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SHIRE OF MURCHISON

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

For the Period Ending 30 June 2023

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Compilation Report

To the Council

Shire of Murchison

Scope

We have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial statements.

The specific purpose for which the special purpose financial report has been prepared is to provide information relating to the financial performance and financial position of the Shire that satisfies the information needs of the Council and the *Local Government Act 1995* and associated regulations.

The responsibility of the Shire

The Shire is solely responsible for the information contained in the special purpose financial report and have determined that the accounting policies used are consistent and are appropriate to satisfy the requirements of the Council and the *Local Government Act 1995* and associated regulations.

Our responsibility

On the basis of information provided by the Shire, we have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial statements in accordance with the significant accounting policies adopted as set out in Note 1 to the financial statements and APES 315: Compilation of Financial Information.

Our procedures use accounting expertise to collect, classify and summarise the financial information, which the Management provided, into a financial report. Our procedures do not include any verification or validation procedures. No audit or review has been performed and accordingly no assurance is expressed.

To the extent permitted by law, we do not accept liability for any loss or damage which any person, other than the Shire of Murchison, may suffer arising from negligence on our part.

This report was prepared for the benefit of the Council of the Shire of Murchison and the purpose identified above. We do not accept responsibility to any other person for the content of the report.

Travis Bate
Signed at GERALDTON

RSM Australia Pty Ltd
Chartered Accountants

Date 21st July 2023

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Statement of Financial Activity

Statements are presented on pages 5 and 6 showing a surplus/(deficit) as at 30 June 2023 of \$5,066,617

Significant Revenue and Expenditure

	Collected / Completed %	Annual Budget \$	YTD Budget \$	YTD Actual \$
Significant Projects				
Capex - Beringarra-Cue Rd - Convert To Gravel	105%	1,531,969	1,531,969	1,609,947
Carn-Mul Rd 245.04 - 254.10 Reconstruct Resheet Prep	111%	770,268	770,268	857,369
Carn-Mul Rd 208.68 - 241.74 Reconstruct & Widen vari	95%	523,233	523,233	495,181
Road Plant Purchases	154%	552,496	552,496	851,319
Capex Roads Construction General	0%	-	-	-
	113%	3,377,966	3,377,966	3,813,816
Grants, Subsidies and Contributions				
Operating grants, subsidies and contributions	90%	14,873,930	14,873,930	13,328,477
Non-operating grants, subsidies and contributions	116%	2,429,066	2,429,066	2,816,872
	93%	17,302,996	17,302,996	16,145,349
Rates Levied	99%	679,131	679,131	671,803

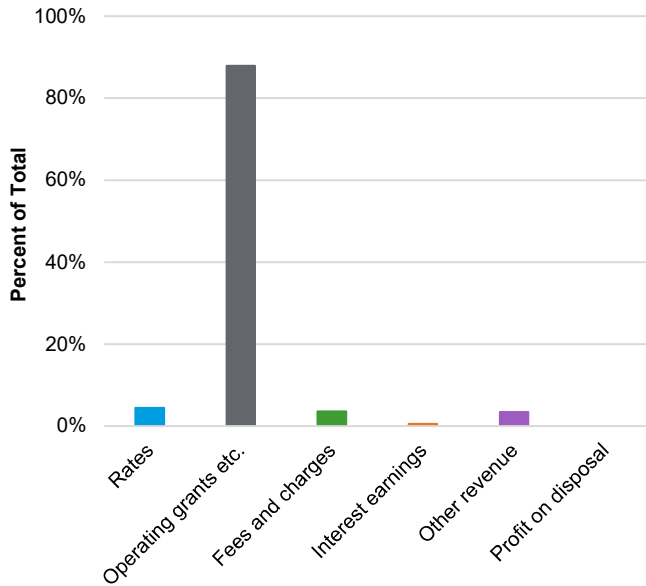
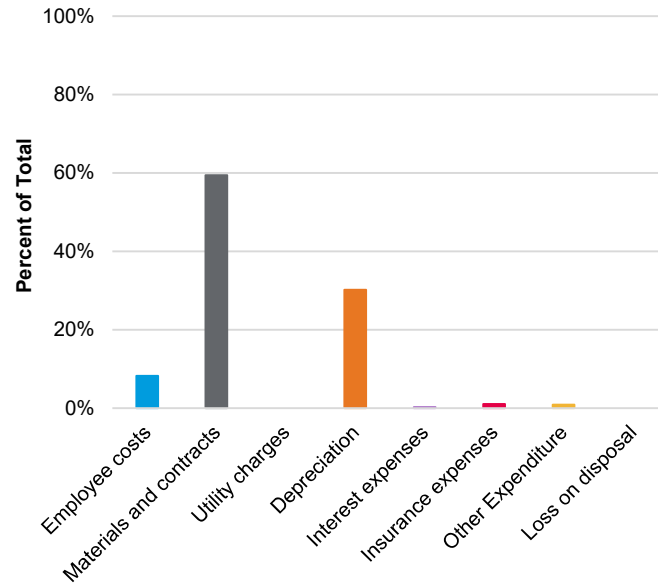
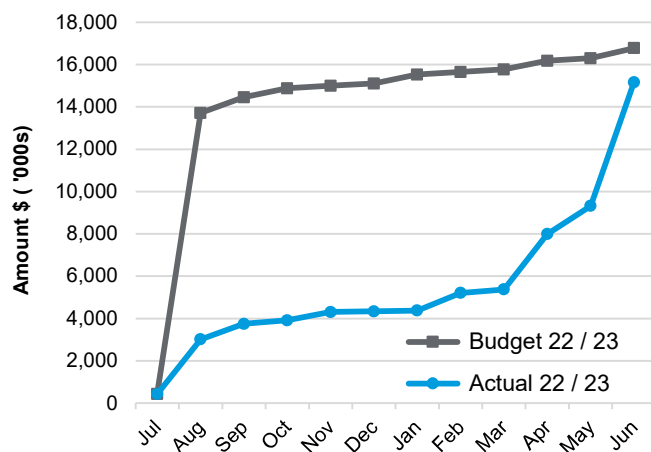
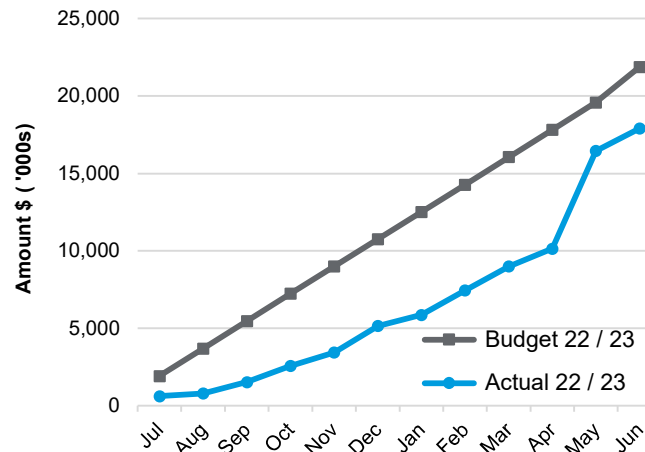
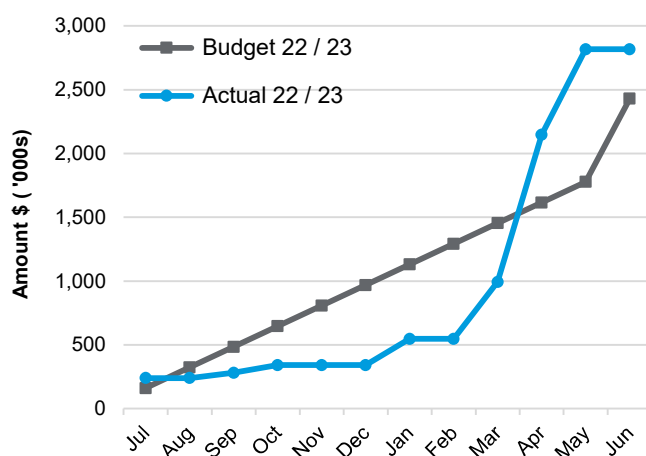
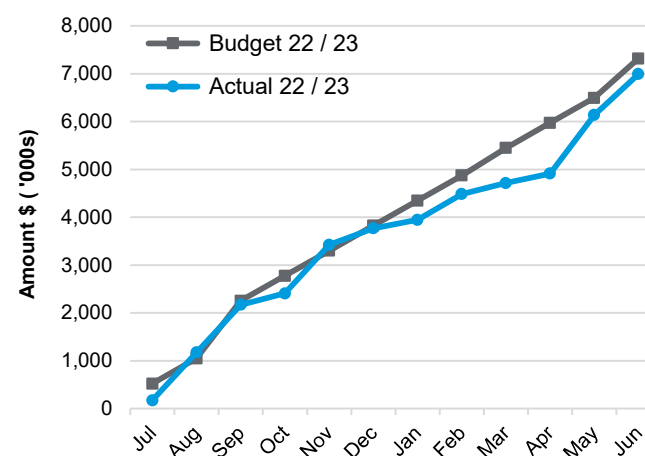
% - Compares current YTD actuals to the Annual Budget

Financial Position

Account	Difference to Prior Year %	Current Year 30 Jun 23 \$	Prior Year 30 Jun 22 \$
Adjusted net current assets	361%	5,066,617	1,403,306
Cash and equivalent - unrestricted	253%	5,605,259	2,216,196
Cash and equivalent - restricted	48%	4,937,264	10,316,451
Receivables - rates	(28%)	(21,870)	78,537
Receivables - other	5,754%	87,289	1,517
Payables	105%	1,523,206	1,451,135

% - Compares current YTD actuals to prior year actuals

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SUMMARY GRAPHS

Operating Income**Operating Expenditure****Operating Revenues****Operating Expenses****Capital Revenues - Investing****Capital Expenses**

SHIRE OF MURCHISON
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY
For the Period Ending 30 June 2023
NATURE OR TYPE

	Note	Annual Budget \$	YTD Budget \$	YTD Actual \$	Var* \$	Var* %	Var
Opening Funding Surplus / (Deficit)	3	1,406,382	1,406,382	1,403,306			
Revenue from Operating Activities							
Rates	10	679,131	679,131	671,803	(7,328)	(1%)	
Grants, subsidies and contributions	12(a)	14,873,930	14,873,930	13,328,477	(1,545,453)	(10%)	▼
Fees and charges		720,821	720,821	544,370	(176,451)	(24%)	▼
Interest earnings		45,000	45,000	89,154	44,154	98%	▲
Other revenue		456,024	456,024	525,138	69,113	15%	▲
Profit on disposal of assets	8	-	-	-	-		
		16,774,906	16,774,906	15,158,941			
Expenditure from Operating Activities							
Employee costs		(1,286,969)	(1,286,969)	(1,471,031)	(184,062)	(14%)	▼
Materials and contracts		(16,621,380)	(16,621,380)	(10,639,709)	5,981,671	36%	▲
Depreciation on non-current assets		(3,520,116)	(3,520,116)	(5,407,388)	(1,887,272)	(54%)	▼
Interest expenses		(49,024)	(49,024)	(47,830)	1,194	2%	
Insurance expenses		(194,650)	(194,650)	(185,182)	9,468	5%	
Other expenditure		(200,234)	(200,234)	(155,590)	44,644	22%	▲
Loss on disposal of assets	8	-	-	-	-		
		(21,872,373)	(21,872,373)	(17,906,730)			
Excluded Non-cash Operating Activities							
Depreciation and amortisation		3,520,116	3,520,116	5,407,388			
Movement in Employee Benefits		(25,700)	(25,700)	-			
(Profit) / loss on asset disposal		-	-	-			
Net Amount from Operating Activities		(1,603,051)	(1,603,051)	2,659,599			
Investing Activities							
Grants, subsidies and contributions	12(b)	2,429,066	2,429,066	2,816,872	387,806	16%	▲
Proceeds from disposal of assets	8	59,000	59,000	-	(59,000)	(100%)	▼
Land and buildings	9(a)	(510,000)	(510,000)	(146,717)	363,283	71%	▲
Plant and equipment	9(c)	(676,938)	(676,938)	(971,561)	(294,623)	(44%)	▼
Furniture and equipment	9(b)	(116,909)	(116,909)	(45,422)	71,487	61%	▲
Infrastructure - roads	9(d)	(5,185,544)	(5,185,544)	(5,241,325)	(55,780)	(1%)	
Infrastructure - other	9(e)	(828,970)	(828,970)	(587,082)	241,888	29%	
Net Amount from Investing Activities		(4,830,295)	(4,830,295)	(4,175,235)			
Financing Activities							
Proceeds from Long Term Borrowings	11(a)	-	-	-			
Repayment of debentures	11(a)	(200,598)	(200,598)	(200,248)	350	0%	
Transfer from reserves	7	6,269,037	6,269,037	5,781,902	(487,135)	8%	
Transfer to reserves	7	(631,268)	(631,268)	(402,707)	228,561	36%	▲
Net Amount from Financing Activities		5,437,171	5,437,171	5,178,947			
Closing Funding Surplus / (Deficit)	3	410,207	410,207	5,066,616			

* - Note 2 provides an explanation for the relevant variances shown above.

This statement needs to be read in conjunction with the accompanying Financial Statements and Notes.

