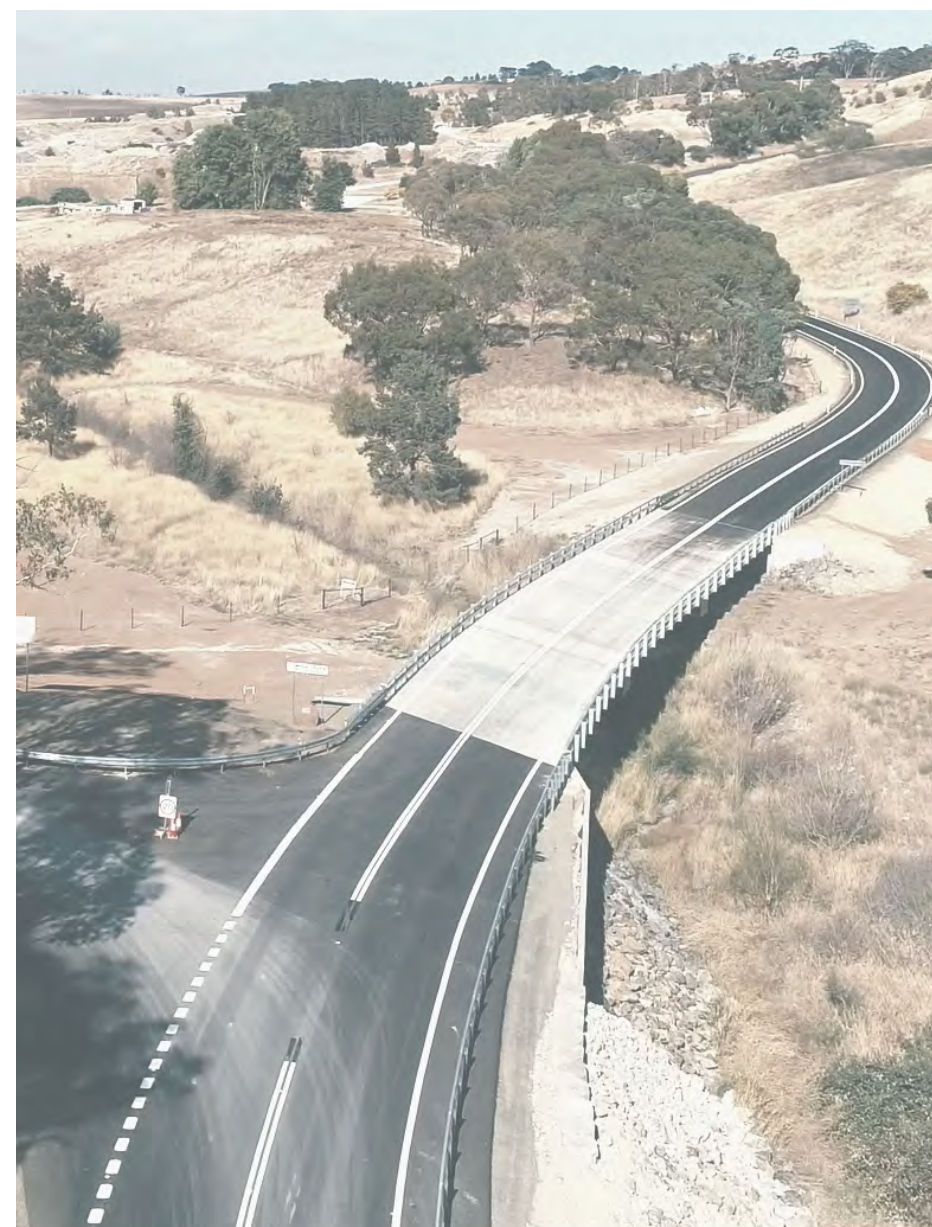


BLAYNEY SHIRE COUNCIL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

# Annual Report

2019/2020







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**HERE IN BLAYNEY SHIRE, WE  
GATHER ON WIRADJURI  
COUNTRY ON WHICH MEMBERS  
AND ELDERS OF THE LOCAL  
INDIGENOUS  
COMMUNITY AND THEIR  
FOREBEARERS HAVE BEEN  
CUSTODIANS FOR MANY  
CENTURIES AND ON WHICH  
ABORIGINAL PEOPLE HAVE  
PERFORMED AGE OLD  
CEREMONIES OF CELEBRATION,  
INITIATION AND RENEWAL, WE  
ACKNOWLEDGE THEIR LIVING  
CULTURE AND THEIR UNIQUE  
ROLE IN THE REGION.**

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## MAYOR'S FOREWORD

It's my pleasure to present the Mayor's foreword for Blayney Shire Council's 2019-2020 Annual Report.

This financial year has been a very unique time, full of change and challenge. For the first time in Council's history, we used technology to live stream council meetings and later in the year were engulfed by a worldwide pandemic. COVID-19 has been a very difficult time for our community, but council has continued to deliver services and projects throughout the shire as efficiently and safely as possible.

Blayney Shire Council has continued to work closely with our State and Federal members to deliver unprecedented investment. Drought Communities funding and Stronger Country Community programs delivering major infrastructure upgrades to our villages, including bore upgrades and showground improvements as well as various sporting facilities. Our Centrepont facility closed in July to allow the \$4.8M upgrade of the swimming pools, change rooms and plant room. A new children's water playground and improved access have made this a very modern and enjoyable asset for our residents.

This year also saw the opening of our Central West Equestrian and Livestock Centre by the Deputy Premier at the Blayney Showground. This impressive facility was built by local contractors and is well supported by all the user groups and is a genuine regional attraction.

Councils Community Financial Assistance program continues to support various community groups with their many projects and assist in extra costs like rates and insurance. Council has continued to work closely with all our villages helping them deliver their village enhancement plans, and we see wonderful results from this planning and collaboration.

Council has reconfirmed our strong support for Orange 360, which is our regional tourism entity with Cabonne and Orange council areas. We have experienced significant increases in visitor numbers with improved marketing and promotion of our shire and region. Our volunteers at the Visitor Information Centre in Blayney continue to perform an essential service of welcoming and supporting tourists to our part of the region.

Blayney Shire Council has continued investing in major improvements to our road network and bridges. Our community has appreciated the ongoing upgrades and building of new footpaths around the shire, and the planning and delivery of all these important assets will continue within our delivery plan.

This year also saw our Central Regional Organisation of Councils transform into a new entity call Central West Joint Organisation. Blayney Shire Council will work with the other nine-member councils and State government to improve regional issues like transport, health and communications.

I would like to conclude by acknowledging the strong commitment of all our staff at Blayney Shire Council and my fellow Councillors who have delivered considered and effective representation on the many committees, boards and County Councils that they serve on.

Clr Scott Ferguson.  
Mayor





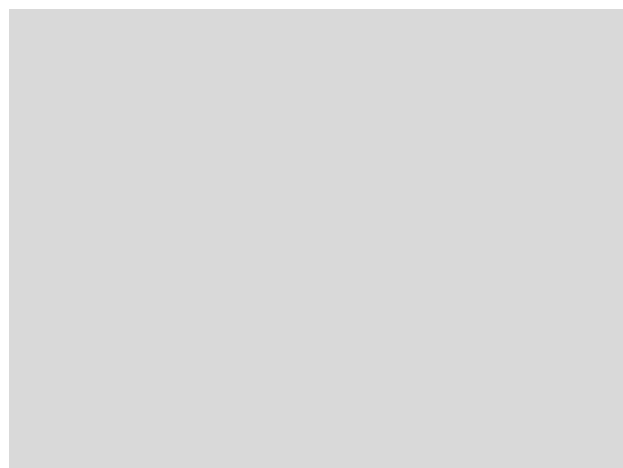


# WHAT IS THE ANNUAL REPORT

The primary purpose of the Annual Report 2019-2020 is to demonstrate Council's achievements during the year based on the actions identified in the Delivery Program 2020 - 2024 and Operational Plan 2020-2021 (and therefore, what Council has accomplished towards achieving the objectives in the Community Strategic Plan). The Annual Report also includes reporting requirements under the Local Government Act 1993 and the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005.

The Annual Report is available on the Council's website [blayney.nsw.gov.au](http://blayney.nsw.gov.au)

A hard copy version of the Annual Report can viewed at Council's Customer Service Centre located at 91 Adelaide Street, Blayney and printed copies are available upon request.







# VISION & VALUES

## OUR VISION

### **Our Shire of welcoming communities**

The many communities of the Shire's town, villages and settlements are supportive and welcoming to those who live here and also those who visit.

### **Beautiful and productive landscapes**

The landscape in which we live is both beautiful and productive.

### **Rural and mining heritage**

Our heritage of rural living amidst agricultural and mining production has taught us much about the nature of these activities and how they can exist in harmony.

### **Showing the world how agriculture, mining and industry can work together for the greatest good**

We are eager to share these lessons and learnings with other communities around the world.

### **A place to live your dreams**

In Blayney Shire there is both space and time to make and live your dreams!

## OUR VALUES

These are the values that will guide our future choices and the way we work together as a community.

With a generosity of spirit we will:

- Be inclusive and united
- Act honestly and respect each other
- Have a "can do" attitude
- Think outside the square
- Back ourselves





# OUR ELECTED MEMBERS



**Cr Scott Ferguson  
(Mayor)**



**Cr David Kingham  
(Deputy Mayor)**



**Cr John Newstead**



**Cr David Somerville**



**Cr Scott Denton**



**Cr Bruce Reynolds**

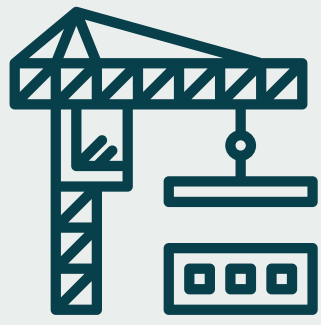


**Cr Alan Ewin**





# SERVICES PROVIDED BY COUNCIL



ASSET CONSTRUCTION  
& MAINTENANCE



ESSENTIAL SERVICES



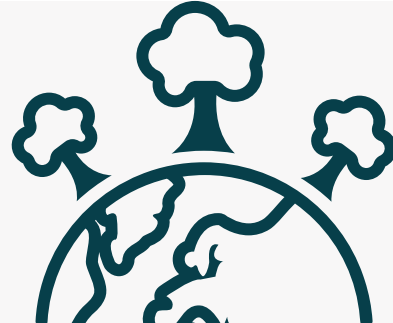
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& MARKETING



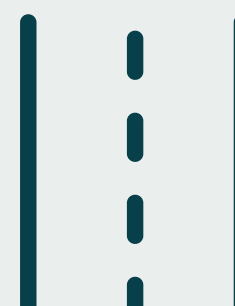
WASTE MANAGEMENT &  
RECYCLING



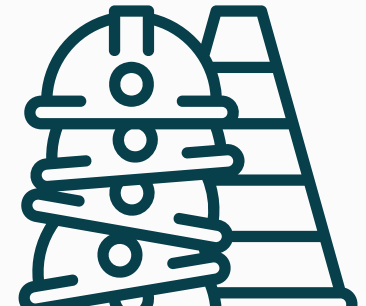
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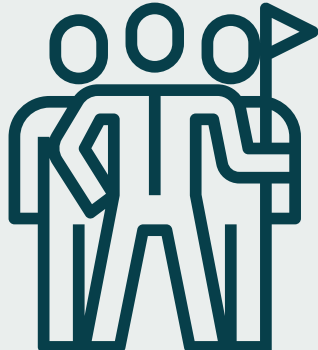
ENVIRONMENTAL  
MANAGEMENT



ROADS & TRANSPORT



HEALTH & SAFETY



CIVIC LEADERSHIP



STRATEGIC LAND USE  
PLANNING



GRANTS & FUNDING



RECREATION & LEISURE



SEWER TREATMENT PLANT



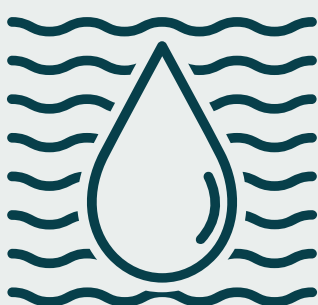
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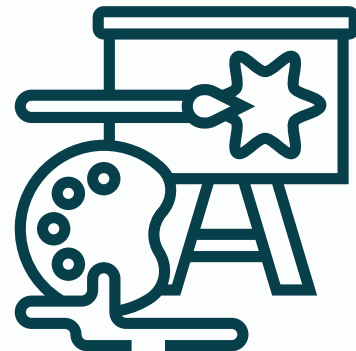
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FOOD SAFETY



WATER SERVICES  
THROUGH CENTRAL TABLELANDS WATER



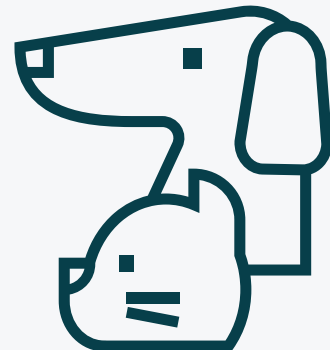
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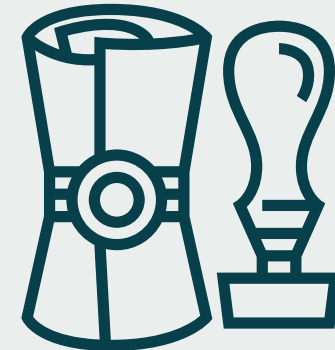
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THROUGH UPPER MACQUARIE  
COUNTY COUNCIL



COMPANION ANIMALS



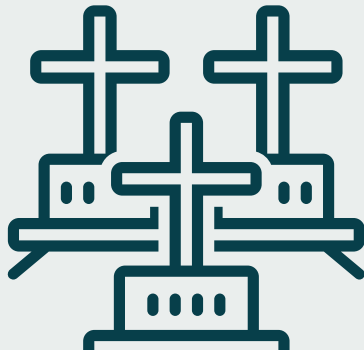
LIBRARIES



HERITAGE ADVISORY SERVICE



RANGER SERVICES



CEMETERIES



COMMUNITY HALLS



COMMUNITY ADVOCACY



PUBLIC CONVENIENCES





# 2019-2020 SNAPSHOT

## CEMETERIES

In 2019-2020 Council:

- Updated and synchronized the cemetery records to our public database.
- Undertook rabbit eradication at Blayney Cemetery.
- Installed 5 new double sided monument headstones in Millthorpe Cemetery.



## GRANT SUCCESS

In 2019-2020 Council received funding for:

- Drought Communities Program \$1m
- Drought stimulus funding \$900K
- Showground Stimulus Funding \$196K
- Fixing Local Roads \$1.8m
- Building Better Regions Program \$1.9m



## FOOD INSPECTIONS

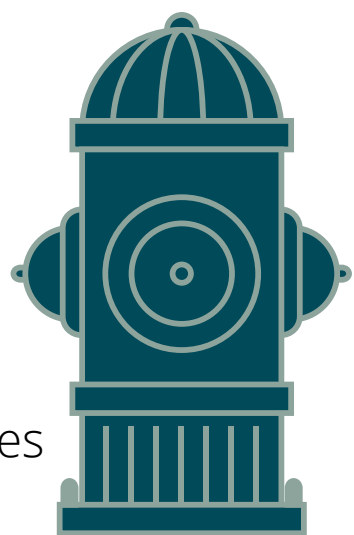
In 2019-2020 Council conducted:

- 36 temporary food shop inspections.
- 41 permanent food shop inspections.
- 11 mobile food premises inspections.

## NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

In 2019-2020 the Canobolas Zone NSW Rural Fire Service had the following call outs:

- 1 animal rescue
- 4 legal burn-offs
- 3 Illegal burn-offs
- 5 natural fires
- 5 accidental fires
- 3 lightning fires
- 4 motor vehicle fires
- 5 electrical fires
- 23 miscellaneous/other



## PARKS AND OPEN SPACE

Council manages a total of 15 parks and 16 open spaces in Blayney Shire.



## ANIMAL CONTROL

In 2019-2020

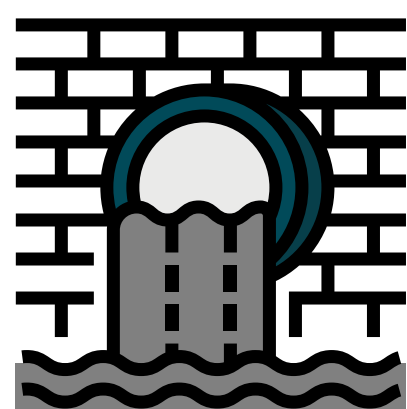
46 dogs impounded, of those, there were:

- 5 rescued by the RSPCA
- 8 re-homed
- 1 dangerous order
- 24 returned to owners
- 9 euthanised
- 2 menacing orders



## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

In 2019-2020 Council donated \$63,000 to not-for-profit groups that offer a significant contribution to the social, economic and/or environmental well-being of the community.

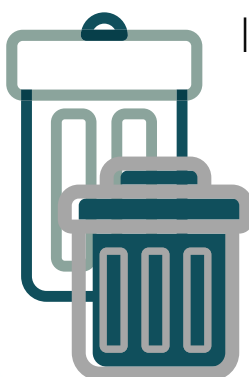


## SEWERAGE SERVICES

The Blayney Sewerage Treatment Plant (STP) treats an average of 850KL of waste per day.

## WASTE COLLECTION

2,911 domestic and commercial premises throughout the Shire receive a weekly waste collection service and fortnightly recycling collection service.



## ROAD WORK

In 2019/20 Rehabilitation Work was done on:

- Burnt Yards Road
- Hobbys Yards Road; and
- Forest Reefs Road

## LOCAL & REGIONAL ROAD NETWORK

The length of the sealed Local and Regional Road network in Blayney Shire is 381kms.



## ROAD MAINTENANCE

In 2019/20 Council maintained

- 348km of local sealed roads
- 44 km of Regional Roads
- 18km of State Road Network



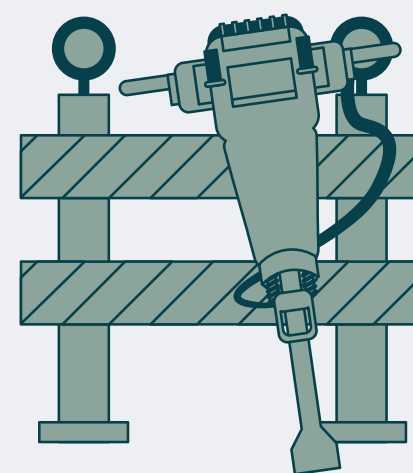
## SEALING WORK

In 2019/20 Council did a total of 22.34km of sealing works, comprising of:

- Reseals - 13.34km
- Heavy Patching - 3.81km
- Rehabilitation - 5.19km

## FUNDING FOR ROADS

In 2019/20 Council received \$3,334,335 in funding for roads.



## FOOTPATHS

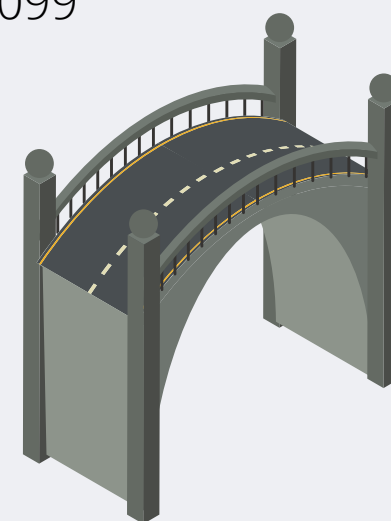
In 2019/20 Council:

- Maintained 34km of footpaths and shared paths
- Spent \$278k on network renewals and new footpaths across the shire

## CAPITAL PROJECTS

Capital projects delivered in 2019-2020 included:-

- Dakers Oval cricket practice nets - \$90,273
- Carcoar Sportsground amenities block - \$299,862
- Carcoar Multipurpose Court - \$110,099
- Belubula River Walk - \$222,032
- Lyndhurst Village Walk - \$199,040
- Gold Street, Mandurama - \$17,135
- Blake Street, Millthorpe - \$36,436
- Redmond Oval, Millthorpe - \$2,838
- Binstead Street, Blayney - \$8,340
- CentrePoint, Blayney - \$4.9 Million
- Visitor Centre, Blayney - \$3,806
- Bridge replacement - Carcoar Road - \$516,957
- Bridge replacement - Kinds Lane - \$136,948
- Bridge replacement - Hines Lane - \$112,472
- Bridge replacement - Winterbottoms Lane - \$98,910
- The initial sealing of Selby Street, Bathurst Street and Pascoe Street in Neville - \$62,264





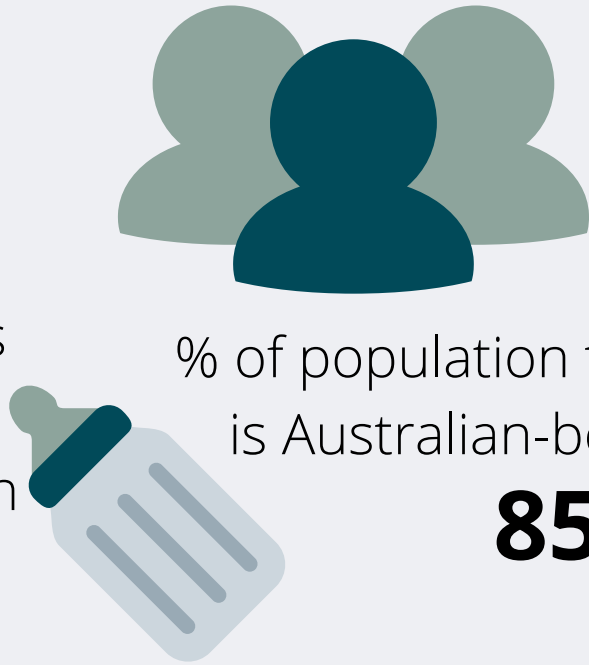
# 2019-2020 SNAPSHOT



ABS 2019 Estimated  
Residential Population:  
**7,379**

Median age is:  
**42 YEARS**

Number of babies  
born to Blayney  
residents between  
2016 and 2018:  
**268**



% of population that  
is Australian-born:  
**85.8**

Number of people  
that work and live  
in the Region:

**2,991**



Estimated number of  
residents employed:  
**3,080**



Median Weekly  
Income:  
**\$623**



Gross Regional Product:

**\$681,208,000**



Total estimated value of  
tourism for the local  
economy in Blayney:

**\$19,070,000**



Estimated % of  
residents who  
own their own  
home, either  
outright or with  
a mortgage:

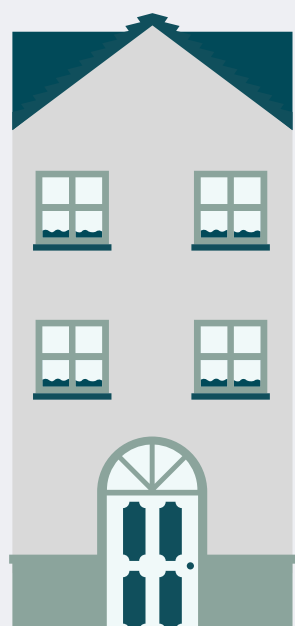
**75.1**



Number of families  
in Blayney with 2  
children: **1,926**

Number of Residential  
Assessments:

**2,839**



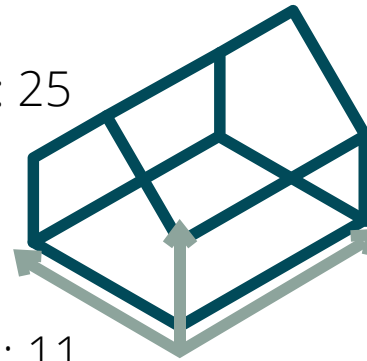
Total of value of development  
approved in the shire:

**\$18,792,705**

## DA APPLICATIONS

In 2019-2020 Council processed  
the following amount of  
Development Applications:

- Pre DA: 221
- DA only: 14
- DA/CC: 49
- DA/CC/S68: 25
- DA/S68: 18
- S68: 4
- CDC: 6
- Subdivision: 11



## PLANNING CERTIFICATES

In 2019-2020 Council processed:

- 261 Planning Certificates
- 75 Drainage Diagrams
- 39 Outstanding Notices



## BLAYNEY WASTE FACILITY

In 2019-2020 Blayney Waste Facility received:

- 3660.5 tonnes of Municipal Waste
- 1557.60 tonnes Commercial & Industrial Waste
- 751.10 tonnes of Construction & Demolition Waste

## CENTREPOINT SPORT & LEISURE CENTRE

A \$4.9m major upgrade was undertaken in  
2019-20 to the aquatic component (pool  
hall, plant room and amenities) of  
CentrePoint.



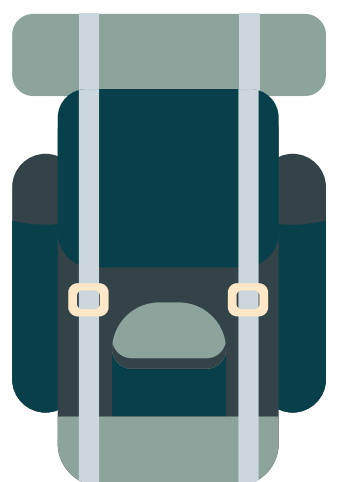
## EQUESTRIAN AND LIVESTOCK CENTRE

Blayney is now home to one of the greatest equestrian centre in Australia. The  
brand new \$2.5 million dollar facility located in the Blayney Showground  
features a multipurpose covered arena, undercover  
spectator seating and day yards.



## TOURISM

In 2019 Orange360 won silver at  
the Australian Tourism Awards for  
the 'Extend the Weekend' campaign  
which lead to 50,000 website views.



## BLAYNEY SHIRE VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

The Blayney Shire Visitor Information Centre was  
temporarily closed for 10 weeks due to COVID-19  
restrictions and reopened in mid-June with reduced hours.  
In 2019-2020 the Visitor Information Centre had:

- 1843 walk-in visitors
- 116 phone calls
- 134 Emails





# CENTREPOINT SPORT & LEISURE CENTRE

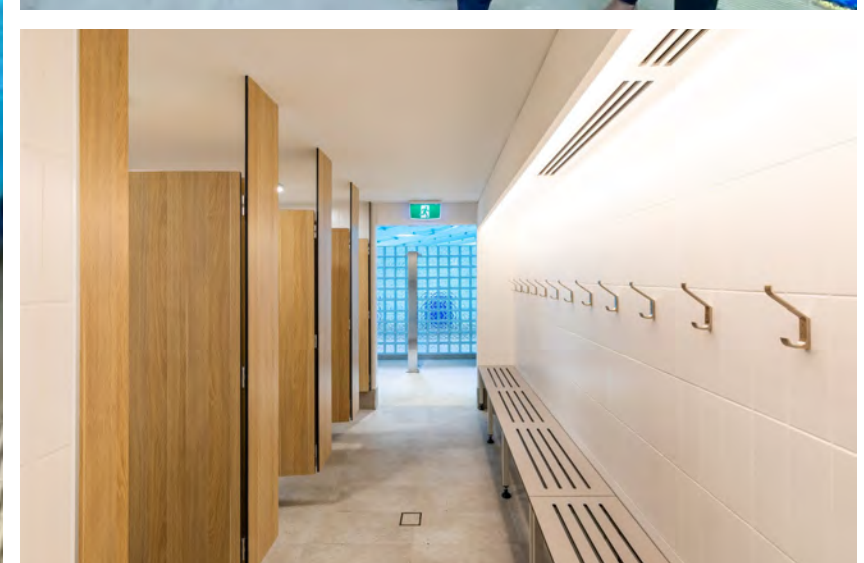
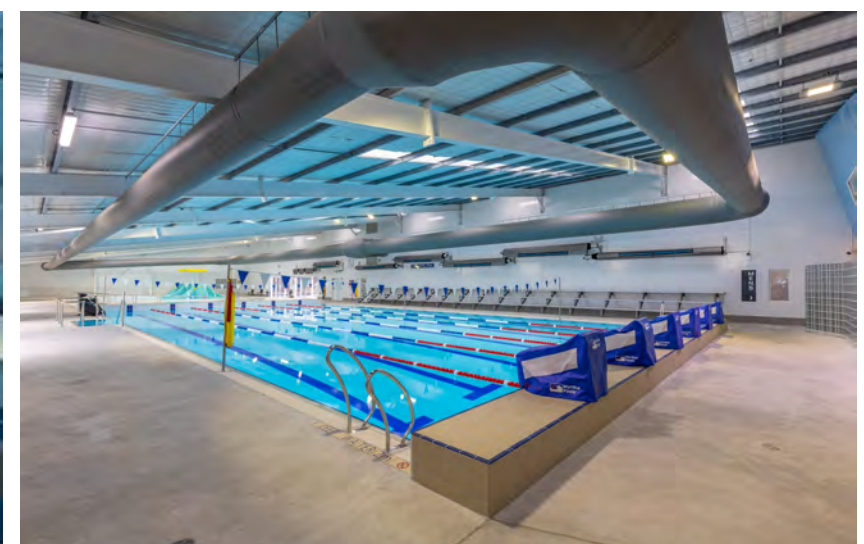
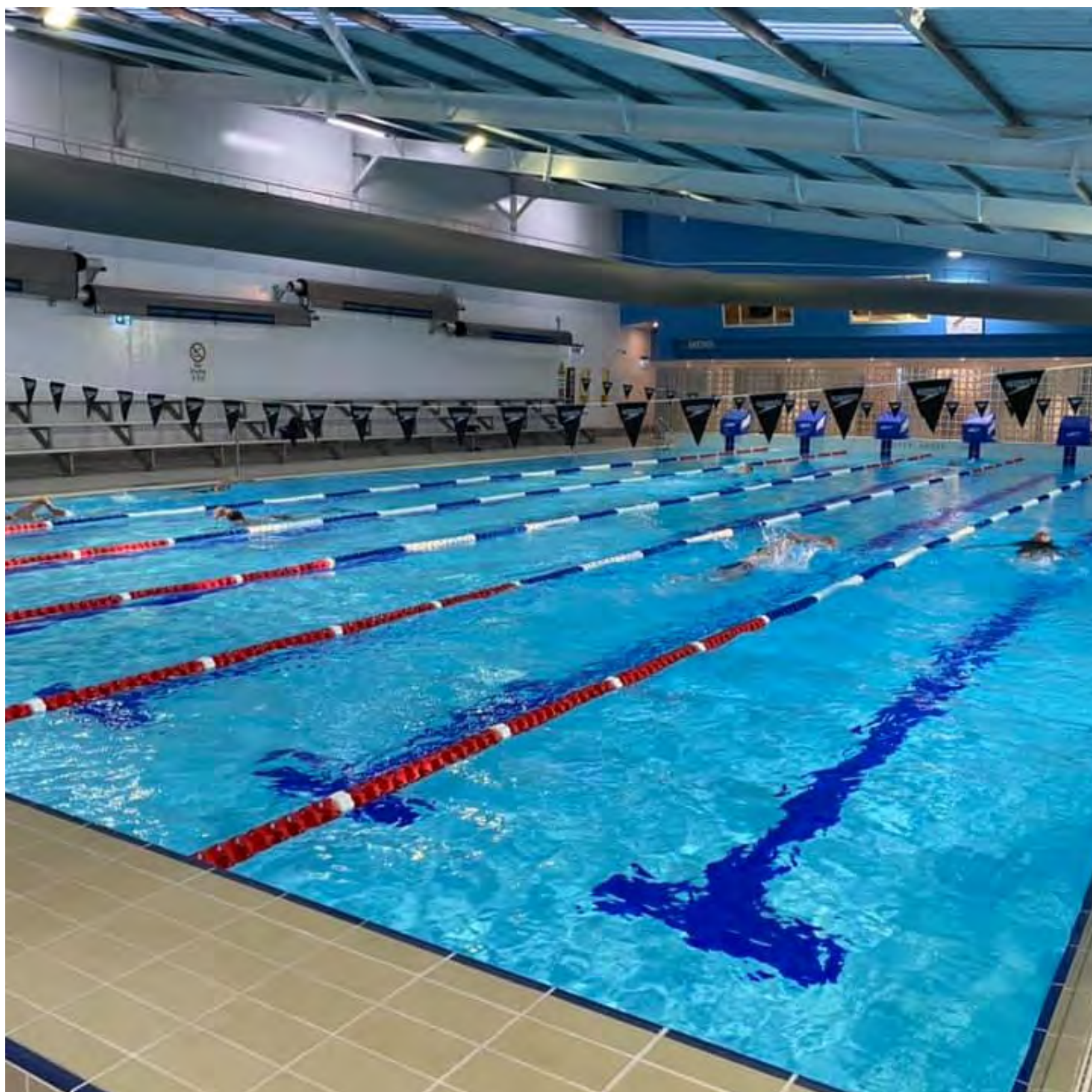
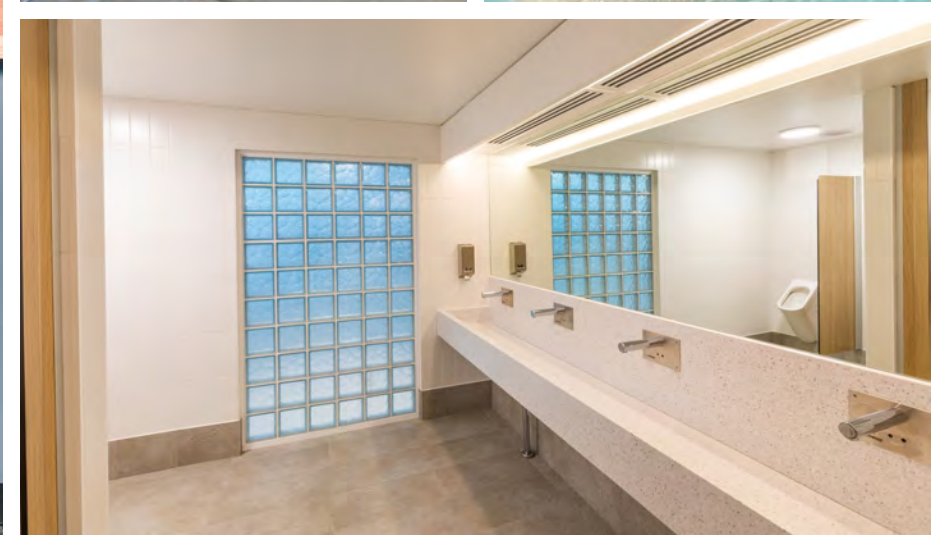
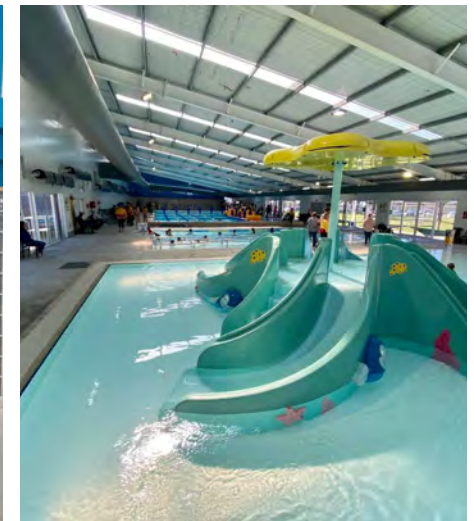
## MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR POOL UPGRADE

CentrePoint Sport and Leisure offers a range of programs, classes and services to cater to all ages and fitness levels. From Children's Learn to Swim and fitness activities to students and adult fun sporting competitions, group fitness classes, gym workouts, and personal training.

A \$4.9 million dollar major upgrade was undertaken in 2019/20 to the aquatic component (pool hall, plant room and amenities) of CentrePoint. The pool hall was closed from July 2019 until June 2020 whilst the upgrade was undertaken.

During; March, April and May 2020 all of CentrePoint was closed, in accordance with the NSW Public Health Order issued in relation to COVID-19.

Whilst the pool hall was closed an internal operational review was undertaken of CentrePoint. Subsequently Council in June 2020 resolved to issue YMCA an agreement for up to 2 years to provide the operational management of CenterPoint Sport and Leisure Centre.





# EQUESTRIAN & LIVESTOCK CENTRE

## BRAND NEW \$2.5 MILLION DOLLAR FACILITY

In the 2019-2020 financial year Blayney Shire Council officially opened the Blayney Showground Equestrian Sports Facility. The new and upgraded facility and ancillary amenities are purpose built with the vision of helping community sport and user groups reach their full potential and host high caliber regional, state and in some cases national events.

The facility is to be a centre of excellence and a regional hub for promoting agricultural production; providing a safe, functional, equitable and accessible facility for local community groups to conduct quality multidisciplinary equestrian sports and associated activities.

As an equestrian precinct for the Central West region, Blayney Showground will be a premier location that will be an asset encouraging people to relocate and visit. Increasing tourism, encouraging visitors and hosting competitors; all of which will provide positive commercial benefits to local business whilst raising the profile of Blayney and its attributes.







## **Local Government Act 1993**

### **Performance of Principal Activities**

*Section 428(1)*

Council's achievements in implementing the delivery program and effectiveness of principal activities for the 2019/20 reporting period are outlined. Please refer to Attachment A1.

### **Council's Audited Financial Reports**

*Section 428(4)(a)*

Please refer to Attachment A2.

### **Special Variation to Rate Income**

*Section 508(A) and Section 508(2) (SRV Guidelines 7.1)*

During 2019/20 Blayney Shire Council had two (2) Special Rate Variation in force and are summarised as follows:

#### **Infrastructure Renewal Special Rate Variation**

IPART approved a section 508(A) special variation in rate income of 4.89% for 2014/15 and 5.11% for 2015/16. This has equated to an additional \$470,544 for the 2019/20 financial period. This special variation was applied to all rate categories excluding the Mining Rate category. The purpose was for funding infrastructure renewal works to buildings, footpaths, roads and bridges.

During 2019/20 expenditure of these monies was as follows:

<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Amount</b>
New Footpath – Binstead Street, Blayney	\$ 8,340
New Footpath – Blake Street to Pym Street, Millthorpe	\$36,436
Footpath Renewals – Network renewals	\$73,924
Roads and Bridges Renewal – Sealing Village Streets	\$139,812
Roads and Bridges Renewal – Newbridge Road	\$212,032
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$470,544</b>

#### **Special Rate Variation Outcomes**

- Completion of 79m footpath in Blake Street, Millthorpe.
- Completion of 70m footpath in Binstead Street, Blayney.
- Initial sealing projects, Village Road, Selby Street and Bathurst/Pascoe Street.
- Rehabilitation and widening of 1.4km Newbridge Road (completion of work commenced 2018/19).

#### **Mining Category Special Rate Variation**

IPART approved a section 508(2) special variation in rate income of 40.7% for 2012/13. This has equated to an additional \$1,613,370 for the 2019/20 financial period. This special variation was applied exclusively to the Mining Rate category. The purpose was for funding roads, bridges, land acquisitions, community infrastructure works and community contributions.





The balance of the external cash restriction for Special Rate Variation – Mining, as at 30 June 2020, was \$145,169. These funds will be used in future year programs pursuant to the section 508(2) - Special Rate Variation Instrument of Approval.

During 2019/20 expenditure of these monies was as follows:

Expenditure	Amount
Road Maintenance	\$154,660
Asset Renewals – Roads	\$1,189,547
Other Community Infrastructure	\$306,272
Engineering/Design Works	\$85,660
Community Contributions Program	\$94,117
Transfer to / (from) Restricted Cash – SRV Mining	(\$216,886)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,613,370</b>

### **Special Rate Variation Outcomes**

- Rehabilitation and widening of 1.3km of Forest Reefs Road - \$438k
- Rehabilitation and widening at various locations on Burnt Yards Road - \$421k.
- Continued funding to community groups through the Community Financial Assistance Program – \$94k.
- A further \$306k expended towards ongoing maintenance and operations of community infrastructure.
- Heavy patching works on Panuara Road - \$162k.
- Maintenance of the road network leading to, and within the Cadia district - \$154,660.

### **Productivity savings achieved during 2019/20 include:**

The Instruments of Approval for the above Special Rate Variations require Council to report productivity savings achieved during the reporting period. These are detailed as follows:

- Ongoing investigations of opportunities for integration of technology into Council work practices, including; engineering solutions, customer service solutions, online lodgement and payment of applications and open access information.
- Engagement of specialised plant, contractors and material supply procurement to increase production and reduce operating costs at Council quarries.
- Involvement with surrounding Councils in procurement of goods and services through joint tendering.
- Involvement in Central West Joint Organisation activities, to increase advocacy, source funding, and procurement of goods and services through joint tendering.
- Installation of LoRaWAN gateway, and investigations of remote sensors to provide real time data on council services to target appropriately timed responses.





- Undertaken pilot project for telematics on council plant and fleet, to provide real time data, increase production, reduce fuel demand and satisfy Chain of Responsibility requirements. Procurement underway to deliver across full Council plant and fleet in 2020/21.
- Installation of expanded solar project at Sewer Treatment Plant.
- Establishment of cloud based procurement platform to improve procurement effectiveness and compliance.
- Streamlining of condition assessment of sewer manholes using tablet for directly integrating field data capture with Asset system. This has helped assessments to be consistent and repeatable whilst reducing paper and duplication of tasks.
- Consolidation of planned bridge works in future years into one project to gain economies of scale and access.
- Introduction of unsupervised gym access to CentrePoint Sport and Leisure Centre.
- Continued integration of mapping solutions to enable community interaction from Council's website.
- Increased mapping and data collection of council assets to improve asset management practices.
- Senior Building Surveyor secondment to Orange City Council.
- Participation in NetWaste regional waste procurement of the following services:
  - Landfill Environmental Monitoring
  - Collection and processing of used mattresses;
  - Scrap steel collection;
  - Household chemical cleanout and removal;
  - Waste organics processing; and
  - Audit of Council Landfill Operations.

## **Local Government (General) Regulation 2005**

### **Details of written off Rates and Charges**

*Clause 132*

Rates and charges of \$164,917 were written off during 2019/20, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993. This compares to \$166,013 written off during 2018/19.

Rates and charges written off during 2019/20 are summarised as follows:

Pensioner Rate Rebates	\$164,917
Other	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$164,917</b>

### **Overseas Visits**

*Clause 217(1)(a)*

No Councillors, Council staff or representatives of Council participated in any overseas visits during 2019/20.





## **Councillors**

Clause 217(1)(a1)

During 2019/20 a total of \$160,197 was expended on the Mayor and Councillors.

Mayoral Fees	\$24,853
Councillor Fees	\$82,845
Councillor Expenses:	
- Overseas visits	-
- Interstate visits	-
- Meeting expenses	\$4,876
- Travel	\$1,695
- Training and skill development	\$11,256
- Conferences and Seminars	\$3,895
- Provision of dedicated office equipment	\$3,000
- Telephone calls	-
- Expenses of spouse or accompanying persons	-
- Care for child or immediate family member of councillor	-
- Insurance	\$25,228
- Other expenses	\$2,549
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$160,197</b>

Council adopted a policy on the Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities for Councillors following their election in September 2017. The policy outlines the services and facilities provided to the Councillors, the Deputy Mayor and the Mayor to enable them to carry out the duties and functions of their civic office.

A copy of the policy is provided at Attachment A3.

## **Councillor Professional Development**

Clause 217(1)(a1)(iiia) and clause 186

During 2019/20 Councillors participated in ongoing professional development. Councillors took the opportunity to participate in the following seminars, workshops and other professional development programs:

	Cr. Denton	Cr. Ewin	Cr. Ferguson	Cr. Kingham	Cr. Newstead	Cr. Reynolds	Cr. Somerville
<i>Enterprise Risk Management Workshop</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Executive Certificate for Elected Members</i>						X	
<i>Financial Issues in Local Government</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Local Government NSW Annual Conference</i>		X	X				
<i>IPWEA NSW Central West Regional Forum</i>			X				
<i>Local Government Week Awards</i>			X				
<i>Councillor Briefing Sessions* x 13</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

\*Internally Organised





### **Legal Proceedings**

*Clause 217(1)(a3)*

For the year ended 30 June 2020, Council had incurred \$68,520 in legal fees for proceedings taken by or against Council. By comparison, Council had expended \$130,096 in legal fees in 2018/19.

