



ANNUAL REPORT

2023 - 2024

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

The Council's Vision



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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 2023 – 30 June 2024

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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Shire in Brief

The Shire was incorporated in 7 October 1916 (Wyangarie) and renamed Richmond 1954.

The Council Administration building is located at 65 Goldring Street, Richmond.

The Shire measures a size of 26,602 km and has a population of 763 (Census 2021).

The climate average is a minimum 15°C to average maximum 33°C and on an average experience 475mm of rainfall.

The major industries in the Shire are Irrigation Farming, Gold and Uranium and Vanadium Mining.

Richmond has 6 elected representatives including the mayor.

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 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 a bustling part of the area and exploration continues today.



A Message from our Mayor & Chief Executive Officer



The 2023-24 financial year was both a busy and productive one. The Shire received good general widespread rain which in turn the Council was able to claim over \$10 million in flood damage. Council had an excellent year with a wide range of projects completed and of course the local government elections in March.

Firstly, I would like to thank all the Councillors from the previous term for their commitment and hard work. At the March elections three new Councillors were elected and I look forward to working with them. Most of the projects listed below are from the previous Council and these are a credit to them.

The Richmond Swimming Pool had a major upgrade with the installation of a heating system which will allow the pool to operate year-round. Another community asset was the installation of the Richmond BMX track next to the skate park. A big shout out to all the volunteers who helped make this happen.

Council conducted a large sealing program within the Richmond township. The largest project was the sealing works in Crawford Street from the Flinders Highway to the Council Depot. Council also sealed the refuse tip road, the cemetery road and carpark, Moulder Street and the lake carpark. The airport terminal was also sealed and long-term undercover car parking installed, cement paths installed, and I encourage anyone who hasn't been to the airport recently to go visit, it looks very tidy now.

Other roadworks within the Shire worth mentioning is the 22 kilometres on new seal on the Winton Road. The remaining 9 kilometres of narrow seal will be upgraded by June 2025. This will mean the entire length of the Winton Road within the Richmond Shire will be fully sealed dual lane. There is still 14 kilometres with the Winton Shire for this road to be fully dual lane sealed. The new Burleigh Creek bridge was also completed during the year which will help make that crossing more resilient.

In partnership with the Department of Main Roads, Council built a new set of cattle yards at Maxwellton. These yards are a vast improvement over the old yards with a double decker loading ramp, an unloading catwalk, yard lighting, and more space. A weighbridge will also be installed by June 2025.

Priorities for the new Council in 2025 is a new airstrip, improved communications for the town and surrounding areas, common user grain facility at Maxwellton, farming trials, a bridge over Cambridge Crossing and an upgrade to the Shire Hall. Council will also aim to seal at least 15 kilometres of rural road, install new culverts and improve the overall quality of rural roads, especially after a flooding event.

Mayor

John Wharton AM

Chief Executive Officer

Peter Bennett

Our Elected Representatives



**John Wharton AM
Mayor**



**Patsy-Ann Fox
Deputy Mayor**



Cr Sherreen Johnston



Cr Terrence Flute



Cr Megan Easton



Cr Judith Brown

Former Councillors

Deputy Mayor Cr June Kuhl

Cr Clay Kennedy

Cr Nick Buick



Councillor meeting attendance, remuneration and expenses

Councillor	Meeting Attendance	Meeting Fees and Allowances	Travel Costs	Superannuation	Total Remuneration
Cr John Wharton	12	\$114,801.00	0.00	\$12,628.08	\$127,429.08
Cr Patsy-Ann Fox	12	\$59,607.72	0.00	\$6,556.88	\$66,164.60
Cr June Kuhl	7	\$48,790.17	0.00	\$5,366.94	\$54,157.11
Cr Judith Brown	3	\$14,860.21	0.00	\$1,634.63	\$16,494.84
Cr Nicholas Buick	9	\$42,539.75	0.00	\$4,679.40	\$47,219.15
Cr Megan Easton	3	\$14,860.21	\$510.00	\$1,634.63	\$17,004.84
Cr Sherreen Johnston	12	\$57,399.96	0.00	\$6,314.03	\$63,713.99
Cr Terrence Flute	3	\$14,860.21	0.00	\$1,634.63	\$16,494.84
Cr Clay Kennedy	9	\$42,539.75	0.00	\$4,679.40	\$47,219.15

Total meetings held = 12

Councillor expenses reimbursement policy

Council provides a range of facilities to Councillors in accordance with its Councillor Expenses Reimbursement Policy No. 012. This policy is available from Council's website and outlines the entitlements of Councillors in their roles such as training, travel costs, meals and use of Council facilities.

Mayor	Councillors
Mobile phone and laptop – private use Council vehicle – private use	Laptop – private use

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.

Overseas Travel

In accordance with Section 188 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 Council reports there was no overseas travel in the 2023/2024 financial year by a Councillor or Council employee.

Councillor Conduct

The Local Government Act 2009 provides a framework for assessing complaints about the conduct or performance of Councillors. It is a requirement under the Local Government Regulation 2012 that the Annual Report contains details of complaints received about Councillors conduct or performance.

Sections of LGA*	Type of order/complaint	No.
150I(2)	Orders made about unsuitable meeting conduct	0
150IA(2)(b)	Orders made about unsuitable meeting conduct of chairperson	0
150AH(1)	Orders made about conduct breaches	0
150AR(1)	Decisions, orders and recommendations made by the Conduct Tribunal	0
150P(2)(a)	Complaints referred to the assessor	0
150P(3)	Complaints referred to the Crime and Corruption Commission	0
150R(2)	Conduct notifications to the assessor	0
150S(2)(a)	Misconduct notifications to the assessor	0
150AC(1)	Suspected conduct breaches referred from the assessor	0
150AEA	Suspected conduct breaches for which an investigation was not started or was discounted by Council	0
150AF(3)(a)	Misconduct notifications to the assessor during an investigation	0
150AG(1)	Decisions made about a conduct breach	0
150AG(1)	Conduct breach matters not decided by the end of financial year	0
150AG(1)	Average time taken to make a decision about a conduct breach	0
Chapter 5A, part 3, division 5	Occasions another entity was asked to investigate a suspected conduct breach	0
Chapter 5A, part 3, division 6	Applications heard by the conduct tribunal about an alleged misconduct or conduct breach	0

Executive Leadership Team Remuneration

Council's Executive Leadership Team (ELT), which consists of the Chief Executive Officer and three departmental Directors.

In accordance with Section 201 of the Local Government Act 2009, the total number of senior remuneration packages available during the period was:

Range*	CEO and Executive Team
\$100,000 to \$199,999	2
\$200,000 to \$299,999	2

* The total remuneration for the ETL includes annual salary, superannuation and non-cash benefits.

Administrative Action Complaints

Richmond Shire Council is committed to the effective management of administrative complaints.

Council seeks to perform this function in an accountable, timely and fair manner. All administrative review complaints are treated seriously and are considered to provide Council with an opportunity to identify and implement improvements in addition to correcting the operational and administrative errors and/or omissions.

Unresolved complaints (brought forward from the previous year) – 0

Complaints received –1

Complaints resolved –1

Unresolved complaints (carried forward to next year) – 0

Significant Business Activities, Beneficial Enterprises and Commercial Business

In accordance with Section 45 of the Local Government Act 2009 the Annual Report must include a list of significant business activities undertaken by the Council during the financial year. Richmond Shire Council did not conduct any business activities during the financial year for 2023-2024. Consequently, the competitive neutrality principle does not apply for the 2023-2024 financial year.

Council provided no beneficial enterprise during the 2023-2024 financial year. This is reported in accordance with Section 41 of the Local Government Act 2009.

Council had no commercial business units in the 2023-2024 financial year. This is reported in accordance with Section 190(1) of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

Registers Kept

- Asset Register
- Councillors Conduct Register
- Local Laws Register
- Register of Cost Recovery Fees and Charges
- Register of Delegations – CEO to Employees
- Register of Delegations – Council to CEO
- Register of Interest
- Road Asset Register

Invitations to change tenders

As required by Section 190 of the Local Government Regulation, the number of invitations to change tenders under Section 228(8) during the 2023-2024 financial year was zero.

Report on Internal Audit

Council's internal audit function has been established through a co-sourced service delivery with an external agency to provide an independent and objective assessment and evaluation of control measures to help manage Council's risks. This arrangement provides Council and staff with access to extensive expertise and skills and an opportunity to mentor and build capacity.





WORKS AND SERVICES



Council's Works Department covers the maintenance of the entire Shire's Road Network to ensure that roads stay accessible and safe for all road users.

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, parks, collection of refuse, maintenance of all Council plant and equipment, and Local Laws

*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 kilometres of all roads in the Shire	1580

Queensland Reconstruction Authority Works

Council has completed road works of approximately \$4 million to repair roads damaged by flood waters. External contractors have been engaged alongside Council's rural roads crew to complete these works. Council is responsible for supervision and project management of these works.





Road Works

Moulder Street, Dump Road and Cemetery Road have had pavement and seal works carried out on them.

Sealing and widening on the Richmond Winton Road has continued during the last 12 months. This leaves only 9 kilometres to be sealed and widened with an expected completion date of June 2025.

Crawford Street underwent complete rehabilitation which included pavement, stormwater works and asphalt seal.

The carpark at Lake Fred Tritton has been extended for easier parking and turnaround.

Culverts

Old piping on Villadale Road near the Top Crossing has been replaced with three sets of new culverts.

Completed Works

The Burleigh Crossing bridge has been completed.

A successful completion of the Richmond BMX Park – this was a collaboration between Works Department and volunteers.

The Maxwellton Saleyards project consisted of a new road and cattle yards constructed by Council and contractors.

At the Airport the carpark was sealed, concrete carparks added to the front, undercover long-term park constructed and the terminal ramp upgraded.





Swimming Pool Heating

Installation of the pool heaters and associated electrical work has been completed. An upgrade to the power supply is required and is estimated to be completed in April 2025. Once completed, it is anticipated that the swimming pool will be fully heated by the next winter season.



COMMUNITY SERVICES & DEVELOPMENT

A connected, safe and creative community

As the community of Richmond evolves, it is critical for Council to engage with communities, funding bodies, service providers and volunteers in planning the provision of infrastructure, accommodation, community facilities, programs and services so that the communities changing needs are addressed most appropriately.

The needs of older people, young people, families and children require specific focus. Active and involved communities are critical in building community capacity and strength. Our Shire has a strong tradition of volunteering which provides support and social engagement through a range of activities, programs, community events, facilities and projects. Continuing support

from council is a high priority and will maximise the potential to build participation, connectedness and collaboration.

Council continues to work towards providing a range of services and programs that are accessible to our diverse community, and are delivered in a coordinated and collaborative manner in partnership with agencies and service providers.

Lifelong learning has become an integral part of our community. Learning opportunities are available at different times and places, and are flexible and diverse to meet the needs of the community. Council will continue to provide, support and promote accessible community centres, libraries and other facilities to engage with all aspects of the community to increase the breadth of knowledge and experience with digital learning and communication.

The Richmond Shire has a vibrant arts community and a culture that supports, promotes and delivers cultural activities, arts and heritage across the region. We will continue to support the growth of the cultural network by facilitating events, providing networking opportunities and promoting achievements.



Grants to the community

The Regional Arts Development Fund Program promoted the role and value of arts, culture and heritage as key drivers of diverse and inclusive communities and strong regions.

Council supports rolling rounds of quick response grants. There were three applications received with each application successful.

Applications received a total of approved funding of \$17,100 and overall project budgets totalling \$40,270

The approved projects involved a variety of activity types including workshops.

Branches Performing Arts were successful for the fourth consecutive year for delivering dance workshops and performances with the youth.

Noosa Film Festival were successful for the second consecutive year to deliver Filmmaking and editing workshops with the youth.

The Mobile Jewellery Tutor was successful for Silversmithing Workshops for all the community.

Regional Arts Development Fund		
Organisation	Purpose	Amount
Branches Performing Arts	Dance workshops	\$7,131.00
Noosa Film Festival	Filmmaking & editing workshops	\$4,950.00
The Mobile Jewellery Tutor	Silversmithing workshops	\$5,000.00

Council continued to provide financial support to community initiatives through the Community In-kind Support and Donations Programs.

This program allows Council to provide funding to local organisation and individuals for the purpose of implementing and improving community-based projects within the Shire.

Major and minor event and project funding helps clubs, associations and businesses based within the Council area to provide events and projects that meet identified

cultural, community, educational, sporting or recreational needs.

This financial year Council provided \$211,645.64 in direct funding to Clubs, Events and Individuals and \$35,452.00 for in kind assistance across 9 Clubs, 2 Activities, 4 events and to encourage community strengthening and inclusion.

Through the In-kind Request and Community Small Grants Program, Richmond Shire Council was honoured to be able to assist Clubs provide the following social calendar events for 2023-2024.