SHIRE OF MURCHISON
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY
For the Period Ending 30 June 2023
REPORTING PROGRAM

17.2.1 - July 2023

	Note	Annual Budget \$	YTD Budget \$	YTD Actual \$	Var* \$	Var* %
Opening Funding Surplus / (Deficit)	3	1,406,382	1,406,382	1,403,306		
Revenue from Operating Activities						
Governance		69,469	69,469	191,444	121,975	176%
General purpose funding		1,941,758	1,941,758	6,657,059	4,715,300	243%
Law, order and public safety		19,588	19,588	19,845	257	1%
Health		-	-	396	396	
Education and welfare		250	250	-	(250)	(100%)
Housing		-	-	20,126	20,126	
Community amenities		486	486	221	(265)	(54%)
Recreation and culture		8,960	8,960	5,399	(3,561)	(40%)
Transport		13,430,975	13,430,975	7,280,923	(6,150,052)	(46%)
Economic services		1,203,421	1,203,421	898,906	(304,514)	(25%)
Other property and services		100,000	100,000	84,623	(15,378)	(15%)
		16,774,907	16,774,906	15,158,942		
Expenditure from Operating Activities						
Governance		(821,786)	(821,786)	(674,656)	147,130	18%
General purpose funding		(27,015)	(27,015)	(46,247)	(19,232)	(71%)
Law, order and public safety		(94,729)	(94,729)	(97,382)	(2,653)	(3%)
Health		(51,248)	(51,248)	(65,700)	(14,452)	(28%)
Education and welfare		(13,262)	(13,262)	(3,763)	9,500	72%
Housing		(84,330)	(84,330)	(108,893)	(24,563)	(29%)
Community amenities		(195,161)	(195,161)	(160,878)	34,284	18%
Recreation and culture		(426,595)	(426,595)	(383,646)	42,949	10%
Transport		(17,651,684)	(17,651,684)	(14,018,392)	3,633,292	21%
Economic services		(2,406,563)	(2,406,563)	(2,133,350)	273,213	11%
Other property and services		(100,000)	(100,000)	(213,824)	(113,824)	(114%)
		(21,872,375)	(21,872,375)	(17,906,730)		
Excluded Non-cash Operating Activities						
Depreciation and amortisation		3,520,116	3,520,116	5,407,388		
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SHIRE OF MURCHISON
 STATEMENT OF CAPITAL ACQUISITIONS AND FUNDING
 For the Period Ending 30 June 2023
CAPITAL ACQUISITIONS AND FUNDING

Asset Group	Note	Annual Budget \$	YTD Actual Total \$
Land and buildings	9(a)	510,000	146,717
Plant and equipment	9(c)	676,938	971,561
Furniture and equipment	9(b)	116,909	45,422
Infrastructure - roads	9(d)	5,185,544	5,241,325
Infrastructure - other	9(e)	828,970	587,082
Total Capital Expenditure		7,318,361	6,992,107

Capital Acquisitions Funded by:			
Capital grants and contributions		2,429,066	2,816,872
Borrowings		-	-
Other (disposals and c/fwd)		59,000	-
Council contribution - from reserves		2,985,814	2,481,814
Council contribution - operations		1,844,481	1,693,422
Total Capital Acquisitions Funding		7,318,361	6,992,107

SHIRE OF MURCHISON
NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY
For the Period Ending 30 June 2023

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

This report is prepared to meet the requirements of *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 Regulation 34*.

The material variance adopted by the Shire of Murchison for the 2022/23 year is \$10,000 or 10%, whichever is greater. Items considered to be of material variance are disclosed in Note 2.

The statements and accompanying notes are prepared based on all transactions recorded at the time of preparation and may vary due to transactions being processed for the reporting period after the date of preparation. The preparation also requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions which effect the application of policies and the reported amounts in the statements and notes. These estimated figures are based on historical experience or other factors believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Therefore, the actual results may differ from these reported amounts.

Actual and Budget comparatives are presented in year to date format unless otherwise stated. The Adopted Budget is used in the report until superseded by the Budget Review.

Preparation

Prepared by: Bertus Lochner
 Reviewed by: Travis Bate
 Date prepared: 21 Jul 23

(a) Basis of Preparation

The following financial statements are special purpose financial statements that have been prepared in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards, Authoritative Interpretations, the *Local Government Act 1995*, and regulations, within the context in which they relate to local governments and not-for-profit entities.

This report is prepared to meet the requirements of *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 Regulation 34*.

With the exception of the cash flow statement and rate setting information, the following report has been prepared on an accrual basis with balances measured at historical cost unless subject to fair value adjustments. Items subject to fair value adjustments include certain non-current assets, financial assets, and financial liabilities. Items such as assets, liabilities, equity, income and expenses have been recognised in accordance with the definitions and recognition criteria set out in the Framework for the Preparation and Presentation of Financial Statements.

These financial statements comply with, and supersede, the Australian Accounting Standards with the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* where applicable. Further information is provided in Note 1(i).

The functional and presentation currency of the report is Australian dollars.

(b) The Local Government Reporting Entity

The Australian Accounting Standards define local government as a reporting entity which can be a single entity or a group comprising a parent and all its subsidiaries. All funds controlled by the Shire in order to provide its services have formed part of the following report. Transactions and balances related to these controlled funds, such as transfers to and from reserves, were eliminated during the preparation of the report.

Funds held in Trust, which are controlled but not owned by the Shire, do not form part of the financial statements. Further information on the Shire funds in Trust are provided in Note 5.

(c) Rounding of Amounts

The Shire is an entity to which the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* applies and, accordingly amounts in the financial report have been rounded to the dollar except for amounts shown as a rate in the dollar. Where total assets exceed \$10,000,000 in the prior audited annual financial report, the amounts may be rounded to the nearest \$1,000.

SHIRE OF MURCHISON
NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY
For the Period Ending 30 June 2023

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(d) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenue, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST), except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of GST where applicable.

(e) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents normally include cash on hand, bonds and deposits, overdrafts, excess rates, unspent grant funds, on call deposits and term deposits with maturities equal to or less than three months. Cash and cash equivalents are typically characterised as highly liquid investments with little risk of experiencing material changes in value. Further information is provided in Note 1(f).

(f) Financial Instruments

Other financial assets at amortised cost

The Shire classifies financial assets at amortised cost if both of the following criteria are met:

- the asset is held within a business model whose objective is to collect the contractual cashflows, and
- the contractual terms give rise to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest.

Financial assets at fair value through profit and loss

The Shire classifies the following financial assets at fair value through profit and loss:

- debt investments which do not qualify for measurement at either amortised cost or fair value through other comprehensive income.
- equity investments which the Shire has not elected to recognise fair value gains and losses through other comprehensive income.

Financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are recognised at fair value when the Shire becomes a party to the contractual provisions to the instrument.

Non-derivative financial liabilities (excluding financial guarantees) are subsequently measured at amortised cost. Gains or losses are recognised in profit or loss.

Financial liabilities are derecognised where the related obligations are discharged, cancelled or expired. The difference between the carrying amount of the financial liability extinguished or transferred to another party and the fair value of the consideration paid, including the transfer of non-cash assets or liabilities assumed, is recognised in profit or loss.

Borrowing costs are recognised as an expense when incurred except where they are directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of a qualifying asset. Where this is the case, they are capitalised as part of the cost of the particular asset until such time as the asset is substantially ready for its intended use or sale.

Loans and Receivables

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. They arise principally through the provision of goods and services to customers but also incorporate other types of contractual monetary assets.

After initial recognition these are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. Any change in their value is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.

In some circumstances, the Shire renegotiates repayment terms with customers which may lead to changes in the timing of the payments, the Shire does not necessarily consider the balance to be impaired, however assessment is made on a case-by-case basis.

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NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY
For the Period Ending 30 June 2023

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)
(f) Financial Instruments (Continued)

Impairment of Financial Assets

At the end of the annual reporting period the Shire assesses whether there is any objective evidence that a financial asset or group of financial assets is impaired.

If there is objective evidence that an impairment loss on financial assets carried at amortised cost has been incurred, the amount of the loss is measured as the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of the estimated future cash flows discounted at the financial assets original effective interest rate.

Impairment of loans and receivables are reduced through the use of an allowance account, all other impairment losses on financial assets at amortised cost are taken directly to the asset. Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written off are credited against other expenses in the statement of comprehensive income.

(g) Inventories

General

Inventories are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Net realisable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business less the estimated costs related to completion and its sale.

Land Held for Resale

Land held for development and sale is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost includes the cost of acquisition, development, borrowing costs and holding costs until completion of development. Finance costs and holding charges incurred after development is completed are expensed. Gains and losses are recognised in profit or loss at the time of signing an unconditional contract of sale if significant risks and rewards, and effective control over the land, are passed on to the buyer at this point. Land held for sale is classified as current except where it is held as non-current based on Council's intentions to release for sale.

(h) Fixed Assets

Each class of fixed assets within either plant and equipment or infrastructure, is carried at cost or fair value less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Initial recognition and measurement between mandatory revaluation dates

Assets for which the fair value as at the date of acquisition is under \$5,000 are not recognised as an asset in accordance with *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 17A (5)*. These assets are expensed immediately.

Where multiple individual low value assets are purchased together as part of a larger asset or collectively forming a larger asset exceeding the threshold, the individual assets are recognised as one asset and capitalised.

In relation to this initial measurement, cost is determined as the fair value of the assets given as consideration plus costs incidental to the acquisition. For assets acquired at no cost or for nominal consideration, cost is determined as fair value at the date of acquisition. The cost of non-current assets constructed by the Shire includes the cost of all materials used in construction, direct labour on the project and an appropriate proportion of variable and fixed overheads.

Individual assets acquired between initial recognition and the next revaluation of the asset class in accordance with the mandatory measurement framework, are recognised at cost and disclosed as being at fair value as management believes cost approximates fair value. They are subject to subsequent revaluations at the next anniversary date in accordance with the mandatory measurement framework.

SHIRE OF MURCHISON
NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY
For the Period Ending 30 June 2023

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(h) Fixed Assets (Continued)

Revaluation

The fair value of land, buildings, infrastructure and investment properties is determined at least every five years in accordance with the regulatory framework. This includes buildings and infrastructure items which were pre-existing improvements (i.e. vested improvements) on vested land acquired by the Shire.

At the end of each period the valuation is reviewed and where appropriate the fair value is updated to reflect current market conditions. This process is considered to be in accordance with *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 17A (2)* which requires land, buildings, infrastructure, investment properties and vested improvements to be shown at fair value.

Increases in the carrying amount arising on revaluation of assets are credited to a revaluation surplus in equity. Decreases that offset previous increases of the same class of asset are recognised against revaluation surplus directly in equity. All other decreases are recognised in profit or loss.

Land under roads

As a result of amendments to the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*, effective from 1 July 2019, vested land, including land under roads, are treated as right-of-use assets measured at zero cost. Therefore, the previous inconsistency with AASB 1051 in respect of non-recognition of land under roads acquired on or after 1 July 2008 has been removed, even though measurement at zero cost means that land under roads is still not included in the statement of financial position.

Vested improvements from 1 July 2019

The measurement of vested improvements at fair value in accordance with *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 17A(2)(iv)* is a departure from AASB 16 which would have required the Shire to measure the vested improvements as part of the related right-of-use assets at zero cost.

(i) Depreciation of Non-current Assets

Fixed assets, excluding freehold land, are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the asset's useful life to the Shire, commencing when the asset is ready for use. The estimated useful lives used for each class of depreciable asset are shown below in years:

Asset Class	Useful life
Buildings & Improvements	7 to 90 years
Furniture and equipment	3 to 25 years
Plant and equipment	5 to 20 years
Sealed roads and streets	
formation	not depreciated
pavement	12 years
seal	10 years
- bituminous seals	20 years
- asphalt surfaces	25 years
Gravel roads	
formation	not depreciated
pavement	45 years
Footpaths	10 years
Culverts	60 years
Signs	20 years
Stock Grids	80 years
Floodways	21 years
Water supply piping and drainage systems	75 years
Bridges	80 years

At the end of each annual reporting period, the depreciation method, useful life and residual value of each asset is reviewed. Any revisions are accounted for prospectively as a change in estimate.

Land Under Local Government Control

Regulation 16 in the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* prohibits certain assets to be included in the financial report of a local government and require other assets to be included. The regulation therefore supersedes the reporting requirements of AASB 1051 *Land Under Roads (p.15)* and AASB 116 *Property, Plant and*

SHIRE OF MURCHISON
NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY
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1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(j) Trade and Other Payables

Trade and other payables are unpaid current liabilities owed for goods and services provided to the Shire prior to the end of the financial year. The amounts are unsecured and are normally paid within 30 days of recognition.

(k) Employee Benefits

Provision is made for the Shire's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to the end of the annual reporting period. Employee benefits that are expected to be wholly settled within one year are measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled.

Employee benefits expected to be settled more than one year after the end of the reporting period have been measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made for those benefits. In determining the liability, consideration is given to employee wage increases and the probability that the employee may satisfy vesting requirements. Cashflows are discounted using market yields on 10 year Australia Government Bonds. Changes in the measurement of the liability are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.

(l) Interest-bearing Loans and Borrowings

All loans and borrowings are initially recognised at the fair value of the consideration received less directly attributable transaction costs. Subsequent measurement is at amortised cost using the effective interest method. The annual government guarantee fee is expensed in the year incurred.

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

Borrowing Costs

Borrowing costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of a qualifying asset are capitalised as part of the cost of that asset. All other borrowing costs are recognised as an expense in the period in which they are incurred.

(m) Provisions

Provisions are recognised when: The Shire has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events; it is more likely than not that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation; and the amount has been reliably estimated. Provisions are not recognised for future operating losses. 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 of item included in the same class of obligations may be small.

(n) Contract Liabilities

Contract liabilities represent the Shire's obligation to transfer goods or services to a customer for which the Shire has received consideration from the customer.

With respect to transfers for recognisable non-financial assets, contract liabilities represent performance obligations which are not yet satisfied.

Contract liabilities are recognised as revenue when the performance obligations in the contract are satisfied.

(o) Current and Non-current Classification

The report classifies current and non-current balances as defined by the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*, AASB 101 *Presentation of Financial Statements*, or by another applicable regulation or interpretation.

(p) Nature or Type Classifications

Rates

All rates levied under the *Local Government Act 1995*. Includes general, differential, specific area rates, minimum rates, interim rates, back rates, ex-gratia rates, less discounts offered. Exclude administration fees, interest on instalments, interest on arrears and service charges.

Operating Grants, Subsidies and Contributions

Refer to all amounts received as grants, subsidies and contributions that are not non-operating grants.

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1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(p) Nature or Type Classifications (Continued)

Non-operating Grants, Subsidies and Contributions

Amounts received specifically for the acquisition, construction of new or the upgrading of non-current assets paid to a local government, irrespective of whether these amounts are received as capital grants, subsidies, contributions or donations.

Profit on Asset Disposal

Profit on the disposal of assets including gains on the disposal of long term investments. Losses are disclosed under the expenditure classifications.

Fees and Charges

Revenues (other than service charges) from the use of facilities and charges made for local government services, sewerage rates, rentals, hire charges, fee for service, photocopying charges, licences, sale of goods or information, fines, penalties and administration fees.

Service Charges

Service charges imposed under *Division 6 of Part 6 of the Local Government Act 1995*. Regulation 54 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* identifies these as television and radio broadcasting, underground electricity and neighbourhood surveillance services. Excluding rubbish removal charges, interest and other items of a similar nature received from bank and investment accounts, interest on rate instalments, interest on rate arrears and interest on debtors.

