



Richmond Shire Council

ANNUAL REPORT

2018 – 2019



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strives to achieve a high quality of lifestyle
for residents and visitors"*



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FOREWORD

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

This report covers the period 1 July 2018 – 30 June 2019

THE COUNCIL'S VISION

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

THE COUNCIL'S MISSION

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

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RICHMOND SHIRE COUNCIL - SHIRE IN BRIEF

INCORPORATED:	7 October 1916 (Wyangarie) Renamed Richmond 1954
ADDRESS:	65 Goldring Street Richmond
SIZE:	26,602 km ² (about the size of Belgium)
POPULATION:	648 (Census 2016)
CLIMATE:	Average minimum 15°C to average maximum 33 °c
RAINFALL AVERAGE:	475mm
MAJOR INDUSTRIES:	Agricultural and Tourism
EMERGING INDUSTRIES:	Irrigation Farming, Gold, Uranium and Vanadium mining
OPPORTUNITY FOR GROWTH:	Irrigation farms along the Flinders River
DISTANCE FROM BRISBANE:	1,432km north-west
ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES:	Six including the Mayor
AUDITORS	Queensland Audit Office 2018-2019
ANNUAL BUDGET 2018/19	Revenue \$22,440,030 Expenses \$21,280,972 Net Result \$ 1,159,058
RATES	Value of rateable property \$145,724,020 Value of non-rateable property \$ 69,920 Rate and Charges Revenue \$ 1,629,489
ROADS	Total 1,296 km
INVESTMENTS AT 30 JUNE 2019	\$5,526,071
STAFF ESTABLISHMENT:	88 (including contractors) ⇒ 57 outside staff ⇒ 27 administrative and community service staff ⇒ 2 Caravan Park (contract managers) ⇒ 1 Live Weight Scales (contract manager) ⇒ 1 Swimming Pool (contract manager)
WAGES	\$6,233,959 (excluding contractors)

TOURISM - FOSSIL CAPITAL OF AUSTRALIA

Tourism	9,626 visitors in 2018-2019
Controlled entity	Kronosaurus Korner Board Inc. 4 Tourism Officers (Kronosaurus Korner) 1 Curator (Kronosaurus Korner)

ACCOMMODATION

Midway Motel

Ammonite Inn

Entrikens Pioneer Motel

Mud Hut Hotel/Motel

Federal Palace Hotel

The Big Wheel

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

POINTS OF INTEREST

Kronosaurus Korner Fossil Museum and Visitor Information
Centre

Lake Fred Tritton – Recreation Lake

Cambridge Downs Heritage Display Centre

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

Bush Tucker Gardens, Lake Fred Tritton

Bougainvillea in the Main Street

Jack Brown Lions Park, Flinders Highway

Bobby Murray Park, Goldring Street

Hampstead Springs Tour

AWARDS

Outback Queensland Tourism Award – Best Caravan Park
2017

OQTA Best Tourist Attraction 2017

Outback Queensland Tourism Award – Best Caravan Park
2016

Outback Queensland Tourism Award – Best Caravan Park
2015

IPWEA – Excellence Awards 2015 (Water Treatment Plant)

IXOM Water of Origin Taste Test Winner 2015

Orica Best Queensland Water Taste Test 2014

Sarus Crane Award - Bush Tucker Gardens 2007

Finalist Banksia Foundation Awards – Bush Tucker Gardens
2007

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

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

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

National Heart Foundation Environment Award - Lake Fred
Tritton

Queensland's Tidiest Town 2001

OTHER SERVICES

REX - Air Services

Bus QLD Services

Queensland Rail Passenger Services

FUTURE PROJECTS

Flinders River Agriculture Projects

Complete Sealing Croydon – Richmond Road and Winton -
Richmond Road

Richmond Streetscape

RICHMOND - HISTORY



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

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

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

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

PRESENT DAY

The Shire is a community of 648 people. Extremes of climatic conditions including floods and drought are not uncommon in the area with temperatures ranging from 46°C during summer and -3 °C some winter nights. The average rainfall is only 475mm with the arrival of the monsoons. The Shire therefore relies on the Great Artesian Basin for its water supply for both town and stock.

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

FUTURE OUTLOOK

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

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

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

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

The North West Regional Plan's vision is:

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

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

As we enter 2018-2019 Council aims to:

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

A MESSAGE FROM OUR MAYOR AND CEO



We are pleased to present
this Annual Report for
2018-2019 for Richmond
Shire Council.



What a year this turned out to be with one of the biggest floods ever recorded for the Richmond Shire. From the devastation of stock loss to the destruction of over a third of the Shire roads, this is probably a year most would like to forget. The community bush spirit shone through though where neighbours helped each other in their time of needs and we were reminded we are not in this alone.

Prior to the floods Council concentrated on finishing the \$1 million upgrade to the caravan park which included the new retaining walls, new powered and unpowered sites, new entertainment area and a new toilet block. Council also completed 5km of new seal on the Richmond to Winton Road funded under the Federal Government's Beef Roads Program. Council also spent a further \$1 million on the Richmond to Croydon Road made up of 10km of reseal and widening 3km section near Hazelwood Channels.

After the February floods, Council main focus was on opening the roads within the Shire where possible. Between the Shire roads and Main Roads there was over \$30 million of damage that Council needed to repair. The other focus for Council was helping with the recovery effort with the land owners. Richmond Shire Council was instrumental in working with the Federal Government to enable those landowners affected by the floods to access the initial \$75,000 grant, \$5,000 carcass disposal grant and the \$400,000 conditional grant.

Richmond Shire Council has been successful in our bid to host the Western Queensland Local Government Association conference in 2019. This will see Mayors, Councillors and CEOs from 13 Western Councils come together to discuss regional issues and interact with both Federal and State Ministers to get a fairer deal for the West. This event will bring over 150 people to Richmond for 3 days, boosting the local economy. Richmond is also looking to host the Outback Queensland Tourism Association awards night which will bring about the same amount of people to Richmond.

Looking forward to next year, Council will mainly concentrate on repairing Council roads and continuing the upgrades on the Richmond to Croydon Road and town streets. The budget will be very much orientated around fixing essential assets for roads, water and sewerage.

Cr John Wharton AM

Peter Bennett

RICHMOND SHIRE – ELECTED MEMBERS

The Councillors who were in office for the 2018/19 financial year were elected in March 2016 for a term of four years, and these Councillors were;

Mayor John Wharton

Deputy Mayor June Kuhl

Councillors Kevin Bawden, Patsy-Ann Fox, Bethea Pattel and Clay Kennedy.

At the Local Government elections held in March 2020, a new Council was elected and this Council will be the one to adopt the 2018/19 Annual Report. The new Council is comprised of;

Mayor John Wharton,

Deputy Mayor Kevin Bawden

Councillors June Kuhl, Patsy-Ann Fox, Clay Kennedy and Scott Geary



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

MAYOR

Cr John Wharton AM

Cr Wharton's Portfolio includes:

Corporate
Governance
Disaster
Management
Regional and Economic Development

Cr Wharton is Council's representative on:

Budget Review Committee
Local Disaster Management Group
(Chair) Regional Roads Group North
West (Chair)
Kronosaurus Korner Board Inc. (Chair)
Regional Planning Advisory Committee
MITEZ
North West Regional Organisation of
Councils

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



DEPUTY MAYOR

Cr June Kuhl

Councillor June Kuhl was elected in March 2008, and was elected as the Deputy Mayor following the 2012 & 2016 Local Government elections. Cr Kuhl was also nominated to represent Council at the Local Government Grants Commission and the Department of Natural Resources and Water and Land Valuation Committee.

Cr Kuhl and her husband Gavin moved to the Richmond Shire following the purchase of their cattle and sheep property in 1978. They have moved out of the wool industry, but continue to breed and fatten beef cattle.

They raised and educated their children on Bundoran, which led to June's interest in the education of isolated children. She was a member and President of the Mt Isa SOTA P&C and President of Mt Isa SOTA's first School Council. June was also very involved with the Isolated Children's Parents Association and has served as Secretary, President, Treasurer and Publicity Officer of the Richmond Branch. She was elected to the ICPA Qld Inc. State Council in 1999 and served for six years as a Councillor and Publicity Officer.

June was involved with the Fossil Festival for many years and was elected the President of the Richmond Outback Fossil Fest Inc. when it became an incorporated body in 2011.

Cr Kuhl is committed to helping Richmond offer a quality lifestyle in a viable, vital and vibrant community.

Cr Kuhl's Portfolios include:

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

Cr Kuhl is Council's Representative on:

- Internal Audit Committee
- Western Queensland Local Government Association
- Australian Women's Local Government Association
- Kronosaurus Korner Board Inc.
- Local Government Grants Commission
- Department of Natural Resources and Water Land Valuation Committee
- Regional Development Australia
- Regional Planning Advisory Committee
- Local Disaster Management Group (Deputy Chair)
- MITEZ
- North West Regional Organisation of Councils

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



COUNCILLOR
Cr Kevin Bawden

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

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

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

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

Councillor Bawden's Portfolios include:

Rural Land Management
Parks and Gardens
Environmental Health

Cr Bawden is Council's representative on:

Southern Gulf Catchments
Richmond Fish Stocking Association
Regional Landcare Facilitators Committee

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



COUNCILLOR
Cr Patsy-Ann Fox

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

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

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

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

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

Councillor Patsy-Ann Fox's Portfolio is:

Community Services and Development
Community Infrastructure
Youth Services

Cr Fox is Council's representative on:

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

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



COUNCILLOR
Cr Bethea Pattel

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

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

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

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

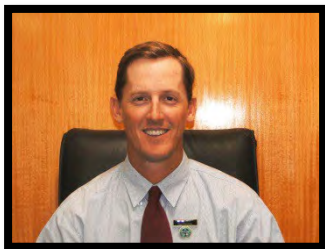
Councillor Bethea Pattel's Portfolio is:

Tourism and Marketing
Arts and Culture
Community Events

Committee Representation:

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

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



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

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

COUNCILLOR

Cr Clay Kennedy

Clay is actively involved in many local clubs

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

While helping out when he can at

- Richmond Field Days
- Richmond Rodeo
- Richmond Races

Councillor Clay Kennedy's Portfolio is:

Roads
Water and Sewerage Services
Aerodrome

Committee Representation:

Regional Roads Group
Kronosaurus Korner Board Inc.

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

REMUNERATION TO COUNCILLORS

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

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

Local Government Area	Mayor	Deputy Mayor	Councillor	Amalgamation Loading (where applicable)	Category
Richmond Shire Council	\$103,918.00	\$59,952.00	\$51,958.00	No amalgamation loading payable	1

The following maximum remuneration applied from 1 July 2018 for Mayors, Deputy Mayors and Councillors of Local Governments.

<i>Mayor John Wharton AM</i>	<i>\$103,918.00</i>
<i>Deputy Mayor June Kuhl</i>	<i>\$59,952.00</i>
<i>Councillor Kevin Bawden</i>	<i>\$51,958.00</i>
<i>Councillor Patsy Ann Fox</i>	<i>\$51,958.00</i>
<i>Councillor Bethea Pattel</i>	<i>\$51,958.00</i>
<i>Councillor Clay Kennedy</i>	<i>\$51,958.00</i>

Refer to:

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

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

SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS TO COUNCILLORS

1 July 2018 – 30 June 2019

Name	General & Special Meetings	Travel	Conferences Deputations Inspections	Total
Cr. Wharton	101,631.00			101,631.00
Cr. Kuhl	58,632.96			58,632.96
Cr. Bawden	50,814.96			50,814.96
Cr. Fox	50,814.96			50,814.96
Cr. Pattel	50,814.96	963.27		51,778.23
Cr. Kennedy	50,814.96			50,814.96
TOTAL	363,523.80	963.27		364,487.07

SUMMARY OF COUNCILLORS SUPERANNUATION

1 July 2018 – 30 June 2019

Name				
Cr. Wharton	Super Guarantee			9,654.96
Cr. Kuhl	SuperChoice			5,570.16
Cr. Bawden	Super Guarantee			4,827.48
Cr. Fox	Super Guarantee			4,827.48
Cr. Pattel	SuperChoice			4,827.48
Cr. Kennedy	Austsafe			4,827.48
TOTAL				34,535.04

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS ATTENDED 2018 - 2019

1 July 2018 – 30 June 2019

Name	Ordinary Meetings Held	Ordinary Meetings Attended	Special Meetings Held	Special Meetings Attended
Cr. Wharton	12	12	1	1
Cr. Kuhl	12	12	1	1
Cr Bawden	12	12	1	1
Cr Fox	12	12	1	1
Cr Kennedy	12	12	1	1
Cr Pattel	12	12	1	0

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

Facilities and Equipment Provided

Mayor

Mobile phone and laptop – private use

Council vehicle – private use

Councillors

Laptop – private use

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

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

REMUNERATION TO SENIOR STAFF 2018- 2019

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION COMPLAINTS

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

Administrative Action Complaints	2018/2019
Complaints made to Council	21
Complaints resolved under the complaints management process	21
Complaints not resolved under the complaints management process and referred to council for internal review by the Queensland Ombudsman	0
Complaints not resolved under the complaints management process and externally reviewed by the Queensland Ombudsman	0
Complaints not yet resolved in 2018/19	0

SENIOR OFFICERS

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

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

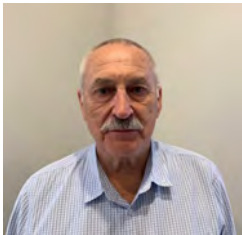
The Chief Executive Officer and three Senior Officers form the executive team.

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



Chief Executive Officer

Peter Bennett



Director of Works

Bart Servaas



Manager of Finance & Administration

Colin Duffy



Manager of Community Development & Services

Angela Henry

Chief Executive Officer	Mr Peter Bennett
Director of Works	Mr Bart Servaas
2018/19 Manager Finance & Admin	Ms Debbie Glyde
Current Manager Finance & Admin	Mr Colin Duffy
Manager of Community Development & Services	Mrs Angela Henry
Works Co-ordinator	Mr Frank Norton
RMPC Foreman	Mr Ricki Davidson
Workshop Foreman	Mr Phillip Chappell
Water and Sewerage Officer	Mr Geoffrey Johnson
Town Services Supervisor	Mr Benny Smith
Safety & Compliance Advisor	Mr Ashley Lohmann

Other Key Staff -

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

COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

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

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

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

WORKS AND SERVICES

July 2018 to June 2019 was a busy year for Councils workforce. Council had to deliver major projects within tight timeframes and recover from one of the biggest flood events in the history of the Shire.

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

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

Richmond Shire – Key Infrastructure Network

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

Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme (TIDS)

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

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

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

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

Caravan Park – New large van sites: The new sites have been sealed and is open for business.



Photo: Sealing large van sites.



Photo: Town services planting shade trees at large van sites.

New Toilet at the Lake – Locky Dowling and Geoffrey Johnston erected the new toilet within 2 days. The plumbers are currently installing the sinks and toilets.



Photo: Lake Toilet



Photo: Widening of the Lake walkway.

TMR – Pavement & Sealing Works Winton Road – Council Construction Crew
Construction crew

Winton road – Beef roads contract Km 56.4 to 61.0

- 2km of the job has had the two coat seal, 14mm and 10mm, and is completed.
- 2.5km has had to be ripped and rilled out to try and dry the subgrade and subbase.
- In the process of laying the subgrade back down and the subbase on the first 500m.



First half sealed section Beef road work



Second half (wet) section Beef road work

Date & Time: Wed, 20 Feb 2019, 12:15:36 AEST
Position: -020.694311° / +142.660955°
Altitude: 552ft
Datum: WGS-84
Azimuth/Bearing: 255° S75W 4533mils (True)
Elevation Angle: -04.8°
Horizon Angle: +06.1°
Zoom: 2X



Winton Road Damage



Chatfield Creek over the Flinders Highway



O'Connell Creek over the Flinders Highway



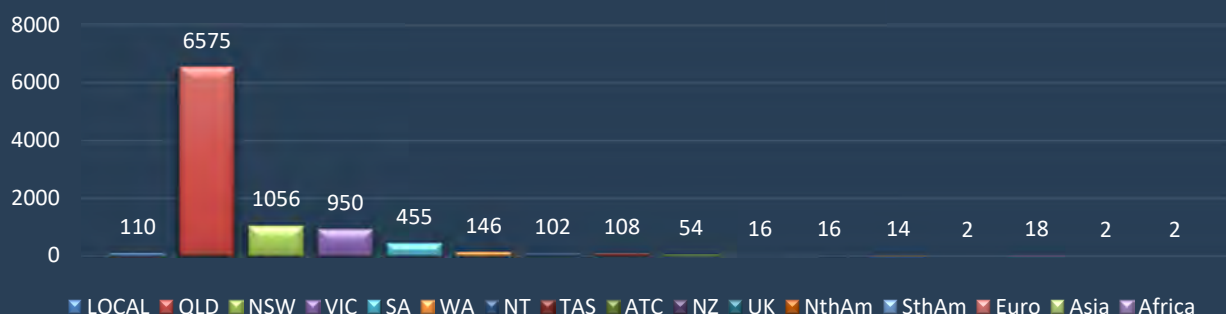
Corfield Road washed away

This was a typical scene for a lot of the local roads, especially on the south side of Richmond.

