



Richmond Shire Council

ANNUAL REPORT

2018 – 2019



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



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FOREWORD

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

This report covers the period 1 July 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 and Uranium mining
OPPORTUNITY FOR GROWTH:	Irrigation farms along the Flinders River
DISTANCE FROM BRISBANE:	1,432km north-west
ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES:	Six including the Mayor
AUDITORS	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 827 people. Extremes of climatic conditions including floods and drought are not uncommon in the area with temperatures ranging from 46°C during summer and -3 °C some winter nights. The average rainfall is only 475mm with the arrival of the monsoons. The Shire therefore relies on the Great Artesian Basin for its water supply for both town and stock.

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

FUTURE OUTLOOK

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

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

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

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

The North West Regional Plan's vision is:

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

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

As we enter 2018-2019 Council aims to:

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

A MESSAGE FROM OUR MAYOR AND CEO



We are pleased to present
this Annual Report for
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.

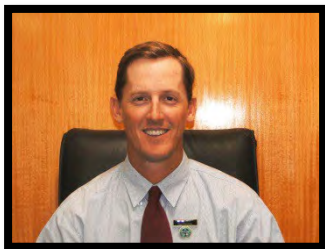
Councillor Bethea Pattel's Portfolio is:

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

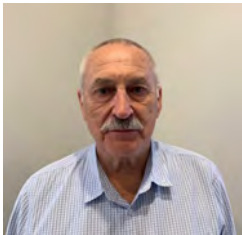
The Chief Executive Officer and three Senior Officers form the executive team.