Interest Earnings

Interest and other items of a similar nature received from bank and investment accounts, interest on rate instalments, interest on rate arrears and interest on debtors.

Other Revenue / Income

Other revenue, which can not be classified under the above headings, includes dividends, discounts, rebates etc.

Employee Costs

All costs associated with the employment of a person such as salaries, wages, allowances, benefits such as vehicle and housing, superannuation, employment expenses, removal expenses, relocation expenses, worker's compensation insurance, training costs, conferences, safety expenses, medical examinations, fringe benefit tax, etc.

Materials and Contracts

All expenditures on materials, supplies and contracts not classified under other headings. These include supply of goods and materials, legal expenses, consultancy, maintenance agreements, communication expenses, advertising expenses, membership, periodicals, publications, hire expenses, rental, leases, postage and freight etc. Local governments may wish to disclose more detail such as contract services, consultancy, information technology, rental or lease expenditures.

Utilities (Gas, Electricity, Water, etc.)

Expenditures made to the respective agencies for the provision of power, gas, water and communication expenses. Exclude expenditures incurred for the reinstatement of roadwork on behalf of these agencies.

Insurance

All insurance other than worker's compensation and health benefit insurance included as a cost of employment.

Loss on Asset Disposal

Loss on the disposal of fixed assets.

Depreciation on Non-current Assets

Depreciation expense raised on all classes of assets.

Interest Expenses

Interest and other costs of finance paid, including costs of finance for loan debentures, overdraft accommodation and refinancing expenses.

Other Expenditure

Statutory fees, taxes, provision for bad debts, member's fees or State taxes, donations and subsidies made to community groups.

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1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(q) Program Classifications (Function / Activity)

Council operations as disclosed in these financial statements encompass the following service orientated activities/programs.

GOVERNANCE

Administration and operation of facilities and services to members of Council. Other costs that relate to the task of assisting elected members and electors on matters which do not concern specific Council services.

GENERAL PURPOSE FUNDING

Rates, general purpose government grants and interest revenue.

LAW, ORDER AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Supervision of various by-laws, fire prevention and animal control.

HEALTH

Monitor health control standards within the community, provide support and assistance with airstrips to enable all residents access to the Royal Flying Doctor for regular and emergency health services.

EDUCATION AND WELFARE

Support of education facilities within the Shire and of any external resources necessary to assist with education programmes for all residents.

HOUSING

Provision and maintenance of staff housing.

COMMUNITY AMENITIES

Maintain a refuse site for the settlement.

RECREATION AND CULTURE

Provide a library and museum and operation thereof. Maintain recreation centre, sports field, parks, gardens and other recreational facilities.

TRANSPORT

Construction and maintenance of roads, drainage works and traffic signs. Maintenance of the settlement airstrip.

ECONOMIC SERVICES

Building control, provision of power and water supplies. Supply and maintenance of television re-broadcasting installation. Provision of radio communication. Maintenance of caravan park. Vermin control and area promotion.

OTHER PROPERTY AND SERVICES

Private works operations, plant repairs and operation costs.

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2. EXPLANATION OF MATERIAL VARIANCES

Variances which have exceeded the thresholds are listed below by Program. Significant variances within the Program are listed underneath it by Nature or Type.

The material variance adopted by Council for the 2022/23 year is \$10,000 and 10%.

Nature or Type Operating Revenues	Var \$	Var %	Var	Timing / Permanent	Explanation of Variance
Operating Grants, Subsidies and Contributions	(1,545,453)	(10%)	▼	Timing	Above budget Financial Assistance Grants due to advance payment of 23/24 funding in June 23 (\$4.6M), offset by timing of flood damage (6.2M). 23/24 budget will be adjusted accordingly. Refer note 12 for more detail.
Fees and Charges	(176,451)	(24%)	▼	Timing	Mostly related to Roadhouse Fuel Sales (\$151K below budget) and Roadhouse accommodation (\$8K below budget).
Interest Earnings	44,154	98%	▲	Timing	Above budget interest earnings on term deposits.
Other Revenue	69,113	15%	▲	Timing	Mostly related to Roadhouse Shop Sales, \$75K below budget.
Non Operating Grants, Subsidies and Contributions	387,806	16%	▲	Timing	Mainly related to MRWA - SKA Roads. Refer to Note 12 for further detail.

Operating Expense

Employee Costs	(184,062)	(14%)	▼	Timing	Mainly related to vacancies at beginning of financial year.
Materials and contracts	5,981,671	36%	▲	Timing	Primarily related to timing of Flood Damage works. 23/24 budget will be adjusted accordingly.
Depreciation on Non-current Assets	(1,887,272)	(54%)	▼	Timing	Above budget due to revaluation of Infrastructure and Buildings at 30 June 2022.
Other expenditure	44,644	22%	▲	Timing	Below budget mainly due to below budget rates writeoff (\$15K) and Protection of the Environment Donations (\$20K).

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1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(r) Revenue Recognition Policy

Recognition of revenue is dependant on the source of revenue and the associated terms and conditions associated with each source of revenue and recognised as follows:

Revenue Category	Nature of goods and services	When obligations typically satisfied	Payment terms	Returns / Refunds / Warranties	Determination of transaction price	Allocating transaction price	Measuring obligations for returns	Timing of revenue recognition
Rates	General Rates	Over time	Payment dates adopted by Council during the year	None	Adopted by council annually	When taxable event occurs	Not applicable	When rates notice is issued
Service charges	Charge for specific service	Over time	Payment dates adopted by Council during the year	Refund in event monies are unspent	Adopted by council annually	When taxable event occurs	Not applicable	When rates notice is issued
Grant contracts with customers	Community events, minor facilities, research, design, planning evaluation and services	Over time	Fixed terms transfer of funds based on agreed milestones and reporting	Contract obligation if project not complete	Set by mutual agreement with the customer	Based on the progress of works to match performance obligations	Returns limited to repayment of transaction price of terms breached	Output method based on project milestones and/or completion date matched to performance obligations as inputs are shared
Grants, subsidies or contributions for the construction of non-financial assets	Construction or acquisition of recognisable non-financial assets to be controlled by the local government	Over time	Fixed terms transfer of funds based on agreed milestones and reporting	Contract obligation if project not complete	Set by mutual agreement with the customer	Based on the progress of works to match performance obligations	Returns limited to repayment of transaction price of terms breached	Output method based on project milestones and/or completion date matched to performance obligations as inputs are shared
Grants with no contract commitments	General appropriations and contributions with no reciprocal commitment	No obligations	Not applicable	Not applicable	Cash received	On receipt of funds	Not applicable	When assets are controlled
Licences/ Registrations/ Approvals	Building, planning, development and animal management, having the same nature as a licence regardless of naming.	Single point in time	Full payment prior to issue	None	Set by State legislation or limited by legislation to the cost of provision	Based on timing of issue of the associated rights	No refunds	On payment and issue of the licence, registration or approval
Pool inspections	Compliance safety check	Single point in time	Equal proportion based on an equal annually fee	None	Set by State legislation	Apportioned equally across the inspection cycle	No refunds	After inspection complete based on a 4 year cycle

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1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(r) Revenue Recognition Policy (Continued)

Revenue Category	Nature of goods and services	When obligations typically satisfied	Payment terms	Returns / Refunds / Warranties	Determination of transaction price	Allocating transaction price	Measuring obligations for returns	Timing of revenue recognition
Other inspections	Regulatory Food, Health and Safety	Single point in time	Full payment prior to inspection	None	Set by State legislation or limited by legislation to the cost of provision	Applied fully on timing of inspection	Not applicable	Revenue recognised after inspection event occurs
Property hire and entry	Use of halls and facilities	Single point in time	In full in advance	Refund if event cancelled within 7 days	Adopted by council annually	Based on timing of entry to facility	Returns limited to repayment of transaction price	On entry or at conclusion of hire
Fees and charges for other goods and services	Cemetery services, library fees, reinstatements and private works	Single point in time	Payment in full in advance	None	Adopted by council annually	Applied fully based on timing of provision	Not applicable	Output method based on provision of service or completion of works
Sale of stock	Roadhouse fuel & kiosk sales.	Single point in time	In full in advance, on 15 day credit	Refund for faulty goods	Adopted by council policy & annual fees and charges review, set by mutual agreement	Applied fully based on timing of provision	Returns limited to repayment of transaction price	Output method based on goods
Commissions	Commissions on licencing and ticket sales	Over time	Payment in full on sale	None	Set by mutual agreement with the customer	On receipt of funds	Not applicable	When assets are controlled
Reimbursements	Insurance claims	Single point in time	Payment in arrears for claimable event	None	Set by mutual agreement with the customer	When claim is agreed	Not applicable	When claim is agreed

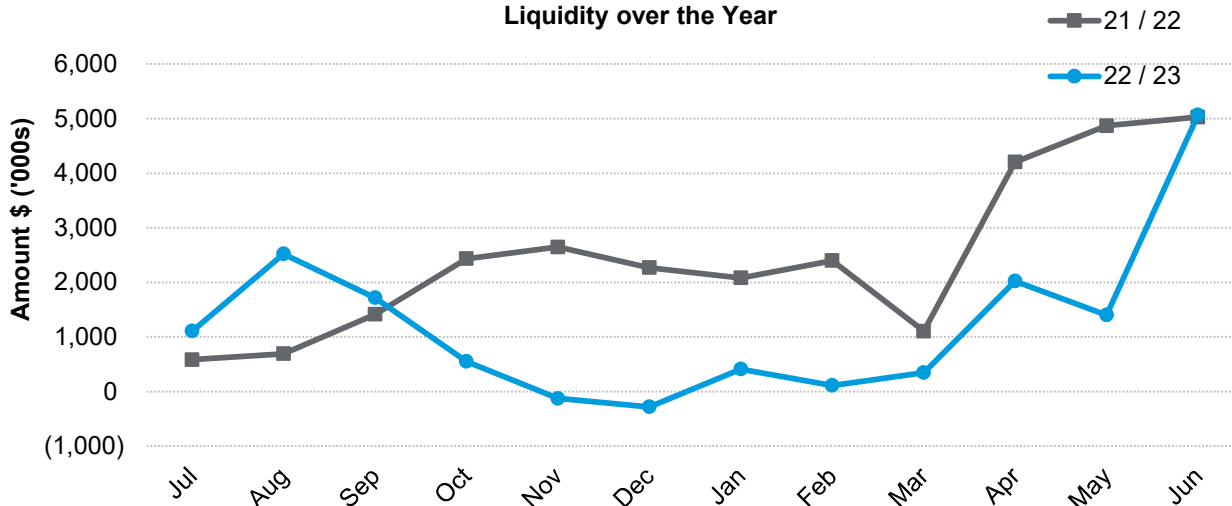
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3. NET CURRENT FUNDING POSITION

	Note	Current Month 30 Jun 23 \$	Prior Year Closing 30 Jun 22 \$	This Time Last Year 30 Jun 22 \$
Current Assets				
Cash unrestricted	4	5,605,259	2,216,196	2,216,196
Cash restricted	4	4,937,264	10,316,451	10,316,451
Receivables - rates	6(a)	(21,870)	78,537	78,537
Receivables - sundry	6(b)	87,289	1,517	1,517
Receivables - other		397,771	63,603	63,603
Provision for doubtful debts		(16,493)	(16,493)	(16,493)
Contract assets		182,020	182,020	182,020
Inventories		160,285	139,174	139,174
Total Current Assets		11,331,524	12,981,005	12,981,005
Current Liabilities				
Payables - sundry		(204,215)	(354,816)	(354,816)
Payables - other		(128,226)	(101,367)	(101,367)
Rates received in advance				
Accrued salaries and wages		(41,429)		
Accrued expenses				
Accrued interest on loans		(6,492)		
Trust Liability	49			
Deposits and bonds		(157,860)	(423,880)	(423,880)
Contract liabilities		(377,174)	(377,174)	(377,174)
Murchison Community Fund		(418,825)		
Loan liabilities	11(a)	(189,033)	(193,898)	(193,898)
Total Payables		(1,523,206)	(1,451,136)	(1,451,135)
Provisions		(183,760)	(187,775)	(187,775)
Total Current Liabilities		(1,706,966)	(1,638,911)	(1,638,910)
Less: cash reserves	7	(4,937,264)	(10,316,451)	(10,316,451)
Less: movement in provisions (non current)		183,760	183,764	183,764
Add: Disposal of Asses TBA		6,529		
Add: loan principal (current)		189,033	193,898	193,898
Net Funding Position - Surplus / (Deficit)		5,066,617	1,403,306	1,403,306

Liquidity over the Year



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4. CASH AND FINANCIAL ASSETS

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Institution	Interest	Maturity
	\$	\$	\$		Rate	Date
Cash					%	
Murchison Community Fund	353,400		353,400	Westpac	Variable	N/A
Municipal	4,950,844		4,950,844	Westpac	Variable	N/A
Cash On Hand	500		500	Cash on hand	Nil	N/A
Muni Short Term Investment	153,916		153,916	Westpac	Variable	N/A
Roadhouse	139,192		139,192	Westpac	Variable	N/A
CSIRO	7,407		7,407	Westpac	Variable	N/A
Reserve Funds		4,937,264	4,937,264	Westpac	Variable	N/A
Total Cash and Financial Assets	5,605,259	4,937,264	10,542,523			

5. TRUST FUND

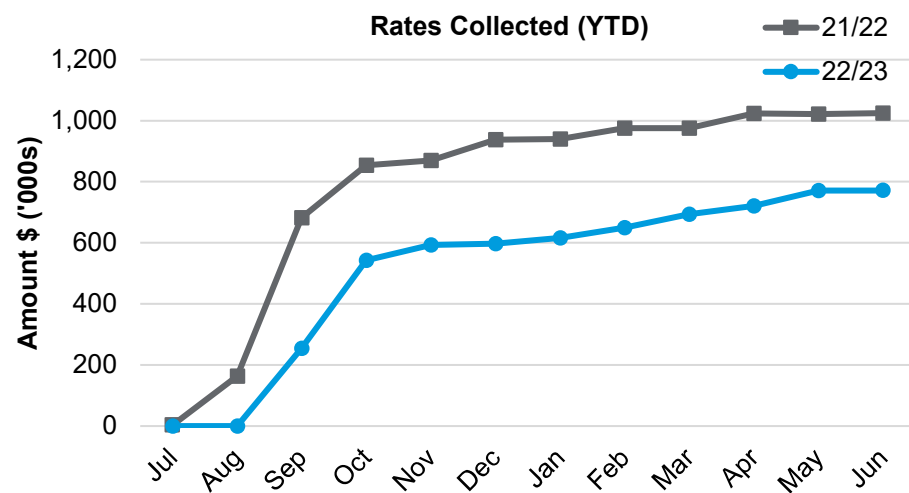
There are no funds held at balance date over which the Shire has no control