A summary of the legal proceedings is provided in the following table:

Description	Cost	Status
Planning Matters	\$491	Open
Debt Recovery	\$44,570	Open
Other matters	\$23,459	Open
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$68,520</b>	

### **Contracts awarded by Council**

*Clause 217(1)(a2)*

During the period Council expended in excess of \$250,000 with the following suppliers for the purposes as shown:

Supplier	Supply / Service	Amount \$
Central Tablelands Water	Water charges, Connections, Contributions	333,679
Complete Crushing Services	Crushing – Quarries	346,804
Downer EDI Works P/L	Supply of road material and contract works	925,024
Hadlow Earthmoving	Waste facilities site management / contract works and hire of plant	806,368
Hanson Construction Materials	Supply of road material and concrete	856,632
Hines Construction	Construction services	4,835,678
ICR Engineering Pty Ltd	Contract services, supply of materials, construction services	1,140,101
JR Richards & Sons	Waste collection contract	549,975
Laser Electrical	Electrical repairs and installations	286,092
Murray Construction Pty Ltd	Bridge design and construction services	461,256
Oilsplus Pty Ltd	Fuel purchases	346,069
Orange City Council	Rural Fire Service and Central West Libraries contributions	506,343
Riverpark Construction	Construction services	256,161
Statewide Mutual	Insurance renewals	339,429
Westrac P/L	Purchase of plant, parts and services	682,554





Council awarded the following contracts of a value greater than \$250,000 during the reporting period:

Name	Supply / Service	Amount
Downer EDI Limited	Supply, delivery and placement of Bituminous surfacing*	\$16,809,571
Midwest Traffic Management	Provision of Traffic Control services*	\$1,078,000
River Park Constructions	Amenities Block Construction, Naylor Street, Carcoar.	\$284,247

\* Joint tender with Cabonne Council amount disclosed includes both Councils.

### **Private Works**

*Clause 217(1)(a4)*

Council's Operational Plan provides for the undertaking of private works. During 2019/20 private works expenditure totaled \$41,793 providing an income of \$42,771. The following table provides a summary of the private works completed by Council during this reporting period.

Council has not made any resolutions pursuant to section 67(2)(b), accordingly no public works have been subsidised by Council.

Description of Work	Expenditure
Construction	\$2,934
Hire of Plant & Equipment	\$2,778
Other	\$36,081
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$62,080</b>

### **Section 356 Contributions (to financially assist others)**

*Clause 217(1)(a5)*

Council provides for the donation of Rates to charitable organisations and other groups through its Community Financial Assistance Program. In addition, Council provides donations to community organisations to assist in meeting their public liability insurance premiums.

The Community Financial Assistance Program also allows community organisations to enhance to access funding to undertake activities that align with the Community Strategic Plan.

The Blayney Shire Council with funding from the Heritage Council of NSW has established a free architectural advisory service in Heritage matters and a Heritage Fund, to assist with advice in the restoration of heritage items and provide financial assistance with restoration of heritage significant properties within the Shire. The service is available to residents, property owners and occupiers within the Shire of Blayney.





During 2019/20 Council also established a Tourism Events Development Program to support both not-for-profit and local businesses to host events aimed to promote to grow the visitor economy in the Blayney Shire.

The following table provides a summary of the amounts contributed by Council in accordance with the provisions of Section 356 of the Local Government Act. Allocations under the Community Financial Assistance Program (CFAP) are detailed in Appendix A7.

Contribution	Amount
Rates & Charges (CFAP)	\$18,241
Financial Assistance Program (CFAP)	\$66,350
Community Organisation Insurance contributions (CFAP)	\$9,526
Heritage Grants	\$4,963
Tourism Events Development Program	\$11,060
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$110,140</b>

### **External Bodies**

*Clause 217(1)(a6)*

The following organisations exercised functions delegated by Council during 2019/20:

External Body	Function
Central West Libraries	Library Services
Barry Progress Association	Public Hall
Newbridge Progress Association	Public Hall
Hobbys Yards Community Association	Public Hall

### **Controlling Interests - Partnerships, Cooperatives and Joint Ventures**

*Clause 217(1)(a7)*

Blayney Shire Council held a controlling interest with a number of Councils in Central Tablelands Water County Council and Upper Macquarie County Council during the reporting period.

### **Participation in Partnerships, Cooperatives and Joint Ventures**

*Clause 217(1)(a8)*

Blayney Shire Council is a member of Statewide Mutual Liability, Workers Compensation and Property Schemes.

### **Equal Employment Opportunity - Human Resources**

*Clause 217(1)(a9)*

Council has an Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Management Plan that provides the framework which demonstrates Council's commitment to provide a work environment that promotes the principles of EEO and avoids discrimination. Council incorporates EEO principles and workplace diversity into all aspects of its recruitment, induction and staff development processes.





Council is committed to developing and maintaining a productive and multi skilled workforce. Practices developed to ensure fair work placement include:

- Recruitment and selection practices that provide equal opportunity and flexibility.
- Job advertisements that contain a clear EEO statement, written in plain English, and have selection criteria relevant and realistic to positions being advertised.
- Provide all employees with appropriate training and development opportunities.

### **Senior Staff Remuneration**

*Clause 217(1)(b)*

Council's organisation structure provides for the employment of the General Manager as the only senior staff position. The General Manager is engaged under the Office of Local Government Standard Contract of Employment. The senior staff contract is performance based for a period of five (5) years.

The all-inclusive remuneration package of senior staff that incorporates salary component, employer superannuation, non-cash benefits and amounts payable for fringe benefits tax in the 2019/20 financial year amounted to \$244,745.

### **Stormwater Management Services**

*Clause 217(1)(e)*

Council did not levy an annual charge for Stormwater Management Services during 2019/20.

### **Companion Animals Act Enforcement and Compliance Activities**

*Clause 217 (1)(f)*

The Council carried out the following activities in 2019/20 in relation to enforcing, and ensuring compliance with, the provisions of the *Companion Animals Act 1998* and the regulation under that Act.

11 dog attacks resulting in 6 dogs surrendered and euthanized, for the remaining 5 attacks the dogs or animals were unable to be located. 10 dogs were surrendered to Council of which 2 were rescued, 6 euthanized due to dog attacks and 2 euthanized due to failing a temperament assessment.

*Companion animal community education programs:*

Community Education Programs consisted of promotion in the local and social media, and detailed information delivered with Rate Notices.

*Strategies in place to comply with the requirement under Section 64 (Companion Animals Act) to seek alternatives to euthanasia for unclaimed animals:*

Before destroying a seized or surrendered animal it is the duty of the council to consider whether there is an alternative action to that of destroying the animal and (if practicable) to adopt any such alternative. Council actively seeks to re-home animals which are impounded, including contact with members of the public and the placement of posters advertising impounded animals in the local veterinary surgery. Council has also fostered a close relationship between Bathurst Regional, Orange





City and Cowra Shire Councils as well as the RSPCA in the re-homing and adoption of Stray/Dumped Dogs.

*Off leash areas provided in the Council area:*

Council maintains dedicated off leash areas in Blayney, Carcoar and Millthorpe.

*Amount of funding spent relating to companion animal management and activities:*

Financial information on management and control of companion animals in the area is detailed as follows:

<b>Income</b>	
Registration Fees – commission	\$1,760
Grants and Contributions	\$4,000
Impounding Fees	\$158
Fines & Costs	\$318
Microchip Fees	\$74
Other income	\$4,006
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$10,316</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	
Salaries	\$58,218
Employee Overheads	\$31,570
Depreciation	\$7,755
Impounding & Control Expenses	\$14,657
Microchipping	\$361
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>\$112,561</b>
<b>Net Cost of Companion Animal Operations</b>	<b>\$102,245</b>





## Government Information (Public Access) and Regulation

### GIPA Activity

*Section 125(1) and Clause 7 Sch. 2*

A report on Government Information Public Access activity for the 2019/20 year is provided. Please refer to Attachment A4.

## Public Interest Disclosures Act 1994

### Public Interest Disclosures Annual Report

*Section 31 (and Public Interest Disclosures Regulation 2011 cl.4)*

A report on Public Interest Disclosures for the 2019/20 year is provided. Please refer to Attachment A5.

## Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979

### Planning Agreements

*Section 7.5(5)*

Company	Effective	Purpose	Amount	Due Date	Paid
Cadia Holdings Pty Ltd	July 2013	Road Upgrades Contribution	\$1,000,000	One –off payment payable on date of the agreement.	Yes - Completed
		Annual contribution – Community enhancements and / or Road Upgrades	\$57,819	Due within 28 days of 30 June. Subject to annual increase in accordance with All Groups CPI.	Yes
Flyers Creek Windfarm Pty Ltd	January 2014	Annual contribution – Community Benefit Fund	\$55,000	50% payable 1 July and 50% payable 5 January.	No
		Annual contribution – Road Maintenance	\$40,000		No
		Annual contribution – Project Related Council Administration and Observations	\$12,000		No





### **Other Information**

Council is required to produce State of Environment Reports every four years, in the year of the Council election. Since 2007, the Councils of the Greater Central West Region of NSW have joined to produce Regional State of Environment Reports as part of Council reporting requirements. The Regional State of the Environment Report is the result of a collaborative relationship between the participating catchment Councils, including Blayney Shire Council, and the Central West Catchment Management Authority.

Council has decided to continue reporting on an annual basis so that a detailed Regional State of Environment Report can be prepared that covers trends in the intervening years.

A copy of the comprehensive State of the Environment Report for 2019/20 is available as a separate document on Council's website under the Environment tab.

<https://www.blayney.nsw.gov.au/environment/state-of-the-environment-report>

### **Information on implementation of the Disability Inclusion Action Plan**

*Disability Inclusion Act (2014) section 13(1)*

Council has adopted the Blayney Shire Disability Inclusion Action Plan (DIAP) 2017-2021. This plan was developed through collaboration of Orange City, Cabonne and Blayney Shire Councils. The aim of the plan is to ensure that local services, facilities and programs provided by Councils are as inclusive as they can be.

The Blayney Shire Access Committee conducted meetings during the year and monitors Council's progress on the Disability Inclusion Action Plan. A report to the elected body and community on outcomes from the plan occurs on a six-month basis and annually in the Annual Report.

Council implemented a number of initiatives to raise the profile of access issues within the Shire. A report on implementation of the Disability Inclusion Action Plan for the 2019/20 year is provided. Please refer to Attachment A6.

### **Swimming Pool Inspections**

*Swimming Pools Act (1992) section 22F(2) & Swimming Pools Regulation (2018) clause 23*

Council is required to include in the annual report the number of inspections performed and the resultant number of certificates of compliance and certificates of non-compliance issued.

Statistics for the 2019/20 year are as follows:

- 6 inspections
- 0 inspections of tourist and visitor accommodation
- 0 inspections of premises with more than 2 dwellings





### **Development Servicing Plan for Sewerage Services**

*2016 Developer Charges Guidelines for Water Supply, Sewerage and Stormwater*

Council at its meeting held 9 June 2020 resolved to adopt the Blayney Shire Council Development Servicing Plan for Sewerage Services (April 2020).

The Guidelines require that where a utility elects to levy less than the calculated developer charges, then the resulting cross-subsidy from the existing customers in the typical residential bill must be calculated and disclosed in the relevant Development Servicing Plan, in the utility's Annual Report, annual Operational Plan and in communication materials for consultation with stakeholders.

As part of the adopted Development Servicing Plan for Sewerage Services developer charges were set below the calculated charges to help promote and facilitate development in the Blayney Shire. The resulting annual cross-subsidy of \$55 per service will be levied from 1 July 2020.

### **Bush Fire Control**

NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS), established by the Rural Fires Act 1997, (Canobolas Zone) are responsible for bush firefighting services and management in the Blayney Shire.

Blayney Shire Council provides for the housing of bush firefighting equipment including trucks, pumps etc. and operations are carried out by the NSW RFS. Financial contributions are made for the provision of equipment, RFS staff, planning and insurances. Financial contributions also go towards costs associated with retention of brigades within Council's area.

Council regularly undertakes hazard reduction works such as slashing/spraying of reserves, parks, roadside verges and other vacant Council land as resources permit.

Bush fire hazard complaints received by Council are directed to the Canobolas Zone Office, (under delegation) for investigation and for issuing of hazard reduction notices where required.

Council is a member of and currently Chair of the Canobolas Zone Bush Fire Management Committee which coordinates bushfire management throughout the Blayney Shire, Orange City, Cowra Shire and Cabonne Shire Council areas.

Council is a member of and currently Chair of the Canobolas Zone Liaison Committee responsible for advice and operational management of the Canobolas Zone Rural Fire Service.

During 2019/20 Council has facilitated works for the upgrade of facilities at Barry/Hobbys Yards Brigade.

The annual contribution paid by Council in 2019/20 for this service was: \$256,423.





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**STATEMENT OF  
PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES**



## DELIVERY PLAN PERFORMANCE STATUS REPORT – JUNE 2020

DP Ref.	DP Task	OP Measure	Comment
<b>Future Direction 1 - Maintain and Improve Public Infrastructure and Services</b>			
<b>1.1 All levels of government need to work together to plan for ongoing works and capital projects that will improve the Blayney Shire road networks and other assets</b>			
1.1.1	Represent business and community concerns to both State and Federal governments in relation to improved road safety and market access outcomes	Sealed roads and unsealed roads, bridges and culverts are maintained in accordance with agreed service levels.	<p>Routine inspections undertaken as programmed and non-routine inspections as required, subject to Customer Requests or other demand. With maintenance response prioritized accordingly and within budget allocations.</p> <p>Burnt Yards Road rehabilitation works completed December 2019.</p> <p>Hobbys Yards Road, rehabilitation works completed June 2020.</p> <p>Forest Reefs Road, rehabilitation works completed:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Forest Reefs - October 2019</li> <li>– Spring Terrace – April 2020</li> </ul> <p>Maintenance grading and resheeting programs finalised within budget allocations.</p>
		Participation in the Central NSW Joint Organisation Transportation Strategic and Technical Advisory Groups.	<p>DIS and DPES attended the Central NSW Councils Transport Matrix Review.</p> <p>GM, DIS and DPES attended Central West and Orana Regional economic growth and transport workshop.</p> <p>DIS and staff attend Strategic and Technical meetings.</p>
1.1.2	Manage Regional (State) and Local Road Networks	Sealed roads, unsealed roads and bridges/culverts are maintained in accordance with agreed Service Levels.	<p>Routine inspections undertaken in accordance with Routine Maintenance Council Contract, and works programmed as required.</p> <p>Completion of Routine Maintenance Council Contract with Transport for NSW from July 2020.</p>
1.1.3	Implement the Blayney Shire Council Asset Management Plans	Implement the Blayney Shire Village Streets Sealing Plan 2018/2022 on streets in residential zones.	<p>Initial sealing works completed on:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Bathurst and Pascoe Streets, Neville</li> <li>– Selby Street, Lyndhurst</li> </ul>
1.1.4	Prepare business cases for submission to NSW and Federal Governments for the upgrade and undertaking of capital works along local roads which provide market access for primary production, tourist drives, and for achieving road safety outcomes	Funding opportunities are identified and applications are prepared and submitted for funding.	<p>Full Business Case submitted to Regional NSW under NSW Growing Local Economies program for construction of Blayney Heavy Vehicle Route – Stage 1. Ongoing liaison with NSW Public Works Advisory to respond to further enquiries.</p> <p>Council advised by Transport for NSW of successful REPAIR funding application for rehabilitation works on Hobbys Yards Road.</p> <p>Council advised by NSW Government of successful Fixing Local Roads program for Carcoar Street, Blayney rehabilitation project.</p> <p>Funding application submitted to Australian Government Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program (COVID Stimulus) for Newbridge Road rehabilitation project.</p> <p>Funding applications submitted to Australian Government, Bridge Renewal Program for:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Leabeater Street, Lyndhurst</li> <li>– Gallymont Road, Gallymont</li> </ul> <p>Funding application submitted to NSW Government Streets as Open Space Program (COVID Stimulus) for Belubula River Walk from Martin Street to Martha Street, Blayney.</p> <p>Funding application submitted to NSW Government Active Transport Program for Blayney outer loop pathway, from Carcoar Street – Plumb – Palmer – to Frape Street.</p>



DP Ref.	DP Task	OP Measure	Comment
1.1.4	Prepare business cases for submission to NSW and Federal Governments for the upgrade and undertaking of capital works along local roads which provide market access for primary production, tourist drives, and for achieving road safety outcomes	Representations are made through the local State and Federal Government Agencies for assistance to obtain additional funding for significant projects.	<p>Following funding received:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Drought Communities Program \$1m.</li> <li>– 12 Local community infrastructure projects.</li> <li>– Drought stimulus funding \$900K</li> <li>– Showground Stimulus Funding \$196K</li> <li>– Fixing Country Roads \$1.8m announced.</li> </ul> <p>Extension of Lyndhurst Village Link completed from Mid-Western Highway to Recreation Ground entry – August 2019.</p> <p>Belubula River Walk shared path completed from Ogilvy Street to Martin Street, Blayney – November 2019.</p> <p>Gold Street pathway from Olive Street to Recreation Ground, Mandurama completed.</p> <p>Council Officer representations to local MPs, and Government agencies undertaken to discuss local issues, inspect current project progress and discuss future opportunities for funding.</p>
		Projects are identified and prioritised via Central NSW Joint Organisation	Infrastructure Services staff attend Strategic and Technical Advisory Group meetings.
		Develop a priority list of road projects for regional review that are worthy of funding and investment by NSW and Federal Governments from the Blayney, Orange and Cabonne Regional Economic Development Strategy.	Infrastructure Services liaised with Central NSW JO and NSW Department of Planning and Environment on Western Region, Regional Freight Route map.
		Develop plans for a Heavy Vehicle Traffic Relief Route north of Blayney to link the Mid-Western Highway to Orange Road.	<p>Full Business Case submitted to Regional NSW under NSW Growing Local Economies program for construction of Blayney Heavy Vehicle Route – Stage 1. Ongoing liaison with NSW Public Works Advisory to respond to further enquiries.</p> <p>Council awaiting further advice on Government consideration for project.</p>
1.1.5	Plan for future transport and road infrastructure to service future needs	Road networks and supporting facilities are analysed to identify opportunities for inclusion and development within the Transportation Asset Management Plan	<p>Traffic classifiers installed at various locations across the Shire road network to analyse speeding issues, alignment with accident locations, and reporting to NSW Police for enforcement purposes. Data uploaded to council GIS for future reference.</p> <p>Condition assessment of sealed road network and other asset categories for Transportation Asset Management Plan, revaluation for audit purposes and prioritisation of works for future capital works programs, completed.</p>
		Projects are scoped and designed to a 'shovel ready' state for when funding opportunities arise	<p>Survey works completed for future pathway projects at:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Victoria Street, Millthorpe</li> <li>– Railway underpass, Millthorpe.</li> </ul> <p>Design works underway for railway underpass project.</p>
1.1.6	Investigate opportunities for storm water harvesting and reuse	Projects are scoped from storm water management plan(s) and funding applications submitted	Consultant engaged and investigations commenced on NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment funded, Blayney Retarding Basin Study.
1.1.7	Apply the principles of Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) to storm water management	WSUD principles considered as part of development process and implemented where benefits are identified	WSUD investigated for Streatfeild Close development, and underground retarding storage incorporated into development. Early discussions held with Consultant on WSUD options for Blayney Retarding Basins Study.
		Develop a WSUD policy in relation to development and Council works	No action related to WSUD principles and policy to date.
1.1.8	Storm water Management Plans are prepared for Blayney, Millthorpe and Carcoar	Prepare a storm water strategic management plan to reduce impacts of storm water quality and quantity on the local environment	<p>Consultant engaged and investigations commenced on NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment funded, Blayney Retarding Basin Study.</p> <p>No action related to overall Stormwater Management Plan to date.</p>
1.1.9	Maintain Council cemeteries in accordance with the community's needs and expectations	Maintain Cemetery records and provide online public access	Cemetery records updated and synchronized to public database.
		Maintain cemeteries to agreed Service Levels	Rabbit eradication was undertaken at Blayney Cemetery. 5 new double sided monument headstones were installed at the lawn section of the Millthorpe Cemetery.
1.1.10	Speed Zones within the residential zones of the Shire address Traffic Management, Heavy Vehicle noise and Road Safety concerns	Lobby RMS to undertake an audit of speed zones with solutions leading to the designing and installation of traffic calming devices, where opportunities arise	<p>Speed zone audit for Village of Neville completed, and Council awaiting final sign off by Transport for NSW.</p> <p>High Pedestrian Activity Zone for Adelaide Street, Blayney investigations underway by Transport for NSW.</p>
		Undertake an audit of school bus shelters to ensure they meet agreed Service Levels.	No action to date.



DP Ref.	DP Task	OP Measure	Comment
<b>1.2 Ensure provision of Sewerage Treatment is adequate for the growth of the Shire and promotes Residential Development</b>			
1.2.1	Ensure the provision of Sewerage Treatment is planned for in a sustainable manner	Manage treatment plant to effectively treat raw sewerage and ensure compliance with licence requirements	Inspections of sewerage treatment plant (STP) undertaken on routine basis in conjunction with EPA and NSW Water.  Continue to sample effluent in accordance with licence conditions to monitor compliance.  STP wetlands rehabilitated and reactivated for discharge of treated effluent to Belubula River, in accordance with license conditions, following Newcrest notification of cessation of transfer of treated effluent recovery to Cadia mine.  Investigation, design and progress of regulatory approvals underway for construction of Recycled Water Treatment Plant for production of construction, and irrigation water of Napier and King George Oval playing fields.
		Investigate funding opportunities for a Business Case for Town Sewerage for Carcoar, Mandurama and Lyndhurst	No action to date.
1.2.2	Ensure that the disposal of effluent on un-sewered properties is being carried out in a healthy manner without negative environmental impact	Commence preparation of the Blayney On- Site Waste Water Strategy	Draft OSWW strategy currently being prepared.
<b>1.3 The Blayney Shire Active Movement Strategy will be continued to be implemented to extend and renew the footpath and shared path networks in each town and village within the shire</b>			
1.3.1	Implementation of the Active Movement Strategy priorities providing safe and accessible connecting pathway networks	Funding of new and replacement footpaths are designed and undertaken in accordance with Council's agreed Service Levels  Accessibility compliance is considered prior to works commencing on all projects in accordance with Council's Disability Inclusion Action Plan	Extension of Lyndhurst Village Link completed from Mid-Western Highway to Recreation Ground entry – August 2019. (NSW Stronger Country Communities Fund)  Belubula River Walk shared path completed from Ogilvy Street to Martin Street, Blayney – November 2019. (NSW Stronger Country Communities Fund)  Gold Street pathway from Olive Street to Recreation Ground, Mandurama completed.  Icely Street, Carcoar pathway from Coombing Street renewal, with new crossing points completed.  Blake Street, Millthorpe pathway from Pym Street to Park Street completed.  Accessible toilets and disabled parking completed at:- – Barry Community Hall – Carcoar Recreation Ground  Central West Equestrian and Livestock Centre (NSW Tourism and Environment Fund) platform and ramps completed.  CentrePoint Major Upgrade (Aust. Building Better Regions Fund) completed including:- – Accessible bathrooms and change room. – Pool pod to 25m pool. – Ramp to Learn to Swim pool. – Toddler pool flat deck.
<b>1.4 Improved access to community and public transport between villages and centres</b>			
1.4.1	Lobby to improve public and community transport for the Shire	Assess transport needs around the Shire Continue to lobby for retention and innovative ways to deliver transport and other essential services in the Shire	No meeting held due to Covid19 restrictions.  Electronic communication maintained.
<b>1.5 The Blayney Health Multi-Purpose Service; hospital, emergency, aged care, primary and ancillary support services provided in the Shire must meet the future needs of the community to improve health outcomes</b>			
1.5.1	Work with the community to lobby NSW and Federal governments for expanded and improved health and aged care facilities	Lobby and advocate on behalf of the community to refurbish the Blayney Health Multipurpose Service so that it meets current and future needs of the Shire	Health snapshot project completed.  Mayor and Cr. Ewin members on Health Council.
<b>1.6 The community supports and values the local village and town primary schools so that they remain active and operational educative facilities</b>			
1.6.1	Advocate on behalf of the community to NSW Government to support accessible quality local education	Advocate on behalf of the community to NSW Government to support accessible quality local education	Staff remain in the communication loop. Millthorpe Primary School Project.



DP Ref.	DP Task	OP Measure	Comment
<b>1.7 Seek opportunities from the Federal Government and NSW Government to re-open the Blayney – Demondrille Railway Line which will provide significant regional benefits, cost effective port and market access for many regional industries</b>			
1.7.1	Lobby and advocate for the re-opening of the Blayney-Demondrille Railway Line	Work with our railway alliance Councils, Central NSW Joint Organisation and stakeholders to lobby the NSW Government for investment to reinstate the Blayney-Demondrille Railway Line	Report completed; NSW Transport.
<b>1.8 Full and equitable access and strong usage of Information and communication technologies across the Shire</b>			
1.8.1	Lobby the Federal Government for improved internet and mobile phone access to all our villages to facilitate business growth	Lobby and advocate on behalf of the community to the Federal Government for improved mobile phone access to Carcoar and other localities.	Application for Round 4 Blackspot Program unsuccessful.
<b>1.9 Investment by the NSW Government to re-open both Millthorpe and Newbridge Railway Stations for On Request Services</b>			
1.9.1	Advocate on behalf of the villages to NSW Transport to facilitate investment by the NSW Government to reinstate On Request Services at both Millthorpe and Newbridge	Support the investigation of the Business Case for On Request Services in Millthorpe.	Completed.
		Advocate on behalf of Newbridge to NSW Transport to facilitate the reinstatement of On Request Services at Newbridge	Maintenance schedule commenced. Approved by John Holland.

DP Ref.	DP Task	OP Measure	Comment
Future Direction 2 - Build the Capacity and Capability of Local Governance and Finance			
2.1 Build on the strength of the individual Town Association & Village Committees so that they are capable, self-sufficient communities involved in decision making about issues that affect their own community			
2.1.1	Encourage sound governance practice and build the capacity and capability of local leaders within community organisations	Recognise Town & Village Committees and Progress Associations facilitating two way communication with Council and with each other	Due to Covid-19 Public Health orders Council engagement undertaken by electronic means.
		Provide ongoing financial support for the Community Development Coordinator roles and engagement with the Tourism, Town and Villages Committee	Development coordinator program reviewed; Northern Villages and Southern Villages positions retained.
		Support the development and implementation of improvement projects for the local Halls, School of Arts and other Community facilities	SCCD Round 2 projects includes CWA, Mens Shed and Carcoar School of Arts.
		Continue to support local Community infrastructure projects via the Financial Assistance Program and Village Enhancement Plan allocations	Funds voted by Council in 2019/20 Operational Plan. Round 1 and 2 applications assessed and funding allocated. An amount of \$94,117 was distributed for the year to recipients.
2.1.2	Work proactively with the community groups to assist with event management	Review and update Council Events Management Policy and procedure for holding events within the community, on Council roads and facilities.	Policy reviewed and adopted in February 2019. Website and Information Guideline reviewed and updated to be more informative to Event Organisers.
		Review risk assessments supporting Event Management Applications and provide feedback where required.	Event Management Support provided to volunteer groups by Council through meetings facilitated between Event Organisers and WHS & Risk Coordinator.
2.2 Whether you choose to live in the town of Blayney or any of our villages, there is both space and time to build the home of your dreams			
2.2.1	Facilitate the development of new residential housing blocks and availability in Blayney and Villages	Commence review of the Blayney Settlement Strategy	Council resolved to defer exhibition to April 2020. Draft BSS to go back to Council late 2020.
		Invest and develop available land to stimulate the release of housing blocks in Blayney to meet demand and facilitate investment growth	Streatfeild Close Residential Development completed.
2.3 Our local planning instruments supports the agricultural, industry, business/tourism and residential growth demands in a sustainable manner			
2.3.1	Ensure planning activities support long term sustainability of agricultural sector	Adopt a comprehensive Development Control Plan for the Shire	Completed.
		Review the 2008 Blayney, Cabonne & Orange Sub Regional Rural and Industrial Strategy	Public exhibition completed.

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2.4 Maintain meaningful two-way communication and engagement between State and Federal Governments, our Town Association and Village Committees, Business, Industry, Stakeholders, Council and communities of interest			
2.4.1	Councillors to exhibit leadership on Council participating in committees and implementing Council’s Community Engagement Strategy	Council delegates are included in committees and community organisation engagement opportunities	Committees of Council meeting on a regular basis. Councillors and staff meeting with community and village representatives.
		Active participation in the Central NSW Joint Organisation	Joint Organisation has adopted Strategic Plan, Centroc. Council attendance at Central West JO meetings.
2.5 A well-run Council organisation that is flexible enough to take advantage of capital grant opportunities to undertake major projects whilst delivering Council services effectively and efficiently, in a sustainable manner			
2.5.1	Provide a framework for the efficient and effective administration of Council.	Implement collaboration with Central NSW Joint Organisation	Council membership and participation with Central NSW Joint Organisation ongoing.
		Review policies every 4 years following Council election. Introduce and amendment of policies as required.	Policy review program ongoing with policy amendments effected and submitted for Council endorsement as required.
		Provide training for Councillors and staff	Workshop conducted. Online/remote meeting and workshop attendance facilitated pursuant to Covid-19Public Health orders.
		Delivery of Office of Local Government statutory compliance activities within required timeframes.	Reports furnished to Council on six monthly basis on Statutory Compliance and Reporting activities.
2.5.2	Council responsible management and delivery of sustainable services and assets are delivered across the Blayney Shire.	Review and report on Council’s performance against Long Term Financial Plan and ensure its meets OLG Financial Performance Ratios	Performance ratios reported upon against OLG benchmark in Audited Financial Reports. Review of Long Term Financial Plan with Operational Plan and budget preparation process.
		Council’s Financial Statements are prepared as per statutory requirements and unqualified	Financial Statements and audit finalised and lodged with OLG on 17/10/2019. Tabled to November 2019 Council meeting. Audit opinion unmodified.
		Equitable distribution of rates and charges and responsible collection of rates and debtors	Rates and charges adopted by Council in June 2019. Debt collection undertaken in accordance with Council’s Rates Debtors Recovery Procedure. Practices for recovery align with OLG Debt Management and Hardship Guidelines. Councillor Workshop held in June 2019 on Covid-19 impact on rate collection and Council recovery practices.
		Asset management strategy and plans that ensures intergenerational equity.	Asset Management strategy and plans prepared in accordance with National Asset management Guidelines that take consideration of intergenerational equity.
2.5.3	Support the sustainable future of local government	Participate in leading advocacy networks including Local Government NSW, Country Mayors Association and Central NSW Joint Organisation	Due to Covid-19 Public Health orders Country Mayors meeting not held.
2.5.4	Undertake regulatory responsibilities for environmental health and animal control	Provide animal control services in accordance with agreed Service Levels	46 Dogs Impounded, of those: – 5 Rescued by the RSPCA – 24 Returned to owners – 8 Rehomed – 9 Euthanized – 1 Dangerous order – 2 Menacing orders
2.5.5	Review Risk Management Strategy of Council operations	Review and test the Business Continuity Plan	Completed.
		Implement Statewide Risk Management Action Plans	Completed.
		Regular meeting of Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee	4 meetings of Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee conducted in 2019/20. This aligns with proposed Office of Local Government guidelines outlined in the Office of Local Government discussion paper on the New Risk Management and Internal Audit Framework for local councils in NSW.
		Ensure a Risk Management Panel considers all major projects prior to commencement	Completed.
2.5.6	Continue to be an attractive employer that people want to work for	Implement Workforce Management Plan strategies	Consultative Committee meeting held. Workforce Management Plan strategies reviewed.
2.5.7	Administrative and technical services are undertaken to support the organisation	Fleet services are managed	Fleet maintenance undertaken as programmed and new fleet ordered / supplied as budgeted.
		Payment of suppliers within trading terms	Payments to suppliers made within trading terms and in accord with statutory requirements.
		Payroll services undertaken within statutory requirements and on a timely basis	Payroll services delivered on time and obligations per statutory requirements met.
		Management and ongoing development of I.T. Geographical Information and Communication services	Development of public websites completed for ease of access of information and online submission of enquiries. Program for review and automation of Council forms commenced during year and progressing. Cadastral realignment with Lands data project continues to progress to align mapping systems.



2.5.8	Effective management of land under Council control	Management of leases and licences	Crown leases and licences on hold pending Crown Lands Plans of Management program. Crown Lands Negotiation program with State Government and Orange Local Aboriginal Lands Council in abeyance pending review.
		Development of Plans of Management for Crown Reserves	Strategy developed for commencement of Plans of Management program in 2020/21.
		Facilitate property sales and development	Development of residential real estate ongoing. EOI for Industrial Land listed on Council’s website. Sale enquiries for land being managed on an ongoing basis.
2.5.9	Customer services and information are delivered effectively and efficiently	Customer support services are provided from Council from all service points	Customer requests captured and request status reviews / follow up undertaken.
		Manage public access for information (GIPA) and privacy	Agency Information Guide adopted by Council in July 2019. Statutory reporting and Formal GIPA requests being attended to within statutory timeframe.
		Councils records are maintained and captured in accordance with statutory requirements	Records Retention and Disposal Procedure (11D) reviewed and endorsed following adoption of the Records Management Policy (11B).  Development of Records Disaster Management Plan still ongoing.
2.6 A diverse population with the rights to live safely and securely in our communities and villages with opportunity to develop positive neighbourhood relationships			
2.6.1	Provide support for emergency management in Blayney Shire in accordance with the State Emergency and Rescue Management (SERM) Act	Provide executive support to the Local Emergency Management Committee.	Director Infrastructure Services (DIS) chairs Local Emergency Management Committee, on quarterly basis, and provides executive support where required.  DIS Chairs routine LEMC meetings as part of VOICI-19 response, including liaison with vulnerable facilities, medical practices and pharmacies.  DIS attends Regional Emergency Management, RFS Bushfire Management and Liaison Committee meetings on quarterly basis or as required.
		Support the operation of the SES.	Support provided as and when requested.
2.6.2	Educate communities on road and pedestrian safety	Continued support to the role and function of a Road Safety Officer and implementation of the annual Road Safety Action Plan	Central Tablelands Road Safety Program continues with delivery of approved Road Safety Action Plan by Acting Road Safety Officer.  Community education programs delivered based upon issues identified through Local Traffic Committee.

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Future Direction 3 - Promote Blayney Shire to grow the Local and Visitor Economy			
3.1 A viable and productive, sustainable agricultural sector with opportunities for niche production and access to markets			
3.1.1	Support the growth of the Shire in order to preserve productive agricultural land and integrate sustainable industrial diversity into the future	Explore and promote opportunities for Agricultural value adding industries	Promotion of local produce and associated opportunities incorporated into marketing programs.
		Review the 2008 Blayney, Cabonne & Orange Sub Regional Rural and Industrial Strategy	Exhibition Completed.
		Participate in Central NSW Joint Organisation Planners Group, ensuring input into Department of Planning and Environment proposed policy changes	DPES attended all meetings.
3.1.2	Maintain the availability and quality of water for use in rural areas	Manage the water supply bores in rural locations to provide a secure ‘non-potable’ supply of water to the Shire	Upgrades to local drought bores undertaken, with further work programmed for Barry Village Bore.  Access to drought bores reviewed and managed to eliminate demand for un supported uses, to conserve water resource.
		Participate in Central NSW Water Utilities Alliance	Council attends Water Utilities Alliance meetings on quarterly basis.
		Support water pipeline projects with Central Tablelands Water	Council provides input and support to Central Tablelands Water as requested.
3.2 A responsible and thriving mining industry that is engaged and works towards the betterment of the Shire with the community and Council as leading corporate citizens			
3.2.1	Encourage and support cooperation of mining industry in relation to the economic growth of the shire to protect the environment and address potential impacts.	Actively lobby all levels of government for support for the Cadia Valley Operations and future mining projects.	Covid-19 Public Health orders Mining and Energy Related Council and Cadia Community Consultative committee meeting held online.
		Participate in the Energy and Mining Related Councils Association and Cadia Consultative Committee	Voluntary Planning Agreement pending finalisation of EIS process.
		Lead Voluntary Planning Agreement negotiations with Regis Resources	

3.3 A well-established, connected and prosperous tourism industry supported by local communities			
3.3.1	Implement Blayney Shire Destination Marketing Plan to grow the visitor economy	Encourage engagement with tourism and business groups to build relationships and build on local events and attractions	Covid-19 impacts on local tourism industry significant.
3.3.2	Implement Blayney 2020 Masterplan projects	Identify those projects that meet Council's objectives and develop Business Cases as opportunities arise	Beaufort Street Recreation Space on Belubula River Walk Concept Plans reviewed prior to public exhibition.
3.3.3	Facilitate the re-opening of Junction Reefs Reserve for camping	Facilitate communication between Council, Oceania Gold, Crown Lands and NSW Government to resolve the public access, environmental and road ownership issues to Junction Reefs Reserve	Covid-19 Public Health orders have delayed process.
3.3.4	Ensure Food Premises comply with the requirements of the Food Act	Undertake annual food shop inspections and investigate any food related complaints	36 temporary food shop inspections undertaken in the period. 41 inspections of permanent food shops undertaken in the period. 11 mobile food premises inspected in the period.
3.4 An internationally recognised brand for the Orange Region that adds value to the vision and appeal of our heritage villages and tourism product within the Shire			
3.4.1	As a founding member of Orange Region Tourism, Council works with members to develop a recognised brand and promote the region	Support Orange Region Tourism activities Support the initiatives of Central NSW Tourism.	Regular online engagement between Council, Orange360 and Central NSW Tourism Managers.  'We Want You Back' Campaign implemented in June.
3.5 Sustainable water, renewable energy options and transport sectors support future growth of business, industry and residents			
3.5.1	Promote sustainable energy development and use within the Shire.	Provide information to public regarding sustainable energy practices Investigate sustainable energy opportunities on Council land and infrastructure	No further action to date.  Council attends and Chairs meetings of Central NSW JO Energy Group as and when undertaken for energy procurement projects.
3.6 A vibrant local retail and business sector that employs local people supported by Council and the community			
3.6.1	Seek opportunities to build a vibrant local retail and business sector.	Improve the directional signage and Visitor Information messaging along the Mid- Western Highway and remove old signs of businesses which have closed Undertake a review of the Heritage Conservation Areas within the Blayney Shire	Completed.  Council resolved to defer exhibition to April 2020. Draft BSS to go back to Council late 2020.
3.6.2	Complete a Business Case considering a new Cultural Centre bringing together the Library and Family History Group for arts and cultural activities.	Complete plans for new Cultural Centre on current library site to a shovel ready status so that funding submissions may be lodged	Funding for Stage 1 Project at Blayney Library approved for new toilets and accessible entrance.
3.6.3	Investigate options for the utilisation of the Railway Station buildings at Newbridge, Carcoar and Blayney for community, art, social and tourism activities	Build relationships with Government bodies and NGO's to assist small business. Support and encourage the establishment or expansion of local businesses.	Blayney Train Station Refurbishment Stage 2 in progress. Platform Project endorsed by Council. BTA installing heritage and local art displays in empty shop windows.
3.6.4	Provide specialist access consulting advice to facilitate development	Support the engagement of an Access Consultant to assist businesses with specialist access advice for lodgement of development applications	Service sought for 1 development.
3.7 A range of quality and affordable childcare and family support services will be available and supported			
3.7.1	Continue to advocate and support children's services.	Advocate for children's services in the Shire.	A number of services were provided for children by Council including junior sporting awards program; sport related funding for regional, state and national representation through the Community Financial Assistance Program; and Music Scholarship program at the Mitchell Conservatorium and the Orange Regional Conservatorium.
3.8 Implementation of the Regional Economic Development Strategies identified for Blayney Shire			
3.8.1	Review the Blayney Local Environmental Plan (2012).	Undertake a review of the Heritage Conservation Areas within the Blayney Shire, Blayney Cabonne Orange Sub Regional Strategy and Blayney Settlement Strategy in preparation of the Blayney Local Environmental Plan (2012). Undertake the review of the Blayney Local Environmental Plan (2012) in the time period specified in the amendments to the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.	Blayney Cabonne Orange Industrial Strategy exhibition completed.  Blayney Settlement Strategy exhibition deferred. Draft Blayney Settlement Strategy to go back to Council late 2020.  Review of Local Environmental Plan (2012) not required to be undertaken until after the Blayney Cabonne Orange Strategy and Blayney Settlement Strategy reviews are completed.




