlisted from Richmond that serviced in all conflicts and returned.



FINANCE POLICIES

Council resolved at its budget meeting on 26 June 2018 to revise all of its financial policies. All policies can be found in Richmond Shire Council's Policy Register and include:

- Advertising Policy
- Entertainment and Hospitality Charges
- Grants to Community Organisations Policy
- Debt Policy
- Investment Policy
- Revenue Policy
- Revenue Statement

DOCUMENTS OPEN TO INSPECTION

The following documents are open to inspection by any member of the public

Registers

- Assets
- Cemetery
- Contracts / Agreements / Leases (Register only)
- Delegations
- Dog Registrations
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Reports

- Corporate and Operational Plans
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- Financial Statements
- Rates, Fees and Charges

Council must adhere to Privacy Laws and cannot disclose a person's private information such as name and address. Council is bound by the *Right to Information Act 2009* and persons may apply and pay the appropriate fee to access other information that the RTI Act makes available in the interests of open and transparent government.

Council Minutes and Agendas

- Council meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month
- Council's Confirmed Minutes of Meetings are available for inspection or purchase
- Unconfirmed Council's Minutes are placed on the website within ten (10) days after the Council Meeting.
- Go to www.richmond.qld.gov.au

Other matters

- Council has an Equal Employment Opportunity Plan and has flexible working arrangements available if required in a family friendly environment.

TRUST ACCOUNT BALANCES

RICHMOND SHIRE COUNCIL'S TRUST ACCOUNT BALANCES

AS AT 30 JUNE 2018

Townsville Health	\$516.95
Richmond Swim Club	\$195.34
Richmond Landcare	\$402.61
Public Buildings Bond	\$1,100.00
Miscellaneous Trust Money	\$1,000.00
RADF Funds	\$3,584.17
Memorial Trust – Greg Forster	\$2,400.00
HACC – fundraising & excursion	\$1,105.00
Harold Brisbin – Funeral Exp in advance	\$4,000.00
Colin Shaw – Funeral Exp in advance	\$3,980.00
Racecourse Stalls	\$3,865.10
Milo Cricket	\$210.00
Bond Cara Mearns	\$250.00
Wayne Rhodes soft drink money	\$5,349.48
Bond K D & W D Krieg	\$300.00
Total	\$28,258.65

COMMUNITY FINANCE REPORT

Council's Community Financial Report is a brief summary of its financial performance and position for the 2017-18 financial year. The *Local Government Regulation 2012* requires Council to prepare its Community Financial Report containing an analysis of the local government's financial performance and position for the financial year.

Richmond Shire Council's Audited Financial Statements for 2017-18 are available on Council's website at www.richmond.qld.gov.au and are attached to this report.

Net Result:

Council has recorded a profit of \$14.025m this year. This is due to a revaluation of council's water, buildings and land assets.

2010/11	3,250,086
2011/12	497,693
2012/13	8,910,308
2013/14	7,421,771
2014/15	27,408,839
2015/16	6,689,528
2016/17	6,129,742
2017/18	14,025,091

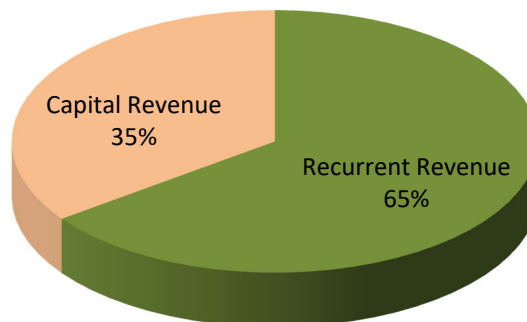
Net Results from operations, 2010/11 – 2017/18

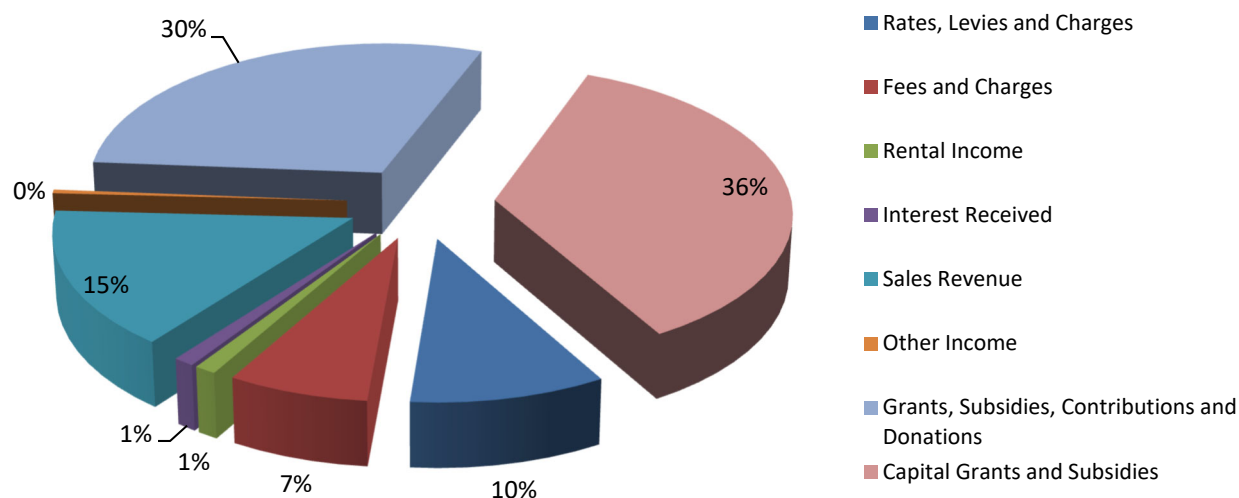
The Statement of Comprehensive Income:

The Statement of Comprehensive Income is often referred to as the Profit and Loss Statement and shows how Council has performed throughout the period. The statement shows the annual movement between Council's income and expenses throughout the year. The net result of these two figures represents the money that is available for Council to renew, upgrade or build new community assets.

Revenue:

The two main categories of revenue are Recurrent Revenue and Capital Revenue.





Council's recurrent revenue is income, which Council can rely on being available every year or funding the operations of Council. Sources of recurrent revenue are rate levies, fees and charges, grants, subsidies, contributions, donations, contract and recoverable works (sales revenue), rent and interest.

Council's Capital revenue is sourced for the purpose of constructing Council's Assets now and into the future. Capital revenue consists of capital grants, subsidies, contributions and donations, as well as gains/losses on disposal of assets.

Total revenue decreased by \$9.8m. Most of this was due to contract works for main roads flood damage down as no events. Council capital grants was also in decline this financial year. This is beyond the standard contractual income Council expects to receive on an annual basis from the Queensland Government. The majority of our income comes from sales revenue with grants and subsidies being the next largest source of revenue (MRD – \$1.066M).

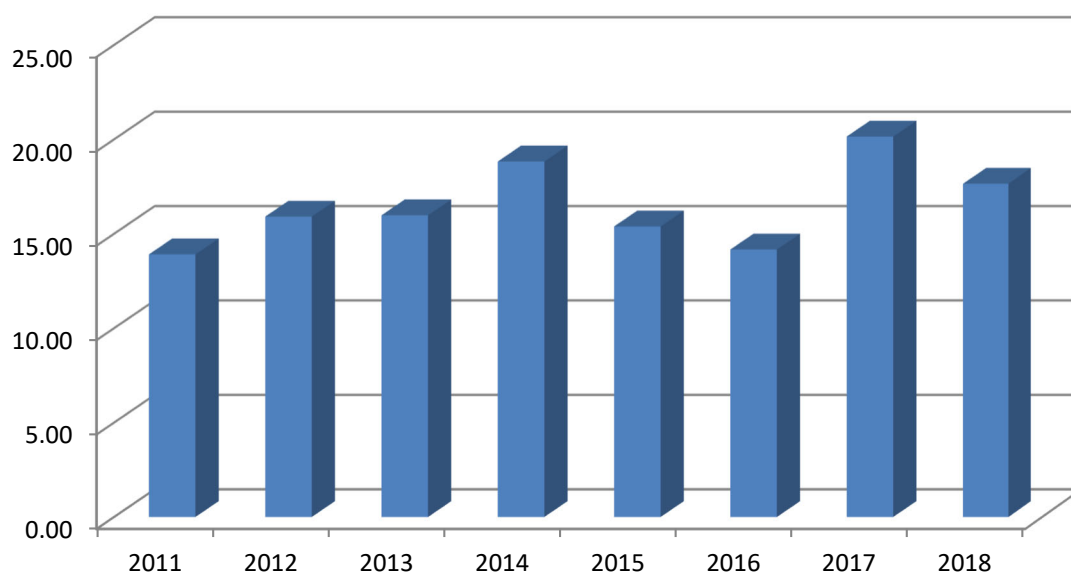
Council's ability to raise income from rates, levies and charges is limited by the population. The income generated from this source is 10% of total revenue.

Capital Revenue decreased significantly this year due to limited works on council owned assets such as road infrastructure.

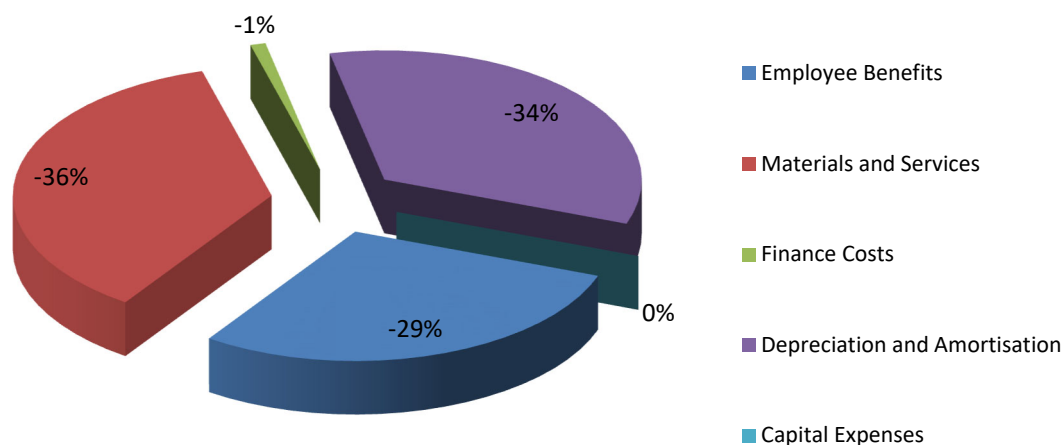
Expenditure:

Recurrent expenses represent the cost to Council of providing services to the community, operating facilities and maintaining assets. This expenditure includes wages and other employee entitlements, materials and services, finance costs and depreciation.

Total Expenses \$17.6m

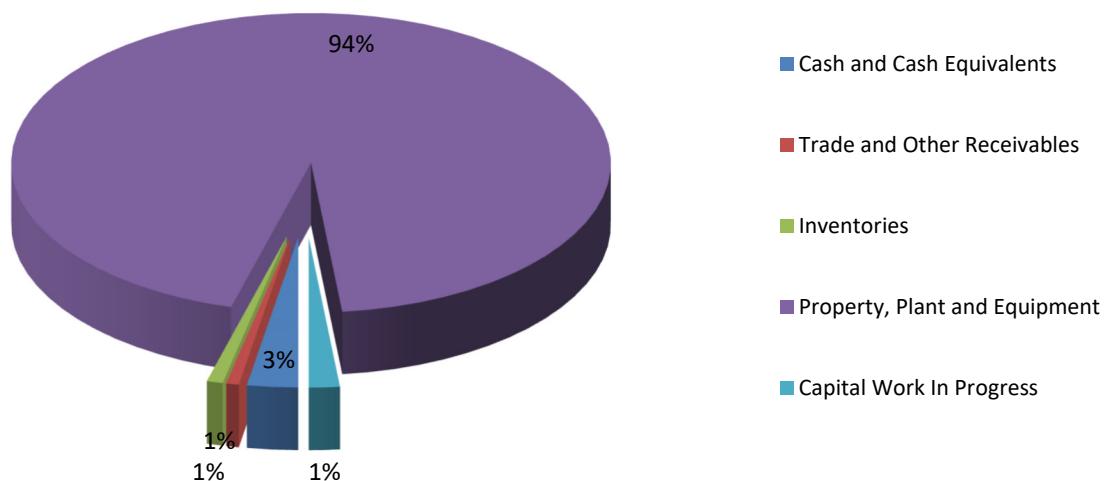


Materials and Services made up the largest type of expenditure at 38% followed by depreciation at 34% and employee benefits at 29%.



The Statement of Financial Position:

This statement is often referred to as the balance sheet and summaries the financial position of Council at the end of the financial year. The statement measures what Council owns (assets) and what Council owes (liabilities) at the end of the financial year. The difference between assets and liability is the net community wealth (equity) of Council.



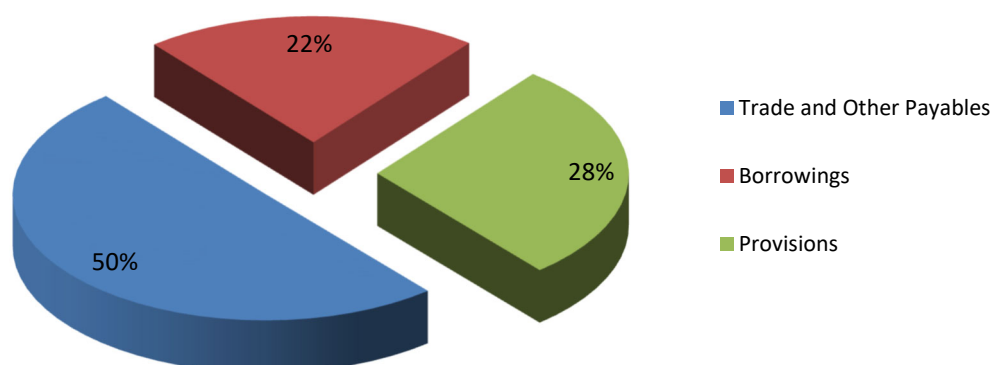
Assets:

Current Assets are made up mainly of cash and cash equivalents as well as money owed to Council and inventories.