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



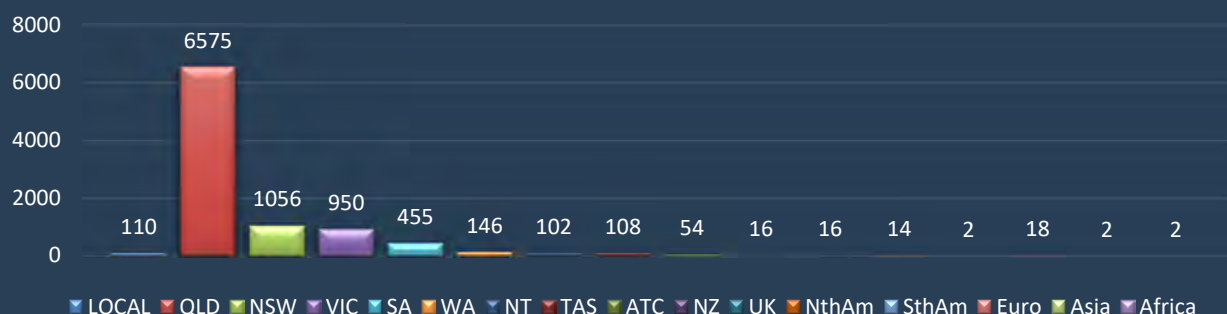
Corfield Road washed away

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

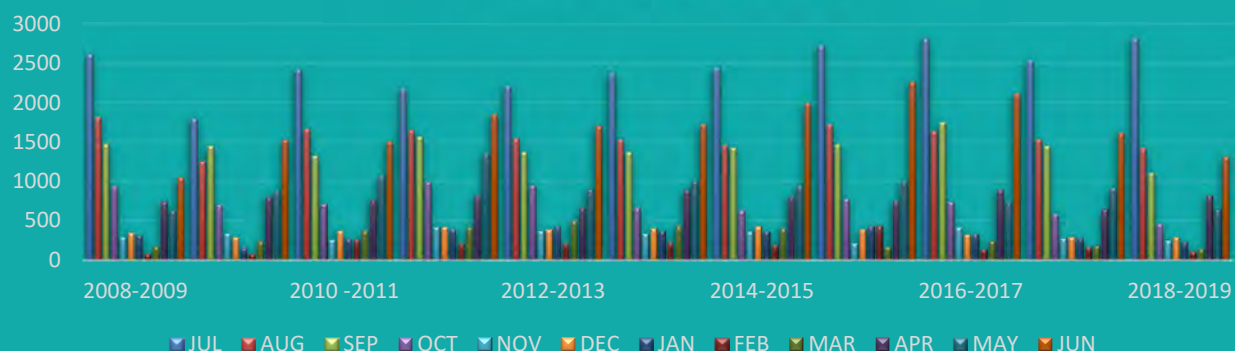
KRONOSAURUS KORNER REPORT

	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



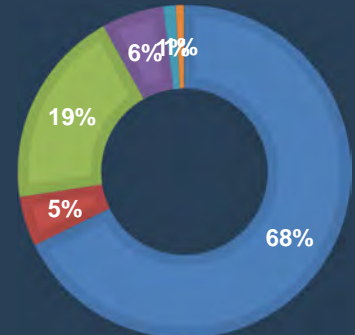
YEARLY COMPARISON FIGURES VISITOR NUMBERS



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.

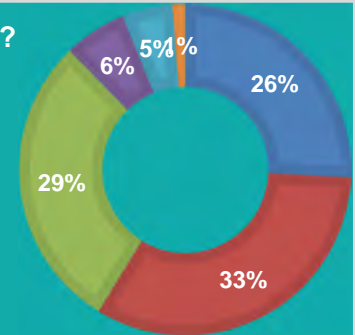
WHAT IS THE MAIN PURPOSE FOR YOUR TRIP?

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



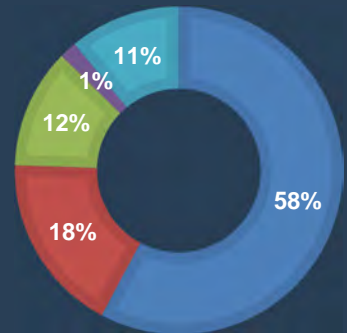
HOW MANY NIGHTS DO YOU PLAN TO SPEND IN RICHMOND?

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



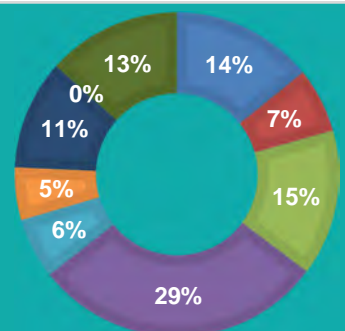
WHERE ARE YOU PLANNING TO STAY?

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



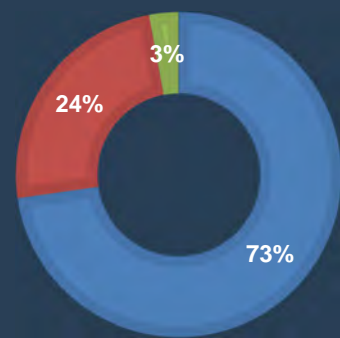
WHERE DID YOU STAY THE NIGHT PRIOR TO ARRIVING IN RICHMOND?

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



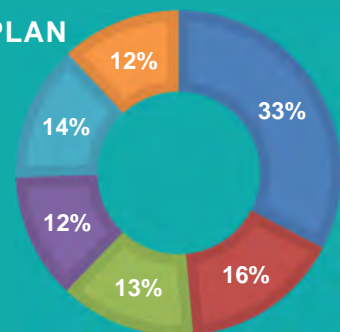
HOW MANY TIMES HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY VISITED RICHMOND?

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



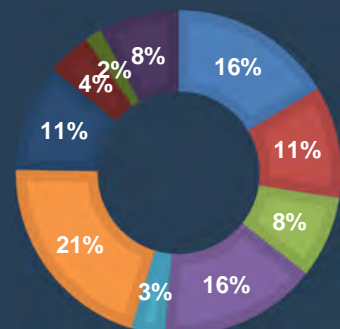
WHAT ATTRACTIONS / ACTIVITIES HAVE YOU DONE OR PLAN ON DOING DURING YOUR STAY IN RICHMOND?

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



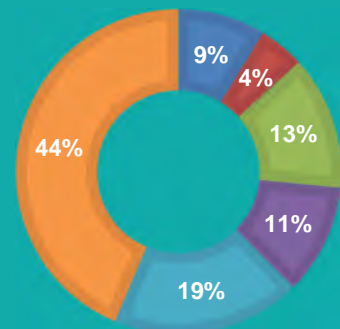
HOW DID YOU FIND OUT ABOUT RICHMOND?