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Future Direction 4 - Enhance facilities and networks that support Community, Sport, Heritage and Culture			
4.1 Cultural and sporting events are supported by Council, volunteers and state sporting bodies so that they are coordinated and well resourced			
4.1.1	Development of a calendar of sport and cultural events	Promote Council website and social media platforms for promotion of major sporting and cultural events by groups	Council provides regular posts to social media platforms of local sporting events, and directs training opportunities to Sports Council members
4.1.2	Implement Blayney Shire Sports and Recreation Masterplan to enhance and improve sporting facilities	Continue to engage Sports Council to develop business cases for and prioritise sport and recreational facilities capital projects	Council advised of unsuccessful funding application to Crown Reserves Improvement Fund for construction of playing field fencing at Dakers Oval.  Successful funding applications for:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Aust. Drought Communities Fund<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Cricket pitch and seating, Rec. Ground, Lyndhurst</li><li>– Perimeter fence, Dakers Oval, Blayney</li><li>– Recreation shelter, Redmond Oval, Millthorpe</li><li>– Pavilion renewal, Rec. Ground Newbridge</li><li>– Amenities block, Blayney Tennis Centre</li></ul></li><li>– NSW Drought Stimulus Fund<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Amenities block, Dakers Oval, Blayney</li><li>– Cricket nets upgrade, Rec. Ground, Lyndhurst</li></ul></li><li>– NSW Stronger Country Communities Fund - Round 3<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Netball courts surface renewal, Blayney</li><li>– Multipurpose court construction, Neville</li><li>– Skate park construction, Millthorpe</li></ul></li><li>– Aust. Building Better Regions Fund<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Change room complex, King George Oval, Blayney</li></ul></li><li>– NSW T20 Cricket Legacy fund<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Cricket pitch construction, Napier Oval, Blayney</li></ul></li><li>– NSW Showground Renewal Fund<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Eastern road connection, Blayney</li></ul></li></ul>
		Deliver Multipurpose Covered Arena project at Blayney Showground	Central West Equestrian and Livestock Centre completed.
		Prepare Business Case for King George Oval refurbishment project and seek funding opportunities	Council advised of successful application to Aust. Govt. Building Better Regions fund for King George Oval change room complex.
4.2 There is capacity to host within the Shire regional and state sporting events and competitions that will attract strong participation			
4.2.1	Encourage active participation in sport	Participate in programs and maintain Council membership to the Western Regional Academy of Sport	Membership renewed.
4.3 Blayney Shire is a centre for cultural interest, heritage and history, arts, performance and entertainment			
4.3.1	Engage with the Shire youth to facilitate projects and activities across the Shire	Facilitate youth activities held in Shire during Youth Week	3 applications received for 2020 Youth Week funding. Timing delayed however due Covid-19 restrictions. Funding body has extended timeframe for events to be conducted before 31 December 2020.
		Support the hosting of the WRAS regional Skate Boarding event in Millthorpe	Event held and funding provided.
4.3.2	Encourage participation and continue relationships with music organisations	Participate in programs and maintain Council’s membership to Regional Music Programs	Invitations for Blayney Music Scholarships promoted during September and October. Poor response to program resulted in 1 Music Scholarship awarded for 2020 year.
4.3.3	Develop partnerships with other arts organisations to help deliver arts and cultural activities	Actively support and promote the Arts OutWest	Membership renewed.
		Encourage the use of the Blayney Shire Community Centre as a facility for arts and culture	Community Centre received a good volume of bookings for use of its facility for arts and cultural purposes. Covid-19 restrictions introduced in February closed the facility to public hire.
4.3.4	Provide effective and consumer friendly library services in the Blayney Shire.	Maintain and operate Blayney Library via Service Level Agreement in place with Orange City Council	Agreement finalised and in place.
		Undertake access and refurbishment works to current Library in conjunction with planning for Cultural Centre	Refurbishment works and air conditioning installation finalised.
4.4 Implementation of the Blayney Shire Sports and Recreation Masterplan priorities and strategies will realise opportunities for improved healthy lifestyle for our community			
4.4.1	Implement the priorities identified in Blayney Sport and Recreation Masterplan to enhance and improve our sporting facilities	Provide and maintain active and passive recreation facilities for the shire communities	Routine inspections undertaken as programmed and non-routine inspections as required, subject to Customer Requests or other demand. With maintenance response delivered in accordance prioritisation and within budget allocations.  Capital enhancements completed:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Central Equestrian and Livestock Centre</li><li>– Cricket practice nets, Dakers Oval, Blayney</li><li>– Amenities building, Sportsground, Carcoar</li></ul>

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4.4.1	Implement the priorities identified in Blayney Sport and Recreation Masterplan to enhance and improve our sporting facilities	Investigate opportunities to develop “shovel ready” projects and implement the Blayney Sport and Recreation Masterplan to improve facilities at our major sporting precincts	Strategic planning projects underway for future open space development projects:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Beaufort/Frape Street park</li><li>– Belubula River Walk / The Island</li></ul> Successful funding applications with works programming at various stages of delivery for:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Aust. Drought Communities Fund<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Cricket pitch and seating, Rec. Ground, Lyndhurst</li><li>– Perimeter fence, Dakers Oval, Blayney</li><li>– Recreation shelter, Redmond Oval, Millthorpe</li><li>– Pavilion renewal, Rec. Ground Newbridge</li><li>– Amenities block, Blayney Tennis Centre</li></ul></li><li>– NSW Drought Stimulus Fund<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Amenities block, Dakers Oval, Blayney</li><li>– Cricket nets upgrade, Rec. Ground, Lyndhurst</li></ul></li><li>– NSW Stronger Country Communities Fund - Round 3<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Netball courts surface renewal, Blayney</li><li>– Multipurpose court construction, Neville</li><li>– Skate park construction, Millthorpe</li></ul></li><li>– Aust. Building Better Regions Fund<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Change room complex, King George Oval, Blayney</li></ul></li><li>– NSW T20 Cricket Legacy fund<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Cricket pitch construction, Napier Oval, Blayney</li></ul></li><li>– NSW Showground Renewal Fund<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Eastern road connection, Blayney</li><li>– Fence and entry statement renewal, Blayney</li></ul></li></ul>
		Undertake an audit and upgrade the children’s play equipment in the Shire’s parks and recreation grounds	Project completed.
4.5 The Blayney Health Service Integrated Care Program will provide innovative methods to connect health care providers, ancillary and community services for those in need and deliver better preventative health outcomes			
4.5.1	Encourage and facilitate an active and healthy community by developing accessible programs through CentrePoint and local sporting groups	Establish CentrePoint as the Shire’s health and fitness centre	CentrePoint Major Pools Upgrade complete.  Trial of ‘Unsupervised Gym Access’ between 4:30am and 11pm introduced.
		Lobby Federal and NSW Government’s for funding to undertake the CentrePoint Sport and Leisure swimming pools major refurbishment project	Seeking to undertake project under NSW Resources for Regions Program.
4.5.2	Advocate and support Integrated Care Management Plan and Disability Services	Support Blayney Shire Interagency and implement Disability Inclusion Action Plan	No meetings held due to Covid-19 Public Health orders. Online engagement only.

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Future Direction 5 - Protect Our Natural Environment			
5.1 Retention and regeneration of native vegetation corridors and removal of invasive weed and pest species throughout the Shire			
5.1.1	Maintain and strengthen partnerships with organisations responsible for natural resource management	Ongoing liaison, support and participation with Local Land Services, Landcare and Upper Macquarie County Council	Council continues to actively participate in Local Land Services (LLS) programs, and as part of the Environment and Waterways Alliance.  Council Officers attend regular UMCC meetings.
		Continue with native planting and river health programs	Ongoing native plantings undertaken and routine maintenance along Belubula River Walk, Mandurama Recreation Ground, Pound Flat Carcoar.
5.2 Biodiversity and cleaning up of the Belubula River waterways and tributaries within the Central NSW region water catchment			
5.2.1	Enhance the communities' understanding of biodiversity issues and work towards positive behavioural change	Actively participate in local and regional catchment management groups to increase sharing of knowledge and participate in catchment wide projects and programs	Council continues to actively participate in Environment and Waterways Alliance.
		Continue with the Belubula River Restoration Program at riverbank areas in Blayney and Carcoar to remove willow trees and other noxious species, to plant natives and improve water quality and fish habitat	Maintenance of native planting areas at Belubula River Walk, Mandurama Recreation Ground, and Pound Flat Carcoar continue.
		Clean up the creeks throughout the Shire, including removal of willow trees and other noxious species, to create wildlife habitat	Successful funding application to NSW Drought Stimulus fund for removal of noxious weeds on Belubula River, Blayney



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5.3 Heritage and Indigenous significant sites in the natural and built environment are identified and protected			
5.3.1	Identify items of natural and built heritage in Blayney Shire.	Promote Council’s Heritage Assistance Fund to owners of Heritage items to assist with maintenance of heritage items.	Heritage Assistance Program advertised and 6 applications approved.
		Heritage Advisory services are continued to be provided to owners of heritage items ensuring heritage is preserved whilst allowing development to occur	Provided on a monthly and referral basis.
		Undertake review of the Heritage Conservation Areas within the Blayney Shire.	Council resolved to defer Blayney Settlement Strategy exhibition to April 2020. Draft Settlement Strategy to go back to Council late 2020.
		Install interpretative signage within our Town and Villages at historically significant sites	Awaiting suitable funding source / grant opportunity for program.
5.3.2	Ensure the Shire’s 8 heritage listed cemeteries are maintained and protected	Support the engagement of specialist stone masons to commence restoration works on derelict graves	Council seeking to confirm responsibility and approval process to undertake such works. Council also awaiting input from Blayney Family History Group to identify priorities.
		Continue to eradicate vermin and install vermin prevention measures.	Repair undertaken at Hobbys Yards Cemetery.
5.4 Sustainable land use practices across the Shire is improved and tree planting projects are supported			
5.4.1	Promote sustainable development and protection of our natural resources	Disseminate information to the community as it becomes available	No action to date.
		Facilitate the delivery of environment initiatives on Council owned and controlled land	Ongoing maintenance in conjunction with Carcoar Urban Landcare Group along Belubula River in Carcoar.
5.4.2	Pursue sustainable land use practices based on the protection and restoration of natural resources, innovative land use policies and government and community partnerships	Undertake a review of the Blayney Cabonne Orange sub regional strategy and Blayney Settlement Strategy in preparation of the BLEP 2012 review	Council resolved to defer Blayney Cabonne Orange Sub Regional Strategy exhibition to April 2020. Blayney Cabonne Orange Sub Regional Strategy exhibition complete.
		Improve the look of the town and villages by ongoing tree planting program including on the highway, and cleaning up entrances	Council in partnership with Millthorpe Village Committee undertook limited planting due to drought. Planning underway for native planting along Richards Lane, Millthorpe.
5.5 Rural Fire Services, Weeds and Local Land Services protect and manage environmentally significant areas to maintain biodiversity of native vegetation			
5.5.1	Protect and enhance biodiversity, native vegetation, river and soil health	Assess all DA’s with appropriate regard to the minimisation and mitigation of loss or harm to native vegetation	Ongoing.
5.6 Crown Lands are better managed to control weeds, pest species and bushfire			
5.6.1	Participate and share resources required to complete the NSW Crown Land Negotiation program with Orange Local Aboriginal Lands Council, Orange City and Cabonne Councils	Provide resources and participate in NSW Crown Land Negotiation program with Orange Local Aboriginal Lands Council, Orange City and Cabonne Councils	Crown Land Negotiation program in abeyance, effective from October 2019, pending review by State Government.
5.7.1	Ensure Waste Management Services are delivered in a financially sustainable manner	Review services at the Blayney Waste Facility before proceeding to re-tender the contract management of the Blayney Waste Facility.	Completed.
		Encourage separation of products at the Blayney Waste Facility to reduce the amount of material deposited to landfill	Education undertaken by NetWaste, Councils GM conversation and media avenues.
		Implement a new covering plan technique, to cap completed areas once they have been filled with waste	Strategy in place as part of Waste Management Facility management contract.
5.7.2	Develop and promote programs with NetWaste that increase recycling within the community and reduce the volume of waste going to landfill	Consider installation of additional collection points for waste transfer and recycling in the villages if the need is identified	Location and contamination levels continually evaluated.
		Investigate installation of a CDS reverse vending machine for Blayney	Royal Hotel providing over the counter service, Bathurst Recycling providing service to Blayney LGA.

An aerial photograph of a landscape at sunset. A large white wind turbine stands prominently on a grassy hill in the foreground. In the background, a winding river flows through a valley, surrounded by rolling hills and scattered trees. The sky is a warm orange and yellow, reflecting on the water. The overall scene is peaceful and scenic.

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# Blayney Shire Council

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
for the year ended 30 June 2020

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# Blayney Shire Council

GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
for the year ended 30 June 2020

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# General Purpose Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2020

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## Overview

Blayney Shire Council is constituted under the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW) and has its principal place of business at:

91 Adelaide Street  
Blayney NSW 2799

Council's guiding principles are detailed in Chapter 3 of the LGA and includes:

- principles applying to the exercise of functions generally by council,
- principles to be applied when making decisions,
- principles of community participation,
- principles of sound financial management, and
- principles for strategic planning relating to the development of an integrated planning and reporting framework.

A description of the nature of Council's operations and its principal activities are provided in Note 2(b).

Through the use of the internet, we have ensured that our reporting is timely, complete and available at minimum cost. All press releases, financial statements and other information are publicly available on our website: [www.blayney.nsw.gov.au](http://www.blayney.nsw.gov.au).

# Blayney Shire Council

## General Purpose Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2020

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Statement by Councillors and Management made pursuant to Section 413(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW) (as amended)

The attached General Purpose Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with:

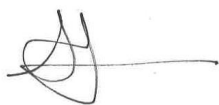
- the *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW) (as amended) and the regulations made thereunder,
- the Australian Accounting Standards and other pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board
- the *Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting*.

To the best of our knowledge and belief, these statements:

- present fairly the Council's operating result and financial position for the year
- accord with Council's accounting and other records.

We are not aware of any matter that would render these statements false or misleading in any way.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of Council made on 16 November 2020.



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Cr. S.J. Ferguson  
**Mayor**  
16 November 2020



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Cr. A. Ewin  
**Deputy Mayor**  
16 November 2020



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R. Ryan  
**General Manager**  
16 November 2020



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T. Irlam  
**Responsible Accounting Officer**  
16 November 2020



## Income Statement

for the year ended 30 June 2020

Original unaudited budget 2020	\$ '000	Notes	Actual 2020	Restated Actual 2019
<b>Income from continuing operations</b>				
11,205	Rates and annual charges	3a	11,244	10,991
1,753	User charges and fees	3b	1,353	2,258
305	Other revenues	3c	296	284
3,855	Grants and contributions provided for operating purposes	3d,3e	4,154	4,141
3,833	Grants and contributions provided for capital purposes	3d,3e	6,197	9,160
442	Interest and investment income	4	283	445
263	Net gains from the disposal of assets	6	—	—
221	Rental income	13e	222	—
23	Net share of interests in joint ventures and associates using the equity method	18	4,000	382
21,900	<b>Total income from continuing operations</b>		27,749	27,661
<b>Expenses from continuing operations</b>				
6,840	Employee benefits and on-costs	5a	7,032	7,138
337	Borrowing costs	5b	485	90
2,781	Materials and contracts	5c	2,759	2,642
5,387	Depreciation and amortisation	5d	5,681	5,421
2,621	Other expenses	5e	2,473	2,993
—	Net losses from the disposal of assets	6	1,129	655
17,966	<b>Total expenses from continuing operations</b>		19,559	18,939
3,934	<b>Operating result from continuing operations</b>		8,190	8,722
3,934	<b>Net operating result for the year</b>		8,190	8,722
3,934	Net operating result attributable to council		8,190	8,722
101	<b>Net operating result for the year before grants and contributions provided for capital purposes</b>		1,993	(438)

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The above Income Statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

## Statement of Comprehensive Income

for the year ended 30 June 2020

\$ '000	Notes	2020	Restated 2019
<b>Net operating result for the year (as per Income Statement)</b>		<b>8,190</b>	<b>8,722</b>
<b>Other comprehensive income:</b>			
Amounts which will not be reclassified subsequently to the operating result			
Gain (loss) on revaluation of IPP&E	10	27,917	311
Other comprehensive income – joint ventures and associates		350	191
<b>Total items which will not be reclassified subsequently to the operating result</b>		<b>28,267</b>	<b>502</b>
<b>Total other comprehensive income for the year</b>		<b>28,267</b>	<b>502</b>
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>		<b>36,457</b>	<b>9,224</b>
Total comprehensive income attributable to Council		36,457	9,224

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# Statement of Financial Position

as at 30 June 2020

\$ '000	Notes	2020	Restated 2019	Restated 1 July 2018
<b>ASSETS</b>				
<b>Current assets</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	7(a)	3,554	3,548	2,715
Investments	7(b)	12,500	13,000	14,500
Receivables	8	580	1,392	2,113
Inventories	9a	2,173	1,758	1,417
Contract assets	12a	578	—	—
Other	9b	53	58	67
Current assets classified as 'held for sale'		—	—	—
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>19,438</b>	<b>19,756</b>	<b>20,812</b>
<b>Non-current assets</b>				
Receivables	8	70	102	76
Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	10	289,525	254,073	243,137
Intangible Assets	11	117	137	126
Right of use assets	13a	72	—	—
Investments accounted for using the equity method	18	29,367	25,017	24,444
<b>Total non-current assets</b>		<b>319,151</b>	<b>279,329</b>	<b>267,783</b>
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>338,589</b>	<b>299,085</b>	<b>288,595</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
<b>Current liabilities</b>				
Payables	14	1,044	1,294	1,148
Income received in advance	14	—	222	260
Contract liabilities	12b	986	—	—
Lease liabilities	13b	31	—	—
Borrowings	14	576	455	317
Provisions	15	2,296	2,147	1,850
<b>Total current liabilities</b>		<b>4,933</b>	<b>4,118</b>	<b>3,575</b>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>				
Payables	14	2	3	2
Lease liabilities	13b	41	—	—
Borrowings	14	7,203	5,304	4,439
Provisions	15	930	717	860
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>		<b>8,176</b>	<b>6,024</b>	<b>5,301</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>13,109</b>	<b>10,142</b>	<b>8,876</b>
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>325,480</b>	<b>288,943</b>	<b>279,719</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>				
Accumulated surplus	16	153,561	144,941	136,028
Revaluation reserves	16	171,919	144,002	143,691
<b>Council equity interest</b>		<b>325,480</b>	<b>288,943</b>	<b>279,719</b>
<b>Total equity</b>		<b>325,480</b>	<b>288,943</b>	<b>279,719</b>

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# Statement of Changes in Equity

for the year ended 30 June 2020

		as at 30/06/20			as at 30/06/19		
		Accumulated surplus	IPP&E revaluation reserve	Total equity	Accumulated surplus	IPP&E revaluation reserve	Total equity
\$ '000	Notes				Restated	Restated	Restated
Opening balance		113,532	144,002	257,534	104,562	143,691	248,253
Correction of prior period errors	16b	31,409	–	31,409	31,466	–	31,466
Changes due to AASB 1058 and AASB 15 adoption	16	80	–	80	–	–	–
<b>Restated opening balance</b>		<b>145,021</b>	<b>144,002</b>	<b>289,023</b>	<b>136,028</b>	<b>143,691</b>	<b>279,719</b>
Net operating result for the year		8,190	–	8,190	8,779	–	8,779
Correction of prior period errors	16b	–	–	–	(57)	–	(57)
<b>Restated net operating result for the period</b>		<b>8,190</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>8,190</b>	<b>8,722</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>8,722</b>
<b>Other comprehensive income</b>							
– Gain (loss) on revaluation of IPP&E	10	–	27,917	27,917	–	311	311
– Joint ventures and associates		350	–	350	191	–	191
<b>Other comprehensive income</b>		<b>350</b>	<b>27,917</b>	<b>28,267</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>502</b>
<b>Total comprehensive income</b>		<b>8,540</b>	<b>27,917</b>	<b>36,457</b>	<b>8,913</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>9,224</b>
<b>Equity – balance at end of the reporting period</b>		<b>153,561</b>	<b>171,919</b>	<b>325,480</b>	<b>144,941</b>	<b>144,002</b>	<b>288,943</b>

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## Statement of Cash Flows

for the year ended 30 June 2020

Original unaudited budget 2020	\$ '000	Notes	Actual 2020	Actual 2019
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>				
<b>Receipts:</b>				
11,200	Rates and annual charges		11,424	10,960
1,984	User charges and fees		1,506	3,635
429	Investment and interest revenue received		392	425
7,690	Grants and contributions		11,222	13,070
406	Other		2,275	1,800
<b>Payments:</b>				
(6,839)	Employee benefits and on-costs		(7,008)	(6,852)
(2,892)	Materials and contracts		(4,523)	(3,234)
(317)	Borrowing costs		(480)	(231)
–	Bonds, deposits and retention amounts refunded		(9)	(6)
(2,619)	Other		(2,616)	(4,520)
9,042	<b>Net cash provided (or used in) operating activities</b>	17b	12,183	15,047
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>				
<b>Receipts:</b>				
–	Sale of investment securities		(3)	–
650	Sale of real estate assets		1,024	9
860	Sale of infrastructure, property, plant and equipment		651	237
–	Deferred debtors receipts		43	49
<b>Payments:</b>				
–	Purchase of investment securities		500	1,500
(12,193)	Purchase of infrastructure, property, plant and equipment		(15,138)	(16,898)
–	Purchase of real estate assets		(1,208)	(54)
–	Purchase of intangible assets		(33)	(60)
(10,683)	<b>Net cash provided (or used in) investing activities</b>		(14,164)	(15,217)
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>				
<b>Receipts:</b>				
2,500	Proceeds from borrowings and advances		2,500	1,320
<b>Payments:</b>				
(501)	Repayment of borrowings and advances		(480)	(317)
–	Lease liabilities (principal repayments)		(33)	–
1,999	<b>Net cash flow provided (used in) financing activities</b>		1,987	1,003
358	<b>Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>		6	833
1,576	Plus: cash and cash equivalents – beginning of year	17a	3,548	2,715
1,934	<b>Cash and cash equivalents – end of the year</b>	17a	3,554	3,548
13,653	plus: Investments on hand – end of year	7(b)	12,500	13,000
15,587	<b>Total cash, cash equivalents and investments</b>		16,054	16,548

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The above Statement of Cash Flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

## Notes to the Financial Statements

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## Notes to the Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2020

### Note 1. Basis of preparation

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These financial statements were authorised for issue by Council on dd MMMM yyyy. Council has the power to amend and reissue these financial statements in cases where critical information is received from public submissions or where the OLG directs Council to amend the financial statements.

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these consolidated financial statements are set out below.

These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

These general purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and Australian Accounting Interpretations, the *Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)* and Regulations, and the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting.

Council is a not for-profit entity.

The financial statements are presented in Australian dollars and are rounded to the nearest thousand dollars.

#### (a) Historical cost convention

These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and certain classes of infrastructure, property, plant and equipment and investment property.

#### (b) Significant accounting estimates and judgements

The preparation of financial statements requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the Council's accounting policies.

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that may have a financial impact on the Council and that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

#### Critical accounting estimates and assumptions

Council makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future.

The resulting accounting estimates will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results.

The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year include:

- (i) estimated fair values of infrastructure, property, plant and equipment – refer Note 10
- (ii) estimated rehabilitation remediation provisions – refer Note 15

#### Significant judgements in applying the council's accounting policies

- (i) Impairment of receivables

Council has made a significant judgement about the impairment of a number of its receivables – refer Note 8.

Council has made provision for a number of receivables based on the effectiveness of Council's debt recovery actions to date and deemed it highly likely that these receivables will not be recoverable.

### Monies and other assets received by Council

#### (a) The Consolidated Fund

In accordance with the provisions of Section 409(1) of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW), all money and property received by Council is held in the Council's Consolidated Fund unless it is required to be held in the Council's Trust Fund.

Cash and other assets of the following entities have been included as part of the Consolidated Fund:

- General purpose operations

## Notes to the Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2020

### Note 1. Basis of preparation (continued)

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- Sewerage service

#### (b) The Trust Fund

In accordance with the provisions of Section 411 of the *Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)* (as amended), a separate and distinct Trust Fund is maintained to account for all money and property received by the council in trust which must be applied only for the purposes of, or in accordance with, the trusts relating to those monies.

Trust monies and property subject to Council's control have been included in these reports.

Trust monies and property held by Council but not subject to the control of Council have been excluded.

#### Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of associated GST, unless the GST incurred is not recoverable from the taxation authority. In this case it is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense.

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to the taxation authority is included with other receivables or payables in the Statement of Financial Position.

Cash flows are presented on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing or financing activities that are recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority are presented as operating cash flows.

#### Volunteer services

Council engages the use of volunteers through the Blayney Shire Arts & Craft Inc. in its Visitor Information Centre which is manned during business hours of the adjoining coffee shop. It is located next door to Council which provides much of the same information available as well as at various other locations throughout the Blayney Shire. Information about Council's services and upcoming events are available of both Facebook and Council's website and therefore Council would be unlikely to employ the services if they were not provided by volunteers.

Council also participates in tree planting with the community on an ad hoc basis.

#### New accounting standards and interpretations issued not yet effective

##### New accounting standards and interpretations issued but not yet effective

Certain new accounting standards and interpretations (ie. pronouncements) have been published by the Australian Accounting Standards Board that are not mandatory for the 30 June 2020 reporting period.

Council has elected not to apply any of these pronouncements in these financial statements before their operative dates.

Council's assessment of these new standards and interpretations (where they have been deemed as having a material impact on Council's future financial performance, financial position and cash flows) are set out below:

##### **AASB 1059 Service Concession Arrangements: Grantors**

##### **AASB 2018-5 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Deferral of AASB 1059**

##### **AASB 2019-2 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Implementation of AASB 1059**

This standard provides guidance for public sector entities (grantors) who have entered into service concession arrangements with private sector operators.

AASB 1059 requires grantors to recognise a service concession asset and, in most cases, a corresponding liability on the balance sheet.

A control approach is used to assess the service concession arrangements in place.

On initial recognition the asset is measured at current replacement cost based on AASB 13 Fair Value Measurement and existing assets of the grantors are reclassified at the date of transition.



## Notes to the Financial Statements

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### Note 1. Basis of preparation (continued)

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After initial recognition, the grantor accounts for the assets under either AASB 116 Property, Plant and Equipment or AASB 138 Intangible Assets.

The nature of the consideration given to the operator will affect whether the grantor applies either the 'financial liability' or the 'grant of right' model for the recognition of the liability.

AASB 2019-2 makes amendments to the recognition and measurement of the asset and liability where the modified retrospective approach to transition is being used and provides a practical expedient due to the different effective dates of AASB 16 and AASB 1059.

**Council does not expect any material impact to future financial statements as we do not generally enter into service concession arrangements.**

This standard has an effective date for the 30 June 2021 reporting period.

**AASB2014-10 Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture**  
**AASB2015-10 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Effective Date of Amendments to AASB 10 and AASB 128**  
**AASB 2017-5 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Effective Date of Amendments to AASB 10 and AASB 128 and Editorial Corrections**

The standard amendments address an acknowledged inconsistency between the requirements in AASB10 and those in AASB128 (2011) in dealing with the sale or contribution of assets between an investor and its associate or joint venture.

These amendments will only impact Council where there has been a sale or contribution of assets between Council and any Joint Venture or Associate.

The main consequence of the amendments is that a full gain or loss is recognised when a transaction involves a business (whether it is housed in a subsidiary or not). A partial gain or loss is recognised when a transaction involves assets that do not constitute a business, even if these assets are housed in a subsidiary.

#### New accounting standards adopted during the year

During the year Council adopted the following accounting standards and interpretations (as issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board) which were mandatorily effective from 1 July 2019:

- AASB 16 Leases
- AASB 15 Revenue from contracts with customers and associated amending standards.
- AASB 1058 Income of Not-for-profit entities

Further information on the newly adopted standards which had a material impact on Council's reported financial position, financial performance and/or associated financial statement disclosures can be found at Note 17.

## Notes to the Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2020

### Note 2(a). Council functions/activities – financial information

Income, expenses and assets have been directly attributed to the following functions or activities.  
Details of those functions or activities are provided in Note 2(b).

	Income from continuing operations		Expenses from continuing operations		Operating result from continuing operations		Grants included in income from continuing operations		Carrying amount of assets	
	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019
\$ '000				Restated		Restated				Restated
<b>Functions or activities</b>										
1. Public Infrastructure and Services	9,968	12,548	10,046	9,841	(78)	2,707	2,204	6,916	293,344	262,682
2. Local Governance and Finance	11,598	11,360	2,703	2,802	8,895	8,558	1,913	1,909	31,560	26,653
3. The Local and Visitor Economy	90	122	333	323	(243)	(201)	13	15	13	16
4. Community, Sport, Heritage and Culture	4,423	1,905	3,967	3,759	456	(1,854)	4,119	1,484	13,524	9,628
5. The Natural Environment	1,670	1,726	2,510	2,214	(840)	(488)	20	34	148	106
<b>Total functions and activities</b>	<b>27,749</b>	<b>27,661</b>	<b>19,559</b>	<b>18,939</b>	<b>8,190</b>	<b>8,722</b>	<b>8,269</b>	<b>10,358</b>	<b>338,589</b>	<b>299,085</b>



## Notes to the Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2020

### Note 2(b). Council functions/activities - component descriptions

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Details relating to the Council's functions/activities as reported in Note 2(a) are as follows:

#### **1. Maintain and Improve Public Infrastructure and Services**

Public infrastructure and services are the bones that support a community. Council Functions included are Engineering Services, Plant Operations, Local, Regional and State Roads, Bridges, Footpaths, Sewerage Operations, Stormwater Drainage, Public Cemeteries and Public Conveniences.

#### **2. Build the Capacity and Capability of Local Governance and Finance**

To achieve our preferred future we will all need to work together. Council functions included are Governance, Corporate Services, Public Order & Safety, Health and Food Control, Public Halls and Community Centres, Real Estate and General Purpose Revenues.

#### **3. Promote Blayney Shire to grow the Local and Visitor Economy**

Ensuring that industry, agriculture and mining exist in harmony working together and collaborating for regional economic growth of the region. Council functions included are Tourism, Industrial and Economic Development and Private Works.

#### **4. Enhance facilities and networks that supports Community Sport, Heritage and Culture**

Preserving our history while being productive and innovative we will enhance and develop our sporting and recreational assets so that the facilities are modern and have regional standing. Council functions included are Public Libraries, Swimming Pool and Leisure Centre, Sporting Grounds, Parks and Showgrounds, Rural Fire Services and Youth, Family and Aged and Disabled Services.

#### **5. Protect our Natural Environment**

Encourage sustainable land use practices and protect the biodiversity and health of our waterways. Council Functions include Environmental Services, Noxious Plant Management, Domestic and Other Waste Management, Street Cleaning, Town Planning and Building Control.

## Notes to the Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2020

### Note 3. Revenue from continuing operations

\$ '000	AASB	2020	2019
<b>(a) Rates and annual charges</b>			
<b>Ordinary rates</b>			
Residential	1058 (1)	1,896	1,811
Farmland	1058 (1)	2,182	2,146
Mining	1058 (1)	2,791	2,718
Business	1058 (1)	363	337
Less: pensioner rebates (mandatory)	1058 (1)	(88)	(81)
<b>Rates levied to ratepayers</b>		<b>7,144</b>	<b>6,931</b>
Pensioner rate subsidies received	1058 (1)	49	45
<b>Total ordinary rates</b>		<b>7,193</b>	<b>6,976</b>
<b>Special rates</b>			
Mining special rate	1058 (1)	1,613	1,571
<b>Rates levied to ratepayers</b>		<b>1,613</b>	<b>1,571</b>
<b>Total special rates</b>		<b>1,613</b>	<b>1,571</b>
<b>Annual charges</b>			
(pursuant to s.496, s.496A, s.496B, s.501 & s.611)			
Domestic waste management services	1058 (1)	1,020	1,084
Sewerage services	1058 (1)	1,197	1,142
Waste management services (non-domestic)	1058 (1)	254	251
Less: pensioner rebates (mandatory)	1058 (1)	(73)	(73)
<b>Annual charges levied</b>		<b>2,398</b>	<b>2,404</b>
Pensioner subsidies received:			
– Sewerage	1058 (1)	15	14
– Domestic waste management	1058 (1)	25	26
<b>Total annual charges</b>		<b>2,438</b>	<b>2,444</b>
<b>TOTAL RATES AND ANNUAL CHARGES</b>		<b>11,244</b>	<b>10,991</b>

The **AASB** notation (above) identifies the revenue recognition pattern for material items of Council revenue:

**15 (1)** indicates income recognised under AASB 15 “at a point in time”,

**15 (2)** indicates income recognised under AASB 15 “over time”,

**1058 (1)** indicates income recognised under AASB 1058 “at a point in time”, while

**1058 (2)** indicates income recognised under AASB 1058 “over time”.

Council has used 2016 year valuations provided by the NSW Valuer General in calculating its rates.

#### Accounting policy for rates and charges

Rates and annual charges are recognised as revenue when the Council obtains control over the assets comprising these receipts which is the beginning of the rating period to which they relate.

Prepaid rates are recognised as a financial liability until the beginning of the rating period.

Pensioner rebates relate to reductions in rates and certain annual charges for eligible pensioners’ place of residence in the local government council area that are not subsidised by the NSW Government.

Pensioner rate subsidies are received from the NSW Government to provide a contribution towards the pensioner rebates and are in substance a rates payment.

#### 2019 accounting policy



## Notes to the Financial Statements

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## Note 3. Revenue from continuing operations (continued)

Control over assets acquired from rates and annual charges is obtained at the commencement of the rating year as it is an enforceable debt linked to the rateable property or, where earlier, upon receipt of the rates.

\$ '000	AASB	2020	2019
<b>(b) User charges and fees</b>			
<b>Specific user charges</b>			
(per s.502 - specific 'actual use' charges)			
Sewerage services	1058 (1)	220	224
<b>Total specific user charges</b>		<b>220</b>	<b>224</b>
<b>Other user charges and fees</b>			
<b>(i) Fees and charges – statutory and regulatory functions (per s.608)</b>			
Building regulation	1058 (1)	196	161
Private works – section 67	1058 (1)	43	73
Section 10.7 certificates (EP&A Act)	1058 (1)	17	18
Section 603 certificates	1058 (1)	15	13
Other	1058 (1)	2	12
<b>Total fees and charges – statutory/regulatory</b>		<b>273</b>	<b>277</b>
<b>(ii) Fees and charges – other (incl. general user charges (per s.608))</b>			
Cemeteries	1058 (1)	39	79
Lease rentals	1058 (1)	–	136
Leaseback fees – Council vehicles	1058 (1)	–	71
CentrePoint Sport & Leisure	1058 (2)	108	309
Quarry revenues	1058 (1)	279	891
RMS (formerly RTA) charges (state roads not controlled by Council)	1058 (1)	284	64
Waste disposal tipping fees	1058 (1)	146	204
Other	1058 (1)	4	3
<b>Total fees and charges – other</b>		<b>860</b>	<b>1,757</b>
<b>TOTAL USER CHARGES AND FEES</b>		<b>1,353</b>	<b>2,258</b>

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**Accounting policy for user charges and fees**

Revenue arising from user charges and fees is recognised when or as the performance obligation is completed and the customer receives the benefit of the goods / services being provided.

The performance obligation relates to the specific services which are provided to the customers and generally the payment terms are within 30 days of the provision of the service.

Where an upfront fee is charged such as membership fees for the leisure centre the fee is recognised on a straight-line basis over the expected life of the membership.

Licences granted by Council are all either short-term or low value and all revenue from licences is recognised at the time that the licence is granted rather than the term of the licence.

**2019 accounting policy**

User charges and fees are recognised as revenue when the service has been provided.

## Notes to the Financial Statements

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### Note 3. Revenue from continuing operations (continued)

\$ '000	AASB	2020	2019
<b>(c) Other revenues</b>			
Rental income – other council properties (2019 only)		–	17
Legal fees recovery – other	1058 (1)	45	23
Diesel rebate	1058 (1)	99	129
Insurance claims recoveries	1058 (1)	20	4
Recycling income (non-domestic)	1058 (1)	17	–
Insurance rebates	1058 (1)	40	36
Other	1058 (1)	75	75
<b><u>TOTAL OTHER REVENUE</u></b>		<b><u>296</u></b>	<b><u>284</u></b>

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#### Accounting policy for other revenue

Where the revenue relates to a contract with customer, the revenue is recognised when or as the performance obligation is completed and the customer receives the benefit of the goods / services being provided.

Where the revenue relates to a contract which is not enforceable or does not contain sufficiently specific performance obligations then revenue is recognised when an unconditional right to a receivable arises or the cash is received, which is earlier.

#### 2019 accounting policy:

Council recognises revenue when the amount of revenue can be reliably measured, it is probable that future economic benefits will flow to the Council and specific criteria have been met for each of the Council's activities as described below. Council bases its estimates on historical results, taking into consideration the type of customer, the type of transaction and the specifics of each arrangement.

Rental income is accounted for on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

Miscellaneous sales are recognised when physical possession has transferred to the customer which is deemed to be the point of transfer of risks and rewards.

Other income is recorded when the payment is due, the value of the payment is notified, or the payment is received, whichever occurs first.

## Notes to the Financial Statements

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## Note 3. Revenue from continuing operations (continued)

\$ '000	AASB	Operating 2020	Operating 2019	Capital 2020	Capital 2019
<b>(d) Grants</b>					
<b>General purpose (untied)</b>					
<b>Current year allocation</b>					
Financial assistance – general component	1058 (1)	911	917	–	–
Financial assistance – local roads component	1058 (1)	426	429	–	–
<b>Payment in advance - future year allocation</b>					
Financial assistance – general component	1058 (1)	968	951	–	–
Financial assistance – local roads component	1058 (1)	449	445	–	–
<b>Total general purpose</b>		<b>2,754</b>	<b>2,742</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>
<b>Specific purpose (tied)</b>					
Bushfire and emergency services	1058 (1)	1	–	–	27
Employment and training programs	1058 (1)	5	2	–	–
Heritage and cultural	1058 (1)	8	7	–	–
Library	1058 (1)	77	34	–	–
LCLI subsidy	1058 (1)	7	–	–	–
LIRS subsidy	1058 (1)	20	24	–	–
Noxious weeds	15 (2)	13	–	–	–
Public halls	1058 (2)	–	–	–	17
Recreation and culture	1058 (2)	8	–	3,327	388
Street lighting	1058 (2)	22	22	–	–
Transport (Roads to Recovery)	1058 (2)	806	400	–	–
Transport (other roads and bridges funding)	1058 (2)	–	–	230	4,976
Tourism	1058 (2)	–	7	–	8
Youth services	1058 (1)	2	4	–	–
Stronger Country Communities	1058 (2)	–	–	972	659
Other	1058 (1)	17	41	–	–
Drought Communities Funding Program		–	480	–	520
<b>Total specific purpose</b>		<b>986</b>	<b>1,021</b>	<b>4,529</b>	<b>6,595</b>
<b>Total grants</b>		<b>3,740</b>	<b>3,763</b>	<b>4,529</b>	<b>6,595</b>
<b>Grant revenue is attributable to:</b>					
– Commonwealth funding		3,573	3,622	1,900	520
– State funding		154	141	2,626	4,439
– Other funding		13	–	3	1,636
		<b>3,740</b>	<b>3,763</b>	<b>4,529</b>	<b>6,595</b>

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## Notes to the Financial Statements

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### Note 3. Revenue from continuing operations (continued)

\$ '000	Notes	AASB	Operating 2020	Operating 2019	Capital 2020	Capital 2019
<b>(e) Contributions</b>						
<b>Developer contributions:</b>						
<b>(s7.4 &amp; s7.11 - EP&amp;A Act, s64 of the LGA):</b>						
<b>Cash contributions</b>						
S 7.11 – contributions towards amenities/services		1058 (1)	–	–	114	132
S 64 – sewerage service contributions		1058 (1)	–	–	50	23
<b>Total developer contributions – cash</b>			<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>155</b>
<b>Non-cash contributions</b>						
Other developer contributions		1058 (1)	–	–	–	–
<b>Total developer contributions non-cash</b>			<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>
<b>Total developer contributions</b>	25		<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>155</b>
<b>Other contributions:</b>						
<b>Cash contributions</b>						
Bushfire services		1058 (1)	59	35	–	–
Recreation and culture		1058 (1)	–	–	78	–
Roads and bridges		1058 (1)	15	10	95	2,410
RMS contributions (regional roads, block grant)		1058 (1)	340	333	–	–
<b>Total other contributions – cash</b>			<b>414</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>2,410</b>
<b>Non-cash contributions</b>						
Recreation and culture		1058 (1)	–	–	6	–
Roads and bridges		1058 (1)	–	–	1,325	–
<b>Total other contributions – non-cash</b>			<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>1,331</b>	<b>–</b>
<b>Total other contributions</b>			<b>414</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>1,504</b>	<b>2,410</b>
<b>Total contributions</b>			<b>414</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>1,668</b>	<b>2,565</b>
<b>TOTAL GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS</b>			<b>4,154</b>	<b>4,141</b>	<b>6,197</b>	<b>9,160</b>

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### Accounting policy for grants and contributions

#### Accounting policy from 1 July 2019

##### Grant income under AASB 15

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

As at 30 June 2020 Council did not have any grant funding within the scope of AASB 15.

## Notes to the Financial Statements

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### Note 3. Revenue from continuing operations (continued)

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#### Grant income

Assets arising from grants in the scope of AASB 1058 is recognised at the assets fair value when the asset is received. Councils considers whether there are any related liability or equity items associated with the asset which are recognised in accordance with the relevant accounting standard.

Once the assets and liabilities have been recognised then income is recognised for any remaining asset value at the time that the asset is received.

#### Capital grants

Capital grants received to enable Council to acquire or construct an item of infrastructure, property, plant and equipment to identified specifications which will be under Council's control and which is enforceable are recognised as revenue as and when the obligation to construct or purchase is completed.

For construction projects, this is generally as the construction progresses in accordance with costs incurred since this is deemed to be the most appropriate measure of the completeness of the construction project as there is no profit margin.

For acquisitions of assets, the revenue is recognised when the asset is acquired and controlled by the Council.

#### Contributions

Council has obligations to provide facilities from contribution revenues levied on developers under the provisions of sections 7.4, 7.11 and 7.12 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

While Council generally incorporates these amounts as part of a Development Consents Order, such developer contributions are only recognised as income upon receipt by Council, due to the possibility that individual development consents may not be acted upon by the applicant and, accordingly, would not be payable to Council.

Developer contributions may only be expended for the purposes for which the contributions were required, but the Council may apply contributions according to the priorities established in work schedules.

#### Accounting policy prior to 1 July 2019

Control over grants and contributions is normally obtained upon their receipt (or acquittal) and revenue is recognised at this time and is valued at the fair value of the granted or contributed asset at the date of transfer.

Where grants or contributions recognised as revenues during the financial year were obtained on condition that they be expended in a particular manner, or used over a particular period, and those conditions were un-discharged at reporting date, the unused grant or contribution is disclosed below.

A liability is recognised in respect of revenue that is reciprocal in nature to the extent that the requisite service has not been provided at reporting date.

## Notes to the Financial Statements

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## Note 3. Revenue from continuing operations (continued)

\$ '000	2020	2019
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## (f) Unspent grants and contributions – external restrictions

Certain grants and contributions are obtained by Council on condition that they be spent in a specified manner due to externally imposed restrictions.

**Operating grants**

Unexpended at the close of the previous reporting period	43	39
<b>Add:</b> operating grants recognised as income in the current period but not yet spent (2019 only)	–	43
<b>Add:</b> operating grants received for the provision of goods and services in a future period	13	–
<b>Less:</b> operating grants recognised in a previous reporting period now spent (2019 only)	–	(39)
<b>Less:</b> operating grants received in a previous reporting period now spent and recognised as income	(2)	–
<b>Unexpended and held as externally restricted assets (operating grants)</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>43</b>

Council carried over funding received from Crown Lands to facilitate the Plans of Management. Youth Week funding was received to fund youth week activities in 2020 but deferred due to Covid restrictions. Funding was also received for Pound improvements.

**Capital grants**

Unexpended at the close of the previous reporting period	363	421
<b>Add:</b> capital grants recognised as income in the current period but not yet spent (2019 only)	–	363
<b>Add:</b> capital grants received for the provision of goods and services in a future period	845	–
<b>Less:</b> capital grants recognised in a previous reporting period now spent (2019 only)	(355)	(421)
<b>Less:</b> capital grants received in a previous reporting period now spent and recognised as income	–	–
<b>Unexpended and held as externally restricted assets (capital grants)</b>	<b>853</b>	<b>363</b>

Council's unexpended capital grants as at 1 July 2019 included funding received under Stronger Country Communities Round 1 for completion of the Belubula River Walk and recreation ground improvements upgrade funded under Stronger Country Communities Round 2. The restricted funding was fully expended during 2018/19.

Unexpended grants as at 30 June 2020 include funding received to construct community infrastructure under the Federal Government Drought Stimulus Package and the State Government Drought Communities Program Round 2, and Showground Stimulus Package.

**Contributions**

Unexpended at the close of the previous reporting period	1,786	1,700
<b>Add:</b> contributions recognised as income in the current period but not yet spent	164	203
<b>Add:</b> contributions received for the provision of goods and services in a future period	–	–
<b>Add:</b> contributions recognised as income in the current period obtained in respect of a future rating identified by Council for the purpose of establishing a rate (2019 only)	–	–
<b>Less:</b> contributions recognised in a previous reporting period now spent	(407)	(117)
<b>Unexpended and held as externally restricted assets (contributions)</b>	<b>1,543</b>	<b>1,786</b>



## Notes to the Financial Statements

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### Note 3. Revenue from continuing operations (continued)

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Unexpended contributions as at 30 June 2020 include contributions received under Sec 7.11 Developer Contributions and Sec 64 Contributions.

Sec 7.11 contributions contributed funding towards the CentrePoint major upgrade.

Sec 64 contributions funded completion of the Sewerage Treatment Plant maturation ponds and wetlands rectification works.