Non-current assets are predominantly property plant and equipment that include items such as roads, water and sewerage infrastructure, buildings and vehicles. These assets alone are worth \$193 million or 94% of Council's assets, with cash, inventories and receivables accounting for a further \$8.8 million. Roads, water and sewerage networks make up the majority of the infrastructure assets.

Liabilities:

Council's liabilities comprise amounts owing for provisions, borrowings and trade and other payables. Provisions are for future entitlements Council owes to employees. Liabilities as at 30 June 2018 totalled \$6.9 million. This amount comprised of \$1.1 million in creditors due and \$.869 million in employee leave provisions.



The Statement of Changes in Equity:

Community equity is represented by Council's net worth. This is calculated by what Council own, minus what Councils owes.

Total Assets **\$202.129M** – Total Liabilities **\$6.939M** = Community Equity **\$195.189M**

Community equity rose by \$14.025M from the previous year due to the revaluation increase of assets and increase in retained surplus of \$1.557m. Council's retained surplus comprises amounts representing the asset retained capital and other changes in the value of Council's assets over time.

The Statement of Cash Flows:

The Statement of Cash Flows identifies the cash received and cash spent throughout the year. The statement shows Council's ability to cover its expenditures and where those funds are derived. Council's cash balance decreased by \$1.928M compared to the previous financial year.

Council's cash flows from operating activities incorporate the recurrent activities of Council. The cash flows from investing activities show Council spent \$9.3M investing in property, plant and equipment. This includes capital works on Council's roads, buildings and the replacement of plant and equipment.

Measures of Council's Financial Sustainability:

Council's audited financial statements indicate that Council finished the financial year in a positive financial position.

The Richmond Shire Council has maintained a steady growth rate over the last 10 years. Over the next 10 years, council is looking to consolidate that growth with an estimated further increase in net assets of \$25 million. Current 10 year financial forecasting has the Council achieving a surplus each year. Council has dedicated a substantial amount of time and funds to ensuring it has a superb fleet of quality machinery to build roads throughout the region. This fleet along with a dedicated workforce has seen Council secure numerous Main Roads contracts and repair major damage from the floods every year. It is these contracts and flood damage works that is the driving force behind Councils income every year and will continue to be so in the future. Council is currently working on a total asset management plan that will include 10-year estimates of capital expenditure and maintenance required to responsibly manage the asset stock. All indicators point to a positive future for the Richmond Shire Council.

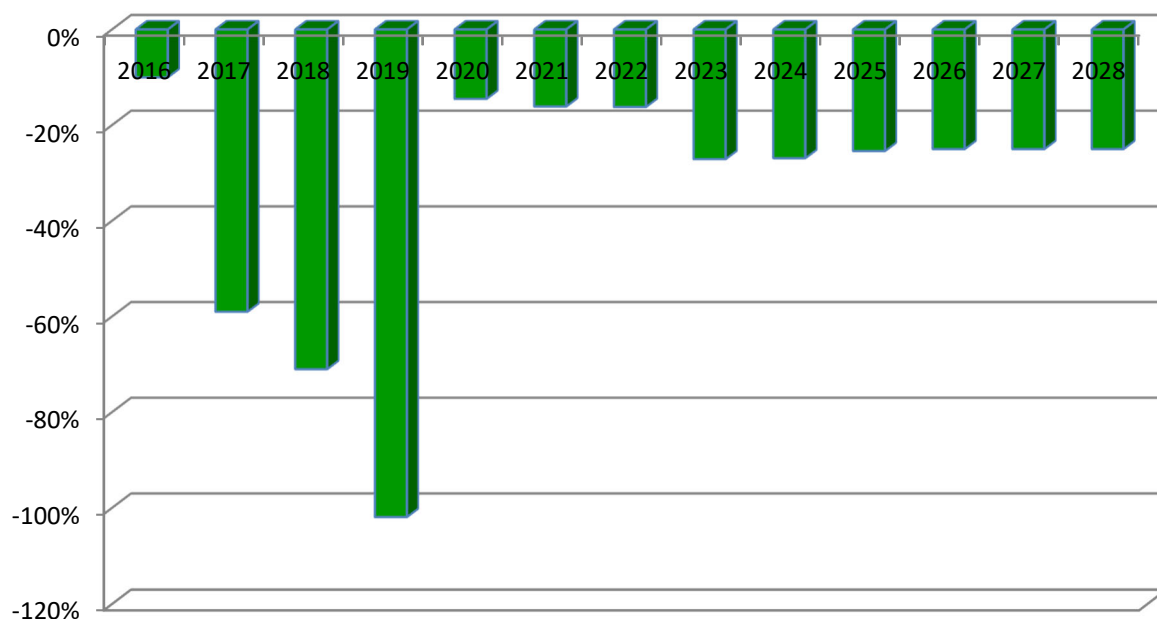
Section 169 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* requires the inclusion of the relevant measures of financial sustainability. These ratios are also included in Council's 10-year financial plan, with reviews conducted on a regular basis. Targets are set by the Department of Local Government and Planning.

Operating Surplus Ratio:

This measures the extent to which revenue raised (excluding capital grants and contributions) covers operational expenses. As at 30 June 2018, Councils operating surplus ratio was a deficit of 71%. This is because Council undertook extensive capital works on roads during the year.

For the majority of the next 10 years Council will be above breakeven.

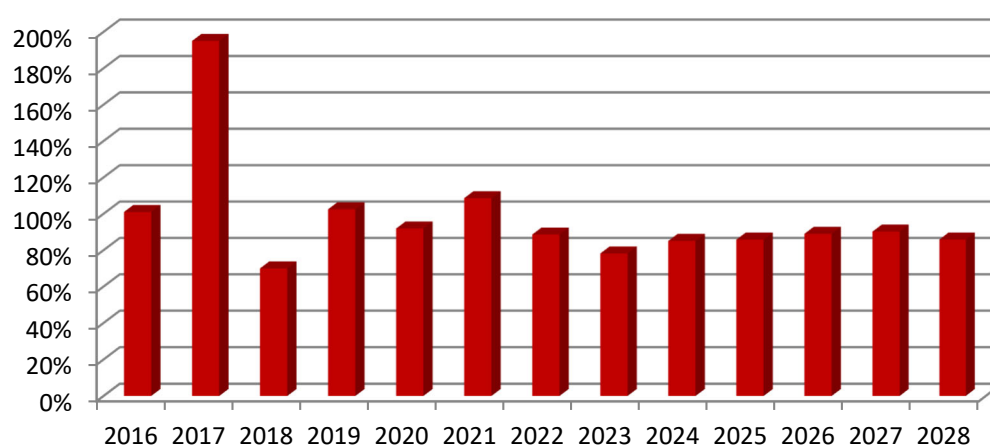
Operating surplus ratio



Asset Sustainability Ratio:

Target is 90%. Well over this financial year, future financial years will be dependent on flood damage and grants.

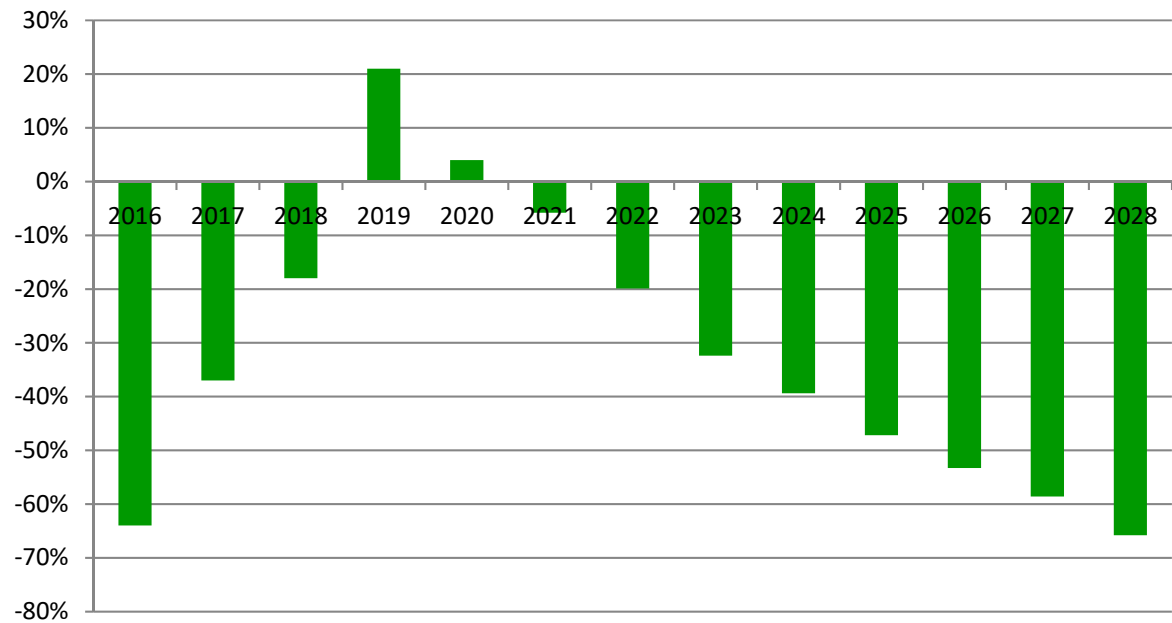
Asset sustainability ratio



Net Financial Liabilities Ratio:

This ratio represents the extent to which Council can fund its liabilities through its operating revenues. The target for this ratio is less than 60%. Council has new borrowings and low liabilities, which is why the ratio is very low.

Net financial liabilities ratio





Richmond Shire Council

Operational Plan

ANNUAL REPORT

1 July 2017 - 30 June 2018

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Finance and Administration

Activity Identified:	Upgrade Staff Housing
Budget Implication:	\$50,000
Activity Objectives:	Continue to upgrade staff housing.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Property Management
Amount Spent	\$30,461.44
Objective Update	104 Goldring Street, 13 Hillier Street, 7 Goldring Street, 1/60 Crawford Street.

Activity Identified:	Painting of Building
Budget Implication:	\$50,000
Activity Objectives:	Paint over rust on buildings.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Property Management
Amount Spent	\$0
Objective Update	Commenced no invoices to date

Activity Identified:	Red Cross Building
Budget Implication:	\$10,000
Activity Objectives:	Do repairs to Red Cross building to comply with building standards.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Property Management
Amount Spent	\$10,643.22
Objective Update	Completed

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Activity Identified:	Convert Works Admin Building to Library
Budget Implication:	\$100,000
Activity Objectives:	Set up old works building to house the library, meeting rooms and gallery pieces.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Property Management
Amount Spent	\$89,470.07
Objective Update	Ongoing

Activity Identified:	Convert Library to Gym
Budget Implication:	\$150,000
Activity Objectives:	Convert old library into a simple gym for public use and install quality gym equipment.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Property Management
Amount Spent	\$7,649.70
Objective Update	Carried over to 2018-19

Activity Identified:	Airport Screen
Budget Implication:	\$20,000
Activity Objectives:	Using RADF money to create a screen for the front of the Airport building.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Property Management
Amount Spent	\$12,368.00
Objective Update	Completed

OPERATIONAL PLAN 2017-2018

Activity Identified:	Tennis Clubhouse
Budget Implication:	\$150,000
Activity Objectives:	Remove existing building and toilets and replace with a modern building.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Property Management
Amount Spent	\$217,704.37
Objective Update	Completed

Activity Identified:	Aged Care Shed
Budget Implication:	\$25,000
Activity Objectives:	Build a shed to house all the aged care equipment.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Property Management
Amount Spent	\$10,100.91
Objective Update	Shed materials paid for

Activity Identified:	Caravan Park Ablutions Block
Budget Implication:	\$130,000
Activity Objectives:	Build a second ablutions block at the caravan park to address the increasing demand.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Property Management
Amount Spent	\$179,651.64
Objective Update	Ablution blocks installed waiting for final fit out and painting.