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6. RECEIVABLES

(a) Rates Receivable

	30 Jun 23
	\$
Rates receivables	(21,870)
Total Rates Receivable Outstanding	(21,870)
Closing balances - prior year	78,537
Rates levied this year	671,803
Closing balances - current month	21,870
Total Rates Collected to Date	772,210

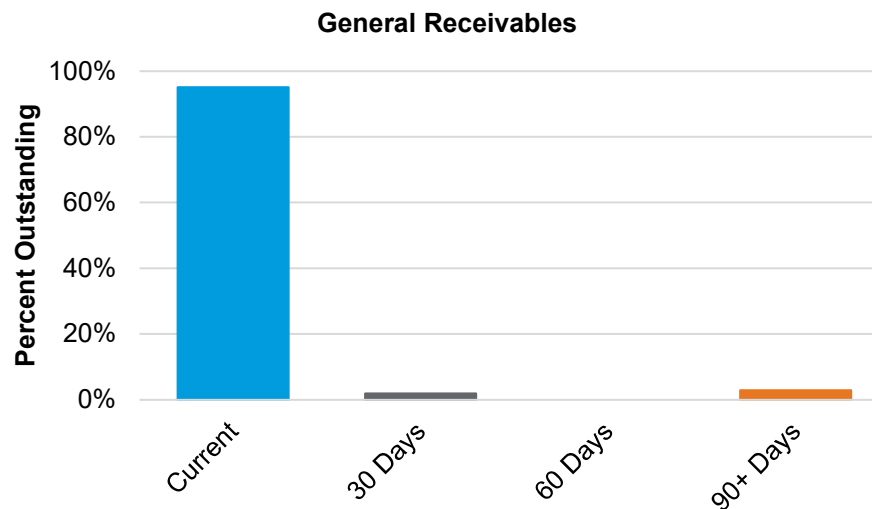


Comments / Notes

Rubbish fees included in YTD graph

(b) General Receivables

	30 Jun 23
	\$
Current	83,050
30 Days	1,700
60 Days	-
90+ Days	2,538
Total General Receivables Outstanding	87,289



Comments / Notes

Amounts shown above include GST (where applicable)

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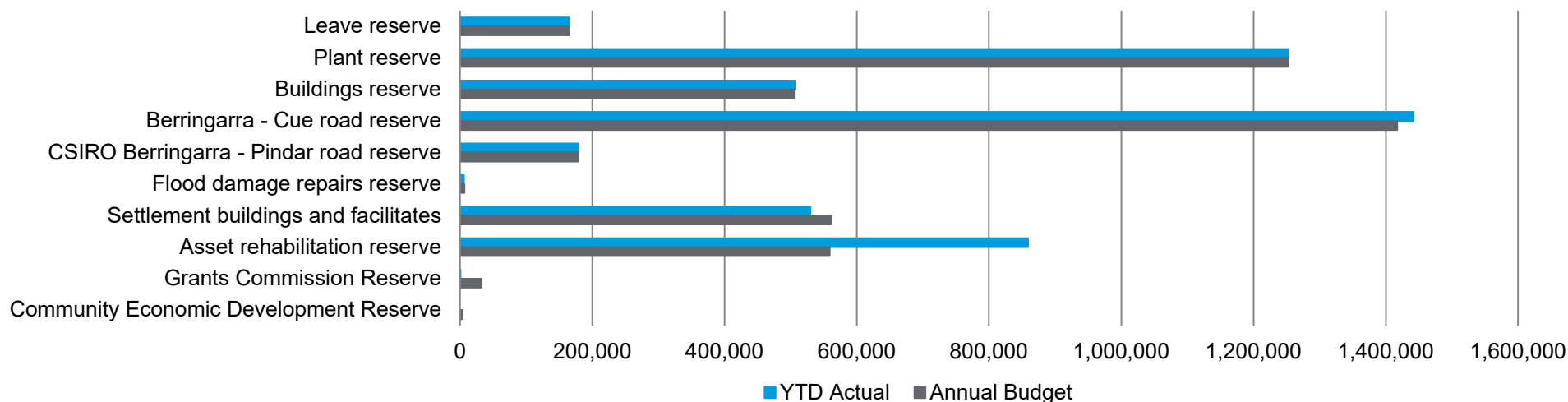
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7. CASH BACKED RESERVES

Reserve Name	Annual Budget				YTD Actual			
	Balance 01 Jul 22	Transfers from	Transfer to	Balance 30 Jun 23	Balance 01 Jul 22	Transfers from	Transfer to	Balance 30 Jun 23
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Leave reserve	139,147	-	25,700	164,847	139,148	-	25,844	164,992
Plant reserve	1,372,758	(621,000)	500,000	1,251,758	1,372,758	(417,000)	296,000	1,251,758
Buildings reserve	499,636	-	5,325	504,961	499,636	-	6,218	505,853
Berringarra - Cue road reserve	3,457,923	(2,064,814)	24,000	1,417,109	3,457,924	(2,064,814)	48,477	1,441,587
CSIRO Berringarra - Pindar road reser	176,024	-	1,875	177,899	176,024	-	2,189	178,213
Flood damage repairs reserve	105,969	(100,000)	500	6,469	105,969	(100,000)	-	5,969
Settlement buildings and facilitates	522,857	-	38,246	561,103	522,857	-	6,509	529,367
Asset rehabilitation reserve	858,912	(300,000)	-	558,912	858,912	-	-	858,912
Grants Commission Reserve	3,183,223	(3,183,223)	31,992	31,992	3,183,223	(3,200,088)	17,470	604
Community Economic Development R	-	-	3,630	3,630	-	-	-	-
Total Cash Backed Reserves	10,316,449	(6,269,037)	631,268	4,678,680	10,316,451	(5,781,902)	402,707	4,937,256

Annual Budget v YTD Actual



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8. DISPOSAL OF ASSETS

Annual Budget

	WDV	Proceeds	Profit	(Loss)
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Transport				
Plant and Equipment				
P024 Water Tanker Trailer	24,000	24,000	-	-
P15006 Truck - Isuzu NPR 65/45	10,000	10,000	-	-
P16063 2016 Toyota Prado	25,000	25,000	-	-
Total Disposal of Assets	59,000	59,000	-	-
Total Profit or (Loss)				-

YTD Actual

	WDV	Proceeds	Profit	(Loss)
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Other Property & Services				
Motor Vehicle				
	-	-	-	-
				-
				-
				-
Total Disposal of Assets	-	-	-	-
Total Profit or (Loss)				-

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9. CAPITAL ACQUISITIONS

(a) Land and Buildings	Funding Source	Annual Budget \$	YTD Budget \$	YTD Actual \$	YTD Variance \$	% Complete
Community Amenities						
Container Deposit Shed		10,000	10,000	-	10,000	0%
Economic Services						
F Capex - New Caravan Park Ablution Block		350,000	350,000	-	350,000	0%
Capex - Roadhouse Residence		-	-	-	-	0%
Staff Accommodation Units		-	-	-	-	0%
Housing						
Capex - Renovation 6 Kurara Way		150,000	150,000	146,717	3,283	98%
Transport						
Depot Buildings & Improvements		-	-	-	-	0%
Total Land and Buildings		510,000	510,000	146,717	363,283	

(b) Furniture & Equipment	Funding Source	Annual Budget \$	YTD Budget \$	YTD Actual \$	YTD Variance \$	% Complete
Governance						
Council Chambers Communications Gear/Tables		15,000	15,000	327	14,673	2%
Server Replacement		32,000	32,000	30,025	1,975	94%
Housing						
Staff Housing Furniture & Equipment		2,909	2,909	12,471	(9,562)	100%
Economic Services						
Cap Ex Point Of Sale System Roadhouse		22,000	22,000	-	22,000	0%
Capex - Washing Machines		15,000	15,000	-	15,000	0%
Roadhouse Appliances		20,000	20,000	2,599	17,401	13%
Roadhouse Furniture		10,000	10,000	-	10,000	0%
Total Furniture & Equipment		116,909	116,909	45,422	71,487	

(c) Plant and Equipment	Funding Source	Annual Budget \$	YTD Budget \$	YTD Actual \$	YTD Variance \$	% Complete
Law, Order and Public Safety						
Slip on Fire Units		-	-	65,800	(65,800)	100%
Transport						
Road Plant Purchases		552,496	552,496	851,319	(298,823)	154%
Post Hole Digger & Trailer		49,741	49,741	49,741	-	100%
Depot Plant & Equipment		4,701	4,701	4,701	-	100%
Governance						
Administration Vehicles Purchases		70,000	70,000	-	70,000	0%
Total Plant and Equipment		676,938	676,938	971,561	(294,623)	

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9. CAPITAL ACQUISITIONS (Continued)

(d) Infrastructure - Roads	Funding Source	Annual Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance	% Complete
Transport		\$	\$	\$	\$	
Tourism Information Bays & Signage		30,000	30,000	-	30,000	0%
Cap Ex - Berringara-Cue Road - Upgrade Floodways		324,565	324,565	463,826	(139,262)	
Carn-Mul Rd 245.04 - 254.10 Reconstruct Resheet Prep for		770,268	770,268	857,369	(87,101)	111%
Capex Grids General		85,000	85,000	107,419	(22,419)	126%
Carn-Mul Rd 208.68 - 241.74 Reconstruct & Widen various s		523,233	523,233	495,181	28,052	95%
Beri-Pindar Rd Wreath Flowers Works		202,455	202,455	227,225	(24,771)	112%
Beri-Pindar Rd 288.05 - 309.50 Resheet incl Floodways		368,323	368,323	168,111	200,212	46%
Carn-Mul Rd 82.62 - 83.54 & 86.90 - 88.05 Resheet incl Flo		250,000	250,000	2,964	247,037	1%
General Road Sealing Works		769,733	769,733	775,452	(5,719)	
SKA Route General Construction Works		-	-	532,220	(532,220)	
SKA Route Gravel Stockpiling Works		80,000	80,000	-	80,000	
SKA Route Twin Peaks-Woolen Rd Proj No 1		250,000	250,000	1,611	248,389	
Capex - Beringarra-Cue Rd - Convert To Gravel		1,531,969	1,531,969	1,609,947	(77,978)	105%
		5,185,544	5,185,544	5,241,325	(55,780)	
Total Infrastructure - Roads		5,185,544	5,185,544	5,241,325	(55,780)	

(e) Infrastructure - Other	Funding Source	Annual Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance	% Complete
		\$	\$	\$	\$	
Recreation & Culture						
Sports Club Access Upgrade		15,000	15,000	-	15,000	0%
Economic Services						
Roadhouse & C/V Park Precinct Works		20,000	20,000	-	20,000	0%
Capex - Provision of Solar Power		-	-	-	-	0%
Improvements To drinking Water reticulation		750,000	750,000	500,430	249,570	67%
Power Supply Upgrade		-	-	40,145	(40,145)	0%
Community Amenities						
Cap-Ex - New Rubbish Tip		30,970	30,970	30,970	-	100%
Cap Ex - Niche Wall For Settlement Cemetery		13,000	13,000	15,537	(2,537)	120%
Total Infrastructure - Other		828,970	828,970	587,082	241,888	
Total Capital Expenditure		7,318,361	7,318,361	6,992,107	326,254	

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10. RATING INFORMATION

	Rateable Value \$	Rate in \$	Number of Properties #	Annual Budget Revenue \$	Rate Revenue \$	Interim Rates \$	Back Rates \$	YTD Actual Revenue \$
General Rates								
UV Pastoral	1,232,909	0.032950	22	59,952	59,956	-	-	59,956
UV Mining	1,624,078	0.279400	12	398,748	398,744	1,798	-	400,542
UV Prospecting and exploration	1,486,430	0.080150	55	194,031	141,304	9,358	34,243	184,905
Total General Rates				652,731	600,004	11,156	34,243	645,403
Minimum Rates								
UV Pastoral		800	6	4,800	4,800	-	-	4,800
UV Mining		800	0	-	-	-	-	-
UV Prospecting and exploration		800	27	21,600	21,600	-	-	21,600
Total Minimum Rates				26,400	26,400	-	-	26,400
Total General and Minimum Rates				679,131	626,404	11,156	34,243	671,803
Other Rate Revenue								
Facilities fees (Ex Gratia)								-
Total Rate Revenue				679,131				671,803

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11. INFORMATION ON BORROWINGS

(a) Debenture Repayments

(i) Loan 1 Purchase of Road Plant

	Annual Budget \$	YTD Budget \$	YTD Actual \$
Transport			
Opening balance	15,000	15,000	14,650
Principal payment	(15,000)	(15,000)	(14,650)
Principal Outstanding	-	-	(0)
Interest payment	(490)	-	-
Guarantee fee	-	-	-
Total Principal, Interest and Fees Paid	(15,490)	(15,000)	(14,650)

(ii) Loan 2 Roadworks in 2020-21

	Annual Budget \$	YTD Budget \$	YTD Actual \$
Transport			
Opening balance	1,908,469	1,908,469	1,908,469
Principal payment	(185,598)	(185,598)	(185,598)
Principal Outstanding	1,722,871	1,722,871	1,722,871
Interest payment	(34,305)	(34,305)	(34,305)
Service fee	-	-	-
Total Principal, Interest and Fees Paid	(219,903)	(219,903)	(219,903)
Total Principal Outstanding	1,722,871	1,722,871	1,722,871
Total Principal Repayments	(200,598)	(200,598)	(200,248)