## Notes to the Financial Statements

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## Note 4. Interest and investment income

\$ '000	2020	2019
<b>Interest on financial assets measured at amortised cost</b>		
– Overdue rates and annual charges (incl. special purpose rates)	24	15
– Cash and investments	247	424
– Deferred debtors	–	6
– Other	12	–
Finance income on the net investment in the lease	–	–
<b>Total Interest and investment income</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>445</b>

**Interest revenue is attributable to:****Unrestricted investments/financial assets:**

Overdue rates and annual charges (General Fund)	24	15
General Council cash and investments	146	257

**Restricted investments/funds – external:**

Development contributions		
– Section 7.11	18	24
– Section 64	20	24
Sewerage fund operations	75	125
<b>Total interest and investment revenue</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>445</b>

**Accounting policy for interest and investment revenue**

Interest income is recognised using the effective interest rate at the date that interest is earned.

Dividends are recognised as income in profit or loss unless the dividend clearly represents a recovery of part of the cost of the investment.

## Notes to the Financial Statements

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## Note 5. Expenses from continuing operations

\$ '000	2020	2019
<b>(a) Employee benefits and on-costs</b>		
Salaries and wages	5,743	5,973
Travel expenses	3	8
Employee leave entitlements (ELE)	1,007	1,048
ELE on-costs	(5)	28
Superannuation	693	695
Workers' compensation insurance	138	135
Fringe benefit tax (FBT)	98	61
Training costs (other than salaries and wages)	102	138
Protective clothing	23	33
Other	26	25
<b>Total employee costs</b>	<b>7,828</b>	<b>8,144</b>
Less: capitalised costs	(796)	(1,006)
<b>TOTAL EMPLOYEE COSTS EXPENSED</b>	<b>7,032</b>	<b>7,138</b>
Number of 'full-time equivalent' employees (FTE) at year end	95	95

**Accounting policy for employee benefits and on-costs**

Employee benefit expenses are recorded when the service has been provided by the employee.

*Retirement benefit obligations*

All employees of the Council are entitled to benefits on retirement, disability or death. Council contributes to various defined benefit plans and defined contribution plans on behalf of its employees.

*Superannuation plans*

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense as they become payable. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that a cash refund or a reduction in the future payments is available.

Council participates in a defined benefit plan under the Local Government Superannuation Scheme, however, sufficient information to account for the plan as a defined benefit is not available and therefore Council accounts for its obligations to defined benefit plans on the same basis as its obligations to defined contribution plans, i.e. as an expense when it becomes payable – refer to Note 20 for more information.



## Notes to the Financial Statements

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## Note 5. Expenses from continuing operations (continued)

\$ '000	Notes	2020	2019
<b>(b) Borrowing costs</b>			
<b>(i) Interest bearing liability costs</b>			
Interest on leases		1	–
Interest on loans		260	229
<b>Total interest bearing liability costs</b>		<b>261</b>	<b>229</b>
<b>Total interest bearing liability costs expensed</b>		<b>261</b>	<b>229</b>
<b>(ii) Other borrowing costs</b>			
Discount adjustments relating to movements in provisions (other than ELE)			
– Remediation liabilities	15	224	(139)
<b>Total other borrowing costs</b>		<b>224</b>	<b>(139)</b>
<b>TOTAL BORROWING COSTS EXPENSED</b>		<b>485</b>	<b>90</b>

**Accounting policy for borrowing costs**

Borrowing costs incurred for the construction of any qualifying asset are capitalised during the period of time that is required to complete and prepare the asset for its intended use or sale. Other borrowing costs are expensed as incurred.

## Notes to the Financial Statements

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## Note 5. Expenses from continuing operations (continued)

\$ '000	2020	2019
<b>(c) Materials and contracts</b>		
Raw materials and consumables	2,400	2,233
Contractor and consultancy costs	242	188
Auditors remuneration <sup>2</sup>	58	61
<b>Legal expenses:</b>		
– Legal expenses: planning and development	1	72
– Legal expenses: debt recovery	34	30
– Legal expenses: other	14	17
Expenses from leases of low value assets (2020 only)	10	–
<b>Operating leases expense (2019 only):</b>		
– Operating lease rentals: minimum lease payments <sup>1</sup>	–	41
<b>Total materials and contracts</b>	<b>2,759</b>	<b>2,642</b>
<b>TOTAL MATERIALS AND CONTRACTS</b>	<b>2,759</b>	<b>2,642</b>

**Accounting policy for materials and contracts**

Expenses are recorded on an accrual basis as the council receives the goods or services.

**Operating leases (2019 only)**

Leases in which a significant portion of the risks and rewards of ownership are not transferred to Council as lessee are classified as operating leases. Payments made under operating leases (net of any incentives received from the lessor) are charged to the income statement on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

**1. Operating lease payments are attributable to:**

Other	–	41
	<b>–</b>	<b>41</b>

**2. Auditor remuneration**

During the year, the following fees were incurred for services provided by the auditor of Council, related practices and non-related audit firms

**Auditors of the Council - NSW Auditor-General:****(i) Audit and other assurance services**

Audit and review of financial statements	38	40
<b>Remuneration for audit and other assurance services</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>Total Auditor-General remuneration</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>40</b>

**Non NSW Auditor-General audit firms****(ii) Non-assurance services**

Internal Audit	20	21
<b>Remuneration for non-assurance services</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Total remuneration of non NSW Auditor-General audit firms</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Total Auditor remuneration</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>61</b>

## Notes to the Financial Statements

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## Note 5. Expenses from continuing operations (continued)

\$ '000	Notes	2020	2019 Restated
<b>(d) Depreciation, amortisation and impairment of non-financial assets</b>			
<b>Depreciation and amortisation</b>			
Plant and equipment		1,014	872
Office equipment		78	80
Furniture and fittings		13	10
Land improvements (depreciable)		348	349
<b>Infrastructure:</b>	10		
– Buildings – non-specialised		47	47
– Buildings – specialised		492	531
– Roads		2,370	2,296
– Bridges		283	265
– Footpaths		91	88
– Stormwater drainage		191	144
– Sewerage network		517	517
– Swimming pools		10	40
– Other open space/recreational assets		113	104
<b>Reinstatement, rehabilitation and restoration assets:</b>			
– Tip assets	15,10	11	14
– Quarry assets	15,10	17	15
Intangible assets	11	53	49
<b>Right of use assets</b>	13	33	–
<b>Total gross depreciation and amortisation costs</b>		<b>5,681</b>	<b>5,421</b>
<b>Total depreciation and amortisation costs</b>		<b>5,681</b>	<b>5,421</b>
<b>TOTAL DEPRECIATION, AMORTISATION AND IMPAIRMENT FOR NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS</b>		<b>5,681</b>	<b>5,421</b>

**Accounting policy for depreciation, amortisation and impairment expenses of non-financial assets****Depreciation and amortisation**

Depreciation and amortisation are calculated using the straight line method to allocate their cost, net of their residual values, over their estimated useful lives. Useful lives are included in Note 10 for IPPE assets and Note 11 for intangible assets and Note 13 for right of use assets.

Depreciation is capitalised where in-house assets have contributed to new assets.

**Impairment of non-financial assets**

Council assets held at fair value that are not held primarily for their ability to generate net cash flow, and that are deemed to be specialised, are no longer required to be tested for impairment under AASB 136. This is because these assets are assessed on an annual basis to ensure that the carrying amount is not materially different from fair value and therefore an impairment loss would be captured during this assessment.

Intangible assets that have an indefinite useful life, or are not yet available for use, are tested annually for impairment, or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate that they might be impaired. Other assets that do not meet the criteria above are tested for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use.

For the purposes of assessing impairment, assets are grouped at the lowest levels for which there are separately identifiable cash inflows that are largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets (cash-generating units). Non-financial assets that suffered an impairment are reviewed for possible reversal of the impairment at each reporting date.



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## Note 5. Expenses from continuing operations (continued)

Impairment losses for revalued assets are firstly offset against the amount in the revaluation surplus for the class of asset, with only the excess to be recognised in the Income Statement.

\$ '000	2020	2019
<b>(e) Other expenses</b>		
Advertising	53	61
Bad and doubtful debts	7	3
Bank charges	20	20
Cleaning	4	6
Contributions/levies to other levels of government		
– Emergency services levy (includes FRNSW, SES, and RFS levies)	33	29
– NSW fire brigade levy	256	236
Councillor expenses – mayoral fee	25	24
Councillor expenses – councillors' fees	83	81
Councillors' expenses (incl. mayor) – other (excluding fees above)	14	17
Donations, contributions and assistance to other organisations (Section 356)	263	290
– Contributions to Central West Libraries	163	143
– Contribution to Upper Macquarie County Council	80	72
- Community Projects - Drought Communities Program	–	480
Electricity and heating	180	252
Insurance	452	431
Postage	16	14
Printing and stationery	32	29
Street lighting	127	161
Subscriptions and publications	332	320
Telephone and communications	44	46
Valuation fees	31	33
Water charges	136	133
Other	122	112
<b>Total other expenses</b>	<b>2,473</b>	<b>2,993</b>
<b>TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES</b>	<b>2,473</b>	<b>2,993</b>

**Accounting policy for other expenses**

Other expenses are recorded on an accrual or accruals basis as the Council receives the goods or services.

## Notes to the Financial Statements

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## Note 6. Gain or loss from disposal of assets

\$ '000	Notes	2020	2019
<b>Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment</b>	10		
Proceeds from disposal		651	237
Less: carrying amount of assets sold/written off		(1,878)	(901)
<b>Net gain/(loss) on disposal</b>		<b>(1,227)</b>	<b>(664)</b>
<b>Real estate assets held for sale</b>	9		
Proceeds from disposal		1,024	9
Less: carrying amount of assets sold/written off		(923)	—
<b>Net gain/(loss) on disposal</b>		<b>101</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Investments</b>	7(b)		
Proceeds from disposal/redemptions/maturities – investments		(3)	—
<b>Net gain/(loss) on disposal</b>		<b>(3)</b>	<b>—</b>
<b><u>NET GAIN/(LOSS) ON DISPOSAL OF ASSETS</u></b>		<b><u>(1,129)</u></b>	<b><u>(655)</u></b>

**Accounting policy for disposal of assets**

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with carrying amount. These are included in the Income Statement.

The gain or loss on sale of an asset is determined when control of the asset has irrevocably passed to the buyer and the asset is de-recognised.

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## Note 7(a). Cash and cash equivalents

\$ '000	2020	2019
Cash and cash equivalents		
Cash on hand and at bank	3,554	3,548
<b>Total cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>3,554</b>	<b>3,548</b>

**Accounting policy for cash and cash equivalents**

For Statement of Cash Flow presentation purposes, cash and cash equivalents include: cash on hand; 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 known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value; and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities on the Statement of Financial Position.

## Note 7(b). Investments

\$ '000	2020 Current	2020 Non-current	2019 Current	2019 Non-current
Investments				
b. 'Financial assets at amortised cost'	12,500	–	13,000	–
<b>Total Investments</b>	<b>12,500</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>13,000</b>	<b>–</b>
<b>TOTAL CASH ASSETS, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS</b>	<b>16,054</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>16,548</b>	<b>–</b>
<b>Financial assets at amortised cost</b>				
Long term deposits	12,500	–	13,000	–
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,500</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>13,000</b>	<b>–</b>

**Accounting policy for investments**

Financial instruments are recognised initially on the date that the Council becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

On initial recognition, all financial instruments are measured at fair value plus transaction costs (except for instruments measured at fair value through profit or loss where transaction costs are expensed as incurred).

**Financial assets**

All recognised financial assets are subsequently measured in their entirety at either amortised cost or fair value, depending on the classification of the financial assets.

**Classification**

On initial recognition, Council classifies its financial assets into the following categories – those measured at:

- amortised cost
- fair value through profit and loss (FVTPL)
- fair value through other comprehensive income – equity instrument (FVOCI-equity)

Financial assets are not reclassified subsequent to their initial recognition.

**Amortised cost**

Assets measured at amortised cost are financial assets where:

- the business model is to hold assets to collect contractual cash flows, and
- the contractual terms give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

Council's financial assets measured at amortised cost comprise trade and other receivables, term deposits and cash and cash equivalents in the Statement of Financial Position.



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### Note 7(b). Investments (continued)

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Subsequent to initial recognition, these assets are carried at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method less provision for impairment.

Interest income, impairment and gains or loss on de-recognition are recognised in profit or loss.

#### **Fair value through other comprehensive income – equity instruments**

Council has a number of strategic investments in entities over which they do not have significant influence nor control. Council has made an irrevocable election to classify these equity investments as fair value through other comprehensive income as they are not held for trading purposes.

These investments are carried at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in other comprehensive income (financial asset reserve). On disposal any balance in the financial asset reserve is transferred to accumulated surplus and is not reclassified to profit or loss.

Other net gains and losses excluding dividends are recognised in Other Comprehensive Income Statement.

#### **Financial assets through profit or loss**

All financial assets not classified as measured at amortised cost or fair value through other comprehensive income as described above are measured at fair value through profit or loss.

Net gains or losses, including any interest or dividend income, are recognised in profit or loss.

Council's financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss comprise investments in FRNs and NCDs in the Statement of Financial Position.

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## Note 7(c). Restricted cash, cash equivalents and investments

\$ '000	2020 Current	2020 Non-current	2019 Current	2019 Non-current
Total cash, cash equivalents and investments	16,054	—	16,548	—
<b>attributable to:</b>				
External restrictions	9,304	—	9,713	—
Internal restrictions	6,391	—	6,777	—
Unrestricted	359	—	58	—
	16,054	—	16,548	—

\$ '000	2020	2019
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## Details of restrictions

## External restrictions – included in liabilities

Specific purpose unexpended grants – General fund (2020 only)

## External restrictions – included in liabilities

## External restrictions – other

Developer contributions – General	683	851
Developer contributions – Sewer fund	860	936
Specific purpose unexpended grants (recognised as revenue) – General fund	—	406
Sewerage services	5,343	4,991
Voluntary planning agreement – mining	195	215
Rates – special variation mining	145	362
Domestic waste management	1,171	1,071
Unexpended borrowings	—	881
<b>External restrictions – other</b>	<b>8,397</b>	<b>9,713</b>

## Total external restrictions

## Internal restrictions

Plant and vehicle replacement	372	238
Employees leave entitlement	957	857
Asset reserve – buildings	9	127
Asset reserve – parks and recreation	81	81
Asset reserve – stormwater	52	52
Asset reserve – transport	302	1,062
Blayney sports facility master plans	12	40
Centrepont reserve	—	717
Election reserve	77	58
Environmental projects – Belubula river	53	53
Financial assistance grant	1,417	1,396
I.T reserve	184	114
King George Oval	258	258
Property account	801	1,466
Property account - borrowings	1,320	—
Quarry	200	174
Village enhancement program	126	84
Carryover works	170	—

## Total internal restrictions

## TOTAL RESTRICTIONS

15,695 16,490

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## Note 8. Receivables

\$ '000	2020 Current	2020 Non-current	2019 Current	2019 Non-current
<b>Purpose</b>				
Rates and annual charges	189	70	115	102
Interest and extra charges	68	–	38	–
User charges and fees	176	–	254	–
Private works	111	–	62	–
Accrued revenues				
– Interest on investments	46	–	185	–
Deferred debtors	–	–	43	–
Government grants and subsidies	2	–	504	–
Net GST receivable	98	–	320	–
<b>Total</b>	<b>690</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>1,521</b>	<b>102</b>
<b>Less: provision of impairment</b>				
Other debtors	(110)	–	(129)	–
<b>Total provision for impairment – receivables</b>	<b>(110)</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>(129)</b>	<b>–</b>
<b>TOTAL NET RECEIVABLES</b>	<b>580</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>1,392</b>	<b>102</b>

\$ '000	2020	2019
<b>Movement in provision for impairment of receivables</b>		
Balance at the beginning of the year (calculated in accordance with AASB 139)	129	126
+ new provisions recognised during the year	12	15
– amounts already provided for and written off this year	(26)	–
– amounts provided for but recovered during the year	(5)	(12)
<b>Balance at the end of the year</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>129</b>

## Accounting policy for receivables

## Recognition and measurement

Receivables are included in current assets, except for those with maturities greater than 12 months after the reporting date which are classified as non-current assets.

Receivables are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. Receivables are generally due for settlement within 30 days.

Cash flows relating to short-term receivables are not discounted if the effect of discounting is immaterial.

## Impairment

Impairment of financial assets measured at amortised cost is recognised on an expected credit loss (ECL) basis.

When determining whether the credit risk of a financial asset has increased significantly since initial recognition, and when estimating ECL, the Council considers reasonable and supportable information that is relevant and available without undue cost or effort. This includes both quantitative and qualitative information and analysis based on Council's historical experience and informed credit assessment, and including forward-looking information.

When considering the ECL for rates debtors, Council takes into account that unpaid rates represent a charge against the rateable property that will be recovered when the property is next sold. For non-rates debtors, Council uses the presumption that an asset which is more than 30 days past due has seen a significant increase in credit risk.

The Council uses the presentation that a financial asset is in default when:



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### Note 8. Receivables (continued)

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- the other party is unlikely to pay its credit obligations to the Council in full, without recourse by the Council to actions such as realising security (if any is held) or
- the financial assets (for non-rates debtors) are more than 90 days past due.

Credit losses are measured as the present value of the difference between the cash flows due to the entity in accordance with the contract, and the cash flows expected to be received. This is applied using a probability weighted approach.

On initial recognition of the asset, an estimate of the expected credit losses for the next 12 months is recognised. Where the asset has experienced significant increase in credit risk then the lifetime losses are estimated and recognised.

Council uses the simplified approach for trade receivables where the expected lifetime credit losses are recognised on day 1.

There has been no change in the estimation techniques or significant assumptions made during the current reporting period.

The Council writes off a trade receivable when there is information indicating that the debtor is in severe financial difficulty and there is no realistic prospect of recovery, e.g. when the debtor has been placed under liquidation or has entered into bankruptcy proceedings.

None of the receivables that have been written off are subject to enforcement activity.

Where the Council renegotiates the terms of receivables due from certain customers, the new expected cash flows are discounted at the original effective interest rate and any resulting difference to the carrying value is recognised in profit or loss.

Rates and annual charges outstanding are secured against the property.

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### Note 9. Inventories and other assets

\$ '000	2020 Current	2020 Non-current	2019 Current	2019 Non-current
<b>(a) Inventories</b>				
<b>(i) Inventories at cost</b>				
Real estate for resale	1,239	—	824	—
Stores and materials	100	—	112	—
Trading stock	834	—	822	—
<b>Total inventories at cost</b>	<b>2,173</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>1,758</b>	<b>—</b>
<b><u>TOTAL INVENTORIES</u></b>	<b><u>2,173</u></b>	<b><u>—</u></b>	<b><u>1,758</u></b>	<b><u>—</u></b>

### (b) Other assets

Prepayments	53	—	58	—
<b><u>TOTAL OTHER ASSETS</u></b>	<b><u>53</u></b>	<b><u>—</u></b>	<b><u>58</u></b>	<b><u>—</u></b>

### (i) Other disclosures

\$ '000	Notes	2020 Current	2020 Non-current	2019 Current	2019 Non-current
<b>(a) Details for real estate development</b>					
Residential		1,239	—	824	—
<b>Total real estate for resale</b>		<b>1,239</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>824</b>	<b>—</b>
(Valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value)					
<b>Represented by:</b>					
Acquisition costs		1,239	—	770	—
Development costs		—	—	54	—
<b>Total costs</b>		<b>1,239</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>824</b>	<b>—</b>
<b>Total real estate for resale</b>		<b>1,239</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>824</b>	<b>—</b>
<b>Movements:</b>					
Real estate assets at beginning of the year		824	—	770	—
— Purchases and other costs		1,208	—	54	—
— Transfers in from (out to) Note 10		130	—	—	—
— WDV of sales (expense)	6	(923)	—	—	—
<b>Total real estate for resale</b>		<b>1,239</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>824</b>	<b>—</b>

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## Note 9. Inventories and other assets (continued)

**(b) Current assets not anticipated to be settled within the next 12 months**

The following inventories and other assets, even though classified as current are not expected to be recovered in the next 12 months;

\$ '000	2020	2019
Real estate for resale	509	824
Trading Stock - Quarry	584	457
	<u>1,093</u>	<u>1,281</u>

**Accounting policy for inventories and other assets****Raw materials and stores, work in progress and finished goods**

Raw materials and stores, work in progress and finished goods are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Costs are assigned to individual items of inventory on the basis of weighted average costs. Costs of purchased inventory are determined after deducting rebates and discounts. Net realisable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business less the estimated costs of completion and the estimated costs necessary to make the sale.

**Land held for resale/capitalisation of borrowing costs**

Land held for resale is stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost is assigned by specific identification and includes the cost of acquisition, and development and borrowing costs during development. When development is completed, borrowing costs and other holding charges are expensed as incurred.

Borrowing costs included in the cost of land held for resale are those costs that would have been avoided if the expenditure on the acquisition and development of the land had not been made. Borrowing costs incurred while active development is interrupted for extended periods are recognised as expenses.



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## Note 10. Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment

	as at 30/06/19			Asset movements during the reporting period										as at 30/06/20		
	Gross carrying amount	Accumulated depreciation	Net carrying amount	Additions renewals <sup>1</sup>	Additions new assets	Carrying value of disposals	Depreciation expense	WIP transfers	Adjustments and transfers	Tfrs from/(to) real estate assets (Note 9)	Revaluation decrements to equity (ARR)	Revaluation increments to equity (ARR)	Gross carrying amount	Accumulated depreciation	Net carrying amount	
\$ '000	Restated	Restated	Restated													
Capital work in progress	3,165	–	3,165	–	–	–	–	(156)	–	–	–	–	3,009	–	3,009	
Plant and equipment	14,178	(7,630)	6,548	–	1,232	(123)	(1,014)	–	–	–	–	–	13,826	(7,183)	6,643	
Office equipment	765	(466)	299	43	48	–	(78)	28	–	–	–	–	878	(538)	340	
Furniture and fittings	457	(326)	131	–	13	–	(13)	–	–	–	–	–	470	(339)	131	
Land:																
– Operational land	1,165	–	1,165	–	–	(46)	–	–	–	(130)	–	–	989	–	989	
– Community land	5,002	–	5,002	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	5,002	–	5,002	
– Land under roads (post 30/6/08)	16	–	16	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	16	–	16	
Land improvements – non-depreciable	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	118	–	–	–	118	–	118	
Land improvements – depreciable	6,592	(2,980)	3,612	–	201	(33)	(348)	17	139	–	–	–	6,864	(3,276)	3,588	
Infrastructure:																
– Buildings – non-specialised	2,186	(659)	1,527	7	6	–	(47)	7	–	–	–	–	2,207	(707)	1,500	
– Buildings – specialised	26,461	(10,367)	16,094	998	1,137	(395)	(492)	655	–	–	–	–	28,506	(10,509)	17,997	
– Roads	169,101	(34,061)	135,040	2,271	1,233	(397)	(2,370)	463	1,998	–	–	30,386	199,347	(30,723)	168,624	
– Bridges	28,450	(2,620)	25,830	809	–	(25)	(283)	97	(510)	–	(4,502)	–	29,806	(8,390)	21,416	
– Footpaths	6,676	(2,198)	4,478	123	311	(134)	(91)	463	–	–	–	793	8,471	(2,528)	5,943	
– Major earthworks (non-depreciable)	11,625	–	11,625	–	–	–	–	–	(118)	–	–	1,103	12,610	–	12,610	
– Stormwater drainage	17,289	(1,978)	15,311	–	248	(151)	(191)	–	(1,562)	–	(47)	–	17,302	(3,694)	13,608	
– Sewerage network	31,708	(11,866)	19,842	145	62	–	(517)	–	–	–	–	184	32,217	(12,501)	19,716	
– Swimming pools	1,487	(712)	775	3,803	–	(556)	(10)	284	–	–	–	–	4,432	(136)	4,296	
– Other open space/recreational assets	4,766	(1,381)	3,385	37	220	(17)	(113)	258	(65)	–	–	–	5,216	(1,511)	3,705	
Reinstatement, rehabilitation and restoration assets (refer Note 17):																
– Tip assets	222	(171)	51	–	59	–	(11)	–	–	–	–	–	281	(182)	99	
– Quarry assets	244	(67)	177	–	15	–	(17)	–	–	–	–	–	258	(83)	175	
Total Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	331,555	(77,482)	254,073	8,236	4,785	(1,877)	(5,595)	2,116	–	(130)	(4,549)	32,466	371,825	(82,300)	289,525	

(1) Renewals are defined as the replacement of existing assets (as opposed to the acquisition of new assets).

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### Note 10. Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment (continued)

	as at 30/06/18			Asset movements during the reporting period							as at 30/06/19		
	Gross carrying amount Restated	Accumulated depreciation Restated	Net carrying amount Restated	Additions renewals <sup>1</sup>	Additions new assets	Carrying value of disposals	Depreciation expense	WIP transfers	Adjustments and transfers	Revaluation increments to equity (ARR)	Gross carrying amount Restated	Accumulated depreciation Restated	Net carrying amount Restated
<b>\$ '000</b>													
Capital work in progress	667	–	667	2,143	912	–	–	(557)	–	–	3,165	–	3,165
Plant and equipment	12,463	(7,024)	5,439	–	2,157	(176)	(872)	–	–	–	14,178	(7,630)	6,548
Office equipment	741	(459)	282	–	97	–	(80)	–	–	–	765	(466)	299
Furniture and fittings	398	(316)	82	–	59	–	(10)	–	–	–	457	(326)	131
<b>Land:</b>													
– Operational land	1,165	–	1,165	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1,165	–	1,165
– Community land	5,002	–	5,002	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	5,002	–	5,002
– Land under roads (post 30/6/08)	–	–	–	–	16	–	–	–	–	–	16	–	16
Land improvements – depreciable	6,313	(2,667)	3,646	1	316	(20)	(349)	18	–	–	6,592	(2,980)	3,612
<b>Infrastructure:</b>													
– Buildings – non-specialised	1,991	(612)	1,379	–	72	–	(47)	–	123	–	2,186	(659)	1,527
– Buildings – specialised	26,247	(9,942)	16,305	298	94	(193)	(531)	312	(191)	–	26,461	(10,367)	16,094
– Roads	161,016	(31,765)	129,251	8,085	–	–	(2,296)	–	–	–	169,101	(34,061)	135,040
– Bridges	27,816	(3,314)	24,502	1,918	–	(405)	(265)	80	–	–	28,450	(2,620)	25,830
– Footpaths	6,435	(2,110)	4,325	241	–	–	(88)	–	–	–	6,676	(2,198)	4,478
– Major earthworks (non-depreciable)	11,625	–	11,625	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	11,625	–	11,625
– Stormwater drainage	17,288	(1,834)	15,454	1	–	–	(144)	–	–	–	17,289	(1,978)	15,311
– Sewerage network	30,911	(11,143)	19,768	53	18	–	(517)	141	68	311	31,708	(11,866)	19,842
– Swimming pools	1,500	(672)	828	–	–	(3)	(40)	(10)	–	–	1,487	(712)	775
– Other open space/recreational assets	4,524	(1,390)	3,134	381	62	(104)	(104)	16	–	–	4,766	(1,381)	3,385
<b>Reinstatement, rehabilitation and restoration assets (refer Note 17):</b>													
– Tip assets	278	(157)	121	–	–	–	(14)	–	(56)	–	222	(171)	51
– Quarry assets	214	(52)	162	–	30	–	(15)	–	–	–	244	(67)	177
<b>Total Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment</b>	<b>316,594</b>	<b>(73,457)</b>	<b>243,137</b>	<b>13,121</b>	<b>3,833</b>	<b>(901)</b>	<b>(5,372)</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>(56)</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>331,555</b>	<b>(77,482)</b>	<b>254,073</b>

(1) Renewals are defined as the replacement of existing assets (as opposed to the acquisition of new assets).

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## Note 10. Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment (continued)

**Accounting policy for infrastructure, property, plant and equipment**

Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment are held at fair value. Independent valuations are performed at least every 5 years, however the carrying amount of assets is assessed at each reporting date to confirm that it is not materially different from current fair value.

Sewerage network assets are indexed at each reporting period in accordance with the NSW Rates Reference Manual issued by Crown Lands and Water (CLAW).

Increases in the carrying amounts arising on revaluation are credited to the asset revaluation reserve. To the extent that the increase reverses a decrease previously recognising profit or loss relating to that asset class, the increase is first recognised as profit or loss. Decreases that reverse previous increases of assets in the same class are first charged against revaluation reserves directly in equity to the extent of the remaining reserve attributable to the class; all other decreases are charged to the Income Statement.

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to Council and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to the income statement during the financial period in which they are incurred.

Land is not depreciated. Depreciation on other assets is calculated using the straight line method to allocate their cost, net of their residual values, over their estimated useful lives as follows:

<b>Plant and equipment</b>	<b>Years</b>	<b>Other equipment</b>	<b>Years</b>
Office equipment	5 to 10	Playground equipment	40
Office furniture	10 to 20	Benches, seats etc.	25 to 50
Computer equipment	4		
Vehicles	5 to 8	<b>Buildings</b>	
Heavy plant/road making equipment	5 to 8	Buildings: masonry	15 to 150
Other plant and equipment	5 to 15	Buildings: other	15 to 150
<b>Sewer assets</b>		<b>Stormwater assets</b>	
Dams and reservoirs	20 to 80	Pits	100
Bores	20 to 40	Pipes	70 to 100
Reticulation pipes: PVC	70	Culverts	100
Reticulation pipes: other	45 to 70	Flood control structures	80 to 100
Pumps and telemetry	10 to 60		
<b>Transportation assets</b>		<b>Other infrastructure assets</b>	
Sealed roads: surface	15 to 25	Other infrastructure	14 to 100
Sealed roads: structure	45 to 200	Swimming pools	15 - 80
Unsealed roads	15 to 200	Other open space/recreational assets	20 to 100
Bridge: concrete/steel	100		
Bridge: other	50		
Bulk earthworks	infinite		
Kerb, gutter and footpaths	25 to 200		

The useful lives of assets are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each reporting date.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with carrying amount. These are included in the Income Statement.

**Land under roads**

Land under roads is land under roadways and road reserves including land under footpaths, nature strips and median strips.

Council has elected not to recognise land under roads acquired before 1 July 2008 in accordance with AASB 1051 Land Under Roads.

Land under roads acquired after 1 July 2008 is recognised in accordance with AASB 116 Property, Plant and Equipment.



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### Note 10. Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment (continued)

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#### **Crown reserves**

Crown reserves under Council's care and control are recognised as assets of the council. While ownership of the reserves remains with the Crown, Council retains operational control of the reserves and is responsible for their maintenance and use in accordance with the specific purposes to which the reserves are dedicated.

Improvements on Crown reserves are also recorded as assets, while maintenance costs incurred by Council and revenues relating to the reserves are recognised within Council's Income Statement.

#### **Rural Fire Service assets**

Under Section 119 of the *Rural Fire Services Act 1997 (NSW)*, "all firefighting equipment purchased or constructed wholly or from money to the credit of the Fund is to be vested in the council of the area for or on behalf of which the firefighting equipment has been purchased or constructed".

Until such time as discussions on this matter have concluded and the legislation changed, Council will not recognise rural fire service plant and vehicles consistent with Council's guidelines on recognition of Rural Fire Service Assets

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## Note 11. Intangible assets

Intangible assets are as follows:

\$ '000	2020	2019
<b>Software</b>		
<b>Opening values at 1 July</b>		
Gross book value	562	501
Accumulated amortisation	(425)	(375)
<b>Net book value – opening balance</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>126</b>
<b>Movements for the year</b>		
– Other movements	–	(1)
– Purchases	33	61
– Amortisation charges	(53)	(49)
<b>Closing values at 30 June</b>		
Gross book value	595	562
Accumulated amortisation	(478)	(425)
<b>Total software – net book value</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>137</b>
<b><u>TOTAL INTANGIBLE ASSETS – NET BOOK VALUE</u></b>	<b><u>117</u></b>	<b><u>137</u></b>

## Accounting policy for intangible assets

## IT development and software

Costs incurred in developing products or systems and costs incurred in acquiring software and licenses that will contribute to future period financial benefits through revenue generation and/or cost reduction are capitalised to software and systems.

Costs capitalised include external direct costs of materials and service, direct payroll, and payroll related costs of employees' time spent on the project. Amortisation is calculated on a straight line basis over periods generally ranging from three to five years. IT development costs include only those costs directly attributable to the development phase and are only recognised following completion of technical feasibility, and where Council has an intention and ability to use the asset.

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## Note 12. Contract assets and liabilities

\$ '000		2020 Current	2020 Non-current
<b>(a) Contract assets</b>			
Other		578	—
<b>Total Contract assets</b>		<b>578</b>	<b>—</b>

**Impairment**

Council did not recognise any impairment losses on contract assets arising from Council's contracts with customers.

\$ '000	Notes	2020 Current	2020 Non-current
<b>(b) Contract liabilities</b>			
Unexpended capital grants (to construct Council controlled assets)	(i)	853	—
Upfront fees – CentrePoint	(iii)	3	—
Other		130	—
<b>Total contract liabilities</b>		<b>986</b>	<b>—</b>

**Notes**

(i) Council has received funding to construct assets including sporting facilities, bridges, library and other infrastructure. The funds received are under an enforceable contract which require Council to construct an identified asset which will be under Council's control on completion. The revenue is recognised as Council constructs the asset and the contract liability reflects the funding received which cannot yet be recognised as revenue. The revenue is expected to be recognised in the next 12 months.

(ii) The contract liability relates to grants received prior to the revenue recognition criteria in AASB 15 being satisfied since the performance obligations are ongoing.

(iii) Upfront membership fees for the leisure centre do not meet the definition of a performance obligation and therefore the funds received are recorded as a contract liability on receipt and recognised as revenue over the expected average membership life.

\$ '000	2020
<b>(ii) Revenue recognised (during the financial year) from opening contract liability balances</b>	
<b>Grants and contributions received in advance:</b>	
Capital grants (to construct Council controlled assets)	284
<b>Total Revenue recognised during the financial year that was included in the contract liability balance at the beginning of the period</b>	<b>284</b>

**Significant changes in contract assets and liabilities**

The contract liabilities have arisen on adoption of AASB 15 and AASB 1058. Previously income received in advance was recognised for reciprocal contracts. The increase in a contract liability is primarily due to grants in the scope of AASB 15 and capital grants received by Council to acquire or construct assets which will be under Council's control. Previously, revenue was recognised on receipt of the funds.



## Notes to the Financial Statements

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### Note 12. Contract assets and liabilities (continued)

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#### **Accounting policy for contract assets and liabilities**

Where the amounts billed to customers are based on the achievement of various milestones established in the contract, the amounts recognised as revenue in a given period do not necessarily coincide with the amounts billed to or certified by the customer.

When a performance obligation is satisfied by transferring a promised good or service to the customer before the customer pays consideration or before the payment is due, Council presents the work in progress as a contract asset, unless the rights to that amount of consideration are unconditional, in which case Council recognises a receivable.

When an amount of consideration is received from a customer / fund provider prior to Council transferring a good or service to the customer, Council presents the funds which exceed revenue recognised as a contract liability.

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## Note 13. Leases

The Council has applied AASB 16 using the modified retrospective (cumulative catch-up) method and therefore the comparative information has not been restated and continues to be reported under AASB 117 and related Interpretations.

## (i) Council as a lessee

Council has leases over a range of assets including machinery, gym equipment and IT equipment. Information relating to the leases in place and associated balances and transactions is provided below.

## Terms and conditions of leases

## Buildings

Council does not lease any land and buildings.

## Vehicles

Council leases equipment with lease terms of 5 years; the lease payments are fixed during the lease term and there is generally no renewal option.

## Office and IT equipment

Leases for office and IT equipment are generally for low value assets, except for significant items such as photocopiers. The leases are for between 1 and 5 years with no renewal option, the payments are fixed, however some of the leases include variable payments based on usage. Usage charges have been expensed to the income statement.

Council leases a suite of gym equipment which are generally low value assets, except for a couple of significant machines with a lease terms of 5 years; the lease payments are fixed during the lease term and there is generally no renewal option.

## Extension options

Council does not include any options in any current leases.

\$ '000	Plant & Equipment	Ready to use	Total
<b>(a) Right of use assets</b>			
Opening balance at 30 June 2019	–	–	–
Adoption of AASB 16 at 1 July 2019 – first time lease recognition	105	–	105
Depreciation charge	(33)	–	(33)
<b>Balance at 30 June 2020</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>72</b>

\$ '000	2020 Current	2020 Non-current
<b>(b) Lease liabilities</b>		
Lease liabilities	31	41
<b>TOTAL LEASE LIABILITIES</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>41</b>

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## Note 13. Leases (continued)

## (i) The maturity analysis

The maturity analysis of lease liabilities based on contractual undiscounted cash flows is shown in the table below:

\$ '000	< 1 year	1 – 5 years	> 5 years	Total	Total per Statement of Financial Position
Cash flows	31	41	–	72	72
\$ '000					2020

## (c) Income Statement

The amounts recognised in the Income Statement relating to leases where Council is a lessee are shown below:

Interest on lease liabilities	1
Depreciation of right of use assets	33
Expenses relating to low-value leases	10
	<u>44</u>

## (d) Statement of Cash Flows

Total cash outflow for leases	44
	<u>44</u>

## Leases at significantly below market value – concessionary / peppercorn leases

Council has a number of leases at significantly below market for land and buildings which are used for:

- Carpark - Blayney Mens Shed
- Blayney Multi Services Outlet
- Tennis Courts
- Blayney Golf Club

The leases are generally between 3 and 20 years and require payments of a maximum amount of \$1,000 per year. The use of the right-to-use asset is restricted by the lessors to specified community services which Council must provide, these services are detailed in the leases.

Council does not believe that any of the leases in place are individually material from a statement of financial position or performance perspective.

## Accounting policies under AASB 16 – applicable from 1 July 2019

At inception of a contract, Council assesses whether a lease exists – i.e. does the contract convey the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration?

Council has elected not to separate non-lease components from lease components for any class of asset and has accounted for payments as a single component.

At the lease commencement, Council recognises a right-of-use asset and associated lease liability for the lease term. The lease term includes extension periods where Council believes it is reasonably certain that the option will be exercised.

The right-of-use asset is measured using the cost model where cost on initial recognition comprises: the lease liability, initial direct costs, prepaid lease payments, estimated cost of removal and restoration, less any lease incentives. The right-of-use

## Notes to the Financial Statements

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## Note 13. Leases (continued)

is depreciated over the lease term on a straight-line basis and assessed for impairment in accordance with the impairment of asset accounting policy.

The lease liability is initially recognised at the present value of the remaining lease payments at the commencement of the lease. The discount rate is the rate implicit in the lease, however where this cannot be readily determined then the Council's incremental borrowing rate for a similar term with similar security is used.

Subsequent to initial recognition, the lease liability is measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method. The lease liability is re-measured when there is a lease modification, or change in estimate of the lease term or index upon which the lease payments are based (e.g. CPI).

Where the lease liability is re-measured, the right-of-use asset is adjusted to reflect the re-measurement.

**Exceptions to lease accounting**

Council has applied the exceptions to lease accounting for both short-term leases (i.e. leases with a term of less than or equal to 12 months) and leases of low-value assets. Council recognises the payments associated with these leases as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

**Leases at significantly below market value / concessionary leases**

Council has elected to measure the right of use asset arising from the concessionary leases at cost which is based on the associated lease liability at initial recognition.

**Accounting policy under AASB 117 and associated Accounting Interpretations (2019 only)**

Refer to Note 5c and Note 13.

## (ii) Council as a lessor

## (e) Operating leases

Council leases out a number of properties to community groups; these leases have been classified as operating leases for financial reporting purposes and the assets are included as IPP&E (refer in this note part (v) below) in the Statement of Financial Position.

The amounts recognised in the Income Statement relating to operating leases where Council is a lessor are shown below:

- Pipeline rental
- Coffee shop - Visitor Information Centre
- Telecommunications towers
- Public halls & Sporting Facilities (Casual)

\$ '000	2020
<b>(i) Operating lease income</b>	
<b>Other lease income</b>	
Room/Facility Hire	25
Leaseback fees - council vehicles	81
Other	116
<b>Total income relating to operating leases</b>	<b>222</b>



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## Note 13. Leases (continued)

\$ '000	2020
<b>(ii) Maturity analysis of contractual lease income</b>	
Maturity analysis of future lease income receivable showing the undiscounted lease payments to be received after reporting date for operating leases:	
< 1 year	23
1–2 years	35
2–3 years	34
3–4 years	33
4–5 years	29
> 5 years	134
<b>Total undiscounted contractual lease income receivable</b>	<b>288</b>

**Accounting policy**

When Council is a lessor, the lease is classified as either an operating or finance lease at inception date, based on whether substantially all of the risks and rewards incidental to ownership of the asset have been transferred to the lessee. If the risks and rewards have been transferred then the lease is classified as a finance lease, otherwise it is an operating lease.

When Council has a sub-lease over an asset and is the intermediate lessor then the head lease and sub-lease are accounted for separately. The classification of the sub-lease is based on the right-of-use asset which arises from the head lease rather than the useful life of the underlying asset.

If the lease contains lease and non-lease components then the non-lease components are accounted for in accordance with AASB 15 *Revenue from Contracts with Customers*.

The lease income is recognised on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

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### Note 14. Payables and borrowings

\$ '000	2020 Current	2020 Non-current	2019 Current	2019 Non-current
<b>Payables</b>				
Goods and services – operating expenditure	504	–	976	–
Accrued expenses:				
– Borrowings	32	–	27	–
– Other expenditure accruals	49	2	45	3
Security bonds, deposits and retentions	237	–	246	–
Prepaid rates	222	–	–	–
<b>Total payables</b>	<b>1,044</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1,294</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Income received in advance (2019 only)</b>				
Payments received in advance	–	–	222	–
<b>Total income received in advance</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>–</b>
<b>Borrowings</b>				
Loans – secured <sup>1</sup>	576	7,203	455	5,304
<b>Total borrowings</b>	<b>576</b>	<b>7,203</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>5,304</b>
<b><u>TOTAL PAYABLES AND BORROWINGS</u></b>	<b><u>1,620</u></b>	<b><u>7,205</u></b>	<b><u>1,971</u></b>	<b><u>5,307</u></b>

(1) Loans are secured over the general rating income of Council.

Disclosures on liability interest rate risk exposures, fair value disclosures and security can be found in Note 20.

## Notes to the Financial Statements

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## Note 14. Payables and borrowings (continued)

\$ '000	2020	2019
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**(a) Current payables and borrowings not anticipated to be settled within the next twelve months**

The following liabilities, even though classified as current, are not expected to be settled in the next 12 months.

Payables – security bonds, deposits and retentions	155	146
<b>Total payables and borrowings</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>146</b>

**(b) Changes in liabilities arising from financing activities**

\$ '000	as at 30/06/19		Non-cash changes				as at 30/06/20
	Opening Balance	Cash flows	Acquisition	Fair value changes	Acquisition due to change in accounting policy	Other non-cash movement	Closing balance
Loans – secured	5,759	2,020	–	–	–	–	7,779
Lease liabilities	–	72	–	–	–	–	72
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,759</b>	<b>2,092</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>7,851</b>

\$ '000	as at 30/06/18		Non-cash changes			as at 30/06/19
	Opening Balance	Cash flows	Acquisition	Fair value changes	Other non-cash movement	Closing balance
Loans – secured	4,756	1,003	–	–	–	5,759
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,756</b>	<b>1,003</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>5,759</b>

\$ '000	2020	2019
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**(c) Financing arrangements****(i) Unrestricted access was available at balance date to the following lines of credit:**

Bank overdraft facilities <sup>1</sup>	50	50
Credit cards/purchase cards	40	40
<b>Total financing arrangements</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>90</b>

**Drawn facilities as at balance date:**

– Credit cards/purchase cards	3	10
<b>Total drawn financing arrangements</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>

**Undrawn facilities as at balance date:**

– Bank overdraft facilities	50	50
– Credit cards/purchase cards	37	30
<b>Total undrawn financing arrangements</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>80</b>

**Additional financing arrangements information****Breaches and defaults**

During the current and prior year, there were no defaults or breaches on any of the loans.