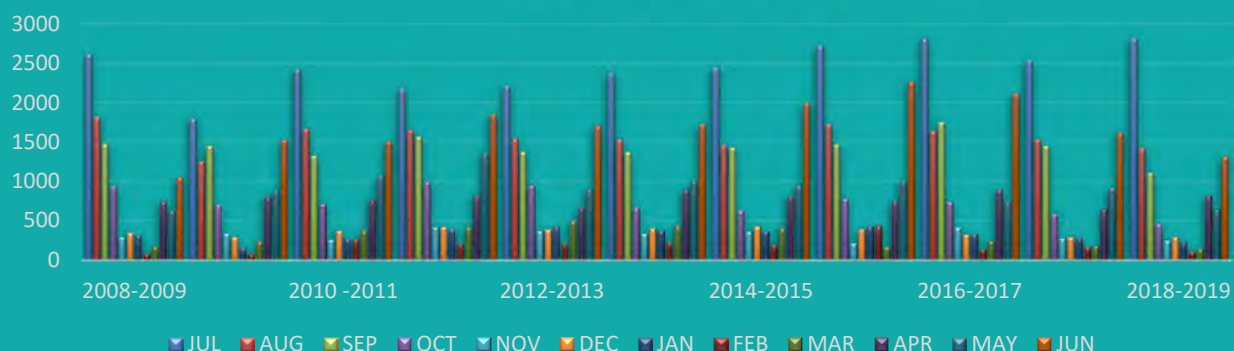
KRONOSAURUS KORNER REPORT

	2017/2018	2018/2019	DIFFERENCE %
Adults	2158	2304	6.77%
Concessions	2900	2729	-5.90%
Children	1241	1311	5.64%
Complimentary	84	49	-41.67%
Tour	73	71	-2.74%
ADT	851	452	-46.89%
Total Museum Admission	7307	6916	-5.35%
VIC Visitors	3277	2710	-17.30%
TOTAL	10584	9626	-9.05%
Admission \$	\$148,340.62	\$163,413.57	10.16%
Digs \$	\$31,642.00	\$18,403.86	-41.84%
Souvenir Sales \$	\$100,989.19	\$111,908.03	10.81%
Bus / Rail Sales \$	\$4,231.81	\$3,725.76	-11.96%
TOTAL \$	\$285,203.62	\$297,451.22	4.29%
\$ Expenditure per person	\$26.95	\$30.90	14.66%

ORIGIN OF VISITORS JUL 2018 - JUN 2019



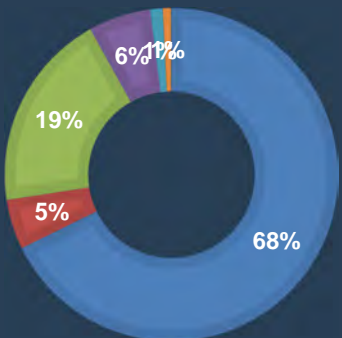
YEARLY COMPARISON FIGURES VISITOR NUMBERS



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

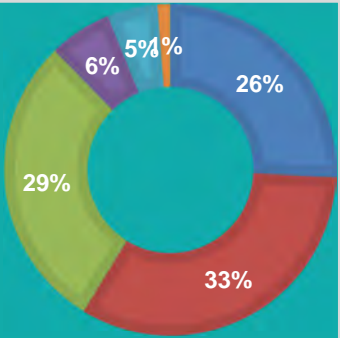
WHAT IS THE MAIN PURPOSE FOR YOUR TRIP?

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



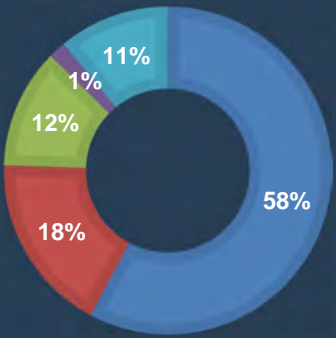
HOW MANY NIGHTS DO YOU PLAN TO SPEND IN RICHMOND?

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



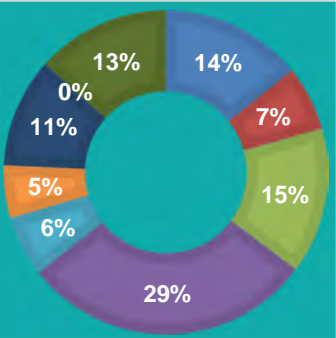
WHERE ARE YOU PLANNING TO STAY?

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



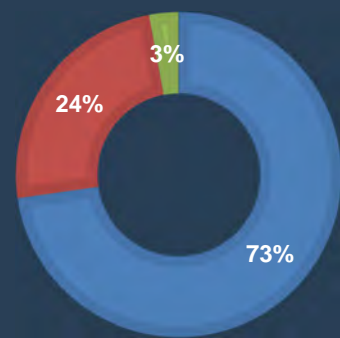
WHERE DID YOU STAY THE NIGHT PRIOR TO ARRIVING IN RICHMOND?

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



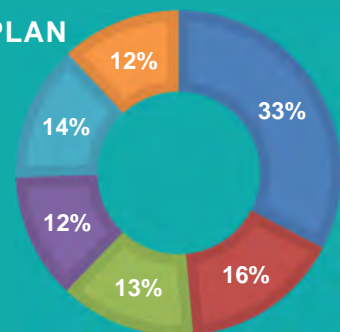
HOW MANY TIMES HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY VISITED RICHMOND?

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



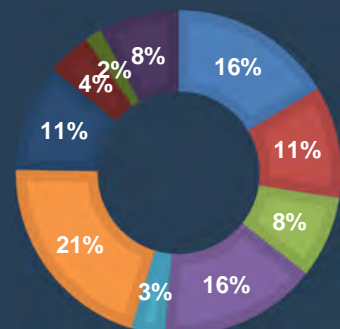
WHAT ATTRACTIONS / ACTIVITIES HAVE YOU DONE OR PLAN ON DOING DURING YOUR STAY IN RICHMOND?

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



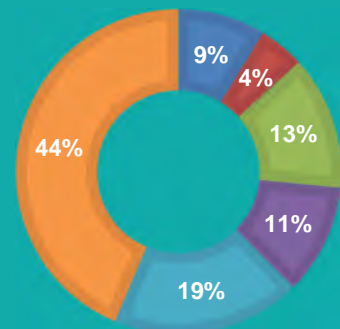
HOW DID YOU FIND OUT ABOUT RICHMOND?

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



WHAT AGE GROUP ARE YOU IN?

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



July and August 2019 were very productive with the digging program. Kronosaurus Korner partnered with Sternberg Science Camps (associated with Sternberg Museum of Natural History, Hays, Kansas USA) to bring nine American high school students, accompanied by two staff to Richmond and Kronosaurus Korner for nearly three weeks of field work. This was very beneficial to all due to the similarities between the Eromanga Sea and the Western Interior Sea that covered modern day Canada and USA during similar timeframes. The 'Big Dig' program was held over one week with six paying participants in week one, concentrating on a 'new' area within Dig Site 1.

The public digging program at Kronosaurus Korner continued this year. During the Queensland and New South Wales school holidays, Mini-Palaeo Adventures continue, being a full day of digging on a private property, and now run three days/week. Digging@Dusk/Dawn introductory digging tours have increased to three days/week, during the September, April & June school holidays. So, no matter what the budget of the individual tourist, there are digging opportunities where participants are guaranteed to find fossils they can keep. These digging programs have significantly contributed to the collection at Kronosaurus Korner, with many specimens collected by the public and staff during these digs.

A strong educational focus continues this year, collaborating with Heatley Secondary College in Townsville, Spinifex College, Mount Isa and JCU Undergraduate students visiting Kronosaurus Korner as part of their curriculum, with these groups staying 1 or more nights in Richmond to enhance their stay. The Kronosaurus School Challenge continued with disappointingly poor participation.

Research partnerships continue with Australian Age of Dinosaurs, University of Queensland, Swinburne University (Vic), and Queensland Museum have visited Kronosaurus Korner to access collection material. Appropriate documentation associated with accessing the collection has been developed to meet international museum standards. The Society of Vertebrate Palaeontology (CVP) International Conference was held in Brisbane in October 2019, with a field trip out to the Dinosaur Trail bringing international visitors to visit Kronosaurus Korner and the dig pits. This has led to beneficial networking opportunities for Kronosaurus Korner. At the SVP conference, there were many presentations surrounding research work on many of the specimens held in our collection – including Kunbarrasaurus, Ichthyosaurs and Austrosaurus.

Future-proofing this growth of Kronosaurus Korner has been taken into consideration, with Stage 3 expansion plans being shovel ready following an allocation of \$50,000 through the Outback Tourism Infrastructure Fund.

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

Visited May 2019 and Dug for Dinosaurs - "Hubby has wanted to do the Australian Dinosaur trail since he was about 8 and so to celebrate his 50th birthday we finally ticked it off the bucket list. Michelle Johnston the Curator of Kronosaurus Korner was absolutely amazing. We did an early morning dig with her and as she had no-one else we had her all to ourselves. Hubby was as excited as an 8 year old and thoroughly enjoyed having all his questions answered by Michelle. Given hubby has Parkinson's disease, watching him on his knees, digging for dinosaurs and other fossils, knowing both the excitement and enjoyment as well as knowing he was joyfully and painfully fighting the agony of his condition just made it all the more worthwhile. We had a most amazing couple of hours walking around Kronosaurus Korner museum and reading and seeing the fossils and the dinosaurs. The cafe staff were also very kind and friendly and all in all I couldn't recommend this place more highly as a standout for Australian tourism. Thank you to everyone (except the caretakers of the Caravan Park - but that's another story for another time) for making my husband's trip so very happily memorable." - **Sandra P, Hillston, Australia (9 June 2019- TripAdvisor)**

If you're into Dinosaurs. You must see this - "Visiting Kronosaurus Kroner was on the must see list whilst I was working in the area, and I was not disappointed. The museum is first class. The displays, audio tour, introductory movie, the genuinely friendly and informative staff left me a little overwhelmed. Cheers to Melissa with your knowledge of the museum and the area made my day in Richmond and truly memorable experience" - **Rhys L, Julia Creek (March 2019 - TripAdvisor)**

Informative and interesting - "We started our visit with a short video presentation about the history of the region and dinosaur discoveries. Following this, there were several rooms to explore. Guests are provided with audio guides which match up to numbers on each display. Very much a self-paced exhibit, with lots to see and listen to. All in all we felt that this is a great collection for dinosaur enthusiasts, and well worth the visit if you are passing through Richmond." - **CT81, Australia (October 2018 - TripAdvisor)**

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES

Council is driven by community service obligation rather than profit. It is Council's responsibility to provide residents with services such as roadworks, street lighting, stormwater drainage, water supply, sewerage and garbage collection. Richmond Shire Council also provides Aged Care Services, Library and Outside of School Hours Care Services along with providing support to local clubs and organisations to ensure Richmond's liveability.

To provide the necessary services and facilities, Council spends considerable funds on materials and services in addition to our employee costs. In accordance with Council's Purchasing Policy, we try to give preference to local business when work is tendered or goods and services procured. By purchasing locally Council is contributing to the sustainability of the area.

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

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

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

TOURISM, SPORTS AND EVENTS

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

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

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

Richmond Shire Council plays a vital role in supporting community welfare, cultural, sporting and other community based organisations. Through the Inkind Request and Community Small Grants Program, Richmond Shire Council was honoured to be able to assist Clubs provide the following social calendar events for 2018-19

DATE	EVENT	VENUE
1 July	Richmond Enduo	Flinders River
16-20 July	KK Big Dig 1	Fossicking Site
23-27 July	KK Big Dig 2	Fossicking Site
28 July	Richmond Rodeo	Rodeo Grounds
11 August	Richmond Turf Club Races	Richmond Racecourse
12 August	Richmond Tigers JRL Home Game	Charlie Wehlow Oval
26 August	Richmond Tigers JRL Home Game	Charlie Wehlow Oval
31 Aug – 2 Sept	Richmond Campdraft	Richmond Racecourse
15 September	Spouse Hunters Ball	Richmond Racecourse
16 September	Richmond Tigers Cluster Day	Charlie Wehlow Oval
22 September	Richmond Turf Club Races	Richmond Racecourse
29-30 September	Richmond Fishing Classic	Lake Fred Tritton
6 October	Spirituality Tune Up	Richmond Shire Hall
27 October	Richmond Tigers JRL Presentation Day	Charlie Wehlow Oval
27 October	Richmond Turf Club Races	Richmond Racecourse
3-4 November	Richmond Amateur Swim Carnival	Shire Pool
11 November	Ritual of Remembrance	Richmond Cemetery
12 November	Remembrance Day Service	Jack Brown Lions Park
25 January	Australia Day Celebrations	Tennis Courts
6 April	Richmond Tigers JRL Home Game	Charlie Wehlow Oval
9 April	Pit Stop to the Creek Community Movie Night	Jack Brown Lions Park
25 April	ANZAC day Service	Jack Brown Lions Park
9 June	Richmond Tigers JRL Home Game	Charlie Wehlow Oval
14-15 June	Richmond Field Days and Races	Richmond Racecourse

During 2018-19 Council provided donations, rates rebates and subsidies as well as non-financial assistance to volunteer and not for profit groups. Council's support of community groups is helping to build a stronger and safer community by encouraging greater community involvement. To alleviate the financial burden of two clubs, Council resolved to waive the rates for both the Golf and Bowls Club for three years.

2018-19 Club, Organisation and Individual In Kind Support

Club	Item	Cost for year
Richmond Lions Club	150 Chairs and 8 Tables	\$178.00
Richmond Swimming Club	100 Chairs BBQ	\$60.00 \$36.00
Richmond Turf Club	Generator Labour and Equipment Bollards for Bus Parking x 2 10 Rubbish Bins x 2	Not in F/C \$6094.05 Not in F/C Not in F/C

	Line marking Paint	\$170.90
	Subsidised Field Days	
	Copying	\$100
Richmond Campdraft	20 Bins BBQ	Not in F/C \$36.00
Richmond Spouse Hunters	Bus Hire – Local	\$200.00
	Racecourse Hire	\$286.00
Richmond Bowls Club	100% relief on Rates	
Richmond State School	Hall hire – Speech Night	\$286.00
	Pie Warmer and Delivery	\$43.00
	4 x Bus Hire – Hughenden	\$800.00
	Local Bus Hire	\$200.00
	1 x Bus Hire – Cloncurry	\$500.00
	1 x Bus Hire Julia Creek	\$250.00
Chaplaincy Program	Financial Contribution 4 x Local Bus Hire	\$10,000.00 \$200.00
Mary McKillop House	2 x Hall Hire	\$572.00
	25 chairs	\$15.00
	Table	\$8.00
	Water Cooler	Not in F/C
	PA	Not in F/C
	Photocopying	\$50.00
	2 x Woolgar Room Hire	\$490.00
Me and My Mum Hub	Photocopying 4 x Supper Room Hire	\$12.00 \$448.00
ICPA	3 x Supper Room Hire	\$336
Golf Club	Donation 100% relief on Rates	\$250.00
Mac Pattel	Donation	\$250.00
Hughenden Country Music Festival	Donation	\$800.00
Fish Stocking	6 x Wheelie Bins	Not in F/C
Kronosaurus Korner	10 x tables 25 x chairs 3 x Bin	\$80.00 \$15.00 Not in F/C
Senior League	1 x Bus Hire to Julia Creek	\$250.00
Landon Hughes	Donation	\$250.00
Rodeo Committee	10 Bins	Not in F/C
Qld Health	2 x Woolgar Room Hire	\$490.00
Gold City Suns – AFL Masters	2 x Hire of Oval	\$572.00
	Hire of Merlo for Goal Posts	\$1200.00
Jaime McLachlan	Donation – Soccer Goals	\$120.00
Tritton Farming	1 x Portaloo	\$90.00
Chaplaincy Program	Financial Assistance	\$10,000 cash

		\$5,000 Rent relief
QCWA	Regular Lawn Maintenance Small Community Grant – maintenance	\$5000.00
Richmond Pony Club	Community Small Grant - Fencing	\$2237.40



Australia Day Celebrations 2018 was hosted by the Richmond Tennis Club and served as an official opening of their new Club House completed during the 2018-19 year. Community Members enjoyed a free breakfast.



