

CLARENCE CITY COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT 2023 2024

City of Clarence

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Clarence City Council pays respect to all First Peoples, including the Mumirimina (mu mee ree mee nah) People of the Oyster Bay Nation whose unceded lands, skies, and waterways we are privileged to conduct our business on. We pay respect to, and value, the deep knowledge of Elders past and present, and we acknowledge the survival and deep spiritual connection of the Tasmanian Aboriginal People to their Country, a connection which has endured since the beginning of time.

Our work reflects our ongoing commitment to truth-telling and respectful understanding.



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WELCOME

We are proud to present the Clarence City Council Annual Report for 2023-2024.

The Annual Report is an important part of our strategic and reporting framework, reviewing our strategic, operational, and fiscal performance for the financial year 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024. Along with the quarterly reports, it is our primary way of reporting back to our community on the diverse services we deliver each year.

The Annual Report documents our progress with the goals and initiatives set out in our Annual Plan and the overarching goals set out in our Strategic Plan 2021-2031. It is also an opportunity to acknowledge the highlights, achievements and challenges that have marked the year.

This Annual Report was prepared in accordance with all statutory requirements of the *Local Government Act 1993* and its associated regulations.







OUR MISSION

To respond to the changing needs of the community through a commitment to excellence in leadership, advocacy, innovative governance, and service delivery.

OUR VISION

Clarence… a vibrant, prosperous, sustainable city.

STRATEGIC GOAL AREAS

The following overarching goals of our Strategic Plan 2021-2031 demonstrate how we aim to achieve our vision:

A PEOPLE CITY

GOAL: Clarence values diversity and encourages equity, inclusiveness and accessibility. We aspire to create high-quality public places for all people to live actively, engage socially and enhance our health and wellbeing.

A WELL-PLANNED LIVEABLE CITY

GOAL: Clarence will be a well-planned liveable city with services and infrastructure to meet current and future needs of our growing and vibrant community.

A PROSPEROUS AND CREATIVE CITY

GOAL: Clarence encourages creativity, innovation and enterprise and will develop the local economy by enabling opportunities for all people.

AN ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIBLE CITY

GOAL: Clarence is environmentally responsible, valuing and protecting the natural environment for a sustainable and liveable future.

Underpinning these four goals, council will continue to provide:

GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP

GOAL: To provide leadership and accessible, responsive, transparent, and accountable governance to the city.

COUNCIL'S ASSETS AND RESOURCES

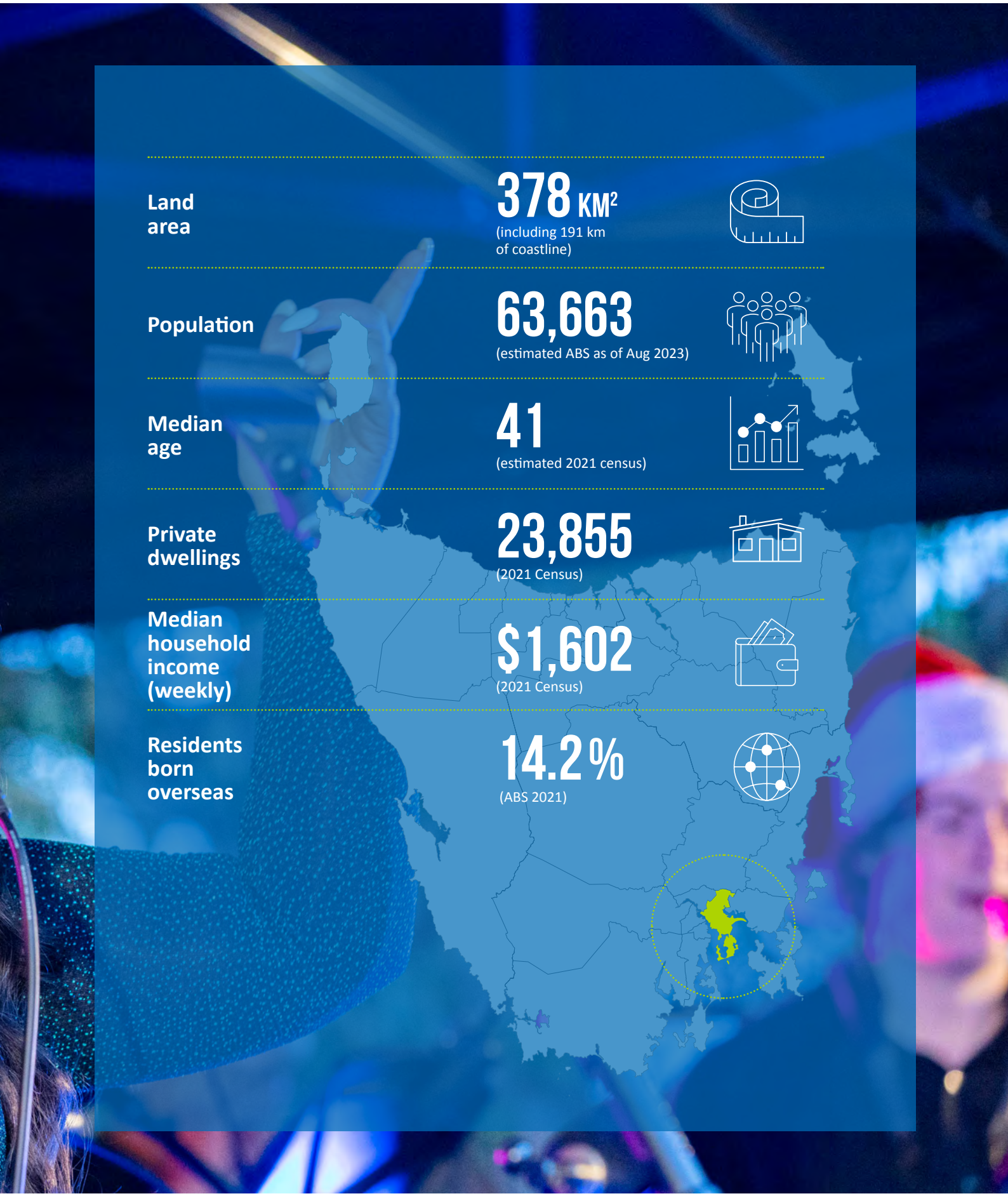
GOAL: To efficiently and effectively manage our financial, human and property resources to attain strategic goals and meet statutory obligations.




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CLARENCE AT A GLANCE





Land area	**378 KM²** (including 191 km of coastline)
Population	**63,663** (estimated ABS as of Aug 2023)
Median age	**41** (estimated 2021 census)
Private dwellings	**23,855** (2021 Census)
Median household income (weekly)	**$1,602** (2021 Census)
Residents born overseas	**14.2%** (ABS 2021)

CITY PROFILE

The first people to live in Clarence were the Mumirimina Tasmanian Aboriginal people, a band of the Oyster Bay people. Their home was all of the present-day Clarence municipality, as well as Pitt Water.

The City of Clarence is located on Hobart's eastern shore and is the second-largest local government area in Tasmania by population. The city stretches from Otago to the South Arm peninsula, across to Seven Mile Beach and inland to Cambridge and the historic town of Richmond.

The Clarence municipality is many things to many people; a home, community, workplace, business district, and recreational space. Surrounded by 191 kilometres of stunning coastline, the region includes a variety of residential options from city living to rural and coastal lifestyle.

The city acts as a hub for the retail, commercial and agricultural sectors, from the thriving business areas of Rosny Park and Howrah to major industrial and commercial centres at Mornington and Cambridge.

The region is home to Bellerive Oval (Blundstone Arena), the key tourism region of Richmond and the Coal River Valley, as well as a number of pristine beaches and kilometres of outstanding tracks and trails ready to be explored. Our city also plays host to a variety of sporting and cultural events on a local, state, national and international level.

It offers an enviable lifestyle and, with the Hobart International Airport at Cambridge, it is the gateway for many visitors to southern Tasmania. As population growth and demand for housing continues across the Greater Hobart region, development within the city continues to flourish and the opportunities of the region are plentiful.





MAYOR'S MESSAGE

AS AT 30 JUNE 2024



A year of growth and collaboration

On behalf of the Clarence City Council, I am pleased to present our 2023-24 Annual Report, which highlights many of our achievements over the past year as we work to ensure Clarence remains a vibrant place to live, work, and play.

It provides an opportunity to reflect on and recognise the importance of our partnerships with the community, local businesses, industry bodies, and various levels of government.

These collaborations are essential as we work toward our vision for the community of Clarence to be a prosperous, sustainable and thriving city.

Over the past 12 months, our municipality has experienced exponential population and economic growth. Clarence's Gross Regional Product (GRP) sits at $3 billion in 2022-23, with a growth rate of 3.27 on the previous year, which is greater than the Tasmanian growth rate, as well as that of Greater Hobart.

As local government, we are responsible for meeting the community's needs and ensuring Clarence is well-equipped to handle future challenges and capitalise on emerging opportunities.

Council has substantially invested in the environment, cultural programs, infrastructure, and essential services over the past year.

We must continue to provide facilities and programs that meet community expectations and enhance quality of life while keeping up with the demand that growth brings.

We know we cannot achieve these goals alone.

The ongoing support of the State and Federal Governments is vital to ensuring our region continues to thrive, and we continue to collaborate with our government counterparts to identify opportunities to work together.

Council has been actively advocating for a range of projects, including expansion of the Derwent Ferry service and upgrade of the Bellerive terminal, as well as other important infrastructure developments such as major upgrades to Beach Street Storm Water and the Parking Sensor Project in Rosny.

A key highlight during 2023-24 was the completion of a record 34 community consultations, providing valuable feedback on key plans and projects. This collaboration between the Council and the community is fundamental to Clarence's success. We can achieve great things together by sharing unique perspectives and collective expertise.

Thank you to all who contributed their time and insights.

One of our most exciting developments this year has been progressing the expansion of the Derwent River ferry service to Lindisfarne, as part of our work with the four Greater Hobart councils, which is sure to make travel between Clarence and neighbouring municipalities easier.

We're proud to invest in transport solutions catering to our growing population, of over 63,660.

On the topic of major investments, Council began consultation on the proposed AFL/AFLW High Performance Centre in Rosny.

A public meeting was held to ensure that the community's voices were heard through the process.

While the project has sparked both support and opposition, the community's preference for a central location at Rosny Parklands was clear.

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This year, we also celebrated the upgrade of the Alma Street Child Care Centre, which expanded access to before and after-school care for Clarence families.

This project is just the beginning of our efforts to address the region's childcare shortage, and I look forward to sharing further updates in next year's report.

Additionally, we opened several new play parks, including Pindos Park in Tranmere, South Arm Park, and Blossom Park in Cambridge. These play areas encourage us to foster community connections and promote health and wellbeing.

Work has also commenced on the Clarence Mountain Bike Park Strategic Plan- a project we hope enhances this popular facility for riders of all skill levels and sits comfortably alongside the Derby, Wild Mersey and St Helens bike parks.

