

Introduction

Under the current COVID-19 Response arrangements there has been a significant amount of emphasis by the State and Commonwealth Governments to advance maintenance and capital spending on projects that benefit the community during the COVID-19 Pandemic. In March 2020 Council resolved to support this approach in principle but obviously this will be carried out in a financially responsible manner.

Additional Government specific COVID-19 inputs included allocations totalling \$2.815m from the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program (LRCIP). Phase 1 - \$602,446 completed by 30 June 2021, Phase 2 - \$405,889 to be completed by 31 December 2021, Phase 3 - \$1,204,892 to be completed by 30 June 2023 and Phase 3 Extension - \$602,446 to be completed by 30 June 2024. Council also supplemented these amounts

3-Year Indicative Budget Approach

Budgets are set and delivered on an annual basis. In reality works and services are delivered on a continuous basis with the financial year merely a point in time. It is also considered prudent and now standard practice to at least look at the situation of at least a 3-year period, given the anticipated changes in an abnormal environment. Part of the 2021/22 budget processes therefore involved examining such a 3-Year indicative budget. The Budget Reserves Net Current Assets Summary Graph shown below highlights this 3-year approach.

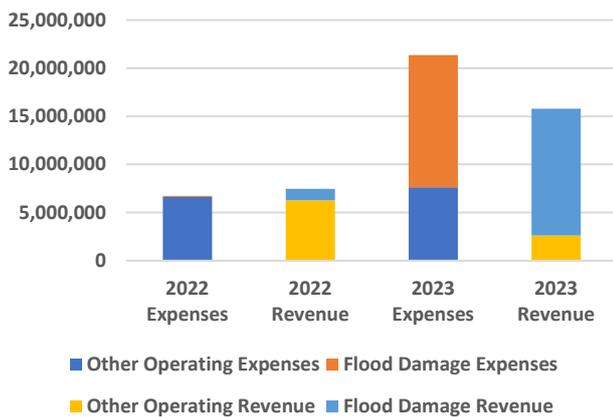
Operating Expenses & Revenue

A summary of operating expenses and revenue is show below. Revenue associated with Flood Damage Repairs tend to significantly impact on Councils normal level of operations.

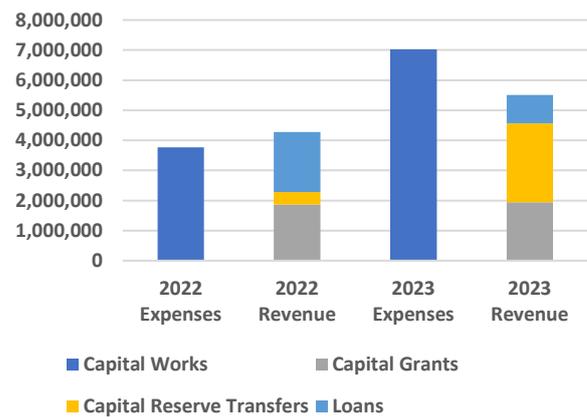
Capital Expenses & Revenue

A summary of capital expenses and revenue is show below. Elevated levels in 2022 to 2024 are as a result of additional government grants and Council loans

Operating Expenses & Revenue (\$)



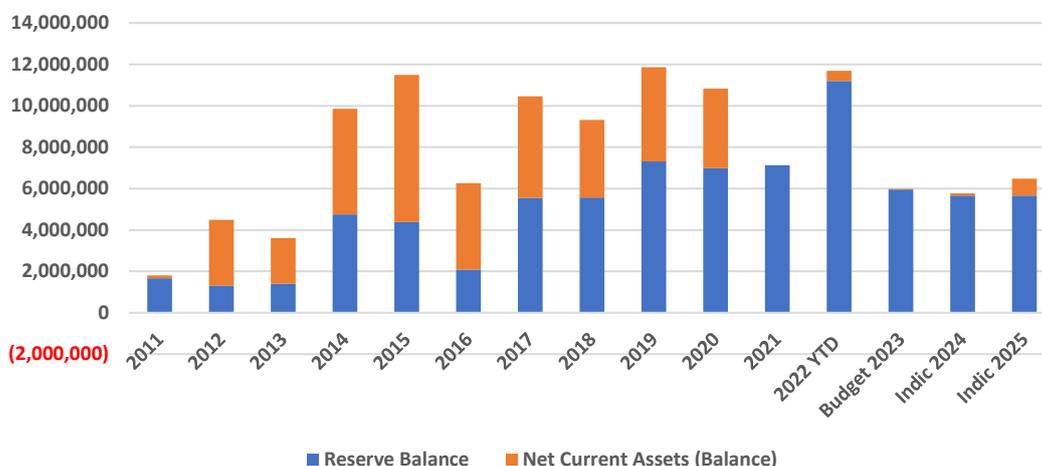
Capital Expenses & Revenue (\$)



Budget Reserves Net Current Assets Summary

The following Budget Cash Summary is a graphical representation of the summary of our Reserves (Restricted Cash) and Net Current Assets (Unrestricted Cash)

Cash Summary Net Current Assets & Reserves (\$)



Rates

Budgeted rate revenue of \$623,919 is to be derived via the following differentials as approved by the Minster for Local Government.