Local Clubs		
Organisation	Purpose	Amount
Maxwelton Race Club	Plant & labour hire Subsidised racebook printing Large bus hire – 741klms	\$2,262.00
NW Athletics Club	Safety bunting Bollards qty 8	\$149.00
Richmond Campdraft	Rubbish collection & plant hire	\$596.00
Richmond Golf Cub	Machinery& labour Large bus hire - 2 nights hire Generator Portable toilet qty 3 - 2 days hire Chairs qty 200 - 2 days hire Tables qty 40 - 2 days hire Rubbish bins qty 10 - 2 days hire	\$9,040.00
Richmond Lions Club	Chairs qty 110 Tables qty 8 PA Fireworks Ice Rubbish bins qty 6 Plant & machinery	\$4,199.10
Richmond Rodeo Association	Bins qty 8 – 2 days hire Portable toilets qty 3 – 2 days hire Barricade 150m Large bus hire – 390klms Plant & labour hire Tables qty 8 – 2 days hire Chairs qty 20 – 2 days hire	\$4,153.00
Richmond Tennis Club	BBQ	NOT IN FEES AND CHARGES
Richmond Turf Club	Subsidised racebook printing Labour & plant hire Portable toilets qty 2 Council garbage collection Bollards qty 12 Generators qty 1 Eskies qty 2 (NOT IN FEES AND CHARGES)	\$4,770.00

Individuals		
Organisation	Purpose	Amount
Kronosaurus Korner	PA Chairs qty 20 Plant & machinery	\$1,176.63
Red Cross	Annual pest control inspection	\$80.00
SES	Annual pest control inspection Desk and chairs (STORAGE ITEMS)	\$180.00

Health Services		
Organisation	Purpose	Amount
Breast Cancer Van	Lake Venue Hire included 3 phase power qty 14 days	\$4,500.00
RDFS Dental Van	Lake Venue Hire included 3 phase power qty 13 days	\$4,225.00

Events		
Organisation	Purpose	Amount
International Women's Day	Financial Contribution	\$3,500.00
International Men's Day	Bain marie Tables qty 6 Chairs qty 30	\$389.40
Phillip Kennedy	Liz Tate Fundraiser	<i>DISTANCE NOT TRACKED</i>
Richmond Bush Sprints	Australia Day Awards Host	\$1,000.00
Richmond Bush Sprints	Large bus hire	<i>DISTANCE NOT TRACKED</i>

Rates & Property		
Organisation	Purpose	Amount
QCWA	Payment of rates	\$203.00
The Roman Catholic Trust Corporation	Payment of rates	\$203.00
The Corporation of the Synod	Payment of rates	\$203.00

Early Education, School & Students		
Organisation	Purpose	Amount
Declan Weston	Basketball State Trials	\$250.00
Dustin Lanskey	Cross Country State Trials	\$250.00
Fallon Bishop	Cross Country State Trials	\$250.00
Richmond Early Educations Centre	Annual pest control inspection	\$290.00
Richmond P & C Association	Cupcake donation	\$250.00
Richmond State School	Pool hire - swimming lessons Shire hall hire Hire of lake - Cross Country Hire of Oval - athletics qty 2 Large bus for athletics HACC bus for excursion Bus hire - Hughenden Midwest Trials Bus hire - Julia Creek Midwest Sport Bus hire - Midwest Sport Plant & labour	\$2,960.00

It was a rewarding outcome for the Community Services Department team to successfully secure and execute the following funding opportunities for the Shire.

Funding under \$10,000		
Organisation	Purpose	Amount
MOVE IT	Richmond Yoga with Clancie	\$5,000.00
State Library Queensland	First Five Forever Program	\$5,925.00
Services Australia	Self Help Terminal	\$9,166.00

Funding over \$10,000		
Organisation	Purpose	Amount
Arts Queensland	First Five Forever Program	\$5,925.00
Commonwealth Home Support Program	In home support	\$330,000.00
MITEZ	Cemetery Digitisation Project	\$14,615.00
Works for Queensland	Light upgrade funding – Richmond Rodeo Arena	\$157,500.00
Department of Tourism and Sport	Minor Infrastructure Grants Charlie Wehlow Lighting Oval Project	\$198,021.00
Department of Tourism and Sport	Women's and Girls in Sport Basalt Bodies Leeann Moloney – Aqua Aerobics Maks' Boxing Gym	\$25,000.00



Library Services

Richmond Shire Council Library provides community benefits well beyond the provision of books, this modern public library is an important community hub, promoting social cohesion, wellbeing and information accessible to all. A vibrant community focussed service that provides a safe,

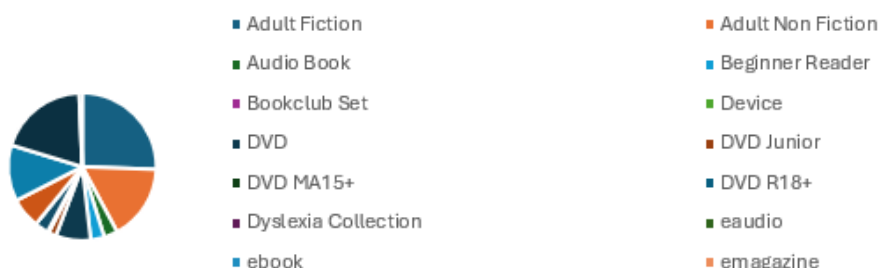
inclusive space to build healthy literate creative communities.

The role of public libraries is continually evolving and reaches far beyond the provision of books to essential services that respond to the needs of the community.

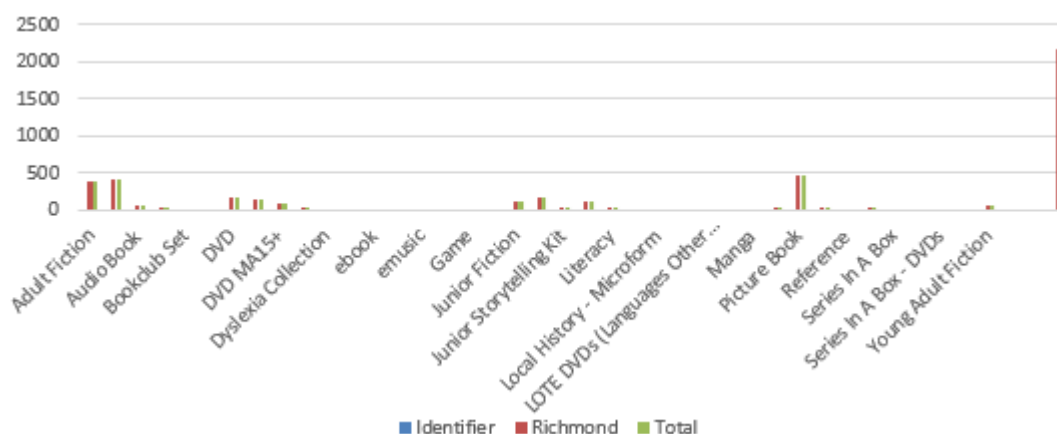
First 5 Forever Storytime sessions for Prep aged children are held with outreach sessions during Outside of School Hours Care Vacation Care.

The library employs one permanent part time Librarian.

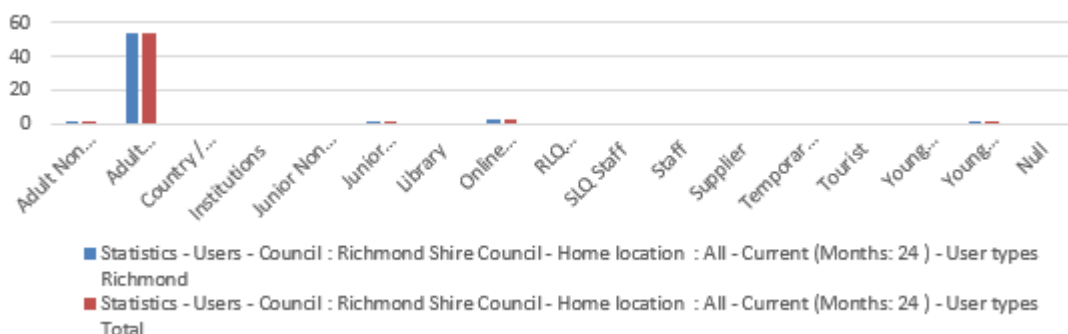
Statistics



Stock



Users



Aged Care

Richmond Shire Council (the Council) has been supporting elderly residents for over 30 years, and under the funded format since the early 1990s.

The Council is an Approved Provider of Home Care Packages. The Council is also a Service Provider funded under the Commonwealth Home Support Programme to provide the following services:

- Community and Home Support Sub-program – Service Types:
- Social Support – Individual
- Social Support – Group
- Meals
- Domestic assistance
- Personal care
- Nursing
- Transport (Direct)
- Care Relationships and Carer Support Sub-program - Service Types:
- Flexible Respite

The service currently provides care and services to 11 Home Care Package consumers across Levels 2, 3 and 4. There are 4 CHSP consumers. Due to the service being geographically isolated, management work closely with medical and allied health professionals to ensure access to appropriate care and supports for consumers.

Overall, consumers and representatives provided positive feedback about the care and services they receive.

We delivered 1,246 hours of Domestic Assistance; 804 hours of social support; 69 hours of Personal care; 406 hours of nursing and delivered 1874 meals to elderly residents and their Carers. Due to an inability to recruit qualified staff the Aged Care Service is currently at capacity and a waitlist is maintained.

The Aged Care Service employs 1 Full Time Clinical Nurse, 1 Full Time Personal Carer, 1 PPT Carer, 2 Casual Personal Carers and 1 Cook.



Outside of School Hours Care

The service operates from 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, licensed for 45 children.

The qualified educators deliver a nationally approved program where children have access to a wide variety of stimulating, developmentally appropriate activities, including indoor and outdoor opportunities. Every service in Queensland is assessed and rated under the National Quality Standards. The centre continued to uphold its reputation as a trusted provider of high-quality care and education in a fun and stimulating environment for children aged 5 – 12.

Outside of School Hours Care also liaises with the Aged Care Service and other event co-ordinators thus creating connections with the wider community. Each year they celebrate NAIDOC Week which holds immense significance in acknowledging and celebrating the contributions and achievements of our First Nation People. This year Richmond Elders joined the children for a morning tea using bush tucker ingredients.

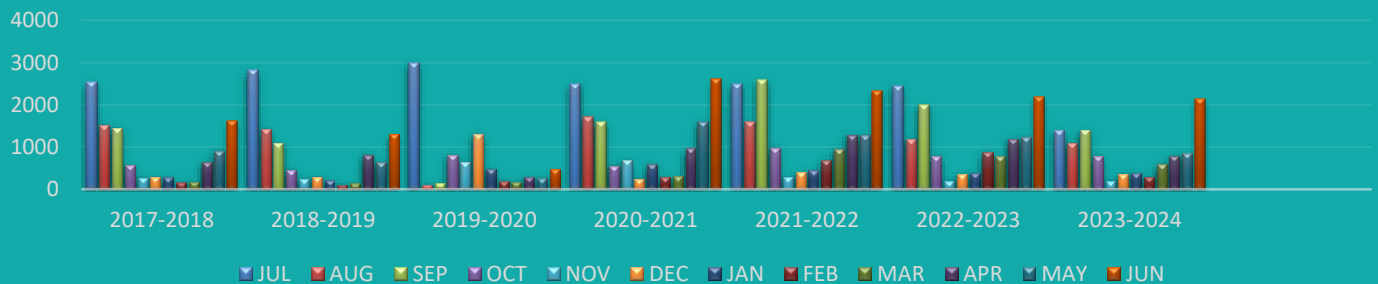
The Service employs 1 Part time Co-ordinator and 2 Part Time Educators.