- 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

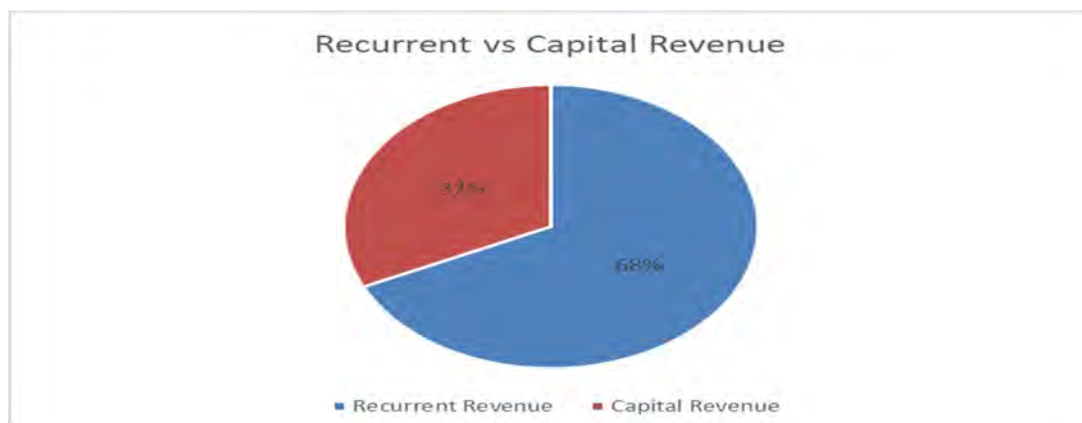
Net Results from operations, 2011/12 – 2018/19

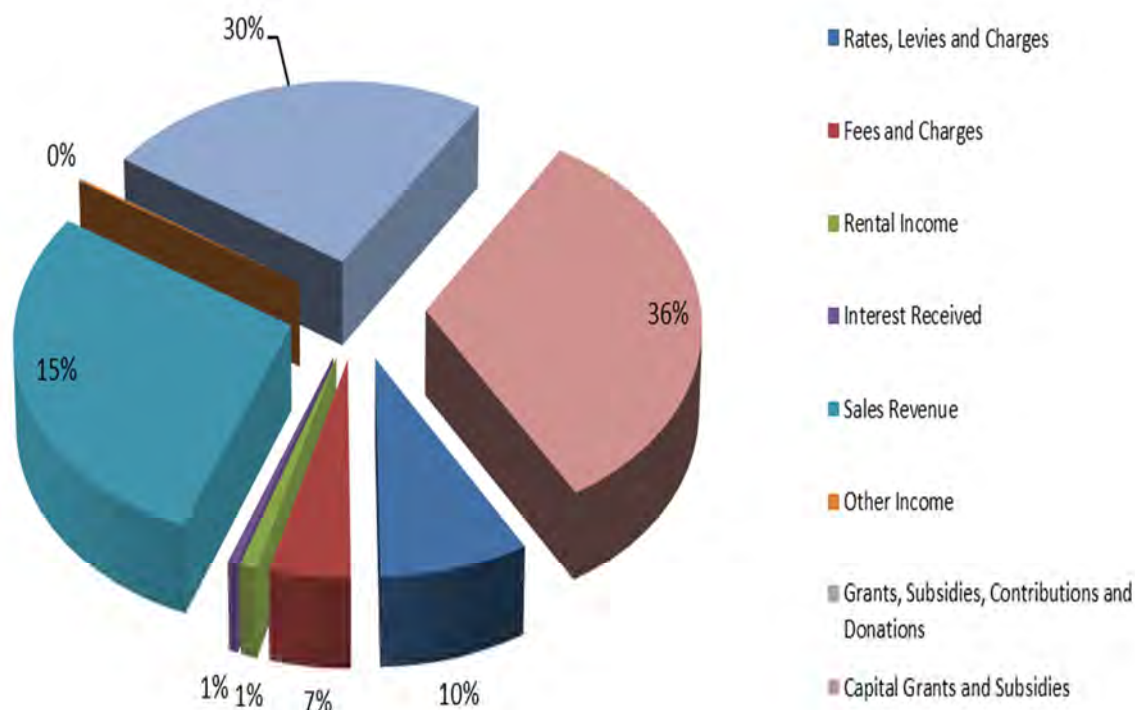
The Statement of Comprehensive Income:

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).