(1) The bank overdraft facility may be drawn at any time and may be terminated by the bank without notice.

## Notes to the Financial Statements

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### Note 14. Payables and borrowings (continued)

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#### Accounting policy for payables and borrowings

Council measures all financial liabilities initially at fair value less transaction costs, subsequently financial liabilities are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

The financial liabilities of the Council comprise trade payables, bank and other loans and finance lease liabilities.

#### Payables

These amounts represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the council prior to the end of financial year that are unpaid. The amounts are unsecured and are usually paid within 30 days of recognition.

#### Borrowings

Borrowings are initially recognised at fair value, net of transaction costs incurred. Borrowings are subsequently measured at amortised cost. Any difference between the proceeds (net of transaction costs) and the redemption amount is recognised in the Income Statement over the period of the borrowings using the effective-interest method. Fees paid on the establishment of loan facilities are recognised as transaction costs of the loan to the extent that it is probable that some or all of the facility will be drawn down. In this case, the fee is deferred until the drawdown occurs. To the extent that there is no evidence that it is probable that some or all of the facility will be drawn down, the fee is capitalised as a prepayment for liquidity services and amortised over the period of the facility to which it relates.

Borrowings are removed from the Statement of Financial Position when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expired. The difference between the carrying amount of a financial liability that has been extinguished or transferred to another party and the consideration paid, including any non-cash assets transferred or liabilities assumed, is recognised in other income or finance cost.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless Council has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after the reporting date.



## Notes to the Financial Statements

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### Note 15. Provisions

\$ '000	2020 Current	2020 Non-current	2019 Current	2019 Non-current
<b>Provisions</b>				
<b>Employee benefits</b>				
Annual leave	501	–	524	–
Long service leave	1,641	105	1,521	132
ELE on-costs	96	4	102	5
<b>Sub-total – aggregate employee benefits</b>	<b>2,238</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>2,147</b>	<b>137</b>
<b>Asset remediation/restoration:</b>				
Asset remediation/restoration (future works)	58	821	–	580
<b>Sub-total – asset remediation/restoration</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>821</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>580</b>
<b>TOTAL PROVISIONS</b>	<b>2,296</b>	<b>930</b>	<b>2,147</b>	<b>717</b>

\$ '000	2020	2019
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#### (a) Current provisions not anticipated to be settled within the next twelve months

The following provisions, even though classified as current, are not expected to be settled in the next 12 months.

Provisions – employees benefits	1,814	1,692
	<b>1,814</b>	<b>1,692</b>

#### (b) Description of and movements in provisions

\$ '000	ELE provisions			Total
	Annual leave	Long service leave	ELE on-costs	
<b>2020</b>				
At beginning of year	524	1,653	107	2,284
Additional provisions	514	227	–	741
Amounts used (payments)	(537)	(134)	(7)	(678)
Total ELE provisions at end of year	501	1,746	100	2,347
<b>2019</b>				
At beginning of year	492	1,381	92	1,965
Additional provisions	32	272	15	319
Total ELE provisions at end of year	524	1,653	107	2,284

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## Note 15. Provisions (continued)

\$ '000	Other provisions	
	Asset remediation	Total
<b>2020</b>		
At beginning of year	580	580
Additional provisions	299	299
Total other provisions at end of year	879	879
<b>2019</b>		
At beginning of year	745	745
Additional provisions	(26)	(26)
Unwinding of discount	(139)	(139)
Total other provisions at end of year	580	580

## Nature and purpose of non-employee benefit provisions

## Asset remediation

Council has a legal/public obligation to make, restore, rehabilitate and reinstate the council tip and quarries.

## Accounting policy for provisions

Provisions are recognised when Council has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events, it is probable that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation, and the amount has been reliably estimated.

Where there are a number of similar obligations, the likelihood that an outflow will be required in settlement is determined by considering the class of obligations as a whole. A provision is recognised even if the likelihood of an outflow with respect to any one item included in the same class of obligations may be small.

Provisions are measured at the present value of management's best estimate of the expenditure required to settle the present obligation at the reporting date. The discount rate used to determine the present value reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the liability. The increase in the provision due to the passage of time is recognised as interest expense.

## Employee benefits

## Short-term obligations

Liabilities for wages and salaries (including non-monetary benefits, annual leave and accumulating sick leave expected to be wholly settled within 12 months after the end of the period in which the employees render the related service) are recognised in respect of employees' services up to the end of the reporting period and are measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled. The liability for annual leave and accumulating sick leave is recognised in the provision for employee benefits. All other short-term employee benefit obligations are presented as payables.

## Other long-term employee benefit obligations

The liability for long-service leave and annual leave that is not expected to be wholly settled within 12 months after the end of the period in which the employees render the related service is recognised in the provision for employee benefits and measured as the present value of expected future payments to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the end of the reporting period using the projected unit credit method. Consideration is given to expected future wage and salary levels, experience of employee departures, and periods of service. Expected future payments are discounted using market yields at the end of the reporting period on national government bonds with terms to maturity and currency that match, as closely as possible, the estimated future cash outflows.

## On-costs

The employee benefit provisions include the aggregate on-cost liabilities that will arise when payment of current employee benefits is made in future periods.

These amounts include superannuation and workers compensation expenses which will be payable upon the future payment of certain leave liabilities which employees are entitled to at the reporting period.

## Notes to the Financial Statements

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### Note 15. Provisions (continued)

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The obligations are presented as current liabilities in the Statement of Financial Position if the Council does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least 12 months after the reporting date, regardless of when the actual settlement is expected to occur.

#### Provisions for close-down and restoration, and environmental clean-up costs – tips and quarries

##### Restoration

Close-down and restoration costs include the dismantling and demolition of infrastructure, and the removal of residual materials and remediation of disturbed areas. Estimated close-down and restoration costs are provided for in the accounting period when the obligation arising from the related disturbance occurs, whether this occurs during the development or during the operation phase, based on the net present value of estimated future costs.

Provisions for close-down and restoration costs do not include any additional obligations which are expected to arise from future disturbance. The costs are estimated on the basis of a closure plan. The cost estimates are calculated annually during the life of the operation to reflect known developments, e.g. updated cost estimates and revisions to the estimated lives of operations, and are subject to formal review at regular intervals.

##### Rehabilitation

Where rehabilitation is conducted systematically over the life of the operation, rather than at the time of closure, provision is made for the estimated outstanding continuous rehabilitation work at each reporting date, and the cost is charged to the Income Statement.

Provision is made for the estimated present value of the costs of environmental clean-up obligations outstanding at the reporting date. These costs are charged to the Income Statement. Movements in the environmental clean-up provisions are presented as an operating cost, except for the unwinding of the discount which is shown as a borrowing cost.

Remediation procedures generally commence soon after the time the damage, remediation process, and estimated remediation costs become known, but may continue for many years depending on the nature of the disturbance and the remediation techniques.

As noted above, the ultimate cost of environmental remediation is uncertain and cost estimates can vary in response to many factors, including changes to the relevant legal requirements, the emergence of new restoration techniques, or experience at other locations. The expected timing of expenditure can also change, for example in response to changes in quarry reserves or production rates. As a result, there could be significant adjustments to the provision for close down and restoration and environmental clean-up, which would affect future financial results.

Other movements in the provisions for close-down and restoration costs, including those resulting from new disturbance, updated cost estimates, changes to the estimated lives of operations, and revisions to discount rates, are capitalised within property, plant and equipment. These costs are then depreciated over the lives of the assets to which they relate.

Close-down and restoration costs are a normal consequence of tip and quarry operations, and the majority of close-down and restoration expenditure is incurred at the end of the life of the operations. Although the ultimate cost to be incurred is uncertain, Council estimates the respective costs based on feasibility and engineering studies using current restoration standards and techniques.

## Notes to the Financial Statements

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## Note 16. Accumulated surplus, revaluation reserves, changes in accounting policies, changes in accounting estimates and errors

## (a) Nature and purpose of reserves

**Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment revaluation reserve**

The infrastructure, property, plant and equipment revaluation reserve is used to record increments / decrements of non-current asset values due to their revaluation.

**Other reserves**

Council does not hold any additional reserves.

## (b) Correction of errors relating to a previous reporting period

**Nature of prior-period error**

During the revaluation process of the transportation asset classes a thorough review was undertaken and identified corrections to the following asset sub classes:

**Formation Layer - Roads**

The overall width of the formation layer for roads was deemed through GIS analysis to be on average 1.4 times the width of the wearing course of gravel for unsealed roads, 2 times the width of the top surface for sealed roads, and 1 times the top surface (kerb-kerb) here k/g is applicable on urban roads.

The change in the measurement for the calculation of formation resulted in a material adjustment of \$24.8m bringing the total value of the formation layer prior to any revaluation adjustments to \$68.3m.

**Stormwater**

Council used the GIS system within its Asset Management System to capture stormwater assets accompanied by a full on ground physical inspection which in the past had been largely a desktop exercise. This process identified an additional 515 stormwater lines and 866 stormwater pits that had not previously been recorded in Council's asset register. The impact of this was an increase in the value of the stormwater network by \$6.7m and an increase in annual depreciation of \$57k.

The errors identified above have been corrected by restating the balances at the beginning of the earliest period presented (1 July 2018) and taking the adjustment through to accumulated surplus at that date.

Comparatives have been changed to reflect the correction of errors. The impact on each line item is shown in the tables below.

## Changes to the opening Statement of Financial Position at 1 July 2018

## Statement of Financial Position

\$ '000	Original Balance 1 July 2018	Impact Increase/ (decrease)	Restated Balance 1 July 2018
Infrastructure property plant and equipment	211,671	31,466	243,137
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>257,129</b>	<b>31,466</b>	<b>288,595</b>
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>248,253</b>	<b>31,466</b>	<b>279,719</b>
Accumulated surplus	104,562	31,466	136,028
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>248,253</b>	<b>31,466</b>	<b>279,719</b>



## Notes to the Financial Statements

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## Note 16. Accumulated surplus, revaluation reserves, changes in accounting policies, changes in accounting estimates and errors (continued)

## Adjustments to the comparative figures for the year ended 30 June 2019

## Statement of Financial Position

\$ '000	Original Balance 30 June 2019	Impact Increase/ (decrease)	Restated Balance 30 June 2019
Infrastructure property plant and equipment	222,664	31,409	254,073
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>267,676</b>	<b>31,409</b>	<b>299,085</b>
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>257,534</b>	<b>31,409</b>	<b>288,943</b>
Accumulated surplus	113,532	31,409	144,941
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>257,534</b>	<b>31,409</b>	<b>288,943</b>

## Income Statement

\$ '000	Original Balance 30 June 2019	Impact Increase/ (decrease)	Restated Balance 30 June 2019
Depreciation	5,364	57	5,421
<b>Total expenses from continuing operations</b>	<b>18,882</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>18,939</b>
<b>Net operating result for the year</b>	<b>8,779</b>	<b>(57)</b>	<b>8,722</b>

## Statement of Comprehensive Income

\$ '000	Original Balance 30 June 2019	Impact Increase/ (decrease)	Restated Balance 30 June 2019
<b>Net operating result for the year</b>	<b>8,779</b>	<b>(57)</b>	<b>8,722</b>
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>	<b>9,281</b>	<b>(57)</b>	<b>9,224</b>

## Notes to the Financial Statements

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### Note 16. Accumulated surplus, revaluation reserves, changes in accounting policies, changes in accounting estimates and errors (continued)

#### (c) Changes in accounting policies due to adoption of new accounting standards (not-retrospective)

During the year ended 30 June 2020, the Council has adopted AASB 15 *Revenue from Contracts with Customers*, AASB 1058 *Income of Not-for-profit Entities* and AASB 16 *Leases* using the modified retrospective (cumulative catch-up) method and therefore the comparative information for the year ended 30 June 2019 has not been restated and continues to comply with AASB 111 *Construction Contracts*, AASB 117 *Leases*, AASB 118 *Revenue*, AASB 1004 *Contributions* and associated Accounting Interpretations.

All adjustments on adoption of AASB 15 and AASB 1058 have been taken to retained earnings at 1 July 2019.

The impacts of adopting these standards and associated transition disclosures are provided below:

#### (ii) AASB 15 and AASB 1058

The following approach has been applied on transition to AASB 15 and AASB 1058:

- Council has not adopted the completed contract expedient and therefore has not excluded revenue which was fully recognised in previous years in accordance with the former accounting standards and pronouncements
- Council has retrospectively restated contracts for modifications that occurred before 1 July 2019 unless such contract modification were minor.

#### Costs incurred in fulfilling customer contracts

Prior to adopting AASB 15 Council would recognise direct costs associated with fulfilling customer contracts as expenses when incurred, as they did not qualify for recognition as assets under any other accounting standards. Under AASB 15, as these costs relate directly to the contracts, generate resources used in satisfying the contracts, and are expected to be recovered, they are capitalised as 'costs to fulfil a contract' assets and released through profit and loss on the same basis as the revenue is recognised.

#### Upfront fees – CentrePoint

Prior to adopting AASB 15, the Council recognised membership joining fees on receipt. Under AASB 15, since the fees do not relate to a performance obligation, they are combined with other goods and services transferred to the customer and therefore they are now spread over the expected life of the contract with the customer (i.e the membership life).

#### Revenue recognition from contract modifications

In relation to contract modifications, AASB 15 requires customer approval, which is a more prudent criteria than the probability requirement in the previous standards and has resulted in deferral of revenue where unapproved works have been performed.

#### Transfer of control to a customer – over time or at a point in time

AASB 15 has specific criteria regarding whether control is transferred over time or at a point in time. The entity has reviewed its contracts and concluded that the criteria for recognition over time is not met in some circumstances. In such cases, revenue and related production costs will be recognised at the delivery of each separate performance obligation instead of over the contract using a single margin.

#### Principal v agent

Prior to adoption of AASB 15, the Council had assessed that they were a principal in transactions where another party was involved in providing the goods or services including pass-through grants.

Under AASB 15, the indicators of a principal have changed and there are now a number of performance obligations within grant agreements where the Council is acting as an agent since the only obligation is to transfer the funds to a third party. The result is that Council can only recognise the "commission" to which they are entitled rather than the gross revenue and expenses. There is no change to reported profit.

#### Licences

Council has reviewed the licences it grants and considers that all licences are either short-term or low value and elects to recognise all revenue from licences up-front rather than spreading them over the life of the licence.

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**Note 16. Accumulated surplus, revaluation reserves, changes in accounting policies, changes in accounting estimates and errors (continued)****Prepaid rates**

Under AASB 1004, rates were recorded as revenue at the earliest of receipt of the funds from the ratepayer and the beginning of the rating period. Under AASB 1058, prepaid rates are recognised as a financial liability until the beginning of the rating period.

**Grants – operating**

Under AASB 1004, most grant income was recognised as revenue on receipt. Under AASB 15, where an agreement is enforceable and contains sufficiently specific performance obligations, the revenue is either recognised over time as the work is performed, or recognised at the point in time that the control of the services passes to the customer.

**Grants – capital**

Under AASB 1004, most grant monies were recorded as revenue on receipt. Under AASB 1058, where Council has received assets (including cash) to acquire or construct a non-financial asset, the asset is to be controlled by Council and the contract is enforceable, then the asset is recognised as a contract liability on receipt and recorded as revenue as the performance obligation to acquire or construct the asset is completed.

**Changes in presentation**

In addition to the above changes in accounting policies, the Council has also amended the presentation of certain items to align them with the requirements of AASB 15 and AASB 1058:

- Movement of balances between receivables and contract assets.
- Additional line items of contract assets, contract cost assets and contract liabilities have been created.

	<b>Balance at 1 July 2019</b>
<b>\$ '000</b>	
<b>Opening contract balances at 1 July 2019</b>	
<b>Contract assets</b>	
– Under AASB 1058	364
<b>Contract liabilities</b>	
– Under AASB 1058	284
<b>Total Contract liabilities</b>	<u>284</u>

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## Note 16. Accumulated surplus, revaluation reserves, changes in accounting policies, changes in accounting estimates and errors (continued)

## Comparison of financial statement line items under AASB 15 compared to previous standards for the current year

The following tables show the impact of adopting AASB 15 and AASB 1058 on the Council's financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2020.

## Statement of Financial Position

\$ '000	Carrying amount per Statement of Financial Position under AASB 15 and AASB 1058	Reclassific- ation	Remeasur- ement	Carrying amount under previous revenue standards	Notes
<b>Current assets</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents	3,554	—	—	3,554	
Investments	12,500	—	—	12,500	
Receivables	580	—	—	580	
Inventories	2,173	—	—	2,173	
Contract assets	578	(578)	—	—	
Other	53	—	—	53	
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>19,438</b>	<b>(578)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>18,860</b>	
<b>Current liabilities</b>					
Payables	1,044	—	—	1,044	
Contract liabilities	986	(986)	—	—	
Lease liabilities	31	—	—	31	
Borrowings	576	—	—	576	
Provisions	2,296	—	—	2,296	
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>4,933</b>	<b>(986)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>3,947</b>	
<b>Non-current assets</b>					
Receivables	70	—	—	70	
Infrastructure, property, plant & equipment	289,525	—	—	289,525	
Intangible assets	117	—	—	117	
Right of use assets	72	—	—	72	
Investments accounted for using equity method	29,367	—	—	29,367	
<b>Total non-current assets</b>	<b>319,151</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>319,151</b>	
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>					
Payables	2	—	—	2	
Lease liabilities	41	—	—	41	
Borrowings	7,203	—	—	7,203	
Provisions	930	—	—	930	
<b>Total Non-current liabilities</b>	<b>8,176</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>8,176</b>	
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>325,480</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>325,888</b>	
<b>Equity</b>					
Accumulated surplus	153,561	408	—	153,969	
Revaluation reserves	171,919	—	—	171,919	
<b>Council equity interest</b>	<b>325,480</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>325,888</b>	



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**Note 16. Accumulated surplus, revaluation reserves, changes in accounting policies, changes in accounting estimates and errors (continued)**

\$ '000	Carrying amount per Statement of Financial Position under AASB 15 and AASB 1058	Reclassification	Remeasurement	Carrying amount under previous revenue standards	Notes
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>325,480</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>325,888</b>	

The adoption of AASB 1058 resulting in the reclassification of Capital Grant income received during the financial year as a liability where as under the previous standards would have been classified as income on receipt.

**Income Statement**

\$ '000	Income Statement and comprehensive income under AASB 15 and AASB 1058	Reclassification	Remeasurement	Income Statement and comprehensive income under previous revenue standards	Notes
<u>Income from continuing operations</u>					
Rates and annual charges	11,244	—	—	11,244	
User charges and fees	1,353	3	—	1,356	
Other revenues	296	—	—	296	
Grants and contributions provided for operating purposes	4,154	—	—	4,154	
Grants and contributions provided for capital purposes	6,197	405	—	6,602	
Interest and investment income	283	—	—	283	
Rental income	222	—	—	222	
Net share of interests in joint ventures and associates using the equity method	4,000	—	—	4,000	
<b>Total Income from continuing operations</b>	<b>27,749</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>28,157</b>	
<u>Expenses from continuing operations</u>					
Employee benefits and on-costs	7,032	—	—	7,032	
Borrowing costs	485	—	—	485	
Materials and contracts	2,759	—	—	2,759	
Depreciation and amortisation	5,681	—	—	5,681	
Other expenses	2,473	—	—	2,473	
Net losses from the disposal of assets	1,129	—	—	1,129	
<b>Total Expenses from continuing operations</b>	<b>19,559</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>19,559</b>	
<b>Total Operating result from continuing operations</b>	<b>8,190</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>8,598</b>	
<b>Net operating result for the year</b>	<b>8,190</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>8,598</b>	
<b>Total comprehensive income</b>	<b>36,457</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>36,457</b>	

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## Note 16. Accumulated surplus, revaluation reserves, changes in accounting policies, changes in accounting estimates and errors (continued)

## Adjustments to the current year figures for the year ended 30 June 2020

## Statement of Financial Position

\$ '000	Original Balance 1 July 2019	Impact Increase/ (decrease)	Restated Balance 1 July 2019
Contract assets	–	364	364
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>299,085</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>299,449</b>
Contract liabilities	–	284	284
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>10,142</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>10,426</b>
Accumulated surplus	144,941	80	145,021
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>288,943</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>289,023</b>

## (iii) AASB 16 Leases

## Council as a lessee

Under AASB 117, Council assessed whether leases were operating or finance leases, based on its assessment of whether the significant risks and rewards of ownership had been transferred to Council or remained with the lessor. Under AASB 16, there is no differentiation between finance and operating leases for the lessee and therefore all leases which meet the definition of a lease are recognised on the statement of financial position (except for short-term leases and leases of low-value assets).

Council has used the exception to lease accounting for short-term leases and leases of low-value assets, and the lease expense relating to these leases is recognised in the Income Statement on a straight-line basis.

## Practical expedients used on transition

AASB 16 includes a number of practical expedients which can be used on transition. Council has used the following expedients:

- Contracts which had previously been assessed as not containing leases under AASB 117 were not re-assessed on transition to AASB 16.
- Lease liabilities have been discounted using the Council's incremental borrowing rate at 1 July 2019.
- Right-of-use assets at 1 July 2019 have been measured at an amount equal to the lease liability adjustment by the any prepaid or accrued lease payments.
- A single discount rate was applied to all leases with similar characteristics.
- The right-of-use asset was adjusted by the existing onerous lease provision (where relevant) at 30 June 2019 rather than perform impairment testing of the right-of-use asset.
- Excluded leases with an expiry date prior to 30 June 2020 from the Statement of Financial Position, and lease expenses for these leases have been recorded on a straight-line basis over the remaining term.
- Used hindsight when determining the lease term if the contract contains options to extend or terminate the lease.

## Financial statement impact of adoption of AASB 16

Council has recognised right-of-use assets and lease liabilities of \$104,401 at 1 July 2019 for leases previously classified as operating leases, or leases that are significantly below market value which were previously off balance sheet.

The weighted average lessee's incremental borrowing rate applied to lease liabilities at 1 July 2019 was 1.42%.

\$ '000	Balance at 1 July 2019
<b>Operating lease commitments at 30 June 2019 per Council financial statements</b>	<b>119</b>

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## Note 16. Accumulated surplus, revaluation reserves, changes in accounting policies, changes in accounting estimates and errors (continued)

	Balance at 1 July 2019
<b>\$ '000</b>	
<b>Reconciliation of lease liabilities recognised on adoption of AASB 16 Leases</b>	
Operating lease commitments discounted using the incremental borrowing rate at 1 July 2019	105
Lease liabilities recognised at 1 July 2019	105

## Adjustments to the current year figures for the year ended 30 June 2020

## Statement of Financial Position

	Original Balance 1 July 2019	Impact Increase/ (decrease)	Restated Balance 1 July 2019
<b>\$ '000</b>			
Rights-of-use assets	–	105	105
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>299,085</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>299,190</b>
Leases	–	105	105
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>10,142</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>10,247</b>
Accumulated surplus	144,941	–	144,941
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>288,943</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>288,943</b>

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## Note 17. Statement of cash flow information

\$ '000	Notes	2020	2019
<b>(a) Reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents</b>			
Total cash and cash equivalents per Statement of Financial Position	7(a)	3,554	3,548
<b>Balance as per the Statement of Cash Flows</b>		<b>3,554</b>	<b>3,548</b>
<b>(b) Reconciliation of net operating result to cash provided from operating activities</b>			
<b>Net operating result from Income Statement</b>		8,190	8,722
<b>Adjust for non-cash items:</b>			
Depreciation and amortisation		5,681	5,421
Net losses/(gains) on disposal of assets		1,129	655
Adoption of AASB 15/1058		80	–
Unwinding of discount rates on reinstatement provisions		–	(139)
Share of net (profits)/losses of associates/joint ventures using the equity method		(4,000)	(382)
<b>+/- Movement in operating assets and liabilities and other cash items:</b>			
Decrease/(increase) in receivables		820	643
Increase/(decrease) in provision for impairment of receivables		(19)	3
Decrease/(increase) in inventories		–	(287)
Decrease/(increase) in other current assets		5	9
Decrease/(increase) in contract assets		(578)	–
Increase/(decrease) in payables		(472)	143
Increase/(decrease) in accrued interest payable		5	(2)
Increase/(decrease) in other accrued expenses payable		3	12
Increase/(decrease) in other liabilities		(9)	(44)
Increase/(decrease) in contract liabilities		986	–
Increase/(decrease) in provision for employee benefits		63	319
Increase/(decrease) in other provisions		299	(26)
<b>Net cash provided from/(used in) operating activities from the Statement of Cash Flows</b>		<b>12,183</b>	<b>15,047</b>



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## Note 18. Interests in other entities

\$ '000	Council's share of net income		Council's share of net assets	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
Associates	4,000	382	29,367	25,017
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>29,367</b>	<b>25,017</b>

## Associates

The following information is provided for associates that are individually material to the Council. Included are the amounts as per the individual associates' financial statements, adjusted for fair-value adjustments at acquisition date and differences in accounting policies, rather than the Council's share.

## (a) Net carrying amounts – Council's share

\$ '000	Nature of relationship	Measurement method	2020	2019
Central Tablelands Water	Associate	Equity	29,110	24,761
Upper Macquarie County Council	Associate	Equity	257	256
<b>Total carrying amounts – material associates</b>			<b>29,367</b>	<b>25,017</b>

## (b) Details

Principal activity		Place of business
Central Tablelands Water	Water supply	Blayney
Upper Macquarie County Council	Weeds Council	Bathurst

## (c) Relevant interests and fair values

\$ '000	Proportion of voting power	
	2020	2019
Central Tablelands Water	33%	33%
Upper Macquarie County Council	25%	25%

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## Note 18. Interests in other entities (continued)

## (d) Summarised financial information for associates

\$ '000	Central Tablelands Water		Upper Macquarie County Council	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
<b>Statement of financial position</b>				
<b>Current assets</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	2,029	817	1,107	993
Other current assets	5,216	6,763	61	132
<b>Non-current assets</b>	83,110	69,618	92	124
<b>Current liabilities</b>				
Current financial liabilities (excluding trade and other payables and provisions)	655	202	–	–
Other current liabilities	1,398	1,250	209	211
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>				
Non-current financial liabilities (excluding trade and other payables and provisions)	962	1,455	22	13
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>87,340</b>	<b>74,291</b>	<b>1,029</b>	<b>1,025</b>
<b>Reconciliation of the carrying amount</b>				
Opening net assets (1 July)	74,291	72,645	1,025	924
Profit/(loss) for the period	11,967	1,070	44	101
Other adjustments to equity	1,082	576	–	–
<b>Closing net assets</b>	<b>87,340</b>	<b>74,291</b>	<b>1,069</b>	<b>1,025</b>
<b>Council's share of net assets (%)</b>	33%	33%	25%	25%
<b>Council's share of net assets (\$)</b>	29,110	24,761	257	256
<b>Statement of comprehensive income</b>				
Income	18,666	6,846	1,258	1,419
Interest income	195	182	18	17
Depreciation and amortisation	(2,761)	(2,111)	(48)	(53)
Interest expense	(114)	(144)	–	–
Other expenses	(4,019)	(3,703)	(1,184)	(1,282)
<b>Profit/(loss) from continuing operations</b>	<b>11,967</b>	<b>1,070</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>101</b>
<b>Profit/(loss) for period</b>	<b>11,967</b>	<b>1,070</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>101</b>
Other comprehensive income	1,082	1,646	–	–
<b>Total comprehensive income</b>	<b>13,049</b>	<b>2,716</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>101</b>
<b>Share of income – Council (%)</b>	33%	33%	25%	25%
<b>Profit/(loss) – Council (\$)</b>	3,989	357	11	25
<b>Total comprehensive income – Council (\$)</b>	4,349	905	11	25
<b>Summarised Statement of cash flows</b>				
Cash flows from operating activities	3,228	3,050	130	177
Cash flows from investing activities	(1,550)	(2,961)	(16)	(2)
Cash flows from financing activities	(466)	(437)	–	–
<b>Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>1,212</b>	<b>(348)</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>175</b>

## Notes to the Financial Statements

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### Note 18. Interests in other entities (continued)

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In addition to the joint ventures and associates disclosed individually above, Council has interests in a number of individually immaterial joint ventures and associates that have still been accounted for using the equity method.

#### **Accounting policy for associates**

Interests in associates are accounted for using the equity method in accordance with *AASB128 Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures*.

Under this method, the investment is initially recognised as a cost and the carrying amount is increased or decreased to recognise the Council's share of the profit or loss and other comprehensive income of the investee after the date of acquisition.

If the Council's share of losses of an associate equals or exceeds its interest in the associate, the Council discontinues recognising its share of further losses.

The Council's share in the associates gains or losses arising from transactions between itself and its associate are eliminated.

Adjustments are made to the associates accounting policies where they are different from those of the Council for the purposes of the consolidated financial statements.

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## Note 19. Commitments

\$ '000	2020	2019
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## Non-cancellable operating lease commitments (2019 only)

**a. Commitments under non-cancellable operating leases at the reporting date, but not recognised as liabilities are payable:**

Within the next year	–	44
Later than one year and not later than 5 years	–	75
<b>Total non-cancellable operating lease commitments</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>119</b>

**b. Non-cancellable operating leases include the following assets:**

Refer to Note 14 for information relating to leases for 2020.

- Gym equipment lease for 40 months including 3 treadmills, 2 cross trainers, 2 rowers, 3 lifecycle bikes and one powermill.
- Photocopier equipment lease for 60 months for 5 photocopiers and 1 large format printer.
- Forklift equipment lease for 60 months.

**Conditions relating to finance and operating leases:**

- All finance agreements are secured only against the leased asset.
- No lease agreements impose any financial restrictions on Council regarding future debt etc.



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### Note 20. Contingencies

The following assets and liabilities do not qualify for recognition in the Statement of Financial Position, but their knowledge and disclosure is considered relevant to the users of Council's financial report.

#### LIABILITIES NOT RECOGNISED

##### 1. Guarantees

##### (i) Defined benefit superannuation contribution plans

Council is party to an Industry Defined Benefit Plan under the Local Government Superannuation Scheme, named The Local Government Superannuation Scheme – Pool B (the Scheme) which is a defined benefit plan that has been deemed to be a 'multi-employer fund' for purposes of AASB119 Employee Benefits for the following reasons:

- Assets are not segregated within the sub-group according to the employees of each sponsoring employer.
- The contribution rates have been the same for all sponsoring employers. That is, contribution rates have not varied for each sponsoring employer according to the experience relating to the employees of that sponsoring employer.
- Benefits for employees of all sponsoring employers are determined according to the same formulae and without regard to the sponsoring employer.
- The same actuarial assumptions are currently used in respect of the employees of each sponsoring employer.

Given the factors above, each sponsoring employer is exposed to the actuarial risks associated with current and former employees of other sponsoring employers, and hence shares in the associated gains and losses (to the extent that they are not borne by members).

##### *Description of the funding arrangements.*

Pooled Employers are required to pay future service employer contributions and past service employer contributions to the Fund.

The future service employer contributions were determined using the new entrant rate method under which a contribution rate sufficient to fund the total benefits over the working life-time of a typical new entrant is calculated. The current future service employer contribution rates are::

Division B	1.9 times member contributions for non-180 Point Members; Nil for 180 Point Members*
Division C	2.5% salaries
Division D	1.64 times member contributions

\* For 180 Point Members, Employers are required to contribute 7% of salaries to these members' accumulation accounts, which are paid in addition to members' defined benefits.

The past service contribution for each Pooled Employer is a share of the total past service contributions of \$40.0 million for 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2021, apportioned according to each employer's share of the accrued liabilities as at 30 June 2019. These past service contributions are used to maintain the adequacy of the funding position for the accrued liabilities.

The adequacy of contributions is assessed at each triennial actuarial investigation and monitored annually between triennials.

##### *Description of the extent to which Council can be liable to the plan for other Council's obligations under the terms and conditions of the multi-employer plan*

As stated above, each sponsoring employer (Council) is exposed to the actuarial risks associated with current and former employees of other sponsoring employers and hence shares in the associated gains and losses.

However, there is no relief under the Fund's trust deed for employers to walk away from their defined benefit obligations. Under limited circumstances, an employer may withdraw from the plan when there are no active members, on full payment of outstanding additional contributions. There is no provision for allocation of any surplus which may be present at the date of withdrawal of the Council.

## Notes to the Financial Statements

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### Note 20. Contingencies (continued)

There are no specific provisions under the Fund's trust deed dealing with deficits or surplus on wind-up.

The amount of Council employer contributions to the defined benefit section of the Local Government Superannuation Scheme and recognised as an expense for the year ending 30 June 2020 was \$ 116,663. The last valuation of the Scheme was performed by the Actuary Mr Richard Boyfield as at 30 June 2019.

The amount of additional contributions included in the total employer contribution advised above is \$57,700. Council's expected contribution to the plan for the next annual reporting period is \$61,200.

The estimated employer reserves financial position for the Pooled Employers at 30 June 2020 is:

Employer reserves only *	\$millions	Asset Coverage
Assets	1,695.2	
Past Service Liabilities	1,773.2	95.6%
Vested Benefits	1,757.5	96.5%

\* excluding member accounts and reserves in both assets and liabilities.

The share of this deficit that is broadly attributed to Council is estimated to be in the order of \$60,000 as at 30 June 2020.

Council's share of that deficiency cannot be accurately calculated as the Scheme is a mutual arrangement where assets and liabilities are pooled together for all member councils. For this reason, no liability for the deficiency has been recognised in Council's accounts. Council has a possible obligation that may arise should the Scheme require immediate payment to correct the deficiency.

The key economic long term assumptions used to calculate the present value of accrued benefits are:

Investment return	5.75% per annum
Salary inflation *	3.5% per annum
Increase in CPI	2.5% per annum

\* Plus promotional increases

The contribution requirements may vary from the current rates if the overall sub-group experience is not in line with the actuarial assumptions in determining the funding program; however, any adjustment to the funding program would be the same for all sponsoring employers in the Pooled Employers group.

#### (ii) Statewide Limited

Council is a member of Statewide Mutual, a mutual pool scheme providing liability insurance to local government.

Membership includes the potential to share in either the net assets or liabilities of the fund depending on its past performance. Council's share of the net assets or liabilities reflects Council's contributions to the pool and the result of insurance claims within each of the fund years.

The future realisation and finalisation of claims incurred but not reported to 30/6 this year may result in future liabilities or benefits as a result of past events that Council will be required to fund or share in respectively.

#### (iii) StateCover Limited

Council is a member of StateCover Mutual Limited and holds a partly paid share in the entity.

StateCover is a company providing workers compensation insurance cover to the NSW local government industry and specifically Council.

Council has a contingent liability to contribute further equity in the event of the erosion of the company's capital base as a result of the company's past performance and/or claims experience or as a result of any increased prudential requirements from APRA.

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### Note 20. Contingencies (continued)

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These future equity contributions would be required to maintain the company's minimum level of net assets in accordance with its licence requirements.

#### (iv) Other guarantees

Council has provided no other guarantees other than those listed above.

### 2. Other liabilities

#### (i) Third party claims

The Council is involved from time to time in various claims incidental to the ordinary course of business including claims for damages relating to its services.

Council believes that it is appropriately covered for all claims through its insurance coverage and does not expect any material liabilities to eventuate.

#### (ii) Potential land acquisitions due to planning restrictions imposed by Council

Council has classified a number of privately owned land parcels as local open space or bushland.

As a result, where notified in writing by the various owners, Council will be required to purchase these land parcels.

At reporting date, reliable estimates as to the value of any potential liability (and subsequent land asset) from such potential acquisitions has not been possible.

### ASSETS NOT RECOGNISED

#### (i) Land under roads

As permitted under AASB 1051, Council has elected not to bring to account land under roads that it owned or controlled up to and including 30/6/08.

#### (ii) Infringement notices/fines

Fines and penalty income, the result of Council issuing infringement notices is followed up and collected by the Infringement Processing Bureau.

Council's revenue recognition policy for such income is to account for it as revenue on receipt.

Accordingly, at year end, there is a potential asset due to Council representing issued but unpaid infringement notices.

Due to the limited information available on the status, value and duration of outstanding notices, Council is unable to determine the value of outstanding income.

## Notes to the Financial Statements

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## Note 21. Financial risk management

## Risk management

Council's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks including (1) price risk, (2) credit risk, (3) liquidity risk and (4) interest rate risk.

The Council's overall risk management program focuses on the unpredictability of financial markets and seeks to minimise potential adverse effects on the financial performance of the Council.

Council does not engage in transactions expressed in foreign currencies and is therefore not subject to foreign currency risk.

Financial risk management is carried out by Council's finance section under policies approved by the Council.

A comparison by category of the carrying amounts and fair values of Council's financial assets and financial liabilities recognised in the financial statements is presented below.

\$ '000	Carrying value 2020	Carrying value 2019	Fair value 2020	Fair value 2019
<b>Financial assets</b>				
<b>Measured at amortised cost</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	3,554	3,548	3,554	3,548
Receivables	650	1,494	680	1,494
Investments				
– 'Financial assets at amortised cost'	12,500	13,000	12,500	13,000
<b>Total financial assets</b>	<b>16,704</b>	<b>18,042</b>	<b>16,734</b>	<b>18,042</b>
<b>Financial liabilities</b>				
Payables	1,046	1,297	1,046	1,297
Loans/advances	7,779	5,759	7,171	6,747
Lease liabilities	72	–	71	–
<b>Total financial liabilities</b>	<b>8,897</b>	<b>7,056</b>	<b>8,288</b>	<b>8,044</b>

Fair value is determined as follows:

- **Cash and cash equivalents, receivables, payables** – are estimated to be the carrying value that approximates market value.
- **Borrowings and held-to-maturity investments** – are based upon estimated future cash flows discounted by the current mkt interest rates applicable to assets and liabilities with similar risk profiles, unless quoted market prices are available.
- Financial assets classified (i) **'at fair value through profit and loss'** or (ii) **'available-for-sale'** – are based upon quoted market prices (in active markets for identical investments) at the reporting date or independent valuation.

Council's objective is to maximise its return on cash and investments whilst maintaining an adequate level of liquidity and preserving capital.

Council's finance area manages the cash and Investments portfolio with the assistance of independent advisors.

Council has an investment policy which complies with the Local Government Act 1993 and Minister's investment order 625. This policy is regularly reviewed by Council and its staff and an investment report is tabled before Council on a monthly basis setting out the portfolio breakup and its performance as required by Local Government regulations.

The risks associated with the instruments held are:

- **Price risk** – the risk that the capital value of Investments may fluctuate due to changes in market prices, whether these changes are caused by factors specific to individual financial instruments or their issuers or are caused by factors affecting similar instruments traded in a market.
- **Interest rate risk** – the risk that movements in interest rates could affect returns and income.



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## Note 21. Financial risk management (continued)

- **Liquidity risk** – the risk that Council will not be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.
- **Credit risk** – the risk that the investment counterparty will not complete their obligations particular to a financial instrument, resulting in a financial loss to Council – be it of a capital or income nature.

Council manages these risks (amongst other measures) by diversifying its portfolio and only purchasing investments with high credit ratings or capital guarantees.

Council also seeks advice from independent advisers before placing any funds in cash equivalents and investments.

## (a) Market risk – price risk and interest rate risk

The impact on result for the year and equity of a reasonably possible movement in the price of investments held and interest rates is shown below. The reasonably possible movements were determined based on historical movements and economic conditions in place at the reporting date.

\$ '000	Increase of values/rates		Decrease of values/rates	
	Profit	Equity	Profit	Equity
<b>2020</b>				
Possible impact of a 1% movement in interest rates	36	36	(36)	(36)
<b>2019</b>				
Possible impact of a 1% movement in interest rates	35	35	(35)	(35)

## (b) Credit risk

Council's major receivables comprise (i) rates and annual charges and (ii) user charges and fees.

Council manages the credit risk associated with these receivables by monitoring outstanding debt and employing stringent debt recovery procedures. Council also encourages ratepayers to pay their rates by the due date through incentives.

The credit risk for liquid funds and other short-term financial assets is considered negligible, since the counterparties are reputable banks with high quality external credit ratings.

There are no significant concentrations of credit risk, whether through exposure to individual customers, specific industry sectors and/or regions.

The level of outstanding receivables is reported to Council quarterly and benchmarks are set and monitored for acceptable collection performance.

Council makes suitable provision for doubtful receivables as required and carries out credit checks on most non-rate debtors.

There are no material receivables that have been subjected to a re-negotiation of repayment terms.

## Notes to the Financial Statements

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## Note 21. Financial risk management (continued)

## Credit risk profile

## Receivables – rates and annual charges

Credit risk on rates and annual charges is minimised by the ability of Council to secure a charge over the land relating to the debts – that is, the land can be sold to recover the debt. Council is also able to charge interest on overdue rates and annual charges at higher than market rates which further encourages the payment of debt.

\$ '000	Not yet overdue	< 1 year overdue	1 - 2 years overdue	2 - 5 years overdue	> 5 years overdue	Total
<b>2020</b>						
Gross carrying amount	–	126	39	62	32	259
<b>2019</b>						
Gross carrying amount	–	115	48	46	8	217

## Receivables - non-rates and annual charges

Council applies the simplified approach for non-rates and annual charges debtors to provide for expected credit losses prescribed by AASB 9, which permits the use of the lifetime expected loss provision. To measure the expected credit losses, non-rates and annual charges debtors have been grouped based on shared credit risk characteristics and the days past due.

The loss allowance provision as at 30 June 2020 is determined as follows. The expected credit losses incorporate forward-looking information.

\$ '000	Not yet overdue	0 - 30 days overdue	31 - 60 days overdue	61 - 90 days overdue	> 91 days overdue	Total
<b>2020</b>						
Gross carrying amount	294	62	1	6	138	501
Expected loss rate (%)	4.40%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	70.70%	22.06%
<b>ECL provision</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>111</b>
<b>2019</b>						
Gross carrying amount	1,033	16	6	8	343	1,406
Expected loss rate (%)	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	37.60%	9.17%
<b>ECL provision</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>129</b>

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## Note 21. Financial risk management (continued)

## (c) Liquidity risk

Payables, lease liabilities and borrowings are both subject to liquidity risk – the risk that insufficient funds may be on hand to meet payment obligations as and when they fall due.

Council manages this risk by monitoring its cash flow requirements and liquidity levels and maintaining an adequate cash buffer.

Payment terms can (in extenuating circumstances) also be extended and overdraft facilities utilised as required.

Borrowings are also subject to interest rate risk – the risk that movements in interest rates could adversely affect funding costs and debt servicing requirements. Council manages this risk through diversification of borrowing types, maturities and interest rate structures. The finance team regularly reviews interest rate movements to determine if it would be advantageous to refinance or renegotiate part or all of the loan portfolio.

The timing of cash flows presented in the table below to settle financial liabilities reflects the earliest contractual settlement dates. The timing of expected outflows is not expected to be materially different from contracted cashflows.

The amounts disclosed in the table are the undiscounted contracted cash flows for non-lease liabilities and therefore the balances in the table may not equal the balances in the Statement of Financial Position due to the effect of discounting.