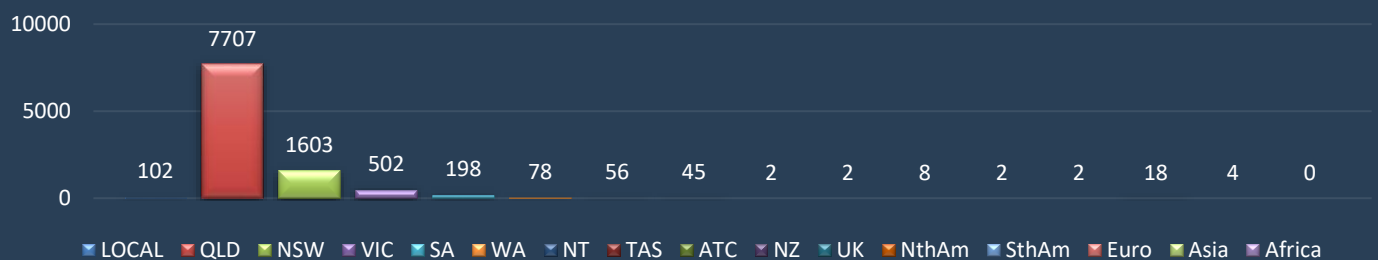


	2022/2023	2023/2024	DIFFERENCE %
Adults	2855	2562	-10.26%
Concessions	2906	2590	-10.87%
Children	1783	1496	-16.10%
Complimentary	12	17	41.67%
ADT	3334	1595	-52.16%
Total Museum Admission	10890	8260	-24.15%
VIC Visitors	2422	2069	-14.57%
TOTAL	13312	10,329	-22.41%
Admission \$	\$247,552.47	\$237,479.89	-4.07%
Digs \$	\$23,414.21	\$41,205.35	75.98%
Souvenir Sales \$	\$191,299.77	\$192,166.16	0.45%
Bus / Rail Sales \$	\$2,240.20	\$1,051.72	-53.05%
TOTAL \$	\$464,506.65	\$471,903.12	1.59%
\$ Expenditure per person	\$34.89	\$45.68	30.93%

YEARLY COMPARISON FIGURES VISITOR NUMBERS



ORIGIN OF VISITORS JUL 2023 - JUN 2024

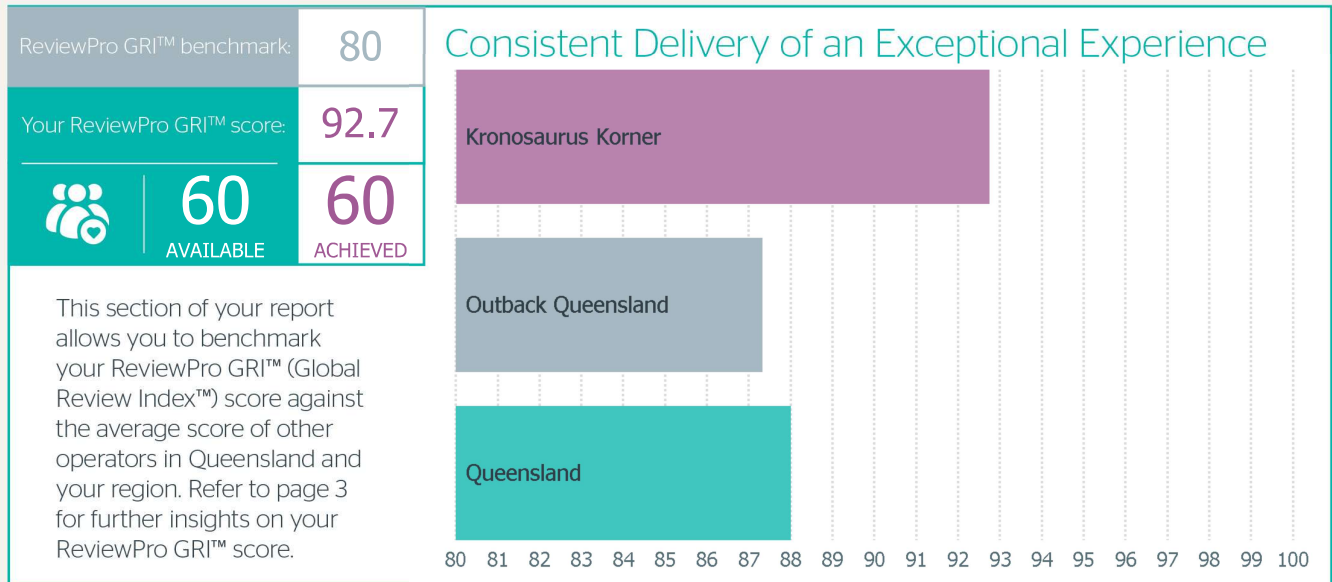


Best of Queensland Experiences

2024 Assessment

TOTAL POINTS AVAILABLE	100
TOTAL POINTS REQUIRED	80
TOTAL POINTS ACHIEVED	100
You have been identified as a Best of Queensland Experience	
Your results are shown in purple	

Kronosaurus Korner




Active & Engaging Social Media Presence



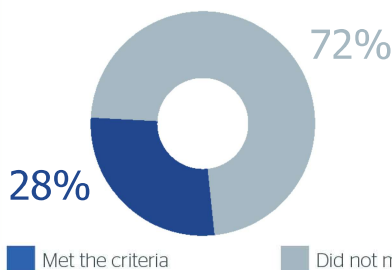
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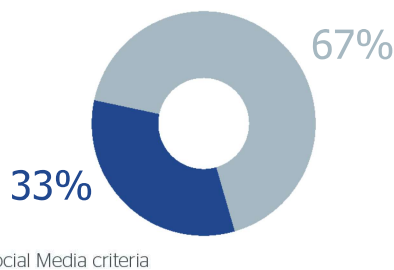
YOUR RESULTS (Must meet two benchmarks in one channel to receive points)

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CRITERIA	BENCHMARK	FACEBOOK	INSTAGRAM
Average posts per week	4 posts per week	4 ✓	2.5 ✗
Consistency of posts	variation of less than 65%	17.68% ✓	20% ✓
Engagement rate of posts	average of 20 engagements per post	55.78 ✓	22.83 ✓

OUTBACK QUEENSLAND All Operators



QUEENSLAND All Operators



Online Booking



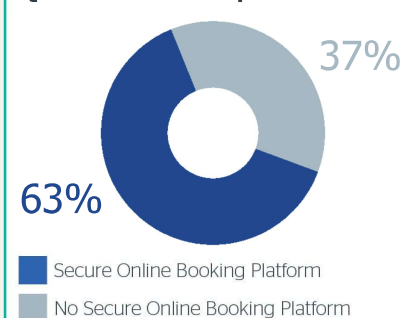
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QUEENSLAND All Operators



RTO Membership



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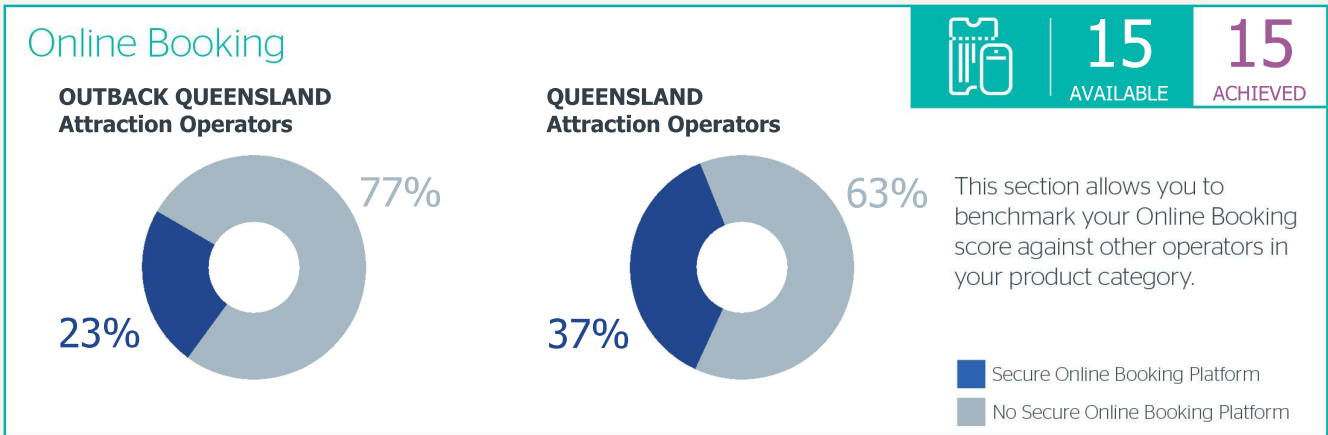
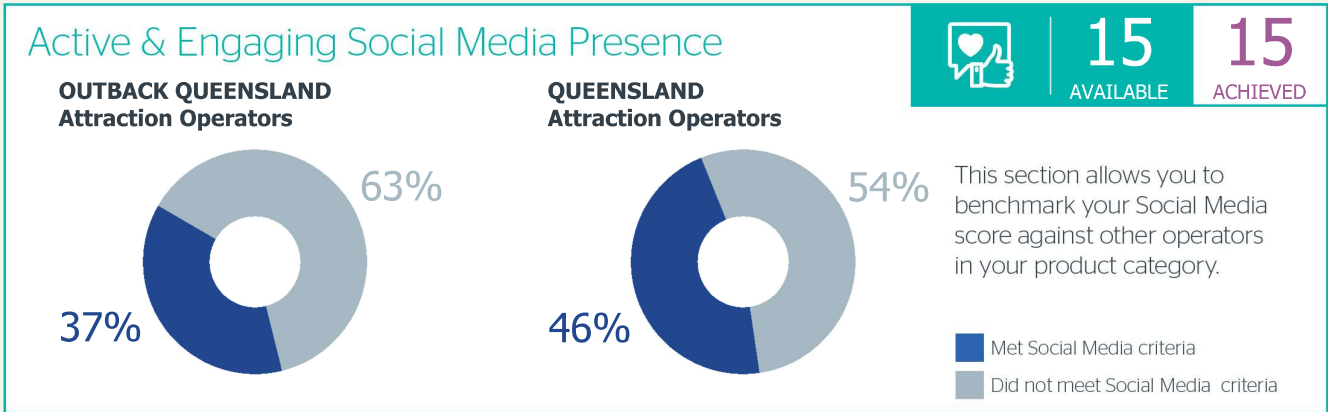
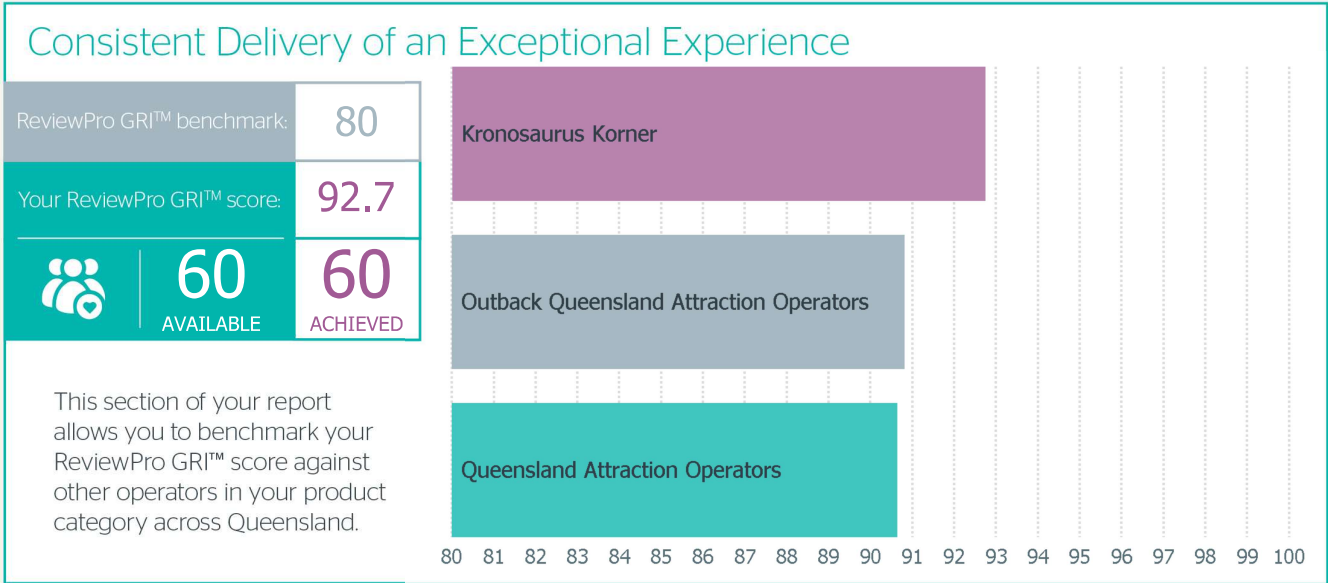
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TOURISM & EVENTS
Queensland

Best of Queensland Experiences

2024 Assessment

Your results compared to other Attraction Operators





FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES

Community Financial Report

The purpose of the Community Financial Report is to give community members an easy-to-follow summary of Council's financial statements in accordance with *Section 179 of Local Government Regulation 2012*.

Council's financial statements are prepared on an accrual basis, meaning that most transactions are recognised when the event, or performance obligation, occurs, rather than when cash is physically received or paid.

Council's financial statements must be certified by both the Mayor and the Chief Executive Officer as "presenting fairly" Council's financial results for the year. They are also required to be adopted by Council – ensuring both responsibility for, and ownership of, the financial statements by management and elected representatives.

In addition, Council's financial statements are audited by the Queensland Audit Office. The auditor provides an audit report which gives an opinion on whether the financial statements are fairly presenting Council's financial performance and financial position.