The Richmond Community honoured the following worthy recipients:

2018 Award
Winners

Citizens of the Year

Bethea Pattel
&
Keegan Nelson



Community Spirit

Marty & Camilla Rogers



Junior Sports
Sports Admin
 Charlie-Jane Limpus



Geoffrey Johnson



Sarus Crane Environmental Award - David Fox

Christmas Light winners for 2018 were:

Best Business 1st Prize: Federal Palace Hotel

Best Business 2nd Prize: Golden Run Rural

Best Business 3rd Prize: SPAR Supermarket

First Place Residential – Mully & Sherrie Morseu

2nd Place Residential – Lyn & Carol Shaw

3rd Place Residential – Becky Kuhl

Decorate your Gate for 2018

1st Place – Riverdale
Station



2nd Place – Clareborough Station

LIBRARY SERVICES

During 2018-2019 the Shire Library underwent some refurbishment thanks to the Queensland Government Community Drought Support – Extension Program. Council was successful in obtaining \$102,471 through this funding and was able to complete some structural and cosmetic work on the building which was originally a Bank. When renovations are complete Meeting Room 4 will be converted to a local history museum featuring many artefacts from War.



The dedicated Centrelink Room and Four Meeting rooms were heavily utilised during the January/February Floods providing office space for many support agencies that visited Richmond during the Monsoonal event. We welcomes, Department of Agriculture and Fisheries; Rural Financial Counselling Service, North West Rural and Remote Health Service, Primary Health Network, RFDS, Community Recovery Team and QRIDA.

The library continues to provide free Wi-Fi and internet access for the community, Centrelink Access Point Services and participates in the rural book Exchange. The library collection consists of books, magazines, CD's, DVD's and board games. The collection is regularly updated with new items. The library service provides access to a wide range of resources that address the information, education, recreation and leisure needs of the Richmond Community

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

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

RICHMOND AGED CARE

Richmond Shire Aged Care delivers a range of services including case management, group activities and individualised support services that assist older community members, younger people with disabilities and their Carers. This is achieved through a combined Commonwealth and State program of Commonwealth Home Support Packages (CHSP). 2018-19 has seen the Aged Care Team prepare for the implementation of the July 1 New Aged Care Standards. Richmond Aged Care supports 18 CHSP clients, 8 Level 2 Home Care Package Holders and 4 Level 4 Home Care Package Holders.

Case Managers coordinate individual care plans for clients and a range of services including Transport, Group Social Support and Client Services. Case Managers are able to support clients with a range of problems they may be experiencing such as advocacy with government departments and support with other contacts such as banks and health services. Individual consumer directed care plans include social support, information and advocacy or practical aids such as domestic assistance, personal care and transport. Transport is a vitally important service for the Shire in the absence of public transport. This service supports access for elderly people to medical appointments, social contacts and tasks such as shopping that enable them to maintain an independent and satisfying life. The Richmond Aged Care Team assist and accommodate individual preferences where possible, supporting outings and excursions.

The Centre-based Day Care program operates 2 days per week with a morning tea and a client elected activity. The Respite hall is open outside these days for individually organised events. A monthly Luncheon is always well attended.

Unfortunately the Richmond Community was without an active Community Health Nurse for much of 2018-19 – Council continues to advocate for this important position as there are a number of high care and vulnerable people in our community that would benefit from a Community Health Nurse visit. . Representatives from Richmond Aged Care attend the bi-monthly Community Advisory Network (CAN) meetings for the Richmond Health Centre.

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

OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Richmond Outside of School Hours Care offers Afterschool Services Monday to Friday from 2.30pm – 5.30pm during the school term and Vacation Care Services Monday – Friday (ex Public Holidays) from 8.00am to 5.30pm during School Holidays. 2018-19 saw the implementation of Child Care Fees for the first time within the Outside of School Hours Care Centre. Whilst this was met with some resistance initially, numbers are now at record levels with two days a week at capacity. The Centre continues to advertise for a part time Trainee.

Statistics continue to be collected for yearly comparisons.

The Service employs 1 Part time Co-ordinator and 1 Part Time Assistant and a Casual Assistant.

REGIONAL ARTS DEVELOPMENT FUND

Whilst community expressions of interest have remained low, Council continues to bid for Arts Funding for quick response Grants. On the back of the success of the Dance Workshops from 2017-18, Council and RADF funded a yearlong dance program that will culminate in two performance featuring children from Prep to Year 6.

COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS 2018-19

COMMUNITY GYM

The most successful Council Initiative during 2018-19 was the Opening in September 2018 of the 24/7 Community Gym. Council budgeted \$50,000 to purchase Commercial Grade Cardio and Strength Equipment. As at the end of June 2019 – the Gym had approx. 85 financial members. Approximately 45 casual memberships were granted to Itinerant workers i.e. Q Rail, Qld Health etc.

ME AND MY MUM HUB

During 2018-19 Council resolved to provide support to the Me and My Mum Hub. The Hub had recently expanded its scope of operations and had outgrown existing space. The unused area behind the Community Gym was allocated and while refurbishment works were taking place, permitted the Hub to utilise the unused old Council Office Building.

TOURISM AND MARKETING

The Lakeview Caravan Park acquired a Rotunda overlooking Lake Fred Tritton and a second amenities block, to further support the extension for larger vans and camping sites.



2018/19 saw Lakeview Caravan Park enter the Outback Queensland Tourism Authority's Hall of Fame.

Tourism and Marketing Manager Becky Kuhl win the OQTA Young Achievers Award – both fitting accolades for two deserving candidates



FUNDING ACHIEVED 2018-19

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

State Library First Five Forever – Sensory Play Toys for the 0-5 age group - \$1147

Arts Queensland - Regional Arts Development Fund - \$10,000

NQSF & PHN – Health and Wellness Funding - \$8900 to provide Free Yoga and Kickboxing Sessions

Dept of Sport and Recreation funding \$ 98,392.00 for the resurfacing on Charlie Wehlow Oval

Dept of Industry, Innovation and Science – Community Drought Support – Extension Program provided the following:

Upgrade and Extension of Cemetery Fence and internal Cemetery Road	\$179,496
Completion of the Lake Fred Tritton Footpath Widening	\$118,209
Refurbishment Works to Shire Library	\$102,471
Racecourse Amenities Block	\$521,069
Renovations to Vacant Building for Me and My Mum Hub	\$124,933
Southern Gulf Catchment – Rehabilitation Projects	\$ 5,000

The 2018-19 Community Drought Support Initiative provided \$90,000 which assisted with the following events

- Free Get Fit Bootcamp Sessions
- Free Yoga
- Community Van Park Dinners
- Christmas Light competition
- Turf Club – Family Day
- Lions Christmas Fete Fireworks
- Rodeo Association Events
- Spirituality Retreat
- Swim Club Carnival
- Junior Rugby League
- Richmond Golf Open

- Richmond Pony Club
- Dirt Bike Club
- Spouse Hunters Ball
- Campdraft
- Day for Daniel – Richmond State School
- Flying Skin Doctor
- Portable Electronic Scoreboard

The Community Drought Support Initiative also provided \$40,000 in Flexible Financial Hardship Funding which provided Vouchers to local businesses. 88 Properties utilised these Vouchers helping to support local businesses.



Maxwelton Township – Feb 2019

2018-2019 was a year most unexpected. Entering our seventh year of drought, January/February saw an unpredicted monsoonal event impact the Shire with extensive devastation to Council's Roads Infrastructure and financial and emotional devastation to the Shires Grazing Community. But like in many challenging times, Community Spirit shone through and our small community rallied around our own. Although the road to recovery will be long and it is taking some time to adjust to the new normal, we will take valuable lessons from this event and we will be a stronger and more resilient community because of it.

This unprecedented event impacted the southern side of the Shire with almost total devastation with stock losses in excess of 85% in some areas. The Community Spirit of our Shire shone through and the Local Disaster Management Group and SES responded professionally and admirably. Defence Force personnel stationed here were invaluable to staff and community and many close bonds were formed.

The Federal Government and State Governments together with the impacted Shires of Cloncurry, McKinlay, Richmond, Flinders and Winton developed the North West Queensland Flood Disaster Carcass Disposal Strategic Master Plan.

The Carcass Disposal Grant provided \$5000 to flood affected properties to assist with the disposal of Carcasses near homesteads and waters. There has been an identified 177 properties in the Shire. 21 properties were deemed ineligible as they were outside the identified flood zone. 2 applications were received from those ineligible and were subsequently declined. 1 application was received from a property that straddled Shires and based on the homestead principle.

116 Properties accessed the CDAG grant. One application was received after the grant closed. This was declined.

123 PPE Packs containing gum boots, gloves, eye and respiratory shields and hand sanitiser had been distributed within our Shire

510 packets of No-Moz mosquito pellets have been distributed to 170 properties within the Richmond Shire.

214 Emergency Hardship Assistance (EHA) grants were paid to Richmond Shire community members valued at \$81,920 with 458 people being assisted.

18 Essential Household Contents Grant (EHCG) were paid to Richmond Shire community members valued at \$23,235 with 24 people being assisted.

5 Structural Assistance Grant (SAG) applications have been received by home owners in Richmond Shire. 1 is in the process of being assessed, 3 were declined and 1 was paid valued at \$1,700 with 1 person being assisted.

3 Essential Services Safety and Reconnection Scheme Grants (ESSRS) were received from home owners in the Richmond Shire. 2 are in the process of being assessed and 1 has been declined.

Givit donated \$12800 worth of Shop Local Vouchers to 64 properties within the Richmond Shire

A donation was received by the Community Recovery Team in Cloncurry for a Family within the Richmond Shire to be gifted an accommodation voucher on Magnetic Island for a week in December. This Voucher was awarded by random selection and the Winners were most appreciative of the gesture.

Council and Community are appreciative to the Australian Defence Force, Qld Health, Primary Health Network, Remote and Rural Health, Rural Financial Counselling Service, Department of Agriculture and Fisheries and the RFDS for their valuable contribution to our community and their ongoing commitment to the recovery process.



20 Mile Reserve Cattle Yard – Feb 7, 2019

FINANCE POLICIES

Council resolved at its budget meeting on 31 July 2018 to revise all of its financial policies. All policies can be found in Richmond Shire Council's Policy Register and include:

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

DOCUMENTS OPEN TO INSPECTION

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

Registers

- Assets
- Cemetery
- Contracts / Agreements / Leases (Register only)
- Delegations
- Dog Registrations
- Material Personal Interests of Councillors
- Register of interests of a Councillor and their related persons
- Tenders
- Policies
- Local Laws

Reports

- Corporate and Operational Plans
- Community Plan
- Annual Reports
- Financial Statements
- Rates, Fees and Charges

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

Council Minutes and Agendas

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

Other matters

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

TRUST ACCOUNT BALANCES

RICHMOND SHIRE COUNCIL'S TRUST ACCOUNT BALANCES

AS AT 30 JUNE 2019

Townsville Health	\$516.95
Richmond Landcare	\$402.61
Public Buildings Bond	\$2,870.00
Miscellaneous Trust Money	\$8,327.63
RADF Funds	\$3,584.17
Memorial Trust – Greg Forster	\$2,400.00
HACC – fundraising & excursion	\$1,105.00
Harold Brisbin – Funeral Exp in advance	\$4,000.00
Colin Shaw – Funeral Exp in advance	\$3,980.00
Racecourse Stalls	\$3,865.10
Milo Cricket	\$210.00
Wayne Rhodes soft drink money	\$4,158.54
Bond K D & W D Krieg	\$300.00
Flood Relief Funds	\$25,000.00
Total	\$60,702.00

COMMUNITY FINANCE REPORT

Council's Community Financial Report is a brief summary of its financial performance and position for the 2018-19 financial year. The *Local Government Regulation 2012* requires Council to prepare its Community Financial Report containing an analysis of the local government's financial performance and position for the financial year.

Richmond Shire Council's Audited Financial Statements for 2018-19 are available on Council's website at www.richmond.qld.gov.au and are attached to this report.

Net Result:

Council has recorded total comprehensive income of \$3,039,102 this year. This is partly due to a \$1,880,044 revaluation of Council's major infrastructure assets.

2010/12	497,693
2011/13	8,910,308
2012/14	7,421,771
2013/15	27,408,839
2014/16	6,689,528
2015/17	6,129,742
2017/18	14,025,091
2018/19	3,039,102

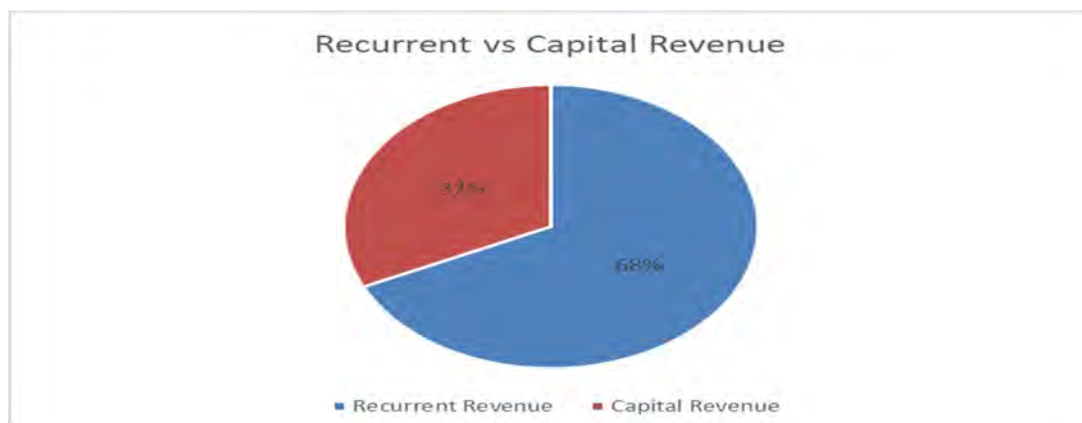
Net Results from operations, 2011/12 – 2018/19

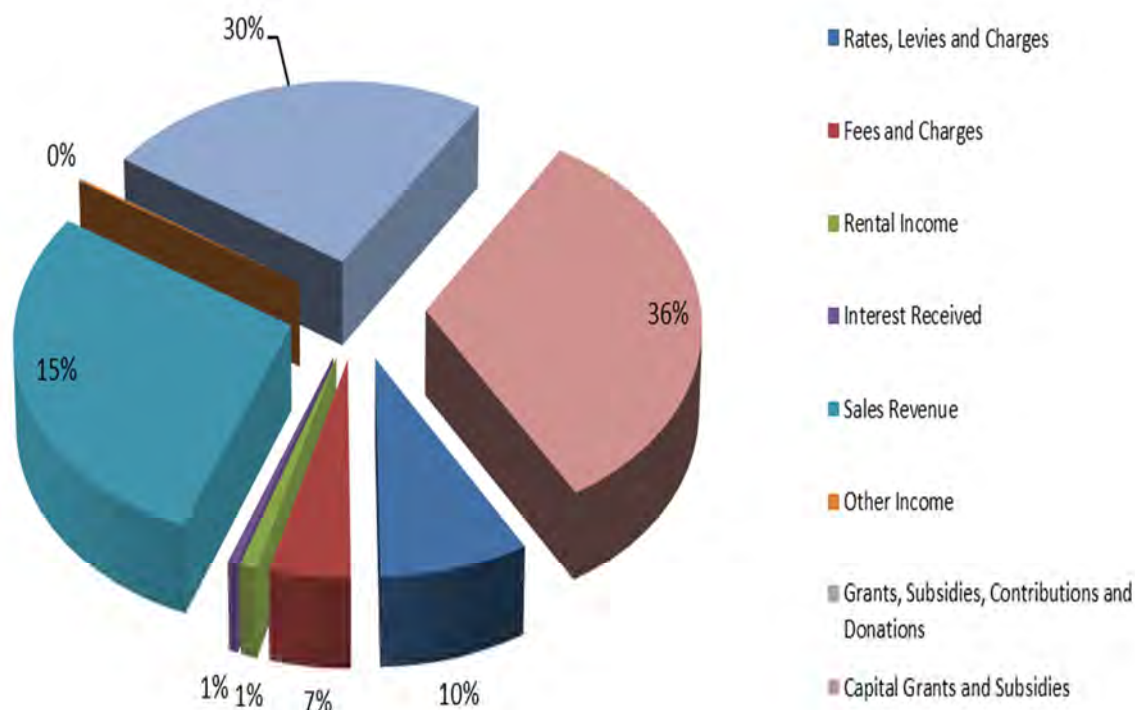
The Statement of Comprehensive Income:

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

Revenue:

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





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

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

Total revenue increased by \$6.3m. Most of this was due to an increase in contract works for main roads flood damage. Council capital grants also increased slightly this financial year. This is a little more than the standard contractual income Council expects to receive on an annual basis from the Queensland Government. The majority of our income comes from sales revenue with grants and subsidies being the next largest source of revenue (MRD – \$4.1M).