We are proud to have opened takara limuna, a 700-metre interactive walking path along the scenic Bedlam Walls headland. This award-winning project, collaborating with Aboriginal cultural experts and local artists, provides an immersive educational experience, and I encourage everyone to explore it.

Clarence City Council has delivered another year of exceptional arts and events programs. The community has enjoyed various activities, from health and wellbeing initiatives to cultural inclusion events, reflected by the large crowds we've seen at multiple events.

Highlights included the Clarence Jazz Festival, the Story Festival, our first-ever Bellerive Beach Party, the Colour Run, and the Richmond Bicentenary celebration.

In April 2024, the Council celebrated the 50th anniversary of its iconic Clarence City Chambers building, which opened on 16 April 1973.

As part of this year's budget, the Council has allocated funds to commence the process to redevelop the Chambers and Bligh Street offices, improving accessibility, creating additional space, and enhancing the surrounding landscape.

The 50th anniversary marks a key milestone in the municipality's history and growth.

In closing, I would like to thank our elected representatives, council staff and contractors who work tirelessly behind the scenes.

Their passion and commitment to delivering excellence have made this year's achievements possible, and I look forward to continuing our work together in the year ahead.

Councillor Brendan Blomeley

CLARENCE CITY COUNCIL MAYOR

CLARENCE CITY COUNCIL COUNCILLORS

AS AT 30 JUNE 2024

The Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors represented council on various committees, boards and authorities:



COUNCILLOR BRENDAN BLOMELEY — MAYOR

Committees, working groups and memberships:

- City Development Advisory Committee – Chair
- Clarence Emergency Management Committee – Chair
- Tas Water Owners' Representative



COUNCILLOR ALLISON RITCHIE — DEPUTY MAYOR

Committees, working groups and memberships:

- Active Living Advisory Committee – Chair
- Youth Working Group – Chair
- Clarence Positive Ageing Working Group – Member
- Geilston Bay Community Centre Management Committee – Member
- Petitions to Amend Hearings Committee – Member



COUNCILLOR JADE DARKO

Committees, working groups and memberships:

- Community Wellbeing Advisory Committee – Member
- LGBTQIA+ Working Group – Chair
- Bicycle Advisory Working Group – Member
- Reconciliation Action Plan Working Group – Member



COUNCILLOR EMMA GOYNE

Committees, working groups and memberships:

- Youth Working Group- Member
- Tracks and Trails Working Group- Member
- Petition to Amend Hearings Committee - Member



COUNCILLOR DANIEL HULME

Committees, working groups and memberships:

- City Development Advisory Group – Member and Disability Access and Inclusion Working Group – Chair



COUNCILLOR BREE HUNTER

Committees, working groups and memberships:

- Sustainability Advisory Committee – Chair
- Bicycle Advisory Working Group – Chair
- Petitions to Amend Hearings Committee – Member
- Australian Coastal Councils Association – Member
- Tas Waste South – Proxy



COUNCILLOR RICHARD JAMES

Committees, working groups and memberships:

- Tracks and Trails Working Group (Chair)



COUNCILLOR WENDY KENNEDY

Committees, working groups and memberships:

- Cultural Creative Advisory Committee – Chair
- City Development Advisory Committee – Member
- LGBTQIA+ Working Group – Member
- Bellerive Community Arts Centre Management Committee – Member



COUNCILLOR TONY MULDER

Committees, working groups and memberships:

- Sustainability Advisory Committee member



COUNCILLOR HEATHER CHONG

Committees, working groups and memberships:

- Community Wellbeing Advisory Committee- Chair
- Cultural Creative Advisory Committee –Member
- Cycling South – Member
- Petition to Amend Hearings Committee – Member
- Audit Panel – Member
- Richmond Advisory Committee - Member



COUNCILLOR JAMES WALKER

Committees, working groups and memberships:

- Active Living Advisory Committee – Member
- Community Wellbeing Advisory Committee – Member
- Clarence Positive Ageing Working Group – Chair
- Clarence Emergency Management Committee – Proxy
- Copping Refuse Disposal Site Joint Authority – Chair



COUNCILLOR BETH WARREN

Committees, working groups and memberships:

- Sustainability Advisory Committee - Member
- Disability Access and Inclusion Working Group- Member
- Cultural Creative Advisory Committee - - Member
- Southern Tasmanian Waste Management Authority - Member
- Audit Panel - Member
- Reconciliation Action Plan Working Group - Chair
- Copping Refuse Disposal Site Joint Authority – Proxy

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT



Clarence City Council's 2023-24 Annual Report outlines the key milestones, achievements, and challenges we have encountered throughout the financial year and measures our performance against the objectives set out in our Annual Plan and Budget Estimates.

This year, we have continued to respond to the community's evolving needs, diligently managing rising costs while seeking to minimise the impact on our residents, ratepayers, and local businesses.

Managing Council's financial position

Clarence continues to hold one of the strongest financial positions of any council in Tasmania, maintaining a legacy of sound fiscal management.

Despite inflation pressures- Consumer Price Index at March 2023 was 6.9%- our general rate increase for 2023-24 was set at 6.53%, demonstrating our commitment to financial prudence.

In 2023-24, council recorded an underlying surplus of $11 million. Budgeted income of $90 million was exceeded with a comparative actual total of $93.3 million.

Our responsible debt management has ensured we remain financially sustainable while continuing to deliver responsible critical services to the community.

Challenges related to the rising cost of living and other economic factors over the past year saw an increased demand for our Community Support Grants.

Supporting our community

By June 2024, we had distributed $97,992 to 19 recipients across a range of community, cultural, environmental, and biodiversity projects.

Our Quick Response Grant Program also provided vital support throughout the year, distributing 85 grants totalling $20,000. These included assisting 71 young people representing Tasmania in various fields and supporting 14 community groups to organise small events and activities.

Managing our assets

Over the past 12 months, we've managed our assets and resources efficiently- a guiding principle that drives our operational success. Our $28.9 million capital works program funded several crucial infrastructure projects, including upgrades to stormwater systems, road renewals, access updates to tracks, trails and coastal areas and significant upgrades to local parks and sportsgrounds.

Among the notable highlights of our extensive works program is the $5.58 million we have invested in traffic and transport planning for the Gordons Hill Road safety barrier project, Begonia Street, Percy Street, and Cambridge Road pedestrian upgrades to further enhance Clarence's growth and liveability.

Other significant projects including a $1.31 million play park in Tranmere and $2.4million upgrade to Alma Street Childcare Centre in Bellerive.

Additionally, we spent $3.56 million on road and footpath upgrades and nearly $7.5 million on renewing and resealing roads throughout the city.

Planning within the city

The planning and development landscape in Clarence is also evolving.

Development in our municipality remains robust, with 690 permits issued, and of these, 604 proceeding as notifiable works.

Council continues to collaborate with other councils and state agencies on significant planning reforms, including the update of the Southern Tasmania Regional Land Use Strategy, significant review of the State Planning Policies and development of the Medium Density Guidelines to guide urban infill development.

Progress has also been made on several strategic land use structure plans, including the Droughty Peninsula Structure Plan and Seven Mile Beach Local Area Plan.

Advancing our vision for the city

We are also proud to continue advancing our long-term vision for Richmond Village, with a Master Plan under development to enhance streetscapes and public spaces, celebrating its unique heritage while improving its liveability for residents and visitors alike.

Other key initiatives, such as the City Heart Plan, have seen some delays due to external developments, but we remain committed to ensuring that projects like the AFL/AFLW High Performance Centre and the Rosny Park Arts and Cultural Precinct are integrated in a way that brings the most value to our community.

Significant progress has also been made with the development of a business case and revised plan for the Bayview High School sporting precinct and the Cambridge Oval Master Plan. These critical projects plan for the future sporting needs of our communities, with strong links to education and wellbeing.

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Thank you

In closing, I want to acknowledge and thank councillors and staff for their hard work and commitment in navigating the past year's challenges while driving continued growth and progress for our municipality.

I would also like to thank all of those community members who participated in the work of council throughout the year – whether that be via responding to our community consultations, participating in meetings or committees, or helping others by volunteering – a big thank you to you all.

Looking ahead, we remain focused on our strategic priorities and are committed to delivering the best possible outcomes for our community.

Ian Nelson

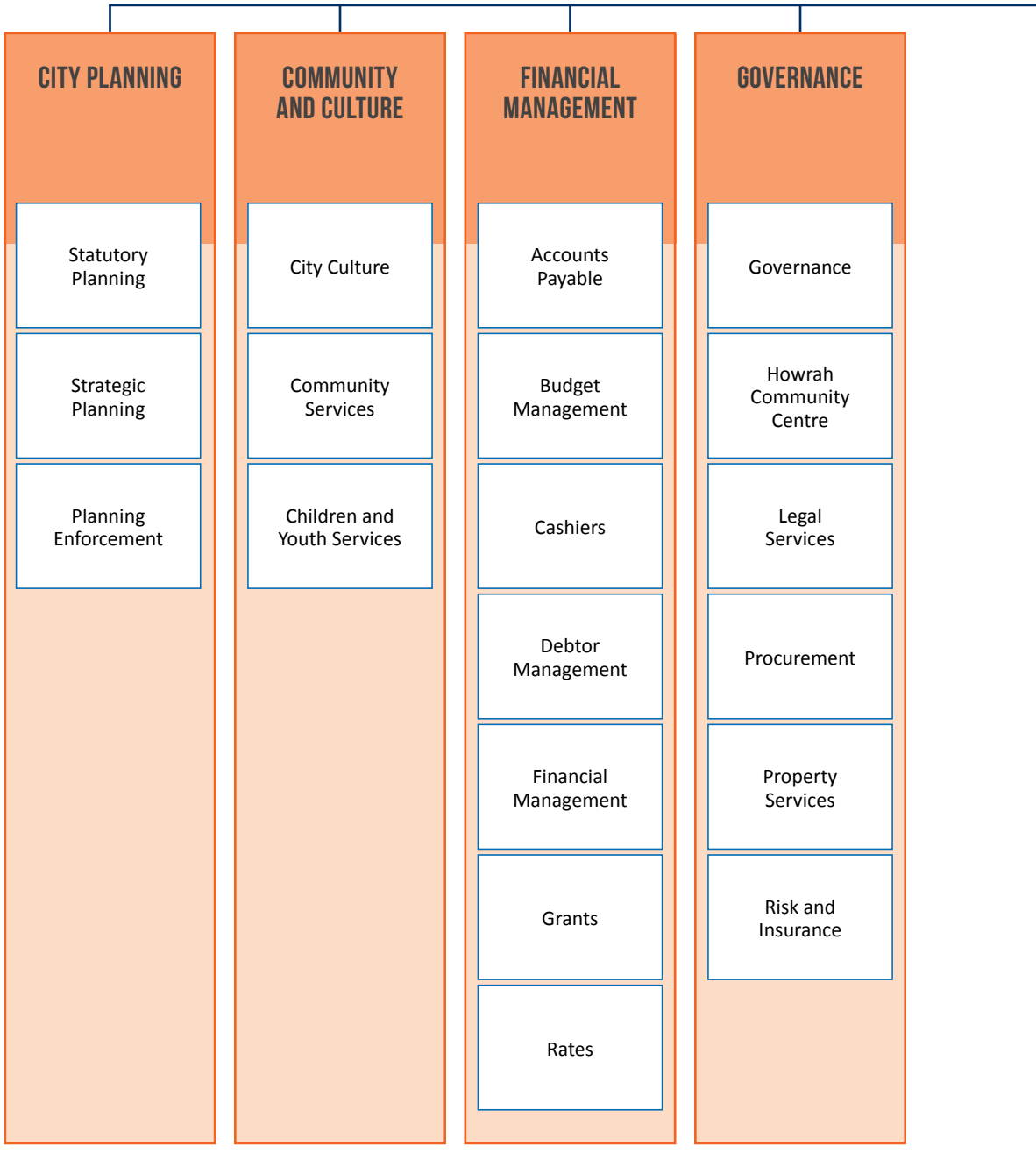
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