By presenting financial results in a simplified format, the community financial report encourages transparency and promotes community engagement with Council's fiscal responsibilities and achievements.

The Statement of the Comprehensive Income

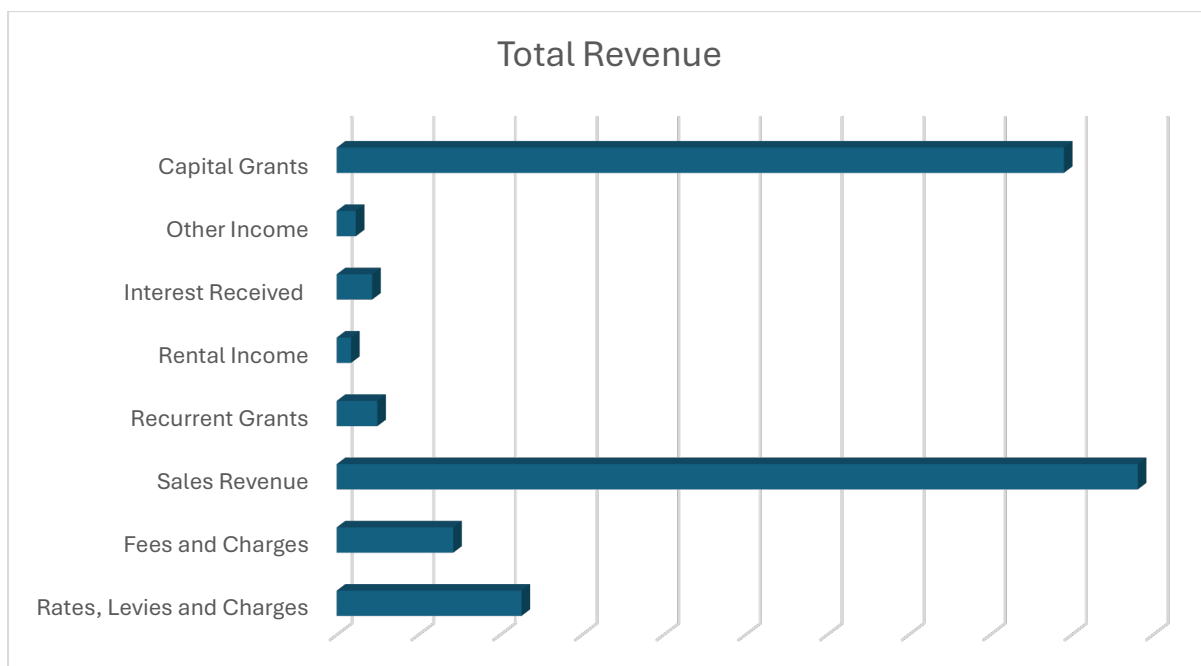
The Statement of the Comprehensive Income is often referred to as the Profit and Loss Statement and shows how Council has performed throughout the period. The Statement shows the movement between Council's income and expenditure throughout the financial year. This may include non-cash items such as depreciation and donated assets.

Revenue

Revenue can be categorised as recurrent and capital revenue.

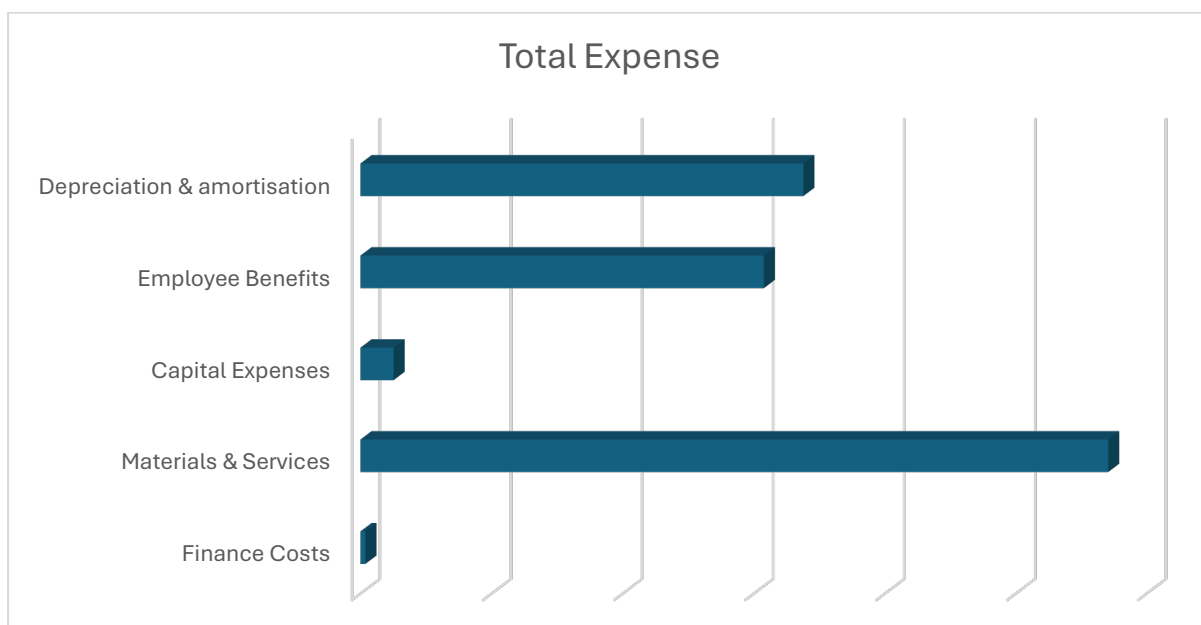
Recurrent revenue is money raised that is used to fund the operations of the Council. Council raises recurrent revenue from sources such as rates, levies and special charges, fees and charges, grants subsidies and contributions, sales revenue, rent and interest.

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



Expenses

Expenses represent the costs to Council of providing services to the community, operating facilities and maintaining assets. These expenses include employee benefits, materials and services, finance costs and depreciation.



The Statement of Financial Position

The Statement of Financial Position is often referred to as the Balance Sheet and summarises the financial position of the 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 liabilities is the net community wealth (equity) of Council.

Council's assets were valued at \$265 million. The largest asset class is the property, plant and equipment and this is made up of land, buildings, water and sewerage network, plant and equipment and the road network.

Council's liabilities comprise amounts of owing for provisions (employee and landfill restoration), borrowings and trade payables. Council's liabilities at the end of the financial year were \$5 million.

The Statement of Changes in Equity

The Statement of Changes in Equity represents Council's net worth. This is calculated by taking the difference between assets and liabilities to give the "net wealth" of the Council.

Total assets = \$260 million – Total liabilities \$5 million = Community Equity \$260 million.

This community equity consists of an asset revaluation reserve and retained surpluses. The asset revaluation reserve is \$138 million and the retained surplus is \$122 million.

The asset revaluation reserve comprises of amounts representing the change in the value of Council's assets over time. Asset revaluations are completed on a cyclical basis per asset class.



The Statement of Cash Flows

The Statements of Cash Flows shows where Council's cash came from and how it was spent throughout the year. This differs from the earlier reports as non-cash items, such as depreciation and donated assets, are excluded.

The Statements of Cash Flows categorises all cash payments made and received throughout the year into three groups:

- Operating activities – represent day-to-day cash flows.
- Investing activities – represent cash payments from movements in assets and liabilities, such as purchases and sales of assets and any capital income (grants, contributions) received.
- Financing activities – represent cash flows relating to how Council is financed, including loan repayments.

	\$000
Opening balance	9,684
Plus cash received	28,557
Less cash spent	31,320
Cash available at end of year	6,921

Cash available is used to invest and utilise for future outlays. Much of this is restricted for specific purposes, such as road infrastructure. Council's cash is wisely invested in accordance with our investment policy and the interest earned contributes to the funding of operational expenses.



Financial Sustainability Measures

The Financial Sustainability Statement and the associated measures (ratios) provide evidence of Council's ability to continue operating and provide an acceptable level of service and infrastructure to the community, both now and into the future. The *Local Government Regulation 2012* outlines the requirements to present the relevant measures of financial sustainability for the financial year to which the statements relate to, and the following nine financial years. In addition, the Department of Housing, Local Government, Planning and Public Works sets target ranges for each of these measures.

Type	Measure	Target (Tier 7)	Actuals 2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033
Financial Capacity	Council-Controlled Revenue	N/A	25%	16.36%	17.03%	17.32%	17.62%	17.91%	18.21%	18.51%	18.80%	19.10%
	Population Growth	N/A	1.04%	0.51%	0.00%	-1.22%	-1.23%	-0.57%	-0.57%	-0.57%	-0.57%	-0.57%
Asset Management	Asset Renewal Funding Ratio	N/A	N/A for long-term sustainability statement									
Operating Performance	Operating Surplus Ratio	N/A	-64%	-5.50%	-17.31%	-9.95%	-10.56%	-11.14%	-11.45%	-12.04%	-12.59%	-13.13%
	Operating Cash Ratio	Greater than 0%	-18%	21.98%	11.01%	18.50%	17.90%	17.31%	16.74%	16.18%	15.63%	15.10%
Liquidity	Unrestricted Cash Expense Cover Ratio	Greater than 4 months	N/A for long-term sustainability statement									
Asset Management	Asset Sustainability Ratio	Greater than 90%	128%	3.9986	0.6674	0.6543	0.6415	0.6289	0.6166	0.6045	0.5926	0.581
	Asset Consumption Ratio	Greater than 60%	77%	0.86	0.86	0.86	0.86	0.86	0.86	0.86	0.86	0.86
Debt Servicing Capacity	Leverage Ratio	0 to x times (or N/A)	-0.61 times	0.02 times	0.01 times	0.01 times	0 times	0 times	0 times	0 times	0 times	0 times



Summary of concessions for rates and charges

Pensioner rebate concession

Pensioners within Richmond Shire may be eligible for 45% subsidy on current rates and charges if they meet the requirements of the Queensland Government's Pensioner Rate Subsidy scheme. However, if any aged pensioner is not entitled to the full State Subsidy, Council may further subsidise the shortfall, in order that all aged pensioners receive the maximum subsidy.

Corporate Plan and Operational Plan Annual Progress

Richmond Shire Council's Corporate Plan 2023-2028 is structured around five areas of Our Community, Our Environment, Our Economy, Our Leadership and Our Services. For each area the Corporate Plan sets goals and what Council will do to achieve them.

The Plan assists Council to monitor performance, remain on track, and meet Council's legislative requirements of the *Local Government Act 2009*.

The Corporate Plan is implemented over its five-year life through annual Operational Plans and Budgets. Richmond Shire Council's Operational Plan 2023-2024 identified programmes, activities and targets for Council to deliver within the financial year in order to progress implementation of the Corporate Plan's goals, strategies and established priorities.

Of the 25 Operational Plan goals 14 goals were completed and 11 are deferred.

Refer to Ordinary Council Meeting Agenda 16 July 2024 for the 4th Quarter Operational Plan 2023-2024 Update.

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Richmond Shire Council
Statement of Comprehensive Income
For the year ended 30 June 2024

	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
Income			
Revenue			
Recurrent revenue			
Rates, levies and charges	3(a)	2,261,251	1,918,027
Fees and charges	3(b)	1,426,572	959,524
Sales revenue	3(c)	9,815,234	8,524,078
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	3(d)	496,675	9,467,257
Total recurrent revenue		<u>13,999,732</u>	<u>20,868,886</u>
Capital revenue			
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	3(d)	8,906,611	11,286,203
Total capital revenue		<u>8,906,611</u>	<u>11,286,203</u>
Rental income	4(a)	175,842	176,220
Interest received	4(b)	434,560	174,613
Other income	4(c)	233,713	346,943
		<u>844,115</u>	<u>697,776</u>
Total income		<u>23,750,458</u>	<u>32,852,865</u>
Expenses			
Recurrent expenses			
Employee benefits	5	(6,153,399)	(6,012,736)
Materials and services	6	(11,412,264)	(10,666,108)
Finance costs		(74,548)	(86,240)
Depreciation and amortisation			
Property, plant and equipment	11	(6,755,135)	(6,435,837)
		<u>(24,395,346)</u>	<u>(23,200,921)</u>
Capital expenses			
Loss on disposal of non-current assets	7	(504,611)	(957,212)
Total expenses		<u>(24,899,957)</u>	<u>(24,158,133)</u>
Net result		<u>(1,149,499)</u>	<u>8,694,732</u>
Other comprehensive income			
Items that will not be reclassified to net result			
Increase in asset revaluation surplus	16	4,404,191	7,700,198
Total other comprehensive income for the year		<u>4,404,191</u>	<u>7,700,198</u>
Total comprehensive income for the year		<u>3,254,692</u>	<u>16,394,930</u>

The above statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes and accounting policies.