\$ '000	Weighted average interest rate	Subject to no maturity	≤ 1 Year	payable in: 1 - 5 Years	> 5 Years	Total cash outflows	Actual carrying values
<b>2020</b>							
Trade/other payables	0.00%	237	–	–	–	237	824
Loans and advances	4.66%	–	576	2,293	4,910	7,779	7,779
<b>Total financial liabilities</b>		<b>237</b>	<b>576</b>	<b>2,293</b>	<b>4,910</b>	<b>8,016</b>	<b>8,603</b>
<b>2019</b>							
Trade/other payables	0.00%	246	1,048	3	–	1,297	1,297
Loans and advances	5.43%	–	694	2,717	4,098	7,509	5,759
<b>Total financial liabilities</b>		<b>246</b>	<b>1,742</b>	<b>2,720</b>	<b>4,098</b>	<b>8,806</b>	<b>7,056</b>

## Loan agreement breaches

There have been no breaches to loan agreements throughout the financial year.

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## Note 22. Material budget variations

Council's original financial budget for 19/20 was adopted by the Council on 24/06/2019 and is unaudited.

While the Income Statement included in this General Purpose Financial Statements must disclose the original budget adopted by Council, the Local Government Act 1993 requires Council to review its financial budget on a quarterly basis, so that it is able to manage the various variations between actuals versus budget that invariably occur throughout the year.

This note sets out the details of **material variations** between Council's original budget and its actual results for the year as per the Income Statement – even though such variations may have been adjusted for during each quarterly budget review.

Material variations represent those variances between the original budget figure and the actual result that amount to **10%** or more.

**Variation Key:** **F** = Favourable budget variation, **U** = Unfavourable budget variation.

\$ '000	2020 Budget	2020 Actual	2020 ----- Variance -----	
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## REVENUES

<b>User charges and fees</b>	<b>1,753</b>	<b>1,353</b>	<b>(400)</b>	<b>(23)%</b>	<b>U</b>
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Council's swimming pool was closed whilst major upgrade works were undertaken. Whilst originally scheduled to reopen for the final 4 months of the financial year the entire facility including the gym and dry courts area was closed due to the Covid restrictions. Additionally quarries revenues were significantly down on forecast.

<b>Capital grants and contributions</b>	<b>3,833</b>	<b>6,197</b>	<b>2,364</b>	<b>62%</b>	<b>F</b>
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An increase in capital grants and contributions compared to budget was largely a result of carry over projects from the previous financial year tied to milestone payments.

<b>Interest and investment revenue</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>(159)</b>	<b>(36)%</b>	<b>U</b>
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Forecast return on investments was significantly less than anticipated.

<b>Net gains from disposal of assets</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>(263)</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>U</b>
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Budgeted gain on sale of plant & equipment and real estate was higher than forecast. Council did not make provision for losses on disposal of infrastructure assets resulting from the major building upgrade works at CentrePoint and transportation assets identified during the revaluation.

<b>Joint ventures and associates – net profits</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>3,977</b>	<b>17,291%</b>	<b>F</b>
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Council budgets the forecast operational result from Joint Ventures operational plan. Central Tablelands Water received significant one off grant funding for the construction of the Orange to Carcoar pipeline.

## EXPENSES

<b>Borrowing costs</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>(148)</b>	<b>(44)%</b>	<b>U</b>
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Applied interest rate for new borrowings relating to the CentrePoint major upgrade and Carcoar Rd Bridge was less than forecast. This saving was offset against a significant decrease in the discount rate used for the NPV calculation for the remediation provisions for Council's Waste Facility and four quarries.



## Notes to the Financial Statements

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## Note 22. Material budget variations

	2020	2020	2020
\$ '000	Budget	Actual	----- Variance -----

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>	<b>9,042</b>	<b>12,183</b>	<b>3,141</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>F</b>
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Cash flows from operating activities were up following an increase in receipt of grants and contributions of \$3.6m compared to budget. An increase in cash and cash equivalents at year end following receipt of a number of contract liabilities in the last week of June.

<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>	<b>(10,683)</b>	<b>(14,164)</b>	<b>(3,481)</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>U</b>
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Council had only forecast the sale of 4 lots of its newly completed subdivision this financial year compared to the 8 lots sold prior to the end of June. In addition Council purchased or constructed \$4m more infrastructure, property, plant and equipment more than originally forecast.

## Notes to the Financial Statements

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### Note 23. Fair Value Measurement

The Council measures the following asset and liability classes at fair value on a recurring basis:

– Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment

The fair value of assets and liabilities must be estimated in accordance with various accounting standards for either recognition and measurement requirements or for disclosure purposes.

AASB 13 Fair Value Measurement requires all assets and liabilities measured at fair value to be assigned to a 'level' in the fair value hierarchy as follows:

**Level 1:** Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date.

**Level 2:** Inputs other than quoted prices included within level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.

**Level 3:** Inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

#### (1) Assets and liabilities that have been measured and recognised at fair values

	Date of latest valuation	Fair value measurement hierarchy			Total
		Level 1 Quoted prices in active mkts	Level 2 Significant observable inputs	Level 3 Significant unobserv-able inputs	
2020					
Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment					
Plant and equipment	30/06/20	—	—	6,643	6,643
Office equipment	30/06/20	—	—	340	340
Furniture and fittings	30/06/20	—	—	131	131
Operational land	30/06/20	—	—	989	989
Community land	30/06/20	—	—	5,002	5,002
Land under roads (post 30/06/08)	30/06/20	—	—	16	16
Land improvements - non depreciable	30/06/20	—	—	118	118
Land improvements - depreciable	30/06/20	—	—	3,588	3,588
Buildings – non-specialised	30/06/20	—	—	1,500	1,500
Buildings – specialised	30/06/20	—	357	17,640	17,997
Roads	30/06/20	—	—	168,624	168,624
Bridges	30/06/20	—	—	21,416	21,416
Footpaths	30/06/20	—	—	5,943	5,943
Major earthworks	30/06/20	—	—	12,610	12,610
Stormwater	30/06/20	—	—	13,608	13,608
Sewerage network	30/06/20	—	—	19,716	19,716
Swimming Pools	30/06/20	—	—	4,296	4,296
Open space/recreation assets	30/06/20	—	—	3,705	3,705
Tip assets	30/06/20	—	—	99	99
Quarry assets	30/06/20	—	—	175	175
Total infrastructure, property, plant and equipment		—	357	286,159	286,516

## Notes to the Financial Statements

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### Note 23. Fair Value Measurement (continued)

	Date of latest valuation	Fair value measurement hierarchy			Total Restated
		Level 1 Quoted prices in active mkt	Level 2 Significant observable inputs	Level 3 Significant unobservable inputs Restated	
<b>2019</b>					
<b>Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment</b>					
Plant and equipment	30/06/19	—	—	6,548	6,548
Office equipment	30/06/19	—	—	299	299
Furniture and fittings	30/06/19	—	—	131	131
Operational land	30/06/19	—	—	1,165	1,165
Community land	30/06/19	—	—	5,002	5,002
Land under roads (post 30/06/08)	30/06/19	—	—	16	16
Land improvements - non depreciable	30/06/19	—	—	—	—
Land improvements - depreciable	30/06/19	—	—	3,612	3,612
Buildings – non-specialised	30/06/19	—	—	1,527	1,527
Buildings – specialised	30/06/19	—	357	15,737	16,094
Roads	30/06/19	—	—	135,040	135,040
Bridges	30/06/19	—	—	25,830	25,830
Footpaths	30/06/19	—	—	4,478	4,478
Major earthworks	30/06/19	—	—	11,625	11,625
Stormwater	30/06/19	—	—	15,311	15,311
Sewerage network	30/06/19	—	—	19,842	19,842
Swimming Pools	30/06/19	—	—	775	775
Open space/recreation assets	30/06/19	—	—	3,385	3,385
Tip assets	30/06/19	—	—	51	51
Quarry assets	30/06/19	—	—	177	177
<b>Total infrastructure, property, plant and equipment</b>		<b>—</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>250,551</b>	<b>250,908</b>

Note that capital WIP is not included above since it is carried at cost.

### (2) Valuation techniques used to derive level 2 and level 3 fair values

Where Council is unable to derive fair valuations using quoted market prices of identical assets (ie. level 1 inputs) Council instead utilises a spread of both observable inputs (level 2 inputs) and unobservable inputs (level 3 inputs).

The fair valuation techniques Council has employed while utilising level 2 and level 3 inputs are as follows:

#### Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment (IPP&E)

**Plant and Equipment** – Major plant (graders, loaders trucks etc.), fleet vehicles (cars, utes etc.) and minor plant (chainsaws, mowers etc.)

Valuation Techniques: 'Cost approach'

Inputs Used (Level 3): Purchase price, useful lives (current replacement cost)

Plant and Equipment are valued at cost but are disclosed at fair value.

**Office Equipment** – Computers, servers

Valuation Techniques: 'Cost approach'

Inputs Used (Level 3): Purchase price, useful lives (current replacement cost)

Office Equipment is valued at cost but is disclosed at fair value.

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### Note 23. Fair Value Measurement (continued)

**Furniture and Fittings** – Desks, chairs, air conditioners, cupboards

Valuation Techniques: 'Cost approach'

Inputs Used (Level 3): Purchase price, useful lives (current replacement cost)

Furniture and Fittings are valued at cost but are disclosed at fair value.

**Operational Land** – Industrial land, quarries and rural fire service land

Valuation Techniques: 'Market approach'

Inputs Used (Level 3): Land area, rate per square metre, zoning restrictions, geographical location - sales of comparable land

Council's Operational Land has been valued at market value, having regard to the "highest and best use", after identifying all elements that would be taken into account by buyers and sellers in settling the price, including but not limited to:

- The land's description and/or dimensions;
- Planning and other constraints on development; and
- The potential for alternative use.

With regard to the above Australis Asset Advisory Group analysed sales of similar properties as a basis of comparison in order to arrive at a value

**Community Land** – Parkland, sporting grounds, reserves, land under public buildings (halls & community centres)

Valuation Techniques: 'Market approach adjusted for restrictions'

Inputs Used (Level 3): The NSW Valuer General's valuations (as at 30 June 2016)

Council's community land is land intended for public access and use, or where other restrictions applying to the land create some obligation to maintain public access (such as a trust deed, or dedication under section 94 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979). This gives rise to the restrictions in the Act, intended to preserve the qualities of the land.

Community Land:

- Cannot be sold
- Cannot be leased, licensed, or any other estate granted over the land for more than 21 years and
- Must have a plan of management

In relation to the valuing of Community Land the Office of Local Government has authorised the use of the NSW Valuer General's valuations as a sufficient basis to represent fair value for the revaluation of community land under clause 31 of AASB 116.

**Depreciable Land Improvements** – Gardens/softfall areas, cricket pitches, other depreciable assets.

Valuation Techniques: 'Cost approach'

Inputs Used (Level 3): Dimensions and specifications, unit rates

Depreciable Land Improvements were valued as at 30 June 2016. Valuations are based on unit rates derived from historical costs and from industry rates such as the 'Rawlinson's Australian Construction handbook'. Council officers undertook a rigorous onsite inspection program to establish condition ratings used in calculating the remaining life and replacement cost of each asset. By using a spatial information program and satellite imagery officers were able to accurately calculate asset lengths and dimensions and apply these to the established condition data.

**Buildings (Specialised/Non Specialised)** – Community halls, toilet blocks, council offices, library, multipurpose centre, works depot

Valuation Techniques: 'Cost approach & Market approach'

Inputs Used (Level 2 and Level 3): Market approach, Unit rates, useful life, asset condition



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### Note 23. Fair Value Measurement (continued)

Council's buildings were valued at fair value on 30th June 2018 in accordance with Australian Property Institute's (API) Code of Professional Practice, TPP 14-01 Valuation of Physical Non-Current Assets at Fair Value and Australian Accounting Standard (including AASB13) and the NSW Department of Local Government Guidelines. 'Fair value' is the best estimate of the price reasonably obtainable in the market at the date of valuation.

Council's Specialised Buildings were valued by Australis Asset Advisory Group as at 30 June 2018. The methodology adopted by Australis Asset Advisory Group is on an individually assessed (asset-by-asset) basis to determine which method is most appropriate.

#### **Open Space/Recreational Assets** – Fencing, shadesails, other recreational furniture

Valuation Techniques: 'Cost approach'

Inputs Used (Level 3): Unit rates, useful life, asset condition.

Council used In-house resources to provide a valuation for each asset applying a rate based on historical cost. Condition data was then considered to provide a valuation taking into account consumption patterns, dimensions and other specifications.

#### **Roads** – Road surface, pavement, formation, major earthworks

Valuation Techniques: 'Cost approach'

Inputs Used (Level 3): Unit rates, useful life, asset condition

Council's road infrastructure assets were last valued in-house on 30 June 2020. As per Paragraph 43 of AASB116, Council's roads infrastructure assets were segmented and componentised into the following categories (each representing a significant part of the overall asset):

- Road Surface
- Pavement Base Layer
- Pavement Sub Base Layer
- Formation including Minor Culverts
- Roadside Furniture (crash barriers & signs)

GPS logged to establish the length and extent of the network. Road terminuses (extent of Council maintenance activities) were taken as the measure of asset length. Recent works have been included from Works as Executed plans.

Seal widths (sealed roads) and running surface width (unsealed roads) were verified using aerial imagery and random field testing. Pavement widths are assumed to be equal to the seal width / running surface width, which was confirmed by random sampling of a range of road classifications across the Shire.

Formation widths for sealed and unsealed roads were established by random sampling in the field and from aerial imagery analysis of a range of road classifications and were demonstrated to be double the width of the pavement for sealed roads and 1.4 times the width of the surface for unsealed roads. Formation depth varies according to the Class of road, with urban areas assumed to be a greater depth, as urban roads tend to be on flood plains. Formation costs allow for the installation of drainage blankets over 20% of the road length and for 1.2 minor culverts per kilometre (based on the average number per kilometre across the Shire).

Unit rates for formation, pavement and sealing were based on recent Council works and validated against Rawlinson's Australian Construction handbook. Unit rates are assumed to be for an undulating topography, as this represents the majority of road corridors in the Shire. The slightly steeper grades are assumed to be countered by the substantially longer corridors of flat to slightly undulating topography.

Condition Assessment data was obtained from laser survey undertaken by the Australian Road Research Board (ARRB) in 2019/20 (sealed roads) and assessment by Council officers utilising the UnsealedRoads.com assessment methodology (unsealed roads). Condition data was used as a substitute for date of construction data to establish remaining lives. This was due to Council not having complete road construction / rehabilitation / initial sealing data.

Roadside furniture including crash barriers and signs were collated from the ARRB survey for sealed roads and by Council staff for unsealed roads. An average unit rate by length categories was applied to crash barriers (including guard rail and wire rope) to account for variations in the value of the various 'end treatments' used on guard rail. Condition ratings are per item, collated by Council staff using a standard Condition Rating Guide. Unit rates for signs are based on an assumed Type B size sign with one post, to provide an average cost, to account for multiple posts and multiple sign faces on a single post.

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### Note 23. Fair Value Measurement (continued)

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The unit rate reflects the cost of recent council works. Condition ratings were supplied by ARRB for sealed road signs and by Council staff for unsealed roads.

#### **Bridges** – Concrete bridges, Timber Bridges, Bridge sized culverts

Valuation Techniques: 'Cost approach'

Inputs Used (Level 3): Unit rates, useful life, asset condition, dimension and specifications (concrete/timber).

Council defines a bridge as a structure with a road centreline length of 6m or more and has inspected all Bridges and Major Culverts utilising a standardised Bridge Measurement Guide to determine the split between Bridges and Major Culverts, resulting in transfers into and out of the Bridge Asset Class.

Condition assessment for bridges was undertaken by professional bridge engineering companies for Timber bridges (Level 4 inspections) and by an experienced bridge 'ganger' for concrete bridges and other Council staff using Culvert Condition Assessment Guide for Culvert style bridges (Level 2 inspections, based on observed defects), but does not include core sampling or tensile testing of any components. Bridges constructed in the last 5 years have been assumed to be in Condition 1.

Bridge values were determined on the basis of a square metre (of deck) rate, based on a number of bridges Council has had built in the last five years.

#### **Footpaths** – Footways including cycleways

Valuation Techniques: 'Cost approach'

Inputs Used (Level 3): Unit rates, useful life, asset condition, dimensions and specifications (concrete/bitumen/pavers)

Footpaths assets lengths, widths and extents were verified using 7.5cm aerial imagery and field inspection. Condition Assessments were undertaken of the entire network by Council staff utilising a standardised Condition Assessment Guide. These inspections are undertaken 6 monthly in the Blayney and Millthorpe CBDs and annual across the full network.

Unit Rates for footpaths are derived from recent Council works, as Council has constructed significant lengths of footpath in recent years.

#### **Stormwater Drainage** - includes pits, pipes

Valuation Techniques: 'Cost approach'

Inputs Used (Level 3): Unit rates, useful life, asset condition, dimensions and specifications

Register was developed using a combination of field observation and aerial imagery. The level of capture is estimated to be around 85% to 95%, as by its nature Urban Stormwater drainage is difficult to locate and Council does not have complete records of drainage installed. Pipe sizes have been estimated in some instances, as it is not possible to access all pipes.

Condition assessment was undertaken by Council staff using a standardised Condition Assessment Guide, with the condition of most pipes assumed from the condition of associated pits, due to a lack of accessibility.

Unit Rates for stormwater pits, pipes were derived from the Office of Water; NSW reference Rates Manual; Valuation of Water Supply, Sewerage and Stormwater Assets, Reinforced Concrete Box Culverts from recent council works and concrete lined drains from Rawlinsons Australian Construction Handbook. As with Kerb and Gutter, these rates do not take into account any allowance for the removal of existing (failed) stormwater assets.

#### **Major Earthworks** – (transport asset class only)

Valuation Techniques: 'Cost approach'

Inputs Used (Level 3): Unit rates, dimensions and specifications

Major Earthworks have been captured through field surveys and Works as Executed plans for more recent works. Bulk earthworks do not include earthworks for buildings and within Parks and Gardens, as these are accounted for within those asset classes, where applicable.

## Notes to the Financial Statements

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### Note 23. Fair Value Measurement (continued)

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Council has verified the extent of some of its major earthworks through the use of Drone Survey, resulting in changes in some existing estimates. The condition of major earthworks is assumed to be 1, as these are a very long life assets, which are not depreciated.

The Unit Rates for Major Earthworks are derived from recent Council works and have been compared with rates from the Rawlinsons Australian Construction Handbook.

#### **Major Culverts** – Pipe Culverts, Reinforced Concrete Box Culverts

Valuation Techniques: 'Cost approach'

Inputs Used (Level 3): Unit rates, useful life, asset dimensions, asset condition

The location and condition of all Major Culverts has been verified by an extensive review by Council Officers, utilising standardised Condition Inspection Guides. Culverts of 450mm or less have not been valued separately due to their cost (purchase price and installation cost) and have been allowed for in the cubic metre rate for road formation.

Major Culverts have been normalised to align with Modern Engineering Equivalent Replacement Asset (MEERA) to standardise culvert sizes and interpolation was used to account for nonstandard sizes. They are valued as single, double, triple or quad pipes / box culverts. Major Culverts do not include Bridge size (6m+ along road centre line) culverts, as these were valued in the Bridge Register.

Unit rates for culverts are derived from recent Council works and include materials (contract rates), excavation and nonlinear variation for multi cell culverts.

#### **Kerb and Gutter** – highback concrete, rollback concrete, median and 'splitter islands', bluestone and riverstone

Valuation Techniques: 'Cost approach'

Inputs Used (Level 3): Unit rates, useful life, asset dimensions, asset condition

The Kerb and Gutter asset register was developed using a combination of 7.5cm Aerial imagery for Blayney and the Villages. This data was verified with an inspection program to determine the accuracy and materials used. The bulk of Council's kerb and gutter network is concrete ('high back' or 'roll back'), however some kerb and gutter is constructed from bluestone or river stone. Median and 'splitter islands' are included in this asset sub class.

Condition assessment for Kerb and Gutter was collated by Council staff using a standardised Condition Assessment Guide.

Unit Rates were established on 'First Principles' and verified against a tender that Council had recently submitted for kerb and gutter works. Unit rates for the bluestone and river stone kerbs and gutters was also established on 'First Principles' and verified against recent 'reconstruction' works in Carcoar.

Unit rates for kerb and gutter are all based on 'Greenfields' costs and do not include any allowance of the removal of existing failed sections.

#### **Sewerage Network** – Sewer pipes, pump stations, treatment plant, telemetry system, manholes

Valuation Techniques: 'Cost approach'

Inputs Used (Level 3): Unit rates, useful life, asset condition, dimensions and specifications

Council's complex Sewer Assets were valued by AUSTRALIS Asset Advisory Group as at 30 June 2017. The valuation was based on the NSW Office of Water's NSW Reference Rates Tables issued in 2016, a supplement to the former Ministry of Energy and Utilities' 2003 document NSW Reference Rates Manual: Valuation of Water Supply, Sewerage and Stormwater Assets. These rates are indexed, which is applied to the network annually.

The asset register was built using Council GIS data with modifications made to achieve the correct level of componentisation and to collect additional details regarding material and capacities of the assets.

Australis conducted a field survey, involving a physical inspection of the ground-level facility assets in the system such as treatment plants, pumping stations and effluent reuse reservoir.

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### Note 23. Fair Value Measurement (continued)

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The object of the survey was to uncover any evidence that will challenge the default useful life for that asset class such as corrosion (or lack of), obvious mechanical/electrical defects or structural damage.

The reticulation system (pipes and manholes) were valued internally using the same inputs, with condition assessment undertaken using the WSM Conduit Inspection and Reporting Code. Surveys were conducted across almost 15% of each age category of pipes in the Blayney and Millthorpe Sewer systems.

Unit rates were then applied across the network. Condition data was then applied to each individual asset to provide a written down value.

#### Swimming Pools

Valuation Techniques: 'Cost approach'

Inputs Used (Level 3): Unit rates, useful life, asset condition, dimensions and specifications

Council's swimming pools were valued at fair value on 30th June 2018 in accordance with Australian Property Institute's (API) Code of Professional Practice, TPP 14-01 Valuation of Physical Non-Current Assets at Fair Value and Australian Accounting Standard (including AASB13) and the NSW Department of Local Government Guidelines. 'Fair value' is the best estimate of the price reasonably obtainable in the market at the date of valuation.

Council's swimming pools were valued by Australis Asset Advisory Group. The methodology adopted by Australis Asset Advisory Group is on an individually assessed (asset-by-asset) basis to determine which method is most appropriate.

The value of the Pool assets has been substantially revised as at 30 June 2020, following a major upgrade to the CentrePoint Sport and Leisure Centre over the previous two financial years. This has been based on actual costs.

#### Tip and Quarry Assets – Reinstatement, rehabilitation and restoration

Valuation Techniques: 'Cost approach'

Inputs Used (Level 3): Unit rates, useful life, dimensions and specifications

It has been recognised that there will be significant costs associated with the closure and post closure management of the landfill and quarry sites. Closure of the landfill and quarry sites will involve a wide range of activities including final capping of the landfill waste and site re-vegetation, monitoring of landfill gas, revision of the surface water management system and leachate management infrastructure to suit post-closure operation.

Valuation are based on actual timing of costs and future environmental management requirements.

### (3) Fair value measurements using significant unobservable inputs (level 3)

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### Note 23. Fair Value Measurement (continued)

a. The following tables present the changes in level 3 fair value asset classes.

\$ '000	Notes	Operational Land	Community Land	Depreciable land improvements	Building specialised	Buildings non-specialised
<b>2019</b>						
<b>Opening balance</b>		1,165	5,002	3,646	16,305	1,379
Transfers from/(to) level 2 FV hierarchy	26 4(b)	—	—	—	(357)	—
Transfers from/(to) another asset class		—	—	—	(191)	123
Other adjustments and transfers		—	—	—	—	—
Purchases (GBV)		—	—	335	704	72
Disposals (WDV)		—	—	(20)	(193)	—
Depreciation and impairment		—	—	(349)	(531)	(47)
<b>Closing balance</b>		<b>1,165</b>	<b>5,002</b>	<b>3,612</b>	<b>15,737</b>	<b>1,527</b>
<b>2020</b>						
<b>Opening balance</b>		1,165	5,002	3,612	15,737	1,527
Transfers from/(to) another asset class		—	—	139	—	—
Other adjustments and transfers		(130)	—	—	—	—
Purchases (GBV)		—	—	218	2,790	20
Disposals (WDV)		(46)	—	(33)	(395)	—
Depreciation and impairment		—	—	(348)	(492)	(47)
<b>Closing balance</b>		<b>989</b>	<b>5,002</b>	<b>3,588</b>	<b>17,640</b>	<b>1,500</b>



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## Note 23. Fair Value Measurement (continued)

\$ '000	Open space/recreati on assets	Roads Restated	Bridges	Footpaths	Major earthworks
<b>2019</b>					
<b>Opening balance</b>	3,134	129,251	24,502	4,325	11,625
Other adjustments and transfers	—	—	—	—	—
Purchases (GBV)	459	8,085	1,998	241	—
Disposals (WDV)	(104)	—	(405)	—	—
Depreciation and impairment	(104)	(2,296)	(265)	(88)	—
<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>3,385</b>	<b>135,040</b>	<b>25,830</b>	<b>4,478</b>	<b>11,625</b>
<b>2020</b>					
<b>Opening balance</b>	3,385	135,040	25,830	4,478	11,625
Transfers from/(to) another asset class	(65)	—	—	—	—
Other adjustments and transfers	—	1,998	(510)	—	(118)
Purchases (GBV)	515	3,967	906	897	—
Disposals (WDV)	(17)	(397)	(25)	(134)	—
Depreciation and impairment	(113)	(2,370)	(283)	(91)	—
FV gains – other comprehensive income	—	30,386	(4,502)	793	1,103
<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>3,705</b>	<b>168,624</b>	<b>21,416</b>	<b>5,943</b>	<b>12,610</b>

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## Note 23. Fair Value Measurement (continued)

\$ '000	Stormwater Restated	Sewerage network	Plant and equipment	Office equipment	Furniture and fittings
<b>2019</b>					
<b>Opening balance</b>	15,454	19,768	5,439	282	82
Transfers from/(to) another asset class	—	68	—	—	—
Other adjustments and transfers	—	—	—	—	—
Purchases (GBV)	1	212	2,157	97	59
Disposals (WDV)	—	—	(176)	—	—
Depreciation and impairment	(144)	(517)	(872)	(80)	(10)
FV gains – other comprehensive income	—	311	—	—	—
<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>15,311</b>	<b>19,842</b>	<b>6,548</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>131</b>
<b>2020</b>					
<b>Opening balance</b>	15,311	19,842	6,548	299	131
Other adjustments and transfers	(1,562)	—	—	—	—
Purchases (GBV)	248	207	1,232	119	13
Disposals (WDV)	(151)	—	(123)	—	—
Depreciation and impairment	(191)	(517)	(1,014)	(78)	(13)
FV gains – other comprehensive income	(47)	184	—	—	—
<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>13,608</b>	<b>19,716</b>	<b>6,643</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>131</b>

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### Note 23. Fair Value Measurement (continued)

\$ '000	Notes	Swimming pools	Land improvements - non depreciable	Land under roads - (post 30/06/2008)	Remediation, rehabilitation & restoration	Total
<b>2019</b>						
<b>Opening balance</b>		828	—	16	283	<b>242,486</b>
Transfers from/(to) level 2 FV hierarchy	26 4(b)	—	—	—	—	<b>(357)</b>
Transfers from/(to) another asset class		(10)	—	—	—	<b>(10)</b>
Other adjustments and transfers		—	—	—	(56)	<b>(56)</b>
Purchases (GBV)		—	—	—	30	<b>14,450</b>
Disposals (WDV)		(3)	—	—	—	<b>(901)</b>
Depreciation and impairment		(40)	—	—	(29)	<b>(5,372)</b>
FV gains – other comprehensive income		—	—	—	—	<b>311</b>
<b>Closing balance</b>		<b>775</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>250,551</b>
<b>2020</b>						
<b>Opening balance</b>		775	—	16	228	<b>250,551</b>
Transfers from/(to) another asset class		—	—	—	—	<b>74</b>
Other adjustments and transfers		—	118	—	—	<b>(204)</b>
Purchases (GBV)		4,087	—	—	74	<b>15,293</b>
Disposals (WDV)		(556)	—	—	—	<b>(1,877)</b>
Depreciation and impairment		(10)	—	—	(28)	<b>(5,595)</b>
FV gains – other comprehensive income		—	—	—	—	<b>27,917</b>
<b>Closing balance</b>		<b>4,296</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>286,159</b>

#### b. Information relating to the transfers into and out of the level 3 fair valuation hierarchy (as disclosed in the table above) includes:

For each FV hierarchy transfer into or out of level 3, please reference and list the details and reasons for the change here.

As non specialised buildings there were able to be valued using market analysis.

#### c. Significant unobservable valuation inputs used (for level 3 asset classes) and their relationship to fair value.

The following table summarises the quantitative information relating to the significant unobservable inputs used in deriving the various level 3 asset class fair values.

	Valuation technique/s	Unobservable inputs
<b>Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment</b>		
Plant & Equipment	Cost Approach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gross Replacement Cost</li> <li>• Remaining Useful Life</li> </ul>
Office Equipment	Cost Approach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gross Replacement Cost</li> <li>• Remaining Useful Life</li> </ul>
Furniture & Fittings	Cost Approach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gross Replacement Cost</li> <li>• Remaining Useful Life</li> </ul>
Operational Land	Market Approach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Price per square metre</li> </ul>

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## Note 23. Fair Value Measurement (continued)

	Valuation technique/s	Unobservable inputs
Community Land	Market Approach - adjusted for restrictions	• NSW Valuer Generals Valuation (Unimproved Capital Value)
Land Improvements - non depreciable	Cost Approach	• Unit Rates
Depreciable Land Improvements	Cost Approach	• Unit Rates • Asset Condition • Useful life
Buildings – Specialised	Cost Approach & Market Approach	• Unit Rates • Asset Condition • Useful life
Buildings – Non Specialised	Cost Approach & Market Approach	• Unit Rates • Asset Condition • Useful life
Open Space/Recreation Assets	Cost Approach	• Unit Rates • Asset Condition • Useful life
Roads	Cost Approach	• Unit Rates • Asset Conditions • Useful Life
Bridges	Cost Approach	• Unit Rates • Asset Conditions • Useful Life
Footpaths	Cost Approach	• Unit Rates • Asset Conditions • Useful Life
Major Earthworks	Cost Approach	• Unit Rates
Stormwater Drainage	Cost Approach	• Unit Rates • Asset Conditions • Useful Life
Sewerage Network	Cost Approach	• Unit Rates • Useful Life • Asset Conditions
Swimming Pools	Cost Approach	• Unit Rates • Asset Conditions • Useful Life
Tips & Quarries	Cost Approach	• Discounted Future Cash Flow

## (4) Highest and best use

All of Council's non-financial assets are considered as being utilised for their highest and best use.

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### Note 24. Related party disclosures

#### (a) Key management personnel

Key management personnel (KMP) of the council are those persons having the authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the council, directly or indirectly.

The aggregate amount of KMP compensation included in the Income Statement is:

\$ '000	2020	2019
<b>Compensation:</b>		
Short-term benefits	916	913
Post-employment benefits	72	72
Other long-term benefits	42	34
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,030</b>	<b>1,019</b>

#### (b) Other transactions with KMP and their related parties

Council has determined that transactions at arm's length between KMP and Council as part of Council delivering a public service objective (e.g. access to library or Council swimming pool by KMP) will not be disclosed.

Nature of the transaction	Ref	Value of transactions during year	Outstanding balance (incl. loans and commitments)	Terms and conditions	Provisions for impairment of receivables outstanding	Expense recognised for impairment of receivables
<b>\$ '000</b>						
<b>2020</b>						
Catering	1	6	–	Paid on invoice	–	–
Donations & Financial Assistance Grants	2	2	–	Paid on completion of works	–	–
Supply of water	3	334	–	Payable by instalment date	–	–
<b>2019</b>						
Catering	1	2	–	Paid on invoice	–	–
Donations & Financial Assistance Grants	2	5	–	Paid on completion of works	–	–
Supply of water	3	188	–	Payable by instalment date	–	–



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Note 24. Related party disclosures (continued)

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- 1 Catering for training and meetings of Council were supplied by related parties of a number of KMP's
- 2 Council have donated funds to local not for profit organisations for community projects where a number of KMP's are members
- 3 A KMP is the Chair of a joint organisation (County Council) who supplies water to Council Facilities

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### Note 25. Statement of developer contributions

Under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, Council has significant obligations to provide Section 7.11 (contributions towards provision or improvement of amenities or services) infrastructure in new release areas.

It is possible that the funds contributed may be less than the cost of this infrastructure, requiring Council to borrow or use general revenue to fund the difference.

#### Summary of contributions and levies

	as at 30/06/19	Contributions received during the year		Interest earned in year	Expenditure during year	Internal borrowing (to)/from	as at 30/06/20	
	Opening Balance	Cash	Non-cash				Held as restricted asset	Cumulative internal borrowings due/(payable)
<b>\$ '000</b>								
Local infrastructure fund	851	114	—	18	(300)	—	683	—
<b>S7.11 contributions – under a plan</b>	<b>851</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>(300)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>683</b>	<b>—</b>
<b>Total S7.11 and S7.12 revenue under plans</b>	<b>851</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>(300)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>683</b>	<b>—</b>
S64 contributions	936	50	—	20	(146)	—	860	—
<b>Total contributions</b>	<b>1,787</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>(446)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>1,543</b>	<b>—</b>

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### Note 25. Statement of developer contributions (continued)

	as at 30/06/19	Contributions received during the year		Interest earned in year	Expenditure during year	Internal borrowing (to)/from	as at 30/06/20	
	Opening Balance	Cash	Non-cash				Held as restricted asset	Cumulative internal borrowings due/(payable)
\$ '000								

#### S7.11 Contributions – under a plan

##### CONTRIBUTION PLAN NUMBER – Local infrastructure fund

Local infrastructure fund	851	114	–	18	(300)	–	683	–
<b>Total</b>	<b>851</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>(300)</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>683</b>	<b>–</b>

#### S64 contributions

##### S64 contributions

Community facilities	936	20	–	50	(146)	–	860	–
<b>Total</b>	<b>936</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>(146)</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>860</b>	<b>–</b>

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## Note 26. Result by fund

\$ '000	General <sup>1</sup> 2020	Sewer 2020
<b>Income Statement by fund</b>		
<b>Income from continuing operations</b>		
Rates and annual charges	10,069	1,175
User charges and fees	1,102	251
Interest and investment revenue	188	95
Other revenues	290	6
Grants and contributions provided for operating purposes	4,125	29
Grants and contributions provided for capital purposes	6,147	50
Rental income	222	—
Share of interests in joint ventures and associates using the equity method	4,000	—
<b>Total income from continuing operations</b>	<b>26,143</b>	<b>1,606</b>
<b>Expenses from continuing operations</b>		
Employee benefits and on-costs	6,762	270
Borrowing costs	441	44
Materials and contracts	2,127	632
Depreciation and amortisation	5,104	577
Other expenses	2,373	100
Net losses from the disposal of assets	1,129	—
<b>Total expenses from continuing operations</b>	<b>17,936</b>	<b>1,623</b>
<b>Operating result from continuing operations</b>	<b>8,207</b>	<b>(17)</b>
<b>Net operating result for the year</b>	<b>8,207</b>	<b>(17)</b>
<b>Net operating result attributable to each council fund</b>	<b>8,207</b>	<b>(17)</b>
<b>Net operating result for the year before grants and contributions provided for capital purposes</b>	<b>2,060</b>	<b>(67)</b>

NB. All amounts disclosed above are gross – that is, they include internal charges and recoveries made between the funds.

(1) General fund refers to all of Council's activities except for its water and sewer activities which are listed separately.

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## Note 26. Result by fund (continued)

\$ '000	General <sup>1</sup> 2020	Sewer 2020
<b>Statement of Financial Position by fund</b>		
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	2,168	1,386
Investments	7,683	4,817
Receivables	547	33
Inventories	2,173	—
Contract assets	578	—
Other	53	—
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>13,202</b>	<b>6,236</b>
<b>Non-current assets</b>		
Receivables	70	—
Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	268,989	20,536
Investments accounted for using the equity method	29,367	—
Intangible assets	117	—
Right of use assets	72	—
<b>Total non-current assets</b>	<b>298,615</b>	<b>20,536</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>311,817</b>	<b>26,772</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Payables	1,027	17
Contract liabilities	986	—
Lease liabilities	31	—
Borrowings	525	51
Provisions	2,296	—
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>4,865</b>	<b>68</b>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>		
Payables	2	—
Lease liabilities	41	—
Borrowings	6,733	470
Provisions	930	—
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>	<b>7,706</b>	<b>470</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>12,571</b>	<b>538</b>
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>299,246</b>	<b>26,234</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>		
Accumulated surplus	144,301	9,260
Revaluation reserves	154,945	16,974
<b>Council equity interest</b>	<b>299,246</b>	<b>26,234</b>
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>299,246</b>	<b>26,234</b>

NB. All amounts disclosed above are gross – that is, they include internal charges and recoveries made between the funds. Assets and liabilities shown in the water and sewer columns are restricted for use for these activities.

(1) General fund refers to all of Council's activities except for its water and sewer activities which are listed separately.



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## Note 27(a). Statement of performance measures – consolidated results

	Amounts 2020	Indicator 2020	Prior periods 2019 Restated	2018	Benchmark
\$ '000					
<b>1. Operating performance ratio</b>					
Total continuing operating revenue excluding capital grants and contributions less operating expenses <sup>1,2</sup>	(878)	(5.00)%	(0.91)%	0.74%	>0.00%
Total continuing operating revenue excluding capital grants and contributions <sup>1</sup>	17,552				
<b>2. Own source operating revenue ratio</b>					
Total continuing operating revenue excluding all grants and contributions <sup>1</sup>	13,398	56.42%	51.24%	58.54%	>60.00%
Total continuing operating revenue <sup>1</sup>	23,749				
<b>3. Unrestricted current ratio</b>					
Current assets less all external restrictions	9,008	4.71x	3.94x	5.83x	>1.50x
Current liabilities less specific purpose liabilities	1,913				
<b>4. Debt service cover ratio</b>					
Operating result before capital excluding interest and depreciation/impairment/amortisation <sup>1</sup>	5,288	5.30x	13.14x	14.33x	>2.00x
Principal repayments (Statement of Cash Flows) plus borrowing costs (Income Statement)	998				
<b>5. Rates, annual charges, interest and extra charges outstanding percentage</b>					
Rates, annual and extra charges outstanding	327	2.84%	2.27%	2.07%	<10.00%
Rates, annual and extra charges collectible	11,523				
<b>6. Cash expense cover ratio</b>					
Current year's cash and cash equivalents plus all term deposits	16,054	12.72 mths	13.10 mths	14.26 mths	>3.00 mths
Monthly payments from cash flow of operating and financing activities	1,262				

(1) Excludes fair value increments on investment properties, reversal of revaluation decrements, reversal of impairment losses on receivables, net gain on sale of assets and net share of interests in joint ventures and associates using the equity method and includes pensioner rate subsidies

(2) Excludes impairment/revaluation decrements of IPPE, fair value decrements on investment properties, net loss on disposal of assets and net loss on share of interests in joint ventures and associates using the equity method

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### Note 27(b). Statement of performance measures – by fund

	General Indicators <sup>3</sup>		Sewer Indicators		Benchmark
\$ '000	2020	2019 Restated	2020	2019	
<b>1. Operating performance ratio</b>					
Total continuing operating revenue excluding capital grants and contributions less operating expenses <sup>1, 2</sup>	(5.07)%	(0.87)%	(4.31)%	(1.35)%	>0.00%
Total continuing operating revenue excluding capital grants and contributions <sup>1</sup>					
<b>2. Own source operating revenue ratio</b>					
Total continuing operating revenue excluding capital grants and contributions <sup>1</sup>	53.61%	48.42%	95.08%	97.03%	>60.00%
Total continuing operating revenue <sup>1</sup>					
<b>3. Unrestricted current ratio</b>					
Current assets less all external restrictions	4.71x	3.94x	91.71x	74.07x	>1.50x
Current liabilities less specific purpose liabilities					
<b>4. Debt service cover ratio</b>					
Operating result before capital excluding interest and depreciation/impairment/amortisation <sup>1</sup>	5.22x	13.21x	6.09x	12.55x	>2.00x
Principal repayments (Statement of Cash Flows) plus borrowing costs (Income Statement)					
<b>5. Rates, annual charges, interest and extra charges outstanding percentage</b>					
Rates, annual and extra charges outstanding	2.84%	2.07%	2.81%	3.99%	<10.00%
Rates, annual and extra charges collectible					
<b>6. Cash expense cover ratio</b>					
Current year's cash and cash equivalents plus all term deposits	7.89 mths	9.04 mths	287.86 mths	67.10 mths	>3.00 mths
Payments from cash flow of operating and financing activities					

(1) - (2) Refer to Notes at Note 31a above.

(3) General fund refers to all of Council's activities except for its water and sewer activities which are listed separately.

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### Note 28. Council information and contact details

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Cr. J Newstead  
Cr. D. Kingham  
Cr. B Reynolds  
Cr. S Denton  
Cr. D Somerville



## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

### Report on the general purpose financial statements

#### Blayney Shire Council

To the Councillors of Blayney Shire Council

### Opinion

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of Blayney Shire Council (the Council), which comprise the Statement by Councillors and Management, the Income Statement and Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year ended 30 June 2020, the Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2020, the Statement of Changes in Equity and Statement of Cash Flows for the year then ended and notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In my opinion:

- the Council's accounting records have been kept in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Chapter 13, Part 3, Division 2 (the Division)
- the financial statements:
  - have been prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the requirements of this Division
  - are consistent with the Council's accounting records
  - present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Council as at 30 June 2020, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards
- all information relevant to the conduct of the audit has been obtained
- no material deficiencies in the accounting records or financial statements have come to light during the audit.

My opinion should be read in conjunction with the rest of this report.

## Basis for Opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. My responsibilities under the standards are described in the 'Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements' section of my report.

I am independent of the Council in accordance with the requirements of the:

- Australian Auditing Standards
- Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 'Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)' (APES 110).

I have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with APES 110.

Parliament promotes independence by ensuring the Auditor-General and the Audit Office of New South Wales are not compromised in their roles by:

- providing that only Parliament, and not the executive government, can remove an Auditor-General
- mandating the Auditor-General as auditor of councils
- precluding the Auditor-General from providing non-audit services.

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

## Other Information

The Council's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2020 includes other information in addition to the financial statements and my Independent Auditor's Report thereon. The Councillors are responsible for the other information. At the date of this Independent Auditor's Report, the other information I have received comprise the special purpose financial statement and Special Schedules (the Schedules).

My opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information. Accordingly, I do not express any form of assurance conclusion on the other information. However, as required by the *Local Government Act 1993*, I have separately expressed an opinion on the special purpose financial statements and Special Schedule - Permissible income for general rates.

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

If, based on the work I have performed, I conclude there is a material misstatement of the other information, I must report that fact.

I have nothing to report in this regard.

## The Councillors' Responsibilities for the Financial Statements

The Councillors are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Local Government Act 1993*, and for such internal control as the Councillors determine is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Councillors are responsible for assessing the Council's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting.



## Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

My objectives are to:

- obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error
- issue an Independent Auditor's Report including my opinion.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but does not guarantee an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect material misstatements.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error. Misstatements are considered material if, individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions users take based on the financial statements.

A description of my responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at: [www.auasb.gov.au/auditors\\_responsibilities/ar4.pdf](http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_responsibilities/ar4.pdf). The description forms part of my auditor's report.