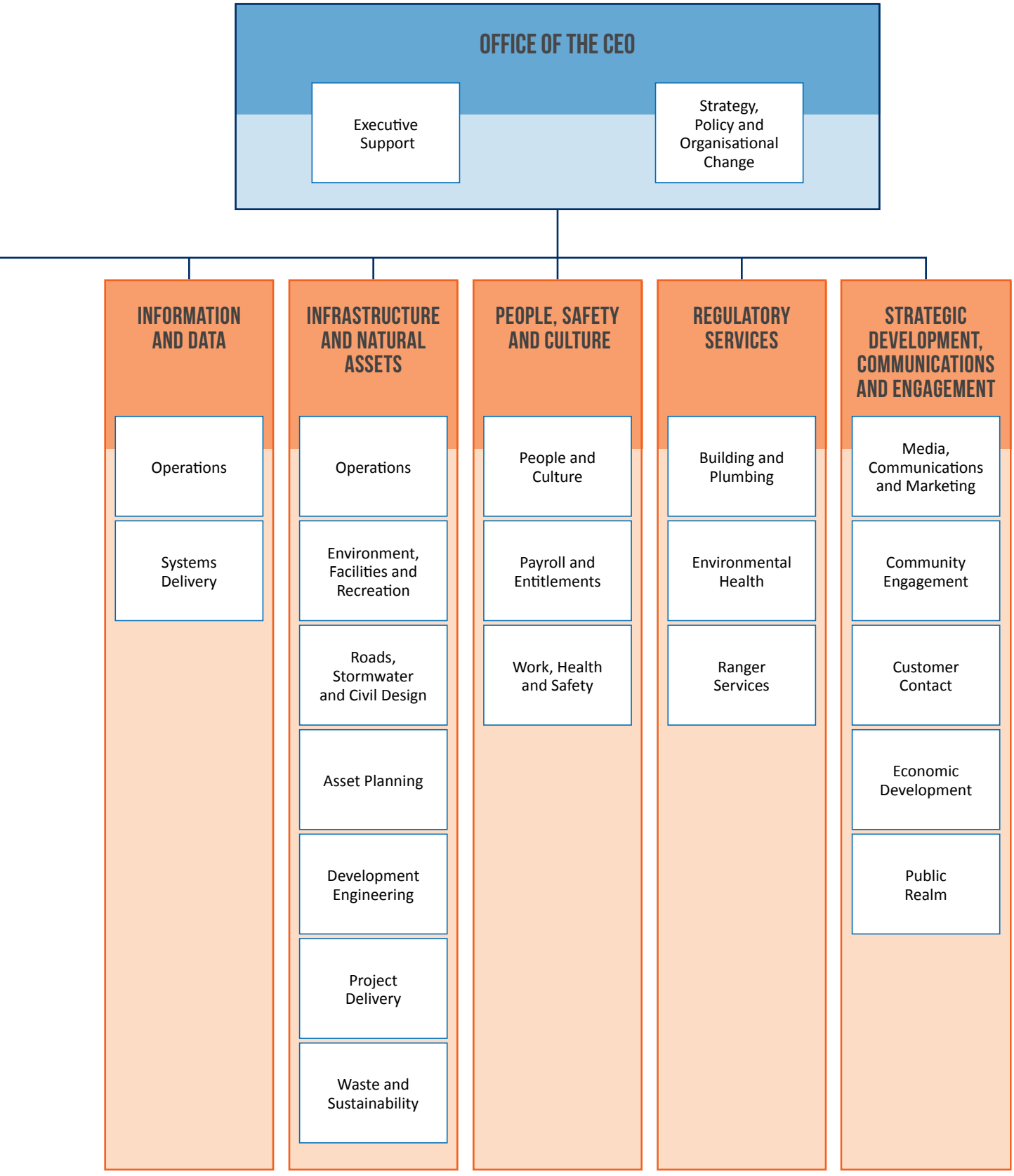


ORGANISATIONAL CHART

Section 20 of the *Local Government Act 1993* lists the following functions for council: to provide for the health, safety and welfare of the community; to represent and promote the interests of the community; and, to provide for the peace, order and good government of the municipal area.

Clarence City Council provides a diverse range of services to ensure a vibrant, prosperous, and sustainable city. It is structured into nine work groups across the organisation, and the Chief Executive Officer is responsible for the overall management and delivery of council services.




OFFICE OF THE CEO
Executive Support
Strategy, Policy and Organisational Change
INFORMATION AND DATA
Operations
Systems Delivery
INFRASTRUCTURE AND NATURAL ASSETS
Operations
Environment, Facilities and Recreation
Roads, Stormwater and Civil Design
Asset Planning
Development Engineering
Project Delivery
Waste and Sustainability
PEOPLE, SAFETY AND CULTURE
People and Culture
Payroll and Entitlements
Work, Health and Safety
REGULATORY SERVICES
Building and Plumbing
Environmental Health
Ranger Services
STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT
Media, Communications and Marketing
Community Engagement
Customer Contact
Economic Development
Public Realm



Clarence City Council provides a diverse range of services to ensure a vibrant, prosperous, and sustainable city.

FOR FAMILIES

- Children's services such as Rosny Early Learning, Family Day Care, Clarence Outside School Hours and Holiday Care
- Youth Services including recreation and education
- Immunisation programs

FOR BUSINESS

- Economic development planning and projects
- Tourism projects
- Food and health business registrations, regulation, education, and training

FOR THE WHOLE COMMUNITY

- Waste and recycling services, including kerbside collection services for waste, recycling and green waste
- City planning – permits, subdivisions, strategic planning, heritage advisory service
- Parks, playgrounds, sportsgrounds, and natural resources
- Road and footpath construction and maintenance
- Health and wellbeing initiatives for all ages and abilities
- Age-friendly programs and initiatives
- Access and inclusion programs and initiatives
- Pet registration
- Building and plumbing permits
- Arts events, culture, history, festivals and community events
- Stormwater
- Fire and bushland conservation
- Tracks and trails
- Publications – Clarence News, Dog News, council website
- Graffiti reduction and educational programs
- Community Volunteer Service
- Community transport
- Community halls and facilities management
- Customer contact for enquiries and requests
- Community grants program
- Multicultural and Indigenous initiatives
- Environmental and public health
- Local law enforcement (by-laws)


SPECTRA
Calibrated: 29/12/21
Due: December 2022

2023–24 HIGHLIGHTS

AT A GLANCE:

725
DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS
lodged for assessment

10,112
TONNES
of kerbside general waste collected

9,775
TONNES
of kerbside recycling waste collected

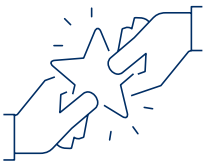
3,412
TONNES
of kerbside green waste collected

1,219
VACCINATIONS
(non-COVID) administered through community clinics

10,483
VOLUNTEER HOURS
contributed to the community

20,000
PEOPLE ATTENDED OUR EVENTS AND EXHIBITIONS

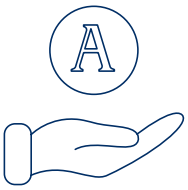
$20,000~
IN QUICK RESPONSE GRANTS
provided



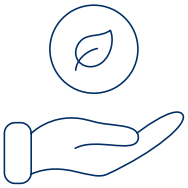
$23,308
IN COMMUNITY SUPPORT GRANTS
provided



$49,556
IN CULTURAL AND CREATIVE GRANTS
provided



$22,334
IN ENVIRONMENT AND BIODIVERSITY GRANTS
allocated



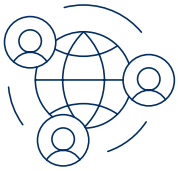
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MAJOR POLICIES AND PLANS
were considered and adopted by council



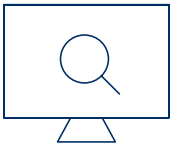
691,000
VISITS
of Clarence City Council webpages



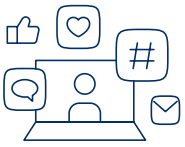
264,000
INDIVIDUAL WEBSITE USERS



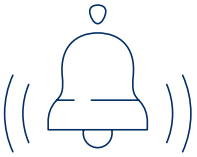
40,521
VISITS TO YOUR SAY CLARENCE WEBSITE



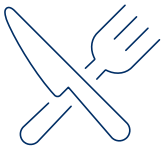
578,100
PEOPLE REACHED VIA COUNCIL SOCIAL MEDIA



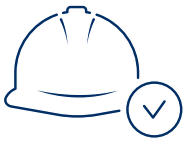
2,600
NEWS AND BROADCAST MEDIA MENTIONS



430
FOOD BUSINESSES
in the city



690
BUILDING PERMITS
issued



550
PLUMBING PERMITS
issued



BUDGET

Kicking off the financial year, council approved its 2023-24 Budget. The 2023-24 estimates and associated works program included a general rate increase on average of 6.53 per cent- which was below the current rate of inflation for Hobart of 6.9 per cent (March Consumer Price Index).

Faced with the fastest growing population in Greater Hobart, and particularly rapid growth in the Clarence Plains region, Council's 2023-24 Budget considered a $6.1 million upgrade to Pass Road, a key traffic route between Rokeby and Mornington.

In addition, $6.5 million in road and footpath upgrades and renewal was allocated, as well as nearly $4 million in facility upgrades across the city.

STRATEGIC & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

High Performance Centre

At its meeting of 11 December 2023, Council voted to provide in-principle support for a location in Rosny to be the home of the AFL/AFLW High Performance Centre (HPC). Council authorised the CEO to submit a proposal for two site options for consideration by the Tasmanian Government and their selection process.

- Option 1 – Charles Hand Park accommodating the HPC's primary oval, training and administration buildings, and associated infrastructure, with a second oval to be located in the Rosny Parklands.
- Option 2 – Rosny Parklands accommodating the HPC's primary oval, raining and administration buildings, and associated infrastructure, with a second oval to be located in Charles Hand Park.

On 22 December 2023, the Tasmanian Government announced that Rosny had been chosen as the preferred location for the HPC.

Following this, Council Officers proceeded to work on key terms for a Heads of Agreement to provide to the Department of State Growth.