Richmond Shire Council
Statement of Financial Position
as at 30 June 2024

	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	8	6,921,288	9,683,797
Receivables	9	1,970,932	3,269,881
Inventories	10	397,038	692,776
Contract assets	12	1,030,514	2,972,885
Other assets		172,937	166,765
Total current assets		10,492,709	16,786,104
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	11	254,647,636	246,605,151
Total non-current assets		254,647,636	246,605,151
Total assets		265,140,345	263,391,255
Current liabilities			
Payables	13	1,267,753	1,820,023
Contract liabilities	12	441,439	955,085
Borrowings	14	596,121	579,634
Provisions	15	1,582,740	1,361,882
Total current liabilities		3,888,053	4,716,624
Non-current liabilities			
Provisions	15	160,348	243,270
Borrowings	14	1,082,572	1,676,680
Total non-current liabilities		1,242,920	1,919,950
Total liabilities		5,130,973	6,636,574
Net community assets		260,009,372	256,754,680
Community equity			
Asset revaluation surplus	16	138,326,085	133,921,894
Retained surplus		121,683,287	122,832,786
Total community equity		260,009,372	256,754,680

The above statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes and accounting policies.

Richmond Shire Council
Statement of Changes in Equity
For the year ended 30 June 2024

	Asset revaluation surplus	Retained surplus	Total
	\$	\$	\$
Balance as at 1 July 2023	133,921,894	122,832,786	256,754,680
Net result	-	(1,149,499)	(1,149,499)
Other comprehensive income for the year			
Increase in asset revaluation surplus	4,404,191	-	4,404,191
Total comprehensive income for the year	<u>4,404,191</u>	<u>(1,149,499)</u>	<u>3,254,692</u>
Balance as at 30 June 2024	<u>138,326,085</u>	<u>121,683,287</u>	<u>260,009,372</u>
 Balance as at 1 July 2022	 126,221,696	 114,138,054	 240,359,750
Net result	-	8,694,732	8,694,732
Other comprehensive income for the year			
Increase in asset revaluation surplus	7,700,198	-	7,700,198
Total comprehensive income for the year	<u>7,700,198</u>	<u>8,694,732</u>	<u>16,394,930</u>
Balance as at 30 June 2023	<u>133,921,894</u>	<u>122,832,786</u>	<u>256,754,680</u>

The above statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes and accounting policies.

Richmond Shire Council
Statement of Cash Flows
For the year ended 30 June 2024

	Note	2024	2023
		\$	\$
Cash flows from operating activities			
Receipts from customers		17,110,358	12,866,365
Payments to suppliers and employees		(19,468,437)	(19,362,650)
		(2,358,079)	(6,496,285)
Interest received	4(b)	434,560	174,613
Rental income	4(a)	175,842	176,220
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations - non-capital	3(d)	205,713	9,378,942
Borrowing costs		(74,548)	(86,240)
Net cash inflow (outflow) from operating activities	20	(1,616,512)	3,147,250
Cash flows from investing activities			
Payments for property, plant and equipment		(11,200,566)	(13,540,624)
Proceeds from sale of property plant and equipment		5,199	875,184
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations - capital		10,626,299	8,562,766
Net cash inflow (outflow) inflow from investing activities		(569,068)	(4,102,674)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Repayment of borrowings	14	(576,928)	(560,246)
Net cash inflow (outflow) from financing activities		(576,928)	(560,246)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalent held		(2,762,508)	(1,515,670)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year		9,683,796	11,199,466
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the financial year	8	6,921,288	9,683,796

The above statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes and accounting policies.

Richmond Shire Council

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 30 June 2024

1 Information about these financial statements

1.A Basis of preparation

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

These general purpose financial statements are for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024. They are prepared in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009* and the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

Council is a not-for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes and these financial statements comply with Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations as applicable to not-for-profit entities.

These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for certain non-current assets which are measured at fair value.

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 22.

1.C New and revised Accounting Standards adopted during the year

Richmond Shire Council adopted all standards which became mandatorily effective for annual reporting periods beginning on 1 July 2023, none of the standards had a material impact on reported position, performance and cash flows. The adoption of the revisions to AASB 101 Presentation of Financial Statements resulted in disclosure of material accounting policy information only rather than significant accounting policies. This means that accounting policy information is disclosed only if it relates to material transactions, other events or conditions and:

a) Council has changed accounting policy during the reporting period and this change resulted in a material change to the information in the financial statements.

b) Council chose (or was mandated to use) the accounting policy from one or more options permitted by Australian Accounting Standards.

c) the accounting policy was developed in accordance with AASB 108 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors in the absence of an Australian Accounting Standard that specifically applies.

d) the accounting policy relate to an area for which a Council is required to make significant judgements or assumptions in applying an accounting policy, and the Council discloses those judgements or assumptions in the financial statements.

e) the accounting required for them is complex and users of the entity's financial statements would otherwise not understand those material transactions, other events or conditions.

1.D Standards issued by the AASB not yet effective

The AASB has issued Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations which are not effective at 30 June 2024, these standards have not been adopted by Council and will be included in the financial statements on their effective date. Where the standard is expected to have a material impact for council then further information has been provided in this note.

The following list identifies all the new and amended Australian Accounting Standards, and Interpretation, that were issued but not yet effective at 30 June 2024 at the time of preparing these financial statements that could be applicable to Council.

Effective for reporting periods beginning on or after:

AASB 2020-1 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Classification of Liabilities as Current 1 January 2024
or Non-Current and associated standards (amended by AASB 2021-6 and AASB 2022-6 Amendments
to Australian Accounting Standards - Non-current Liabilities with Covenants)

AASB 2022-10 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Fair Value Measurement of Non 1 January 2024
Financial Assets of Not-for-Profit Public Sector Entities

These standards will not have any material impact on Council.

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1.E Estimates and judgements

Council makes a number of judgements, estimates and assumptions in preparing these financial statements. These are based on the best information available to Council at the time, however due to the passage of time, these assumptions may change and therefore the recorded balances may not reflect the final outcomes. The significant judgements, estimates and assumptions relate to the following items and specific information is provided in the relevant note:

Valuation and depreciation of property, plant and equipment - Note 11
Contract assets and liabilities - Note 12
Provisions - Note 15
Contingent liabilities - Note 17
Revenue recognition - Note 3
Financial instruments and financial liabilities - Note 24

1.F Rounding and comparatives

The financial statements are in Australian dollars that have been rounded to the nearest \$1.

Comparative information is generally restated for reclassifications, errors and changes in accounting policies unless permitted otherwise by transition rules in a new Accounting Standard.

1.G Volunteer Services

Council has not recognised volunteer services as they have been determined to be immaterial.

1.H Taxation

Council is exempt from income tax, however is subject to 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.

Richmond Shire Council

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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.

Richmond Shire Council
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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 2024

Functions	Gross programme income				Total income	Gross programme expenses		Total expenses	Net result from recurrent operations	Net Result	Assets
	Recurrent		Capital			Recurrent	Capital				
	Grants	Other	Grants								
	2024	2024	2024	2024	2024	2024					
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$					
Finance	234,074	1,621,653	412,000	2,267,727	(1,823,801)	(504,611)	(2,328,412)	31,926	(60,685)	10,095,671	
Administration	-	2,291	-	2,291	(2,555,016)	-	(2,555,016)	(2,552,725)	(2,552,725)	397,039	
Planning and Building	-	1,986	-	1,986	(23,404)	-	(23,404)	(21,418)	(21,418)	-	
Engineering	4,739	10,967,642	7,219,428	18,191,809	(15,319,321)	-	(15,319,321)	(4,346,940)	2,872,488	189,687,820	
Environmental Services	-	117	-	117	(38,698)	-	(38,698)	(38,581)	(38,581)	-	
Community Services	257,863	672,122	1,275,182	2,205,167	(3,140,047)	-	(3,140,047)	(2,210,062)	(934,880)	44,606,534	
Sewerage	-	402,071	-	402,071	(252,170)	-	(252,170)	149,901	149,901	6,405,242	
Water	-	571,060	-	571,060	(921,778)	-	(921,778)	(350,718)	(350,718)	13,948,040	
Cleansing	-	108,230	-	108,230	(321,110)	-	(321,110)	(212,880)	(212,880)	-	
Total	496,676	14,347,172	8,906,610	23,750,458	(24,395,345)	(504,611)	(24,899,956)	(9,551,499)	(1,149,498)	265,140,345	

Year ended 30 June 2023

Functions	Gross programme income				Total income	Gross programme expenses		Total expenses	Net result from recurrent operations	Net Result	Assets
	Recurrent		Capital			Recurrent	Capital				
	Grants	Other	Grants								
	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023					
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$					
Finance	8,622,421	1,225,181	74,708	9,922,310	(1,859,398)	-	(1,859,398)	7,988,204	8,062,912	16,093,328	
Administration	-	107,517	-	107,517	(2,434,954)	67,000	(2,367,954)	(2,327,437)	(2,260,439)	692,776	
Planning and Building	-	1,550	-	1,550	(10,725)	-	(10,725)	(9,175)	(9,175)	-	
Engineering	35,171	9,554,550	11,122,727	20,712,448	(14,846,768)	(1,024,211)	(15,870,979)	(5,257,047)	4,841,469	184,348,860	
Environmental Services	-	1,000	-	1,000	(15,163)	-	(15,163)	(14,163)	-	-	
Community services	809,664	327,872	88,769	1,226,304	(2,432,857)	-	(2,432,857)	(1,295,321)	(1,206,553)	42,393,025	
Sewerage	-	366,098	-	366,098	(323,245)	-	(323,245)	42,853	42,853	6,310,095	
Water	-	417,750	-	417,750	(967,421)	-	(967,421)	(549,671)	(549,671)	13,543,196	
Cleansing	-	97,889	-	97,889	(310,390)	-	(310,390)	(212,501)	(212,501)	9,975	
Total	9,467,257	12,099,407	11,286,203	32,852,865	(23,200,921)	(957,212)	(24,158,133)	(1,634,258)	8,694,732	263,391,255	

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3 Revenue

(a) Rates, levies and charges

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

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
General rates	1,126,639	987,474
Separate rates	57,994	54,688
Water	571,060	417,750
Sewerage	402,071	366,098
Garbage charges	108,135	97,889
Total rates and utility charge revenue	2,265,899	1,923,899
Less: Pensioner remissions	(4,648)	(5,872)
	<u>2,261,251</u>	<u>1,918,027</u>

(b) Fees and charges

Revenue arising from fees and charges is recognised at the point in time when the performance obligation is completed and the customer receives the benefit of the goods / services being provided.

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

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Agistment fees	264,889	176,897
Caravan park fees	489,390	463,922
Consumer direct care fees	343,116	58,296
Live weigh scale fee	61,697	52,379
Airport fees	53,976	55,750
Other fees and charges	213,504	152,280
	<u>1,426,572</u>	<u>959,524</u>

(c) Sales revenue

Sale of goods revenue is recognised at the point in time that the customer obtains control of the goods, generally at delivery. 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 based on costs incurred 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. The contract work carried out is not subject to retentions.

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Sale of services		
Road maintenance performance contract (RMPC)	1,002,281	1,144,048
Main Roads contract works	8,725,966	7,271,435
Private works	86,987	108,595
	<u>9,815,234</u>	<u>8,524,078</u>

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3 Revenue (cont.)

(d) Grants, subsidies and contributions

Grant Income Under AASB 15

Where grant income arises from an agreement which is enforceable and contains sufficiently specific performance obligations then the revenue is recognised when control of each performance obligation is satisfied.

The performance obligations vary in each agreement but include clean up and repair of assets, community and home support services, etc. Payment terms vary depending on the terms of the grant, cash is received upfront for some grants and on the achievement of certain payment milestones for others.

Each performance obligation is considered to ensure that the revenue recognition reflects the transfer of control and within grant agreements there may be some performance obligations where control transfers at a point in time and others which have continuous transfer of control over the life of the contract.

Where control is transferred over time, revenue is recognised using either costs or time incurred.

Grant Income Under AASB 1058

Capital Grants

Where council receive funding under an enforceable contract to acquire or construct a specified item of property, plant and equipment which will be under Council's control on completion, revenue is recognised as and when the obligation to construct or purchase is completed.

For construction projects, this is generally as the construction progresses in accordance with costs incurred.

Donations and contributions

Where assets are donated or purchased for significantly below fair value, revenue is recognised when the asset is acquired and controlled by Council.

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
(i) Recurrent		
General purpose grants	234,074	8,622,421
State government subsidies and grants	38,898	167,751
Commonwealth government subsidies and grants	209,088	639,085
Other	14,615	38,000
	<u>496,675</u>	<u>9,467,257</u>

In June 2023, Council received \$8,622,421, equating to 100% of the 2023-24 Commonwealth Financial Assistance Grant allocation. As these grants are considered untied grants, they were recognised upon receipt in the 2022-23 financial year. In the 2023-24 financial year, Council received only \$234,074 under the Commonwealth Financial Assistance Grant, and as such, there is a decrease in Council revenue. The 2024-25 Commonwealth Financial Assistance Grant was not prepaid.