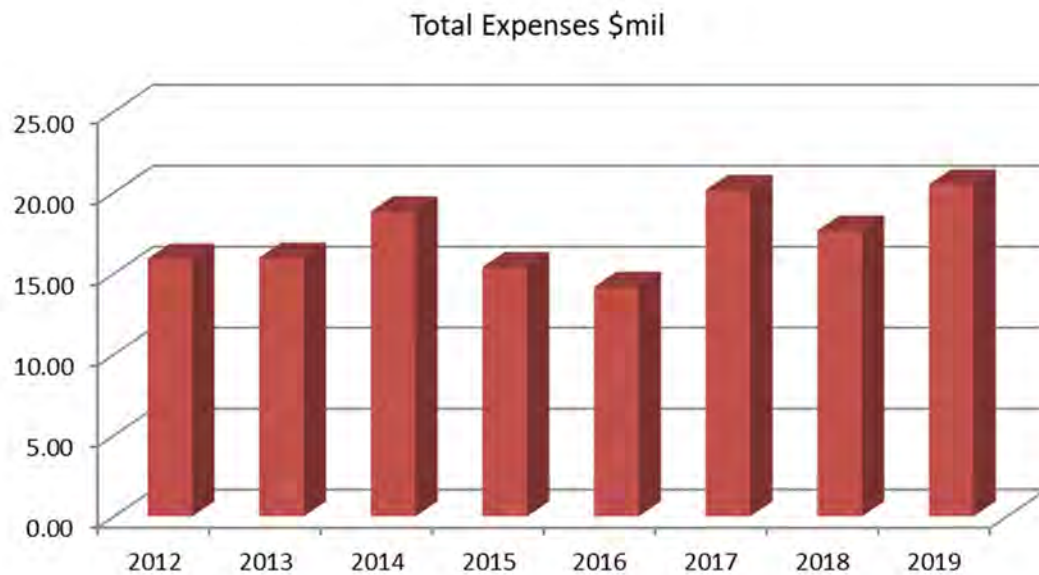
Council's ability to raise income from rates, levies and charges is limited by the population. The income generated from this source is 7.3% of total revenue.

Capital Revenue increased slightly this year due to flood damage restoration works on council owned assets such as road infrastructure.

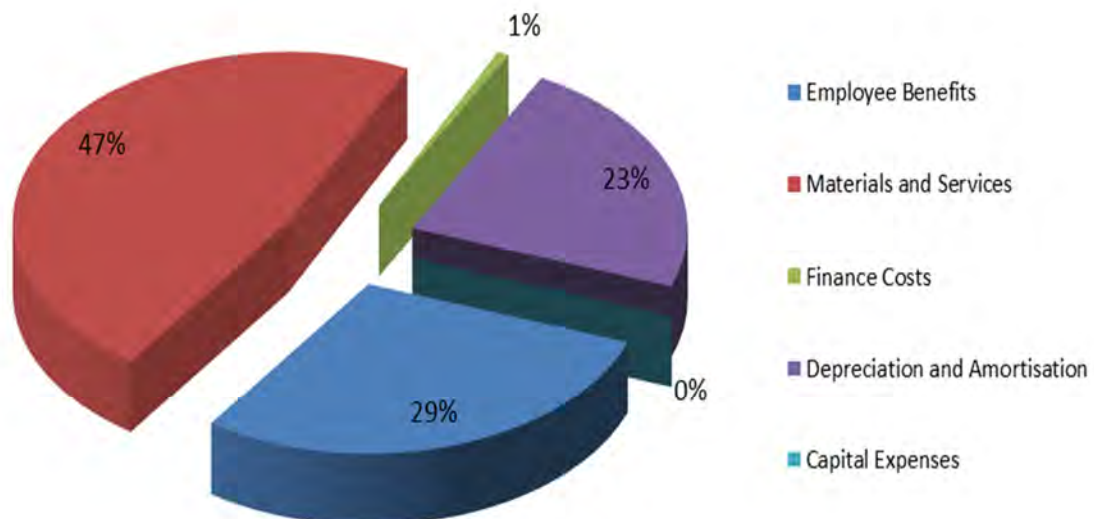
Expenditure:

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

Total Expenses \$21.19mil



Materials and Services made up the largest type of expenditure at 47% followed by employee benefits at 29% and depreciation at 23%.



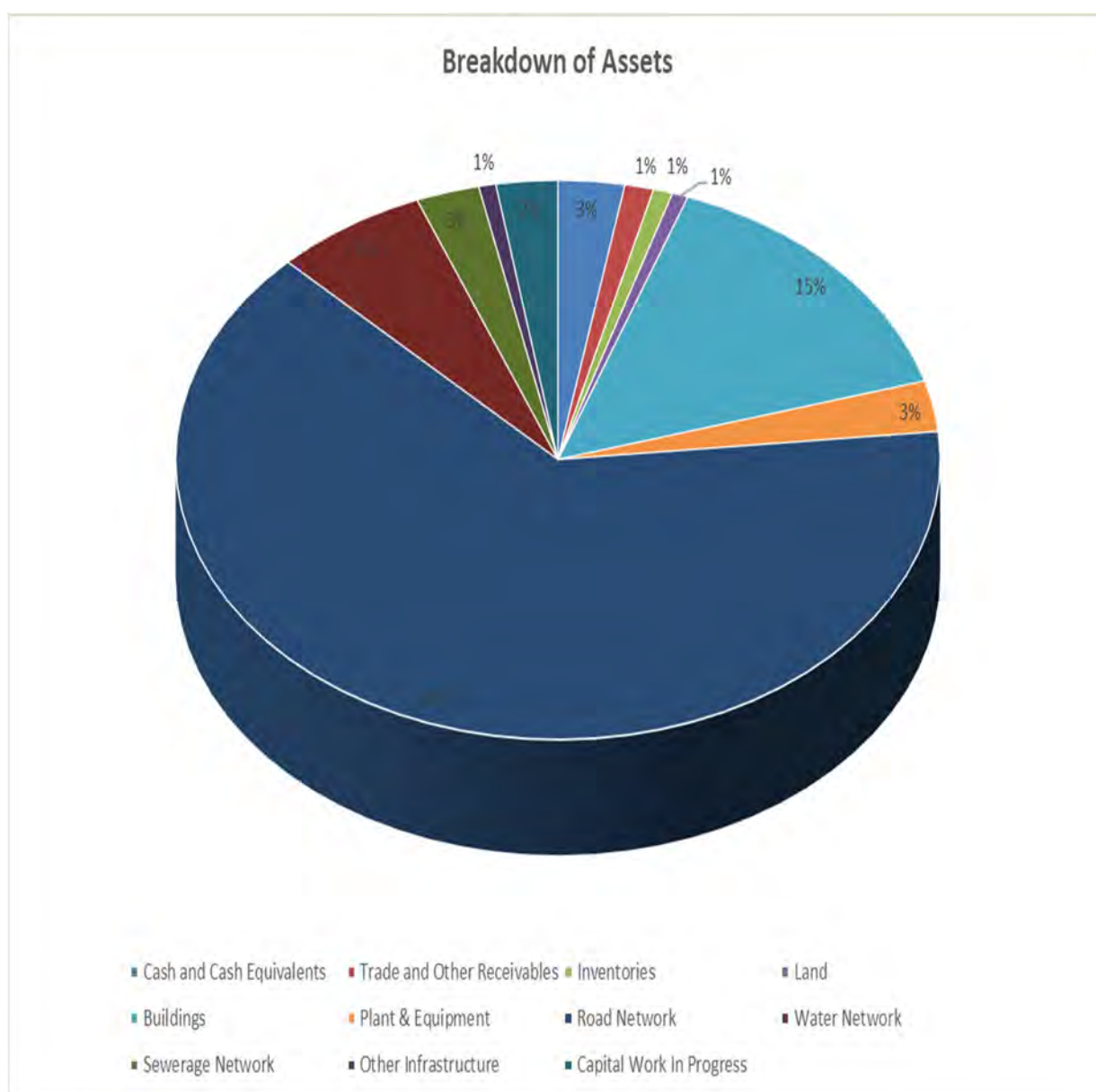
The Statement of Financial Position:

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

Assets:

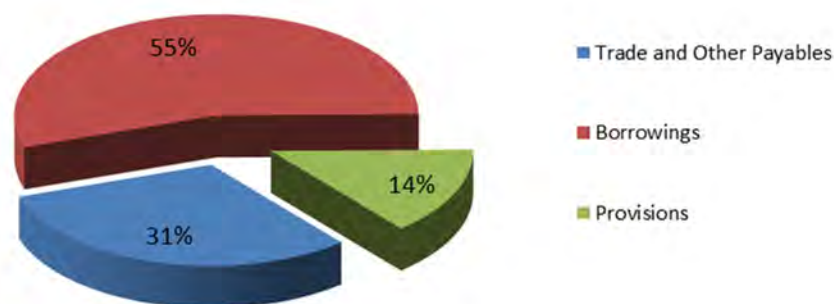
Current Assets are made up mainly of cash and cash equivalents as well as money owed to Council and inventories.

Non-current assets are predominantly property plant and equipment that include items such as roads, water and sewerage infrastructure, buildings and vehicles. These assets alone are worth \$196 million or 95% of Council's assets, with cash, inventories and receivables accounting for a further \$10 million. Roads, water and sewerage networks make up the majority of the infrastructure assets.



Liabilities:

Council's liabilities comprise amounts owing for provisions, borrowings and trade and other payables. Provisions are for future entitlements Council owes to employees. Liabilities as at 30 June 2019 totalled \$8.02 million. This amount comprised of \$2.4 million in trade creditors due, \$4.4 million in loan borrowings and \$1.1 million in employee leave provisions.



The Statement of Changes in Equity:

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

Total Assets **\$206.250M** – Total Liabilities **\$8.022M** = Community Equity **\$198.228M**

Community equity rose by \$3.039M from the previous year due to the \$1.880M revaluation increase of assets and increase in retained surplus of \$1.159M. Council's retained surplus comprises amounts representing the asset retained capital and other changes in the value of Council's assets over time.

The Statement of Cash Flows:

The Statement of Cash Flows identifies the cash received and cash spent throughout the year. The statement shows Council's ability to cover its expenditures and where those funds are derived. Council's cash balance increased by \$159K compared to the previous financial year.

Council's cash flows from operating activities incorporate the recurrent activities of Council. The cash flows from investing activities show Council spent \$6.2M investing in property, plant and equipment. This includes capital works on Council's roads, buildings and the replacement of plant and equipment.

Measures of Council's Financial Sustainability:

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

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

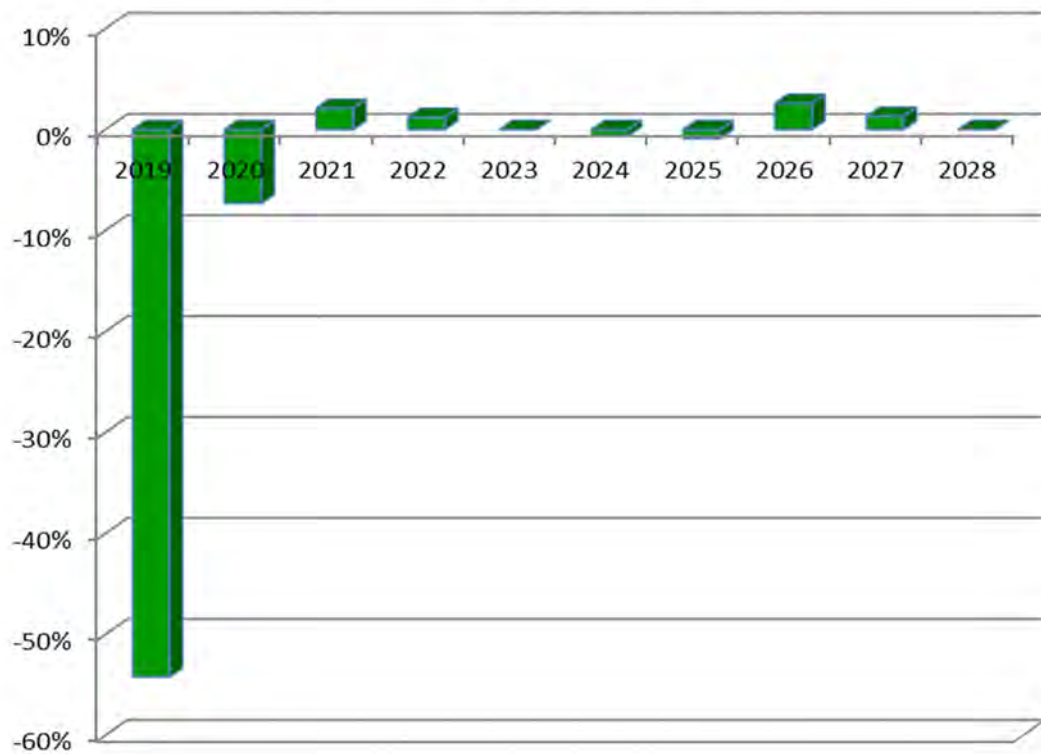
Section 169 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* requires the inclusion of the relevant measures of financial sustainability. These ratios are also included in Council's 10-year financial plan, with reviews conducted on a regular basis. Targets are set by the Department of Local Government, Racing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

Operating Surplus Ratio:

This measures the extent to which revenue raised (excluding capital grants and contributions) covers operational expenses. As at 30 June 2019, Councils operating surplus ratio was a deficit of 54%. This is because Council undertook extensive flood damage repair works on roads during the year and received reimbursement from the State Government.

For the majority of the next 10 years Council will be below breakeven without sufficient operational grant funding to provide services or reimbursement for repairing flood damaged infrastructure.

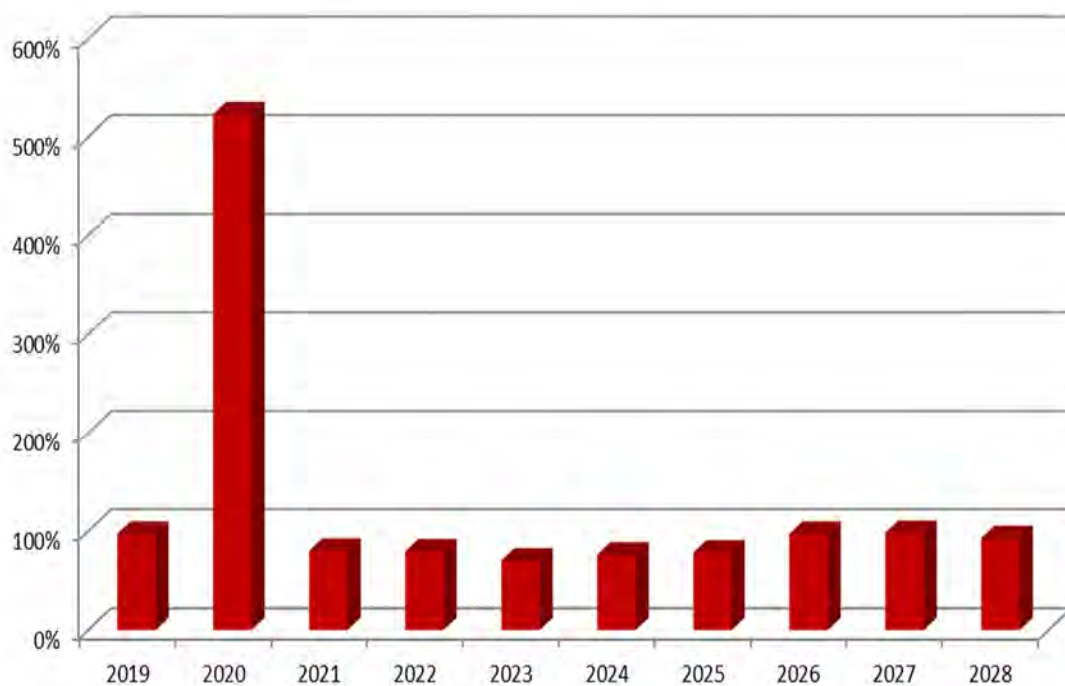
Operating surplus ratio



Asset Sustainability Ratio:

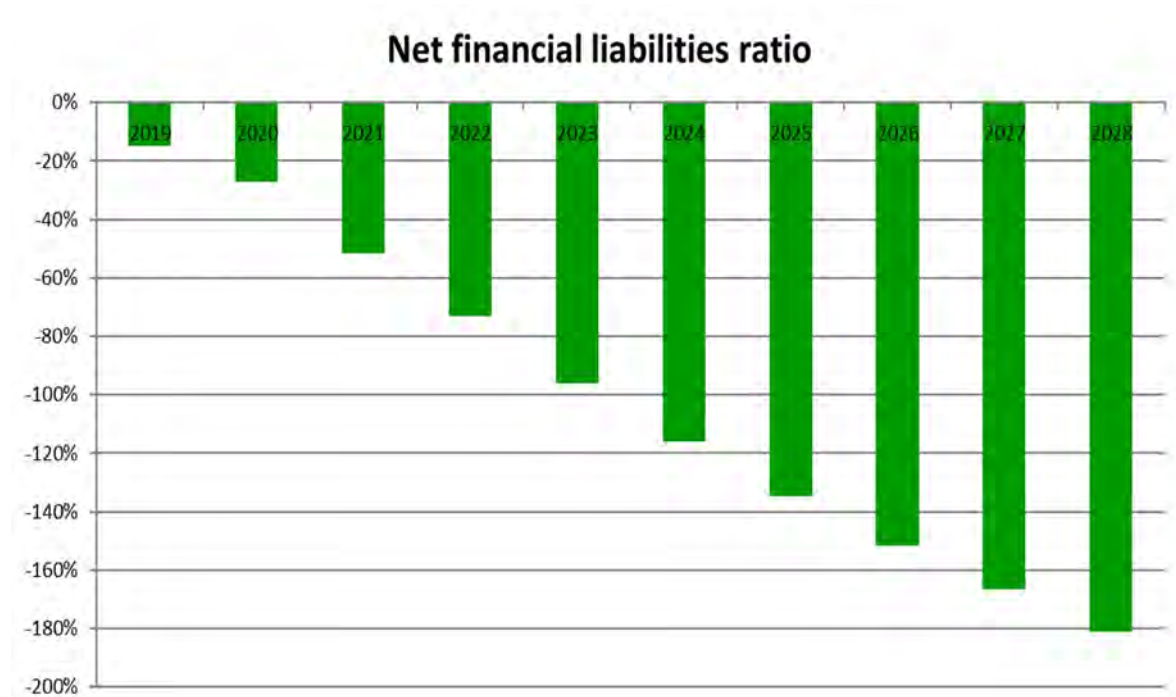
Target is 90%. Council is at 96.9% for the 2018/19 financial year, future financial years will be dependent on flood damage and available grants.