The scope of my audit does not include, nor provide assurance:

- that the Council carried out its activities effectively, efficiently and economically
- on the Original Budget information included in the Income Statement, Statement of Cash Flows, and Note 22 Material budget variations
- on the Special Schedules. A separate opinion has been provided on Special Schedule - Permissible income for general rates
- about the security and controls over the electronic publication of the audited financial statements on any website where they may be presented
- about any other information which may have been hyperlinked to/from the financial statements.



Karen Taylor  
Director, Financial Audit

Delegate of the Auditor-General for New South Wales

17 November 2020  
SYDNEY



Scott Ferguson  
Mayor  
Blayney Shire Council  
PO Box 62  
BLAYNEY NSW 2799

Contact: Karen Taylor  
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17 November 2020

Dear Mayor

## Report on the Conduct of the Audit for the year ended 30 June 2020 Blayney Shire Council

I have audited the general purpose financial statements (GPFS) of the Blayney Shire Council (the Council) for the year ended 30 June 2020 as required by section 415 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act).

I expressed an unmodified opinion on the Council's GPFS.

This Report on the Conduct of the Audit (the Report) for the Council for the year ended 30 June 2020 is issued in accordance with section 417 of the Act. This Report should be read in conjunction with my audit opinion on the GPFS issued under section 417(2) of the Act.

### INCOME STATEMENT

#### Operating result

	2020 \$m	2019* \$m	Variance %
Rates and annual charges revenue	11.24	10.99	2.3
Grants and contributions revenue	10.35	13.30	22.2
Operating result from continuing operations	8.19	8.72	6.1
Net operating result before capital grants and contributions	1.99	(0.44)	552

\* The 2019 comparatives have been restated to correct a prior period error. Note 16 of the financial statements provides details of the prior period error.

Council's operating result (\$8.19 million including the effect of depreciation and amortisation expense of \$5.68 million) was \$0.5 million lower than the 2018–19 result.

The net operating result before capital grants and contributions (\$1.99 million surplus) was \$2.4 million higher than the 2018–19 result. The increase is mainly due to council's equity interest (\$4.0 million) in the operating result of Central Tablelands Water (CTW). The equity interest is required to be excluded when calculating the performance measures.

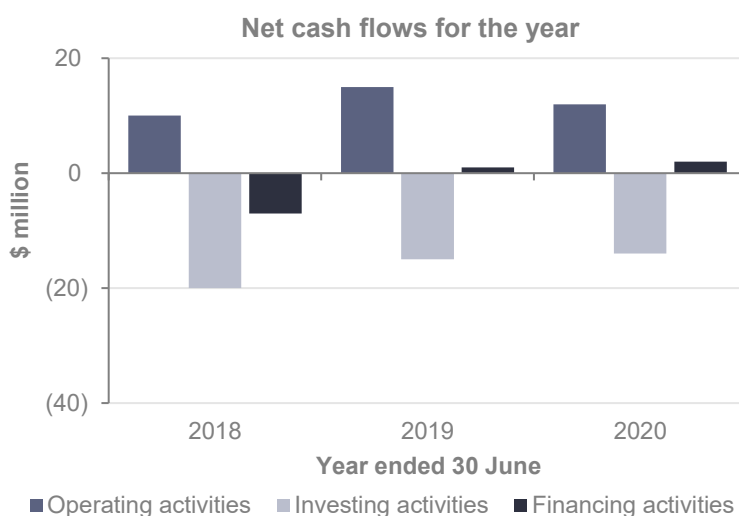
Rates and annual charges revenue (\$11.24 million) increased by \$0.25 million (2.3 per cent) in 2019–2020. This increase was slightly lower than the approved rate pegging increase of 2.7 per cent

Grants and contributions revenue (\$10.35 million) decreased by \$2.95 million due mainly to a \$2.32 million contribution received in 2019 from Cadia Valley Operations for the Southern Cadia Access Route.

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

The decrease in grants and contributions was the main contributor to the decrease in cash flows from operating activities over the prior year

Council drew down \$2.5 million in loans during the 2019–20 financial year resulting in positive cash from financing activities.



## FINANCIAL POSITION

### Cash and investments

Cash and investments	2020	2019	Commentary
	\$m	\$m	
External restrictions	9.30	9.71	Externally restricted balances include developer contributions, sewer fund and domestic waste management charges.
Internal restrictions	6.39	6.78	
Unrestricted	0.36	0.06	Balances are internally restricted due to Council policy or decisions for forward plans including strategic capital projects. Unrestricted balances provide liquidity for day-to-day operations.
<b>Cash and investments</b>	<b>16.05</b>	<b>16.55</b>	

### Debt

Council has an approved overdraft facility of \$0.05 million and an approved credit card facility of \$0.04 million. At 30 June 2020, Council had utilised \$3,000 of its approved credit card facility, and none of its approved overdraft facility.

# PERFORMANCE

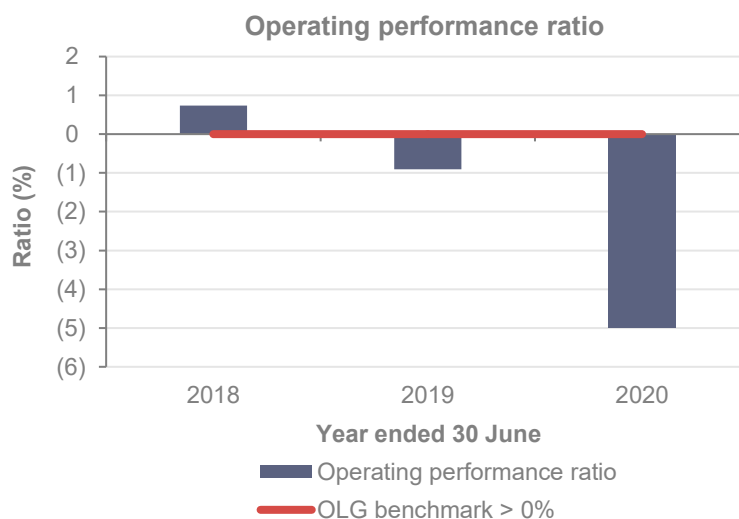
## Performance measures

The following section provides an overview of the Council's performance against the performance measures and performance benchmarks set by the Office of Local Government (OLG) within the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

### Operating performance ratio

Council has fallen below the benchmark during the current year. Council was again in receipt of significant grant funding as has been the case for the last two years. Also, there were lower user fees and charges due to COVID-19.

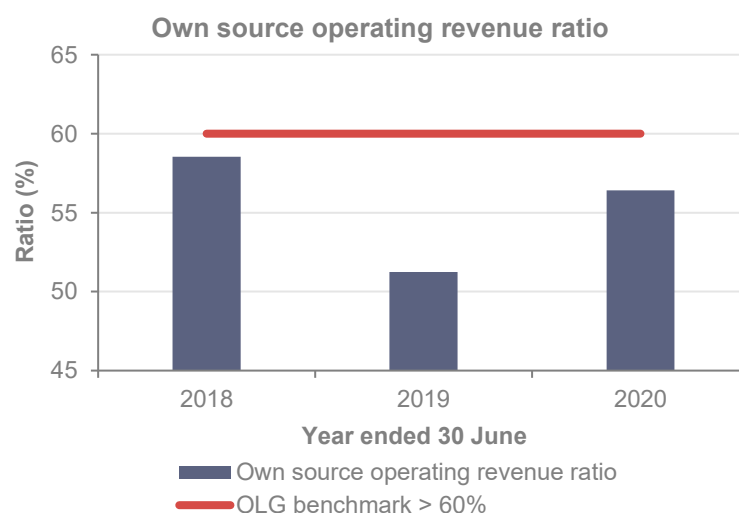
The 'operating performance ratio' measures how well council contained operating expenditure within operating revenue (excluding capital grants and contributions, fair value adjustments, equity investments and reversal of revaluation decrements). The benchmark set by the former Office of Local Government (OLG) is greater than zero per cent.



### Own source operating revenue ratio

The relatively high level of grants and contributions received by Council during the year have seen this ratio continue remain below the benchmark set by the OLG. Council's own source operating revenue has remained consistent in terms of dollar value.

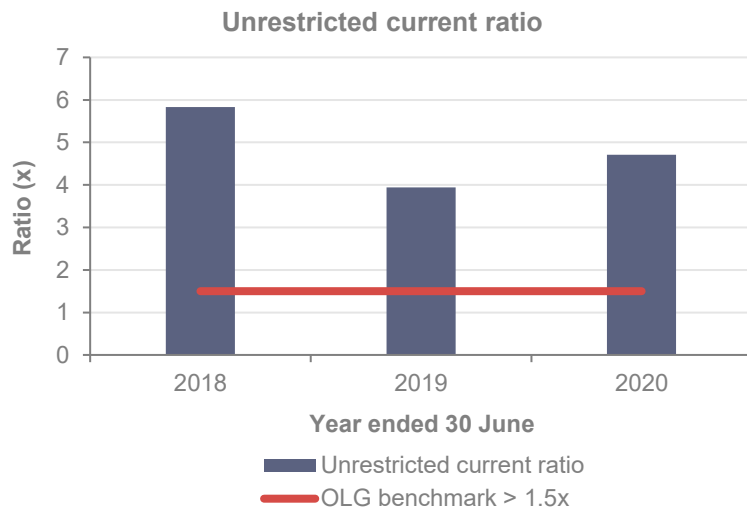
The 'own source operating revenue ratio' measures council's fiscal flexibility and the degree to which it relies on external funding sources such as operating grants and contributions. The benchmark set by the former OLG is greater than 60 per cent.



## Unrestricted current ratio

Council's ratio improved in the current year, it remains well above the OLG benchmark

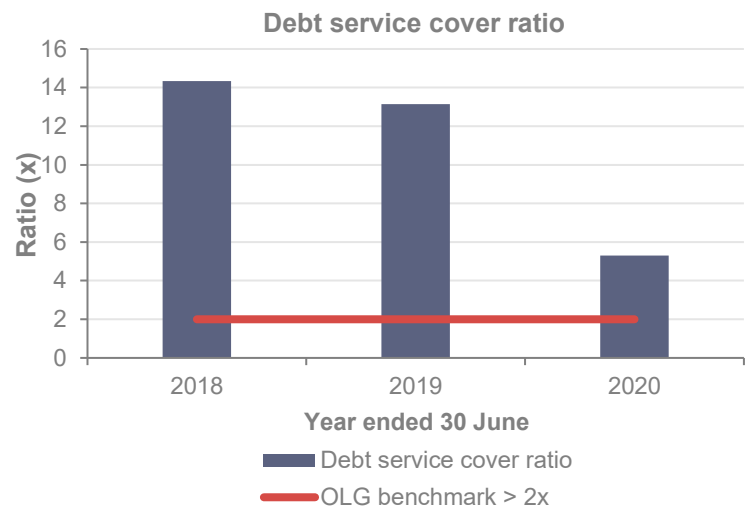
The 'unrestricted current ratio' is specific to local government and represents council's ability to meet its short-term obligations as they fall due. The benchmark set by the former OLG is greater than 1.5 times.



## Debt service cover ratio

Council took out \$2.5 million in new borrowings during the year, which has seen this ratio decrease compared to the prior year.

The 'debt service cover ratio' measures the operating cash to service debt including interest, principal and lease payments. The benchmark set by the former OLG is greater than two times.



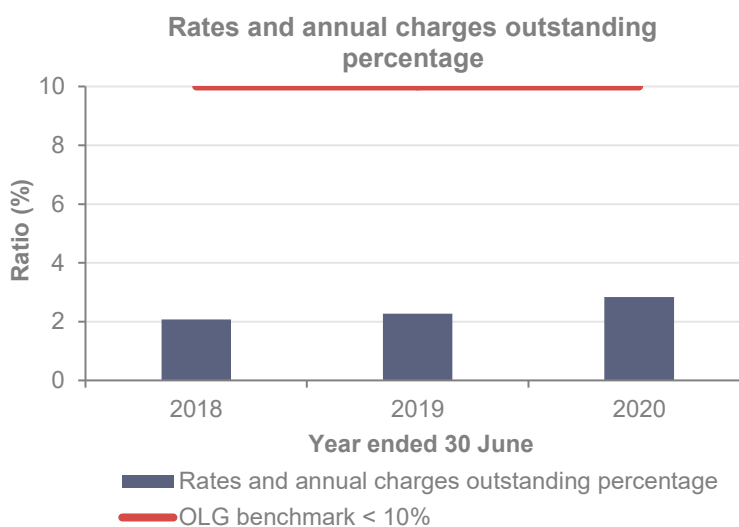


## Rates and annual charges outstanding per centage

Whilst this ratio has increased slightly over the prior year, Council has continued to effectively manage its recovery, maintaining a ratio which is well below the benchmark for rural councils.

For 2020, this ratio has been impacted by the first-time adoption of new revenue standards, where prepaid rates were recognised as a liability compared to prior years being a reduction in rates and annual charges receivable.

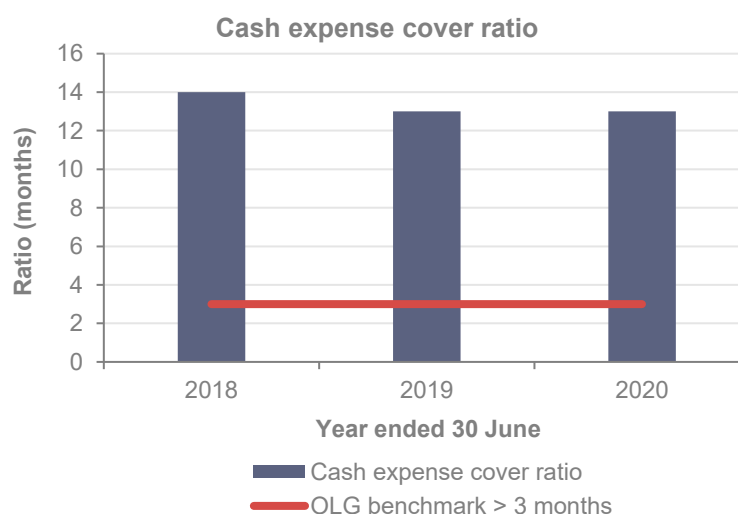
The 'rates and annual charges outstanding per centage' assesses the impact of uncollected rates and annual charges on council's liquidity and the adequacy of debt recovery efforts. The benchmark set by the former OLG is less than 10 per cent for regional and rural councils.



## Cash expense cover ratio

Council's liquidity is reflected by this measure. Council continues to maintain sufficient cash reserves to fund ongoing expenses.

This liquidity ratio indicates the number of months the council can continue paying for its immediate expenses without additional cash inflow. The benchmark set by the former OLG is greater than three months.



## Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment renewals

Council has renewed \$8.2 million of assets in the 2019–20 financial year compared to \$13.1 million in 2018–19. Council spent \$4.7 million during the year to upgrade the Centrepont swimming pool and fitness facility.

## OTHER MATTERS

### Impact of new accounting standards

#### **AASB 15 'Revenue from Contracts with Customers' and AASB 1058 'Income for Not-for-Profit Entities'**

The Council adopted the new accounting standards AASB 15 'Contracts with Customers' and AASB 1058 'Income of Not-for-Profit Entities' (collectively referred to as the Revenue Standards) for the first time in its 2019–20 financial statements.

AASB 15 introduces a new approach to recognising revenue based on the principle that revenue is recognised when control of a good or service transfers to a customer. AASB 15 impacts the timing and amount of revenue recorded in a councils' financial statements, particularly for grant revenue. AASB 15 also increases the amount of disclosures required.

AASB 1058 prescribes how not-for-profit entities account for transactions conducted on non-commercial terms and the receipt of volunteer services. AASB 1058 significantly impacts the timing and amount of income recorded in a councils' financial statements, particularly for grant income and rates which are paid before the commencement of the rating period.

The Council recognised a \$80,000 adjustment to opening accumulated surplus at 1 July 2019 on adoption of the new Revenue Standards.

The Council disclosed the impact of adopting the new Revenue Standards in Note 16.

#### **AASB 16 'Leases'**

The Council adopted the new accounting standard AASB 16 'Leases' for the first time in its 2019–20 financial statements.

AASB 16 changes the way lessees treat operating leases for financial reporting. With a few exceptions, operating leases will now be recorded in the Statement of Financial Position as a right-of-use asset, with a corresponding lease liability.

AASB 16 results in lessees recording more assets and liabilities in the Statement of Financial Position and changes the timing and pattern of expenses recorded in the Income Statement.


The Council recognised right-of-use assets of \$0.1 million and lease liabilities of \$0.1 million at 1 July 2019 on adoption of AASB 16.

The Council disclosed the impact of adopting AASB 16 in Note 16.

### Legislative compliance

My audit procedures did not identify any instances of non-compliance with legislative requirements or a material deficiency in the Council's accounting records or financial statements. The Council's:

- accounting records were maintained in a manner and form to allow the GPFS to be prepared and effectively audited
- staff provided all accounting records and information relevant to the audit.



Karen Taylor  
Director, Financial Audit

Delegate of the Auditor-General for New South Wales

# Blayney Shire Council

SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
for the year ended 30 June 2020

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## Special Purpose Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2020

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### Background

- i. These Special Purpose Financial Statements have been prepared for the use by both Council and the Office of Local Government in fulfilling their requirements under National Competition Policy.
- ii. The principle of competitive neutrality is based on the concept of a 'level playing field' between persons/entities competing in a market place, particularly between private and public sector competitors.

Essentially, the principle is that government businesses, whether Commonwealth, state or local, should operate without net competitive advantages over other businesses as a result of their public ownership.

- iii. For Council, the principle of competitive neutrality and public reporting applies only to declared business activities.

These include **(a)** those activities classified by the Australian Bureau of Statistics as business activities being water supply, sewerage services, abattoirs, gas production and reticulation, and **(b)** those activities with a turnover of more than \$2 million that Council has formally declared as a business activity (defined as Category 1 activities).

- iv. In preparing these financial statements for Council's self-classified Category 1 businesses and ABS-defined activities, councils must **(a)** adopt a corporatisation model and **(b)** apply full cost attribution including tax-equivalent regime payments and debt guarantee fees (where the business benefits from Council's borrowing position by comparison with commercial rates).

Special Purpose Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2020

Statement by Councillors and Management made pursuant to the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting

The attached Special Purpose Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with:

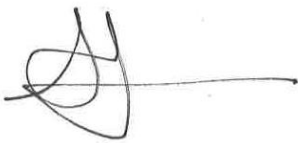
- the NSW Government Policy Statement 'Application of National Competition Policy to Local Government',
- the Division of Local Government Guidelines 'Pricing and Costing for Council Businesses – A Guide to Competitive Neutrality',
- the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting,
- the NSW Office of Water Best-Practice Management of Water and Sewerage Guidelines.

To the best of our knowledge and belief, these statements:

- present fairly the operating result and financial position for each of Council's declared business activities for the year, and
- accord with Council's accounting and other records.
- present overhead reallocation charges to the water and sewerage businesses as fair and reasonable.

We are not aware of any matter that would render these statements false or misleading in any way.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of Council made on 16 November 2020.



Cr. S.J. Ferguson

Mayor

16 November 2020



Cr. A. Ewin

Deputy Mayor

16 November 2020



R. Ryan

General Manager

16 November 2020



T. Irlam

Responsible Accounting Officer

16 November 2020



## Income Statement – Sewerage Business Activity

for the year ended 30 June 2020

\$ '000	2020	2019
<b>Income from continuing operations</b>		
Access charges	1,175	1,153
User charges	153	151
Liquid trade waste charges	98	77
Interest	95	149
Grants and contributions provided for non-capital purposes	29	24
Other income	6	6
<b>Total income from continuing operations</b>	<b>1,556</b>	<b>1,560</b>
<b>Expenses from continuing operations</b>		
Employee benefits and on-costs	270	257
Borrowing costs	44	47
Materials and contracts	632	599
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment	577	564
Other expenses	100	114
<b>Total expenses from continuing operations</b>	<b>1,623</b>	<b>1,581</b>
<b>Surplus (deficit) from continuing operations before capital amounts</b>	<b>(67)</b>	<b>(21)</b>
Grants and contributions provided for capital purposes	50	23
<b>Surplus (deficit) from continuing operations after capital amounts</b>	<b>(17)</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Surplus (deficit) from all operations before tax</b>	<b>(17)</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>SURPLUS (DEFICIT) AFTER TAX</b>	<b>(17)</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Plus accumulated surplus</b>	<b>9,277</b>	<b>9,275</b>
<b>Closing accumulated surplus</b>	<b>9,260</b>	<b>9,277</b>
<b>Return on capital %</b>	<b>(0.1)%</b>	<b>0.1%</b>
<b>Subsidy from Council</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>247</b>
<b>Calculation of dividend payable:</b>		
Surplus (deficit) after tax	(17)	2
Less: capital grants and contributions (excluding developer contributions)	(50)	(23)
<b>Surplus for dividend calculation purposes</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Potential dividend calculated from surplus</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

## Statement of Financial Position – Sewerage Business Activity

as at 30 June 2020

\$ '000	2020	2019
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	1,386	5,427
Investments	4,817	500
Receivables	33	46
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>6,236</b>	<b>5,973</b>
<b>Non-current assets</b>		
Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	20,536	20,682
<b>Total non-current assets</b>	<b>20,536</b>	<b>20,682</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>26,772</b>	<b>26,655</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Payables	17	21
Borrowings	51	47
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>68</b>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>		
Borrowings	470	520
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>520</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>538</b>	<b>588</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>26,234</b>	<b>26,067</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>		
Accumulated surplus	9,260	9,277
Revaluation reserves	16,974	16,790
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b>26,234</b>	<b>26,067</b>

## Notes to the Special Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2020

### Note 1. Significant Accounting Policies

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A statement summarising the supplemental accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the Special Purpose Financial Statements (SPFS) for National Competition Policy (NCP) reporting purposes follows.

These financial statements are SPFS prepared for use by Council and the Office of Local Government. For the purposes of these statements, the Council is a non-reporting not-for-profit entity.

The figures presented in these Special Purpose Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement criteria of relevant Australian Accounting Standards, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) and Australian Accounting Interpretations.

The disclosures in these Special Purpose Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the Local Government Act 2093 (NSW), the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005*, and the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting.

The statements are prepared on an accruals basis. They are based on historic costs and do not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current values of non-current assets. Certain taxes and other costs, appropriately described, have been imputed for the purposes of the National Competition Policy.

The Statement of Financial Position includes notional assets/liabilities receivable from/payable to Council's general fund. These balances reflect a notional intra-entity funding arrangement with the declared business activities.

#### National Competition Policy

Council has adopted the principle of 'competitive neutrality' in its business activities as part of the National Competition Policy which is being applied throughout Australia at all levels of government.

The framework for its application is set out in the June 1996 NSW government policy statement titled 'Application of National Competition Policy to Local Government'.

The *Pricing and Costing for Council Businesses, A Guide to Competitive Neutrality* issued by the Office of Local Government in July 1997 has also been adopted.

The pricing and costing guidelines outline the process for identifying and allocating costs to activities and provide a standard for disclosure requirements.

These disclosures are reflected in Council's pricing and/or financial reporting systems and include taxation equivalents, Council subsidies, return on investments (rate of return), and dividends paid.

#### Declared business activities

In accordance with *Pricing and Costing for Council Businesses – A Guide to Competitive Neutrality*, Council has declared that the following are to be considered as business activities:

##### Category 1

(where gross operating turnover is over \$2 million)

Nil

##### Category 2

(where gross operating turnover is less than \$2 million)

##### a. Blayney Sewerage Service

Sewerage reticulation and treatment system servicing the town of Blayney, which has been established as a Special Rate Fund

##### b. Millthorpe Sewerage Service

Sewerage reticulation and treatment system servicing the town of Millthorpe, which has been established as a Special Rate Fund

## Notes to the Special Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2020

### Note 1. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

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#### Monetary amounts

Amounts shown in the financial statements are in Australian dollars and rounded to the nearest one thousand dollars.

#### (i) Taxation equivalent charges

Council is liable to pay various taxes and financial duties. Where this is the case, they are disclosed as a cost of operations just like all other costs.

However, where Council does not pay some taxes which are generally paid by private sector businesses, such as income tax, these equivalent tax payments have been applied to all Council-nominated business activities and are reflected in Special Purpose Financial Statements.

For the purposes of disclosing comparative information relevant to the private sector equivalent, the following taxation equivalents have been applied to all Council-nominated business activities (this does not include Council's non-business activities):

#### Notional rate applied (%)

Corporate income tax rate – 27.5%

Land tax – the first \$692,000 of combined land values attracts 0%. For the combined land values in excess of \$692,001 up to \$4,231,000 the rate is 1.6% + \$100. For the remaining combined land value that exceeds \$4,231,000 a premium marginal rate of 2.0% applies.

Payroll tax – 5.45% on the value of taxable salaries and wages in excess of \$850,000.

In accordance with the Department of Industry (DoI) – Water guidelines, a payment for the amount calculated as the annual tax equivalent charges (excluding income tax) must be paid from water supply and sewerage business activities.

The payment of taxation equivalent charges, referred to in the DoI – Water guidelines as a 'dividend for taxation equivalent', may be applied for any purpose allowed under the *Local Government Act, 1993*.

Achievement of substantial compliance to the DoI – Water guidelines is not a prerequisite for the payment of the tax equivalent charges, however the payment must not exceed \$3 per assessment.

#### Income tax

An income tax equivalent has been applied on the profits of the business activities.

Whilst income tax is not a specific cost for the purpose of pricing a good or service, it needs to be taken into account in terms of assessing the rate of return required on capital invested.

Accordingly, the return on capital invested is set at a pre-tax level - gain/(loss) from ordinary activities before capital amounts, as would be applied by a private sector competitor. That is, it should include a provision equivalent to the corporate income tax rate, currently 27.5%.

Income tax is only applied where a gain/ (loss) from ordinary activities before capital amounts has been achieved.

Since the taxation equivalent is notional – that is, it is payable to Council as the 'owner' of business operations - it represents an internal payment and has no effect on the operations of the Council. Accordingly, there is no need for disclosure of internal charges in the SPFS.

The rate applied of 27.5% is the equivalent company tax rate prevalent at reporting date. No adjustments have been made for variations that have occurred during the year.

#### Local government rates and charges

A calculation of the equivalent rates and charges payable on all category 1 businesses has been applied to all land assets owned or exclusively used by the business activity.

## Notes to the Special Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2020

### Note 1. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

#### Loan and debt guarantee fees

The debt guarantee fee is designed to ensure that council business activities face 'true' commercial borrowing costs in line with private sector competitors.

In order to calculate a debt guarantee fee, Council has determined what the differential borrowing rate would have been between the commercial rate and Council's borrowing rate for its business activities.

#### (ii) Subsidies

Government policy requires that subsidies provided to customers, and the funding of those subsidies, must be explicitly disclosed.

Subsidies occur when Council provides services on a less-than-cost-recovery basis. This option is exercised on a range of services in order for Council to meet its community service obligations.

Accordingly, 'subsidies disclosed' (in relation to National Competition Policy) represents the difference between revenue generated from 'rate of return' pricing and revenue generated from prices set by Council in any given financial year.

The overall effect of subsidies is contained within the Income Statement of each reported business activity.

#### (iii) Return on investments (rate of return)

The NCP policy statement requires that councils with Category 1 businesses 'would be expected to generate a return on capital funds employed that is comparable to rates of return for private businesses operating in a similar field'.

Such funds are subsequently available for meeting commitments or financing future investment strategies.

The actual rate of return achieved by each business activity is disclosed at the foot of each respective Income Statement.

The rate of return is calculated as follows:

**Operating result before capital income + interest expense**

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**Written down value of I,PP&E as at 30 June**

As a minimum, business activities should generate a return equal to the Commonwealth 10 year bond rate which is 0.88% at 30/6/20.

#### (iv) Dividends

Council is not required to pay dividends to either itself (as owner of a range of businesses) or to any external entities.

Local government water supply and sewerage businesses are permitted to pay an annual dividend from its water supply or sewerage business surplus.

Each dividend must be calculated and approved in accordance with the Department of Industry – Water guidelines and must not exceed:

- 50% of this surplus in any one year, or
- the number of water supply or sewerage assessments at 30 June 2020 multiplied by \$30 (less the payment for tax equivalent charges, not exceeding \$3 per assessment).

In accordance with the Department of Industry – Water guidelines a Dividend Payment form, Statement of Compliance, Unqualified Independent Financial Audit Report and Compliance Audit Report are required to be submitted to the Department of Industry – Water.





## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

### **Report on the special purpose financial statements**

#### **Blayney Shire Council**

To the Councillors of Blayney Shire Council

### **Opinion**

I have audited the accompanying special purpose financial statements (the financial statements) of Blayney Shire Council's (the Council) Declared Business Activity, Sewerage, which comprise the Statement by Councillors and Management, the Income Statement of the Declared Business Activity for the year ended 30 June 2020, the Statement of Financial Position of the Declared Business Activity as at 30 June 2020 and Note 1 Significant accounting policies for the Business Activity declared by Council.

In my opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Council's declared Business Activity as at 30 June 2020, and its financial performance for the year then ended, in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards described in Note 1 and the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting – update number 28 (LG Code).

My opinion should be read in conjunction with the rest of this report.

### **Basis for Opinion**

I conducted my audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. My responsibilities under the standards are described in the 'Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements' section of my report.

I am independent of the Council in accordance with the requirements of the:

- Australian Auditing Standards
- Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 'Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)' (APES 110).

I have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with APES 110.

Parliament promotes independence by ensuring the Auditor-General and the Audit Office of New South Wales are not compromised in their roles by:

- providing that only Parliament, and not the executive government, can remove an Auditor-General
- mandating the Auditor-General as the auditor of councils
- precluding the Auditor-General from providing non-audit services.

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

## **Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting**

Without modifying my opinion, I draw attention to Note 1 to the financial statements which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements have been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the Council's financial reporting responsibilities under the LG Code. As a result, the financial statements may not be suitable for another purpose.

## **Other Information**

The Council's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2020 includes other information in addition to the financial statements and my Independent Auditor's Report thereon. The Councillors are responsible for the other information. At the date of this Independent Auditor's Report, the other information I have received comprise the general purpose financial statements and Special Schedules (the Schedules).

My opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information. Accordingly, I do not express any form of assurance conclusion on the other information. However, as required by the *Local Government Act 1993*, I have separately expressed an opinion on the general purpose financial statements and Special Schedule 'Permissible income for general rates'.

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

If, based on the work I have performed, I conclude there is a material misstatement of the other information, I must report that fact.

I have nothing to report in this regard.

## **The Councillors' Responsibilities for the Financial Statements**

The Councillors are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements and for determining that the accounting policies, described in Note 1 to the financial statements, are appropriate to meet the requirements in the LG Code. The Councillors' responsibility also includes such internal control as the Councillors determine is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Councillors are responsible for assessing the Council's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting.

## **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

My objectives are to:


- obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error
- issue an Independent Auditor's Report including my opinion.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but does not guarantee an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect material misstatements. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error. Misstatements are considered material if, individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions users take based on the financial statements.

A description of my responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at: [www.auasb.gov.au/auditors\\_responsibilities/ar4.pdf](http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_responsibilities/ar4.pdf). The description forms part of my auditor's report.

The scope of my audit does not include, nor provide assurance:

- that the Council carried out its activities effectively, efficiently and economically
- about the security and controls over the electronic publication of the audited financial statements on any website where they may be presented
- about any other information which may have been hyperlinked to/from the financial statements.

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Karen Taylor  
Director, Financial Audit

Delegate of the Auditor-General for New South Wales

17 November 2020  
SYDNEY

# Blayney Shire Council

SPECIAL SCHEDULES  
for the year ended 30 June 2020

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Special Schedules  
for the year ended 30 June 2020

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## Permissible income for general rates

\$ '000	Notes	Calculation 2020/21	Calculation 2019/20
<b>Notional general income calculation <sup>1</sup></b>			
Last year notional general income yield	a	8,858	8,597
Plus or minus adjustments <sup>2</sup>	b	3	29
<b>Notional general income</b>	$c = a + b$	<b>8,861</b>	<b>8,626</b>
<b>Permissible income calculation</b>			
Or rate peg percentage	e	2.60%	2.70%
Or plus rate peg amount	$i = e \times (c + g)$	230	233
<b>Sub-total</b>	$k = (c + g + h + i + j)$	<b>9,091</b>	<b>8,859</b>
Plus (or minus) last year's carry forward total	l	—	1
<b>Sub-total</b>	$n = (l + m)$	<b>—</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Total permissible income</b>	$o = k + n$	<b>9,091</b>	<b>8,860</b>
Less notional general income yield	p	9,079	8,858
<b>Catch-up or (excess) result</b>	$q = o - p$	<b>12</b>	<b>2</b>
Less unused catch-up <sup>5</sup>	s	(6)	(2)
<b>Carry forward to next year <sup>6</sup></b>	$t = q + r + s$	<b>6</b>	<b>—</b>

## Notes

- (1) The notional general income will not reconcile with rate income in the financial statements in the corresponding year. The statements are reported on an accrual accounting basis which include amounts that relate to prior years' rates income.
- (2) Adjustments account for changes in the number of assessments and any increase or decrease in land value occurring during the year. The adjustments are called 'supplementary valuations' as defined in the Valuation of Land Act 1916.
- (5) Unused catch-up amounts will be deducted if they are not caught up within 2 years. Usually councils will have a nominal carry forward figure. These amounts can be adjusted for in setting the rates in a future year.
- (6) Carry forward amounts which are in excess (an amount that exceeds the permissible income) require ministerial approval by order published in the NSW Government Gazette in accordance with section 512 of the Local Government Act 1993. The OLG will extract these amounts from Council's Permissible income for general rates Statement in the financial data return (FDR) to administer this process.



## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

### Special Schedule - Permissible income for general rates

#### Blayney Shire Council

To the Councillors of Blayney Shire Council

### Opinion

I have audited the accompanying Special Schedule – Permissible income for general rates (the Schedule) of Blayney Shire Council (the Council) for the year ending 30 June 2021.

In my opinion, the Schedule is prepared, in all material respects in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting – update number 28 (LG Code), and is in accordance with the books and records of the Council.

My opinion should be read in conjunction with the rest of this report.

### Basis for Opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. My responsibilities under the standards are described in the 'Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Schedule' section of my report.

I am independent of the Council in accordance with the requirements of the:

- Australian Auditing Standards
- Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 'Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)' (APES 110).

I have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with APES 110.

Parliament promotes independence by ensuring the Auditor-General and the Audit Office of New South Wales are not compromised in their roles by:

- providing that only Parliament, and not the executive government, can remove an Auditor-General
- mandating the Auditor-General as auditor of councils
- precluding the Auditor-General from providing non-audit services.

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

## Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting

Without modifying my opinion, I draw attention to the special purpose framework used to prepare the Schedule. The Schedule has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the Council's reporting obligations under the LG Code. As a result, the Schedule may not be suitable for another purpose.

## Other Information

The Council's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2020 includes other information in addition to the Schedule and my Independent Auditor's Report thereon. The Councillors are responsible for the other information. At the date of this Independent Auditor's Report, the other information I have received comprise the general purpose financial statements, special purpose financial statements and Special Schedule 'Report on infrastructure assets as at 30 June 2020.

My opinion on the Schedule does not cover the other information. Accordingly, I do not express any form of assurance conclusion on the other information. However, as required by the *Local Government Act 1993*, I have separately expressed an opinion on the general purpose financial statements and the special purpose financial statements.

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

If, based on the work I have performed, I conclude there is a material misstatement of the other information, I must report that fact.

I have nothing to report in this regard.

## The Councillors' Responsibilities for the Schedule

The Councillors are responsible for the preparation of the Schedule in accordance with the LG Code. The Councillors' responsibility also includes such internal control as the Councillors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the Schedule that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the Schedule, the Councillors are responsible for assessing the Council's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting.

## Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Schedule

My objectives are to:

- obtain reasonable assurance whether the Schedule as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error
- issue an Independent Auditor's Report including my opinion.

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The scope of my audit does not include, nor provide assurance:

- that the Council carried out its activities effectively, efficiently and economically
- about the security and controls over the electronic publication of the audited Schedule on any website where it may be presented
- about any other information which may have been hyperlinked to/from the Schedule.

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Karen Taylor  
Director, Financial Audit

Delegate of the Auditor-General for New South Wales

17 November 2020  
SYDNEY

## Report on Infrastructure Assets

as at 30 June 2020

Asset Class	Asset Category	Estimated cost				Net carrying amount	Gross replacement cost (GRC)	Assets in condition as a percentage of gross replacement cost				
		Estimated cost to bring assets to satisfactory standard	to bring to the agreed level of service set by Council	2019/20 Required maintenance <sup>a</sup>	2019/20 Actual maintenance			1	2	3	4	5
		\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000							
(a) Report on Infrastructure Assets - Values												
Buildings	Buildings	529	1,581	320	654	19,497	30,713	76.0%	14.0%	5.0%	3.0%	2.0%
	Sub-total	529	1,581	320	654	19,497	30,713	76.0%	14.0%	5.0%	3.0%	2.0%
Roads	Sealed roads	1,031	239	1,314	727	123,499	139,794	81.0%	16.0%	2.0%	1.0%	0.0%
	Unsealed roads	4,620	1,201	324	996	27,063	34,471	57.0%	14.0%	16.0%	11.0%	2.0%
	Bridges	2,118	451	89	24	21,415	29,806	45.0%	33.0%	15.0%	6.0%	1.0%
	Footpaths	415	153	95	6	5,959	8,488	32.0%	34.0%	29.0%	3.0%	2.0%
	Major earthworks (non depreciable)	—	—	—	—	12,610	12,610	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	Kerb & Gutter	784	202	139	1	10,318	14,831	28.0%	48.0%	19.0%	4.0%	1.0%
	Roadside Furniture	267	145	25	—	1,883	2,697	45.0%	42.0%	3.0%	1.0%	9.0%
	Culverts	343	97	71	—	5,846	7,524	70.0%	18.0%	8.0%	3.0%	1.0%
	Sub-total	9,578	2,488	2,057	1,754	208,593	250,221	68.8%	19.8%	7.5%	3.2%	0.6%
Sewerage network	Sewerage network	821	144	360	449	19,716	32,172	83.0%	11.0%	3.0%	3.0%	0.0%
	Sub-total	821	144	360	449	19,716	32,172	83.0%	11.0%	3.0%	3.0%	0.0%
Stormwater drainage	Stormwater drainage	164	46	86	—	13,608	17,287	63.0%	31.0%	6.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	Sub-total	164	46	86	—	13,608	17,287	63.0%	31.0%	6.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Open space / recreational assets	Swimming pools	—	—	120	28	4,286	4,432	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	Other	18	104	250	314	3,715	5,216	29.0%	40.0%	29.0%	2.0%	0.0%
	Sub-total	18	104	370	342	8,001	9,648	61.6%	21.6%	15.7%	1.1%	0.0%
TOTAL - ALL ASSETS		11,110	4,363	3,193	3,199	269,415	340,041	70.3%	19.1%	7.0%	3.0%	0.7%

(a) Required maintenance is the amount identified in Council's asset management plans.

### Infrastructure asset condition assessment 'key'

1	<b>Excellent/very good</b>	No work required (normal maintenance)
2	<b>Good</b>	Only minor maintenance work required
3	<b>Satisfactory</b>	Maintenance work required
4	<b>Poor</b>	Renewal required
5	<b>Very poor</b>	Urgent renewal/upgrading required



## Report on Infrastructure Assets (continued)

as at 30 June 2020

	Amounts 2020	Indicator 2020	Prior periods 2019      2018		Benchmark
\$ '000			Restated		
Infrastructure asset performance indicators (consolidated) *					
Buildings and infrastructure renewals ratio <sup>1</sup>					
Asset renewals <sup>2</sup>	9,514	231.26%	272.25%	231.92%	>=100.00%
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment	4,114				
Infrastructure backlog ratio <sup>1</sup>					
Estimated cost to bring assets to a satisfactory standard	11,110	4.12%	7.42%	8.28%	<2.00%
Net carrying amount of infrastructure assets	269,415				
Asset maintenance ratio					
Actual asset maintenance	3,199	100.19%	104.38%	104.98%	>100.00%
Required asset maintenance	3,193				
Cost to bring assets to agreed service level					
Estimated cost to bring assets to an agreed service level set by Council	4,363	1.28%	2.14%	2.07%	
Gross replacement cost	340,041				

(\*) All asset performance indicators are calculated using classes identified in the previous table.

(1) Excludes Work In Progress (WIP)

(2) Asset renewals represent the replacement and/or refurbishment of existing assets to an equivalent capacity/performance as opposed to the acquisition of new assets (or the refurbishment of old assets) that increases capacity/performance.

# Report on Infrastructure Assets (continued)

as at 30 June 2020

## Buildings and infrastructure renewals ratio



### Buildings and infrastructure renewals ratio

To assess the rate at which these assets are being renewed relative to the rate at which they are depreciating.

### Commentary on result

19/20 ratio 231.26%

Council has continued to undertake substantial renewal works on a number of buildings including the CentrePoint Sports and Leisure Centre (swimming pool) and numerous roads and bridges.

Benchmark: —  $\geq 100.00\%$

Ratio achieves benchmark

Source of benchmark: Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting #28

Ratio is outside benchmark

## Asset maintenance ratio



### Asset maintenance ratio

Compares actual vs. required annual asset maintenance. A ratio above 1.0 indicates Council is investing enough funds to stop the infrastructure backlog growing.

### Commentary on result

19/20 ratio 100.19%

Council has achieved the ratio benchmark of  $>100\%$  of required maintenance expenditure. This means Council is investing sufficient funds to stop the infrastructure backlog growing.

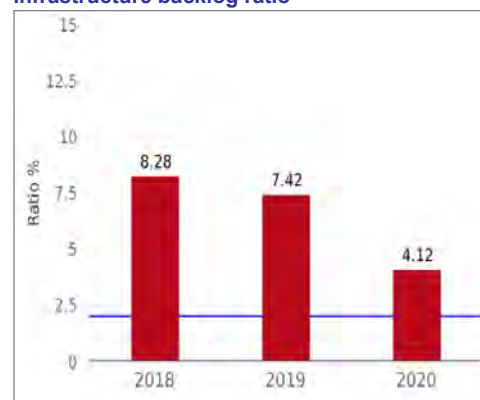
Benchmark: —  $> 100.00\%$

Ratio achieves benchmark

Source of benchmark: Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting #28

Ratio is outside benchmark

## Infrastructure backlog ratio



### Infrastructure backlog ratio

This ratio shows what proportion the backlog is against the total value of a Council's infrastructure.

### Commentary on result

19/20 ratio 4.12%

Council has shown a reduction in the Backlog ratio, as it now uses Condition 3 as the measure of the cost to bring to a satisfactory standard. Council has also continued to invest in a substantial renewals program, which has reduced this backlog.

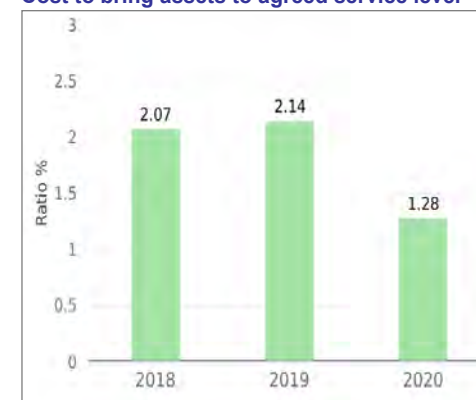
Benchmark: —  $< 2.00\%$

Ratio achieves benchmark

Source of benchmark: Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting #28

Ratio is outside benchmark

## Cost to bring assets to agreed service level



### Cost to bring assets to agreed service level


This ratio provides a snapshot of the proportion of outstanding renewal works compared to the total value of assets under Council's care and stewardship.