(ii) Capital		
Government subsidies and grants	8,906,611	11,276,585
Contributed assets	-	9,618
	<u>8,906,611</u>	<u>11,286,203</u>
	<u>9,403,286</u>	<u>20,753,460</u>

Total grants, subsidies, contributions and donations

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3 Revenue (cont.)

(iii) Timing of revenue recognition for grants, subsidies, contributions and donations

	2024		2023	
	Revenue recognised at a point in time	Revenue recognised over time	Revenue recognised at a point in time	Revenue recognised over time
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	559,369	8,843,917	8,831,543	11,921,917
	<u>559,369</u>	<u>8,843,917</u>	<u>8,831,543</u>	<u>11,921,917</u>

4 Rent and other income

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
(a) Rental income		
Rent from other property is recognised as income on a periodic straight line basis over the lease term.		
Property rentals	175,842	176,220
	<u>175,842</u>	<u>176,220</u>
(b) Interest received		
Interest received from term deposits is accrued over the term of the investment.		
Interest received from term deposits	419,316	163,941
Interest from overdue rates and utility charges	15,244	10,672
	<u>434,560</u>	<u>174,613</u>
(c) Other income		
Fuel rebate	96,298	103,675
Other income	137,415	243,268
	<u>233,713</u>	<u>346,943</u>

5 Employee benefits

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Total staff wages and salaries	4,336,417	4,404,065
Councillors' remuneration	410,259	391,772
Annual and long service leave entitlements	856,437	729,719
Superannuation	655,952	613,749
	<u>6,259,065</u>	<u>6,139,305</u>
Other employee related expenses	34,446	20,831
	<u>6,293,511</u>	<u>6,160,136</u>
Less: Capitalised employee expenses	(140,112)	(147,400)
	<u>6,153,399</u>	<u>6,012,736</u>

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

	2024	2023
	Number	Number
Total council employees at the reporting date:		
Elected members	6	6
Administration staff	32	24
Depot and outdoors staff	37	40
Total full time equivalent employees	<u>75</u>	<u>70</u>

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6 Materials and services

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Audit fees	72,400	103,804
Donations paid	13,185	15,637
WPHS - quality assurance	172,245	278,337
Admin contractors	129,676	172,126
Insurance	402,017	323,853
Subscriptions	76,624	111,580
Computer expenses	306,721	361,476
Staff training	61,643	62,259
Private works	56,913	73,677
Engineer expenses	30,279	59,271
Council roads	901,003	568,475
Main roads	4,136,449	4,224,637
Workshop expenses	1,071,471	1,096,123
Community development	93,997	124,314
Pool expenses	253,221	195,678
Museum expenses	289,111	280,000
Council houses and buildings	287,695	315,400
Stock routes	80,310	85,460
Parks & gardens	263,482	246,735
Caravan park expenses	410,109	404,402
Legal fees	115,229	76,089
Water & sewerage	473,559	544,953
Airport expenses	144,446	56,403
Consumer Directed care expenses	336,729	109,992
Waste management expenses	271,581	266,070
Other material and services	962,169	509,357
	<u>11,412,264</u>	<u>10,666,108</u>

*Total audit fee quoted by the Queensland Audit Office relating to the 2023-24 financial statements is \$72,400 (2023: \$72,000).

7 Capital income and expenses

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Gain/(Loss) on disposal of non-current assets		
Proceeds from the sale of property, plant & equipment	5,199	875,184
Less: Book value of property, plant and equipment sold	(509,810)	(1,832,396)
Less: Assets written off	-	-
Total profit/(loss) on disposal of non-current assets	<u>(504,611)</u>	<u>(957,212)</u>

8 Cash and cash equivalents

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Cash at bank and on hand	513,040	9,263,585
Term deposits - QTC	6,408,248	420,212
Balance per statement of cash flows	<u>6,921,288</u>	<u>9,683,797</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:

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8 Cash and cash equivalents (cont.)

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Externally imposed expenditure restrictions at the reporting date relate to the following cash assets:		
Unspent government grants and subsidies	441,439	955,085
Internally imposed expenditure restrictions at the reporting date:		
Future recurrent expenditure	2,899,493	2,761,961
Total internally allocated cash	2,899,493	2,761,961

Refer to Note 24 for the credit risk exposure of cash and cash equivalents.

9 Receivables

Settlement is required within 30 days after the invoice is issued.

Because Council is empowered under the provisions of the *Local Government Act 2009* to sell an owner's property to recover outstanding rate debts, Council does not impair rate receivables.

Receivables are measured at amortised cost which approximates fair value at reporting date.

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Current		
Rateable revenue and utility charges	185,976	188,101
Other debtors	1,787,426	3,084,134
Allowance for credit losses	(2,470)	(2,354)
	1,970,932	3,269,881

Interest is charged on outstanding rates at a rate of 11.64% (2023: 8.17%) per annum. No interest is charged on other debtors.

10 Inventories

Costs are assigned on the basis of weighted average cost.

Land acquired by Council with the intention of reselling it (with or without further development) is classified as inventory.

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Inventories held for sale		
Inventories held for sale:		
History books	5,670	5,670
Inventories held for distribution:		
Quarry, fuel, road materials and stores	391,368	561,106
Land purchased for development and sale:		
Cost of acquisition and development costs capitalised	-	126,000
Total inventories	397,038	692,776

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11 Property, plant and equipment

Council - 30 June 2024

Basis of measurement
Fair value category

Asset values

Opening gross value as at 1 July 2023

Additions at cost

- Renewals

- Other additions

Disposals

Reclassification of WIP to expense

Revaluation adjustment to asset revaluation surplus

Transfers from WIP to other classes

Closing gross value as at 30 June 2024

Note

Land and Improvements Fair Value Level 2 & 3 \$	Buildings Fair Value Levels 2 & 3 \$	Plant and Equipment Cost	Road and Bridge Fair Value Level 3 \$	Water Fair Value Level 3 \$	Sewerage Fair Value Level 3 \$	Other Assets Fair Value Level 3 \$	Work in Progress Cost \$	Total \$
1,504,617	58,182,253	15,003,169	209,050,726	18,628,216	8,839,571	1,806,775	5,549,270	318,564,597
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,799,932	7,799,932
126,001	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,274,633	3,400,634
-	(10,987)	(27,434)	(616,448)	(132,159)	-	(229,363)	-	(1,016,391)
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(297,326)	(297,326)
30,694	4,603,480	-	3,860,822	631,546	319,108	-	-	9,445,650
-	243,682	974,710	11,194,972	286,491	-	261,416	(12,961,271)	-
1,661,312	63,018,428	15,950,445	223,490,072	19,414,094	9,158,679	1,838,828	3,365,238	337,897,096

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Accumulated depreciation

Opening balance as at 1 July 2023

Beginning balance adjustment

Depreciation provided in period

Depreciation on disposals

Revaluation adjustment to asset revaluation surplus

Write-down of damage as a result of natural disaster

Accumulated depreciation as at 30 June 2024

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-	18,456,939	8,345,606	36,509,789	5,259,008	2,529,476	858,629	-	71,959,447
-	-	(1,338)	-	-	-	-	-	(1,338)
-	1,338,293	642,892	3,971,644	413,709	132,647	257,288	-	6,756,473
-	(5,856)	(17,435)	(149,340)	(115,991)	-	(217,959)	-	(506,581)
-	1,478,590	-	332,796	186,796	91,314	-	-	2,089,496
-	-	-	2,951,964	-	-	-	-	2,951,964
-	21,267,966	8,969,725	43,616,853	5,743,522	2,753,437	897,958	-	83,249,461

Total written down value as at 30 June 2024

Range of estimated useful life in years

1,661,312	41,750,463	6,980,720	179,873,219	13,670,572	6,405,242	940,870	3,365,238	254,647,635
Not depreciated	10 - 150	5 - 20	10 - 1000	5 - 80	10 - 80	1 - 40	-	-

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11 Property, plant and equipment

Council - 30 June 2023

Basis of measurement

Asset values

Opening gross value as at 1 July 2022

Additions at cost

- Renewals

- Other additions

Disposals

Revaluation adjustment to asset revaluation surplus

Transfers from WIP to other classes

Closing gross value as at 30 June 2023

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	Fair Value Level 3	Fair Value Level 3	Fair Value Level 3	Fair Value Level 3	Cost	
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1,568,000	53,133,235	15,406,559	194,723,714	17,550,090	8,532,404	2,000,471	3,677,211	296,591,684
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,297,814	6,297,814
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,242,809	7,242,809
(73,100)	(330,938)	(1,736,578)	(924,442)	(618,048)	-	(296,311)	-	(3,979,417)
9,717	3,611,521	-	7,616,329	866,974	307,167	-	-	12,411,708
-	1,768,435	1,333,189	7,635,125	829,199	-	102,615	(11,668,564)	-
1,504,617	58,182,253	15,003,169	209,050,726	18,628,216	8,839,571	1,806,775	5,549,270	318,564,597

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Accumulated depreciation

Opening balance as at 1 July 2022

Depreciation provided in period

Depreciation on disposals

Revaluation adjustment to asset revaluation surplus

Write-down of damage as a result of natural disaster

Accumulated depreciation as at 30 June 2023

-	16,171,539	8,731,748	30,179,816	4,638,326	2,313,891	923,802	-	62,959,122
-	1,241,234	795,798	3,652,933	387,046	127,688	231,137	-	6,435,837
-	(160,420)	(1,181,941)	(494,421)	(13,929)	-	(296,311)	-	(2,147,021)
-	1,204,587	-	2,046,973	247,565	87,897	-	-	3,587,022
-	-	-	1,124,488	-	-	-	-	1,124,488
-	18,456,939	8,345,606	36,509,789	5,259,008	2,529,476	858,629	-	71,959,447

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Total written down value as at 30 June 2023

Range of estimated useful life in years

1,504,617	39,725,314	6,657,564	172,540,937	13,369,208	6,310,095	948,146	5,549,270	246,605,151
Not depreciated	10 - 150	5 - 20	10-1000	5 - 80	10 - 80	1 - 40	-	-

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11 Property, plant and equipment (cont.)

(a) Recognition

The asset capitalisation threshold for Council is:

- Land	\$1
- Plant and equipment	\$5,000
- Infrastructure assets	\$10,000

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 less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment loss.

Capital work in progress

The cost of property, plant and equipment being constructed by Council includes the cost of purchased services, materials, direct labour and an appropriate proportion of labour overheads.

(c) Depreciation

Land, work in progress, certain cultural and heritage assets with heritage listing, road formations and formation work associated with the construction of dams, levee banks and reservoirs are not depreciated.

Depreciation, where applicable, is calculated on a straight-line basis such that the cost of the asset less its residual value is recognised progressively over its estimated useful life to Council. Management believe that the straight-line basis appropriately reflects the pattern of consumption of all Council assets.

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.

Key judgments and estimates:

Management reviews its estimate of the useful lives of depreciable assets at each reporting date, based on the expected utility of the assets. Uncertainties in these estimates relate to technical or physical obsolescence that may change the utility of infrastructure assets.

(d) Impairment

An impairment loss is recognised as an expense in the Statement of Comprehensive Income, unless the asset is carried at a revalued amount. When the asset is measured at a revalued amount, the impairment loss is offset against the asset revaluation surplus of the relevant class to the extent available.

Where an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but so that the increased carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset in prior years. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognised as income unless the asset is carried at a revalued amount, in which case the reversal of the impairment loss is treated as a revaluation surplus increase.

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11 Property, plant and equipment (cont.)

(e) Valuation

Key judgments and estimates:

Some of the Council's assets and liabilities are measured at fair value for financial reporting purposes.

In estimating the fair value of an asset or a liability, the Council uses market-observable data to the extent it is available and other inputs as necessary.

(i) Valuation

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 five 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, 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.

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.

Fair values are classified into three levels as follows:

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

There were no transfers between categories during the year (2023: Nil). Council's policy is to recognise transfers in and out of the fair value hierarchy as at the end of the reporting period.

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11 Property, plant and equipment (cont.)

