

**Introduction**

Under the current COVID-19 Response arrangements there has been significant amount of emphasis by the State and National Governments to advance maintenance and capital spending on projects that benefit the community. In March 2020 have already resolved this in principle but obviously this will be carried out in a financially responsible manner. Key Government inputs include

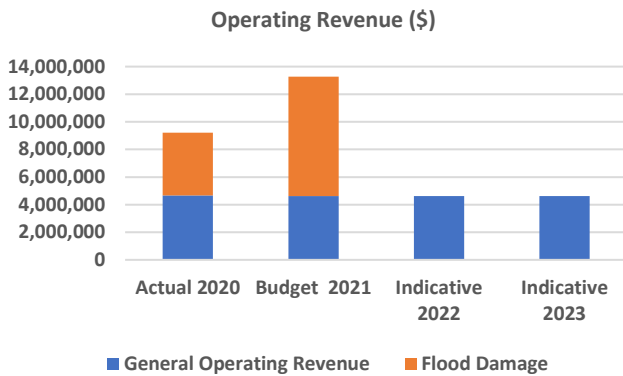
- ~ one off allocation of \$602,446 from the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program (LRCIP)
- ~ cashflow support options from WA Treasury. These are highly attractive. Interest rates are around 0.30% to 0.50% and are unlikely to vary much for some time. Council also has options to defer payments for 12 months.

**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. In the current COVID-19 environment it is also considered prudent 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 2020/21 budget processes therefore involved examining such a 3-Year indicative budget. The Budget Reserves Net Current Assets Summary Graph at the end of this summary highlights this 3-year approach.

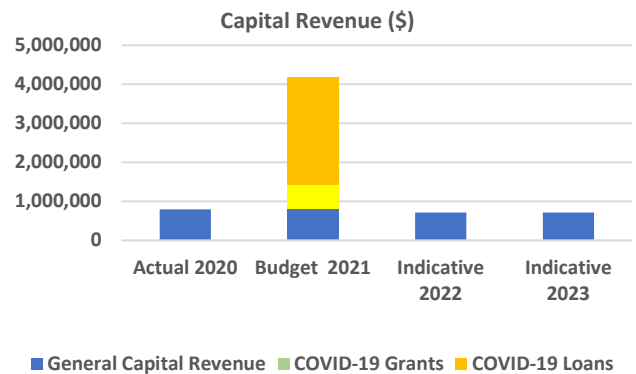
**Operating Revenue**

A summary of operating revenue is show below. Revenue associated with Flood Damage Repairs tend to significantly impact on Councils normal level of operations. Rate Revenue of \$465,397 is frozen at 2019/20 levels with no changes in the current differential rates and minimum rates for 2020/21



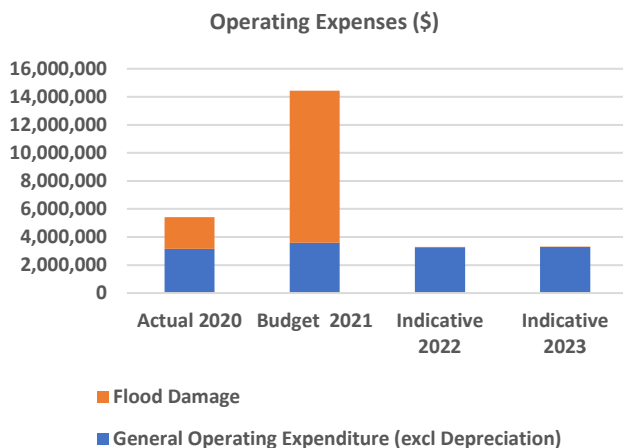
**Capital Revenue**

Elevated levels in 2021 are as a result of Councils COVID-19 Stimulus Program.



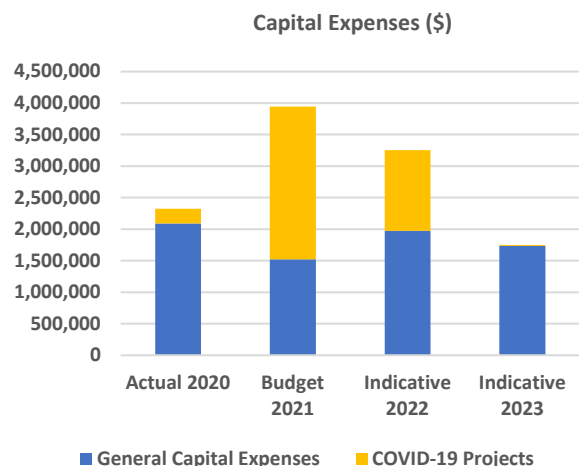
**Operating Expenses**

As shown although substantially funded, expenses associated with Flood Damage Repairs tend to significantly impact on Councils normal level of operations.