The HPC is a unique opportunity to secure a world-class community and sporting facility, unmatched anywhere else in Tasmania. It will deliver social and economic benefits for Clarence and provide a significant opportunity to enhance and shape the future of the Rosny Park CBD.

Council believes the development will align with the guiding principles of the City Heart Plan and represent the best use of the land, while breathing new life into the area.

At the 18 May 2024 Council Meeting a petition was submitted citing concerns over the proposed HPC location in Rosny and the proponents requested that we hold a public meeting. On 15 May 2024 a public meeting was held with 400 people in attendance to share their voice and vote on several motions regarding the HPC Rosny proposal.

Following the public meeting a petition was tabled at the 18 June 2024 Council Meeting with more than 1,000 resident signatures, compelling council to conduct an elector poll on the placement of the HPC. The elector poll was carried out in the first quarter of 2024/25.

Work is underway with the State Government on a Heads of Agreement with work still to be undertaken on the exact location, footprint, design and integration with the City Heart Plan.

Richmond Village Master Plan development

The draft Richmond Village Master Plan will set out a long-term vision for the township by enhancing its streetscape and public spaces to improve amenity for residents and visitors, while also respecting and celebrating its significant heritage and history.

The draft Master Plan has been developed so Council can cohesively plan and prioritise all future works in Richmond Village to improve its function, amenity and character. It will ensure Richmond continues to develop as a thriving village, proud of its historic heritage and scenic character, welcoming and accessible for all, and a popular destination for tourists and visitors.

The Master Plan has been developed in close consultation with the Richmond community, outlining a vision for the Richmond Village based on the following design principles:

1. Country and Truth-telling
2. Environment and Greening
3. Access and Linkages
4. Culture and Activities
5. Comfort and Image.

The Master Plan presents designs for the Village centre that aim to encourage ease of movement and inclusive access for pedestrians and address other connectivity and wayfinding challenges (such as high gutters and uneven

surfaces). Road and footpath designs will make it easier for locals to navigate, while also accommodating visitors and addressing the challenges that come with welcoming large numbers of people and vehicles during peak tourism periods. The Draft Master Plan also includes plans for interpretive sites that tell the story of the Richmond area's First Peoples, the Mumirimina.

The project team is currently working through community feedback on the draft plan, with the final plan to go to Council for endorsement in 2024/25.

City Heart Plan

The City Heart Plan is a 20-year vision for the transformation and urban renewal of our principal activity centre. At the core of the document is a series of strategies and design principles that council will use to leverage opportunities to deliver key outcomes for the City Heart area. The plan stretches from Warrane through to Bellerive and addresses a range of areas including community housing, economic development, traffic, parking, public transport and general mobility, as well as recreation, culture and events.

The City Heart Plan was paused temporarily following the announcement by the State Government of Rosny Park being the preferred site for the High Performance Centre. Officers are working to incorporate the High Performance Centre into the City Heart Plan, capitalising on the opportunity to build connections between an extended arts and cultural precinct around Rosny Farm and the High Performance Centre to secure a range of positive outcomes for the community.

Clarence Mountain Bike Park

In December 2023, Council completed a $338,000 project to upgrade mountain bike trails in the Clarence Mountain Bike Park within the Meehan Range. The project saw the addition of several new flow and jump line trails rivalling the standards of marquee MTB destinations such as Derby and St Helens.

Jointly funded by Council and a grant through the Australian Government's Building Better Regions fund, the new trails have more than tripled the usage of the park, which now attracts visitors from across the region, interstate and overseas, providing a significant injection to Clarence's economy. Council has also secured $100,000 in funding from the Tasmanian Government to develop a long-term strategic plan for the park, which will examine how we can capitalise on this hugely popular destination to attract and retain visitors to the city.



Kangaroo Bay Wharf site

Following failed mediation with Chambroad, council has now filed a writ in the Supreme Court of Tasmania seeking an order that Chambroad specifically perform an agreement to see the land brought back under council ownership.

Council remains committed to buying back the land and will keep the community updated on progress throughout this process.

Droughty Peninsula Structure Plan

At its meeting on 11 December 2023 council voted to approve the revised Skylands Master Plan. Council will now design a structure plan for the staged development of land on the Droughty Peninsula, which encompasses a broader area than the Skylands Master Plan, but which will incorporate the layout and underlying concepts based on the Master Plan.

City Deal

Council continued to actively participate in the Greater Hobart Committee over the course of the year to work towards the 10-year vision of the City Deal.

Updates on progress can be found by visiting the Hobart City Deal website.

CONSULTATION

Evolving our approach to better meet the needs of our community

Council has been working to improve how we engage, listen to, and learn from our community. There have been several key changes to the way council engages to help ensure more visibility, making it easier for the community to get involved, and improving on our reporting of consultation feedback and outcomes.

Listed below are some of the initiatives we have implemented to increase awareness and transparency of consultations.

- Providing access to every consultation through council Your Say website which always includes details of the variety of engagement opportunities and methods employed for each consultation to capture feedback from more of our diverse community.
- Sharing upcoming consultations in resident letterboxes through the Eastern Shore Sun, Clarence News, and South Arm Peninsula News.
- Sharing information online through council's Facebook page.
- Ensuring council's Your Say pages includes key contact details, allowing the community to ask questions about the projects or activities.
- Ensuring key documents are available on council's Your Say for the community to review and consider.
- Maintaining a standard four weeks, as the minimum period for consultations to help ensure enough time for contributions.
- Incorporating key elements of our nationally award-winning approach to help ensure a consistently strong approach.
- A focus on timely reporting to ensure feedback can be used in decision making by councillors and project owners. Consultation reports are published on Your Say for the community and other participants to readily access.

Your Say engagement platform

As council's key engagement tool, the Your Say online platform is central to every engagement we undertake. There has been an increase of 33 per cent to 40,521 visits to the Your Say site over past year. Active participation increased by 15 per cent and we received 4,448 individual online contributions.

Key metrics from the Your Say engagement platform over the report period are:

- **40,521** visits to Your Say webpages
- **4,448** surveys completed.

Consultation highlights

In the past year our 34 consultations were shared on council's Your Say. There is strong interest in the community to provide feedback on a wide variety of places and plans across the whole of Clarence and council activities.

The following metrics highlight council's engagement on Your Say. In addition to these, council also received submissions and had conversations on various consultations, detailed in each consultation report.

Feedback on places	No. of online responses
AFL/AFLW High Performance Centre community consultation	959
Derwent River Ferry Expansion – Lindisfarne Site – survey and map	638
Clarence Mountain Bike Park and Meehan Range – User survey and hub plan surveys	591
Bellerive Beach Park Master Plan – Review – Community survey and map	194
Richmond Village Master Plan Stages 1 & 2 Surveys: Informing and then providing feedback on Draft Master Plan	153
Local Park Cambridge Consultation – New Park Needs a Name!	90
Seven Mile Beach Local Area Plan consultation – Stage 2 Survey: Draft Local Area Plan, Water and Trees	59

Feedback on places	No. of online responses
Rokeby Kayak Launch Point – Survey	58
Requested Amendment to the ParanVille Development – Feedback 2023	36
Parking Data Survey	36
Feedback to inform plans, policies and strategies	
Dogs on-leash proposal – Bellerive Boardwalk proposed change to declared area – Community Survey	330
Coastal Access Strategy – Beach Access Community Survey	231
Clarence Sports Facilities – Community Needs Survey	100
Greyhound Off-leash and Vulnerable Dog Exercise Areas and Declared Area Changes – Community Survey	68
Youth Centre Needs Analysis Consultation – Clarence Youth Survey	56
Cats in Clarence – Map pins	38
Feedback on activities, reviews and trials	
Disc Golf Trial Consultation – Community survey	253
Summer Beach Access Mat Trial – Bellerive Beach Community Survey	225
Festivals & Events in Clarence review – survey	121
Clarence Plains Clean the Plains – Poll and map pins	118
Live Well, Live Long Program – Participant, Presenter, Facilitator surveys	60
Greyhound Off-leash and Vulnerable Dog Exercise Areas – Feedback on 12-month trial	55

ARTS & EVENTS

Richmond Bicentenary

December 2023 marked the start of the bicentenary year for the historic and beloved Tasmanian town of Richmond, and the Coal River Valley. The Richmond Bicentenary was a series of events commemorating 200 years since the foundation stone was laid on one of Australia's most historic and significant bridges.

Hundreds turned out for the street parade marking the beginning of the first of five 'Weekends in the Valley', a program of more than 70 events, exhibits, and festivals taking place between December 2023 and March 2024, developed by the Richmond Bicentenary Planning Committee, in collaboration with council.



Swinging Christmas – December 2023

The Swinging Christmas Event saw the largest turnout in its history, welcoming more than 500 people to Rosny Farm. Children were mesmerised by Santa and the Grinch, with a bigger-than-ever lineup of local musicians and the best of Tasmania's vocal talent, hosted by Andrew Colrain.



Dogs' Day Out – October 2023

The annual Dogs' Day Out was once again held in Simmons Park, and despite cool and sometimes blustery weather, hundreds of dog lovers attended. The ever-popular event also recorded the largest number of stall holders and activities to date.

Clarence Jazz Festival – February 2024

This year, the festival celebrated its 28th year, delivering 42 musical acts across five days of programing. The event created 252 paid artist opportunities who performed to an audience of more than 2,700.





AGEING ACCESS AND INCLUSION

Throughout the year, council has run a range of events focused on connecting our diverse and ageing community. To mark Seniors Week we held two events – a red-carpet screening of the film 'Live the life you please' and 'Clarence through the Ages' – a visual display that took people back over the past 90 years in Clarence.

We also held the Matters of Life and Death mini expo as part of National Palliative Care Week.

Over the winter months, we hosted 'The Buzz Program' – a series of three engaging sessions at the Warrane Community Garden.

Our Shared Space Program (OSS)

Council ran a series of intergenerational playgroup sessions, including a Nature Play Session and Timeless Garden Connections nature play at the Warrane Mornington Community Garden and Neighbourhood Centre.

We also began a new partnership with Rosny Library to host fortnightly youth and intergenerational activities as part of the 'Our Shared Space' program.





COUNCIL'S GENERAL GRANTS PROGRAM

General Grants Program

The Community Support Grants and Partnership Grants were paused in the second half of 2023 as we conducted a review of our program and migrated our application systems to SmartyGrants to make applying for grants, clearer, easier, and fairer.

In February 2024 we launched the first round of our new bi-annual General Grants Program which included streams for Community Grants, Cultural and Creative Grants, Access and Inclusion Activation Grants and Environment and Biodiversity Grants (formerly Land and Coastcare Grants).

By June 2024, council had endorsed the distribution of $97,992 in grant funding to nineteen (19) successful applicants across a range of community, cultural and creative and environment and biodiversity projects which will provide benefit to the community of Clarence.

Quick Response Grant Program

In addition to our annual and bi-annual grant program, we also offer on-demand grants year-round unless fully allocated, through our Quick Response Grant Program. This year, we distributed 85 Quick Response Grants supporting 71 young people to represent the state in a chosen sport or field, and 14 community groups to realise a small community event, activity, or equipment purchase, at a total value of $20,000.