Asset sustainability ratio



Net Financial Liabilities Ratio:

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





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Operational Plan

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Finance and Administration

Activity Identified:	Upgrade Staff Housing
Budget Implication:	\$50,000
Activity Objectives:	Continue to upgrade staff housing.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Property Management
Amount Spent	\$50,908.67
Objective Update	Multiple houses and units had work done to them.

Activity Identified:	Painting of Building
Budget Implication:	\$50,000
Activity Objectives:	Paint buildings as required.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Property Management
Amount Spent	\$28,907
Objective Update	Couple of houses and CVP ablution block.

Activity Identified:	Red Cross Building
Budget Implication:	\$10,000
Activity Objectives:	Install 20 foot donga.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Property Management
Amount Spent	\$11,901
Objective Update	Completed

Activity Identified:	Parks and Gardens Poison Shed
Budget Implication:	\$6,000
Activity Objectives:	Erect shed for the storage of poisons
Corporate Plan Objective:	Property management
Amount Spent	\$3,588
Objective Update	Almost complete

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Activity Identified:	Convert Library to Gym
Budget Implication:	\$50,000
Activity Objectives:	Convert old library into a simple gym for public use and install quality gym equipment.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Property Management
Amount Spent	\$55,975.04
Objective Update	Completed

Activity Identified:	Repaint and floor coverings new Library
Budget Implication:	\$20,000
Activity Objectives:	Freshen up new library.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Property management
Amount Spent	\$89,105.45
Objective Update	Completed with money from Community Drought Support funds.

Activity Identified:	Aged Care Shed
Budget Implication:	\$15,000
Activity Objectives:	Build a shed to house all the aged care equipment.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Property Management
Amount Spent	
Objective Update	Not needed

Activity Identified:	Dog pound upgrade
Budget Implication:	\$10,000
Activity Objectives:	Upgrade the conditions of the dog pound to meet regulations.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Property Management
Amount Spent	\$15,647
Objective Update	Completed

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Activity Identified:	Fence around communication tower
Budget Implication:	\$20,000
Activity Objectives:	Put fence around communication tower.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Property Management
Amount Spent	\$5,116.18
Objective Update	Completed

Activity Identified:	Depot fence
Budget Implication:	\$25,000
Activity Objectives:	Upgrade fence at the Crawford Street Depot
Corporate Plan Objective:	Property Management
Amount Spent	\$8,923
Objective Update	Partly done, holes fixed and made secure.

Activity Identified:	Accounting System
Budget Implication:	\$150,000
Activity Objectives:	Introduce a new accounting system to replace the aging Practical accounting system.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Financial Management
Amount Spent	\$103,106
Objective Update	Completed

Activity Identified:	Admin building rear entry cover
Budget Implication:	\$5,000
Activity Objectives:	Wet weather cover for rear entry.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Building maintenance
Amount Spent	
Objective Update	Not started due to lack of tradesman.

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Activity Identified:	Monitor water allocation and billing implementation
Budget Implication:	Staff time
Activity Objectives:	Council will read water meter monthly and forward quarterly water notices.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Financial Management
Amount Spent	
Objective Update	Hard to get staff to find and read meters. Introduction of Taggle to fix situation.

Activity Identified:	Prepare planning documents
Budget Implication:	\$100,000
Activity Objectives:	Design and develop plans for projects like the Skate Park & BMX track, pool cover, and land use agreement for the town area.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Corporate Governance
Amount Spent	
Objective Update	

Activity Identified:	Planning documentation for agricultural project
Budget Implication:	\$1,550,000
Activity Objectives:	Develop construction ready design plans for agricultural project.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Economic Development
Amount Spent	\$345,076
Objective Update	Planning commenced and will be finished next financial year.

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Works and Services

Activity Identified:	Town Streets
Budget Implication:	\$250,000
Activity Objectives:	Cramb, Tolano, Carter, Harris Streets.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Roads
Amount Spent	
Objective Update	Not started due to floods.

Activity Identified:	Croydon Road – Hazelwood Channels
Budget Implication:	\$626,800
Activity Objectives:	Continue to upgrade the Croydon Road utilising TIDS, R2R and other funding sources.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Roads
Amount Spent	\$626,800
Objective Update	Completed

Activity Identified:	Croydon Road Upgrade
Budget Implication:	\$1,360,000
Activity Objectives:	Continue to upgrade the Croydon Road utilising beef roads funding. Continue bitumen program from the end of the existing seal.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Roads
Amount Spent	\$1,360,000
Objective Update	Completed

Activity Identified:	Storm water replacement
Budget Implication:	\$100,000
Activity Objectives:	Ongoing storm water replacement program
Corporate Plan Objective:	Water & Roads
Amount Spent	\$34,416
Objective Update	Partly completed, floods influenced works.

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Activity Identified:	Repaint Airstrip
Budget Implication:	\$35,000
Activity Objectives:	Repaint lines on airstrip to remain compliant.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Aerodrome
Amount Spent	\$24,325
Objective Update	Completed

Activity Identified:	Fossil Site Road Upgrade
Budget Implication:	\$250,000
Activity Objectives:	Provide all weather access to fossil site (apply for grant funding)
Corporate Plan Objective:	Roads
Amount Spent	
Objective Update	Grant not successful will try in new year.

Activity Identified:	Croydon Road Upgrade
Budget Implication:	\$200,000
Activity Objectives:	Gravel new realignment at the end of the Croydon Road.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Roads
Amount Spent	\$200,000
Objective Update	Completed

Activity Identified:	Main street beautification project
Budget Implication:	\$25,000
Activity Objectives:	Ergon to remove poles from centre medium strip from Ammonite Motel to Caravan Park and relocate to footpaths on the side.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Roads
Amount Spent	
Objective Update	Not started, waiting on Ergon.

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Activity Identified:	Flood Damage
Budget Implication:	\$5,000,000
Activity Objectives:	To complete all flood damage works before December 2018.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Roads
Amount Spent	\$1,295,398
Objective Update	Only partially completed.

Activity Identified:	Maxi Frontage Road Gravel Works
Budget Implication:	\$200,000
Activity Objectives:	Shire Roads Improvement Program
Corporate Plan Objective:	Roads
Amount Spent	\$200,000
Objective Update	Completed

Activity Identified:	Continuous upgrade of Council Plant
Budget Implication:	\$436,482
Activity Objectives:	Upgrade plant and equipment in accordance with Council's replacement program to maintain a quality fleet.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Asset Management
Amount Spent	\$193,000
Objective Update	Some rolled over.

Activity Identified:	Rubbish tip hole
Budget Implication:	\$20,000
Activity Objectives:	Dig a new rubbish pit for the towns waste.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Waste Management
Amount Spent	\$9,158
Objective Update	Completed

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Activity Identified:	Clean up old dump site
Budget Implication:	\$40,000
Activity Objectives:	Clean up old dumpsite to make more presentable and stop the spread of rubbish.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Waste Management
Amount Spent	\$38,763
Objective Update	Completed

Activity Identified:	Rubbish dump site office and shed
Budget Implication:	\$10,000
Activity Objectives:	Install a site office at the dump for the manager to use and install a shed for their machinery.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Waste Management
Amount Spent	\$14,542
Objective Update	Ongoing

Activity Identified:	Chlorine Pump at Swimming Pool
Budget Implication:	\$15,000
Activity Objectives:	New chlorine pump at the swimming pool to safer administration of chemical.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Asset Management
Amount Spent	\$3,467
Objective Update	Completed

Activity Identified:	Replace water mains in Maxi
Budget Implication:	\$100,000
Activity Objectives:	Replace water mains in Maxwellton as the old network constantly has leaks and draws on the resources of Council Plumbers better used elsewhere.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Water
Amount Spent	\$140,237
Objective Update	Completed

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Activity Identified:	Bulk kerbside waste collections
Budget Implication:	\$7,000
Activity Objectives:	Provide a bulk kerbside waste collection annually to help maintain a tidy town.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Cleansing
Amount Spent	\$7,028
Objective Update	Completed

Activity Identified:	Maintain existing waste disposal facility in accordance with environmental management practices
Budget Implication:	\$50,000
Activity Objectives:	Investigate a dump manager and commercial disposal fees are collected where possible.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Cleansing
Amount Spent	\$56,732
Objective Update	Completed

Activity Identified:	Explore waste minimisation and recycling services
Budget Implication:	Staff time
Activity Objectives:	Liaise with external providers to collect scrap metals, oils and other recyclable materials.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Cleansing
Amount Spent	
Objective Update	Dump manager pursuing.

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Community Development and Services

Activity Identified:	Upgrade toilets and hand basins in ensuite cabins
Budget Implication:	\$20,000
Activity Objectives:	Remove existing toilets and hand basins in ensuite cabins that have been damaged due to harsh chemicals that were required to keep clean and install new systems.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Lakeview Caravan Park
Amount Spent	\$7,078
Objective Update	Completed

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

Activity Identified:	Skate Park Concrete Slab
Budget Implication:	\$40,000
Activity Objectives:	Complete the concrete slab under the new shed.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Sport & Rec
Amount Spent	\$17,013
Objective Update	Completed

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Activity Identified:	Football Oval Upgrade
Budget Implication:	\$150,000
Activity Objectives:	Apply for funding to bring the football oval surface up to standard.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Sport & Rec
Amount Spent	
Objective Update	Rolled over

Activity Identified:	After School Care Footpath Upgrade
Budget Implication:	\$40,000
Activity Objectives:	Upgrade footpath outside of ASC to similar standard of Early Education Centre's footpath.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Asset Management
Amount Spent	\$14,311
Objective Update	Completed

Activity Identified:	Re-fence Front of Cemetery
Budget Implication:	\$15,000
Activity Objectives:	Re-fence front of cemetery to allow future expansion.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Cemetery
Amount Spent	
Objective Update	Ongoing

Activity Identified:	Cemetery Upgrade
Budget Implication:	\$12,000
Activity Objectives:	Replace small gate with archway and install new seat.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Cemetery
Amount Spent	\$6,725
Objective Update	Seat installed, archway ongoing.

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Activity Identified:	Provide support to local community events
Budget Implication:	\$15,000
Activity Objectives:	Continue to provide support to community clubs and organisations.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Community Events
Amount Spent	\$6,223
Objective Update	Completed

Activity Identified:	Racecourse Upgrades
Budget Implication:	\$35,000
Activity Objectives:	Install Dinocrete troughs and install powered camping/exhibitor sites
Corporate Plan Objective:	Asset Management
Amount Spent	\$31,096
Objective Update	Completed

Activity Identified:	Cambridge Shed
Budget Implication:	\$75,000
Activity Objectives:	To build a shed at the Cambridge Heritage Centre to house historical relics.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Tourism
Amount Spent	\$75,000
Objective Update	Completed

Activity Identified:	Softfall at Playground
Budget Implication:	\$15,000
Activity Objectives:	Remove existing softfall and tree roots and replace with new softfall around the children's playground equipment.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Sport & Rec
Amount Spent	\$467
Objective Update	Rolled over

OPERATIONAL PLAN 2018-2019

Activity Identified:	Lake Path
Budget Implication:	\$85,000
Activity Objectives:	Provide a wider path around the lake for people to walk around.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Sport & Rec
Amount Spent	\$84,893
Objective Update	Completed

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

Activity Identified:	Toilet at the Lake
Budget Implication:	\$5,000
Activity Objectives:	Finish installation of new toilet at the boat ramp end of the lake.
Corporate Plan Objective:	Tourism
Amount Spent	\$7,203
Objective Update	Completed

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Financial statements

For the year ended 30 June 2019

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Richmond Shire Council
Statement of Comprehensive Income
For the year ended 30 June 2019

	Note	2019 \$	2018 \$
Income			
Revenue			
Recurrent revenue			
Rates, levies and charges	3(a)	1,629,489	1,560,011
Fees and charges	3(b)	888,495	1,122,372
Rental income	3(c)	184,942	172,819
Interest received	3(d)	107,871	166,962
Sales revenue	3(e)	5,692,126	2,451,916
Other income	3(f)	42,993	66,121
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	4(a)	5,192,907	4,744,782
		<u>13,738,823</u>	<u>10,284,984</u>
Capital revenue			
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	4(b)	8,701,207	5,749,144
Gain on disposal of non-current assets	7	-	57,110
Total income		<u>22,440,030</u>	<u>16,091,238</u>
Expenses			
Recurrent expenses			
Employee benefits	5	(6,169,654)	(5,116,873)
Materials and services	6	(10,048,653)	(6,374,208)
Finance costs		(144,390)	(167,578)
Depreciation and amortisation	11	(4,822,365)	(5,989,982)
		<u>(21,185,062)</u>	<u>(17,648,641)</u>
Capital expenses			
Loss on disposal of non-current assets	7	(95,910)	
Total expenses		<u>(21,280,972)</u>	<u>(17,648,641)</u>
Net result		<u>1,159,058</u>	<u>(1,557,404)</u>
Other comprehensive income			
Items that will not be reclassified to net result			
Increase in asset revaluation surplus	15	1,880,044	15,582,495
Total other comprehensive income for the year		<u>1,880,044</u>	<u>15,582,495</u>
Total comprehensive income for the year		<u><u>3,039,103</u></u>	<u><u>14,025,091</u></u>

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

Richmond Shire Council
Statement of Financial Position
as at 30 June 2019

	Note	2019 \$	2018 \$
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	8	5,801,685	5,642,135
Trade and other receivables	9	2,580,044	1,403,414
Inventories	10	1,654,935	1,773,693
Total current assets		<u>10,036,665</u>	<u>8,819,242</u>
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	11	196,087,519	193,220,660
Intangible Assets		125,600	88,820
Total non-current assets		<u>196,213,120</u>	<u>193,309,480</u>
Total assets		<u>206,249,784</u>	<u>202,128,723</u>
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	12	2,486,032	1,166,760
Borrowings	13	512,695	498,203
Provisions	14	761,694	657,489
Total current liabilities		<u>3,760,421</u>	<u>2,322,452</u>
Non-current liabilities			
Provisions	14	368,672	212,028
Borrowings	13	3,892,480	4,405,131
Total non-current liabilities		<u>4,261,152</u>	<u>4,617,159</u>
Total liabilities		<u>8,021,574</u>	<u>6,939,613</u>
Net community assets		<u>198,228,212</u>	<u>195,189,110</u>
Community equity			
Asset revaluation surplus	15	101,163,939	99,283,894
Retained surplus/(deficiency)		97,064,274	95,905,216
Total community equity		<u>198,228,212</u>	<u>195,189,110</u>

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

Richmond Shire Council
Statement of Changes in Equity
For the year ended 30 June 2019