12. GRANTS, SUBSIDIES AND CONTRIBUTIONS

(a) Operating Grants, Subsidies and Contributions

	Program / Details	Grant Provider	Annual Budget \$	YTD Budget \$	YTD Actual \$
	General Purpose Funding				
03201	F.A.G Grant - General	WALGGC	998,722	998,722	4,586,530
03202	F.A.G Grant - Roads	WALGGC	217,085	217,085	1,309,326
	Law, Order and Public Safety				
05102	DFES Operating Grant	DFES	18,431	18,431	18,838
	Education and Welfare				
08004	Education & Welfare Revenue		250	250	-
	Community Amenities				
	Transport				
12212	MRWA Direct	MRWA	251,732	251,732	251,732
12219	WANDRRA Flood Damage	MRWA	13,179,220	13,179,220	7,028,065
	Economic Services				
13201	Tour Area Prom Revenue		88,490	88,490	49,693
13201	Tour Area Prom Revenue		20,000	20,000	-
	Other Property & Services				
14404	Diesel Fuel Rebate		100,000	100,000	84,292
Total Operating Grants, Subsidies and Contributions			14,873,930	14,873,930	13,328,477

(b) Non-operating Grants, Subsidies and Contributions

	Transport				
12213	MRWA Specific	MRWA	480,000	480,000	372,000
12216	Roads to Recovery		565,000	565,000	618,236
12217	MRWA Black Spot		101,360	101,360	101,360
12238	LRCIP		910,206	910,206	572,184
12237	MRWA - SKA Roads	MRWA	363,000	363,000	1,153,092
12244	Mining Related Road Contributions		7,500	7,500	-
	Law, Order and Public Safety				
05121	Fire Prevention Grant		2,000	2,000	-
Total Non-Operating Grants, Subsidies and Contributions			2,429,066	2,429,066	2,816,872

Total Grants, Subsidies and Contributions	17,302,996	17,302,996	16,145,349
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Check			
Operating	14,873,930	14,873,930	13,328,477
Variance	-	-	-
Non-operating	2,429,066	2,429,066	2,816,872
Variance	-	-	-

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13. BUDGET AMENDMENTS

GL Code	Job Code	Description	Council Resolution	Classification	Increase in Cash	Decrease in Cash	Running Balance
03100	03100	ABC Expenses - Rate Revenue	Budget Review		150		
03103	03103	General Rates Levied	Budget Review		55,212		
03205	03205	Other General Purpose Funding	Budget Review		145		
03210	03210	Transfer to Grants Commission Reserve	Budget Review			(31,992)	
04100	04100	Members Travelling Expenses	Budget Review			(3,819)	
04101	04101	Members Conference Expenses	Budget Review			(4,295)	
04104	04104	Members - Refresh & Receptions	Budget Review			(273)	
04105	04105	Members - Insurance	Budget Review			(54)	
04110	04110	Civic Receptions	Budget Review			(594)	
04113	04113	ABC Expenses - Members	Budget Review		5,476		
04200	04200	ABC Expenses - Other Governance	Budget Review		11,730		
04203	04203	Other General Governance	Budget Review		11,500		
05100	05100	ABC Expenses - Fire Prevention	Budget Review		208		
05101	05101	Insurance - Fire Prevention	Budget Review			(1,342)	
05102	05102	Income Relating to Fire Prevention	Budget Review		9,631		
05102	05102	Income Relating to Fire Prevention	Budget Review		907		
05105	05105	Fire Prevention Vehicle Expenses	Budget Review			(2,221)	
05106	05106	Equip. & Cons - Fire Prevention	Budget Review		1,504		
05107	FIREO	Fire Expenses - Other	Budget Review			(1,500)	
05107	FIREO	Fire Expenses - Other	Budget Review			(2,862)	
05310	05310	ABC Expenses - O.L.O. & P.S.	Budget Review		138		
07404	07404	Analytical Expenses	Budget Review			(220)	
07406	07406	ABC Expenses - Prev. Services	Budget Review		138		
07503	07503	ABC Expenses - Pest Control	Budget Review		138		
07700	07700	Medical Centre Expenses	Budget Review			(350)	
07701	07701	Donation RFDS	Budget Review			(9,000)	
07702	07702	Maintain Patient Transfer Vehicle	Budget Review			(1,336)	
07705	07705	ABC Expenses - Other Health	Budget Review		311		
08002	08002	ABC Expenses - Education & Welfare	Budget Review		138		
08003	08003	Education Support	Budget Review			(3,575)	
09101	M2OFF	Maintenance 2 Office Road (Ceo)	Budget Review		425		
09101	M2OFF	Maintenance 2 Office Road (Ceo)	Budget Review			(179)	
09102	M4AKU	Maintenance 4A Kurara Way	Budget Review			(69)	
09102	M4AKU	Maintenance 4A Kurara Way	Budget Review		58		
09103	M4BKU	Maintenance 4B Kurara Way	Budget Review			(42)	
09104	M6KU	Maintenance 6 Kurara Way	Budget Review			(69)	
09105	M8KU	Maintenance 8 Kurara Way	Budget Review			(74)	
09106	M10AKU	Maintenance 10A Kurara Way	Budget Review		300		
09106	M10AKU	Maintenance 10A Kurara Way	Budget Review			(280)	
09106	M10AKU	Maintenance 10A Kurara Way	Budget Review			(42)	
09107	M10BKU	Maintenance 10B Kurara Way	Budget Review			(42)	
09108	M12AKU	Maintenance 12A Kurara Way	Budget Review			(885)	
09108	M12AKU	Maintenance 12A Kurara Way	Budget Review			(50)	
09109	M12BKU	Maintenance 12B Kurara Way	Budget Review			(50)	
09110	M14MUL	Maintenance 14 Mulga Cres	Budget Review			(656)	
09110	M14MUL	Maintenance 14 Mulga Cres	Budget Review			(121)	
09111	M16MUL	Maintenance 16 Mulga Cres	Budget Review			(46)	
09113	09113	Staff Housing Costs Reallocated	Budget Review		3,014		
09117	M8MUL	Maintenance 8 Mulga Cres	Budget Review			(803)	
09118	M10MUL	Maintenance 10 Mulga Cres	Budget Review			(391)	
09133	09133	Staff Housing Furniture & Equipment	Budget Review			(2,909)	
09134	RN6KU	Capex - Renovation 6 Kurara Way	Budget Review			(35,000)	
09151	09151	Transfer to Reserves - Buildings	Budget Review			(2,625)	
10100	MSANH	Expenses Relating To Sanitation - Household Refuse	Budget Review			(1,298)	
10100	MSANH	Household Refuse Removal	Budget Review			(29)	
10100	MSANH	Expenses Relating To Sanitation - Household Refuse	Budget Review			(1,758)	
10100	MSANH	Expenses Relating To Sanitation - Household Refuse	Budget Review			(16)	
10103	MTIP	Tip Maintenance	Budget Review			(11)	
10104	C14703	Cap-Ex - New Rubbish Tip	Budget Review		19,030		
10105	10105	ABC Expenses - H'sehold Refuse	Budget Review		138		
10300	SEWER	Expenses Relating To Sewerage	Budget Review			(815)	
10300	SEWER	Expenses Relating To Sewerage	Budget Review			(1,707)	
10300	SEWER	Expenses Relating To Sewerage	Budget Review			(845)	
10300	SEWER	Expenses Relating To Sewerage	Budget Review			(1,177)	
10303	10303	ABC Expenses - Sewerage	Budget Review		138		
10500	MOSQ	Mosquito Control	Budget Review			(426)	
10500	MOSQ	Mosquito Control	Budget Review			(2,580)	
10500	MOSQ	Mosquito Control	Budget Review			(641)	
10503	10503	ABC Exp. - Protection of Env.	Budget Review		279		
10604	10604	ABC Exp - Town Plng & Reg. Dev.	Budget Review		123		
10701	10701	Other Community Amenities Inc	Budget Review		186		
10704	MPTOIL	Maintenance - Public Conveniences (Near Roadhouse)	Budget Review			(2,546)	
10704	MPTOIL	Maintenance - Public Conveniences (Near Roadhouse)	Budget Review			(181)	
10704	MPTOIL	Maintenance - Public Conveniences (Near Roadhouse)	Budget Review			(1,901)	

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10704	MPTOIL	Maintenance - Public Conveniences (Near Roadhouse)	Budget Review		(18)
10705	MCEMET	Maintenance - Cemetery	Budget Review		(4)
10709	10709	ABC Expenses - O.C.A.	Budget Review	141	
10770	C14713	Cap Ex - Niche Wall For Settlement Cemetery	Budget Review	17,000	
11300	11300	ABC Expenses - Other Rec. & Sport	Budget Review	224	
11304	MPARKS	Maintenance - Parks And Reserves	Budget Review	14,615	
11304	MPARKS	Maintenance - Parks And Reserves	Budget Review		(181)
11304	MPARKS	Maintenance - Parks And Reserves	Budget Review	6,759	
11304	MPARKS	Maintenance - Parks And Reserves	Budget Review		(4,378)
11304	MPARKS	Parks & Reserves Mtce	Budget Review		(446)
11305	MSPORT	Maintenance - Murchison Sports Clut	Budget Review		(3,428)
11305	MSPORT	Maintenance - Murchison Sports Clut	Budget Review		(839)
11305	MSPORT	Maintenance - Murchison Sports Clut	Budget Review		(6,500)
11305	MSPORT	Maintenance - Murchison Sports Clut	Budget Review		(862)
11305	MSPORT	Maintenance - Murchison Sports Clut	Budget Review		(2,666)
11305	MSPORT	Maintenance - Murchison Sports Clut	Budget Review		(11)
11306	MPOLOC	Maintenance - Polocrosse Fields	Budget Review		(700)
11306	MPOLOC	Maintenance - Polocrosse Fields	Budget Review		(362)
11306	MPOLOC	Maintenance - Polocrosse Fields	Budget Review		(1,763)
11307	MSTOIL	Maintenance - Two Sports Toilet Blocks (Near Clubrooms And Between	Budget Review		(590)
11307	MSTOIL	Maintenance - Two Sports Toilet Blocks (Near Clubrooms And Between	Budget Review		(449)
11307	MSTOIL	Maintenance - Two Sports Toilet Blocks (Near Clubrooms And Between	Budget Review		(81)
11307	MSTOIL	Maintenance - Two Sports Toilet Blocks (Near Clubrooms And Between	Budget Review		(1)
11400	11400	Television Rebroadcasting	Budget Review	19,000	
11400	11400	Television Rebroadcasting	Budget Review		(18,436)
11404	11404	ABC Exp - TV Rebroadcasting	Budget Review	138	
11500	11500	Library Costs	Budget Review		(107)
11500	11500	Library Costs	Budget Review		(674)
11502	11502	ABC Expenses - Libraries	Budget Review	392	
11602	MUSEUM	Maintenance - Museum	Budget Review		(2,488)
11602	MUSEUM	Maintenance - Museum	Budget Review		(2,470)
11602	MUSEUM	Maintenance - Museum	Budget Review		(267)
11604	MUCOTT	Maintenance - Museum Cottage	Budget Review		(1,576)
11604	MUCOTT	Maintenance - Museum Cottage	Budget Review		(2,954)
11604	MUCOTT	Maintenance - Museum Cottage	Budget Review		(95)
11604	MUCOTT	Maintenance - Museum Cottage	Budget Review		(35)
11604	MUCOTT	Maintenance - Museum Cottage	Budget Review		(1,613)
11606	11606	ABC Expenses - Other Culture	Budget Review	1,491	
12101	C12003	Capex Roads Construction General	Budget Review	149,640	
12101	C12003	Capex Roads Construction General	Budget Review	130,387	
12101	C12003	Capex Roads Construction General	Budget Review	255,161	
12101	C12020	Carn-Mul Rd 245.04 - 254.10 Reconstruct Resheet Prep for Sea	Budget Review		(75,373)
12101	C12020	Carn-Mul Rd 245.04 - 254.10 Reconstruct Resheet Prep for Sea	Budget Review	4,812	
12101	C12020	Carn-Mul Rd 245.04 - 254.10 Reconstruct Resheet Prep for Sea	Budget Review	178,023	
12101	C12020	Carn-Mul Rd 245.04 - 254.10 Reconstruct Resheet Prep for Sea	Budget Review		(70,555)
12101	C12020	Carn-Mul Rd 245.04 - 254.10 Reconstruct Resheet Prep for Sea	Budget Review		(166,764)
12108	CGR000	Capex Grids General	Budget Review	35,000	
12109	12109	Depot Buildings & Improvements	Budget Review	15,000	
12111	12111	Depot Plant & Equipment	Budget Review		(4,701)
12118	C12031	Carn-Mul Rd 208.68 - 241.74 Reconstruct & Widen various sections	Budget Review	20,709	
12118	C12031	Carn-Mul Rd 208.68 - 241.74 Reconstruct & Widen various sections	Budget Review	3,745	
12118	C12031	Carn-Mul Rd 208.68 - 241.74 Reconstruct & Widen various sections	Budget Review	115,201	
12118	C12031	Carn-Mul Rd 208.68 - 241.74 Reconstruct & Widen various sections	Budget Review	17,532	
12118	C12031	Carn-Mul Rd 208.68 - 241.74 Reconstruct & Widen various sections	Budget Review	40,784	
12119	C12032	General Road Sealing Works	Budget Review		(15,743)
12119	C12032	General Road Sealing Works	Budget Review		(722,758)
12119	C12032	General Road Sealing Works	Budget Review		(14,168)
12119	C12032	General Road Sealing Works	Budget Review		(17,064)
12120	C12026	Beri-Pindar Rd Wreath Flowers Works	Budget Review		(9,689)
12120	C12026	Beri-Pindar Rd Wreath Flowers Works	Budget Review	288	
12120	C12026	Beri-Pindar Rd Wreath Flowers Works	Budget Review		(23,920)
12120	C12026	Beri-Pindar Rd Wreath Flowers Works	Budget Review		(11,046)
12120	C12026	Beri-Pindar Rd Wreath Flowers Works	Budget Review		(6,048)
12120	C12027	Beri-Pindar Rd 288.05 - 309.50 Resheet incl Floodways	Budget Review	3,460	
12120	C12027	Beri-Pindar Rd 288.05 - 309.50 Resheet incl Floodways	Budget Review		(2,688)
12120	C12027	Beri-Pindar Rd 288.05 - 309.50 Resheet incl Floodways	Budget Review		(859)
12120	C12036	SKA Route Gravel Stockpiling Works	Budget Review		(80,000)
12120	C12037	SKA Route Twin Peaks-Wooleen Rd Proj No 1	Budget Review		(250,000)
12131	12131	Trans. from Res - Beringarra-Cue	Budget Review	1,214,814	
12180	C12001	Capex - Beringarra-Cue Rd - Convert To Grave	Budget Review		(2,086)
12180	C12001	Capex - Beringarra-Cue Rd - Convert To Grave	Budget Review		(678,005)
12180	C12001	Capex - Beringarra-Cue Rd - Convert To Grave	Budget Review		(1,878)
12180	C12002	Cap Ex - Beringarra-Cue Road - Upgrade Floodways	Budget Review		(149)
12180	C12002	Cap Ex - Beringarra-Cue Road - Upgrade Floodways	Budget Review		(19,500)
12180	C12002	Cap Ex - Beringarra-Cue Road - Upgrade Floodways	Budget Review		(304,648)
12180	C12002	Cap Ex - Beringarra-Cue Road - Upgrade Floodways	Budget Review		(268)
12203	R0001	Beringarra-Pindar Road	Budget Review	29,823	
12203	R0001	Beringarra-Pindar Road	Budget Review		(235)
12203	R0001	Beringarra-Pindar Road	Budget Review	25,675	
12203	R0003	Beringarra-Byro Road	Budget Review	5,401	
12203	R0003	Beringarra-Byro Road	Budget Review	8,824	
12203	R0004	Twin Peaks - Wooleen Road	Budget Review		(2,967)
12203	R0004	Twin Peaks - Wooleen Road	Budget Review		(2,841)