Community Volunteer Service

Clarence Community Volunteer Service (CCVS) has been focused on initiatives that support the recruitment of volunteers, and in particular gardening volunteers. A promotion and marketing plan was developed, which included a visit to the annual Warrane Harvest Festival.

The CCVS promoted volunteering opportunities and provided information on grants and other community wellbeing initiatives. Next steps to recruit further gardening volunteers include the purchase of lighter, battery-powered equipment based on feedback from current and potential volunteers.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Rosny Early Learning Centre

Intergenerational Program

The Rosny Early Learning Centre has collaborated with Fairview Rise aged care facility to develop and implement an intergenerational program that operates every second month. Small groups of children from the service are transported to the age care facility via the Clarence community bus to participate in a range of activities developed by Fairview Rise and Rosny Early Learning.



Connecting with community

In the past year, the Rosny Early Learning Centre has also focused on connecting with community through visits from the fire brigade and Teddy Bears Hospital, to help educate the children on safety.

Staffing and utilisation of Rosny Early Learning

Rosny Early Learning currently has 75 families and 86 children utilising the service with the highest demand remaining in the 8 month- 2 years age range. Children and educators recently participated in a road safety program presented by RACT. At the end of 2023, the centre had staff changes with the onboarding of a new Early Childhood Teacher and a new Director.

Christmas at Rosny Early Learning

Before Christmas 2023, families and staff generously donated to the annual Colony 47 Christmas gift drive. The Rosny Early Learning family Christmas party was well attended with more than 150 people joining in the festivities. Rosny Early Learning also assisted our local communities by donating preloved resources to new Clarence Family Day Care Educators and resources to City Mission just in time for Christmas.

Outside School Hours Care / Family Day Care

New Alma Street centre

In April 2024, construction was completed on a new purpose-built childcare facility in Alma Street Bellerive. The centre caters for a range of age groups from Bellerive Primary School as well as a playgroup for family day care educators. It will also include a school holiday program for children of all ages. The service has been running since June 2024.

We have continued to work with our Outside School Hours Care schools to negotiate more spaces for after school care. This has enabled us to increase our capacity by 600 spaces per week which has been a huge help to those families on our waiting lists.

Cooking program

Clarence Children's Services has been collaborating with Scotts Childcare Centre in Launceston to further develop our menu and to initiate professional development opportunities for our chefs.

YOUTH SERVICES

Youth Week Event

A Youth Week event was held in April 2024 to celebrate Youth Week. Coordinated by the Youth Network Advisory Group (YNAG) in collaboration with council's events team, the event featured a day of learning and community engagement, including live performances and interactive activities that celebrated the power of Our Community. Our Voice. Various organisations offered information on topics such as mental health, healthy lifestyle, employment, training, careers and personal and professional growth.



Recreational Programs

Youth services currently offer recreational programs at Warrane, Clarendon Vale and recommencing at Risdon Vale. The rec programs are transitioning to outcomes-based programs – a good example being Tuesday's rec participants now cook meals for their peers. The outreach program aims to connect young people and give them the tools they need to create change.

Workshop program

The Youth Service works directly with schools in the delivery of our workshop program. The program equips young people who are at risk of disengaging from school with a range of manual skills in woodwork and metalwork.

Youth Centre Demand Analysis

Council commissioned a study from SGS Economics and Planning on the need for a new Youth Centre facility. The report recommendations were presented to Councillors and work will continue to evaluate potential future locations. Due to the current youth facility being impacted by the State Growth road realignment in 2025/2026, a temporary solution for the relocation of the program in the Rokeby area is being sought.

ASSET DEVELOPMENT

Pindos Park opening

The much-anticipated upgrade of Pindos Park in Tranmere was officially opened in May 2024. The upgraded park boasts a state-of the art, inclusive and family-friendly space with a coastal theme and expansive views up and down the River Derwent.

Some of the park features include fully inclusive, all ages play equipment, a large climb, play and slide structure, nature play equipment on soft bark mulch surfaces and a paling fence fully enclosing the play area to make if safe for all users.

Also included in the redevelopment was a substantial upgrade to the surrounding landscape design, including two new picnic areas with BBQs, the renewal of some existing vegetation, a new pathway network and improved access to the Clarence Foreshore Trail.

Road surveys

The Australian Road Research Board (ARRB) surveyed the condition of council's sealed road network. The survey was conducted at or near posted speed limits, using sophisticated equipment to measure and quantify the typical signs of pavement distress (such as cracking, rutting, and roughness). The data was collected at 10m intervals and aggregated to road segment level to provide a quantifiable estimate of the physical condition of each road segment in the network. Additionally, ARRB collected a photographic record of the road reserve. The condition data will be combined with age and road hierarchy to optimise council's future road resealing, reconstruction, and maintenance programs.

Lindisfarne Community Activities Centre upgrade

The project to upgrade the Lindisfarne Community Activities Centre in Lincoln Street commenced in December 2023 and was completed in March 2024. Council has also funded vital improvements to the toilet facilities, making them DDA compliant.

ENVIRONMENT

Immunisations

The school immunisation program continued during 2023-24, providing grade seven students with their second Gardasil vaccine- an important preventative measure against the human papillomavirus (HPV).

REGULATORY

Dog Policy amendments

The Schedule of Declared Areas component of the Clarence City Council Dog Management Policy was amended during the 2023-24 financial year to include a 12-month trial of an off-lead greyhound exercise area and a vulnerable dog exercise area at the South Street Dog Park in Bellerive. The restriction of dogs on the Bellerive Boardwalk was also removed to allow on-lead dogs in this area.

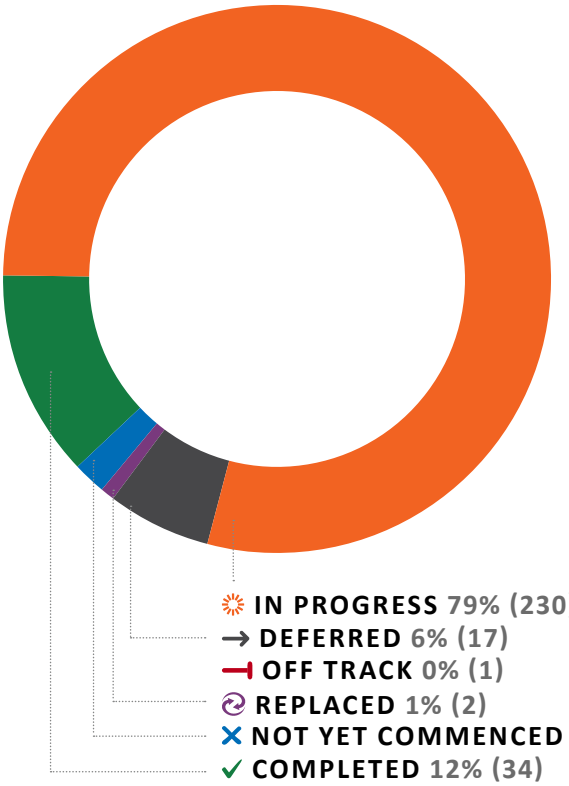


PROGRESS AGAINST ANNUAL PLAN

The graphs below and on the following pages highlight council's progress against our Annual Plan 2023-24 and the strategic goals outlined in the Clarence City Council Strategic Plan 2021-2031.

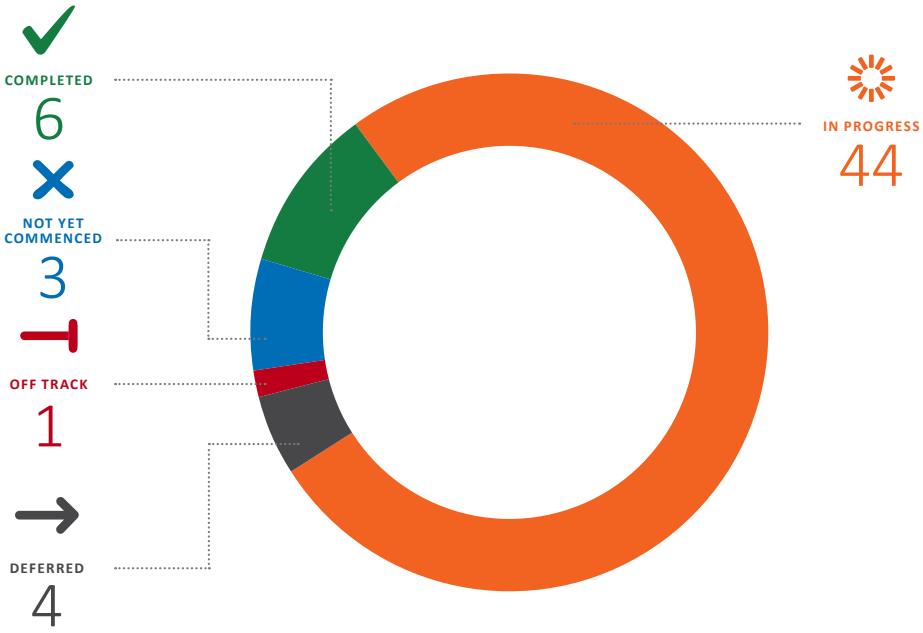
There were **289** actions planned for delivery in 2023-24. Actions that have not been completed will be carried forward into the 2024-25 financial year. Greater detail about actions, initiatives and their progress throughout the year can be found in council's Quarterly Reports, available for download on our website.

ACTION STATUS OVERVIEW: PROGRESS AGAINST ANNUAL PLAN 2023–24



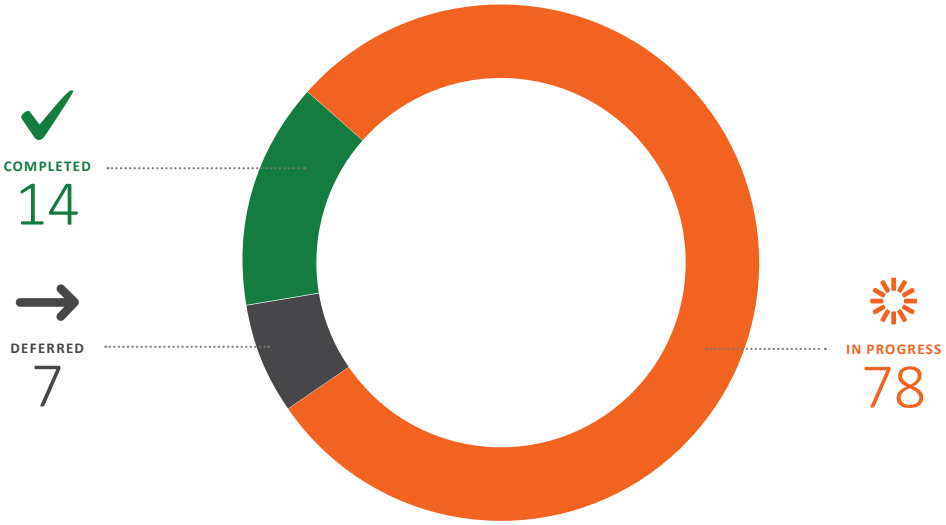
A PEOPLE CITY

GOAL: Clarence values diversity and encourages equity, inclusiveness and accessibility. We aspire to create high-quality public places for all people to live actively, engage socially and enhance our health and wellbeing.