	Asset revaluation surplus	Retained surplus	Total
Note	15	16	
Current Year	\$	\$	\$
Balance as at 1 July 2018	99,283,894	95,905,216	195,189,110
Net operating surplus	-	1,159,058	1,159,058
Other comprehensive income for the year			
Increase in asset revaluation surplus	1,880,044	-	1,880,044
Total comprehensive income for the year	1,880,044	1,159,058	3,039,103
Balance as at 30 June 2019	101,163,938	97,064,274	198,228,213
Prior Year			
Balance as at 1 July 2017	83,701,399	97,462,620	181,164,019
Net operating surplus	-	(1,557,404)	(1,557,404)
Other comprehensive income for the year			
Increase in asset revaluation surplus	15,582,495	-	15,582,495
Total comprehensive income for the year	15,582,495	(1,557,404)	14,025,091
Balance as at 30 June 2018	99,283,894	95,905,216	195,189,110

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

Richmond Shire Council
Statement of Cash Flows
For the year ended 30 June 2019

	Note	2019 \$	2018 \$
Cash flows from operating activities			
Receipts from customers		7,138,452	9,337,286
Payments to suppliers and employees		(14,325,672)	(12,309,742)
		(7,187,220)	(2,972,456)
Interest received	3(d)	107,871	166,962
Rental income	3(c)	184,942	172,819
Non-capital grants and contributions	4(a)	5,192,907	4,744,782
Borrowing costs		(144,390)	(167,578)
Net cash inflow from operating activities	20	(1,845,891)	1,944,529
Cash flows from investing activities			
Payments for property, plant and equipment	11	(6,209,180)	(9,353,047)
Proceeds from sale of property plant and equipment	7	11,573	209,476
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	4(b)	8,701,207	5,749,144
Net cash outflow from investing activities		2,503,600	(3,394,428)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Repayment of borrowings	13	(498,159)	(477,918)
Net cash inflow from financing activities		(498,159)	(477,918)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalent held		159,550	(1,927,817)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year		5,642,135	7,569,952
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the financial year	8	5,801,685	5,642,135

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

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Significant Accounting Policies

1.A Basis of preparation

These general purpose financial statements are for the period **1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019**. They are prepared in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009* and the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

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

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

1.B Basis of consolidation

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

1.C Constitution

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

1.D Adoption of new and revised accounting standards

This year Council has applied AASB 9 Financial Instruments for the first time. AASB 9 replaces AASB 139 and relates to the recognition, classification and measurement of financial assets and financial liabilities. Implementing AASB 9 has resulted in a change to the way council calculates impairment provisions, which are now based on expected credit losses instead of incurred credit losses. As Council does not hold shares, derivatives or engage in hedging activities, the impact of the new Standard for 2018/19 has only affected the calculation for the Provision of Doubtful Debts. The difference in the calculation between the old and the new Standard is not material and is disclosed in Note 23

Council has not restated comparative figures. This means the new impairment rules are reflected in the receivables balance at 30 June 2019, but not 30 June 2018.

On 1 July 2018 (the date of initial application), council re-assessed the classification, measurement category and carrying amount of each financial instrument (listed below) in accordance with AASB 9. There were some changes to classification, but this did not result in changes to measurement categories (listed below). Carrying amounts were also unchanged.

Financial asset/liability	Measurement category (unchanged)
Cash and cash equivalents	Amortised cost
Receivables	Amortised cost
Other financial assets	Amortised cost
Borrowings	Amortised cost

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

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Standard and impact

Date council will apply the standard

AASB 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers, AASB 1058 Income of Not-for-Profit Entities and AASB 2016-8 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Australian Implementation Guidance for Not-for-Profit Entities

AASB 1058 clarifies and simplifies the income recognition requirements that apply to not-to-profit (NFP) entities, in conjunction with AASB 15, and AASB 2016-8. These Standards supersede the majority of income recognition requirements relating to public sector NFP entities, previously in AASB 1004 Contributions.

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Identifiable impacts at the date of this report are:

Some grants received by the Council will be recognised as a liability, and subsequently recognised progressively as revenue as the Council satisfies its performance obligations under the grant. At present, such grants are recognised as revenue upfront.

Grants that are not enforceable and/or not sufficiently specific will not qualify for deferral, and continue to be recognised as revenue as soon as they are controlled. Council receives several grants from the Federal Government and State Government for which there are no sufficiently specific performance obligations these are expected to continue being recognised as revenue upfront assuming no change to the current grant arrangements.

Depending on the respective contractual terms, the new requirements of AASB 15 may potentially result in a change to the timing of revenue from sales of the Council's goods and services such that some revenue may need to be deferred to a later reporting period to the extent that the Council has received payment but has not met its associated performance obligations (such amounts would be reported as a liability in the meantime).

Prepaid rates will not be recognised as revenue until the relevant rating period starts. Until that time these receipts will be recognised as a liability (unearned revenue). In the 2018/19 financial year the impact would have been to show \$64,742 in reduced Rates income and increased current liability in unearned revenue. There will be no impact upon the recognition of other fees and charges

In addition, based on Council's assessment, if Council had adopted the new Standards in the current financial year it would have had the following impacts;

Recurrent grants for deferral	293,519
Capital grants for deferral	-
Capital grants receivable	-

- Revenue decrease of \$293,519 due to deferral of grant funding (based on the facts available to Council at the date of assessment).

- There would be an equal reduction in the reported equity as the reduced revenue will require an increase in recognition of contract liabilities.

- Net result would be lower on initial application as a result of decreased revenue.

A range of new disclosures will also be required by the new standards in respect of the council's revenue.

Transition method

The Council intends to apply the practical expedients available for the modified retrospective method. Where revenue has been recognised in full under AASB 1004, prior to 1 July 2019, but where AASB 1058 would have required income to be recognised beyond that date, no adjustment is required. Further, Council is not required to restate income for completed contracts that start and complete within a financial year. This means where income under AASB 1004 was recognised in the comparative financial year (i.e. 2018/19), these also do not require restatement.

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AASB 16 Leases

The Council has assessed the impacts of the new standard that initial application of AASB 16 will have on its financial statements, however, the actual impacts may differ as the new accounting policies are subject to change until the Council presents its first financial statements that include the date of initial application.

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AASB 16 introduces a single, on-balance sheet lease accounting model for lessees. A lessee recognises a right-of-use asset representing its right to use the underlying asset and a lease liability representing its obligation to make lease payments. There are recognition exemptions for short-term leases and leases of low-value items. Lessor accounting remains similar to the current standard – i.e. lessors continue to classify leases as finance or operating leases.

Leases in which the Council is a lessor

No significant impact is expected for other leases in which the Council is a lessor.

Peppercorn Leases

Council is the lease of a number of Deed of Grant in Trust leases, for which no or little lease payments are made. These have been identified as peppercorn leases which are currently not recognised in Council's financial statements. Council does not intend to elect to apply the fair value measurement requirements to these leases until such time as this requirement is mandated.

Leases in which the Council is a lessee

Council does not hold any leases where it the Lessee, therefore there are no items which need to be disclosed as "right to use assets" as required under the changes to the Standard.

Transition method

Council has assessed that, as a result of the application of AASB 16, there will be no material impact on 1 July 2019. Therefore there will be no adjustment on initial application.

1.E Estimates and judgements

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

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

1.F Rounding and comparatives

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

Comparative information has been restated where necessary to be consistent with disclosures in the current reporting period.

1.G Taxation

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

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2. Analysis of Results by Function

2(a) Components of council functions

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

Finance

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

Administration

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

Planning and building

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

Engineering

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

Environmental Services

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

Community Services

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

Sewerage

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

Water

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

Cleansing

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

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Analysis of Results by Function

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

Year ended 30 June 2019

Functions	Gross program income				Total income	Gross program expenses		Total expenses	Net result from recurrent operations	Net Result	Assets
	Recurrent		Capital			Recurrent	Capital				
	Grants	Other	Grants	Other							
	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Finance	3,959,764	1,840,893	1,262,591	-	7,063,248	(4,356,004)	(95,910)	(4,451,915)	1,444,653	2,611,333	8,381,729
Administration	-	1,205,064	-	-	1,205,064	(3,172,542)	-	(3,172,542)	(1,967,478)	(1,967,478)	2,049,942
Planning and Building	-	293	-	-	293	(220,597)	-	(220,597)	(220,304)	(220,304)	-
Engineering	34,275	4,591,561	7,409,099	-	12,034,934	(10,307,493)	-	(10,307,493)	(5,681,658)	1,727,441	140,978,471
Environmental Services	-	3,632	-	-	3,632	(37,019)	-	(37,019)	(33,387)	(33,387)	555
Community services	1,198,867	140,807	29,518	-	1,369,192	(1,646,316)	-	(1,646,316)	(306,642)	(277,124)	35,245,690
Sewerage	-	312,457	-	-	312,457	(262,846)	-	(262,846)	49,611	49,611	5,524,696
Water	-	365,836	-	-	365,836	(979,944)	-	(979,944)	(614,108)	(614,108)	13,897,303
Cleansing	-	85,374	-	-	85,374	(202,300)	-	(202,300)	(116,926)	(116,926)	171,399
Total	5,192,907	8,545,917	8,701,207	-	22,440,030	(21,185,062)	(95,910)	(21,280,972)	(7,446,238)	1,159,058	206,249,785

Year ended 30 June 2018

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

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	<u>Note</u>	2019 \$	2018 \$
3 Revenue analysis			
Revenue is recognised at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable, at the time indicated below.			
(a) Rates, levies and charges			
Rates are recognised as revenue at the start of the rating period. If a ratepayer pays their rates before the start of the rating period, they are recognised as revenue when they are received.			
General rates		839,739	828,728
Separate rates		28,846	23,205
Water		365,761	362,661
Sewerage		312,393	278,476
Garbage charges		85,356	77,044
Total rates and utility charge revenue		<u>1,632,095</u>	<u>1,570,114</u>
Less: Discounts		194	(95)
Less: Pensioner remissions		<u>(2,800)</u>	<u>(10,008)</u>
		<u><u>1,629,489</u></u>	<u><u>1,560,011</u></u>
(b) Fees and charges			
Fees and charges are recognised when Council is unconditionally entitled to those funds. Generally this is upon lodgement of the relevant applications or documents, issuing of the infringement notice or when the service is provided.			
Private works		60,693	345,119
Saleyard fees		89,033	58,732
Agistment fees		73,826	108,941
Caravan park fees		320,365	283,618
Other fees		<u>344,578</u>	<u>325,962</u>
		<u><u>888,495</u></u>	<u><u>1,122,372</u></u>
(c) Rental income			
Rent from other property is recognised as income on a periodic straight line basis over the lease term.			
Property rentals		<u>184,942</u>	<u>172,819</u>
		<u><u>184,942</u></u>	<u><u>172,819</u></u>
(d) Interest received			
Interest received from term deposits is accrued over the term of the investment.			
Interest received from term deposits		88,335	143,412
Other sources		-	3,811
Interest from overdue rates and utility charges		<u>19,537</u>	<u>19,739</u>
		<u><u>107,871</u></u>	<u><u>166,962</u></u>
(e) Sales revenue			
The sale of goods is recognised when the customer has taken delivery of the goods. Revenue from services is recognised when the service is rendered.			
Revenue from contracts and recoverable works generally comprises a recoupment of material costs together with an hourly charge for use of equipment and employees. This revenue and the associated costs are recognised by reference to the stage of completion of the contract activity at the reporting date. Where consideration is received for the service in advance it is included in other liabilities and is recognised as revenue in the period when the service is performed. There are no contracts in progress at the year end. The contract work carried out is not subject to retentions.			
RMPC		2,115,557	1,170,107
Main Roads flood damage		3,465,454	55,092
Main Roads contract works		<u>111,115</u>	<u>1,226,717</u>
		<u><u>5,692,126</u></u>	<u><u>2,451,916</u></u>
(f) Other income			
Other income		<u>42,993</u>	<u>66,121</u>
		<u><u>42,993</u></u>	<u><u>66,121</u></u>

4 Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations

Grants, subsidies, donations and contributions that are non-reciprocal in nature are recognised as revenue when Council obtains control over them, which is usually upon receipt of funds.

Physical assets contributed to Council by developers in the form of road works, stormwater, water and wastewater infrastructure and park equipment are recognised as revenue when the development becomes "on maintenance" (i.e. Council obtains control of the assets and becomes liable for any ongoing maintenance) and there is sufficient data in the form of drawings and plans to determine the approximate specifications and values of such assets. Non-cash contributions with a value in excess of the recognition thresholds are recognised as non-current assets. Those below the thresholds are recorded as expenses.

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	2019	2018
	\$	\$
Where grants are received that are reciprocal in nature, revenue is recognised as the various performance obligations under the funding agreement are fulfilled. Council does not currently have any reciprocal grants.		

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	Note	2019 \$	2018 \$
4 Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations (cont.)			
(a) Recurrent			
General purpose grants		3,493,477	3,664,165
State Government subsidies and grants		1,427,821	1,080,617
Commonwealth Government subsidies and grants		271,608	-
		<u>5,192,907</u>	<u>4,744,782</u>
(b) Capital			
Capital Revenue includes grants and subsidies received which are tied to specific projects for the replacement or upgrade of existing non-current assets and/or investment in new assets. It also includes non-cash contributions which are usually infrastructure assets received from developers.			
Government subsidies and grants		8,701,207	5,749,144
		<u>8,701,207</u>	<u>5,749,144</u>
Total grants, subsidies, contributions and donations		<u>13,894,113</u>	<u>10,493,926</u>
5 Employee benefits			
Total staff wages and salaries		4,011,943	3,668,643
Councillors' remuneration		365,330	381,931
Annual and long service leave entitlements		555,951	636,819
Superannuation	18	586,657	596,507
		<u>5,519,881</u>	<u>5,283,899</u>
Other employee related expenses		714,078	246,228
		<u>6,233,959</u>	<u>5,530,127</u>
Less: Capitalised employee expenses		(64,305)	(413,254)
		<u>6,169,654</u>	<u>5,116,873</u>
Other Employee Expenses for the 2017/18 financial year were reclassified to be comparative with the 2018/19 financial year. These related to training and other entitlements previously recorded in Staff Wages and Salaries.			
Councillor remuneration represents salary, and other allowances paid in respect of carrying out their duties.			
Total council employees at the reporting date:		2019	2018
Elected members		6	6
Administration staff		27	29
Depot and outdoors staff		55	51
Total full time equivalent employees		<u>88</u>	<u>86</u>
6 Materials and services			
Audit of annual financial statements by the Auditor-General of Queensland		62,373	64,118
Donations paid		342,913	25,109
WPHS - quality assurance		66,963	128,289
Admin contractors		117,816	170,950
Insurance		69,877	29,296
Subscriptions		26,244	52,477
Computer expenses		607,486	174,426
Staff training		28,337	80,782
Private works		37,716	122,203
Engineer expenses		51,235	28,410
Council roads		1,213,860	225,647
Main roads		2,910,150	1,367,809
Workshop expenses		1,579,669	1,041,505
Community development		110,029	139,633
Pool expenses		78,352	112,112
Museum expenses		288,672	541,654
Council houses and buildings		386,506	527,660
Street cleaning		251,911	33,019
Stock routes		62,454	155,830
Parks & gardens		224,869	97,018
Caravan park expenses		279,183	244,418
Water & sewerage		500,588	418,583
Other Material and Services		751,449	593,260
		<u>10,048,653</u>	<u>6,374,208</u>

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<u>Note</u>	2019	2018
	\$	\$

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Note	2019 \$	2018 \$
7 Capital income/expenses		
Gain/(Loss) on disposal of non-current assets		
Proceeds from the sale of property, plant & equipment	11,527	209,476
Less: Book value of property, plant & equipment	(107,437)	(152,366)
Total profit/(loss) on disposal of non-current assets	<u>(95,910)</u>	<u>57,110</u>

8 Cash and cash equivalents

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

Cash at bank and on hand	275,615	3,279,100
Term deposits	5,526,071	2,363,035
Balance per statement of cash flows	<u>5,801,685</u>	<u>5,642,135</u>

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

Unspent government grants and subsidies		-
*Internally imposed expenditure restrictions at the reporting date:		
Future capital works	-	-
Future asset replacement	-	-
Future recurrent expenditure	850,000	750,000
Total unspent restricted cash	<u>850,000</u>	<u>750,000</u>

* These restrictions were previously allocated as reserves

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

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

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

9 Trade and other receivables

Receivables are amounts owed to Council at year end. They are recognised at the amount due at the time of sale or service delivery. Settlement is required within 30 days after the invoice is issued.

Debts are regularly assessed for collectability and allowance is made, where appropriate, for impairment. All known bad debts were written-off at 30 June. If an amount is recovered in a subsequent period it is recognised as revenue.