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Activity Identified:	Accounting System
Budget Implication:	\$300,000
Activity Objectives:	Introduce a new accounting system to replace the aging Practical accounting system.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Financial Management
Amount Spent	\$162,447.76
Objective Update	Carried over to 2018-19 instillation October 2018

Activity Identified:	Town Plan
Budget Implication:	\$25,000
Activity Objectives:	Develop, design and implement a new Town Plan for Richmond.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Corporate Governance
Amount Spent	\$27,311
Objective Update	90% complete awaiting state approval

Activity Identified:	Drinking Water Management Plan
Budget Implication:	\$15,000
Activity Objectives:	Development of a new Drinking Water Management Plan that incorporates the new water treatment plant and new town bore.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Corporate Governance
Amount Spent	\$27,572.97
Objective Update	Complete

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Activity Identified:	Monitor water allocation and billing implementation
Budget Implication:	Staff time
Activity Objectives:	Council will read water meter monthly and forward quarterly water notices.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Financial Management
Amount Spent	\$3,698
Objective Update	Meters are being read

Activity Identified:	Review and adopt a new asbestos management plan
Budget Implication:	\$25,000
Activity Objectives:	Design a new asbestos management plan to bring it up to current regulations and standards.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Corporate Governance
Amount Spent	\$17,100
Objective Update	Completed

Activity Identified:	Prepare planning documents
Budget Implication:	\$100,000
Activity Objectives:	Design and develop plans for projects like the caravan park, town hall, KK stage 3, Skate Park & BMX track, pool cover, land use agreement for the town area and the water bottling plant.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Corporate Governance
Amount Spent	\$6,600.00
Objective Update	Race course plans

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Activity Identified:	Backup Generator for New Admin Building
Budget Implication:	\$60,000
Activity Objectives:	Hard wire a new generator for the administration building to enable continuation of supply of electricity during power outages.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Emergency Management
Amount Spent	\$91,510
Objective Update	Completed

Works and Services

Activity Identified:	Footpath around Federal Palace
Budget Implication:	\$10,000
Activity Objectives:	Make the footpath safe to travel around the Federal Palace Hotel.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Roads
Amount Spent	\$18,032
Objective Update	Completed

Activity Identified:	Croydon Road upgrade
Budget Implication:	\$1,000,000
Activity Objectives:	Continue to upgrade the Croydon Road utilising TIDS, R2R and other funding sources. Continue to widen road from the last section completed.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Roads
Amount Spent	\$1,035,851.59
Objective Update	Completed

Activity Identified:	Croydon Road upgrade
Budget Implication:	\$2,040,000
Activity Objectives:	Continue to upgrade the Croydon Road utilising beef roads funding. Continue bitumen program from the end of the existing seal.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Roads

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Amount Spent	\$0
Objective Update	Carried over 2018-19

Activity Identified:	Storm water replacement and sealing works
Budget Implication:	\$500,000
Activity Objectives:	Using W4Q grant money, Council will replace sections of storm water and reseal over the works.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Water & Roads
Amount Spent	\$719,302
Objective Update	Completed

Activity Identified:	Stock proof Croydon Road airstrip
Budget Implication:	\$18,000
Activity Objectives:	Install fence on Croydon Road airstrip to stock proof road.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Roads
Amount Spent	\$12,098
Objective Update	Completed

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Activity Identified:	Boree Park Road Floodway
Budget Implication:	\$10,000
Activity Objectives:	To improve road access and fix floodway.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Roads
Amount Spent	\$9,037
Objective Update	Completed

Activity Identified:	Croydon Road reseal
Budget Implication:	\$472,115
Activity Objectives:	Continue with the resealing of the Croydon Road.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Roads
Amount Spent	\$532,390.2
Objective Update	Completed

Activity Identified:	Main Street Beautification Project
Budget Implication:	\$25,000
Activity Objectives:	Ergon to remove poles from centre medium strip from Ammonite Motel to Caravan Park and relocate to footpaths on the side.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Roads
Amount Spent	\$0
Objective Update	Working with Ergon and Main Roads to solve

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Activity Identified:	Flood Damage
Budget Implication:	\$2,500,000
Activity Objectives:	To complete all flood damage works before December 2017.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Roads
Amount Spent	\$1,460,596
Objective Update	Finalising costs with QRA Completed

Activity Identified:	Upgrade Saleyards Facilities.
Budget Implication:	\$50,000
Activity Objectives:	Upgrade yards facilities at the Richmond Saleyards to increase processing of cattle.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Rural Land Management
Amount Spent	\$55,360
Objective Update	Completed

Activity Identified:	Continuous Upgrade of Council Plant
Budget Implication:	\$1,140,000
Activity Objectives:	Upgrade plant and equipment in accordance with Council's replacement program to maintain a quality fleet.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Asset Management
Amount Spent	\$1,365,963
Objective Update	Completed

Activity Identified:	Industrial Estate Stormwater
Budget Implication:	\$400,000
Activity Objectives:	Construct a new stormwater system for the industrial estate to carry away rain water quickly.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Asset Management

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Amount Spent	\$413,362.41
Objective Update	Completed

Activity Identified:	Rubbish Tip Hole
Budget Implication:	\$20,000
Activity Objectives:	Dig a new rubbish pit for the towns waste.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Waste Management
Amount Spent	\$0
Objective Update	Carried over

Activity Identified:	Clean Up Old Dump Site
Budget Implication:	\$40,000
Activity Objectives:	Clean up old dumpsite to make more presentable and stop the spread of rubbish.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Waste Management
Amount Spent	\$0
Objective Update	Carried over

Activity Identified:	Rubbish Dump Site Office and Shed
Budget Implication:	\$40,000
Activity Objectives:	Install a site office at the dump for the manager to use and install a shed for their machinery.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Waste Management
Amount Spent	\$30,513.53
Objective Update	Pad done and water to site. Carried over 2018-19

Activity Identified:	Sewerage Settlement Pond
Budget Implication:	\$20,000

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Activity Objectives:	Create a new large settlement pond so that when it rains there is no overflow.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Water & Sewerage
Amount Spent	\$40,000
Objective Update	Completed

Activity Identified:	Kids Pool Revamp
Budget Implication:	\$100,000
Activity Objectives:	Full replacement of kid's pool.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Asset Management
Amount Spent	\$103,088
Objective Update	Completed

Activity Identified:	Chlorine Pump at Swimming Pool
Budget Implication:	\$15,000
Activity Objectives:	New chlorine pump at the swimming pool to safer administration of chemical.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Asset Management
Amount Spent	\$0
Objective Update	Carried over 2018-19

Activity Identified:	Replace Water Mains in Maxi
Budget Implication:	\$100,000
Activity Objectives:	Replace water mains in Maxwellton as the old network constantly has leaks and draws on the resources of Council Plumbers better used elsewhere.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Water

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Amount Spent	\$3,568
Objective Update	Carried over 2018-19

Activity Identified:	Upgrade Water Mains
Budget Implication:	\$60,000
Activity Objectives:	Replace water mains Goldring Street due to the Main Roads upgrade stage 2.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Water
Amount Spent	\$59,211
Objective Update	Completed

Activity Identified:	Bulk Kerbside Waste Collections
Budget Implication:	\$7,000
Activity Objectives:	Provide two bulk kerbside waste collections annually to help maintain a tidy town.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Cleansing
Amount Spent	\$4,088
Objective Update	Ongoing

Activity Identified:	Maintain Existing Waste Disposal Facility In Accordance With Environmental Management Practices
Budget Implication:	\$50,000
Activity Objectives:	Investigate a dump manager and commercial disposal fees are collected where possible.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Cleansing
Amount Spent	\$0
Objective Update	No progress

Activity Identified:	Explore Waste Minimisation And Recycling Services
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Budget Implication:	Staff time
Activity Objectives:	Liaise with external providers to collect scrap metals, oils and other recyclable materials.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Cleansing
Amount Spent	\$0
Objective Update	No progress

Activity Identified:	Parks and Gardens Maintenance Program
Budget Implication:	Staff time
Activity Objectives:	Develop and implement a maintenance program for parks and gardens.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Parks and Gardens
Amount Spent	\$0
Objective Update	Ongoing

Activity Identified:	Environmental Management Plan
Budget Implication:	Staff time
Activity Objectives:	Review Council's Environmental Management Plans for Environmentally Relevant Activities
Corporate Plan Objective:	Environmental and Health
Amount Spent	\$0
Objective Update	Ongoing

Community Development and Services

Activity Identified:	After School Care Cooling
Budget Implication:	\$15,000
Activity Objectives:	Install whirly birds and insulation at the after school care building to help cool the building.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Asset Management

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Amount Spent	\$5,411
Objective Update	Completed

Activity Identified:	After School Care Shade
Budget Implication:	\$20,000
Activity Objectives:	Install a shade structure from the main building to the toilets to provide all weather access.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Asset Management
Amount Spent	\$18,589
Objective Update	Completed

Activity Identified:	Upgrade Toilets And Hand Basins In Ensuite Cabins
Budget Implication:	\$20,000
Activity Objectives:	Remove existing toilets and hand basins in ensuite cabins that have been damaged due to harsh chemicals that were required to keep clean and install new systems.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Lakeview Caravan Park
Amount Spent	\$0
Objective Update	Carried over 2018-19

Activity Identified:	Install Surveillance System
Budget Implication:	\$100,000
Activity Objectives:	Install security cameras at Lake Fred Tritton, Goldring St, Saleyards, Wash Down Bay and the Dump Rd to monitor unwanted behaviour but will await grant funding.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Workplace Health and Safety
Amount Spent	\$396,062
Objective Update	Completed

Activity Identified:	RV Park Bitumen
Budget Implication:	\$160,000

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Activity Objectives:	Provide all weather access to the RV park.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Tourism
Amount Spent	\$155,651
Objective Update	Completed

Activity Identified:	Dino Park
Budget Implication:	\$100,000
Activity Objectives:	Create a welcoming park on the western entrance to town that will focus on dinosaurs. Will also increase parking and reduce the size of parkland already there so it can become a green park.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Tourism
Amount Spent	\$0
Objective Update	Carried over 2018-19

Activity Identified:	Skate Park Shed
Budget Implication:	\$100,000
Activity Objectives:	To provide a covered skate park to reduce heat and allow for all weather access.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Sport & Rec
Amount Spent	\$100,110.87
Objective Update	Completed

Activity Identified:	Skate Park Toilets
Budget Implication:	\$20,000
Activity Objectives:	To provide public toilets to the racecourse side of town where no such facilities exist.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Water & Sewerage
Amount Spent	\$23,435.80

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Objective Update	Completed
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Activity Identified:	Update Presentation At Kronosaurus Korner
Budget Implication:	\$20,000
Activity Objectives:	Update to 2D film.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Tourism
Amount Spent	\$10,050
Objective Update	Completed

Activity Identified:	Repair Roof at KK
Budget Implication:	\$60,000
Activity Objectives:	Repair roofing at KK to solve the flooding problem.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Asset Management
Amount Spent	\$15,960
Objective Update	Completed

Activity Identified:	Replace Table & Chairs in Café
Budget Implication:	\$15,000
Activity Objectives:	The existing table and chairs have been in place for over 10 years and will need replacing.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Tourism
Amount Spent	\$0
Objective Update	Carried over 2018-19

Activity Identified:	Caravan Park Upgrade
Budget Implication:	\$600,000

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Activity Objectives:	Install more powered sites, a retaining wall, and new entertainment area and ensuite cabin.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Tourism
Amount Spent	\$1,190,367.50
Objective Update	Completed in July 2018

Activity Identified:	Re-fence Front of Cemetery and Build New Parking Area
Budget Implication:	\$50,000
Activity Objectives:	Re-fence front of cemetery to allow future expansion and build new parking area which will include the installation of a grid to remove the need for gates.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Cemetery
Amount Spent	\$0
Objective Update	Carried over 2018-19

Activity Identified:	Upgrade of Lawn Cemetery
Budget Implication:	\$100,000
Activity Objectives:	Install concrete rows to place the plaques on and level the lawn.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Cemetery
Amount Spent	\$86,390.36
Objective Update	Carried over 2018-19

Activity Identified:	Provide Support To Local Community Events
Budget Implication:	\$15,000
Activity Objectives:	Continue to provide support to community clubs and organisations.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Community Events
Amount Spent	\$11,656.92
Objective Update	Ongoing

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Activity Identified:	Gazebo at Bush Tucker Gardens
Budget Implication:	\$50,000
Activity Objectives:	Provide a gazebo at the bush tucker gardens that can be used for special occasions.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Community Events
Amount Spent	\$45,103.32
Objective Update	Gazebo completed chairs to be purchased.

Activity Identified:	Memorial Wall at the Lions Park
Budget Implication:	\$38,245
Activity Objectives:	To build a memorial wall at the Lions Park so that war personnel can be remembered.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Historical
Amount Spent	\$35,484.00
Objective Update	Completed

Activity Identified:	Cambridge Shed
Budget Implication:	\$100,000
Activity Objectives:	To build a shed at the Cambridge Heritage Centre to house historical relics.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Tourism
Amount Spent	\$133,994.92
Objective Update	Shed materials purchased, pad laid. Carried over 2018-19

Activity Identified:	Wall of Remembrance
Budget Implication:	\$15,000
Activity Objectives:	Build a wall of remembrance where ashes can be stored.

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Corporate Plan Objective:	Cemetery
Amount Spent	\$1,141.00
Objective Update	No progress

Activity Identified:	Softfall at Playground
Budget Implication:	\$15,000
Activity Objectives:	Remove existing softfall and tree roots and replace with new softfall around the children's playground equipment.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Sport & Rec
Amount Spent	\$0
Objective Update	Carried over 2018-19

Activity Identified:	Waterpark Upgrade
Budget Implication:	\$150,000
Activity Objectives:	Install more water features at the waterpark for people to use.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Sport & Rec
Amount Spent	\$164,318
Objective Update	Completed

Activity Identified:	Jetty Decking Replacement
Budget Implication:	\$30,000
Activity Objectives:	Replace rotten, splitting wooden planks with new ones.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Tourism
Amount Spent	\$23,086
Objective Update	Completed

OPERATIONAL PLAN 2017-2018

Activity Identified:	Lake Path
Budget Implication:	\$150,000
Activity Objectives:	Provide a wider path around the lake for people to walk around.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Sport & Rec
Amount Spent	\$141,360
Objective Update	Carried over 2018-19

Activity Identified:	Walking Path Info Plaques
Budget Implication:	\$15,000
Activity Objectives:	Provide a historical timeline of events that happened in the Richmond Shire on the path around the lake.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Tourism
Amount Spent	\$9,450
Objective Update	ongoing

Activity Identified:	Water Fountain
Budget Implication:	\$10,000
Activity Objectives:	Install a solar water fountain on Dead Man's Island at the Lake.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Tourism
Amount Spent	\$0
Objective Update	Carried over 2018-19

Activity Identified:	Toilet at the Lake
Budget Implication:	\$35,000
Activity Objectives:	Install and new toilet at the boat ramp end of the lake.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Tourism

OPERATIONAL PLAN 2017-2018

Amount Spent	\$48,604.88
Objective Update	Carried over 2018-19

Activity Identified:	Painting of Racecourse Grandstand
Budget Implication:	\$23,000
Activity Objectives:	Paint grandstand at racecourse to freshen its look.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Asset Management
Amount Spent	\$23,000
Objective Update	Completed. Council gave funds to Turf club to help with upgrade to grounds.