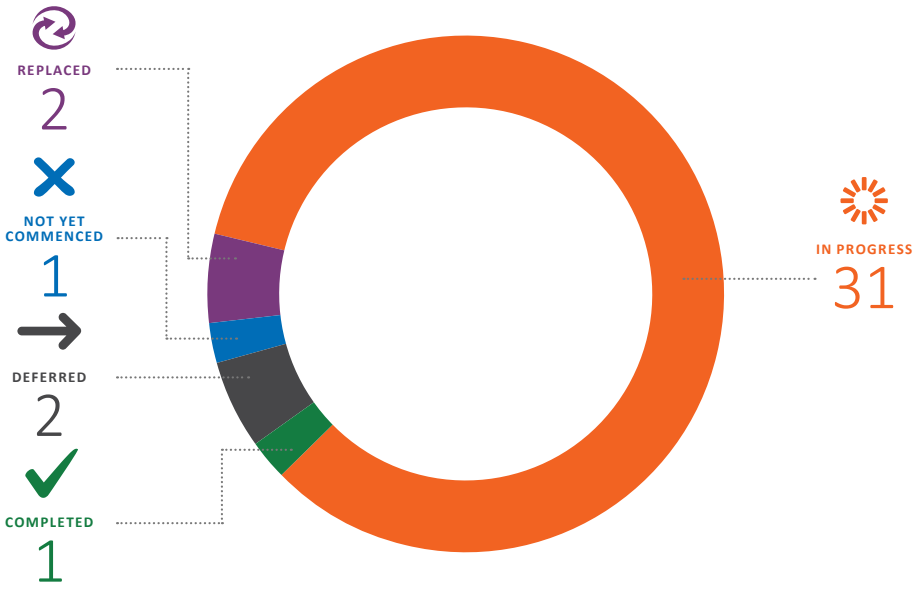
A WELL-PLANNED LIVEABLE CITY

GOAL: Clarence will be a well-planned liveable city with services and infrastructure to meet current and future needs of our growing and vibrant community.



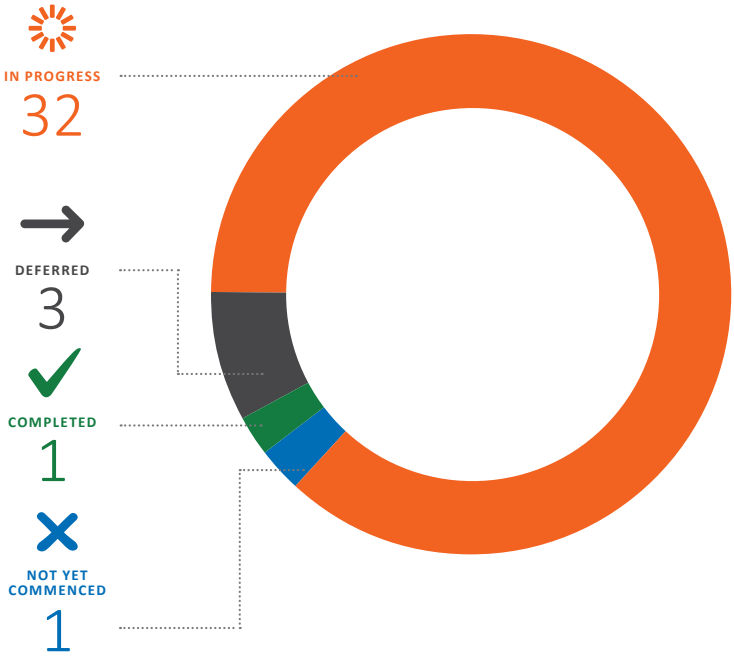
A PROSPEROUS AND CREATIVE CITY

GOAL: Clarence encourages creativity, innovation and enterprise and will develop the local economy by enabling opportunities for all people.



AN ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIBLE CITY

GOAL: Clarence is environmentally responsible, valuing and protecting the natural environment for a sustainable and liveable future.

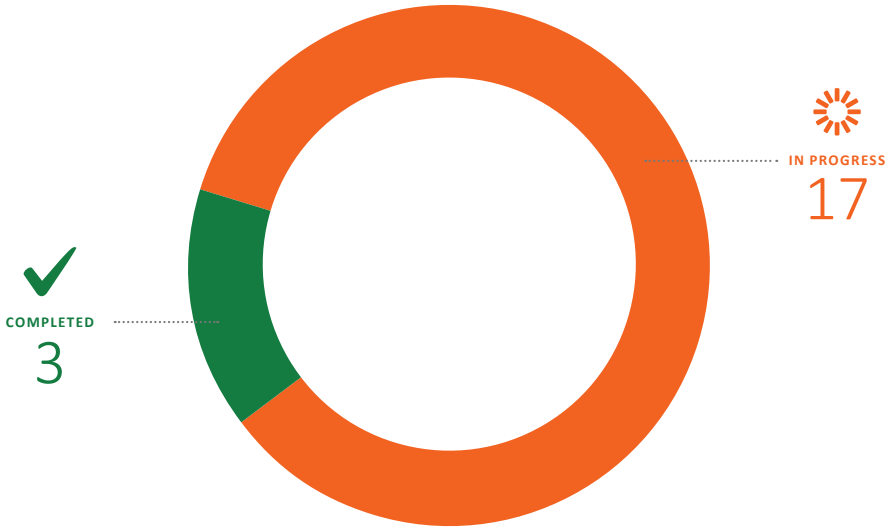






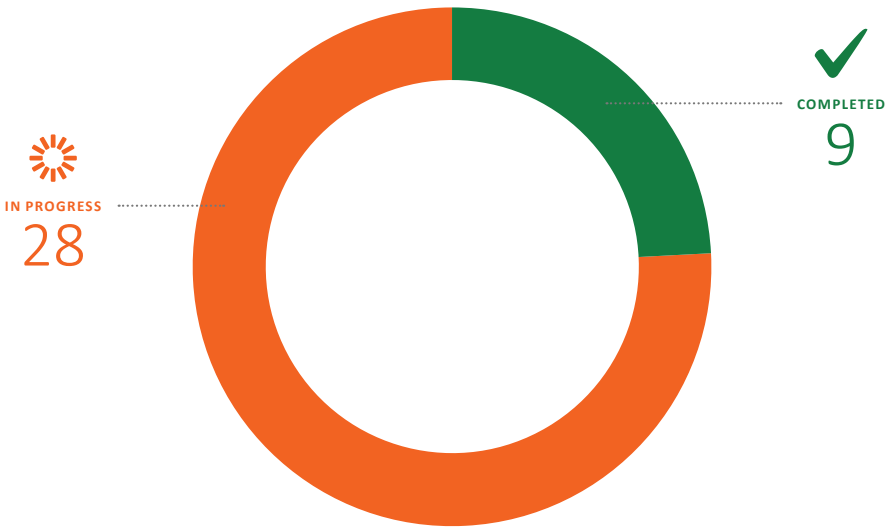
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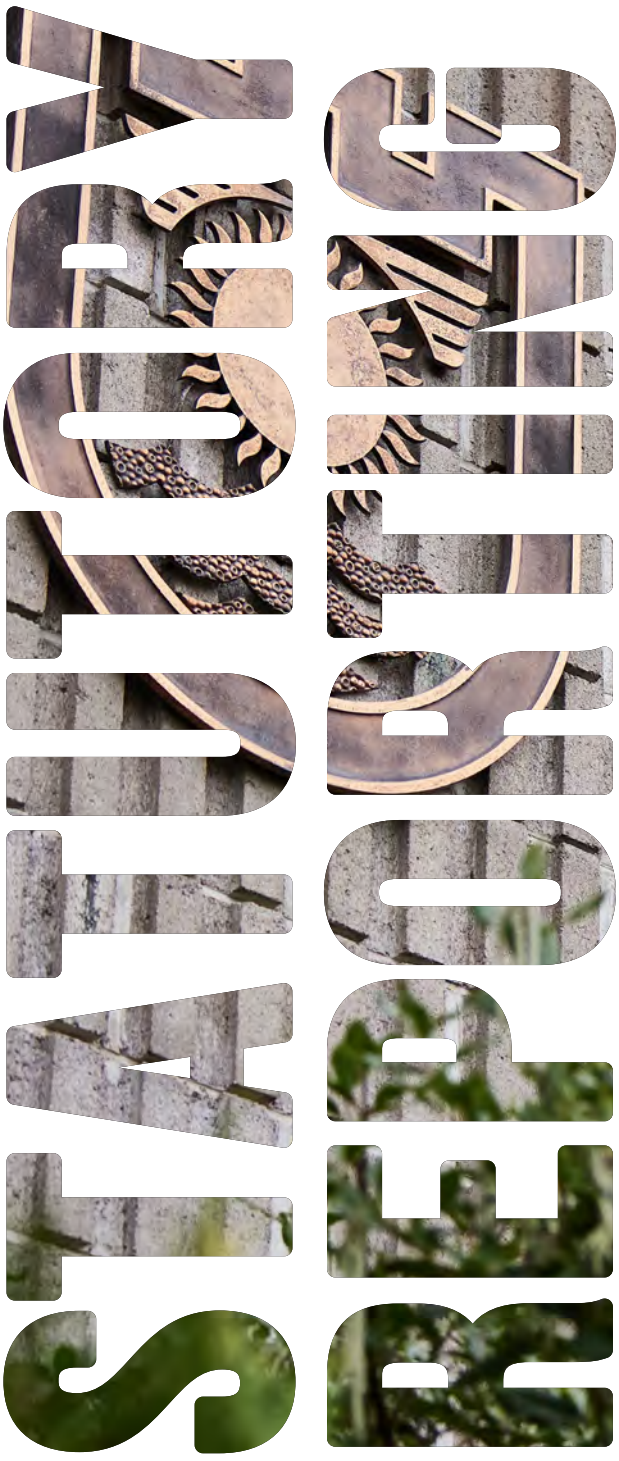
GOAL: To provide leadership and accessible, responsive, transparent, and accountable governance to the city.



COUNCIL'S ASSETS AND RESOURCES

GOAL: To efficiently and effectively manage our financial, human and property resources to attain strategic goals and meet statutory obligations.





Annual General Meeting

Council held its Annual General Meeting on 4 December 2023.

Quarterly reporting

Quarterly reports were presented to Council which provided information on the performance of the organisation against its Annual Plan. Detailed financial information was included in council's Annual Plan and Budget.

Audit panel

The primary objective of the Audit Panel is to assist council in the effective conduct of its responsibilities for financial reporting, management of risk, maintaining a reliable system of internal controls and facilitating council's ethical development.

During the year, the Audit Panel met and endorsed several audits, including the review of:

- Council's Business Continuity Plan; and
- Council's Cyber Security

The Audit Panel has endorsed two audits for the 2024/25 year.