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

Current

Rateable revenue and utility charges	210,758	209,298
Other debtors	2,262,615	1,063,716
Prepayments	106,671	130,400
	<u>2,580,044</u>	<u>1,403,414</u>

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

10 Inventories

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

Inventories held for distribution are:

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

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

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	2019	2018
	\$	\$
Land acquired by Council with the intention of reselling it (with or without further development) is classified as inventory. This land is valued at the lower of cost or net realisable value. As an inventory item, this land held for resale is treated as a current asset. Proceeds from the sale of this land will be recognised as sales revenue on the signing of a valid unconditional contract of sale.		

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	<u>Note</u>	<u>2019</u> <u>\$</u>	<u>2018</u> <u>\$</u>
10 Inventories (cont.)			
Inventories held for sale			
Inventories held for sale:			
History books		5,690	5,690
(Valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value)			
 Inventories for distribution:			
Quarry, fuel, road materials and stores		624,245	685,560
(Valued at the lower of cost and selling price less cost to sell)			
 Land purchased for development and sale:			
Cost of acquisition and development costs capitalised		1,025,000	1,082,443
Total inventories		<u>1,654,935</u>	<u>1,773,693</u>

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11 Property, plant and equipment

Council - 30 June 2019

Basis of measurement

Asset values

Opening gross value as at 1 July 2018	1,398,022	39,937,444	15,209,541	162,509,018	15,297,333	6,452,128	1,105,267	3,420,696	245,329,449
Opening balance adjustment	(10,022)	-	-	115,343	(115,343)	-	-	-	(10,022)
Additions at cost	-	-	120,432	-	-	-	-	6,088,748	6,209,180
Disposals	-	-	(179,080)	-	(113,419)	-	-	-	(292,499)
Impairment	-	(6,645)	-	(564,462)	-	-	-	-	(571,107)
Revaluation adjustment to other comprehensive income (asset revaluation surplus)	-	494,557	-	2,173,751	255,975	592,513	-	-	3,516,796
Transfers from inventory	20,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20,000
Transfers between classes	-	1,278,133	-	2,307,190	257,134	-	456,048	(4,298,506)	-
Closing gross value as at 30 June 2019	1,408,000	41,703,489	15,150,892	166,540,841	15,581,680	7,044,641	1,561,315	5,210,938	254,201,796

Note	Land and Improvements	Buildings	Plant and Equipment	Road and Bridge	Water	Sewerage	Other Assets	Work in Progress	Total
	Fair Value	Fair Value	Cost	Fair Value	Fair Value	Fair Value	Fair Value	Cost	
	Level 2	Levels 2 & 3	Level 2	Level 3	Level 3	Level 3	Level 3		
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
	1,398,022	39,937,444	15,209,541	162,509,018	15,297,333	6,452,128	1,105,267	3,420,696	245,329,449
	(10,022)	-	-	115,343	(115,343)	-	-	-	(10,022)
	-	-	120,432	-	-	-	-	6,088,748	6,209,180
7	-	-	(179,080)	-	(113,419)	-	-	-	(292,499)
	-	(6,645)	-	(564,462)	-	-	-	-	(571,107)
	-	494,557	-	2,173,751	255,975	592,513	-	-	3,516,796
	20,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20,000
	-	1,278,133	-	2,307,190	257,134	-	456,048	(4,298,506)	-
	1,408,000	41,703,489	15,150,892	166,540,841	15,581,680	7,044,641	1,561,315	5,210,938	254,201,796

Accumulated depreciation

Opening balance as at 1 July 2018	-	9,141,482	8,228,992	29,127,344	3,324,821	2,164,440	121,712	-	52,108,790
Opening balance adjustment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation provided in period	-	792,169	841,165	2,475,977	424,529	115,686	172,841	-	4,822,365
Depreciation on disposals	-	-	(166,080)	-	(29,004)	-	-	-	(195,085)
Impairment	-	(1,166)	-	(251,902)	-	-	-	-	(253,068)
Revaluation adjustment to other comprehensive income (asset revaluation surplus)	-	952,421	-	2,985,482	(1,546,448)	(760,182)	-	-	1,631,273
Transfers between classes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Accumulated depreciation as at 30 June 2019	-	10,884,906	8,904,076	34,336,902	2,173,897	1,519,944	294,553	-	58,114,277

	-	9,141,482	8,228,992	29,127,344	3,324,821	2,164,440	121,712	-	52,108,790
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	792,169	841,165	2,475,977	424,529	115,686	172,841	-	4,822,365
7	-	-	(166,080)	-	(29,004)	-	-	-	(195,085)
	-	(1,166)	-	(251,902)	-	-	-	-	(253,068)
	-	952,421	-	2,985,482	(1,546,448)	(760,182)	-	-	1,631,273
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	10,884,906	8,904,076	34,336,902	2,173,897	1,519,944	294,553	-	58,114,277

Total written down value as at 30 June 2019

Residual value	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Range of estimated useful life in years	Not depreciated.	10 - 80	5 - 20	10 - 1000	5 - 80	10 - 80	10 - 1000	-	-

1,408,000	30,818,584	6,246,815	132,203,939	13,407,783	5,524,696	1,266,763	5,210,938	196,087,519
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not depreciated.	10 - 80	5 - 20	10 - 1000	5 - 80	10 - 80	10 - 1000	-	-

Additions comprise:

	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Renewals	-	297,236	354,289	3,521,148	-	-	39,128	-	4,211,800
Other additions	-	1,091,274	17,235	717,530	171,341	-	-	-	1,997,380
Total additions	-	1,388,510	371,524	4,238,678	171,341	-	39,128	-	6,209,180

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11 Property, plant and equipment

Council - 30 June 2018

Basis of measurement

Asset values

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

Closing gross value as at 30 June 2018

Accumulated depreciation

Opening balance as at 1 July 2017
Depreciation provided in period
Depreciation on disposals
Revaluation adjustment to surplus
Transfers between classes

Accumulated depreciation as at 30 June 2018

Total written down value as at 30 June 2018

Residual value

Range of estimated useful life in years

Additions comprise:

Renewals
Other additions

Total additions

Note	Land and Improvements	Buildings	Plant and Equipment	Road and Bridge	Water	Sewerage	Other Assets	Work in Progress	Total
	Fair Value	Fair Value	Cost	Fair Value	Fair Value	Fair Value	Fair Value	Cost	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$		\$
	1,097,123	29,293,110	14,357,284	152,481,668	15,112,311	6,407,549	448,407	9,122,523	228,319,975
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,497,361	9,497,361
	(19,020)	-	(525,815)	-	-	-	-	(144,313)	(689,149)
7	309,897	3,033,523	-	4,857,842	-	-	-	-	8,201,262
	10,023	7,610,811	1,378,072	5,169,507	185,022	44,579	656,860	(15,054,874)	-
	1,398,022	39,937,444	15,209,541	162,509,018	15,297,333	6,452,128	1,105,267	3,420,696	245,329,449
	-	10,300,541	7,820,645	30,810,990	2,900,596	2,049,312	10,428	-	53,892,512
	-	769,699	800,817	3,768,829	424,225	115,128	111,284	-	5,989,982
7	-	-	(392,470)	-	-	-	-	-	(392,470)
	-	(1,928,759)	-	(5,452,476)	-	-	-	-	(7,381,235)
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	9,141,482	8,228,992	29,127,344	3,324,821	2,164,440	121,712	-	52,108,790
	1,398,022	30,795,964	6,980,549	133,381,675	11,972,512	4,287,687	983,555	3,420,696	193,220,660
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Not depreciated	10 - 80	5 - 20	10 - 100	5 - 80	10 - 80	10 - 1000	-	-
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,919,525	4,919,525
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,577,835	4,577,835
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,497,361	9,497,361

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11 Property, plant and equipment (cont.)

(a) Recognition

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

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

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

Land under roads

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

(b) Measurement

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

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

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

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

(c) Depreciation

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

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

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

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

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

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

(d) Impairment

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11 Property, plant and equipment (cont.)

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

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11 Property, plant and equipment (cont.)

11 Property, plant and equipment (cont.)

(e) Valuation

For the financial year ended 30 June 2019, independent valuers APV provided indices for the asset classes Land, Buildings and Road Infrastructure. The last comprehensive revaluation of the Land, Buildings and Roads Infrastructure asset classes was conducted by APV Valuers for the financial year ended 30 June 2018. For the asset class of Water Infrastructure and Sewerage Infrastructure, the last comprehensive revaluation was conducted by independent valuer APV for the financial year ended 30 June 2019.

(i) Valuation processes

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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11 Plant, property and equipment (cont.)

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

Specific valuation techniques used to value Council assets comprise:

Land (level 2)

Land fair values were determined by independent value, APV effective 30 June 2019 through a desktop valuation. Desktop valuation is undertaken as a 'desktop update' the valuation is produced by indexing the various unit rates and adjusting the asset register for additions, disposals and other assumptions.

Buildings (level 2 and 3) and Other infrastructure assets (Level 3)

The fair value of buildings and other infrastructure assets were determined by independent valuer, APV effective 30 June 2019 through a desktop valuation assessment.

Desktop valuation is produced by indexing the various unit rates and adjusting the asset register for additions, deletions, changes in consumption score and other assumptions.

The fair value is then determined on the same basis as described for a comprehensive valuation with the following exception.

If the consumption score remains unchanged from the previous valuation the valuation will adjust for the amount of depreciation expense which would have been charged to the asset since the last comprehensive valuation. i.e. If the valuation is 12 months later the valuation will calculate the value (as per the comprehensive valuation approach) and then deduct 12 months of depreciation expense.

If however the consumption score has changed – this is interpreted as being more up to date than the previous consumption score and the valuation does not adjust for additional depreciation. For example – the asset may have been subject to major CAPEX during the year and after the work was completed the consumption score of the asset was updated to reflect the work undertaken. Likewise, the asset may have experienced an impairment event and the consumption score was updated to reflect the event.

Roads infrastructure assets (Level 3)

The fair value of roads infrastructure assets was determined by independent valuer, APV effective 30 June 2019 through a desktop valuation assessment

APV's indexation figures used for this desktop revaluation have been developed as follows:-

Reference to costing guides issued by the Australian Institute of Quantity Surveyors, Rawlinson's (Australian Construction Handbook), Construction Data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics and our own internal market research and costings.

This valuation covers assets including Bridge, Culverts, Kerbs, Pathways, Roads, Stormwater Drains and Traffic Management Assets and Devices.

As this was a desktop valuation APV did not physically inspect any assets. These were inspected as part of the previous comprehensive valuation. For the desktop valuation reliance was placed on the council advising of any changes in the physical characteristics or condition (including impairment) of the assets.

Water and Sewerage Infrastructure Assets (Level 3)

The fair value of water and sewerage infrastructure has been derived from a comprehensive revaluation performed by APV Valuers & Asset Management as at 30 June 2019. This valuation covers assets including Water Supply Plant and Equipment, Mains, Meters, Sewerage Treatment Plant and Equipment, Mains and Nodes.

Where cost approach was used, APV determined the replacement cost (including indices) using various sources including actual construction or purchase prices for recent projects, appropriate APV database where costs of recent projects were recorded, Rawlinson's Construction Guide or similar guides, development of costs using first principles and benchmarking against other valuations.

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The physical inspection of the asset is a critical aspect of the comprehensive valuation process. Apart from confirming condition the process also involves validation of key attributes such as material type, dimensions, etc.

All assets that are valued using the market approach were physically inspected by APV to assess the physical condition and how they may impact the assets highest and best use to potential market participants and ultimately its market value.

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11 Plant, property and equipment (cont.)

For assets valued using the cost approach (except where noted below) all were physically inspected. This included validation of physical dimensions and characteristics.

Sampling approach –

Water and Sewerage – Above Ground: these assets were valued on the basis of physical validation through 100% inspection

Water and Sewerage – Underground: Council provided information to the valuers on the age and conditions.

Assets Not Inspected -

Some assets (such as underground structures and pits) were unable to be inspected due to their nature and the cost involved in undertaking extensive engineering assessments

Council's asset management and GIS system provides available and reliable condition assessment and attribute data to assist in the comprehensive valuation process. The data provided by Council's asset management and GIS system is the most reliable source of information as this data is used on a day-to-day basis to manage these assets.

Where such data was not readily available to the valuers, APV developed a range of assumptions based on the expected physical condition and attributes given the age of the asset and typical design characteristics. These valuer's assumptions were reviewed and confirmed as reasonable by Richmond Shire Council.

Intangible assets

Intangible assets with a cost or other value exceeding \$10,000 are recognised as intangible assets in the financial statements, items with a lesser value being expensed.

Amortisation methods, estimated useful lives and residual values are reviewed at the end of each reporting period and adjusted where appropriate.

Refuse	2019
Restoration	\$
Opening gross carrying value	88,820
Additions	36,780
Disposals	-
Closing gross carrying value	<u>125,600</u>

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	Note	2019 \$	2018 \$
12 Trade and other payables			
Creditors are recognised when goods or services are received, at the amount owed. Amounts owing are unsecured and are generally settled on 30 day terms.			
Liabilities are recognised for employee benefits such as wages and salaries, sick, annual and long service leave in respect of services provided by the employees up to the reporting date. The liability is calculated using the present value of remuneration rates that will be paid when the liability is expected to be settled and includes related on-costs.			
As Council does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement of the annual leave beyond twelve months after the reporting date, annual leave is classified as a current liability.			
Council has an obligation to pay sick leave on termination to certain employees and therefore a liability has been recognised for this obligation.			
Current			
Creditors and accruals		2,069,429	805,236
Annual leave		390,583	323,527
Other entitlements		26,020	36,997
Other Liabilities		-	1,000
		<u>2,486,032</u>	<u>1,166,760</u>
13 Borrowings			
Borrowings are initially recognised at fair value plus any directly attributable transaction costs. Thereafter, they are measured at amortised cost. Principal and interest repayments are made quarterly in arrears.			
All borrowings are in \$A denominated amounts and interest is expensed as it accrues. No interest has been capitalised during the current or comparative reporting period. Expected final repayment date is 15 March 2027 (Available from QTC Maturity Analysis). There have been no defaults or breaches of the loan agreement during the period.			
Council adopts an annual debt policy that sets out Council's planned borrowings for the next nine years. Council's current policy is to only borrow for capital projects and for a term no longer than the expected life of the asset. Council also aims to comply with the Queensland Treasury Corporation's borrowing guidelines and ensure that sustainability indicators remain within acceptable levels at all times.			
Current			
Loans - Queensland Treasury Corporation			
Opening balance		498,204	483,797
Loans adjustments		512,650	492,323
Principal repayments		(498,159)	(477,917)
Book value at end of period		<u>512,695</u>	<u>498,204</u>
Non-current			
Loans - Queensland Treasury Corporation			
Opening balance		4,405,131	4,897,455
Loans adjustments		(512,650)	(492,323)
Book value at end of period		<u>3,892,480</u>	<u>4,405,131</u>
Loans - Queensland Treasury Corporation			
Opening balance		4,903,335	5,381,253
Principal repayments		(498,159)	(477,917)
Book value at end of period		<u>4,405,176</u>	<u>4,903,335</u>
Market Value of Loans at end of period		4,625,880	4,908,236

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	Note	2019 \$	2018 \$
14 Provisions			
Long Service Leave			
<p>The provision for long service leave represents the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date. The liability is calculated using current pay rates and projected future increases in those rates and includes related employee on-costs. The estimates are adjusted for the probability of the employee remaining in the Council's employment or other associated employment which would result in the Council being required to meet the liability. Adjustments are then made to allow for the proportion of the benefit earned to date, and the result is discounted to present value. The interest rates attaching to Commonwealth Government guaranteed securities at the reporting date are used to discount the estimated future cash outflows to their present value.</p> <p>Where employees have met the prerequisite length of service and council does not have an unconditional right to defer this liability beyond 12 months long service leave is classified as a current liability. Otherwise it is classified as non-current.</p>			
Refuse dump restoration			
<p>A provision is made for the cost of restoring refuse dumps where it is probable the Council will be liable, or required, to do this when the use of the facilities is complete.</p> <p>The provision for refuse restoration is calculated as the present value of anticipated future costs associated with the closure of the dump sites, decontamination and monitoring of historical residues and leaching on these sites. The calculation of this provision requires assumptions such as application of environmental legislation, site closure dates, available technologies and engineering cost estimates. These uncertainties may result in future actual expenditure differing from amounts currently provided. Because of the long-term nature of the liability, the most significant uncertainty in estimating the provision is the costs that will be incurred. The provision recognised for dump sites is reviewed at least annually and updated based on the facts and circumstances available at the time. Management estimates that the site will close in 2021 and that the restoration will occur progressively over the subsequent thirty years.</p>			
Current			
Long service leave		761,694	657,489
		<u>761,694</u>	<u>657,489</u>
Non-current			
Refuse restoration		125,600	88,820
Long service leave		243,072	123,208
		<u>368,672</u>	<u>212,028</u>
Details of movements in provisions:			
Restoration of refuse dump			
Balance at beginning of financial year		88,820	-
Net increase/(decrease) due to change in discount rate and estimated cost		36,780	88,820
Balance at end of financial year		<u>125,600</u>	<u>88,820</u>
Long service leave			
Balance at beginning of financial year		780,698	676,422
Long service leave entitlement arising		296,779	239,084
Long service leave entitlement paid		(72,712)	(134,808)
Balance at end of financial year		<u>1,004,765</u>	<u>780,698</u>