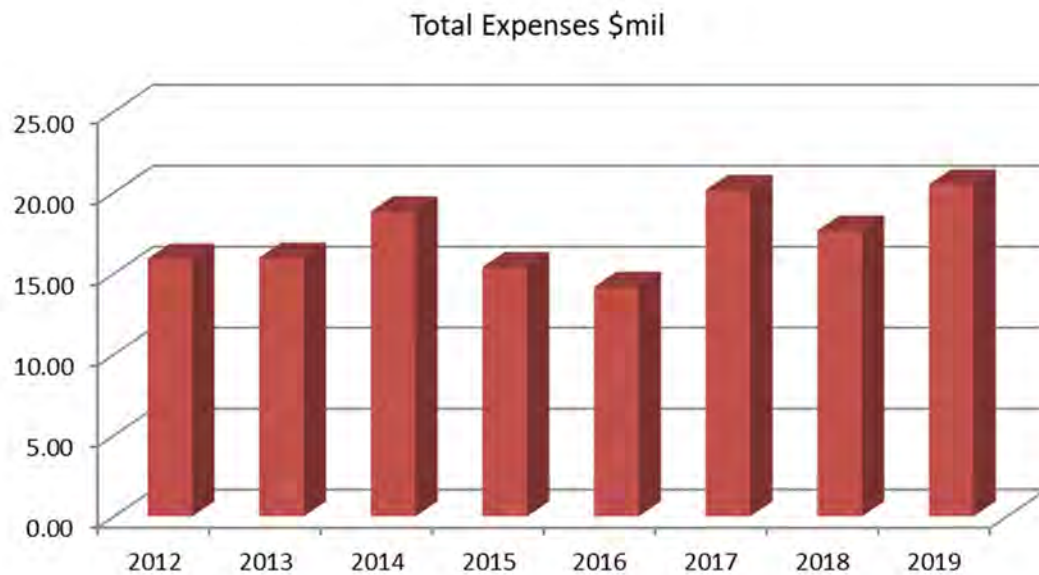
Council's ability to raise income from rates, levies and charges is limited by the population. The income generated from this source is 7.3% of total revenue.

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

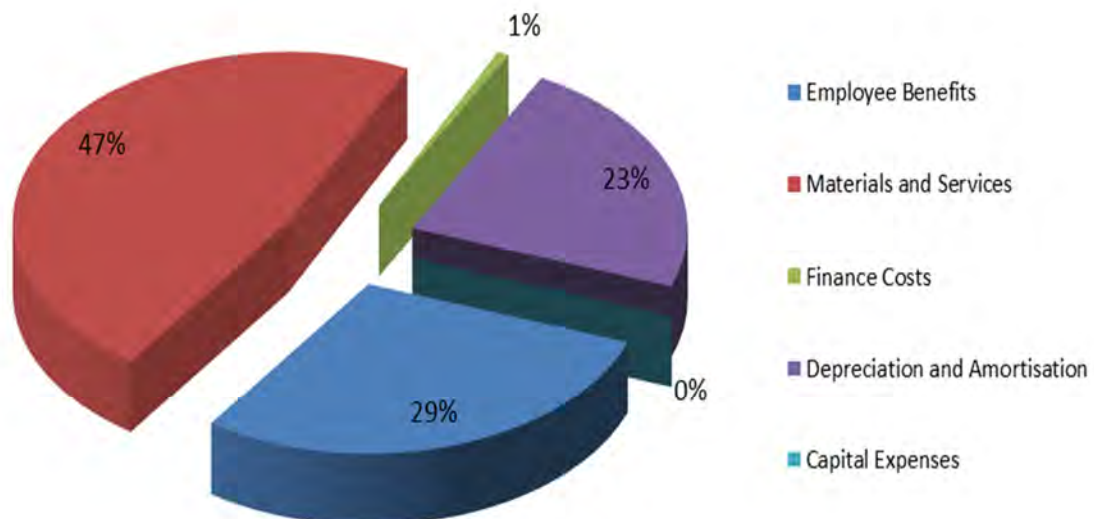
Expenditure:

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%.