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Richmond Shire Council
Statement of Comprehensive Income
For the year ended 30 June 2018

	Note	2018 \$	2017 \$
Income			
Revenue			
Recurrent revenue			
Rates, levies and charges	3(a)	1,560,011	1,563,350
Fees and charges	3(b)	1,122,372	1,243,838
Rental income	3(c)	172,819	152,397
Interest received	3(d)	166,962	94,450
Sales revenue	3(e)	2,451,916	8,657,538
Other income	3(f)	66,121	59,017
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	4(a)	4,744,782	6,522,266
		<u>10,284,984</u>	<u>18,292,856</u>
Capital revenue			
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	4(b)	5,749,144	7,634,082
Gain/(loss) on disposal of non-current assets	7	57,110	-
Total income		<u>16,091,238</u>	<u>25,926,938</u>
Expenses			
Recurrent expenses			
Employee benefits	5	(5,116,873)	(4,933,127)
Materials and services	6	(6,374,208)	(9,639,864)
Finance costs		(167,578)	(26,398)
Depreciation and amortisation	11	(5,989,982)	(5,547,160)
		<u>(17,648,641)</u>	<u>(20,146,549)</u>
Capital expenses	7	-	(4,510)
Total expenses		<u>(17,648,641)</u>	<u>(20,151,059)</u>
Net result		<u>(1,557,404)</u>	<u>5,775,879</u>
Other comprehensive income			
Items that will not be reclassified to net result			
Increase in asset revaluation surplus	15	15,582,495	353,863
Total other comprehensive income for the year		<u>15,582,495</u>	<u>353,863</u>
Total comprehensive income for the year		<u>14,025,091</u>	<u>6,129,742</u>

The above statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes and Significant Accounting Policies.

Richmond Shire Council
Statement of Financial Position
as at 30 June 2018

	Note	2018 \$	2017 \$
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	8	5,642,135	7,569,952
Trade and other receivables	9	1,403,414	4,748,788
Inventories	10	1,773,693	2,184,422
Total current assets		<u>8,819,242</u>	<u>14,503,162</u>
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	11	193,220,660	174,427,465
Intangible Assets		88,820	-
Total non-current assets		<u>193,309,480</u>	<u>174,427,465</u>
Total assets		<u>202,128,723</u>	<u>188,930,626</u>
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	12	1,166,760	1,708,932
Borrowings	13	498,203	483,797
Provisions	14	657,489	571,577
Total current liabilities		<u>2,322,452</u>	<u>2,764,306</u>
Non-current liabilities			
Provisions	14	212,028	104,845
Borrowings	13	4,405,131	4,897,456
Total non-current liabilities		<u>4,617,159</u>	<u>5,002,301</u>
Total liabilities		<u>6,939,613</u>	<u>7,766,607</u>
Net community assets		<u>195,189,110</u>	<u>181,164,019</u>
Community equity			
Asset revaluation surplus	15	99,283,894	83,701,399
Retained surplus/(deficiency)	16	95,905,216	97,462,620
Total community equity		<u>195,189,110</u>	<u>181,164,019</u>

The above statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes and Significant Accounting Policies.

Richmond Shire Council
Statement of Changes in Equity
For the year ended 30 June 2018

	Note	Asset revaluation surplus 15 \$	Retained surplus 16 \$	Total \$
Current Year				
Balance as at 1 July 2017		83,701,399	97,462,620	181,164,019
Net operating surplus		-	(1,557,404)	(1,557,404)
Other comprehensive income for the year				
Increase in asset revaluation surplus		15,582,495	-	15,582,495
Total comprehensive income for the year		15,582,495	(1,557,404)	14,025,091
Balance as at 30 June 2018		99,283,894	95,905,216	195,189,110
Prior Year				
Balance as at 1 July 2016		83,347,535	91,686,741	175,034,276
Net operating surplus		-	5,775,879	5,775,879
Other comprehensive income for the year				
Increase in asset revaluation surplus		353,863	-	353,863
Total comprehensive income for the year		353,863	5,775,879	6,129,742
Balance as at 30 June 2017		83,701,399	97,462,620	181,164,019

The above statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies.

Richmond Shire Council
Statement of Cash Flows
For the year ended 30 June 2018

	Note	2018 \$	2017 \$
Cash flows from operating activities			
Receipts from customers		9,337,286	9,130,153
Payments to suppliers and employees		<u>(12,309,742)</u>	<u>(14,611,114)</u>
		(2,972,456)	(5,480,961)
Interest received	3(d)	166,962	94,450
Rental income	3(c)	172,819	152,397
Non-capital grants and contributions	4(a)	4,744,782	6,522,266
Borrowing costs		<u>(167,578)</u>	<u>(13,645)</u>
Net cash inflow from operating activities	20	<u>1,944,529</u>	<u>1,274,507</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Payments for property, plant and equipment	11	(9,353,047)	(11,538,456)
Net movement in loans and advances		-	-
Proceeds from sale of property plant and equipment	7	209,476	96,418
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	4(b)	<u>5,749,144</u>	<u>7,634,082</u>
Net cash outflow from investing activities		<u>(3,394,428)</u>	<u>(3,807,956)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities			
Proceeds from borrowings	13	-	5,500,000
Repayment of borrowings	13	<u>(477,918)</u>	<u>(118,747)</u>
Net cash inflow from financing activities		<u>(477,918)</u>	<u>5,381,253</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalent held		<u>(1,927,817)</u>	<u>2,847,804</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year		7,569,952	4,722,148
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the financial year	8	<u>5,642,135</u>	<u>7,569,952</u>

The above statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies.

Richmond Shire Council

Notes to the financial statements

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Significant Accounting Policies

1.A Basis of preparation

These general purpose financial statements are for the period 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018. They are prepared in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009* and the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

These general purpose financial statements comply with all accounting standards and interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) that are relevant to Council's operations and effective for the current reporting period. Because the Council is a not-for-profit entity and the Australian Accounting Standards include requirements for not-for-profit entities which are inconsistent with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), to the extent these inconsistencies are applied, these financial statements do not comply with IFRS. The main impacts are the offsetting of revaluation and impairment gains and losses within a class of assets, and the timing of the recognition of non-reciprocal grant revenue.

These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except where stated.

1.B Basis of consolidation

The controlled entity of Richmond Shire Council during the reporting period was The Kronosaurus Korner Board Inc. The Kronosaurus Korner Board Inc. is an incorporated association and does not have any share capital. Significant control is exercised by Richmond Shire Council over the operations of the Centre. Of the eight directors, six are Richmond Shire Council elected (nominated) representatives. Control is able to be exercised by Council by determining the composition of the board as well as the capacity to appoint and remove directors and approve grant funding. The accounts of The Kronosaurus Korner Board Inc. have not been consolidated with Council's accounts as at the reporting date due to immateriality. Information relating to the financial position of the controlled entity is set out in Note 21.

1.C Constitution

The Richmond Shire Council is constituted under the Queensland *Local Government Act 2009* and is domiciled in Australia.

1.D Adoption of new and revised accounting standards

This year Council has applied AASB 2016-2 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Disclosure Initiative: Amendments to AASB 107* for the first time. As a result Council has disclosed more information to explain changes in liabilities arising from financing activities ('debt reconciliation'). This information is presented in note 26.

Some Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations have been issued but are not yet effective. Those standards have not been applied in these financial statements. Council will implement them when they are effective. The standards that are expected to have a material impact upon Council's future financial statements are:

Standard and impact	Date council will apply the standard
<u>AASB 9 Financial Instruments</u>	
This replaces AASB 139 <i>Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement</i> , and will change the classification, measurement and disclosures of financial assets.	1-Jul-18
As a result, Council will measure its financial assets at fair value. The impact of this new standard is yet to be quantified.	
<u>AASB 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers, AASB 1058 Income of Not-for-Profit Entities and AASB 2016-8 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Australian Implementation Guidance for Not-for-Profit Entities</u>	
AASB 15 will replace AASB 118 Revenue, AASB 111 Construction Contracts and a number of Interpretations. AASB 2016-8 provides Australian requirements and guidance for not-for-profit entities in applying AASB 9 and AASB 15, and AASB 1058 will replace AASB 1004 Contributions. Together they contain a comprehensive and robust framework for the recognition, measurement and disclosure of income including revenue from contracts with customers.	1-Jul-19
Council is still reviewing the way that income is measured and recognised to identify whether there will be any material impact arising from these standards.	

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AASB 16 Leases

1-Jul-19

Council has some leases that are not on its balance sheet. These will need to be included on the balance sheet when this standard comes into effect. A lease liability will initially be measured at the present value of the lease payments to be made over the lease term. A corresponding right-of-use asset will also be recognised over the lease term. Although Council anticipate that the adoption of AASB16 Leases will impact Council's financial statements, it is impractical at this stage to provide a reasonable estimate of such impact.

1.E Estimates and judgements

Where necessary judgements, estimates and assumptions have been used in preparing these financial statements. Those that have a significant effect, or risk of causing an adjustment to Council's assets or liabilities relate to:

Valuation and depreciation of property, plant and equipment - Note 11
Provisions - Note 14
Contingent liabilities - Note 17

1.F Rounding and comparatives

The financial statements are in Australian dollars that have been rounded to the nearest \$1.
Comparative information has been restated where necessary to be consistent with disclosures in the current reporting period.

1.G Taxation

Income of local authorities and public authorities is exempt from Commonwealth taxation except for Fringe Benefits Tax and Goods and Services Tax (GST). The net amount of GST recoverable from the ATO or payable to the ATO is shown as an asset or liability respectively.

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2. Analysis of Results by Function

2(a) Components of council functions

The activities relating to the Council's components reported on in Note 2(b) are as follows:

Finance

The goal of this function is to manage the finances of Council for the benefit of the community. Competent decision making and financial management by full and open discussions at meetings, detailed knowledge of the facts, balancing of sustainable budget, equitable Shire rates, utilising skilled expertise, minimise costs and manage and maintain Council assets in a good state of repair.

Administration

The goal of this function is to adopt the principles of good corporate governance to administer Council's services and functions. To communicate with the local community through a monthly newsletter, website and encouraging comment on decisions and to represent the community as a whole through the Elected Members.

Planning and building

The goal of this function is to ensure the continued growth of the Shire.

Engineering

The goal of this function is to provide and maintain all urban and rural local roads and identify new projects in accordance with the Shire Roads Asset Management Plan. Maintain green, clean and tidy parks, sporting and recreational facilities.

Environmental Services

Effectively manage the land and natural resources in the Shire through the implementation of the Stock Routes Management Plan and Pest Control Management Plan. Upgrade the saleyard facilities in a bid to increase processing of cattle in Richmond.

Community Services

The goal of this function is to recognise investment opportunities including agriculture, professional services, health and aged care services. To play an active role in supporting and promoting the cultural identity of our community.

Sewerage

The goal of this function is to maintain the sewerage network in accordance with the Total Management Plan 2012.

Water

The goal of this function is to maintain water infrastructure and the quality of the town water supply. Upgrade the water infrastructure in Maxwelton.

Cleansing

The goal of this function is to provide quality waste collection services to the community. Maintain the existing waste disposal facility and plan for future land fill.

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Analysis of Results by Function

2 (b) Income and expenses defined between recurring and capital are attributed to the following functions:

Year ended 30 June 2018

Functions	Gross program income				Total income	Gross program expenses		Total expenses	Net result from recurrent operations	Net Result		Assets
	Recurrent		Capital			2018	2018			2018	2018	
	Grants	Other	Grants	Other								
	2018	2018	2018	2018								
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Finance	3,824,263	996,975	3,092,480	57,110	7,970,828	(12,098)	-	(12,098)	4,809,140	7,958,727	7,045,837	
Administration	-	398,404	-	-	398,404	(3,286,097)	-	(3,286,097)	(2,887,693)	(2,887,693)	1,954,300	
Planning and Building	-	721	-	-	721	(2,467)	-	(2,467)	(1,746)	(1,746)	-	
Engineering	87,950	2,538,416	2,656,665	-	5,283,030	(7,975,274)	-	(7,975,274)	(5,348,908)	(2,692,244)	141,003,735	
Environmental Services	-	264,613	-	-	264,613	(887,788)	-	(887,788)	(623,175)	(623,175)	87,607	
Community services	832,569	622,984	-	-	1,455,553	(4,045,531)	-	(4,045,531)	(2,589,978)	(2,589,978)	35,112,912	
Sewerage	-	278,422	-	-	278,422	(315,212)	-	(315,212)	(36,790)	(36,790)	4,243,108	
Water	-	362,633	-	-	362,633	(1,017,627)	-	(1,017,627)	(654,994)	(654,994)	12,592,403	
Cleansing	-	77,034	-	-	77,034	(106,547)	-	(106,547)	(29,513)	(29,513)	88,821	
Total	4,744,782	5,540,202	5,749,145	57,110	16,091,238	(17,648,641)	-	(17,648,641)	(7,363,657)	(1,557,404)	202,128,723	

Year ended 30 June 2017

Functions	Gross program income				Total income	Gross program expenses		Total expenses	Net result from recurring operations	Net Result		Assets		
	Recurring		Capital			Recurring	Capital			2017	2017		2017	2017
	Grants	Other	Grants	Other										
	2017	2017	2017	2017										
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$			
Finance	4,749,025	936,778	-	-	5,685,803	(130,642)	-	(130,642)	5,555,161	5,555,162	14,783,733			
Administration	-	615,796	1,500,000	-	2,115,796	(2,288,065)	-	(2,288,065)	(1,672,269)	(172,269)	6,933,209			
Planning and Building	-	1,766	-	-	1,766	(24,311)	-	(24,311)	(22,545)	(22,545)	-			
Engineering	1,220,061	8,722,313	6,109,148	-	16,051,522	(12,106,225)	(4,510)	(12,110,735)	(2,163,852)	3,940,786	129,167,587			
Environmental Services	-	241,413	-	-	241,413	(843,361)	-	(843,361)	(601,948)	(601,948)	43,655			
Community services	553,180	552,966	24,934	-	1,131,080	(3,346,987)	-	(3,346,987)	(2,240,841)	(2,215,907)	21,961,997			
Sewerage	-	283,587	-	-	283,587	(304,118)	-	(304,118)	(20,531)	(20,531)	4,243,108			
Water	-	355,399	-	-	355,399	(981,136)	-	(981,136)	(625,737)	(625,737)	11,797,339			
Cleansing	-	60,572	-	-	60,572	(121,703)	-	(121,703)	(61,131)	(61,131)	-			
Total consolidated	6,522,266	11,770,590	7,634,082	-	25,926,938	(20,146,549)	(4,510)	(20,151,058)	(1,853,693)	5,775,879	188,930,626			