### Commentary on result

19/20 ratio 1.28%

This ratio refers to Council bringing assets to condition 3 or better. The ratio has dropped below 1.5% reflecting a reduction in Councils backlog of assets in condition 4 and 5.





# A3

## **PAYMENT OF EXPENSES & PROVISION OF FACILITIES TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS POLICY**



## **Payment of Expenses and the provision of Facilities to the Mayor and Councillors Policy**

<b>Policy</b>	1A
<b>Officer Responsible</b>	Director Corporate Services
<b>Last Review Date</b>	16/04/2018

**Strategic Policy**



## **1. OBJECTIVE OF POLICY**

Section 252 (1) of the Local Government Act 1993 requires Council to adopt a policy concerning the payment of expenses incurred or to be incurred by, and the provision of facilities to, the mayor, the deputy mayor and other councillors (including Administrators) in relation to discharging the functions of civic office.

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that councillors receive adequate and reasonable expenses and facilities to enable them to carry out their civic duties and that there is accountability and transparency in the payment of expenses incurred, or to be incurred by Councillors (including Administrators). The overriding principle to be addressed in the development of this policy is that the provisions of the policy meet the expectations of the local community.

This policy does not deal with matters associated with the setting and payment of annual fees to the Mayor and Councillors, which are determined by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal.

Any reference hereon in this policy to Councillors will encompass Administrators.

## **2. STATUS OF THE POLICY**

This policy has been prepared in accordance with the “Guidelines for the Payment of Expenses and the Provision of Facilities for Mayors and Councillors in NSW” as issued by the Office of Local Government, Department of Premier and Cabinet dated 7 October 2009 (Circular 09-36).

## **3. PAYMENT OF EXPENSES**

### **3.1. CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS**

Requests for attending conferences shall be in writing outlining the benefits for Council. A written report shall be furnished to Council from the Councillor or staff accompanying the Councillor on the aspects of the conference relevant to council business and / or the community. No written report shall be required for the Local Government NSW Annual Conference.

Council will meet the following expenses for Councillors attending conferences and seminars which have been authorised by Council resolution or by the Mayor under delegated authority.

### **3.1.1. Registration Fees**

- i) Payment of registration fees for attendance at conference / seminar sessions.
- ii) Payment of official conference / seminar lunches and dinners, and associated tours where they are relevant to the business and interests of Council, if not covered by the registration cost.

### **3.1.2. Accommodation**

Payment of accommodation costs on the following basis:

- i) Accommodation selected by the Council or General Manager on the basis of cost and convenience of location to the conference. A Councillor may choose accommodation at a different location but which is the same cost or less.
- ii) The number of accommodation days provided under this policy shall be limited to:
  - a. Registration day;
  - b. Each day on which official sessions of the conference / seminar are held, as well as the night preceding the conference / seminar where travelling schedules reasonably require such accommodation; and
  - c. Each day on which a Councillor is required to be accommodated en route to and from the conference / seminar.
- iii) Any additional accommodation costs incurred as a result of the attendance of partners and/or children shall be borne by the Councillor.

### **3.1.3. Car Parking Fees**

Council shall meet the cost of the following car parking fees.

- i) Hotel / Motel parking – additional car parking fees not included in accommodation costs.
- ii) Airport parking – costs incurred in the parking of a Councillor's private vehicle at an airport for the duration of a conference / seminar, subject to the vehicle being parked in the most economical airport car park.

Reimbursement for parking expenses shall be made upon the production of appropriate receipts and tax invoices, and the completion of the required claim form. Claim for such expenses shall be made within two (2) months of the date of return from the conference / seminar.

The driver is personally liable for all traffic infringements and parking fines incurred while travelling in private or Council vehicles. Claims for reimbursement or payment of expenses shall be refused.



## **TRAINING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Council shall meet the expenses for Councillors attending training and professional development which have been authorised by Council resolution or by the Mayor under delegated authority, where the training or educational course is directly related to Councillors civic functions and responsibilities.

The specific expense items met by Council are the same as those applicable to “Conferences and Seminars”, as listed at clause 3.1.

### **3.2. REIMBURSEMENT AND RECONCILIATION OF EXPENSES**

Councillors seeking reimbursement of costs and expenses, incurred in accordance with the requirements of this Policy, shall only be approved upon the production of appropriate receipts and tax invoices, and the completion of the required claim form.

Claims for reimbursement of costs and expenses shall be made within two (2) months of the costs and/or expenses being incurred, unless otherwise specified within this policy.

### **3.3. CLAIM FORM**

Provided as an attachment (Attachment A) to this Policy, is the prescribed Claim Form which shall be completed by any Councillor seeking reimbursement of their costs and expenses.

It is the responsibility of the Councillor to ensure that the Claim Form is submitted accurately and complete, and within the prescribed timeframe as required by this Policy.

Incomplete claim forms may result in costs and expenses not being reimbursed.

### **3.4. PAYMENTS IN ADVANCE**

Councillors may request payment in advance in anticipation of expenses to be incurred in attending conferences, seminars and training away from home. Councillors may also request an advance payment for the cost of any other service or facility covered by this Policy. However, Councillors shall fully reconcile all expenses against the cost of the advance within fourteen (14) days of their return.

Note: No general allowance type payment shall be made under any circumstances.

### **3.5. PAYMENT OF EXPENSES FOR SPOUSES, PARTNERS AND ACCOMPANYING PERSONS**

Where the business of Council includes an invitation to a Councillor's spouse, partner or accompanying person, Council shall meet all reasonable costs associated with the spouse, partner or accompanying person attending that function.

In circumstances where an invitation is not extended to a Councillor's spouse, partner or accompanying person, that spouse, partner or accompanying person may accompany the Councillor on the business of Council, at the expense of the Councillor.

Attendance at the Local Government NSW Annual Conference shall be regarded as business of the Council and, as permitted by the Office of Local Government Guidelines, registration and official conference dinner costs be met by Council.

An accompanying person is a person who has a close personal relationship with the councillor and/or provides carer support to the councillor.

### **3.6. INCIDENTAL EXPENSES**

Claims for reimbursement of reasonable out-of-pocket or incidental expenses incurred by a Councillor whilst attending conferences, seminars or training courses shall only be approved upon presentation of receipts and the completion of the prescribed claim form. Payments of general expense allowances shall not be permitted under this policy.

Incidental expenses will be paid in accordance with the annual Taxation Determination issued by the Australian Taxation Office titled: *Income tax: what are the reasonable travel and overtime meal allowance expense amounts for the xxxx-xx income year?* Amounts claimed shall not exceed amounts specified in the Taxation Determination.

### **3.7. INSURANCE**

Council shall effect an appropriate level of insurance for Councillors in the following areas:

- i) Public Liability – for matters arising out of a Councillor's performance of their civic duties and/or exercise of their Council functions.
- ii) Professional Indemnity – for matters arising out of a Councillor's performance of their civic duties and/or exercise of their Council functions.
- iii) Personal Accident – coverage of Councillor and/or spouse while on Council business.
- iv) Defamation – excluding Councillor to Councillor, Councillor to Staff and Staff to Councillor.
- v) Travel – for approved travel on Council business.

Council shall meet any excess applicable under a policy for:

- Councillor and Officers – in relation to a Councillor performing their civic duties or Council functions;
- Other Insurances – in specific instances when considered necessary by the General Manager (e.g. travel insurance).

### **3.8. LEGAL EXPENSES**

Council may indemnify or reimburse the reasonable legal expenses of:-

- i) A Councillor defending an action arising from the performance in good faith of a function under the Local Government Act 1993 (refer Section 731), provided that the outcome of the legal proceedings is favourable to the Councillor.
- ii) A Councillor defending an action in defamation, provided that the outcome of the legal proceedings is favourable to the Councillor.
- iii) A Councillor involved in the event of:
  - An inquiry, investigation or hearing into a Councillor's conduct by any of the following:
    - o Independent Commission Against Corruption
    - o Office of the NSW Ombudsman
    - o Office of Local Government, Department of Premier and Cabinet
    - o NSW Police Force
    - o Director of Public Prosecutions
    - o Local Government Pecuniary Interest Tribunal
    - o Council's Conduct Review Committee / Reviewer

This is provided that the subject of the inquiry, investigation or hearing arises from the performance in good faith of a councillor's functions under the Local Government Act 1993 and the matter before the investigative or review body has proceeded past any initial assessment phase to a formal investigation or review. In the case of a conduct complaint made against a councillor, legal costs shall only be made available where a matter has been referred by the General Manager to the conduct reviewer/conduct review committee to make formal enquiries into that matter in accordance with the procedures in the Code of Conduct. In the case of a pecuniary interest or misbehaviour matter legal costs shall only be made available where a formal investigation has been commenced by the Office of Local Government.

In addition, legal costs shall only be provided where the investigative or review body makes a finding that is not substantially unfavourable to the councillor. This may include circumstances in which a matter does not proceed to a finding. In relation to a councillor's conduct, a finding by an investigative or review body that an inadvertent minor technical breach had occurred may not necessarily be considered a substantially unfavourable outcome.

Council shall not meet the legal costs of legal proceedings initiated by a Councillor under any circumstance.

Council shall not meet the legal costs of a councillor seeking advice in respect of possible defamation, or in seeking a non-litigious remedy for possible defamation.

Legal costs shall not be met for legal proceedings that do not involve a councillor performing their role as a councillor.

Council may lawfully obtain insurance cover against the risk of having to meet the reasonable legal costs of a councillor, or to reimburse those costs, provided that the costs or reimbursements are ones that it is authorised to meet.

Council may reimburse such Councillor, after the conclusion of the inquiry, investigation, hearing or proceeding, for all legal expenses properly and reasonable incurred, given the nature of the inquiry, investigation, hearing or proceeding, on a solicitor / client basis. Such determination shall be by resolution of Council.

### **3.9. CARER'S PROVISIONS**

#### **3.9.1. Carer's Expenses**

Councillors who are the principal carer of a child or other elderly, disabled and/or sick immediate family member shall be entitled to reimbursement of carer's expenses up to a maximum of \$1,000 per annum for attendance at Council and Committee meetings and other official civic functions noted below, plus reasonable travel from their principal place of residence. Child care expenses may be claimed for children up to and including the age of 16 years. Reimbursement of carer's expenses shall be made after submission of receipts and tax invoices and completion of the prescribed claim form. Claims for such expenses shall be made within one (1) month of the expense being incurred. Official civic functions may include:

- Attendance at Ordinary and Extraordinary meetings of Council.
- Attendance at Council Committee meetings of which the Councillor is a member.
- Attendance at Ordinary, Committee and Sub-Committee meetings of an organisation where the Councillor has, by Council resolution, been duly elected as a Council delegate.
- Attendance at inspections, within or outside the area as authorised by Council resolution or by the Mayor under delegated authority.
- Attendance at official Council functions as authorised as Council business by a resolution of Council.
- Attendance at conferences or seminars approved by Council resolution or by the Mayor under delegated authority.
- Attendance at training or professional development approved by Council resolution or by the Mayor under delegated authority.
- Attendance at functions to which the Mayor has been invited, which are attended at the request of the Mayor.

Councillors shall provide suitable evidence to the General Manager that reimbursement is applicable, such as advice from a medical practitioner in the event of caring for an adult person.

### **3.9.2. Expenses and Facilities for Councillors with Disabilities**

In addition to the provisions of 3.10.1, for any councillor with a disability, Council may resolve to provide reasonable additional facilities and expenses, in order to allow that Councillor to perform their civic duties.

## **4. CONSIDERATION OF SPECIFIC EXPENSES FOR MAYORS AND COUNCILLORS**

### **4.1. GENERAL TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS**

All travel by Councillors shall be undertaken by utilising the most direct route and the most practicable and economical mode of transport subject to any personal medical considerations.

Note: The driver is personally responsible for all traffic infringements and parking fines incurred while travelling in private or council vehicles on Council business.

### **4.2. LOCAL TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS AND EXPENSES**

For the purposes of this Policy, Local Travel will include travel conducted within the following Local Government Areas:-

- Blayney
- Cowra
- Bathurst
- Orange
- Cabonne
- Dubbo

For the purposes of this Policy, where Council Delegates attend meetings of the Lachlan Regional Transport Committee Inc, Local Travel will include travel conducted within, and transiting to, the Local Government Areas of the members to this Committee.

Travelling expenses within these Local Government Areas shall be paid to Councillors upon submission of the completed claim form for:

- Attendance at Council or Committee meetings;
- Undertaking approved business of the Council.

Councillors are encouraged to pool vehicles where practicable.



#### **4.3. NON-LOCAL AND OTHER TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS AND EXPENSES**

Payment of travelling expenses for all other travel outside of the “local area” as defined above shall be submitted to Council for consideration, and shall only be paid if approved.

All non-local and other travel should be advised to the General Manager in advance for coordination of accommodation and travel arrangements (if required). Such advice shall be on a travel authority and submitted in time for approval by Council as attached to this policy. For risk minimisation Councillors are to pool vehicles where practicable. All travel by vehicle shall be by the following priority:

- a. Council vehicle (if available)
- b. Councillor vehicle
- c. Hire vehicle

Claims for expenses incurred shall be submitted on the approved claim form as attached to this Policy, and each claim shall clearly state the purpose of the travel.

#### **4.4. TRAVELLING EXPENSES PER KILOMETRE RATE**

Approved claims for payment of travelling expenses shall be fixed at the rate per kilometre for vehicles per the cents per kilometre method as determined by the Australian Taxation Office.

#### **4.5. OTHER EXPENSES**

Councillor claims for payment of “Other Expenses” not specifically covered by this Policy shall be presented in a report to Council for consideration, and shall only be paid if approved.

### **5. PROVISION OF FACILITIES**

#### **5.1. GENERAL PRINCIPLES**

The provision of facilities, equipment and services to the Mayor and Councillors shall be used by the Mayor and Councillors only for the purposes of fulfilling their civic duties and functions. However, Council acknowledges that infrequent private use of the facilities and equipment may occur.

Council facilities, equipment and services shall not be used to produce and disseminate election material, personalised pamphlets or newsletters (and the like) or material for any other political purpose.

## **5.2. TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT**

### **5.2.1. Mobile Devices**

At the expense of Council, each Councillor shall be provided with Technology equipment, the provision of a mobile device (i.e tablet or phone). Such equipment will be provided with required applications for Councillors to undertake their duties. Any additional applications at Council expense must be made in writing with substantiation of need. Where a phone is provided Council shall not be responsible for phone charges.

Councillors shall be provided a \$100 itunes card on commencement of each Council term for purchase, update or replacement of applications.

Council will not be responsible for purchase, update or replacement of applications not purchased through Council in the event of equipment failure.

### **5.2.2. Data Allowance**

Tablet devices shall include a data plan allowance of 1 gigabyte per month. Councillors shall be eligible to claim a data allowance of up to 50% reimbursement of data charges associated with home internet and telephone up to a maximum value determined by Council annually.

## **5.3. APPAREL**

At the expense of Council, each Councillor shall be provided with the following apparel each term:

- Two (2) ties or scarves;
- Two corporate polo shirts or dress shirts or a combination thereof;
- and
- Protective clothing as deemed required by the General Manager.

Any apparel purchased under this section shall carry the Council logo.

## **5.4. OTHER FACILITIES**

Councillors are to receive the benefit of:

- Provision and use of business cards and name badges;
- Postage of official correspondence - all mail is to be directed through the Council's own mailing systems;
- Meals/refreshments at Council, Committee, Sub-Committee Meetings and Working Parties, or at any other time deemed appropriate by the Mayor or General Manager whilst on Council business;

## **5.5. RETURN OF FACILITIES**

Councillors shall return any equipment or other facilities to Council after the completion of their term of office, extended leave of absence or at the cessation of their civic duties.

Where a separate sim card / telephone had been established, this line shall be disconnected at Council's expense. However, should the Councillor wish to retain the use of this line, then at Council's expense, the line shall be transferred into the name of the Councillor.

Councillors will also have the option of purchasing the equipment previously allocated at an agreed fair market price or written down price value.

## **6. PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES FOR MAYORS**

### **6.1. SECRETARIAL SUPPORT**

Secretarial support facilities are available to the mayor during normal office hours, through the General Manager.

### **6.2. CREDIT CARD**

- i) The Mayor will be provided with a Corporate Credit Card to facilitate payment of incidental expenses such as attendance at functions, accommodation, parking and entertainment in conjunction with discharging the functions of the Mayoral Office.
- ii) The credit card will have a limit of \$2,000 personally issued to the Mayor. The application form is to be signed by the Mayor.
- iii) The credit card is to be used for Council-related business expenditure only.
- iv) The credit card must not be used for obtaining cash advances.
- v) Upon completion of the Mayoral term, the credit card is to be returned to the General Manager on or prior to the date the term ceases.
- vi) Ongoing use of the credit card by the Mayor will be in accordance with and subject to any other policy relating to the use of such credit facilities adopted by Council from time to time.

**ATTACHMENT A – CLAIM FORM**

**BLAYNEY SHIRE COUNCIL  
COUNCILLOR'S EXPENSES CLAIM FORM**

Council has adopted a Policy for payment of expenses and provision of facilities to the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors in relation to discharging the functions of civic office.

**Name of Councillor:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TRAVEL**

Date	Council Meeting/Committee/Other	Kilometres

**ACCOMMODATION/ SUSTENANCE/ OUT OF POCKET EXPENSES**

*Please provide details and attach receipts*

\$

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**TRAVEL (Kilometres)** \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**PAYMENT**

**OTHER** \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL**

\$

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**ATTACHMENT B – TRAVEL AUTHORITY**

**BLAYNEY SHIRE COUNCIL  
COUNCILLOR TRAVEL AUTHORITY  
FOR NON-LOCAL AND OTHER TRAVEL**

Pursuant to the Payment of Expenses and the Provision of Facilities to the Mayor and Councillors Policy the following application is submitted:

Name of Councillor: \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose of Travel: \_\_\_\_\_

Date(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Time from / to: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Venue: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mode of Transport: (please circle)**

Air

Council Vehicle

Councillor Vehicle

Hire Vehicle

**Accommodation (if required):**

Single Room: \_\_\_\_\_ Double Room: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Motel preference: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide other relevant details (e.g. special requirements):

**SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Authority should be lodged with sufficient time for Council report for approval to be submitted.)

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Council meeting date: \_\_\_\_\_ Minute No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Transport: \_\_\_\_\_ Order No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Motel: \_\_\_\_\_ Order No.: \_\_\_\_\_

## BLAYNEY SHIRE COUNCIL COUNCILLOR DATA ALLOWANCE CLAIM FORM

Council has adopted a Policy for payment of expenses and provision of facilities to the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors in relation to reimbursement of internet (data) charges associated with home internet and telephone.

A new data allowance claim is required to be lodged annually or where an internet (data) plan or provider is changed.

**Name of Councillor:** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Date</b>	<b>Data provider</b>	<b>Internet Plan value per month \$</b>	<b>Claim per month \$</b>

Maximum claimable is amount determined and approved by Council annually.

Please attach copy of invoice to substantiate plan value.

Please note: A new claim must be submitted where the plan value changes.

**SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

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PAYMENT

**TOTAL CLAIM**

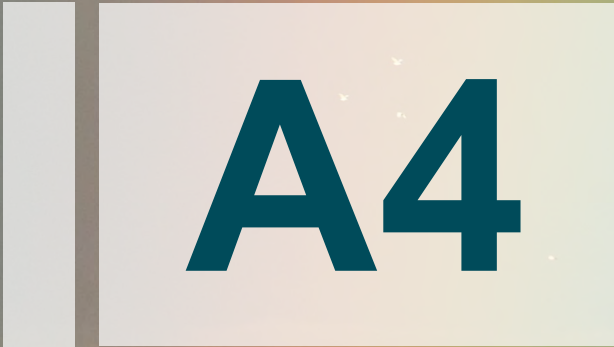
**TOTAL**

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	<b>Date</b>	<b>Minute No.</b>
<b>First Adopted:</b>	<b>20/9/1999</b>	<b>592</b>
<b>Last Reviewed:</b>	<b>13/08/2001</b>	<b>388</b>
	<b>12/02/2007</b>	<b>7</b>
	<b>14/05/2007</b>	<b>07/094</b>
	<b>12/05/2008</b>	<b>08/105</b>
	<b>29/09/2008</b>	<b>08/231</b>
	<b>08/02/2010</b>	<b>1002/010</b>
	<b>09/05/2011</b>	<b>1105/007</b>
	<b>12/09/2011</b>	<b>1109/022</b>
	<b>10/12/2012</b>	<b>1212/005</b>
	<b>09/09/2013</b>	<b>1309/009</b>
	<b>16/09/2014</b>	<b>1409/010</b>
	<b>14/09/2015</b>	<b>1509/006</b>
	<b>19/09/2016</b>	<b>1609/009</b>
	<b>16/04/2018</b>	<b>1804/009</b>
<b>Next Review:</b>	<b>15/03/2021</b>	

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**GOVERNMENT INFORMATION  
(PUBLIC ACCESS) ACT  
ANNUAL REPORT**

# **2019/20 ANNUAL REPORT**



## **GOVERNMENT INFORMATION (PUBLIC ACCESS) ACT**

IPC Lodgement date: 28 October 2020

Clause 8A: Details of the review carried out by the agency under section 7 (3) of the Act during the reporting year and the details of any information made publicly available by the agency as a result of the review

Reviews carried out by the agency	Information made publicly available by the agency
Yes	Yes

Council under Clause 7 of the Government Information (Public Access) Regulation 2009 is required to provide details of the review for the release of government information carried out during the reporting year and to provide details of any information made publicly available under the review. Council's program for the proactive release of information involves maintaining and promoting to staff a practice of openness and accountability of corporate information and decision making. Council ensures information on all key decisions, projects, events and issues is communicated through a mixture of online and traditional tools. The focus of access to information held by Blayney Shire Council is to promote proactive release of where possible via the website: [www.blayney.nsw.gov.au](http://www.blayney.nsw.gov.au) and social media. Council staff have been engaged and encouraged to make available information on the website to improve the level of understanding by users and ease interpretation by staff thus allowing for easier and more efficient access to information. Council's Agency Information Guide details the documents that are made publicly available by Council. Council prefers written requests for access to information that is not proactively released from its website or not otherwise publicly accessible in order to create an audit trail, clearly identify the information sought and assist in its review of information for proactive release. Council has effective communications and protocols, internally and externally, and is open to, and encourages feedback from the community and interested parties. Services are delivered professionally and effectively, responding quickly with a willingness to be flexible where necessary. Council conducts an ongoing review of its program of proactive release of information and while no significant improvements were effected we continue to proactively release information as follows:

- Council has continued promotion of its rates e-notice project encouraging ratepayers to receive notices electronically enabling them to access a 5 year history.
- Council has mapping accessible from its website for proactive release of cemetery information and location across Council's cemeteries; rate categories of properties across Blayney Shire and waste collection runs.
- Reporting to the community through prominent display on its website and local print media, Public Exhibition notices of proposed activities, policies and strategies which invites community feedback during the decision making process.
- Distributing regular Media Releases on Council decisions, projects, services and events and matters of community interest and activities that are supported by Council.
- Advertising local Council managed and community activities and events through a weekly advertisement in the local paper and through radio segments, a monthly e-newsletter, and a web based Calendar of Events.
- Through the Electronic Housing Code enquiries can be undertaken online to establish whether a development application must be lodged or will be a complying development. The DA Tracker also enables enquiries to be done online to ascertain the status of a development application. Council is progressing expansion of this facility with enhanced functionality and capability with accessing information. Subject to no further legislative amendments, it is anticipated that this will be finalised and rolled out in 2020/21.
- Council released information on a number of projects, initiatives and developments on its website including: Plans; policies and strategies; Community Strategic Plan and related plans under the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework; Mapping; Spatial Information Links; various forms of community information.
- Council uses other forms of electronic media i.e. Facebook and Twitter in attempting to better engage

and inform the community on Council activities. Council has a practice of promoting new updates to its website on these other forms of media as part of Council’s commitment to transparency. Council is satisfied that all relevant and applicable information is being made available to the public.

Clause 8B: The total number of access applications received by the agency during the reporting year (including withdrawn applications but not including invalid applications)

Total number of applications received
0

Clause 8C: The total number of access applications received by the agency during the reporting year that the agency refused either wholly or partly, because the application was for the disclosure of information referred to in Schedule 1 to the Act (information for which there is conclusive presumption of overriding public interest against disclosure)

Number of Applications Refused	Wholly	Partly	Total
	0	0	0
% of Total	0%	0%	

Schedule 2 Statistical information about access applications to be included in annual report

Table A: Number of applications by type of applicant and outcome\*

	Access Granted in Full	Access Granted in Part	Access Refused in Full	Information not Held	Information Already Available	Refuse to Deal with Application	Refuse to Confirm/Deny whether information is held	Application Withdrawn	Total	% of Total
Media	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Members of Parliament	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Private sector business	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Not for profit organisations or community groups	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Members of the public (by legal representative)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Members of the public (other)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
% of Total	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%		

\* More than one decision can be made in respect of a particular access application. If so, a recording must be made in relation to each such decision. This also applies to Table B.



Table B: Number of applications by type of application and outcome\*

	Access Granted in Full	Access Granted in Part	Access Refused in Full	Information not Held	Information Already Available	Refuse to Deal with Application	Refuse to Confirm/Deny whether information is held	Application Withdrawn	Total	% of Total
Personal information applications*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Access applications (other than personal information applications)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Access applications that are partly personal information applications and partly other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
% of Total	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%		

\* A personal information application is an access application for personal information (as defined in clause 4 of Schedule 4 to the Act) about the applicant (the applicant being an individual).

Table C: Invalid applications

Reason for invalidity	No of applications	% of Total
Application does not comply with formal requirements (section 41 of the Act)	0	0%
Application is for excluded information of the agency (section 43 of the Act)	0	0%
Application contravenes restraint order (section 110 of the Act)	0	0%
Total number of invalid applications received	0	0%
Invalid applications that subsequently became valid applications	0	0%

Table D: Conclusive presumption of overriding public interest against disclosure: matters listed in Schedule 1 of Act

	Number of times consideration used*	% of Total
Overriding secrecy laws	0	0%
Cabinet information	0	0%
Executive Council information	0	0%
Contempt	0	0%
Legal professional privilege	0	0%
Excluded information	0	0%
Documents affecting law enforcement and public safety	0	0%
Transport safety	0	0%
Adoption	0	0%
Care and protection of children	0	0%
Ministerial code of conduct	0	0%
Aboriginal and environmental heritage	0	0%
Privilege generally - Sch 1(5A)	0	0%
Information provided to High Risk Offenders Assessment Committee	0	0%
Total	0	

\*More than one public interest consideration may apply in relation to a particular access application and if so, each such consideration is to be recorded (but only once per application). This also applies in relation to Table E

Table E: Other public interest considerations against disclosure: matters listed in table to section 14 of Act

	Number of times consideration used*	% of Total
Responsible and effective government	0	0%
Law enforcement and security	0	0%
Individual rights, judicial processes and natural justice	0	0%
Business interests of agencies and other persons	0	0%
Environment, culture, economy and general matters	0	0%
Secrecy provisions	0	0%
Exempt documents under interstate Freedom of Information legislation	0	0%
Total	0	

Table F: Timeliness

	Number of applications*	% of Total
Decided within the statutory timeframe (20 days plus any extensions)	0	0%
Decided after 35 days (by agreement with applicant)	0	0%
Not decided within time (deemed refusal)	0	0%
Total	0	

Table G: Number of applications reviewed under Part 5 of the Act (by type of review and outcome)

	Decision varied	Decision upheld	Total	% of Total
Internal review	0	0	0	0%
Review by Information Commissioner*	0	0	0	0%
Internal review following recommendation under section 93 of Act	0	0	0	0%
Review by NCAT	0	0	0	0%
Total	0	0	0	
% of Total	0%	0%		

\*The Information Commissioner does not have the authority to vary decisions, but can make recommendations to the original decision-maker. The data in this case indicates that a recommendation to vary or uphold the original decision has been made by the Information Commissioner.

Table H: Applications for review under Part 5 of the Act (by type of applicant)

	Number of applications for review	% of Total
Applications by access applicants	0	0%
Applications by persons to whom information the subject of access application relates (see section 54 of the Act)	0	0%
Total	0	

Table I: Applications transferred to other agencies.

	Number of applications transferred	% of Total
Agency-Initiated Transfers	0	0%
Applicant - Initiated Transfers	0	0%
Total	0	





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**PUBLIC INTEREST  
DISCLOSURES  
ANNUAL REPORT**



# **2019/20 ANNUAL REPORT**



## **PUBLIC INTEREST DISCLOSURES ANNUAL REPORT**

Date lodged with NSW Ombudsman: 29/07/2020



## Public Interest Disclosures

Council is required under the Public Interest Disclosures Act to collect and report on information about public interest disclosures (PIDs).

No PIDs were made for the period 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020:

The number of public officials who have made a public interest disclosure to the public authority	Nil
The number of public interest disclosures received by the public authority in total and the number of public interest disclosures received by the public authority relating to each of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Corrupt conduct</li><li>• Maladministration</li><li>• Serious and substantial waste of public money or local government money (as appropriate)</li><li>• Corrupt conduct</li></ul>	Nil Nil Nil Nil
Government information contraventions	Nil
Local government pecuniary interest contraventions	Nil
The number of public interest disclosures finalised by the public authority	Nil

Council has a public interest disclosures policy in place.

Council has taken the following actions to ensure that staff are aware of their responsibilities under section 6E(1)(b) of the Act:

- Information on public interest disclosures included in Council's *Employee Manual*.
- Discussion of policy during induction and re-induction of all Council staff.
- The Policy was available in Council's Policy Register on its Intranet and Website.
- Promotional posters displayed in work areas and lunchrooms.
- Promotional information on Intranet home page.
- Discussion at staff and team meetings and toolbox talks.



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**DISABILITY INCLUSION  
ACTION PLAN  
ANNUAL REPORT**



# **DISABILITY INCLUSION ACTION PLAN**

**2017 – 2021**



## **ANNUAL REPORT**

**FOR PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2020**

**Date lodged with NSW Communities and Justice: 16/12/2020**

**Blayney Shire Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2017 - 2021**  
**Annual Report as at 30 June 2020 on Strategies and Actions**

Attitudes and behaviours					
Strategy	Actions	CSP Ref.	Outcome	Time-frame	Status
<b>1. Raise awareness of the contribution that people with disability make in the community</b>	Include positive images of people with disability in general promotional material.	6.2	Increased number of documents including diversity	Ongoing	As documents are published a review for inclusiveness is undertaken.
	Use of correct language in all media and publications when referencing people with disabilities.	6.2	Establishment of standard and staff informed	Ongoing	
<b>2. Ensure that customer service staff and other staff who have contact with the community continue to be educated in disability awareness</b>	Integrate training on access into Council staff inductions.	6.3	Included in induction training	Ongoing	Induction process with new staff and Training Plan inclusive of Disability Awareness Training adopted.
	Provide ongoing training on disability inclusion to employees	6.3	Training identified in training plan	Ongoing	
<b>5. Engage with local businesses to encourage and support inclusive practices</b>	Work with the business community to raise awareness of the importance of inclusion for people with disability	1.6	Engage with local business to promote inclusiveness	Ongoing	Council has budget provision and advises business of its Access Consulting Support Program. The program assists businesses by providing preliminary accessibility compliance advice triggered when a Construction Certificate is lodged.
Create Liveable Communities					
Strategy	Actions	CSP Ref.	Outcome	Time-frame	Status
<b>1. Improve accessible paths of travel to key destinations</b>	Identify the suitability of paths of travel to key destinations such as recreation facilities, parks and community facilities.	5.2	Assessment completed	Ongoing	<p>Active Movement Strategy Works completed:-</p> <p>Blayney: Martin St - Farm Lane - Belubula River - Ogilvy St - Adelaide St, Blayney</p> <p>Blayney: Adelaide St - Martha St</p> <p>Carcoar: Icely St</p> <p>Lyndhurst: Selby St - Mid Western Hwy - Mount McDonald Road</p> <p>Mandurama: Gold St</p> <p>Millthorpe: Redmond Oval</p> <p>Millthorpe: Blake St</p> <p>Renewals completed:-</p> <p>Blayney: Ogilvy St between Adelaide St and Farm Ln, Blayney</p> <p>Park St, entry to Redmond Oval, Millthorpe</p> <p>Spot renewals and repairs completed:-</p> <p>Blayney: Maple Crescent, Napier, Adelaide, and Binstead Sts</p> <p>Carcoar: Icely St</p> <p>Mandurama: Cooper, Olive, Loquat and Gold Sts</p> <p>Millthorpe: Victoria and Park Sts</p>

**Blayney Shire Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2017 - 2021**  
**Annual Report as at 30 June 2020 on Strategies and Actions**

<b>Create Liveable Communities</b>					
<b>Strategy</b>	<b>Actions</b>	<b>CSP Reference</b>	<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Time-frame</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>2. Contribute towards liveable and accessible public places</b>	Work with local business to identify barriers to access and develop opportunities for improvement	1.6	Barriers identified	2020	Council has budget provision and advises business of its Access Consulting Support Program. The program assists businesses by providing preliminary accessibility compliance advice triggered when a Construction Certificate is lodged.
	Promote universal access principles for new and upgraded buildings and facilities in public places.	4.1	Access principles included in project	Ongoing	<p>Everyone Can Play principles included in concept planning for future open space at Beaufort St Blayney.</p> <p>New compliant public toilets completed at Barry Hall and Carcoar Sportsground, including accessible parking and pathways.</p> <p>Shared path concept completed to provide future connection from Martin St to Martha St, Blayney.</p> <p>Central West Equestrian and Livestock Centre includes accessible parking and pathways.</p> <p>All Construction Certificate applications are assessed in accordance with the Building Code of Australia and the Disability (Access to Premises - Buildings) Standards 2010.</p> <p>Access consulting offered to businesses in pre DA advice, however none used the service in 19/20.</p>
	Include access and inclusion as a guiding principle in Plans of Management for community land and provisions with the Development Control Plan	3.4	Planning policies inclusive	2020	Accessible outcomes were included in part D of the Development Control Plan (DCP) 2018.
	Consider the particular needs of children with disability in the design, layout and security of parks and playgrounds.	4.1	Playgrounds are safe and inclusive	Ongoing	Everyone Can Play principles included in concept planning for future open space at Beaufort St Blayney.
	Promote disability inclusion in community events and festivals e.g. availability of accessible toilet facilities.	1.6	Promotion of inclusive events by Council	Ongoing	Event Management Plan promotes accessible events.
<b>4. Continuously upgrade Council's assets to meet legislative requirements for accessibility</b>	Complete an audit of all Council assets to ensure accessibility and identify priorities for upgrade	4.1	Audit completed and priorities identified	2020	<p>Accessibility, assessed as part of proposed renewals and upgrades as project and funding becomes available.</p> <p>2018 audit of accessible car parking within the Blayney Shire completed, costings to undertake compliance upgrades are yet to be completed.</p>
	Liaison with Orange City and Cabonne Shire Councils to improve access to tourism destinations	1.3	Opportunities for funding identified	2020	Library Project funded new access doors and accessible toilets.

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<b>Create Liveable Communities</b>					
<b>Strategy</b>	<b>Actions</b>	<b>CSP Ref.</b>	<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Time-frame</b>	
<b>5. Improve accessible public toilet facilities and parking</b>	Review, update and promote the location of accessible facilities and parking on Council's Mobility Map.	4.3	Development of Mobility map	Ongoing	Social Futures proposed to undertake the Access at a Glance project in Blayney to create a digital online map identifying all facilities and business that are accessible during 2020. Project was de-funded late 2019. Everywhere Venues confirmed the project shut down but have offered that Blayney list all its venues on their online platform - <a href="https://everywherevenues.com/">https://everywherevenues.com/</a> as an online alternative to the State Government Project.
	Promote needs of people with disability to event organisers of special events particularly where parking is temporary and movement around venue may be restricted.	2.1	Events include accessible parking	Ongoing	Through the Event management approval process event organisers are asked to consider accessible facilities and parking with event planning. Associated information is also provided.
<b>6. Contribute towards programs which aim to increase social inclusion and community connection</b>	Work in partnership to raise awareness of campaigns to promote inclusion throughout the community e.g. the "Just Like You" program in schools.	5.1	Increase in awareness and participation	2020	Program was proposed to be undertaken in partnership with adjoining Councils. Program of authorisation and engagement with schools required. Not yet commenced. Council continues to support of Interagency and delivery of services to people with disability.
	Awareness of concessional access programs to Council facilities and community events e.g. NSW Companion Card.	4.3	Investigate and participate in programs. Promotion to event holders.	2020	NSW Companion Card holder fee (free entry) to access CentrePoint Sport & Leisure Centre included in 2020/21 Operational Plan fees & charges and endorsed by Council at June 2020 meeting.
<b>Employment</b>					
<b>Strategy</b>	<b>Actions</b>	<b>CSP Ref.</b>	<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Time-frame</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>1. Develop employment opportunities for people with disability</b>	Review staff recruitment processes to ensure information in relation to employment is accessible.	6.3	Review completed	2020	Recruitment information available from council website that includes features to cater for the hearing and visually impaired. Council continues to promote itself as an Equal Opportunity employer.
	Make reasonable adjustment to workplaces to facilitate work placement and employment opportunities for people with disability.	5.1	Workplace capable of supporting people with disabilities	Ongoing	Completed.
	Where volunteers are required, provide volunteering opportunities that are inclusive.	5.1	Development of an inclusive Volunteer Policy	2020	Development of policy in progress.
	Review Equal Employment Opportunity Management Plan.	6.3	Review completed	2020	Review in progress.
	Investigate and consider utilisation of services and activities offered by disability service programs.	5.1	Investigation completed	2020	Interagency meetup supported. Hosted by Council. No meeting held in last quarter due to Covid-19.



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Systems and Processes					
Strategy	Actions	CSP Ref.	Outcome	Time-frame	Status
<b>1. Ensure accessible and inclusive community engagement across all areas of Council</b>	Include the principles of access and inclusion in Council's service delivery.	SJP*	Consistency in messaging and communication	Ongoing	Principles of access inclusion in Media and Publications.
	Promote Council's implementation of access and inclusion principles and recognise the rights and contribution of people with disability in the community.	6.3	Promotion of the DIAP has been undertaken	Ongoing	Operational Plan included program with \$5K funding to be used as a contribution to assist businesses if they require an access consultant report when lodging a DA and/or CC.
<b>2. Promote a culture of responsive customer service</b>	Review Council's processes to identify barriers to access to provide effective communication with people with disability.	6.3	Processes reviewed	2020	Council's communication practices reviewed. Council website improved to include features to cater for the hearing and visually impaired.
<b>3. Improve regulatory processes within Council</b>	Utilise the Access Advisory Committee to provide comment on capital projects and development applications that relate to council buildings; facilities and infrastructure.	3.4	Process in place for Access Advisory Committee to review proposals	Ongoing	BSC 2020 (10 year) Active Movement Strategy, Draft 2020/21 Operational Plan, Draft 2020/21 to 2023/24 Delivery Plan, Draft Belubula River Precinct, Carcoar Amenities Plans, CWELC plans, CentrePoint Major Upgrade plans, KGO concept plans all provided to Access Committee for comment.
	Internal process to ensure that access is not overlooked when developing new facilities; buildings, parks, playgrounds, footpaths.	4.1	Review of internal processes for planning works	Ongoing	Design staff have previously undertaken accessibility training.  Construction staff routinely reminded to maintain vigilance when preparing works for construction, and direct concerns to design staff for potential changes.

\* Social Justice Principles





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**SECTION 356  
ALLOCATIONS -  
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ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**



## COMMUNITY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM 2019/20

The following table provides a detailed list of allocations under the Community Financial Assistance Program (CFAP) 2019-2020:

<b>RECIPIENT</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b><u>INSURANCE CONTRIBUTIONS</u></b>	
Lyndhurst Soldiers Memorial Hall	2,833
Newbridge Progress Association	758
Millthorpe School of Arts	1,649
Blayney Shire Arts & Craft Inc.	600
Hobbys Yards Community Association	970
Carcoar Historical Society	242
Blayney Shire Community Mens Shed	282
Barry Progress Association	631
Millthorpe & District Historical	321
Carcoar Village Association	1,240
	<b>9,526</b>
<b><u>RATES AND CHARGES CONTRIBUTIONS</u></b>	
Carcoar Dam Sailing Club Incorporated	1,082
Carcoar Historical Society	526
Hobbys Yards Hall	496
Mandurama CWA	557
Stringybark Craft Cottage/ Gladstone Hall	502
Tallwood Hall	1,557
Blayney RSL	1,284
Millthorpe CWA	543
Carcoar School of Arts	596
Lyndhurst Soldiers Memorial Hall	4,742
Millthorpe & District Historical Society	1,994
Millthorpe School of Arts	275
Anglican Church Blayney	359
Anglican Church Millthorpe	195
Catholic Church Blayney	608
Presbyterian Church Blayney	335
Uniting Church Blayney	335
Uniting Church Millthorpe	126
Neville Hall Trust	378
Mandurama Public Hall Reserve	504
St Andrews Prebsyterian Church - Mandurama	24
St Davids Prebsyterian Church - Moorilda	24
Neville Prebsyterian Church - Neville	24
Carcoar PA & H Society	24
Millthorpe & District Historical	1,151
	<b>8,241</b>

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RECIPIENT	\$
<b><u>SCHOOL AWARDS &amp; SPORTING RELATED ASSISTANCE</u></b>	
Millthorpe Primary School	100
St Josephs Primary School Blayney	100
Blayney Public School	100
Blayney High School	100
Carcoar Primary School	100
Neville Public School	100
Lyndhurst Public School	100
Mandurama Public School	100
Sporting Related Financial Assistance	1,522
	<b>2,322</b>
<b><u>COMMUNITY EVENTS/CULTURAL ACTIVITIES</u></b>	
Bathurst Broadcasters	1,000
Blayney Community Baptist Church	1,000
Textures of One Acquisitive Prize	1,000
Textures of One Art Exhibition	1,117
Blayney Health Service	1,780
Carcoar P&H Association	600
Blayney A&P Association	357
Newbridge Swap Meet	196
Neville Showground Trust	335
Millthorpe Markets	2,100
MillFest	875
Lyndhurst RSL	150
Lifeline Central West	500
Central West Old Bulls Rugby	451
St Josephs Primary School	165
Can Assist	796
Blayney Shire Arts & Craft Inc.	534
Probus Club of Blayney	534
Lee Hostel	534
Millthorpe Fire Festival	673
Heritage Schools Art Show	497
	<b>15,194</b>
<b><u>FUNDING ROUND ALLOCATIONS</u></b>	
Blayney Mens Shed	3,000
Junction Reefs Reserve Trust	3,332
Neville Equine Performance	3,000
Lyndhurst Soldiers Memorial Hall & Village Committee	760
Blayney Rotary Club	500
Blayney District Netball Association	3,000
Mandurama Public Hall Reserve	3,000
Sailability NSW Inc. Central West	3,000
Carcoar School of Arts	5,000

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RECIPIENT	\$
CWA of NSW - Central West Group	300
Carcoar Hospital Museum	880
Newbridge Progress Association	1,823
Blayney Shire Community Mens Shed	3,000
Blayney Golf Club	3,000
Neville Equine Performance Inc	1,900
Barry Progress Association Inc.	3,000
Millthorpe Village Committee & Millthorpe Business Committee	5,294
NSW Farmers Association	262
Blayney Woolcraft & Hobby Centre	860
Blayney Netball Association	666
Carcoar Village Association	2,609
Rotary Club of Blayney	165
Blayney Mens Shed	483
	<b>48,834</b>
<b>TOTAL DISTRIBUTION FOR 2019/20</b>	<b>94,117</b>