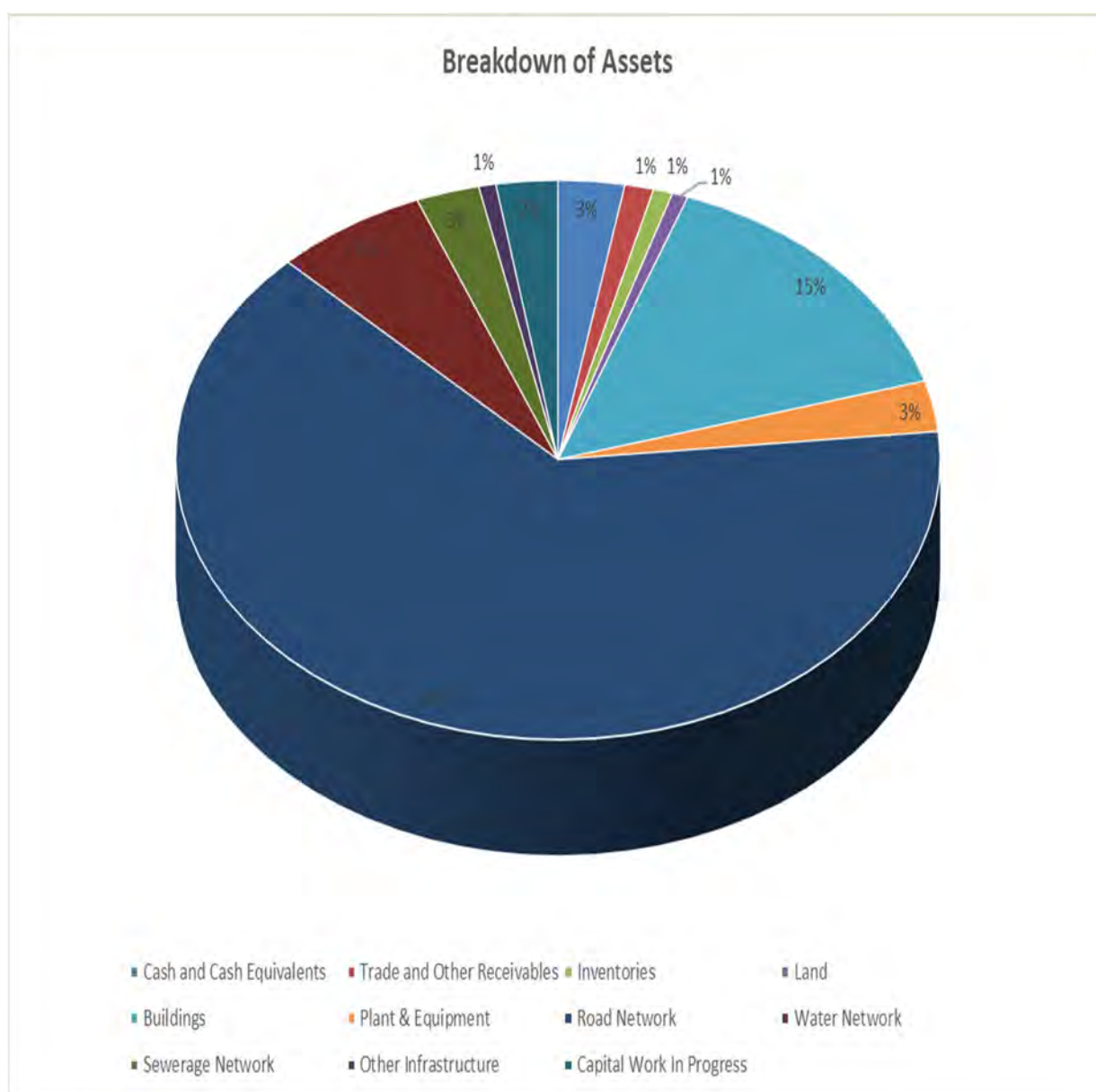
The Statement of Financial Position:

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:

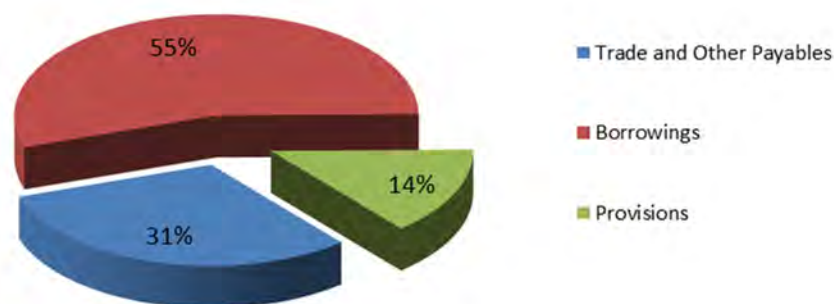
Current Assets are made up mainly of cash and cash equivalents as well as money owed to Council and inventories.