Richmond Shire Council
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	<u>Note</u>	2018 \$	2017 \$
3 Revenue analysis			
Revenue is recognised at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable, at the time indicated below.			
(a) Rates, levies and charges			
Rates are recognised as revenue at the start of the rating period. If a ratepayer pays their rates before the start of the rating period, they are recognised as revenue when they are received.			
General rates		828,728	979,781
Separate rates		23,205	21,463
Water		362,661	386,288
Sewerage		278,476	308,322
Garbage charges		77,044	65,822
Total rates and utility charge revenue		<u>1,570,114</u>	<u>1,761,678</u>
Less: Discounts		(95)	(191,178)
Less: Pensioner remissions		<u>(10,008)</u>	<u>(7,151)</u>
		<u>1,560,011</u>	<u>1,563,350</u>
(b) Fees and charges			
Fees and charges are recognised when Council is unconditionally entitled to those funds. Generally this is upon lodgement of the relevant applications or documents, issuing of the infringement notice or when the service is provided.			
Private works		345,119	449,215
Saleyard fees		58,732	68,767
Agistment fees		108,941	87,166
Caravan park fees		283,618	380,559
Other fees		325,962	258,131
		<u>1,122,372</u>	<u>1,243,838</u>
(c) Rental income			
Rent from other property is recognised as income on a periodic straight line basis over the lease term.			
Property rentals		172,819	152,397
		<u>172,819</u>	<u>152,397</u>
(d) Interest received			
Interest received from term deposits is accrued over the term of the investment.			
Interest received from term deposits		143,412	75,881
Other sources		3,811	6,383
Interest from overdue rates and utility charges		19,739	12,186
		<u>166,962</u>	<u>94,450</u>
(e) Sales revenue			
The sale of goods is recognised when the customer has taken delivery of the goods. Revenue from services is recognised when the service is rendered.			
Revenue from contracts and recoverable works generally comprises a recoupment of material costs together with an hourly charge for use of equipment and employees. This revenue and the associated costs are recognised by reference to the stage of completion of the contract activity at the reporting date. Where consideration is received for the service in advance it is included in other liabilities and is recognised as revenue in the period when the service is performed. There are no contracts in progress at the year end. The contract work carried out is not subject to retentions.			
RMPC		1,170,107	2,725,415
Main Roads flood damage		55,092	4,832,163
Main Roads contract works		1,226,717	1,099,960
		<u>2,451,916</u>	<u>8,657,538</u>
(f) Other income			
Other income		66,121	59,017
		<u>66,121</u>	<u>59,017</u>

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<u>Note</u>	<u>2018</u> <u>\$</u>	<u>2017</u> <u>\$</u>
4 Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations		
Grants, subsidies, donations and contributions that are non-reciprocal in nature are recognised as revenue when Council obtains control over them, which is usually upon receipt of funds.		
Physical assets contributed to Council by developers in the form of road works, stormwater, water and wastewater infrastructure and park equipment are recognised as revenue when the development becomes "on maintenance" (i.e. Council obtains control of the assets and becomes liable for any ongoing maintenance) and there is sufficient data in the form of drawings and plans to determine the approximate specifications and values of such assets. Non-cash contributions with a value in excess of the recognition thresholds are recognised as non-current assets. Those below the thresholds are recorded as expenses.		
Where grants are received that are reciprocal in nature, revenue is recognised as the various performance obligations under the funding agreement are fulfilled. Council does not currently have any reciprocal grants.		
(a) Recurrent		
General purpose grants	3,664,165	5,713,473
State Government subsidies and grants	1,080,617	808,793
Commonwealth Government subsidies and grants	-	-
	<u>4,744,782</u>	<u>6,522,266</u>
(b) Capital		
Capital Revenue includes grants and subsidies received which are tied to specific projects for the replacement or upgrade of existing non-current assets and/or investment in new assets. It also includes non-cash contributions which are usually infrastructure assets received from developers.		
Government subsidies and grants	5,749,144	7,634,082
	<u>5,749,144</u>	<u>7,634,082</u>
Total grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	<u>10,493,926</u>	<u>14,156,348</u>

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	<u>Note</u>	2018 \$	2017 \$
5 Employee benefits			
Total staff wages and salaries		3,914,871	4,389,267
Councillors' remuneration		381,931	379,994
Annual and long service leave entitlements		636,819	540,181
Superannuation	18	596,507	582,345
		<u>5,530,127</u>	<u>5,891,787</u>
Other employee related expenses		-	-
		<u>5,530,127</u>	<u>5,891,787</u>
Less: Capitalised employee expenses		<u>(413,254)</u>	<u>(958,660)</u>
		<u>5,116,873</u>	<u>4,933,127</u>

Councillor remuneration represents salary, and other allowances paid in respect of carrying out their duties.

Total council employees at the reporting date:	2018	2017
Elected members	6	6
Administration staff	29	26
Depot and outdoors staff	51	54
Total full time equivalent employees	<u>86</u>	<u>86</u>

6 Materials and services

Audit of annual financial statements by the Auditor-General of Queensland	64,118	65,004
Donations paid	25,109	24,024
WPHS - quality assurance	128,289	124,108
Admin contractors	170,950	49,554
Insurance	29,296	83,257
Subscriptions	52,477	69,640
Computer expenses	174,426	196,808
Staff training	80,782	97,955
Private works	122,203	281,873
Engineer expenses	28,410	22,571
Council roads	225,647	1,193,603
Main roads	1,367,809	3,319,762
Workshop expenses	1,041,505	1,566,382
Community development	139,633	215,428
Pool expenses	112,112	117,072
Museum expenses	541,654	331,606
Council houses and buildings	527,660	339,249
Street cleaning	33,019	11,987
Stock routes	155,830	178,398
Parks & gardens	97,018	71,617
Caravan park expenses	244,418	239,200
Water & sewerage	418,583	406,178
Other Material and Services	593,260	634,588
	<u>6,374,208</u>	<u>9,639,864</u>

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<u>Note</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
	\$	\$
7 Capital income/expenses		
Gain/(Loss) on disposal of non-current assets		
Proceeds from the sale of property, plant & equipment	209,476	96,418
Less: Book value of property, plant & equipment	(152,366)	(79,359)
Less: Assets written off	-	(21,569)
Total profit/(loss) on disposal of non-current assets	<u>57,110</u>	<u>(4,510)</u>

8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, all cash and cheques receipted but not banked at the year end, deposits held at call with financial institutions, other short-term, highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less that are readily convertible to cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value, and bank overdrafts.

Cash at bank and on hand	3,279,100	2,569,952
Term deposits	<u>2,363,035</u>	<u>5,000,000</u>
Balance per statement of cash flows	<u>5,642,135</u>	<u>7,569,952</u>

Councils cash and cash equivalents are subject to a number of internal and external restrictions that limit amounts available for discretionary or future use. These include:

Unspent government grants and subsidies	-	-
*Internally imposed expenditure restrictions at the reporting date:		
Future capital works	-	764,761
Future asset replacement	-	-
Future recurrent expenditure	<u>750,000</u>	<u>750,000</u>
Total unspent restricted cash	<u>750,000</u>	<u>1,514,761</u>

* These restrictions were previously allocated as reserves

Cash and deposits at call are held in the National Australia Bank and Suncorp in normal term deposits and business cheque accounts.

	Short Term	Long Term
National Australia Bank	AA-	AA-
Suncorp	A+	A+

The Council may be exposed to credit risk through its investments in the QTC Cash Fund and QTC Working Capital Facility. The QTC Cash Fund is an asset management portfolio that invests with a wide range of high credit rated counterparties. Deposits with the QTC Cash Fund are capital guaranteed. Working Capital Facility deposits have a duration of one day and all investments are required to have a minimum credit rating of "A-", therefore the likelihood of the counterparty having capacity to meet its financial commitments is strong.

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	<u>Note</u>	<u>2018</u> \$	<u>2017</u> \$
9 Trade and other receivables			
Receivables are amounts owed to Council at year end. They are recognised at the amount due at the time of sale or service delivery. Settlement is required within 30 days after the invoice is issued.			
Debts are regularly assessed for collectability and allowance is made, where appropriate, for impairment. All known bad debts were written-off at 30 June. If an amount is recovered in a subsequent period it is recognised as revenue.			
Because Council is empowered under the provisions of the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i> to sell an owner's property to recover outstanding rate debts, Council does not impair rate receivables.			
Current			
Rateable revenue and utility charges		209,298	134,098
Other debtors		1,063,716	4,520,767
Prepayments		<u>130,400</u>	<u>93,923</u>
		<u><u>1,403,414</u></u>	<u><u>4,748,788</u></u>

Interest is charged on outstanding rates at a rate of 8% per annum. No interest is charged on other debtors. There is no concentration of credit risk for rates and utility charges, fees and other debtors receivable.

10 Inventories

Inventories held for resale are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value and include, where applicable, direct material, direct labour and an appropriate portion of variable and fixed overheads. Costs are assigned on the basis of weighted average cost.

Inventories held for distribution are:

- goods to be supplied at no or nominal, charge, and
- goods to be used for the provision of services at no or nominal, charge.

These goods are valued at cost, adjusted, when applicable, for any loss of service potential.

Land acquired by Council with the intention of reselling it (with or without further development) is classified as inventory. This land is valued at the lower of cost or net realisable value. As an inventory item, this land held for resale is treated as a current asset. Proceeds from the sale of this land will be recognised as sales revenue on the signing of a valid unconditional contract of sale.

Inventories held for sale

Inventories held for sale:

History books	5,690	5,690
(Valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value)		

Inventories for distribution:

Quarry, fuel, road materials and stores	685,560	342,386
(Valued at the lower of cost and selling price less cost to sell)		

Land purchased for development and sale:

Cost of acquisition and development costs capitalised	<u>1,082,443</u>	<u>1,836,345</u>
Total inventories	<u><u>1,773,693</u></u>	<u><u>2,184,422</u></u>

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11 Property, plant and equipment

Council - 30 June 2018

Basis of measurement

Asset values

Opening gross value as at 1 July 2017	
Additions at cost	
Disposals	
Revaluation adjustment to other comprehensive income (asset revaluation surplus)	
Transfers between classes	
Closing gross value as at 30 June 2018	

Accumulated depreciation

Opening balance as at 1 July 2017	
Depreciation provided in period	
Depreciation on disposals	
Revaluation adjustment to other comprehensive income (asset revaluation surplus)	
Transfers between classes	
Accumulated depreciation as at 30 June 2018	

Total written down value as at 30 June 2018

Residual value	
Range of estimated useful life in years	

Additions comprise:

Renewals	
Other additions	
Total additions	

Note

Land and Improvements	Buildings	Plant and Equipment	Road and Bridge	Water	Sewerage	Other Assets	Work in Progress	Total
Fair Value Level 2	Fair Value Levels 2 & 3	Cost Level 2	Fair Value Level 3	Fair Value Level 3	Fair Value Level 3	Fair Value Level 3	Cost	
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1,097,123	29,283,110	14,357,284	152,481,668	15,112,311	6,407,549	448,407	9,122,523	228,319,975
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,497,361	9,497,361
(19,020)	-	(525,815)	-	-	-	-	(144,313)	(689,149)
309,897	3,033,523	-	4,857,842	-	-	-	-	8,201,262
10,023	7,610,811	1,378,072	5,169,507	185,022	44,579	656,860	(15,054,874)	-
1,398,022	39,937,444	15,209,541	162,509,018	15,297,333	6,452,128	1,105,267	3,420,696	245,329,449

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-	10,300,541	7,820,645	30,810,990	2,900,596	2,049,312	10,428	-	53,892,512
-	769,699	800,817	3,768,829	424,225	115,128	111,284	-	5,989,982
-	-	(392,470)	-	-	-	-	-	(392,470)
-	(1,928,759)	-	(5,452,476)	-	-	-	-	(7,381,235)
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	9,141,482	8,228,992	29,127,344	3,324,821	2,164,440	121,712	-	52,108,790

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1,398,022	30,795,964	6,980,549	133,381,674	11,972,512	4,287,687	983,555	3,420,696	193,220,660
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not depreciated.	10 - 80	5 - 20	10 - 1000	5 - 80	10 - 80	10 - 1000	-	-

\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,919,525	4,919,525
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,577,835	4,577,835
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,497,361	9,497,361

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11 Property, plant and equipment

Council - 30 June 2017

Basis of measurement

Asset values

Opening gross value as at 1 July 2016
Additions at cost
Disposals
Revaluation adjustment to other comprehensive income (asset revaluation surplus)
Transfers between classes
Closing gross value as at 30 June 2017

Note	Land and Improvements	Buildings		Plant and Equipment		Road and Bridge		Water		Sewerage		Other Assets		Work in Progress		Total
		Fair Value	Cost	Fair Value	Cost	Fair Value	Cost	Fair Value	Cost	Fair Value	Cost	Fair Value	Cost	Fair Value	Cost	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
	1,068,553	24,851,740	14,484,827	136,990,376	15,115,137	6,331,079	7,559,858	216,702,882				10,301,312	7,559,858			216,702,882
	109,882	342,522	344,016	8,654,430	76,532	-	1,562,666	11,538,456				448,407	1,562,666			11,538,456
	-	-	(471,560)	-	(14,960)	-	-	(486,520)				-	-			(486,520)
7	(81,312)	277,148		357,250	(64,399)			76,469					-			565,156
	-	3,821,700	-	6,479,612	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(10,301,312)	-	-	-	-
	1,097,123	29,293,110	14,357,284	152,481,668	15,112,311	6,407,549	9,122,523	228,319,974				448,407	9,122,523			228,319,974

Accumulated depreciation

Opening balance as at 1 July 2016
Depreciation provided in period
Depreciation on disposals
Revaluation adjustment to other comprehensive income (asset revaluation surplus)
Transfers between classes
Accumulated depreciation as at 30 June 2017

	-	8,978,900	7,316,958	26,323,652	2,581,721	1,910,334	1,392,582	48,504,148								
	-	619,612	873,778	3,506,777	422,893	113,672	10,428	5,547,160								
	-	-	(370,091)	-	-	-	-	(370,091)								
	-	94,158	-	195,849	(104,019)	25,304	-	211,290								
	-	607,870	-	784,712	-	-	(1,392,582)	-								
	-	10,300,541	7,820,645	30,810,990	2,900,596	2,049,312	10,428	53,892,509								

Total written down value as at 30 June 2017

Residual value

Range of estimated useful life in years

	1,097,123	18,992,570	6,536,639	121,670,679	12,211,717	4,358,238	437,979	174,427,465								
	-	-	3,685,117	-	-	-	-	-								
Not depreciated		10 - 80	5 - 20	10 - 100	5 - 80	10 - 80	10 - 1000	-								

Additions comprise:

Renewals
Other additions
Total additions

\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$				\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
-	156,263	344,016	8,618,263	61,572	-	-	273,807	9,453,920								
109,882	186,259	-	36,167	14,960	-	-	174,600	521,868								
109,882	342,522	344,016	8,654,430	76,532	-	-	448,407	9,975,789								

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11 Property, plant and equipment (cont.)