Risk management

We have a rapidly maturing risk profile and council is adopting a comprehensive strategic approach to risk management. Council understands the impact and interconnected nature of risks for local government. Over the past few years, we have seen the impacts of the COVID19 pandemic on the delivery of council's asset and infrastructure projects. Cybersecurity and business continuity are also interconnected risks. Council is increasing its knowledge and understanding of cybersecurity risk and putting in place risk mitigation controls to manage this, especially as malicious cyber-attacks are becoming more regular and sophisticated.

A compliance review of council's management of reserves and open spaces was recently conducted by our insurers with the objective of assessing council's level of compliance against established policies, procedures and plans and to encourage our people to develop and maintain sound risk management practices.

We received a high compliance score during this review.

Public interest disclosure

There were no public interest disclosures made during the year. Details of council's procedures are available on both our website and intranet sites.

Code of Conduct complaints

There were no code of conduct complaints referred to the Department of Premier and Cabinet this year.

Strategic Policies and Plans

Strategic plan consolidation

Following the adoption of five strategies under our Strategic Plan 2021/31 the remaining two- City Future and Community Infrastructure strategies – will be developed into a single, cohesive plan named the "City Development Strategy". These two focus areas are closely connected and complement each other, making a unified strategy more effective in addressing the City's future needs and direction. The City Development Strategy is in development and progressing well.

Polices and plans adopted in 2023-24

The following major policies and plans were adopted by council during 2023-24:

- **Customer Service Charter Review** – this outlines council's values and commitments to our customers. It is a commitment to each customer to deliver the best experience in every interaction with council.
- **Seven Mile Beach Local Area Plan 2023** – to facilitate sustainable growth and management of the coastal settlement including the protection and enhancement of the special qualities of the area valued by the local community.
- **Waste and Resource Recovery Services Policy 2024** – the purpose of this policy is to provide council with the framework to determine the minimum standards and requirements for kerbside collection services and assist with kerbside collection and other resource recovery services being provided across the city in an efficient, effective and sustainable manner.
- **Rates and Charges Policy** – in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1993, council reviewed its current policy. The policy provides council with sound and consistent guidance in the annual preparation and approval of rates.
- **Recovery of Outstanding Rates Policy** – Council undertook a review of its previous policy to ensure it is still relevant. The policy provides the guidelines council follows for the recovery of outstanding rates.

Public health statement

Council's Environmental Health Unit is responsible for the monitoring and regulation of environmentally relevant activities, while working to maintain healthy communities through public health programs such as the school-based immunisation program, as well as fortnightly clinics offered to the public.

Resourcing of the Unit in 2023-24 involved the following:

- Manager Environmental Health Services
- Senior Environmental Health Officer
- Full-Time Technical Officer
- 2 x Full-Time Environmental Health Officers
- Cadet Environmental Health Officer
- Environmental Health Support and Immunisation Officer
- Casual Environmental Health Officer
- Contracted Environmental Health Officer (one day a fortnight)

Council delivered on all its statutory responsibilities and dedicated the necessary time and resources to deliver public health programs and effectively regulate and monitor food business, public health risk activities and private water suppliers for the safety of the community.

Food safety and regulation

One of the roles of the Environmental Health Unit is to ensure that food prepared and sold within the municipality is safe for human consumption and complies with the Australian Food Standards Code. This is achieved through regulation under the Food Act 2003 which involves regular inspections of food businesses, food surveillance through food sampling programs and food safety education. Education and food safety training is provided directly by council's officers and council's website.

There were 430 permanent registered food businesses operating in the municipality during the 2023-24 financial year, which included permanent food premises and mobile food vans. Additionally, 92 temporary food business registrations were issued for specific events. A total of 493 food inspections were conducted during the financial year. The Environmental Health Unit conducts food inspections in accordance with the Tasmanian food safety assessment model for food business risk classification and inspection frequency.

New legislation arrived in December 2023, requiring all food businesses handling and selling potentially hazardous foods to ensure all staff had a minimum food handling certificate and designated food safety supervisors were required, as part of their business.

Council's role was to identify the food businesses within Clarence that the new legislation would apply to, communicate the new requirements and follow up to ensure compliance.

Immunisation program

Council continued to deliver the immunisation program at high schools in Clarence with vaccination of grade seven students for the human papilloma virus (HPV), diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (whooping cough) and vaccinations of grade 10 students for meningococcal (ACWY). The fortnightly community clinics held at the Integrated Care Centre in Rosny Park were well attended.

A total of 1,219 vaccines were administered at council's community clinics and an additional 424 as part of the school immunisation program.

The vaccination numbers are less than the previous financial year due to the change in the Tasmanian immunisation schedule. Previously, grade seven students were given three vaccines in one year, but now they are only given two.

Additionally, the program timing changed during the year, moving from May to August, so these vaccination numbers will be captured in next year's reporting.

Environmental water sampling

Beach sampling continued on a weekly basis between December 2023 to March 2024 in line with the *Tasmanian Recreational Water Quality Guidelines 2007* and the Derwent Estuary recreational water quality summer season program.

Council's stormwater investigations concluded in 2023 due to the completion of Howrah and Bellerive catchment investigations and repairs made to stormwater infrastructure. The investigations and resulting works appear to have been successful in improving water quality at some degraded recreational water quality sampling sites, specifically those surrounding the Howrah catchment.

Following this season the long-term grading of Howrah Beach (East) has improved from fair to good.

Water carrier permits

Ten water carriers operating within Clarence were registered during the year in accordance with the *Public Health Act 1997*. Inspections of all water carriers were undertaken in March 2024.

Public health risk registration

Eight public health risk activity premises (e.g. tattooing/ear and body piercing) were registered with council and 29 licenses were issued to operators for the year in accordance with the *Public Health Act 1997*.

Nuisances that may impact community health, wellbeing and safety

Officers responded to 279 complaints during the year, relating to noise (93), septic/on-site wastewater (21), odour (15), food (16), dust, fume and gases (25), litter (15), light pollution (10), lighting (12), smoke nuisance (32), asbestos (2), sharps (5), chemical spills/discharge (3), insects/pests/vermin (15) and unhealthy housing (15).

Notable public health projects

As part of council's commitment to creating and maintaining healthy spaces, the 'Breathe-Easy Clarence – Smoke free area' – initiative continued during 2023/2024.

Additional smoke free signs were installed in the Rosny bus mall and on council-owned sportsgrounds, reminding people that smoking is prohibited within 20m of the grounds.

Animal management

Infringements regarding dogs

There were 1210 infringements issued, valuing $237,565.50.

These related to non-registered dogs (1084), dogs at large (106), non-microchipped dogs (9), serious dog attacks (6) and dogs not wearing discs (1).

Responsible dog ownership

There were 147 dogs impounded at the Dogs' Homes of Tasmania and two dangerous dogs registered with council as at 30 June 2024.

Dog and other animal complaints

Council received 1,029 dog and animal complaints in the 2023-24 financial year. This included dogs at large (420), dog infringement appeals (404), dog attacks (101), barking dogs (65), dogs in restricted areas (9) and unregistered dogs (16).

Parking

A total of 4,144 parking infringements were issued in 2023-24, valuing $303,683.75. Offences included exceeding time limits (3,016), disability parking (431), footpath (61), no parking sign (132), not wholly in bay (122), taxi zone (75), bus stop/bus zone (37), no stopping (23), stop on yellow line (34), stop over intersection (39), permit zone (101), incorrect parallel (42) and other offences (31).

Parking Sensor Project

Stage 2 of the Parking Sensor Project saw 1,000 parking sensors installed in the Bellerive and Rosny Park commercial areas in late 2023. The sensors provide active information on car parking usage and availability assisting council to meet future parking demands.

From 2024/25, the sensors will be used to support the enforcement of timed parking restrictions.

Building and plumbing

Building permit approvals

A total of 690 applications were lodged for building permits and notifiable works for new and additional works during the year. Of these, 604 were notifiable works.

Plumbing permit approvals

A total of 550 applications were lodged for plumbing permits and Certificates of Likely Compliance for new and additional works during the year.

Of these, 196 were Certificates of Likely Compliance.

City Planning

A number of planning matters are worth highlighting that continue to contribute to positive planning outcomes for the city and its future.

Planning reform

Council continues to work collaboratively with other councils and state agencies, participating in various committees and working groups, to undertake planning reform for the future, including the review of the Southern Tasmania Regional Land Use Strategy. The implementation of the Greater Hobart Plan continues, and during the year, submissions were made and hearings were held by the Tasmanian Planning Commission with regard to the Draft Tasmanian Planning Policies. We continue to participate in the review of the State Planning Provisions, Residential Standards and Medium Density Housing Guidelines. This large volume of planning reform and consultation is anticipated to continue into the upcoming financial year.

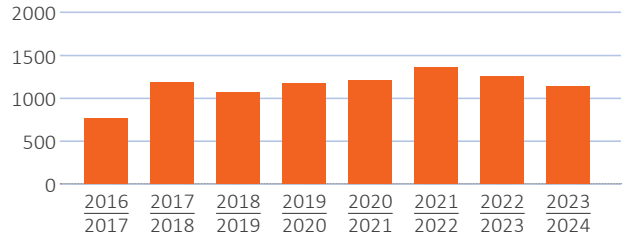
Clarence Local Planning Schedule

Council continues to work through finalising outstanding matters from the implementation of the Tasmanian Planning Scheme through the adoption of the Clarence Local Planning Schedule on 13 October 2021. The substantial modifications proposed by the Tasmanian Planning Commission for the Howrah Hills area and the Cambridge Airport have been the subject of ongoing hearings before the Commission, which will hopefully be concluded in the new financial year.

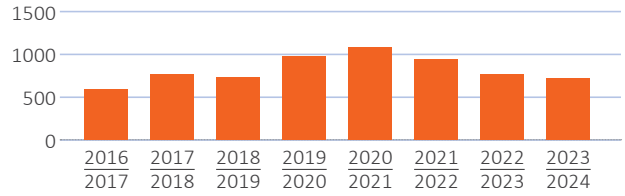
Seven Mile Beach Local Area Plan

In December 2024, Council adopted the Seven Mile Beach Local Area Plan, which provides for the sustainable growth and management of the area, including protection and enhancement of the special qualities of the area values by its local community. Substantial consultation occurred as part of the development of this plan, as a great example of best practice stakeholder engagement, which saw the project win the award for Stakeholder Engagement at the Planning Institute of Australia's 2024 National Awards for Planning Excellence.

Preliminary planning assessments



Development applications lodged



Droughty Peninsula Structure Plan

Providing for further residential development in the Tranmere, Droughty Peninsula and Rokeby areas is a step closer through the development of the Droughty Peninsula Structure Plan. The Plan will provide a framework for future infrastructure provision and the release of land for residential development and open space, while also considering the constraints of the area and the needs of the community. Significant engagement with key stakeholders, state agencies and the community will occur in the development of this Plan in the coming financial year.

Development Approvals

This includes the assessment of statutory planning applications, under the provisions of the planning scheme, associated legislation and customer support.