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.

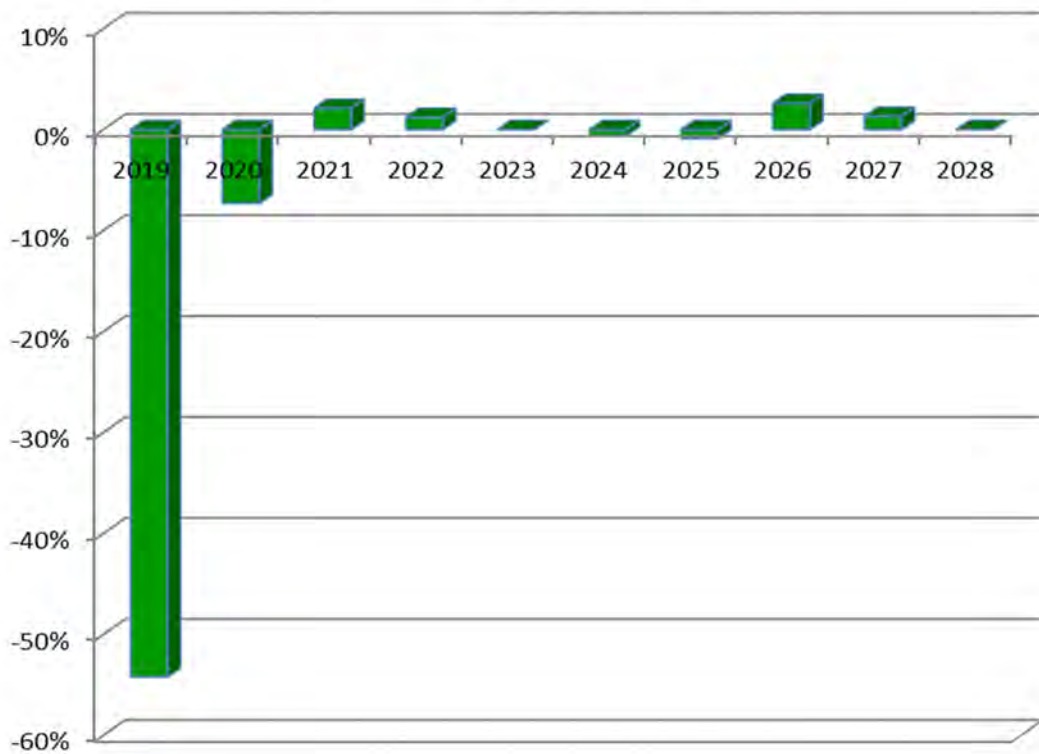
Section 169 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* requires the inclusion of the relevant measures of financial sustainability. These ratios are also included in Council's 10-year financial plan, with reviews conducted on a regular basis. Targets are set by the Department of Local Government, Racing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