(a) Recognition

Plant and equipment with a total value of less than \$5,000 and infrastructure assets and buildings with a total value of less than \$10,000 are treated as an expense in the year of acquisition. All other items of property, plant and equipment are capitalised.

Replacement of a major component of an asset, in order to maintain its service potential, is treated as the acquisition of a new asset. However, routine operating maintenance, repair costs and minor renewals to maintain the operational capacity and useful life of the non-current asset are treated as expenses as incurred.

Expenditure incurred in accordance with Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements on road assets is analysed to determine whether the expenditure is capital in nature. The analysis of the expenditure requires Council engineers to review the nature and extent of expenditure on a given asset. For example, expenditure that patches a road is generally maintenance in nature, whereas a kerb to kerb rebuild is treated as capital. Material expenditure that extends the useful life or renews the service potential of the asset is capitalised.

Land under roads

Land under roads and reserve land which falls under the *Land Act 1994* or the *Land Title Act 1994* is controlled by the Queensland Government pursuant to the relevant legislation. This land is not recognised in these financial statements.

(b) Measurement

Property plant and equipment assets are initially recorded at cost. Subsequently, each class of property, plant and equipment is stated at cost or fair value (as shown in the table above) less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment loss.

Cost is determined as the fair value of the assets given as consideration plus costs incidental to the acquisition, including freight in, architect's fees and engineering design fees and all other establishment costs.

Direct labour and materials and an appropriate proportion of overheads incurred in the acquisition or construction of assets are also included in their cost.

Property, plant and equipment received in the form of contributions, are recognised as assets and revenues at fair value.

(c) Depreciation

Assets are depreciated from the date of acquisition or, in respect of internally constructed assets, from the time an asset is completed and commissioned ready for use, at which time they are reclassified from work in progress to the appropriate property, plant and equipment class.

Land is not depreciated as it has an unlimited useful life. Depreciation on other property, plant and equipment assets is calculated on a straight-line basis so as to write-off the net cost or revalued amount of each depreciable asset, less its estimated residual value, progressively over its estimated useful life to the Council. Management believe that the straight-line basis appropriately reflects the pattern of consumption of all Council assets.

Where assets have separately identifiable components that are subject to regular replacement, these components are assigned useful lives distinct from the asset to which they relate. Any expenditure that increases the originally assessed capacity or service potential of an asset is capitalised and the new depreciable amount is depreciated over the remaining useful life of the asset to the Council.

Major spares purchased specifically for particular assets that are above the asset recognition threshold are capitalised and depreciated on the same basis as the asset to which they relate.

The depreciable amount of improvements to or on leasehold land is allocated progressively over the estimated useful lives of the improvements to the Council or the unexpired period of the lease, whichever is the shorter.

Depreciation methods, estimated useful lives and residual values of property, plant and equipment assets are reviewed at the end of each reporting period and adjusted where necessary to reflect any changes in the pattern of consumption, physical wear and tear, technical or commercial obsolescence, or management intentions. The condition assessments performed as part of the annual valuation process for assets measured at written down current replacement cost are used to estimate the useful lives of these assets at each reporting date.

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11 Property, plant and equipment (cont.)

(d) Impairment

Property, plant and equipment is assessed for indicators of impairment annually. If an indicator of possible impairment exists, the Council determines the asset's recoverable amount. Any amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds the recoverable amount is recorded as an impairment loss.

(e) Valuation

(i) Valuation processes

Council's valuation policies and procedures are set by the finance committee of the executive management team which comprises the Chief Executive Officer and the Manager of Finance and Administration. They are reviewed annually taking into consideration an analysis of movements in fair value and other relevant information.

Non-current physical assets measured at fair value are revalued, where required, so that the carrying amount of each class of asset does not materially differ from its fair value at the reporting date. This is achieved by engaging independent, professionally qualified valuers to determine the fair value for each class of property, plant and equipment assets at least once every 3 years. This process involves the valuer physically sighting a representative sample of Council assets across all asset classes and making their own assessments of the condition of the assets at the date of inspection.

In the intervening years, Council uses internal engineers and asset managers to assess the condition and cost assumptions associated with all infrastructure assets, the results of which are considered in combination with an appropriate cost index for the region. Together these are used to form the basis of a management valuation for infrastructure asset classes in each of the intervening years. With respect to the valuation of the land and improvements, buildings and major plant asset classes in the intervening years, management engage independent, professionally qualified valuers to perform a "desktop" valuation. A desktop valuation involves management providing updated information to the valuer regarding additions, deletions and changes in assumptions such as useful life, residual value and condition rating. The valuer then determines suitable indices which are applied to each of these asset classes.

An analysis performed by management has indicated that, on average, the variance between an indexed asset value and the valuation by an independent valuer when performed is not significant and the indices used by Council are sound. Further details in relation to valuers, the methods of valuation and the key assumptions used in valuing each different asset class are disclosed below.

Any revaluation increment arising on the revaluation of an asset is credited to the appropriate class of the asset revaluation surplus, except to the extent it reverses a revaluation decrement for the class previously recognised as an expense. A decrease in the carrying amount on revaluation is charged as an expense to the extent it exceeds the balance, if any, in the revaluation surplus of that asset class.

On revaluation, accumulated depreciation is restated proportionately with the change in the carrying amount of the asset and any change in the estimate of remaining useful life. Separately identified components of assets are measured on the same basis as the assets to which they relate.

In accordance with AASB 13 fair value measurements are categorised on the following basis:

- Fair value based on quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1)
- Fair value based on inputs that are directly or indirectly observable for the asset or liability (level 2)
- Fair value based on unobservable inputs for the asset and liability (level 3)

There were no transfers between levels 1 and 2 during the year, nor between levels 2 and 3.

Council's policy is to recognise transfers in and out of the fair value hierarchy levels as at the end of the reporting period.

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11 Plant, property and equipment (cont.)

(ii) Valuation techniques used to derive fair values for level 2 and level 3 valuations

Specific valuation techniques used to value Council assets comprise:

Land (level 2)

Land fair values were determined by independent valuer, APV effective 30 June 2018 through a comprehensive valuation. Level 2 valuation inputs were used to value land in freehold title as well as land used for special purposes. Sales prices of comparable land sites in close proximity are adjusted for differences in key attributes such as property size.

Buildings (level 2 and 3)

The fair value of buildings were determined by independent valuer, APV effective 30 June 2018 through a comprehensive valuation assessment.

Where there is a market for Council building assets, they are categorised as non-specialised buildings and fair value is derived from sales prices of comparable properties after adjusting for differences in key attributes such as property size (level 2). The most significant inputs into this valuation approach were price per square metre.

In determining the level of accumulated depreciation the asset has been disaggregated into significant components which exhibit useful lives. Allowances has been made for the typical asset life cycle and renewal treatment of each component, residual value at the time the asset is considered to be no longer available for use and the condition of the asset. Condition was assessed taking into account physical characteristics as well as factors such as functionality, capability, utilisation and obsolescence.

While the unit rates based on square metres can be supported by market evidence (level 2), the estimates of residual value, useful life, pattern of consumption and asset condition that are used to calculate accumulated depreciation comprise unobservable inputs (level 3). Where these other inputs are significant to the valuation the overall valuation has been classified as level 3.

Roads infrastructure assets (Level 3)

The fair value of roads infrastructure assets was determined by independent valuer, APV effective 30 June 2018 through a comprehensive valuation assessment

The valuation and associated depreciation expense calculations have been prepared in accordance with the accounting standards at Fair Value. Fair Value is defined as –

"The price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date"

Depending upon the nature of the specific asset the valuation approach may have included the adoption of a singular or multiple techniques.

- The Market approach has been applied where there is a principal market which provides observable evidence of the Fair Value of the asset.
- The Income approach has been applied for assets where the income generating capability of the asset provides the best estimate of the assets Fair Value.
- The Cost approach is used for assets which are not commonly traded. Typically these include assets that public and not-for-profit sectors entities use to provide services to the public for no or minimal charge.
- In rare circumstances the valuation may also include a combination of approaches.

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11 Plant, property and equipment (cont.)

Water and Sewerage Infrastructure Assets (Level 3)

The fair value of water and sewerage infrastructure was determined by independent valuer, Australis effective 30 June 2015. In the current year, an independent valuer, APV provided indices for each assets class and Council has determined that indexation is not required as the movement of the asset costs after indexation method is immaterial.

Current Replacement Cost was calculated by reference to asset linear and area specifications, or lump sum estimated labour and material inputs, and overhead allocations. For internal construction estimates material and service prices were based on supplier contract rates or supplier price lists. All direct costs were allocated to assets at standard usage quantities according to recently completed similar projects.

The Valuer has conducted a physical condition survey of the physically accessible (above ground) assets. A '0 to 10' pointscoring system was utilised for the physical condition assessment, where '10' relates to a new asset and '0' to an asset at the end of its useful life. Following this, obsolescence factors were applied to arrive at an adopted remaining useful life.

In determining accumulated depreciation, assets were either subject to a site inspection or an assessment to determine remaining useful life. Where site inspections were conducted (i.e. for active assets), the assets were allocated a condition assessment rating of between 1 and 5, which was used to estimate remaining useful life - 1 being excellent with a remaining useful life of 95% and 5 being unserviceable with a remaining useful life of 5%. The higher the condition rating, the lower the fair value.

While the inputs to the Gross Replacement Cost (GRC) at a rate per square metre or per unit can be supported by market evidence (Level 2), the estimates of useful life, pattern of consumption and condition score that are used to calculate the accumulated depreciation comprise unobservable inputs (Level 3). While these other inputs are significant to the valuation, the overall valuation has been classified a Level 3. The valuation's sensitivity to these inputs is summarised below.

For the water and sewerage infrastructure category, the Valuer adopted the following ranges for each input:

Significant inputs	Range of inputs	Relationship of inputs to fair value
Replacement Cost Rate per Square Metre or per unit	\$56 - \$856,000	As the rates increase, fair value increases
Useful Life	5 - 80	As the useful life increases, fair value increases
Remaining Life	4 - 79 (100% - 0%)	As the remaining useful life increases, the fair value increases

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11 Plant, property and equipment (cont.)

Other infrastructure assets (Level 3)

The fair value of water and sewerage infrastructure was determined by independent valuer, Australis effective 30 June 2015. In the current year, an independent valuer, APV provided indices for each assets class and Council has determined that indexation is not required as the movement of the asset costs after indexation method is immaterial.

CRC was calculated by reference to asset linear and area specifications, or lump sum estimated labour and material inputs, and overhead allocations. For internal construction estimates material and service prices were based on supplier contract rates or supplier price lists. All direct costs were allocated to assets at standard usage quantities according to recently completed similar projects.

The Valuer has conducted a physical condition survey of over 90% of the assets. A '0 to 10' pointscoring system was utilised for the physical condition assessment, where '10' relates to a new asset and '0' to an asset at the end of its useful life. Following this, obsolescence factors were applied to arrive at an adopted Remaining Useful Life.

While the inputs to the GRC at a rate per square metre or per unit can be supported by market evidence (Level 2), the estimates of useful life, pattern of consumption and condition score that are used to calculate the accumulated depreciation comprise unobservable inputs (Level 3). While these other inputs are significant to the valuation, the overall valuation has been classified a Level 3. The valuation's sensitivity to these inputs is summarised below.