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12203	R0004	Twin Peaks - Wooleen Road	Budget Review		(7,646)
12203	R0005	Boolardy - Kalli Road	Budget Review	4,613	
12203	R0006	Byro - Woodleigh Road	Budget Review	1,598	
12203	R0008	New Forrest - Yallalong Road	Budget Review		(4,530)
12203	R0008	New Forrest - Yallalong Road	Budget Review		(8,309)
12203	R0008	New Forrest - Yallalong Road	Budget Review		(9,001)
12203	R0010	Coolcalalaya Road	Budget Review		(688)
12203	R0010	Coolcalalaya Road	Budget Review		(2,330)
12203	R0010	Coolcalalaya Road	Budget Review		(5,818)
12203	R0011	Mileura - Nookawarra Road	Budget Review	5,587	
12203	R0016	Beringarra - Mt Gould Road	Budget Review	3,644	
12203	R0017	Tardie - Yuin Road	Budget Review	2,214	
12203	R0022	Innouendy Road	Budget Review	479	
12203	R0024	Boolardy Station Access Road	Budget Review	191	
12203	R0025	Yunda Road	Budget Review	2,382	
12203	R0026	Meeberrie - Wooleen Road	Budget Review		(757)
12203	R0026	Meeberrie - Wooleen Road	Budget Review		(145)
12203	R0027	Wooleen - Mt Wittenoom Road	Budget Review	3,935	
12203	R0027	Wooleen - Mt Wittenoom Road	Budget Review		(3,629)
12203	R0028	Mt Wittenoom Road	Budget Review	2,929	
12203	R0031	Beringarra - Cue Road	Budget Review	1,789	
12203	R0032	Boolardy - Wooleen Road	Budget Review	1,030	
12203	R0032	Boolardy - Wooleen Road	Budget Review		(186)
12203	R0032	Boolardy - Wooleen Road	Budget Review	1,588	
12203	R0033	Cue - Kalli Road	Budget Review		(99)
12203	R0033	Cue - Kalli Road	Budget Review		(89)
12203	R0035	Butchers Track	Budget Review		(4,385)
12203	R0035	Butchers Track	Budget Review		(817)
12203	R0038	Mulga Crescent	Budget Review		(185)
12203	R0038	Mulga Crescent	Budget Review		(166)
12203	R0038	Mulga Crescent	Budget Review		(403)
12203	R0041	Kurara Way	Budget Review		(185)
12203	R0041	Kurara Way	Budget Review		(166)
12203	R0041	Kurara Way	Budget Review		(403)
12203	R0043	Carnarvon - Mullewa Road	Budget Review		(2,060)
12203	R0043	Carnarvon - Mullewa Road	Budget Review		(15,569)
12203	R0046	Wooleen Access Road	Budget Review		(259)
12203	R0046	Wooleen Access Road	Budget Review		(466)
12203	R0046	Wooleen Access Road	Budget Review		(1,127)
12203	R0047	Errabiddy Bluff Road	Budget Review		(342)
12203	R0047	Errabiddy Bluff Road	Budget Review		(666)
12203	R0047	Errabiddy Bluff Road	Budget Review		(1,529)
12203	R0051	Station Airstrips	Budget Review		(701)
12203	R0051	Station Airstrips	Budget Review		(1,263)
12203	R0051	Station Airstrips	Budget Review		(3,077)
12204	DEPOT	Depot Maintenance	Budget Review		(1,987)
12204	DEPOT	Depot Maintenance	Budget Review		(6,799)
12204	DEPOT	Depot Maintenance	Budget Review		(2,299)
12204	DEPOT	Depot Maintenance	Budget Review		(10,350)
12204	DEPOT	Depot Maintenance	Budget Review		(1,359)
12206	TSIGNS	Traffic Signs Maintenance	Budget Review		(2,043)
12206	TSIGNS	Traffic Signs Maintenance	Budget Review		(1,550)
12207	MBRIDG	Bridges Maintenance	Budget Review		(809)
12208	GPITS	Rehab Gravel Pits	Budget Review		(711)
12208	GPITS	Rehab Gravel Pits	Budget Review	3,910	
12208	GPITS	Rehab Gravel Pits	Budget Review		(1,281)
12208	GPITS	Rehab Gravel Pits	Budget Review		(3,910)
12210	BUND19	Bunding Kalli-Roderick Rd	Budget Review	80,000	
12212	12212	Grant - MRWA Direct	Budget Review	5,301	
12213	12213	Grant - MRWA Specific	Budget Review	120,000	
12220	12220	Traffic Licencing Commissions	Budget Review	23	
12223	MGRIDS	Maintenance/Improvements Grids	Budget Review		(3,103)
12223	MGRIDS	Maintenance/Improvements Grids	Budget Review		(5,866)
12223	MGRIDS	Maintenance/Improvements Grids	Budget Review		(3,889)
12227	12227	Road Loan Interest Expenses (WATC)	Budget Review		(581)
12227	12227	Road Loan Interest Expenses (WATC)	Budget Review		(1,381)
12235	FLOOD8	Flood Damage Feb 2021	Budget Review		(447)
12235	FLOOD8	Flood Damage Feb 2021	Budget Review		(805)
12235	FLOOD9	Flood Damage from Rain Event May 2021	Budget Review		(2,086)
12235	FLOOD9	Flood Damage from Rain Event May 2021	Budget Review		(3,755)
12237	12237	MRWA - SKA Roads Capital Grant	Budget Review	363,000	
12241	12241	ABC Exp - Roads & Depot	Budget Review	2,871	
12244	12244	Mining Related Roads Contributions	Budget Review	7,500	
12252	12252	Trans to Res - B/Pindar CSIRO	Budget Review		(975)
12302	12302	Road Plant Purchases	Budget Review	57,504	
12315	12315	Cap-Ex - Purchase Major Plant - Post Hole Digger & Trailer	Budget Review		(49,741)
12604	MAIRPT	Airport Maintenance	Budget Review	1,362	
12604	MAIRPT	Airport Maintenance	Budget Review		(308)
12604	MAIRPT	Airport Maintenance	Budget Review		(7,689)
12604	MAIRPT	Airport Maintenance	Budget Review		(2)
12605	12605	ABC Exp. - Aerodrome	Budget Review	135	
13103	13103	ABC Exp - Rural Services	Budget Review	281	
13201	13201	Tourism Area Promotion Revenue	Budget Review	20,000	

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13201	13201	Tourism Area Promotion Revenue	Budget Review	11,430	
13203	C13010	Capex - Roadhouse Residence	Budget Review	425,000	
13203	C13027	Staff Accommodation Units	Budget Review	250,000	
13207	13207	ABC Exp- Tourism/Area Prom.	Budget Review	1,737	
13211	13211	Trans to Res - Com Econ Dev	Budget Review		(3,630)
13600	13600	ABC Expenses - Other Economic Services	Budget Review	1,332	
13601	WATER	Settlement Water Supply	Budget Review	1,117	
13601	WATER	Settlement Water Supply	Budget Review		(53)
13601	WATER	Settlement Water Supply	Budget Review		(7)
13602	POWER	Settlement Power Generation	Budget Review	1,701	
13602	POWER	Settlement Power Generation	Budget Review		(15,000)
13602	POWER	Settlement Power Generation	Budget Review		(1,582)
13602	GEN098	Powerhouse Generator No 1	Budget Review	2,299	
13602	GEN098	Powerhouse Generator No 1	Budget Review	1,269	
13602	GEN099	Powerhouse Generator No 2	Budget Review	974	
13602	GEN099	Powerhouse Generator No 2	Budget Review	1,269	
13603	FREGHT	Settlement Freight Service	Budget Review		(3,047)
13603	FREGHT	Settlement Freight Service	Budget Review		(26,618)
13603	FREGHT	Settlement Freight Service	Budget Review		(88)
13603	FREGHT	Settlement Freight Service	Budget Review		(2,335)
13604	RHTRAN	Roadhouse Transitional	Budget Review		(30,444)
13605	RHFDIE	Roadhouse Diesel Fuel Purchases	Budget Review		(77,933)
13606	RHFEXP	Roadhouse Fuel Other Expenses	Budget Review		(788)
13606	RHFEXP	Roadhouse Fuel Other Expenses	Budget Review		(346)
13606	RHFEXP	Roadhouse Fuel Other Expenses	Budget Review		(710)
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Ancient Land Under Brilliant Skies

Festival Report

July 2023

Ancient Lands Under Brilliant Skies Festival

Introduction

By now we all realise that the inaugural Ancient Lands Under Brilliant Skies Festival (ALUBSF) undertaken on the weekend of 15-16 April 2023 has been and gone.

The Working Group and many others are to be congratulated for putting on a very successful festival event which from all accounts was extremely well received. Obviously, numbers were down due to the high river but nevertheless feedback has been extremely positive. Opportunities were also taken up to obtain video footage through Destination WA and to have the Festival professionally photographed. All of this work will become usable by the Shire moving forward and is opportune given we haven't much in place.

There will be a number of lessons learnt from the aftermath and in this regard the Working Group have met and provided a summary debrief report to be considered. A survey has also been instituted to assist in this deliberation. Councillors have also been requested to provide the own observation as community participants. Near final costs of the event have now been completed.

A compilation of these documents are attached.

Rationale

The concept of the creation of the ALUBS Festival broadly arose following completion of a range of Masterplan Redevelopment work in and around the Murchison Settlement comprising Murchison Settlement Masterplan, Roadhouse Precinct and Vast Sky Experience Business Case. The notion of linking a festival based on the Murchison's "point of difference" with a CSIRO / SKA focus whilst still in evolution was seen as the most likely to attract external funding and be consistent with what was proposed to be achieved strategically and importantly attract external interest. Tying into the Solar Eclipse event in Exmouth was an obvious plus.

For this reason, in a strategic sense the concept hit the mark, as evidenced by attraction of external funds and ultimate feedback obtained post review, but whether this aspect was ever articulated or more widely known locally is open to question.

Progress

The development of and progress update of implementing the festival included formal reports to Council in November 2021, October 2021, November 2021, March 2022, June 2022, September 2022, October 2022, February 2023, March 2023, April 2023 and now in July 2023. Along the way funding from Lottery West and Tourism WA was obtained but Mid-West Regional Development and Building Better Regions applications were unsuccessful.

As shown in the attached financials a 2022/23 budget was adopted but without any real understanding of the elements involved in running a festival, nor the costs of implementation given the then unknowns which later identified. This was expected as only through experience would these aspects be identified but it was considered as a worthy risk given the learnings that would inevitably result. As it later transpired this assumption was proven correct.

Prior to October 2022 there was operationally minimal engagement with members of the community with a Working Group established not until October 2022 with a first meeting was undertaken on 18 November 2022. In the meantime, an external consultant, Checked Events were engaged. Jo Panter was initially engaged with Megan Howlett to follow once Jo Panter was sidelined to assist in the Exmouth Solar Eclipse.

During this time significant momentum was lost, especially over the Christmas - New Year period but fortunately the working group members, especially as they expanded in number possessed significant skills such that from early in the new year event logistics were more professionally put in play. Having this professional input was essential and positive plus

The loss of the Community Development Manager during this period did have an impact in that Megan Howlett's engagement was expanded in scope. It is fair to say that Shire management and oversight was poor

during this period and did contribute to some operational decisions being rushed which if made earlier may have led to alternative decisions such as charging for the event being made. However, this later addressed in late 2022 and early 2023 such that overall, I am pleased with the management conduct of the event by all involved.

Review

The attached summary provides a sound review by all involved. Whilst there are a number of improvements identified and a number of deficiencies it needs to be recognised that overall, from observations an independent survey that the event was a significant success. Those that attended are complementary. All those involved are to be congratulated but also a significant amount of stress is placed on a few.