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	Note	2019 \$	2018 \$
15 Asset revaluation surplus			
The asset revaluation surplus comprises adjustments relating to changes in value of property, plant and equipment that do not result from the use of those assets. Net incremental changes in the carrying value of classes of non-current assets since their initial recognition are accumulated in the asset revaluation surplus. Increases and decreases on revaluation are offset within a class of assets.			
Where a class of assets is decreased on revaluation, that decrease is offset first against the amount remaining in the asset revaluation surplus in respect of that class. Any excess is treated as an expense.			
When an asset is disposed of, the amount reported in surplus in respect of that asset is retained in the asset revaluation surplus and not transferred to retained surplus.			
Movements in the asset revaluation surplus were as follows:			
Balance at beginning of financial year		99,283,894	83,701,399
Net adjustment to non-current assets at end of period to reflect a change in current fair value:			
Land		-	309,897
Buildings		(463,343)	4,962,280
Roads & Bridge Network		(811,730)	10,310,318
Water Infrastructure		1,802,423	-
Sewerage Infrastructure		1,352,694	-
Other assets		-	-
Balance at end of financial year		101,163,938	99,283,894
The closing balance of the asset revaluation surplus comprises the following asset categories:			
Land		713,024	713,024
Buildings		17,680,297	18,143,640
Roads & Bridge Network		73,075,284	73,887,014
Water Infrastructure		4,764,133	2,961,710
Sewerage Infrastructure		4,931,200	3,578,506
Other assets		-	-
		101,163,939	99,283,894
16 Retained surplus/(deficiency)			
Movements in the retained surplus were as follows:			
Retained surplus/(deficit) at beginning of financial year		95,905,216	97,462,620
Adjustment to opening balance		-	-
Adjusted opening balance		95,905,216	97,462,620
Net result attributable to Council		1,159,058	(1,557,404)
Retained surplus at end of financial year		97,064,274	95,905,216
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.

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Note	2019	2018
	\$	\$

The latest audited financial statements for LGM Queensland are as at 30 June 2018 and show accumulated member funds (equity) of \$75,834,341.

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	Note	2019 \$	2018 \$
17 Contingent liabilities (cont.)			
Local Government Workcare			
<p>The Council is a member of the Queensland local government worker's compensation self-insurance scheme, Local Government Workcare. Under this scheme the Council has provided an indemnity towards a bank guarantee to cover bad debts which may remain should the self insurance licence be cancelled and there was insufficient funds available to cover outstanding liabilities. Only the Queensland Government's workers compensation authority may call on any part of the guarantee should the above circumstances arise. The Council's maximum exposure to the bank guarantee is \$76,444 (\$72,123 - 2018).</p>			
18 Superannuation			
<p>Council contributes to the LGIASuper Regional Defined Benefits Fund (the scheme), at the rate of 12% for each permanent employee who is a defined benefit member. This rate is set in accordance with the LGIASuper trust deed and may be varied on the advice of an actuary. The Regional Defined Benefits Fund is a complying superannuation scheme for the purpose of the Commonwealth Superannuation Industry (Supervision) legislation and is also governed by the Local Government Act 2009.</p> <p>The scheme is a defined benefit plan, however Council is not able to account for it as a defined benefit plan in accordance with AASB119 because LGIASuper is unable to account for its proportionate share of the defined benefit obligation, plan assets and costs.</p> <p>Any amount by which the scheme is over or under funded may affect future benefits and result in a change to the contribution rate, but has not been recognised as an asset or liability of the Council.</p> <p>Technically Richmond council can be liable to the scheme for a portion of another local governments' obligations should that local government be unable to meet them. However the risk of this occurring is extremely low and in accordance with the LGIASuper trust deed changes to council's obligations will only be made on the advice of an actuary.</p> <p>The last completed actuarial assessment of the scheme was undertaken as at 1 July 2018. The actuary indicated that "At the valuation date of 1 July 2018, the net assets of the scheme exceeded the vested benefits and the scheme was in a satisfactory financial position as at the valuation date." The Council is not aware of anything that has happened since that time that indicates the assets of the scheme are not sufficient to meet the vested benefits, as at the reporting date.</p> <p>No changes have been made to prescribed employer contributions which remain at 12% of employee assets and there are no known requirements to change the rate of contributions.</p> <p>Another actuarial investigation is being conducted as at 1 July 2021. At the time of signing these financial statements this investigation is still in progress.</p> <p>The most significant risks that may result in LGIASuper increasing the contribution rate, on the advice of the actuary, are:</p> <p>Investment risk - The risk that the scheme's investment returns will be lower than assumed and additional contributions are needed to fund the shortfall.</p> <p>Salary growth risk - The risk that wages or salaries will rise more rapidly than assumed, increasing vested benefits to be funded.</p>			
Superannuation contribution made to the Regional Defined Benefit Fund		8,376	2,941
Other superannuation contribution to employees		578,280	593,566
Total superannuation contributions paid by Council for employees	5	586,657	596,507
19 Trust funds			
Trust funds held for outside parties			
Monies collected or held on behalf of other entities yet to be paid out to or on behalf of those entities		60,702	28,259
		60,702	28,259

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.

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Note	2019	2018
	\$	\$

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	Note	2019 \$	2018 \$
20 Reconciliation of net result for the year to net cash inflow (outflow) from operating activities			
Net result		1,159,058	(1,557,404)
Non-cash items:			
Depreciation and amortisation	11	4,822,365	5,989,982
Impairment of assets	11	312,515	-
Net (profit)/loss on disposal of non-current assets	7	95,910	(57,110)
Capital grants and contributions	4(b)	(8,701,207)	(5,749,144)
		<u>(2,311,358)</u>	<u>(1,373,676)</u>
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:			
(Increase)/ decrease in Trade & other receivables	9	(1,176,630)	3,345,374
(Increase)/decrease in Inventory	10	98,758	410,728
(Increase)/decrease in Intangible Assets		(36,780)	(88,820)
Increase/(decrease) in Trade & other payables	12	1,319,272	(542,172)
Increase/(decrease) in Provisions	14	260,848	193,095
		<u>465,466</u>	<u>3,318,205</u>
Net cash inflow from operating activities		<u>(1,845,891)</u>	<u>1,944,529</u>

21 Controlled Entity

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

The financial statements of The Kronosaurus Korner Board Inc. have not been consolidated with Council's financial statements as at the reporting date due to the Centre's immateriality.

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

Revenue from operations	300,383	304,106
Contributions from Council for operating funding	285,000	392,355
Expenditure from operations	(594,234)	(550,580)
Net result from operations	<u>(8,851)</u>	<u>145,881</u>
Assets	289,997	298,764
Liabilities	(83,521)	(83,437)
Net assets at the reporting date	<u>206,476</u>	<u>215,327</u>

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22 Transactions with related parties

(a) Subsidiaries

The group consists of Richmond Shire Council and one controlled entity. Details of the controlled entity are disclosed in Note 21.

The following transactions occurred with subsidiaries:

Subsidiary	Grants and subsidies provided by council		Goods and services supplied by council, on normal terms and conditions			
			Building Maintenance		Garbage charges	
	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Kronosaurus Korner	285,000	392,355	172	169,454	3,934	-
Total	285,000	392,355	172	169,454	-	-

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 **2018-2019 financial year**.

(b) Transactions with Key Management Personnel (KMP)

KMP include the Mayor, Councillors, Council's Chief Executive Officer and executive management. The compensation paid to **KMP for 2018/19** comprises:

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
Short-term employee benefits	826,914	893,605
Post-employment benefits	61,110	60,266
Long-term benefits	122,486	123,603
Total	1,010,510	1,077,474

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	2019	2018
	\$	\$
Employee expenses for close family members of key management personnel	114,343	145,239
Purchase of materials and services from entities controlled by key management personnel	759,445	388,293

(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 82 staff (excluding Councillors) of which only 2 are close family members of key management personnel.

(d) Outstanding balances

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

(e) Loans and guarantees to/from related parties

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

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

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

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

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

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23 Financial instruments

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

Credit risk

Liquidity risk

Market risk

Financial risk management

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

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

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

Richmond Shire Council does not enter into derivatives.

Credit risk

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

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

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

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

Financial assets	Note	2019	2018
		\$	\$
Cash and cash equivalents	8	5,801,685	5,642,135
Receivables - rates	9	210,758	209,298
Receivables - other	9	2,262,615	1,194,116
Total financial assets		8,275,059	7,045,549

Trade and other receivables

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

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

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

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23 Financial instruments (cont.)

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
Not past due	2,235,405	1,036,140
Past due 31-60 days	17,356	14,604
Past due 61-90 days	1,099	7,678
More than 90 days	10,644	214,592
Impaired	(1,889)	-
Total	2,262,615	1,273,014

AASB 9 requires that "an entity shall disclose, by credit risk rating grades, the gross carrying amount of financial assets and the exposure to credit risk on loan commitments and financial guarantee contracts", where credit risk rating grade is defined as "rating of credit risk based on the risk of a default occurring on the financial statement".

	Council		
	2019		2018
	Not credit- impaired	Credit- impaired	
Not past due	0	2,235,405	1,036,140
Past due 31-60 days	0	17,356	14,604
Past due 61-90 days	0	1,099	7,678
More than 90 days	0	10,644	214,592
Total gross carrying amount	0	2,264,505	1,273,014
Loss allowance	0	(1,889)	(54,155)

The Council uses an allowance matrix to measure the expected credit losses of trade receivables from individual customers, which comprise a very large number of small balances

Loss rates are calculated using a "roll rate" method based on the probability of a receivable progressing through successive stages of delinquency to write off.

The following table provides information about the exposure to credit risk and expected losses for trade receivables from individual customers as at 30 June 2019

Council-2019	Weighted- Average loss rate	Gross Carrying amount	Loss Allowance	Credit- impaired
	%	\$	\$	
Not past due	0.00%	2,235,405	(22)	
Past due 31-60 days	0.00%	17,356	-	
Past due 61-90 days	2.93%	1,099	(32)	
More than 90 days	25.13%	10,644	(1,835)	
Total		2,264,505	(1,889)	

Loss rates are based on actual credit loss experience over the past three years. These rates are multiplied by scalar factors to reflect differences between economic conditions during the period over which the historical data has been collected, current conditions and the Council's view of economic conditions over the expected lives of the receivables.

The movement in the allowance for impairment in respect of trade receivables during the year was \$2,729

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Liquidity risk

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

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

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

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

	0 to 1 year	1 to 5 years	Over 5 years	Total contractual cash flows	Carrying amount
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
2019					
Trade and other payables	2,069,429	-	-	2,069,429	2,069,429
Loans - QTC	636,965	2,547,858	1,751,653	4,936,476	4,405,176
	2,706,393	2,547,858	1,751,653	7,005,905	6,474,605
2018					
Trade and other payables	805,236	-	-	805,236	805,236
Loans - QTC	636,965	2,547,858	2,388,617	5,573,440	4,903,335
	1,442,201	2,547,858	2,388,617	6,378,676	5,708,571

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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23 Financial instruments (cont.)

Interest rate risk

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

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

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
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
2019					
QTC cash fund	5,526,071	55,261	(55,261)	55,261	(55,261)
Loans - QTC*	4,405,176	-	-	-	-
Net total		55,261	(55,261)	55,261	(55,261)
2018					
QTC cash fund	2,363,035	23,630	(23,630)	23,630	(23,630)
Loans - QTC*	4,903,335	-	-	-	-
Net total		23,630	(23,630)	23,630	(23,630)

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.

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24 Commitments for expenditure

There were no material commitments for expenditure.

25 Events after the reporting period

The recent COVID-19 pandemic has impacted businesses across the world. At the date of signing these financial statements, given the evolving circumstances of COVID-19, the impact on Council cannot be reliably measured. This is considered a no-adjusting event for financial reporting disclosure purposes and, as such, has no impact on the financial statements.

To the best of councils knowledge at the date of this financial report, there are no other post balance date events that are likely to have a material impact on the financial statements

26 Reconciliation of liabilities arising from finance activities

		As at 30 June 2018	Cash flows Non-cash changes	As at 30 June 2019
Loans	13	4,903,335	(498,159)	4,405,176

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Management Certificate
For the year ended 30 June 2019

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

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

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



Mayor
J.M. Wharton

Date: 09-04-2020



Chief Executive Officer
P.L. Bennett

Date: 09-04-2020

Richmond Shire Council
Current-year Financial Sustainability Statement
For the year ended 30 June 2019

Measures of Financial Sustainability

Council's performance at **30 June 2019** against key financial ratios and targets:

	How the measure is calculated	Actual - Council	Target
Operating surplus ratio	Net result (excluding capital items) divided by total operating revenue (excluding capital items)	-54.2%	Between 0% and 10%
Asset sustainability ratio	Capital expenditure on the replacement of assets (renewals) divided by depreciation expense.	96.9%	greater than 90%
Net financial liabilities ratio	Total liabilities less current assets divided by total operating revenue (excluding capital items)	-14.7%	not greater than 60%

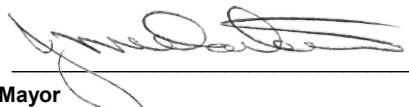
Note 1 - Basis of Preparation

The current year financial sustainability statement is a special purpose statement prepared in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* and the Financial Management (Sustainability) Guideline 2013. The amounts used to calculate the three reported measures are prepared on an accrual basis and are drawn from the Council's audited general purpose financial statements for the year ended **30 June 2019**.

Certificate of Accuracy
For the year ended 30 June 2019

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

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



Mayor
John Wharton

Date: 09-04-2020



Chief Executive Officer
Peter Bennett

'Date: 09-04-2020

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Councillors of Richmond Shire Council

Report on the audit of the financial report

Opinion

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

In my opinion, the financial report:

- a) gives a true and fair view of the council's financial position as at 30 June 2019, and of their financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended
- b) complies with the *Local Government Act 2009*, the Local Government Regulation 2012 and Australian Accounting Standards.

The financial report comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2019, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes to the financial statements including significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the management certificate given by the Mayor and the Chief Executive Officer.

Basis for opinion

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

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

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

Other information

Other information comprises the information included in Richmond Shire Council's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2019, but does not include the financial report and my auditor's report thereon. At the date of this auditor's report, the other information was the current year financial sustainability statement and the long-term financial sustainability statement.

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

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

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

Responsibilities of the council for the financial report

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

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

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report

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

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

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

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

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

Report on other legal and regulatory requirements

In accordance with s.40 of the *Auditor-General Act 2009*, for the year ended 30 June 2019:

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



Sri Narasimhan
as delegate of the Auditor-General

16 April 2020

Queensland Audit Office
Brisbane

Richmond Shire Council
Long-Term Financial Sustainability Statement
Prepared as at 30 June 2019

Measures of Financial Sustainability	Measure	Target	Actuals at 30 June 2019	Projected for the years ended									
				30 June 2020	30 June 2021	30 June 2022	30 June 2023	30 June 2024	30 June 2025	30 June 2026	30 June 2027	30 June 2028	30 June 2029
Council													
Operating surplus ratio	Net result divided by total operating revenue	Between 0% and 10%	-54.2%	-7.3%	2.1%	1.2%	0.0%	-0.6%	-0.9%	2.6%	1.3%	0.0%	-1.4%
Asset sustainability ratio	Capital expenditure on the replacement of assets (renewals) divided by depreciation expense.	greater than 90%	96.9%	523.1%	79.9%	79.3%	70.0%	76.1%	78.1%	96.9%	97.9%	92.8%	90.9%
Net financial liabilities ratio	Total liabilities less current assets divided by total operating revenue	not greater than 60%	-14.7%	-27.0%	-51.70%	-73.2%	-96.1%	-115.9%	-134.8%	-151.5%	-166.5%	-181.2%	-194.9%


Richmond Shire Council's Financial Management Strategy

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

Certificate of Accuracy
For the long-term financial sustainability statement prepared as at 30 June 2019

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
 John Wharton

Date: 09-04-2020



 Chief Executive Officer
 Peter Bennett

Date: 09-04-2020