For the other infrastructure category, the Valuer adopted the following ranges for each input:

Significant inputs	Range of inputs	Relationship of inputs to fair value
Replacement Cost Rate per Square Metre or per unit	\$13,000 - \$2,300,000	As the rates increase, fair value increases
Useful Life	10 - 1000	As the useful life increases, fair value increases
Remaining Life	7 - 900 (100% - 0%)	As the remaining useful life increases, the fair value increases

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	<u>Note</u>	2018 \$	2017 \$
12 Trade and other payables			
Creditors are recognised when goods or services are received, at the amount owed. Amounts owing are unsecured and are generally settled on 30 day terms.			
Liabilities are recognised for employee benefits such as wages and salaries, sick, annual and long service leave in respect of services provided by the employees up to the reporting date. The liability is calculated using the present value of remuneration rates that will be paid when the liability is expected to be settled and includes related on-costs.			
As Council does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement of the annual leave beyond twelve months after the reporting date, annual leave is classified as a current liability.			
Council has an obligation to pay sick leave on termination to certain employees and therefore a liability has been recognised for this obligation.			
Current			
Creditors and accruals		805,236	1,311,372
Annual leave		323,527	355,400
Other entitlements		36,997	42,160
Other Liabilities		1,000	-
		<u>1,166,760</u>	<u>1,708,932</u>
13 Borrowings			
Borrowings are initially recognised at fair value plus any directly attributable transaction costs. Thereafter, they are measured at amortised cost. Principal and interest repayments are made quarterly in arrears.			
All borrowings are in \$A denominated amounts and interest is expensed as it accrues. No interest has been capitalised during the current or comparative reporting period. Expected final repayment date is 15 March 2027 (Available from QTC Maturity Analysis). There have been no defaults or breaches of the loan agreement during the period.			
Council adopts an annual debt policy that sets out Council's planned borrowings for the next nine years. Council's current policy is to only borrow for capital projects and for a term no longer than the expected life of the asset. Council also aims to comply with the Queensland Treasury Corporation's borrowing guidelines and ensure that sustainability indicators remain within acceptable levels at all times.			
Current			
Loans - Queensland Treasury Corporation			
Opening balance		483,797	-
Loans raised		-	602,544
Loans reclassified		492,323	-
Principal repayments		(477,917)	(118,747)
Book value at end of period		<u>498,204</u>	<u>483,797</u>
Non-current			
Loans - Queensland Treasury Corporation			
Opening balance		4,897,455	-
Loans raised		-	4,897,456
Loans reclassified		(492,323)	-
Book value at end of period		<u>4,405,131</u>	<u>4,897,455</u>
Loans - Queensland Treasury Corporation			
Opening balance		5,381,253	-
Loans raised		-	5,500,000
Principal repayments		(477,917)	(118,747)
Book value at end of period		<u>4,903,335</u>	<u>5,381,253</u>

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	Note	2018 \$	2017 \$
14 Provisions			
Long Service Leave			
<p>The provision for long service leave represents the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date. The liability is calculated using current pay rates and projected future increases in those rates and includes related employee on-costs. The estimates are adjusted for the probability of the employee remaining in the Council's employment or other associated employment which would result in the Council being required to meet the liability. Adjustments are then made to allow for the proportion of the benefit earned to date, and the result is discounted to present value. The interest rates attaching to Commonwealth Government guaranteed securities at the reporting date are used to discount the estimated future cash outflows to their present value.</p> <p>Where employees have met the prerequisite length of service and council does not have an unconditional right to defer this liability beyond 12 months long service leave is classified as a current liability. Otherwise it is classified as non-current.</p>			
Refuse dump restoration			
<p>A provision is made for the cost of restoring refuse dumps where it is probable the Council will be liable, or required, to do this when the use of the facilities is complete.</p> <p>The provision for refuse restoration is calculated as the present value of anticipated future costs associated with the closure of the dump sites, decontamination and monitoring of historical residues and leaching on these sites. The calculation of this provision requires assumptions such as application of environmental legislation, site closure dates, available technologies and engineering cost estimates. These uncertainties may result in future actual expenditure differing from amounts currently provided. Because of the long-term nature of the liability, the most significant uncertainty in estimating the provision is the costs that will be incurred. The provision recognised for dump sites is reviewed at least annually and updated based on the facts and circumstances available at the time. Management estimates that the site will close in 2021 and that the restoration will occur progressively over the subsequent thirty years.</p>			
Current			
Long service leave		657,489	571,577
		<u>657,489</u>	<u>571,577</u>
Non-current			
Refuse restoration		88,820	-
Long service leave		123,208	104,845
		<u>212,028</u>	<u>104,845</u>
15 Asset revaluation surplus			
<p>The asset revaluation surplus comprises adjustments relating to changes in value of property, plant and equipment that do not result from the use of those assets. Net incremental changes in the carrying value of classes of non-current assets since their initial recognition are accumulated in the asset revaluation surplus. Increases and decreases on revaluation are offset within a class of assets.</p> <p>Where a class of assets is decreased on revaluation, that decrease is offset first against the amount remaining in the asset revaluation surplus in respect of that class. Any excess is treated as an expense.</p> <p>When an asset is disposed of, the amount reported in surplus in respect of that asset is retained in the asset revaluation surplus and not transferred to retained surplus.</p>			
Movements in the asset revaluation surplus were as follows:			
Balance at beginning of financial year		83,701,399	83,347,536
Net adjustment to non-current assets at end of period to reflect a change in current fair value:			
Land		309,897	(81,312)
Buildings		4,962,280	908,069
Roads & Bridge Network		10,310,318	3,139,913
Water Infrastructure		-	39,620
Sewerage Infrastructure		-	51,164
Other assets		-	(3,703,591)
Balance at end of financial year		<u>99,283,894</u>	<u>83,701,399</u>

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	Note	2018 \$	2017 \$
15 Asset revaluation surplus (cont.)			
The closing balance of the asset revaluation surplus comprises the following asset categories:			
Land		713,024	403,127
Buildings		18,143,640	13,181,360
Roads & Bridge Network		73,887,014	63,576,696
Water Infrastructure		2,961,710	2,961,710
Sewerage Infrastructure		3,578,506	3,578,506
Other assets		-	-
		<u>99,283,894</u>	<u>83,701,399</u>

16 Retained surplus/(deficiency)

Movements in the retained surplus were as follows:

Retained surplus/(deficit) at beginning of financial year	97,462,620	66,394,405
Adjustment to opening balance	-	25,292,336
Adjusted opening balance	<u>97,462,620</u>	<u>91,686,741</u>
Net result attributable to Council	<u>(1,557,404)</u>	<u>5,775,879</u>
Retained surplus at end of financial year	<u>95,905,215</u>	<u>97,462,620</u>

17 Contingent liabilities

Details and estimates of maximum amounts of contingent liabilities are as follows:

Local Government Mutual

The Council is a member of the local government mutual liability self-insurance pool, LGM Queensland. In the event of the pool being wound up or it is unable to meet its debts as they fall due, the trust deed and rules provide that any accumulated deficit will be met by the individual pool members in the same proportion as their contribution is to the total pool contributions in respect to any year that a deficit arises.

As at 30 June 2018 the financial statements reported an accumulated surplus and it is not anticipated any liability will arise.

Local Government Workcare

The Council is a member of the Queensland local government worker's compensation self-insurance scheme, Local Government Workcare. Under this scheme the Council has provided an indemnity towards a bank guarantee to cover bad debts which may remain should the self insurance licence be cancelled and there was insufficient funds available to cover outstanding liabilities. Only the Queensland Government's workers compensation authority may call on any part of the guarantee should the above circumstances arise. The Council's maximum exposure to the bank guarantee is \$72,123 (\$65,121 - 2017).

18 Superannuation

Council contributes to the LGIAsuper Regional Defined Benefits Fund (the scheme), at the rate of 12% for each permanent employee who is a defined benefit member. This rate is set in accordance with the LGIAsuper trust deed and may be varied on the advice of an actuary. The Regional Defined Benefits Fund is a complying superannuation scheme for the purpose of the Commonwealth Superannuation Industry (Supervision) legislation and is also governed by the Local Government Act 2009.

The scheme is a defined benefit plan, however Council is not able to account for it as a defined benefit plan in accordance with AASB119 because LGIAsuper is unable to account for its proportionate share of the defined benefit obligation, plan assets and Any amount by which the scheme is over or under funded may affect future benefits and result in a change to the contribution rate, but has not been recognised as an asset or liability of the Council.

Technically Richmond council can be liable to the scheme for a portion of another local governments' obligations should that local government be unable to meet them. However the risk of this occurring is extremely low and in accordance with the LGIAsuper trust deed changes to council's obligations will only be made on the advice of an actuary.

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The last completed actuarial assessment of the scheme was undertaken as at 1 July 2015. The actuary indicated that "At the valuation date of 1 July 2015, the net assets of the scheme exceeded the vested benefits and the scheme was in a satisfactory financial position as at the valuation date." The Council is not aware of anything that has happened since that time that indicates the assets of the scheme are not sufficient to meet the vested benefits, as at the reporting date.

No changes have been made to prescribed employer contributions which remain at 12% of employee assets and there are no known requirements to change the rate of contributions.

Another actuarial investigation is being conducted as at 1 July 2018. At the time of signing these financial statements this investigation is still in progress.

The most significant risks that may result in LGA super increasing the contribution rate, on the advice of the actuary, are:

Investment risk - The risk that the scheme's investment returns will be lower than assumed and additional contributions are needed to fund the shortfall.

Salary growth risk - The risk that wages or salaries will rise more rapidly than assumed, increasing vested benefits to be funded.

There are currently 63 entities contributing to the scheme and any changes in contribution rates would apply equally to all 63 entities. Richmond Shire Council made less than 4% of the total contributions to the plan in the 2017-18 financial year.

Superannuation contribution made to the Regional Defined Benefit Fund

		2,941	-
Other superannuation contribution to employees		593,566	582,345
Total superannuation contributions paid by Council for employees	5	596,507	582,345

19 Trust funds

Trust funds held for outside parties

Monies collected or held on behalf of other entities yet to be paid out to or on behalf of those entities		28,259	28,139
		28,259	28,139

Council performs only a custodial role in respect of these monies. As these funds cannot be used by the Council, they are not brought to account in these financial statements.

20 Reconciliation of net result for the year to net cash inflow (outflow) from operating activities

Net result		(1,557,404)	5,775,879
Non-cash items:			
Depreciation and amortisation	11	5,989,982	5,547,160
Write off of assets	7	-	21,569
Net (profit)/loss on disposal of non-current assets	7	(57,110)	(17,059)
Capital grants and contributions	4(b)	(5,749,144)	(7,634,082)
		(1,373,676)	3,693,466
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:			
(Increase)/ decrease in Trade & other receivables	9	3,345,374	(2,436,911)
(Increase)/decrease in Inventory	10	410,728	(490,436)
(Increase)/decrease in Intangible Assets		(88,820)	-
Increase/(decrease) in Trade & other payables	12	(542,172)	455,690
Increase/(decrease) in Provisions	15	193,095	52,698
		3,318,205	(2,418,959)
Net cash inflow from operating activities		1,944,529	1,274,507

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	<u>Note</u>	2018 \$	2017 \$
21 Controlled Entity			
The Kronosaurus Korner Board Inc. is an incorporated association and does not have any share capital.			
The financial statements of The Kronosaurus Korner Board Inc. have not been consolidated with Council's financial statements as at the reporting date due to the Centre's immateriality.			
Information relating to the financial position of the controlled entity is set out below.			
Revenue from operations		304,106	298,330
Contributions from Council for operating funding		392,355	285,000
Expenditure from operations		(550,580)	(547,527)
Net result from operations		145,881	35,803
Assets		298,764	176,363
Liabilities		(83,437)	(106,910)
Net assets at the reporting date		215,327	69,453

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22 Transactions with related parties

(a) Subsidiaries

The group consists of Richmond Shire Council and one controlled entity. Details of the controlled entity are disclosed in Note 20.

The following transactions occurred with subsidiaries:

Subsidiary	Grants and subsidies provided by council		Goods and services supplied by council, on normal terms and conditions			
			Building Maintenance		Garbage charges	
	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Kronosaurus Kormer	392,355	285,000	169,454	134,520	-	-
Total	392,355	285,000	169,454	134,520	-	-

Council provides free rental to Kronosaurus Kormer, which is dependent on Council. All funding support given to subsidiaries was agreed to by the Council for the 2017-2018 financial year.

(b) Transactions with Key Management Personnel (KMP)

KMP include the Mayor, Councillors, Council's Chief Executive Officer and executive management. The compensation paid to KMP for 2017/18 comprises:

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Short-term employee benefits	893,605	857,951
Post-employment benefits	60,266	92,889
Long-term benefits	123,603	101,862
Total	1,077,474	1,052,702

Detailed remuneration disclosures are provided in the annual report.

(c) Transactions with other related parties

Other related parties include the close family members of KMP and any entities controlled or jointly controlled by KMP or their close family members. Close family members include a spouse, child and dependent of a KMP or their spouse.

Details of transactions between council and other related parties are disclosed below and were at arms length and on commercial terms:

Details of Transaction	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Employee expenses for close family members of key management personnel	145,239	136,775
Purchase of materials and services from entities controlled by key management personnel	388,293	191,017

23 Transaction with related parties (cont.)

(i) All close family members of key management personnel were employed through an arm's length process. They are paid in accordance with the Award for the job they perform.

The council employs 86 staff of which only 2 are close family members of key management personnel.

(d) Outstanding balances

There are no outstanding balances at the end of the reporting period in relation to transactions with related parties.

(e) Loans and guarantees to/from related parties

Council does not make loans to or receive loans from related parties. No guarantees have been provided.

(f) Transactions with related parties that have not been disclosed

Most of the entities and people that are related parties of council live and operate within the Richmond Council Shire. Therefore, on a regular basis ordinary citizen transactions occur between Council and its related parties. Some examples include:

- Payment of rates
- Use of the Richmond Shire Council's swimming pool
- Dog registration
- Borrowing books from a council library

Council has not included these types of transaction in its disclosure, where they are made on the same terms and conditions available to the general public.

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23 Financial instruments

Richmond Shire Council has exposure to the following risks arising from financial instruments:

Credit risk
Liquidity risk
Market risk

Financial risk management

Richmond Shire Council is responsible for the establishment and oversight of the risk management framework, together with developing and monitoring risk management policies.