A few overall comments are provided

Item	Comment
Rationale	The reason for undertaking the festival and its tie up with CSIRO / SKA and the solar eclipse was soundly based and sits neatly within Council's overall strategy. Moving forward this needs to be refined and work undertaken to link wider aspects such as the pastoral industry, geo tourism, night and local Wadjarri participation. This <i>raison d'être</i> needs is work in progress and needs to be further refined and more widely articulated. It is the Shire's "point of difference" and should be reflected ultimately in the festival itself but also be part of the fabric of the community.
Event Scale	The scale of the event planned was in part dictated on what numbers were expected. Having an up-front fee may have improved the event numbers but in reality, effects of a high river and cancellation of CSIRO tours had a significant impact. A smaller scale event also has less risk and should be predicated on the assumption that future external grant funding is less likely.
Support	The skills to manage such an event that the community possesses locally are impressive but fall on a few. Additional stress is also placed on Council staff. This is a wider Shire issue. Having a dedicated staff resource with the necessary skills is essential.
Pre-Planning	The biggest and justifiable criticism in part due to a lack of understanding of the timeframes involved but also a slowness to create and engage with a working group. In reality a long lead time is required with strong support and inclusion of staff much earlier.
Infrastructure	Event highlighted limits on some existing infrastructure and services. Cost associated with having to hire gensets being one example.
Risk Management	As this was a Shire run event a cautious approach was taken in relation to a number of aspects such as security and toilet facilities appearing excessive. This aspect needs to be reviewed and re assessed.
Budget	The budget set for the event was always problematical given it was set without a defined event plan and cost. Once this was established to a more accurate extent, it became more manageable with additional costs thereafter largely in house and Shire staff related
Festival Space	Actual festival space between Council Office, Windmill and Museum created a terrific atmosphere but a bit spread out manly due to lack of numbers. Stall location compatible. Disconnection with those around the bar and this space something to look at in the future. Having the opportunity to see how this space works was invaluable for current and future operations

Item	Comment
Festival Acts	The performers chosen such as Junkadelic, Zap Circus and Stilt walker were appropriate. These types of acts fit well, like to come back and provide opportunities for locals to view as by and generally these opportunities are not generally locally. Having a band is perhaps something that isn't necessary moving forward.
Overall Assessment	<p>Like all of these types of events a nuanced approach needs to be undertaken. For instance, any economic assessment needs to address income and employment created from those suppliers who provided food and beverage and other services. The value created for people attending and enjoying what was provided, whilst subjective has been positively demonstrated by comments recorded and feedback ascertained.</p> <p>A range of suggested improvements have been raised and can be implemented in the future, but the overall measure is one of positivity</p> <p>From my personal perspective I was very proud that we made the effort and am confident that with the right support that future events are justified and can and will be a success</p>
Future Events	<p>No definitive view was expressed as to whether a similar event should be undertaken next year but also general support for some event to continue at some stage.</p> <p>This is obviously something to progress and consider especially strategically.</p>

*Enc ALUBS Festival Working Group Feedback Report
2023 Ancient Land Under Brilliant Skies Festival Survey Report
ALUBS Festival Financial Summary*

Bill Boehm
Chief Executive Officer
24.07.23

Attachments

ALUBS Festival Feedback - Working Group Summary 19.06.23 - Post Meeting Feedback 24.07.23

Item	Comments
Meeting Commenced	10am
Present	Cr Shelly Fowler, Bill Boehm, Will Herold, Lisa Keen (Council Office), Frances Pollock (till 11:00am), Megan Howlett, Julia Davis, Chris Brayton (CSIRO) (Remote via Teams)
Apologies	Sam Walton, Rachel Rayner (CSIRO), Nick Drew and Vicki Dumbris. Note Sam Walton provided post meeting feedback on 24.07.23
Background	<p>Megan Howlett prepared a Festival Survey Report which was sent out on 19 May 2023 with the view that members of the Working Group would consider and provide comments prior to or at the meeting.</p> <p>At the same time a request was made for each member to jot down some thoughts ahead of the Debrief Meeting. Aim was to focus on the overall event, the feedback in the survey but particularly elements that we could improve / revise. Nothing is off limits. Eg</p> <p>What went well, what needs improvement, what to not do again, what type of acts to offer, what other things could we consider, timing, whether to do next year and anything else</p> <p>The above became the Agenda for the meeting.</p>
Meeting Progress on the Day	Debrief in meeting addressed firstly the Festival Survey Report and then the above dot points. All members of the Working Group had an opportunity to speak in a “round the table” fashion. It was noted that when one member made a point there was general concurrence such that there was no need for any additional comment to be made.
Festival Survey Report	<p>General feedback was that there was nothing that was not a surprise with no major dramas</p> <p>Survey report was positive and something to build on. CSIRO wasn’t adversely hammered despite the tours being cancelled</p> <p>Report identified that some decided to not to attend due to CSIRO cancellations thereby confirming that CSIRO was a key drawcard for some</p> <p>Response to survey was very high with around 50% coming within 4 days of the email request. Such a positive response is unusual. Judging by verbal dialogue with campers at campsites, some of which didn’t know about the event prior, feedback was positive leading to extra night’s stay</p> <p>Camp oven cookoff demo was a huge success and that one that could be expanded upon if event went ahead next year</p> <p>Overall view was that Survey Report was positive and reflective of the groups overall view</p>
General	The following comments were provided. All acknowledged short preplanning time which was less than ideal and the logistical issues which were planned based on foreshadowed greater numbers and which were adversely affected by weather and high river flows prior to the event, and which were beyond everyone’s control. A number of Roadhouse staff also came down with COVID on the actual weekend.

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Item	Comments
What went well	<p>Thought Junkadelic and Zap Circus were terrific.</p> <p>Actual festival space between Council Office, Windmill and Museum created a terrific atmosphere</p> <p>Working group performance and that of staff once involved was excellent and impressive leading to a positive result especially considering issues that were beyond our control.</p> <p>Suggestion to bring in Tom and Henry was thoughtful and essential</p> <p>Thought Junkadelic and Zap Circus were terrific and the type of event, similar to Yuck Circus that would be enjoyed by locals</p> <p>Camp oven cookoff demo was a huge success</p> <p>When questioned as to what the views from acts and support people were, confirmation that all had been spoken to other than the jumpy castle operators and all were</p> <p>Stall holders were happy to attend and enjoyed the event and experience, sales not being necessarily the prime motivation. They would come back again</p> <p>Choice of beverages everyone seemed content with</p> <p>Licensed area was large enough</p> <p>Frank and his security team were brilliant with no dramas</p> <p>Drink tickets were terrific but probably didn't need them with the amount of people that attended</p> <p>It was still a good weekend and I'm glad we had such fantastic feedback</p>
What needs improvement	<p>Too much scrambling to bring event together with decisions such as merchandising a bit rushed at end with a lack of clear message on what to action and why.</p> <p>Tighten up future scope and program</p> <p>Event was too expansive and perhaps asking too much as a first trial</p> <p>Second day on Sunday was slow</p> <p>Agreed with suggestion that camp fires were an essence and expectation when visiting Murchison and desirable but were not encouraged was associated with Risk Management Requirements.</p> <p>Could have done with an announcer / MC on the day do communicate better on what was on and where to supplement the registration area. Maps would also have assisted.</p> <p>Story and linkages of Pastoral community not covered much in program and something that should be part of any new festival. A number of comments were also noted that a pastoralist not being available to talk too.</p> <p>Would have been ideal if ticketing for CSIRO events could have been coordinated better with the general event. Something that should be able to be improved in the future</p> <p>MAC ladies may have made a loss due to over catering</p> <p>Support for Sponsors could have been better acknowledged and supported.</p> <p>Catering was massively over catered for. This also applied to a Mullewa supplier.</p> <p>Bit of disconnection with those around the bar</p> <p>Future event to be better managed from a budget and financial management perspective</p>

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Item	Comments
	We over catered at the bar.
	Bar opening times to be more but will need more bar staff for that to happen.
	Location of bar definitely needs to be reassessed and quite possibly just have a pop-up bar close to the entertainment
	If bar needs to be shut for any reason it needs to be advised at the earliest convenience
	Fires to be put into the risk management plan next time and include some in the licenced area
	Wrist bands need to be really thought out properly
	Food and drink vouchers need to be discussed who gets them and provided only to those who get them
	More kids activities
	Check in system for the suppliers and volunteers
	Better Itemising of the schedule of the day
	Need a team leader to delegate volunteers of the event, use people to their strengths
	MC throughout the day
	More volunteers
	Clear understanding for everyone where things need to be setup
	More showcasing our sponsors
	Overall we need to work better as a team and not to do it next year as its too late to start planning now.
	I think personally it will work better next time as we are not creating a working group so late in the planning side of it all.
	Acknowledged that pre-event planning was poorly managed by the Shire

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Item	Comments
What to not do again	Free Tickets not a good idea as there was no pre commitment
What other things to consider	<p>Needed a briefing paper on what activities were on and who</p> <p>Perhaps need an external consultant to pull together event for the future to determine a clear purpose and message for the future</p> <p>Perhaps asking too much of everyone involved with such a broad program over the weekend.</p> <p>Suggested additional “hands on” activities over and above those for kids</p> <p>Many different elements involved and on offer with no direct purpose of festival</p> <p>Event involved a major commitment from volunteers and this needs to be managed in the future.</p> <p>Smaller scale more manageable and could the perhaps sustained annually</p> <p>Camp oven cook off options to be explored for future.</p> <p>Camp oven cook off festival (week long) in Queensland could be options to be explored for future.</p> <p>Less is more</p> <p>Include community in consultation for future events</p> <p>Actual festival space between Council Office, Windmill and Museum created a terrific atmosphere but a bit spread out mainly due to lack of numbers. Stall location compatible. Disconnection with those around the bar and this space something to look at in the future. Having the opportunity to see how this space works was invaluable for current and future operations</p> <p>More showcasing our locals</p>
Timing	<p>Ideally any future event to start preplanning now</p> <p>Timing of Festival was set to align with solar eclipse</p> <p>Lucky with timing of Festival in April as it can be quite warm that time of year. Prefer May in first half of the year if event happens again.</p> <p>CSIRO desire to have tours once per year based in Murchison as a start and end point. Happy to ramp up this element and noted groups comments that costs to be charged should be reflective of the inherent value and keen demand</p> <p>Working with the lunar phases for star gazing which means around a new moon ideal.</p> <p>Timing in school holidays seem to work.</p> <p>Festival could possibly run for only one day</p>

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Item	Comments
Whether to do next year	Various views
Anything Else	<p>Catering money from festival still be reconciled.</p> <p>Respectful of CSIRO's role not wishing to appear to take over nor change focus of festival.</p> <p>CSIRO is an integral part of the community and no issue with being involved or having their needs such as CSIRO Tours or astronomy being included with CSIRO not needing to be worried about these elements</p> <p>Inability for PIA and locals east of the river to access the event was unforeseen and something that would have added to event if it could have been possible.</p>
Meeting Closed	11:30am

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2023 - ANCIENT LAND
UNDER BRILLIANT SKIES
FESTIVAL SURVEY
REPORT



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Executive Summary

Since the formal handover in November of 2022 from *Checked Events*, to *Your Event Specialist (YES)* the commitment was apparent that the Shire of Murchison would deliver a successful Inaugural Ancient Land Under Brilliant Skies Festival, which I am delighted to present to the Shire of Murchison the final results of the survey, but before you read through the results, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the CEO, Mr. Bill Boehm, Councilors, and the community volunteers who gave their time throughout my six-month duration, proving that as a community, a festival such as this can be achieved.

It was expected that this festival would provide the Murchison community with a high-quality annual calendar event, delivering a positive space for the community, and building community capacity by connecting people and welcoming visitors to experience the wonders of the Murchison region, all whilst enjoying the activities and entertainment that was wrapped around the two days.

The festival's highlight was Astronomy, which from the survey results was the major draw card for attendance and also lack thereof. The festival's success was also to increase community and cultural vibrancy by strengthening access to the arts, recreation, sciences, and creative practices of the region.

The six months of preparation, organising, delivering individual tasks to committee members, providing corporate governance, attending site meetings on a regular basis, and liaising consistently with all stakeholders, particularly WA Tourism and CSIRO was a well-oiled machine, As of the 13th of April the Eventbrite tickets registered was still displaying 478 tickets booked, even though in the final lead up to the festival we endured some challenges, predominantly weather conditions, forcing closure of roads, particularly to the SKA site, which was a very popular attraction for the festival.

Four days prior to the festival (in the hope that the waters on the road would subside) CSIRO advised that all options had been considered however, the tour would need to be cancelled

and a plan of action would be put in place urgently for filling in the gaps for what was meant to be a full day's program on Sunday with CSIRO. This is displayed in the survey results.

The survey platform was conducted through Survey Monkey, and the survey creators were Megan Howlett from Y.E.S. and Bill Boehm, CEO Shire of Murchison. Each question was specifically designed to target the audience that attended with honest feedback regarding.

- ✓ their reasons for attending.
- ✓ what they enjoyed most
- ✓ what they disliked most
- ✓ what could we do better and
- ✓ would they attend another festival at the Murchison Settlement.

Survey monkey provides in-depth and thorough percentiles on each question, and has the ability to deliver percentages regarding open answers, for example, "Provide an answer as to why you did not attend the festival? This question allows the amount of people that responded to the question a percentage of "too far" or I was sick" to be put into categories allowing for distinct groups of answers.

The survey report was initiated to receive feedback from the visitors that attended, this included those that did not attend, given it was important to capture their reasons behind nonattendance. The survey was sent out to 133 email addresses via survey Monkey, 98 of which responded. As the design of Eventbrite was to book how many tickets each individual required, this posed a high range of duplicate email addresses, an example being, Jane Smith required 10 tickets, 6 of which were children, therefore 9 duplicate emails for Jane Smith required deletion, narrowing the blanket email to 133.

The survey was sent out one week after the festival (27 April 2023) due to school holidays falling around this time and visitors still travelling, either to attend the total solar eclipse in Exmouth, or continuing on with other holiday destinations. The survey closed on the 13th of May 2023.

Finally, I would like to thank you again for allowing me the opportunity to work so closely with all involved with the Ancient Land Under Brilliant Skies Festival, and I wish you every success moving forward and believe the Shire of Murchison can certainly make this festival a *'must do'* on the Murchison Shire calendar of events.



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Background and Objectives

This page provides you with context to understand the background to the survey, and the reasons for which the research has been conducted. It also includes information on how the research results are intended to be used. The survey report is to determine whether it is viable to make the festival an annual event, and if so, what can be done to improve the inaugural event from a yearly perspective.

With the handover of Event Coordinators in early November 2022 and the extended leave taken from the original Shire staff member and organiser of the festival, in mid-January of 2023, there was a great amount of work that needed attention in the following six months, ensuring the objective was going to be met and exceeded.

As the Ancient Land Under Brilliant Skies Festival was originally locked in for August 26th, 2022, with most advertising already underway my understanding is that it cancelled and changed to the 15th of April extending out to the 16th of April 2023, to tie in with the Total Solar Eclipse, which WA Tourism was encouraging all of the Midwest coastal towns and inland to be a part of. This was also placed into the questionnaire of the survey encouraging participants to advise as to whether they were travelling to see the main event in Exmouth, visiting the Murchison region on their way.

As this was the inaugural year, and the event was to attract people from near and far by the promise of outback- astro-tourism, dark-sky tourism, arts and cultural experience, professional entertainment, educational workshops, and community hospitality, the event's primary purpose was to ensure its success, and become a must-do event on the Murchison social calendar, and to go a long way towards strengthening the social fabric of the community by bringing people together for a free community family event, workshops, arts, free entertainment, and local market stalls that would attract all ages.