(ii) Valuation techniques used to derive fair values

Specific valuation techniques used to value Council assets comprise:

Asset class and fair value hierarchy	Valuation approach	Last comprehensive valuation date	Valuer engaged	Key assumptions and estimates (related data sources)	Index applied (change in index recognised this year)	Other interim revaluation adjustment
Buildings & Other structures (level 2 - \$1,756,406) (level 3 - \$39,994,056)	Current replacement cost (CRC)	30 June 2021	Australis Asset Advisory Group	<p>Where an observable market for Council's assets could be identified, fair value was measured by way of a Market Approach, utilising sale prices of comparable properties after adjusting for differences in key attributes of the property.</p> <p>For assets that were considered of a specialist nature and did not meet the criteria for a Market approach, Fair value was measured on the basis of a Cost Approach (level 3). Under this methodology the gross replacement cost was assessed on the basis that it reflected a modern equivalent asset with similar service potential.</p> <p>Under the Cost approach, the asset's fair value is the result of the gross current value less accumulated depreciation, to reflect the consumed or expired service potential of the asset. The most significant inputs into the valuation were the rate per square metre of area (to arrive at the Gross Replacement Cost), building area and a condition score reflecting the remaining useful life of the asset.</p> <p>In determining the level of accumulated depreciation, as the first step an economic useful life (EUL) was provided to each asset on either a single line or componentised asset basis. As a second step, the condition score, which has influence on the remaining useful life (RUL) of the asset was assessed and applied to each asset. The EUL and RUL takes into consideration the asset's physical characteristics, age, recent repairs or capital works, as well as factors such as functionality, capability, utilisation and obsolescence. Estimates of expired service potential and remaining useful lives were determined on straight-line basis and buildings were disaggregated into significant components which exhibit different useful lives.</p>	Buildings - Market value 2.09% and at cost 7.91% Other infrastructures - 8.86%	N/A

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11 Property, plant and equipment (cont.)

Asset class and fair value hierarchy	Valuation approach	Last comprehensive valuation date	Valuer engaged	Key assumptions and estimates (related data sources)	Index applied (change in index recognised this year)	Other interim revaluation adjustment
Land (level 2 - \$582,139) (level 3 - \$1,079,173)	Market value	30 June 2021	Australis Asset Advisory Group	Where an observable market for Council's land assets could be identified, fair value was measured by way of a Market Approach (level 2), utilising sale prices of comparable properties after adjusting for differences in key attributes of the property, such as size. Where a significant adjustment was required between the sale prices of comparable properties, Fair Value was measured by way of a Market Approach (level 3). For Council's asset register, all land assets were assessed under a Market Approach as either Level 2 or Level 3. The most significant inputs into this valuation approach are price per square metre.	Land - 2.04%	N/A
Infrastructure assets - Water, Sewerage & Roads and Bridges (level 3)	Current replacement cost	30 June 2022	Australis Asset Advisory Group	<p>As these infrastructure assets are of a specialist nature and there is no active market for the assets, fair value has been determined on the basis of replacement with a new asset having similar service potential including allowances for preliminaries and professional fees. The gross current values have been derived from reference to cost data for recent projects and researched costing guides. The net current value of an asset is the gross current value less accumulated depreciation to reflect the consumed or expired service potential of the asset.</p> <p>All road segments are componentised into formation, pavement and seal (where applicable). These assets are valued using the application of unit rates. These components include raw materials, plant, labour and intangibles. These costs are established by communicating directly with suppliers, cost guides such as the Rawlinson's Construction Handbook and prices supplied by Council.</p> <p>In determining the level of accumulated depreciation, the major infrastructure assets have been apportioned into significant components which exhibit different useful lives. Allowance has been made for the typical asset life cycle and renewal treatments of each component at the time the asset is considered to be no longer available for use and the condition of the asset. For infrastructure assets it is considered that no residual value will apply.</p>	Water - 3.56% Sewerage - 3.61% Roads and Bridges - 4.17%	N/A

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12 Contract balances

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
(a) Contract assets	<u>1,030,514</u>	<u>2,972,885</u>
(b) Contract liabilities		
Funds received upfront to construct Council controlled assets	306,098	894,869
Non-capital performance obligations not yet satisfied	<u>135,341</u>	<u>60,216</u>
	<u>441,439</u>	<u>955,085</u>
Current Contract Liabilities	<u>441,439</u>	<u>955,085</u>
	<u>441,439</u>	<u>955,085</u>
Revenue recognised that was included in the contract liability balance at the beginning of the year.		
Funds to construct Council controlled assets	512,572	1,046,229
Non-capital performance obligations	<u>200,189</u>	<u>202,967</u>
	<u>712,761</u>	<u>1,249,196</u>

The contract liabilities in relation to capital grants relate to funding received prior to the work being performed since revenue is recognised as Council constructs the assets. Council expects to recognise the contract liability as income in the next financial year.

(c) Significant changes in contract balances

Significant movements in contract assets and contract liabilities that have occurred during the year were due to the change in the timing of the work and monies received in advance for various projects.

13 Payables

Creditors are recognised when goods or services are received at the amounts owed. Amounts owing are unsecured and are generally settled on 30 day terms.

Liabilities are recognised for employee benefits such as wages and salaries in respect of services provided by the employees up to the reporting date.

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Current		
Creditors	1,372,680	1,727,826
Accrued expenses	57,767	21,477
ATO Payable	<u>(162,695)</u>	<u>70,720</u>
	<u>1,267,752</u>	<u>1,820,023</u>

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14 Borrowings

Interest is expensed as accrued. No interest has been capitalised during the current or comparative reporting period. Expected final repayment date is 15 March 2027. 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.

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Current		
Loans - Queensland Treasury Corporation		
Opening balance	579,634	563,624
Re-classified as current	593,415	576,256
Principal repayments	(576,928)	(560,246)
Book value at end of period	<u>596,121</u>	<u>579,634</u>
Non-current		
Loans - Queensland Treasury Corporation		
Opening balance	1,676,680	2,253,608
Balance adjustment	(693)	(672)
Re-classified to current	(593,415)	(576,256)
Book value at end of period	<u>1,082,572</u>	<u>1,676,680</u>
Loans - Queensland Treasury Corporation		
Opening balance	2,256,314	2,817,232
Balance adjustment	(693)	(672)
Principal repayments	(576,928)	(560,246)
Book value at end of period	<u>1,678,693</u>	<u>2,256,314</u>

The QTC loan market value at the reporting date was \$1,638,656. This represents the value of the debt if Council repaid it at that date. As it is the intention of Council to hold the debt for its term, no provision is required to be made in these accounts.

15 Provisions

Long service leave

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.

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.

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15 Provisions (cont.)

Refuse dump restoration

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.

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 2025 and that the restoration will occur progressively over the subsequent thirty years.

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Current		
Annual leave	617,691	513,975
Refuse restoration	77,128	-
Long service leave	887,921	847,907
	<u>1,582,740</u>	<u>1,361,882</u>
Non-current		
Refuse restoration	66,467	150,687
Long service leave	93,881	92,583
	<u>160,348</u>	<u>243,270</u>
Movements in non-employee benefit provisions:		
Restoration of refuse dump		
Balance at beginning of financial year	150,687	150,767
Net increase/(decrease) due to change in discount rate and estimated cost	(7,092)	(80)
Balance at end of financial year	<u>143,595</u>	<u>150,687</u>

16 Asset revaluation surplus

The asset revaluation surplus comprises revaluation movements on property, plant and equipment.

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Movements in the asset revaluation surplus were as follows:		
Balance at beginning of financial year	133,921,894	126,221,696
Net adjustment to non-current assets at end of period to reflect a change in current fair value:		
Land and improvements	30,694.00	9,717
Buildings	3,124,890.00	2,406,934
Road and Bridge	576,062.00	4,444,868
Water Infrastructure	444,750.00	619,409
Sewerage Infrastructure	227,794.00	219,270
Other assets	-	-
Balance at end of financial year	<u>138,326,084</u>	<u>133,921,894</u>
The closing balance of the asset revaluation surplus comprises the following asset categories:		
Land and improvements	865,014	834,320
Buildings	28,279,146	25,154,256
Road and Bridge	97,711,271	97,135,209
Water Infrastructure	5,104,479	4,659,729
Sewerage Infrastructure	6,327,310	6,099,516
Other assets	38,865	38,865
	<u>138,326,085</u>	<u>133,921,894</u>

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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 2024, the financial statements of the pool reported an accumulated surplus and it is not anticipated any liability will arise.

Local Government Workcare

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 \$129,602 (2023: \$100,000).

Other Contingent Liabilities

There are no other contingent liabilities as at 30 June 2024.

18 Superannuation - Regional Defined Benefit Fund

Council contributes to the LGIASuper Regional Defined Benefits (the scheme), at the rate of 12% (2023: 12%) for each permanent employee who is a defined benefit member. This rate is set in accordance with the Brighter Super 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 managed by LGIASuper trustee for LGIASuper trading as Brighter Super.

The scheme is a pooled defined benefit plan and it is not in accordance with the deed to allocate obligations, plan assets and costs at the council level.

Any amount by which the scheme is over or under funded may affect future contribution rate obligations, but has not been recognised as an asset or liability of the Council.

Technically Richmond Shire 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 Brighter Super trust deed changes to council's obligations will only be made on the advice of an actuary.

The last completed actuarial assessment of the scheme as required under Superannuation Prudential Standard 160 was undertaken as at 1 July 2021. The actuary indicated that "At the valuation date of 1 July 2021, 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 measure of vested benefits represents the value of benefit entitlements should all participating employees voluntarily exit the scheme. 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.

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18 Superannuation - Regional Defined Benefit Fund (cont.)

No changes have been made to prescribed employer contributions which remain at 12% (2023: 12%) of employee salary or wages and there are no known requirements to change the rate of contributions.

The next triennial actuarial review is not due until 1 July 2024.

The most significant risks that may result in Brighter 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.

	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
Superannuation contribution made to the Regional Defined Benefit Fund		15,118	14,405
Other superannuation contribution to employees		640,834	613,749
Total superannuation contributions paid by Council for	5	655,952	628,154

19 Trust funds

	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
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		159,462	63,602
		159,462	63,602

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		(1,149,499)	8,694,732
Non-cash and investing items:			
Depreciation and amortisation	11	6,755,135	6,435,837
Net (profit)/loss on disposal of non-current assets	7	504,611	957,212
Capital grants and contributions	3(d)	(8,906,611)	(11,286,203)
Non-cash adjustment on borrowings		(693)	(672)
WIP write-off		297,326	-
		(2,499,731)	4,800,906
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:			
(Increase)/ decrease in trade & other receivables	9	1,298,949	(830,985)
(Increase)/decrease in inventory	10	295,738	(101,368)
(Increase)/decrease in contract assets	12	151,550	(103,084)
(Increase)/decrease in other assets		(6,172)	(127,545)
Increase/(decrease) in trade & other payables	13	(552,271)	(485,437)
Increase (decrease) in contract liabilities	12	(442,512)	14,769
Increase/(decrease) in provisions	15	137,936	(20,006)
		883,218	(1,653,656)
Net cash inflow from operating activities		(1,616,512)	3,147,250

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21 Reconciliation of liabilities arising from finance activities

	<u>Note</u>	As at 30 June 2023	Non-cash adjustment	Cash Flows	As at 30 June 2024
Loans		2,256,314	(693)	(576,928)	1,678,693
	14	2,256,314	(693)	(576,928)	1,678,693

	<u>Note</u>	As at 30 June 2022		Cash Flows	As at 30 June 2023
Loans		2,817,232	(672)	(560,246)	2,256,314
	14	2,817,232	(672)	(560,246)	2,256,314

22 Controlled entity that has not been consolidated

The Kronosaurus Korner Board Inc. is an incorporated association and does not have any share capital.

The unaudited 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 association's immateriality.

Information relating to the financial position of the controlled entity is set out below.

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Revenue from operations	848,304	832,090
Other income	241,721	266,595
Contributions from Council for operating funding	280,000	280,000
Expenditure from operations	(1,369,153)	(1,470,177)
Net result from operations	872	(91,492)
Assets	310,063	295,537
Liabilities	(197,228)	(183,574)
Net assets at the reporting date	112,835	111,963

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23 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 22.

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		Rates and charges	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Kronosaurus Korner	280,000	280,000	-	-	-	6,490
Total	280,000	280,000	-	-	-	6,490

Council provides free rental to Kronosaurus Korner, which is dependent on Council. All funding support given to subsidiaries was agreed to by the Council for the 2023-24 and 2022-23 financial years.

(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 2023-24 comprises:

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Short-term employee benefits	1,058,061	964,475
Post-employment benefits	122,298	107,657
Long-term benefits	23,569	12,239
Total	1,203,928	1,084,371

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	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Employee expenses for close family members of key management personnel	252,505	245,896
Purchase of materials and services from entities controlled by key management personnel	622,685	734,125

(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 75 (2023:70) staff of which only 4 (2023:4) are close family members of key management personnel.

(ii) Council purchased materials and services from entities controlled by key management personnel. All purchases were at arm's length and in the normal course of Council operations. The total disclosed includes the following:

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23 Transactions with related parties (cont.)