Council's management approves policies for overall risk management, as well as specifically for managing credit, liquidity and market risk.

The Council's risk management policies are established to identify and analyse the risks faced, to set appropriate limits and controls and to monitor these risks and adherence against limits. The Council aims to manage volatility to minimise potential adverse effects on the financial performance of the Council.

Richmond Shire Council does not enter into derivatives.

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss if a counterparty to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations. These obligations arise principally from the Council's investments and receivables from customers.

Exposure to credit risk is managed through regular analysis of credit counterparty ability to meet payment obligations. The carrying amount of financial assets represents the maximum credit exposure.

No collateral is held as security relating to the financial assets held by Richmond Shire Council.

The following table represents the maximum exposure to credit risk based on the carrying amounts of financial assets at the end of the reporting period:

Financial assets	Note	2018	2017
		\$	\$
Cash and cash equivalents	8	5,642,135	7,569,952
Receivables - rates	9	209,298	134,098
Receivables - other	9	1,194,116	4,614,690
Total financial assets		7,045,549	12,318,740

Trade and other receivables

In the case of rate receivables, the Council has the power to sell the property to recover any defaulted amounts. In effect this power protects the Council against credit risk in the case of defaults.

In other cases, the Council assesses the credit risk before providing goods or services and applies normal business credit protection procedures to minimise the risk.

By the nature of the Council's operations, there is a geographical concentration of risk in the Council's area. Because the area is largely agricultural.

Ageing of past due receivables and the amount of any impairment is disclosed in the following table:

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Not past due	1,036,140	4,480,371
Past due 31-60 days	14,604	38,810
Past due 61-90 days	7,678	175
More than 90 days	214,592	135,508
Impaired	-	-
Total	1,273,014	4,654,864

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23 Financial instruments (cont.)

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Council will encounter difficulty in meeting the obligations associated with its financial liabilities that are settled by delivering cash or another financial asset.

Richmond Shire Council is exposed to liquidity risk through its normal course of business and through its borrowings with QTC.

The Council manages its exposure to liquidity risk by maintaining sufficient cash deposits and undrawn facilities, both short and long term, to cater for unexpected volatility in cash flows. These facilities are disclosed in note 8.

The following table sets out the liquidity risk in relation to financial liabilities held by the Council. It represents the remaining contractual cashflows (principal and interest) of financial liabilities at the end of the reporting period, excluding the impact of netting agreements:

	0 to 1 year	1 to 5 years	Over 5 years	Total contractual cash flows	Carrying amount
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
2018					
Trade and other payables	805,236	-	-	805,236	805,236
Loans - QTC	636,965	2,547,858	2,388,617	5,573,440	4,903,334
	<u>1,442,201</u>	<u>2,547,858</u>	<u>2,388,617</u>	<u>6,378,676</u>	<u>5,708,570</u>
2017					
Trade and other payables	1,311,372	-	-	1,311,372	1,311,372
Loans - QTC	483,797	2,083,601	2,813,855	5,381,253	5,381,253
	<u>1,795,169</u>	<u>2,083,601</u>	<u>2,813,855</u>	<u>6,692,625</u>	<u>6,692,625</u>

The outflows in the above table are not expected to occur significantly earlier or for significantly different amounts than indicated in the table.

Market risk

Market risk is the risk that changes in market prices, such as interest rates, will affect the Council's income or the value of its holdings of financial instruments.

Interest rate risk

Richmond Shire Council is exposed to interest rate risk through investments with National Australia Bank and Suncorp Metway and borrowings with QTC.

The Council has access to a mix of variable and fixed rate funding options through QTC so that interest rate risk exposure can be minimised.

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23 Financial instruments (cont.)

Sensitivity

Sensitivity to interest rate movements is shown for variable financial assets and liabilities based on the carrying amount at reporting date.

The following interest rate sensitivity analysis depicts what effect a reasonably possible change in interest rates (assumed to be 1%) would have on the profit and equity, based on the carrying values at the end of the reporting period. The calculation assumes that the change in interest rates would be held constant over the period.

	Net carrying amount	Effect on Net Result		Effect on Equity	
		1% increase	1% decrease	1% increase	1% decrease
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
2018					
QTC cash fund	2,363,035	23,630	(23,630)	23,630	(23,630)
Loans - QTC*	4,903,335	-	-	-	-
Net total		23,630	(23,630)	23,630	(23,630)
2017					
QTC cash fund	5,000,000	50,000	(50,000)	50,000	(50,000)
Loans - QTC*	5,381,253	-	-	-	-
Net total		50,000	(50,000)	50,000	(50,000)

In relation to the QTC loans held by the Council, the following has been applied:

QTC Fixed Rate Loan - financial instruments with fixed interest rates which are carried at amortised cost are not subject to interest rate sensitivity.

*QTC Generic Debt Pool - the generic debt pool products approximate a fixed rate loan. There is a negligible impact on interest sensitivity from changes in interest rates for generic debt pool borrowings.

QTC Client Specific Pool - client specific pool products are often rebalanced to a target benchmark duration. This partially exposes clients to the level of interest rates at the time of rebalancing. Sensitivity on these products is provided by QTC through calculating the interest effect over the period.

24 Commitments for expenditure

There were no material commitments for expenditure.

25 Events after the reporting period

There were no material adjusting events after the balance date.

26 Reconciliation of liabilities arising from finance activities

		As at 30 June 2017	Cash flows	Non-cash changes	As at 30 June 2018
Loans	13	5,381,253	(477,917)	-	4,903,335

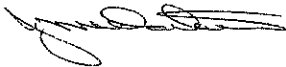
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Management Certificate
For the year ended 30 June 2018

These general purpose financial statements have been prepared pursuant to sections 176 and 177 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (the Regulation) and other prescribed requirements.

In accordance with section 212(5) of the Regulation we certify that:

- (i) the prescribed requirements of the *Local Government Act 2009* and *Local Government Regulation 2012* for the establishment and keeping of accounts have been complied with in all material respects; and
- (ii) the general purpose financial statements present a true and fair view, in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, of the Council's transactions for the financial year and financial position at the end of the year.



Mayor
J.M. Wharton

Date: 03-10-2018



Chief Executive Officer
P.L. Bennett

Date: 03-10-2018

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Councillors of Richmond Shire Council

Report on the audit of the financial report

Opinion

I have audited the accompanying financial report of Richmond Shire Council (the Council).

In my opinion, the financial report:

- a) gives a true and fair view of the Council's financial position as at 30 June 2018, and of its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended
- b) complies with the *Local Government Act 2009*, the Local Government Regulation 2012 and Australian Accounting Standards.

The financial report comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2018, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes to the financial statements including significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the management certificate given by the Mayor and the Chief Executive Officer.

Basis for opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with the *Auditor-General of Queensland Auditing Standards*, which incorporate the Australian Auditing Standards. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report* section of my report.

I am independent of the Council in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the Code) that are relevant to my audit of the financial report in Australia. I have also fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code and the *Auditor-General of Queensland Auditing Standards*.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Other information

Other information comprises the information included in the Richmond Shire Council's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2018, but does not include the financial report and my auditor's report thereon. At the date of this auditor's report, the other information was the current year financial sustainability statement and long-term financial sustainability statement.

My opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly I do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. However, as required by the Local Government Regulation 2012, I have expressed a separate opinion on the current year financial sustainability statement.

In connection with my audit of the financial report, my responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report and my knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work I have performed, I conclude that there is a material misstatement of this information, I am required to report that fact. I have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of the Council for the financial report

The Council is responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009*, the Local Government Regulation 2012 and Australian Accounting Standards, and for such internal control as the Council determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

The Council is also responsible for assessing the Council's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless it is intended to abolish the Council or to otherwise cease operations of the Council.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, I exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. I also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Council's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Council.

- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Council's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Council's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify my opinion. I base my conclusions on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of my auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Council to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

I communicate with the Council regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during my audit.

Report on other legal and regulatory requirements

In accordance with s.40 of the *Auditor-General Act 2009*, for the year ended 30 June 2018:

- a) I received all the information and explanations I required.
- b) In my opinion, the prescribed requirements in relation to the establishment and keeping of accounts were complied with in all material respects.



Carolyn Dougherty
as delegate of the Auditor-General

16 October 2018

Queensland Audit Office
Brisbane

Richmond Shire Council
Current-year Financial Sustainability Statement
For the year ended 30 June 2018

Measures of Financial Sustainability

Council's performance at 30 June 2018 against key financial ratios and targets:

	How the measure is calculated	Actual - Council	Target
Operating surplus ratio	Net result (excluding capital items) divided by total operating revenue (excluding capital items)	-71%	Between 0% and 10%
Asset sustainability ratio	Capital expenditure on the replacement of assets (renewals) divided by depreciation expense.	70%	greater than 90%
Net financial liabilities ratio	Total liabilities less current assets divided by total operating revenue (excluding capital items)	-18%	not greater than 60%

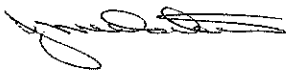
Note 1 - Basis of Preparation

The current year financial sustainability statement is a special purpose statement prepared in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* and the Financial Management (Sustainability) Guideline 2013. The amounts used to calculate the three reported measures are prepared on an accrual basis and are drawn from the Council's audited general purpose financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2018.

Certificate of Accuracy
For the year ended 30 June 2018

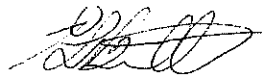
This current-year financial sustainability statement has been prepared pursuant to Section 178 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (the regulation).

In accordance with Section 212(5) of the Regulation we certify that this current-year financial sustainability statement has been accurately calculated.



Mayor
John Wharton

Date: 03-10-2018



Chief Executive Officer
Peter Bennett

Date: 03-10-2018

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Councillors of Richmond Shire Council

Report on the Current Year Financial Sustainability Statement

Opinion

I have audited the accompanying current year statement of financial sustainability of Richmond Shire Council for the year ended 30 June 2018 comprising the statement, explanatory notes, and the certificate of accuracy given by the Mayor and the Chief Executive Officer.

In accordance with section 212 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, in my opinion, in all material respects, the current year financial sustainability statement of Richmond Shire Council for the year ended 30 June 2018 has been accurately calculated.

Basis of opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with the *Auditor-General of Queensland Auditing Standards*, which incorporate the Australian Auditing Standards. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the current year financial sustainability statement* section of my report.

I am independent of the council in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the Code) that are relevant to my audit of the statement in Australia. I have also fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code and the *Auditor-General of Queensland Auditing Standards*.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Emphasis of matter – basis of accounting

I draw attention to Note 1 which describes the basis of accounting. The current year financial sustainability statement has been prepared in accordance with the Financial Management (Sustainability) Guideline 2013 for the purpose of fulfilling the council's reporting responsibilities under the Local Government Regulation 2012. As a result, the statement may not be suitable for another purpose. My opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Other Information

Other information comprises the information included in Richmond Shire Council's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2018, but does not include the current year financial sustainability statement and my auditor's report thereon. At the date of this auditor's report, the other information was the general purpose financial statements and the long-term financial sustainability statement.

My opinion on the current year financial sustainability statement does not cover the other information and accordingly I do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. However, as required by the Local Government Regulation 2012, I have expressed a separate opinion on the general purpose financial report.

In connection with my audit of the financial report, my responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report and my knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work I have performed, I conclude that there is a material misstatement of this information, I am required to report that fact. I have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of the council for the current year financial sustainability statement

The council is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the current year financial sustainability statement in accordance with the Local Government Regulation 2012. The council's responsibility also includes such internal control as the council determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of the statement that is accurately calculated and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the current year financial sustainability statement

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the current year financial sustainability statement as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this statement.

My responsibility does not extend to forming an opinion on the appropriateness or relevance of the reported ratios, nor on the council's future sustainability.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, I exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. I also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the statement, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the council's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the council.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the statement, including the disclosures, and whether the statement represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

I communicate with the council regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during my audit.



Carolyn Dougherty
as delegate of the Auditor-General

16 October 2018

Queensland Audit Office
Brisbane

Richmond Shire Council
Long-Term Financial Sustainability Statement
Prepared as at 30 June 2018

Measures of Financial Sustainability	Council	Measure	Target	Actuals at 30 June 2018	Projected for the years ended									
					30 June 2019	30 June 2020	30 June 2021	30 June 2022	30 June 2023	30 June 2024	30 June 2025	30 June 2026	30 June 2027	30 June 2027
Operating surplus ratio		Net result divided by total operating revenue	Between 0% and 10%	-71%	-101.9%	-14.5%	-16.1%	-16.2%	-27.1%	-26.9%	-25.4%	-25.1%	-25.0%	-25.0%
Asset sustainability ratio		Capital expenditure on the replacement of assets (renewals) divided by depreciation expense.	greater than 90%	70%	102.5%	91.9%	108.6%	88.6%	78.2%	85.1%	85.8%	89.0%	90.2%	85.8%
Net financial liabilities ratio		Total liabilities less current assets divided by total operating revenue	not greater than 60%	-18%	21.0%	0.04%	-5.8%	-19.9%	-32.4%	-39.4%	-47.2%	-53.3%	-58.6%	-65.8%

Richmond Shire Council's Financial Management Strategy

Council measures revenue and expenditure trends over time as a guide to future requirements and to make decisions about the efficient allocation of resources to ensure the most effective provision of services. Council ensures that its financial management strategy is prudent and that its long-term financial forecast shows a sound financial position whilst also being able to meet the community's current and future needs.

Certificate of Accuracy
For the long-term financial sustainability statement prepared as at 30 June 2018

This long-term financial sustainability statement has been prepared pursuant to Section 178 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (the regulation).

In accordance with Section 212(5) of the Regulation we certify that this long-term financial sustainability statement has been accurately calculated.



John Wharton

Date: 03-10-2018



Chief Executive Officer
Peter Bennett

Date: 03-10-2018