The goal was to help boost the local economy by attracting visitors to the Settlement and to enjoy the locals' own special brand of outback entertainment. The survey fed this information with several questions asked differently, ensuring this was achieved.

There was also a focus in developing the region's economic potential to encourage families and businesses to stay in the area and to promote and support a sustainable tourism industry in the Shire of Murchison, by showcasing the natural attractions and history of the Shire for the development of a sustainable tourism industry. The survey dives into this particular area with again a number of questions asked differently, however hoping for the same response, which did have positive results.

Given there were elements out of our human control, there were a number of areas as an event coordinator that could have been dealt with differently. This actually comes through in the survey, which I am disappointed to see, yet not surprised, as it was evident there could have been changes made on the day, to make for a more friendly environmental festival. I have no doubt at all that with further experience putting together festivals, the committee will gain confidence and have the ability to 'think on their feet', either trusting in their own decision making OR trusting the Event Specialist for these quick decisions.



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Survey Method

The purpose of this survey was to get people's opinions on the Inaugural Ancient Land Under Brilliant Skies Festival. To add context and perspective to the answers, respondents also provided relevant data about their ideas which included why they attended or did not attend and their overall feedback for possible future festivals at the Murchison settlement. The survey included a total of 98 respondents, 133 survey feedbacks were sent out on the 28 April 2023.

The survey posed nineteen questions:

- 1) Did you attend the Ancient Land Under Brilliant Skies Festival at the Murchison settlement?
- 2) If yes, what was the main attraction in attending the festival?
- 3) If no, what stopped you from attending the festival? (Optional)
- 4) How did you hear about the festival?
- 5) Were you satisfied with the amount of activities and workshops?
- 6) Were you satisfied with the quality of the festival?
- 7) What did you like least about the festival?
- 8) What did you like best about the Festival ?
- 9) Was the festival value for money for you?
- 10) Did the festival meet your expectations?
- 11) How helpful was the staff at the festival?
- 12) If the Ancient Land Under Brilliant Skies Festival was to be an annual event at the Murchison, would you attend?
- 13) What would you like to see more of if there were future festivals at the Murchison?
- 14) As a visitor to the Murchison region, would you visit again?
- 15) What can we do to improve on, with future festivals at the Murchison settlement?
- 16) Overall, how would you rate the festival?
- 17) Please comment why you rated the festival above and what can be done to improve the star rating?
- 18) Would you recommend future Ancient Land Under Brilliant Skies Festivals to a friend or colleague?
- 19) Please take a moment to share any additional comments, thoughts and or suggestions for our future festivals.

The survey creators aggregated responses to each question and then displayed them using a visual to make communicating the data easy. We showcase each visual below.



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Survey Results

- Q1.** Did you attend the Ancient Land Under Brilliant Skies Festival at the Murchison settlement?
52% attended.
48% did not attend.
- Q2.** If yes, what was the main attraction in attending the festival?
76% attendees were at the festival to visit CSIRO Observatory, and to gain general learning about astronomy.
34% of those that attended were at the festival to enjoy the surroundings and the atmosphere of a festival.
- Q3.** If no, what stopped you from attending the festival? (Optional)
 a) Covid or unwell
 b) Car issues
 c) Cancellation of Observatory Tour
 d) Weather conditions
 e) Changed mind due to distance and unsure of road conditions.
- Q4.** How did you hear about the festival?
98% were.
 a) Social Media sites
 b) Facebook
 c) Websites
 d) Linked in
 e) Instagram and emails.
2% - were.
 Word of Mouth
- Q5.** Were you satisfied with the amount of activities and workshops?
 36.3 % - Very Satisfied
 38.5 % - Satisfied.
 25.1 % - Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied
 0.1% - Other please specify - 'Did not attend.'
- Q6.** Were you satisfied with the quality of the festival?
 25.63% - Very High Quality
 53.11% - High Quality
 18.13 % - Neither High nor Low quality
 3.13% - Other – Please Specify – response – 'Did not attend.'



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Q7. What did you like least about the festival?

12% - Covid shut down – Roadhouse closure.

14% - Cleaning of toilets/ shower block- or lack thereof - no cleaning products left for public to clean.

21% - The gap with nothing to do on the Sunday – star gazing on the Saturday evening instead.

24% - For the most part it was the lack of people who attended, which was most disappointing.

28% - The cancelled SKAO tour (understandable).

COMMENTS WORTH NOTING BUT NOT IN THE PERCENTILE:

1. 'The layout - when the wonderful musical performers were on, they were tucked away at the back whilst many people were congregated around the fire.'
2. 'Lack of information/labelling on stalls'
3. 'It needed more about the stations and unique community of the Murchison'.
4. 'Curries were expensive and had small portions.'
5. 'Would have liked the lights turned off for good star gazing later in the evening'.

Q8 What did you like best about the festival?

12% - Friendly people

11% - Helicopter flight & radio towers talk & the museum, learning about apps to star gaze.

24% - Markets music camping

27% - The unique venue.

26% - Meeting some of the Station people and local Indigenous communities, The fire performers and musicians, particularly solo singer. The campfire, workshop and meeting the CSIRO and other scientists, learning about the SKA. The great environs, dark sky.

Q9. Was the festival value for money for you?

33.33% - Extremely Valuable

24.8 % - Very Valuable

23.21% - Somewhat Valuable

11.33% - Not so Valuable

7.33% - Not at all Valuable



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Q10. Did the festival meet your expectations?

48.84% - Above Average

38.71% - Average

9.73% - Average

2.72% - Other (Please specify) majority responded that there should have been more activities on the Sunday.

Q11. How helpful was the staff at the festival?

73.67% - Above Average

24.23% - Average

0.0% - Below Average

2.1 % - Other – Please Specify – “What staff did not know who they were at any given time.”

Q12. If the Ancient Land Under Brilliant Skies Festival was to be an annual event at the Murchison, would you attend?

85.87% - Yes

00.00% - No

14.13% - Other Please specify –

- I. Travellers – so unless we are in WA no we will not attend.
- II. Not every year but definitely some years
- III. Dependant on time of year as work commitments

Q13. What would you like to see more of if there were future festivals at the Murchison?

26.1% - Art Exhibitions

43.3% - Aboriginal cultural recognition and participation. e.g., information booth on Aboriginal life and involvement with country pre and post European era. Information on sacred sites and areas of significance so they can be treated respectfully when camping.

16.4% - More dark sky and telescope activities

1.2% - More of local people interacting with the visitors. Maybe some talks or discussions with local people about station work/ station life

5% - More Food

8% - Better layout of bar facility area

Q14. As a visitor to the Murchison region, would you visit again?

94.12% - Yes

00.00% - No

5.88% - Other Please specify - Travelers / dependent on work commitments.



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Q15. What can we do to improve on, with future festivals at the Murchison settlement?

48.23% - More stalls and extra fun activities throughout the whole festival.

25.37% - Cultural presentation to be more professional and more cultural awareness.

9.87% - A large board with updated time of events.

6. 54 % - Stage area closer to where people gather.

7.87% - More variety of food and beverage

2.12% - Advertising in print and radio media. Not all people are conversant with social media.

OTHER RELEVANT COMMENTS – NOT IN PERCENTILE AS INDIVIDUAL COMMENTS ARE:

1. Better communication would be good. There was some misunderstanding about when the telescope activity was going to start. It was also rather strange to be so far from the stage during the musical performances.
2. Definitely need to invest in better PA gear in the event that the telescope guys need to do Q&A sessions to crowds.
3. Run the raffle with it in mind that there is no reception there, let everyone know that the results will be put on a notice board, and they have till next day to claim.
4. The camping showers and toilets could do with some hooks inside of shower and toilet cubicles. Soap at the vanity in the Ladies. Maybe a benchtop to stash toiletries while using mirror/vanity.
5. Try and make it on a long weekend, if not make stargazing Saturday night while the band is playing. If it's where the helicopter was departing the lights wouldn't interfere with stargazing and we can go from one to the other
6. Make it a paying event. No dogs allowed. Less live band performances, they were poorly supported.

Q16. Overall, how would you rate the festival?

26.58% - Excellent

45.16% - Very good

25.81% - Good

2.45% - Fair

00.00% - Poor

Q17. Please comment why you rated the festival above and what can be done to improve the star rating?

- 1) Continue in the positive way you have started.
- 2) Thought it was a great family event. Well done! It was a great first festival.



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- 3) An excellent inaugural festival. It was disappointing that the SKA tour couldn't take place (out of your control!) and the consequent smaller crowd.
 - 4) The markets (At which I had a stall) went a bit too long for me. 10am to 3 or 4pm would be sufficient and maybe open the bar a bit earlier.
 - 5) We had a great, relaxing, and enjoyable time.
 - 6) I enjoyed most of the activities, especially the talks about the SKA and MWA. I was disappointed that I was unable to look inside the museum, despite returning several times to have a look.
 - 7) Thoroughly enjoyed leaving switched on (phones) behind. Also, everyone was positive and well behaved.
 - 8) The love and hard work of the Murchison Community could be seen very clearly in every facet of the Festival. Whatever happens it should keep the feel of its community and locale. I have seen festivals in the past lose their charm because outside, professional organisers have been brought in - so please don't do that.
- Q 18.** Would you recommend future Ancient Land Under Brilliant Skies Festivals to a friend or colleague?
- 59.58 % - Definitely would
36.36% - Probably would
00.00% Probably would not
00.00% - Definitely would not
4.06% - Other (please specify) – 'It would depend on what was happening at the festival.'
- Q 19.** Please take a moment to share any additional comments, thoughts and or suggestions for our future festivals.
- 1) The food was great- people were friendly - music was appreciated.
 - 2) Two nights of star gazing to take advantage of your brilliant skies.
 - 3) A special astronomy workshop for children.
 - 4) Ticketed campfires cook up, with singing and poetry reciting.
 - 5) I think the idea was a good one. It was probably helped by the solar eclipse in Exmouth. The food, clothing and other stalls were good and the people running them were very friendly and helpful. I felt that what was missing was a local person to welcome and inform the visitors about what was going on - not just once, but several times each day. The museum should have been open a lot more. A central information point was needed.



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- 6) The concept is great. And I feel for you all given the poor turnout, it's a lot of work for not much reward, but you probably need to invest in more workshops and entertainment.
- 7) Need to charge a small entry fee such as charged at agricultural shows to offset some of the costs.
- 8) You have a unique situation, and it could be a great festival with a few tweaks. The website was a little difficult to negotiate with booking for SKA tour indeterminate- kept trying to rebook which other people would have done so numbers registering would have been misleading. The river crossing situation was a separate issue and no one was to blame for that. The scientists' talks made up for it quite a bit.
- 9) I think maybe linking in with the local indigenous groups. It would be nice to see more of their involvement. Bush tucker cookies or walking tours around the area.
- 10) A job well done, even with the floods making it difficult.
- 11) I really hope that this becomes an annual event as I would definitely make this a go to once a year.

Ancient Lands Under Brilliant Skies Festival - Financial Summary - July 2023

Item	Council Budget	Revised Budget	March 2023 Budget Review	Actual Comments
SUMMARY REVENUE				
Council Rev	(30,000)			
Revenue		(30,000)	(30,000)	(30,000)
Sponsorship		(15,000)	(20,000)	(30,000)
Sales			(11,430)	(3,287) Income still to be received Bar sales not factored in or known
Total Revenue	(30,000)	(45,000)	(61,430)	(63,287)
SUMMARY EXPENSES				
Council Exp	82,500			
Administration		28,640	38,640	31,950
Astronomy				
Logistics		24,017	23,687	41,119 Bar costs not factored in or known
Marketing		8,570	8,570	4,134
Merchandise		9,525	9,525	9,520
Performers		20,360	19,538	21,520
Production				
Programs		3,000	3,000	
Shire		500	5,000	42,013
Travel				
Workshops		4,070	4,070	5,290
Total Expenses	82,500	98,682	112,030	155,546
Net	52,500	53,682	50,600	92,258



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WALGA Local Government Convention 2023

Sunday 17 September

- 2:00pm – 3:30pm Registrations open
- 3:30pm – 5:00pm Mayors and Presidents Forum (invitation only)
Gihan Perera: Leadership speaks
- 5:00pm – 8:30pm Welcome drinks
Local Government Awards

Monday 18 September

- 6:00am Registrations open
- 6:45am – 8:50am Breakfast with Heads of Agencies (invitation only)
- 9:00am Convention opens
Welcome to Country
Opening Addresses
- 10:05am Keynote by Dominic Thurbon: Business Disruption, Behavioural Change and Transformation Expert
Ruth Callaghan: the Role of AI in Local Government
- 10:30am Convention Exhibition opens
- 11:30am – 12:00pm Morning tea
- 12:00pm – 1:15pm State Political Session with Ben Harvey,
Chief Reporter, *The West Australian*
- 1:15pm – 2:00pm Lunch
- 2:00pm – 5:00pm WALGA AGM (invitation only)
Diploma Graduation | Showcase in Pixels Award
Convention Exhibition closes
- 6:00pm Buses to the Westin
- 6:30pm – 9:30pm Gala cocktails
Life Member Award

Tuesday 19 September

- 6:00am Registrations open
- 7:30am – 8:50am Convention Breakfast with Michelle Payne (separate registration)
- 9:00am Federal Minister Address and Q&A
Convention Exhibition opens
- 10:00am Diversity Panel Session
Planning Showcase opens
- 11:10am – 11:30am Morning tea
- 11:30am – 12:30pm Plenary Sessions: Active Mobility and Regional Housing
- 1:00pm – 1:45pm Lunch
- 1:45pm Closing Keynote
President's close
- 3:30pm Convention closes



Local Futures

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WALGA Supplier Showcase 2023

Tuesday 19 September

7:00am – 9:30am	Exhibitor registration and display bump-in
7:00am – 8:30am	Regional Road Chairs Workshop
10:00am	Showcase opens
12:00pm – 1:00pm	Lunch
1:00pm – 3:00pm	Traffic Management Forum
3:00pm – 5:00pm	Construction Forum
5:00pm – 7:00pm	Supplier Showcase Sundowner
7:00pm	Showcase closes

Wednesday 20 September

7:00am – 9:30am	Exhibitor registration and display set up
9:00am – 10:00am	Morning tea
10:00am	Showcase opens
10:00am – 12:30pm	Procurement Network Forum
12:30pm – 1:30pm	Lunch
1:45pm – 3:45pm	Energy Forum
4:30pm	Showcase closes
From 4:30pm	Bump-out



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