Differential Rate Type	Rate in dollar cents	Min Payment (\$)
UV Pastoral	4.863	800
UV Mining	24.552	800
UV Exploration	9.339	800

Loans

Council took out a roadworks loan for \$2.0m in 2021/22 as a carryover item from the 2020/21 Budget. In 2022/23 a \$0.95m loan for the provision of a solar microgrid for the Murchison Settlement will be sought as carryover items from 2021/22. Loan repayments for the Solar Power Loan are anticipated to be substantially recovered through reduced diesel operating costs at the Murchison Powerhouse.

Plant Replacement

Plant to be replaced includes scheduled replacement of a Water Tanker Trailer, Isuzu 5 Tonne Truck, and Toyota Prado and additions of a second-hand tractor, Flat Deck, Dolly and Smooth Drum Roller. Total Net Cost **\$621,000**.

Settlement Works

Council has finalised the 2021 Settlement Masterplan Report which includes a separate list of capital works projects as listed below in around the Murchison Settlement. Additional Roadhouse Development works have since been identified.

Projects identified below are listed in no priority order. Once detailed scoping and design has been completed and then works prioritised it is expected Council will work through the final priority list, seek grants and deliver when funding permits

A budget allocation amount of **\$1.30m** was transferred into Reserves in 2021/22. Projects identified **** are included in the 2022/23 Budget

PROJ A	Transportable Classroom
PROJ D	Community / Sports Centre Upgrade
PROJ E	Community Swimming Pool / Splash Pad
PROJ F	New -Caravan Park Ablution Block ***
PROJ H	New -Caravan Park 2 Ensuite Units
PROJ I	General Settlement Amenity Improvements ***
PROJ J	Playground Upgrade
PROJ K	Interpretive Centre
RH 1	New Roadhouse Residence ***
RH 2	Redevelop Roadhouse Business
RH 3	Roadhouse Staff Accommodation ***
CP 3	Caravan Park Works
OTH	To be identified

Summary

Overall, Council aims to responsibly provide a positive Budget and retain the Murchison Shire and Settlement in a sound long-term sustainable position.

Further Information

Please check Councils Website <https://www.murchison.wa.gov.au/> for further details of the Budget.

Capital Works

The 2022/23 budget includes the following Capital Works in \$.

Governance Members of Council

Council Chambers Communications Gear/Tables 15,000

Administration

Server Replacement 32,000

Administration Vehicles Purchases 70,000

Housing

Construct Staff Housing, Murchison Settlement

Renovation 6 Kurara Way 115,000

Refuse Removal Tip Sites & Sewerage

New Rubbish Tip 50,000

Town Planning & Other Community Amenities

Niche Wall For Settlement Cemetery 30,000

Container Deposit Shed 10,000

Other Recreation & Sport

Sports Club Access Upgrade 15,000

Construction Roads Footpaths Drains Bridges Depot

Roads Construction General 535,188

Carn-Mul Rd 245.04 - 254.10 Reconstruct seal 640,412

Carn-Mul Rd 208.68 - 241.74 Reconstruct widen seal 721,203

Beri-Pindar Rd Wreath Flowers Works 152,040

Beri-Pindar Rd 288.05 - 309.50 Resheet& Floodways 368,236

Carn-Mul Rd 82.62 - 83.54 & 86.90 - 88.05 Resheets 250,000

Capex - Beringarra-Cue Rd - Convert To Gravel 850,000

Capex Grids General 120,000

Depot Buildings & Improvements 15,000

Plant

Road Plant Purchases 610,000

Other Economic Services

Roadhouse Vehicle Battery Charging Station

Provision Of Solar Power 1,100,000

Improvements To drinking Water reticulation 180,000

Rural Services Tourism Economic Services

Roadhouse Coolroom/Freezer Room Combination

Point Of Sale System Roadhouse 22,000

Washing Machines & Dryers 15,000

Roadhouse Appliances 20,000

Roadhouse Furniture 10,000

F New Caravan Park Ablution Block 350,000

Roadhouse Residence 425,000

Roadhouse Business Bldg.

Staff Accommodation Units 250,000

Roadhouse & C/V Park Precinct Works 20,000

Tourism Information Bays & Signage 30,000

Total Capital Works **7,021,079**