**Capital Expenses**

As shown elevated levels in 2020 to 2022 are mainly due to Councils COVID-19 Stimulus Program.



## Plant Replacement

2020 saw a significant increased expenditure. The next few years see a dramatic reduction with scheduled replacements of the Maintenance Genset, Isuzu 5 Toone Truck, Kubota Ride on Mower and Toyota 4x2 plus a new Construction Caravan. Total Cost **\$235,000**

## Settlement Works

Council has finalised a separate list of capital works projects as listed below in around the Murchison Settlement.

These 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 until the funding runs out.

A budget allocation amount of **\$1.55m** budget has been provided

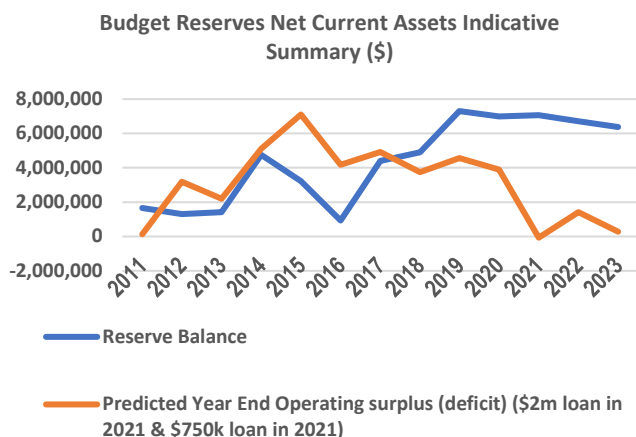
PROJ A	Transportable Classroom
PROJ D	Community / Sports Centre Upgrade
PROJ E	Community Swimming Pool / Splash Pad
PROJ F	New -Caravan Park Ablution Block
PROJ H	New -Caravan Park 2 Ensuite Units
PROJ I	General Settlement Amenity Improvements
PROJ J	Playground Upgrade

## Loans

Budget provides for COVID-19 – General - Loan amount of \$2.0m with repayments over 3-year period and COVID-19 – Solar Power loan of \$750,000 loan at 0.8% over 8 years.

## 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)



At the end of the 3 year period when the majority of loan repayments have been paid and Councils operations return to normal levels the Budget Cash Summary will return to pre COVID-type levels with a resultant significant increase of around \$1,000,000 in available cash.

## Summary

Overall, the 2020/21 Budget shows that Council can responsibly provide a positive COVID-19 Response in the 2020/2021 Budget and still retain the Murchison Shire and Settlement in a strong long-term sustainable position.

## Further Information

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

## Capital Works

Budget includes the following Capital Works Program

Job	Description	Budget 2021
<b>Administration</b>		
C14228	Provision of Archive Storage Facility	5,000
NEW1	Minor Office Modifications	11,000
C14231	Administration Phone System Upgrade	20,000
CFURN	Council Meeting Tables	15,000
<b>Staff Housing</b>		
C14225	Sheds for Houses	144,932
C14226	Construct Staff Housing	422,202
C14227	Staff Housing Fencing	18,258
C14228	Internal Renovations Staff Housing	190,000
<b>Other Community Amenities</b>		
C14713	Niche Wall for Settlement Cemetery	30,000
<b>Streets, Roads, Bridges &amp; Depot Construction</b>		
C14123	Grid Replacement	50,000
C14176	Carnarvon-Mullewa Road North of Bullardoo Rebuild and Reshape	281,490
C14197	Prepare and Seal 1Klm Near Curbur	109,026
C14200	Carnarvon-Mullewa Rd SLK 0.0 Bilung Creek Crossing Reconstruction	28,650
C14201	Beringarra-Byro Rd SLK 0.0 Murchison River Crossing Reconstruction	30,000
C12004	Beringarra-Pindar Road SLK188.46-201.20 Resheet & Bunding Works	94,417
C14184	Carnarvon-Mullewa Rd SLK 271.8-278.85 Resheet South Of Bullardoo	423,098
C14196	Carnarvon--Mullewa Rd SLK 266.4-269.8 Resheet North Of Pinegrove Grid	227,379
C12009	LRCIP Seal Extension Works	670,320
C12001	Beringarra-Cue Rd - Convert to Gravel	180,884
C12002	Beringarra-Cue Road - Upgrade Floodways	145,000
<b>Road Plant Purchases</b>		
12302	Purchase Major Plant & Equipment	235,000
C14500	Plant Purchases - Minor	20,000
<b>Other Economic Services</b>		
C14237	Roadhouse Cool room	34,986
C14304	Capex - Provision of Solar Power	19,000
C14710	Improvements to Drinking Water Reticulation	100,000
C14715	Bollards Around Fuel Bowsers- Roadhouse	10,000
C13003	Roadhouse Point of Sale	20,000
SBWKSG	Settlement Building Works General	1,545,000
<b>Totals</b>		<b>5,080,642</b>