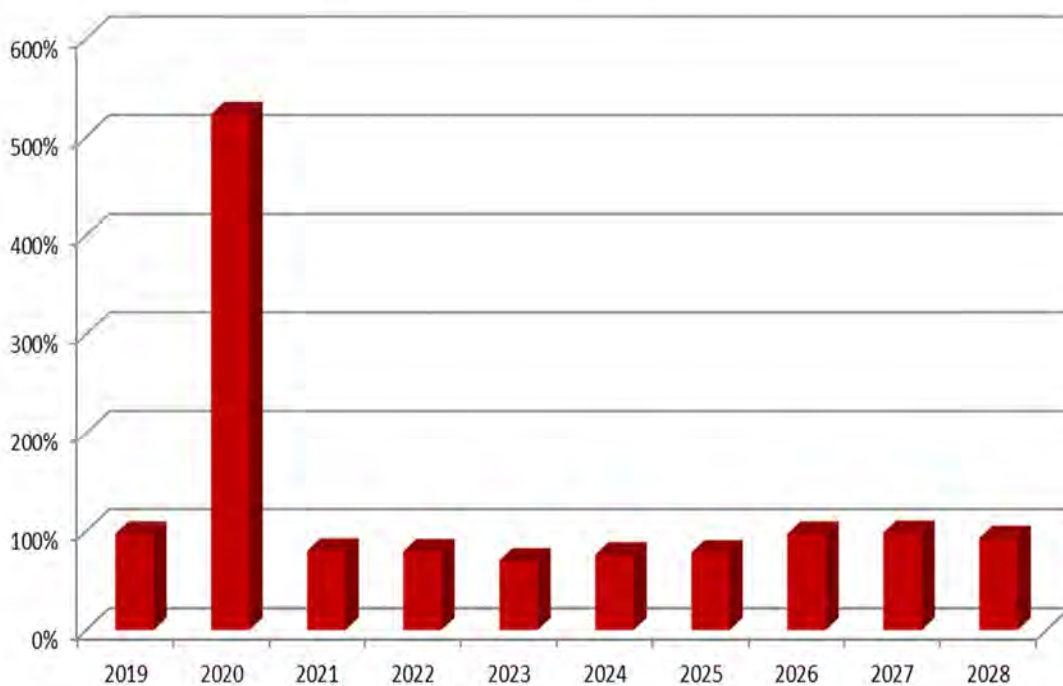
Operating surplus ratio



Asset Sustainability Ratio:

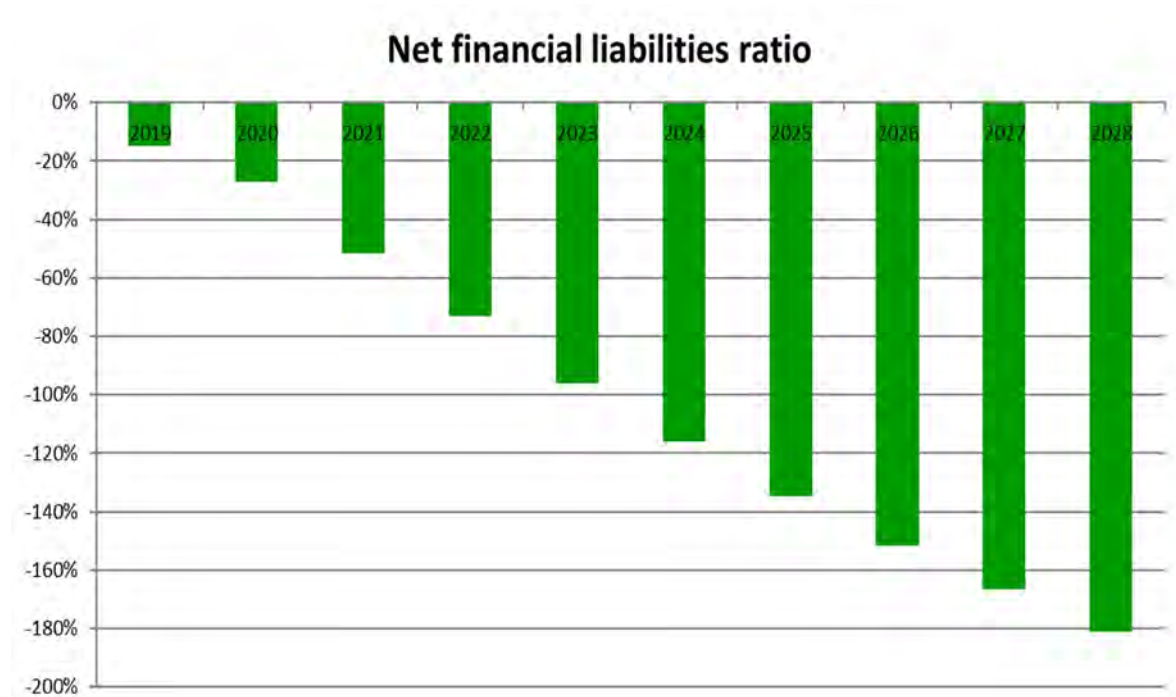
Target is 90%. Council is at 96.9% for the 2018/19 financial year, future financial years will be dependent on flood damage and available grants.

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

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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