Purchase of materials and services from entities controlled by key management personnel	Details of related party	2024	2023
		\$	\$
Disaster assistance services	Fox Helicopters, a company controlled by Councillor Patsy-Ann Fox	-	1,900
Fencing and labour, materials supply and equipment hire	North West Hardware, a company controlled by a close family member of Councillor John Macarthur Wharton	153,104	167,422
Hire of plant and equipment	Kuhl & Co, a company controlled by Councillor June Kuhl	-	9,600
Saleyard services (cattle)	Jr Sale Yard Services, a company controlled by Councillor Terrence John Flute	14,583	-
Liberty Oil Australia Pty Ltd*	Employer of Councillor Nick Buick	419,831	527,083
Nutrien Ag Solutions *	Employer of Councillor Sherreen Johnston	35,147	28,100
Other materials and services	Various other related parties	20	20
Total		622,685	734,125

*Councillor Nick Buick and Councillor Sherreen Johnston are only employees of Liberty Oil Australia Pty Ltd and Nutrien Ag Solutions and have no controlling interests.

(d) Outstanding balances

The only outstanding balance at the end of the reporting period in relation to transactions with related parties is \$3,145 (2023: \$1,496) for Nutrien Ag Solutions.

(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 Richmond Shire. Therefore, on a regular basis ordinary citizen transactions occur between Council and its related parties. Some examples include:

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

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

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24 Financial instruments and financial risk management

(a) Financial assets and financial liabilities

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.

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 carrying amount of financial assets represents the maximum exposure to credit risk.

Cash and cash equivalents

The Council may be exposed to credit risk through its investments in the Queensland Treasury Corporation (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.

Trade and other receivables

In the case of rates 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 cattle farming, there is also a concentration in the cattle farming sector.

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24 Financial instruments (cont.)

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Not past due	1,764,517	3,061,940
Past due 31-60 days	19,103	17,742
Past due 61-90 days	658	453
More than 90 days	189,124	192,100
Impaired	(2,470)	(2,354)
Total	1,970,932	3,269,881

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.

The Council's approach to managing liquidity is to ensure, as far as possible, that it will have sufficient liquidity to meet its liabilities when they are due, under both normal and stressed conditions, without incurring unacceptable losses or risking damage to the Council's reputation.

Exposure to liquidity risk

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 notes 8 and 14.

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
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
2024					
Trade and other payables	1,372,680	-	-	1,372,680	1,372,680
Loans - QTC	636,965	1,114,688	-	1,751,653	1,678,693
	2,009,645	1,114,688	-	3,124,333	3,051,373
2023					
Trade and other payables	1,727,826	-	-	1,727,826	1,727,826
Loans - QTC	636,965	1,751,653	-	2,388,618	2,256,314
	2,364,791	1,751,653	-	4,116,444	3,984,140

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.

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24 Financial instruments (cont.)

Interest rate risk

Richmond Shire Council is exposed to interest rate risk through investments 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.

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 \$
2024					
QTC cash fund	6,408,248	64,082	(64,082)	64,082	(64,082)
Loans - QTC*	1,678,693	-	-	-	-
Net total	8,086,941	64,082	(64,082)	64,082	(64,082)
2023					
QTC cash fund	420,212	4,202	(4,202)	4,202	(4,202)
Loans - QTC*	2,256,314	-	-	-	-
Net total	2,676,526	4,202	(4,202)	4,202	(4,202)

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.

Fair value

The fair value of trade and other receivables and payables is assumed to approximate the value of the original transaction, less any allowance for impairment.

25 Commitments for expenditure

Contractual commitments

Contractual commitments at end of financial year but recognised in the financial statements are as follows:

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Refuse Tip Management Contract	120,120	106,920
Service Maintenance Contract	-	34,500
Swimming Pool	161,298	11,500
	281,418	152,920

These expenditures are payable as follows:

Within one year	240,013	152,920
One to five years	41,405	-
	281,418	152,920

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25 Commitments for expenditure (cont.)

Capital Commitments

Commitment for the construction of the following assets contracted for at the reporting date but not recognised as liabilities:

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
<i>Property, Plant and Equipment</i>		
Road, drainage and bridge network	2,122,547	3,152,645
Buildings	188,498	57,618
Other	230,269	354,630
	<u>2,541,314</u>	<u>3,564,893</u>

These expenditure are payables as follows:

Within one year	2,541,313	3,564,893
	<u>2,541,314</u>	<u>3,564,893</u>

26 Events after the reporting period

There has not been any event that occurred after the end of the reporting period that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect, the current or future financial results of the Council.

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Management Certificate
For the year ended 30 June 2024

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
Name: John Wharton

Date: 22/10/2024



Chief Executive Officer
Name: Peter Bennett

Date: 22/10/2024

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the councillors of Richmond Shire Council

Report on the audit of the financial report

Opinion

I have audited the financial report of Richmond Shire Council.

The financial report comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2024, 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 material accounting policy information and the certificate given by the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer.

In my opinion, the financial report:

- a) gives a true and fair view of the council's financial position as at 30 June 2024, and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
- b) complies with the *Local Government Act 2009*, the Local Government Regulation 2012 and Australian Accounting Standards.

Basis for opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with the *Auditor-General 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 (including Independence Standards)* (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 Auditing Standards*.

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

Other information

The councillors are responsible for the other information.

The other information comprises the information included in the entity's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2024, but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon.

At the date of this auditor's report, the available other information in Richmond Shire Council's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2024 was the current year financial sustainability statement, current year financial sustainability statement - contextual ratios, and long-term financial sustainability statement and annual report.

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 formed 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 councillors for the financial report

The councillors are 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 councillors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

The councillors are 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 the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

A further description of my responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at:

https://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_responsibilities/ar4.pdf

This description forms part of my auditor's report.

Report on other legal and regulatory requirements

In accordance with s. 40 of the *Auditor-General Act 2009*, for the year ended 30 June 2024:

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

Prescribed requirements scope

The prescribed requirements for the establishment and keeping of accounts are contained in the *Local Government Act 2009*, and the Local Government Regulation 2012. The applicable requirements include those for keeping financial records that correctly record and explain the council's transactions and account balances to enable the preparation of a true and fair financial report.



Lisa Fraser
as delegate of the Auditor-General

23 October 2024

Queensland Audit Office
Brisbane

Richmond Shire Council
Current-year Financial Sustainability Statement
For the year ended 30 June 2024

Measures of Financial Sustainability

Council's performance at 30 June 2024 against key financial ratios and targets:

Type	Measure	Target (Tier 7)	Actual Current Year	5-Year Average	Narrative
Audited ratios					
Liquidity	Unrestricted Cash Expense Cover Ratio	Greater than 4 months	9 months	N/A	Council has achieved a very strong liquidity position and, after recent years of good financial management, is well positioned to meet both the short and long term needs of the community.
Operating Performance	Operating Surplus Ratio	N/A	-64.4%	-19.4%	It is challenging for Council to achieve a positive operating surplus ratio with continued reliance on grant funding and limited opportunity to generate own source revenue. This ratio is impacted by the Financial Assistance Grant not being received until July 2024. Refer to Note 3(d) for details.
	Operating Cash Ratio	Greater than 0%	-18.4%	9.7%	This ratio is impacted by the Financial Assistance Grant not being received until July 2024. Refer to Note 3(d) for details.
Asset Management	Asset Sustainability Ratio	Greater than 90%	127.6%	170%	Council's asset sustainability ratio is above the recommended level which suggests that Council is spending enough on asset renewal to compensate for the deterioration in its asset base.
	Asset Consumption Ratio	Greater than 60%	76.6%	79%	The target has been achieved for both the current year and five year average. Council manages the consumption rate of assets appropriately.
Debt Servicing Capacity	Leverage Ratio	0 to 3 times (or N/A)	-0.61 times	0.58 times	The target has been achieved for both the current year end and the five year average. Council is managing its debt serving capacity appropriately.

1 Basis of preparation

The current year financial sustainability statement is prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Regulation 2012 and the Financial Management (Sustainability) Guideline 2024. The amounts used to calculate the six 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 2024.

**Richmond Shire Council
Current-year Financial Sustainability Statement
For the year ended 30 June 2024**

Certificate of Accuracy
For the year ended 30 June 2024

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
Name: John Wharton

Date: 22/10/2024



Chief Executive Officer
Name: Peter Bennett

Date: 22/10/2024

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 financial sustainability statement of Richmond Shire Council for the year ended 30 June 2024, comprising the statement, explanatory notes, and the certificate of accuracy given by the Mayor and the Chief Executive Officer.

In accordance with s.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 2024 has been accurately calculated.

Basis of opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with the *Auditor-General 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 (including Independence Standards)* (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 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 2024 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

The councillors are responsible for the other information.

The other information comprises the information included in the entity's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2024, but does not include the financial sustainability statement and our auditor's report thereon.

At the date of this auditor's report, the available other information in Richmond Shire Council's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2024 was the general-purpose financial statements, current-year financial sustainability statement - contextual ratios, and the long-term financial sustainability statement and annual report.

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 formed a separate opinion on the general-purpose financial report.

In connection with my audit of the financial sustainability statement, my responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial sustainability statement 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 councillors for the current-year financial sustainability statement

The councillors are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the current-year financial sustainability statement in accordance with the Local Government Regulation 2012. The councillors responsibility also includes such internal control as the councillors determine 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 material accounting policy information used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the council.

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.



Lisa Fraser
as delegate of the Auditor-General

23 October 2024

Queensland Audit Office
Brisbane

Richmond Shire Council
Unaudited Current-year Financial Sustainability Statement - Contextual Ratios
For the year ended 30 June 2024

Measures of Financial Sustainability

Council's performance at 30 June 2024 against key financial ratios and targets:

Type	Measure	Target (Tier 7)	Actual Current Year	5-Year Average	Narrative
Contextual ratios (unaudited)					
Financial Capacity	Council-Controlled Revenue*	N/A	25%	15%	The Council's average ratio has remained stable over the past five years. However, the increase observed in the current year is mainly attributed to new revenue streams, particularly from fees and charges related to Consumer Directed Care services.
	Population Growth*	N/A	1%	0%	N/A

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Basis of preparation

The current year financial sustainability statement - Contextual Ratios is prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Regulation 2012 and the Financial Management (Sustainability) Guideline 2024. 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 2024.

Richmond Shire Council
Unaudited Current-year Financial Sustainability Statement - Contextual Ratios
For the year ended 30 June 2024

Certificate of Accuracy
For the year ended 30 June 2024

This current-year financial sustainability statement - contextual ratio 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
Name: John Wharton

Date: 22/10/2024



Chief Executive Officer
Name: Peter Bennet

Date: 22/10/2024

Richmond Shire Council
Unaudited Long-Term Financial Sustainability Statement
Prepared as at 30 June 2024

Measures of Financial Sustainability

Council's performance at 30 June 2024 against key financial ratios and targets:

Council

Type	Measure	Target (Tier 7)	Actuals as at 30 June 2024	30 June 2025	30 June 2026	30 June 2027	30 June 2028	30 June 2029	30 June 2030	30 June 2031	30 June 2032	30 June 2033
Financial Capacity	Council-Controlled Revenue	N/A	25%	16.36%	17.03%	17.32%	17.62%	17.91%	18.21%	18.51%	18.80%	19.10%
	Population Growth	N/A	1.04%	0.51%	0.00%	-1.22%	-1.23%	-0.57%	-0.57%	-0.57%	-0.57%	-0.57%
Asset Management	Asset Renewal Funding Ratio	N/A	N/A for long-term sustainability statement									
Operating Performance	Operating Surplus Ratio	N/A	-64%	-5.50%	-17.31%	-9.95%	-10.56%	-11.14%	-11.45%	-12.04%	-12.59%	-13.13%
	Operating Cash Ratio	Greater than 0%	-18%	21.98%	11.01%	18.50%	17.90%	17.31%	16.74%	16.18%	15.63%	15.10%
Liquidity	Unrestricted Cash Expense Cover Ratio	Greater than 4 months	N/A for long-term sustainability statement									
Asset Management	Asset Sustainability Ratio	Greater than 90%	128%	3.9986	0.6674	0.6543	0.6415	0.6289	0.6166	0.6045	0.5926	0.581
	Asset Consumption Ratio	Greater than 60%	77%	0.86	0.86	0.86	0.86	0.86	0.86	0.86	0.86	0.86
Debt Servicing Capacity	Leverage Ratio	0 to x times (or N/A)	-0.61 times	0.02 times	0.01 times	0.01 times	0 times	0 times	0 times	0 times	0 times	0 times

1 Basis of preparation

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.

Richmond Shire Council
Long-term Financial Sustainability Statement
For the year ended 30 June 2024

Certificate of Accuracy
For the year ended 30 June 2024

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.



Mayor
Name: John Wharton

Date: 22/10/2024



Chief Executive Officer
Name: Peter Bennet

Date: 22/10/2024