Key outcome indicators included:

- A free preliminary assessment service to ensure prospective applicants can have draft plans checked against the planning scheme before costly detailed plans are completed. There were 1351 preliminary assessments undertaken.
- A free heritage advisory service for potential developers and landowners of heritage properties or properties within heritage precincts.
- 725 development applications lodged for assessment, including a wide range of residential proposals and subdivisions, as well as major industrial and commercial projects.
- 147 applications for ‘minor amendments’ to planning permits were lodged.

Subdivision and strata titles

Council is responsible for assessing final plans of survey and strata schemes, prior to forwarding them to the Titles Office for the creation of new titles. This involves ensuring all planning permit requirements are fulfilled and where applicable, buildings, roads and infrastructure have been properly constructed. Key outcomes were:

- Plans for 139 subdivisions and strata schemes were sealed.
- 360 new lots were created by subdivisions (up from 149 lots in 2022-23).

Management and staff resourcing

Over the past 12 months, council has continued to review staff resourcing and job design in response to increased service demands and community growth.

As part of our ongoing efforts, four new key positions have been filled:

- Head of Community and Culture
- Head of Regulatory Services
- Head of City Planning
- Head of People, Safety, and Culture.

These roles will play a pivotal part in leading council’s services, as well as shaping our future workforce strategies.

In a competitive job market, the evolving needs of our employees highlight the importance of strong, adaptable and modern people strategies to boost performance, productivity, and engagement. By aligning our efforts with these changes, we can better attract, retain, and develop talent, ensuring our organisation thrives.



Workforce Development Plan

We are continuing work on our Workforce Development Plan, identifying both successes and areas for improvement. We continue to revise and redevelop systems, policies and practices to build a more contemporary people-practice for council. We are identifying skills gaps among our employees and implementing coaching and development plans to upskill our leadership team.

Enterprise agreements

Our enterprise agreements remain competitive, offering a wide range of benefits and transparent pay structures to support our goal of attracting and keeping top-quality employees. Negotiations for the Rosny Early Learning Enterprise Agreement began in June 2024.

Training and development

Our training programs focus on essential requirements, with plans to implement two structured programs to support the development of our middle management group, specifically a Certificate IV in Leadership and Management and a Diploma in Leadership and Management. A more strategic approach to learning and development has also been implemented, identifying priorities, and seeking alternatives to maximise our opportunities.

Work, health and safety

In work health and safety, council maintains ISO45001 accreditation and has furthered work to manage psychosocial hazards in line with January 2023 legislative changes. We aim to achieve ISO45003 accreditation by 2024-2025, further recognising our commitment to a safe and healthy workplace environment. As part of this council has a renewed focus on managing inappropriate customer conduct to ensure a respectful and safe environment for both staff and the community.

2023–24 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

$90.0M
Budgeted income

$28.9M
Budgeted capital expenses

$86.6M
Budgeted operating expenses

$93.3M
Comparative actual income

$28.9M
Actual capital expenses

$87.9M
Actual operating expenses

WHERE WAS THE MONEY SPENT?



- Capital Works **$28.9M**
- City, Culture and the Community **$4.8M**
- Corporate Management **$12.6M**
- Facilities and Fleet Management **$5.8M**
- Governance **$8.3M**
- Planning and Construction Services **$4.2M**
- Ranger and Health Services **$2.5M**
- Recreation and Environment **$9.4M**
- Roads and Stormwater Maintenance **$7.5M**
- Waste Management **$7.1M**
- Youth Services **$6.4M**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024







The accompanying financial statements of Clarence City Council are in agreement with relevant accounts and records, and have been prepared in compliance with:

- Australian Accounting Standards and other authoritative pronouncements issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board; and
- the *Local Government Act 1993*.

I believe that, in all material respects, the financial statements present a view which is consistent with my understanding of Clarence City Council's:

- financial position as at 30 June 2024,
- financial performance for the year ended 30 June 2024; and
- cash flows for the year then ended.

At the date of signing this certification, I am not aware of any circumstances which would render the particulars included in the financial statements misleading or inaccurate.

Ian Nelson

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
7 NOVEMBER 2024



STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

	NOTES	BUDGET 2024 $'000	2024 $'000	2023 $'000
INCOME FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS				
Recurrent income				
Rates and charges	2.1	*66,138*	66,319	60,656
Statutory fees and fines	2.2	*2,224*	1,887	1,852
User fees	2.3	*4,438*	4,406	5,464
Grants	2.4	*3,631*	3,543	4,975
Contributions of cash	2.5	*613*	757	1,973
Interest	2.6	*3,669*	5,521	4,226
Other income	2.7	*5,637*	6,583	6,912
Investment revenue from water corporation	2.9, 5.2	*2,200*	2,654	2,654
Total recurrent income		*88,550*	**91,670**	**88,712**
Capital Income				
Grants	2.4	*1,410*	1,642	2,609
Contribution and recognition of assets	2.5	–	25,301	20,464
Gain/(Loss) on retirement or disposal of assets	2.8	–	(2,813)	(1,659)
Share of net result of associates accounted for using the equity method	5.1	–	3,353	2,685
Total capital income		*1,410*	**27,483**	**24,099**
Total income from continuing operations		*89,960*	**119,153**	**112,811**
Expenses from continuing operations				
Employee benefits	3.1	*30,565*	28,786	24,965
Materials and services	3.2	*17,625*	17,698	19,116
Impairment of receivables	3.3	*591*	5,881	–
Depreciation and amortisation	3.4	*17,273*	17,990	16,144
Finance costs	3.5	*275*	495	425
Other expenses	3.6	*20,243*	17,021	17,997
Total expenses from continuing operations		*86,572*	**87,871**	**78,647**
NET RESULT FOR THE YEAR		*3,388*	**31,282**	**34,164**
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME				
Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss				
Net asset revaluation increment/(decrement)	9.1	–	376,550	39,890
Fair value revaluation investment in Water Corporation	5.2, 9.1	–	8,888	5,331
Total other comprehensive income		–	**385,438**	**45,221**
COMPREHENSIVE SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)		*3,388*	**416,720**	**79,385**

The above statement should be read in conjunction with accompanying notes.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

ASSETS	NOTES	2024 $'000	2023 $'000
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	4.1	8,799	10,337
Trade and other receivables	4.2	5,830	10,944
Investments	4.3	83,338	92,838
Inventories	4.4	146	141
Other assets	6.3	1,281	1,591
Total current assets		**99,394**	**115,851**
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Trade and other receivables	4.2	1,283	1,650
Investment in associates	5.1	16,506	13,153
Investment in water corporation	5.2	180,065	171,177
Property, infrastructure, plant and equipment	6.1	1,223,618	808,845
Right of use assets	6.2	2,078	1,837
Total non-current assets		**1,423,550**	**996,662**
TOTAL ASSETS		**1,522,944**	**1,112,513**
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	7.1	3,269	3,864
Trust funds and deposits	7.2	4,619	5,265
Provisions	7.3	4,054	4,187
Lease liabilities	7.4	933	910
Contract liabilities	7.5	1,866	1,917
Interest bearing loans and borrowings	8.1	3,055	5,505
Total current liabilities		**17,796**	**21,648**
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Provisions	7.3	931	749
Lease liabilities	7.4	1,274	1,057
Interest bearing loans and borrowings	8.1	6,009	9,064
Total non-current liabilities		**8,214**	**10,870**
TOTAL LIABILITIES		**26,010**	**32,518**
NET ASSETS		**1,496,934**	**1,079,995**
EQUITY			
Accumulated surpluses		676,731	645,454
Reserves	9.1	820,203	434,541
TOTAL EQUITY		**1,496,934**	**1,079,995**

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

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

	NOTES	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) 2024 $'000	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) 2023 $'000
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Rates		64,788	60,167
Statutory fees and fines		1,887	1,852
User fees (inclusive of GST)		4,670	5,020
Grants (inclusive of GST)		3,543	4,560
Contributions of capital	2.5	757	1,973
Government subsidies		4,632	3,791
Interest received		5,663	2,959
Net GST refund (payment)		4,844	3,348
Other (inclusive of GST)		4,727	3,707
Wages and salaries		(28,671)	(24,279)
Finance costs		(495)	(425)
Other (inclusive of GST)		(40,378)	(40,418)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	9.2	**25,967**	**22,255**
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Payments for property, infrastructure, plant & equipment		(32,522)	(15,702)
Proceeds from sale of property, infrastructure, plant & equipment		70	1,161
Redemption off (Payment for) investments		9,500	(2,400)
Capital grants		1,642	3,024
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities		**(21,310)**	**(13,917)**
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Repayments of interest bearing loans and borrowings		(5,505)	(5,411)
Repayment of lease liabilities (principal repayments)		(1,057)	(988)
Loans repaid to Council		367	365
Net cash provided (used) by financing activities	9.3	(6,195)	(6,034)
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		**(1,538)**	**2,304**
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of reporting period		10,337	8,033
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF REPORTING PERIOD	9.4	**8,799**	**10,337**
Restrictions on Cash	4.1		
Financing Arrangements	9.5		

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

	NOTE	ACCUMULATED SURPLUS	ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE	FAIR VALUE RESERVE	OTHER RESERVE	TOTAL EQUITY
		2024 $'000	2024 $'000	2024 $'000	2024 $'000	2024 $'000
Balance at beginning of the financial year		**645,454**	**410,615**	**(29,390)**	**53,316**	**1,079,995**
Net result for the year		31,282	–	–	–	31,282
Adjustment for prior periods		219	–	–	–	219
Other comprehensive income						
Net asset revaluation increment/(decrement)	9.1	–	376,550	–	–	376,550
Fair value adjustment on equity investments	5.2 9.1	–	–	8,888	–	8,888
Total comprehensive income		**676,955**	**787,165**	**(20,502)**	**53,316**	**1,496,934**
Transfer between reserves		(224)	–	–	224	–
Balance at end of the financial year		**676,731**	**787,165**	**(20,502)**	**53,540**	**1,496,934**

	NOTE	ACCUMULATED SURPLUS	ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE	FAIR VALUE RESERVE	OTHER RESERVE	TOTAL EQUITY
		2023 $'000	2023 $'000	2023 $'000	2023 $'000	2023 $'000
Balance at beginning of the financial year		**614,899**	**370,725**	**(34,721)**	**50,724**	**1,001,627**
Net result for the year		34,164	–	–	–	34,164
Adjustment for prior periods		(1,018)	–	–	–	(1,018)
Other comprehensive income						
Net asset revaluation increment/(decrement)	9.1	–	39,890	–	–	39,890
Fair value adjustment on equity investments	5.2 9.1	–	–	5,331	–	5,331
Total comprehensive income		**648,046**	**410,615**	**(29,390)**	**50,724**	**1,079,995**
Transfer between reserves		(2,592)	–	–	2,592	–
Balance at end of the financial year		**645,454**	**410,615**	**(29,390)**	**53,316**	**1,079,995**

Balances may vary due to rounding.

The above statement should be read in conjunction with accompanying notes.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

1. Overview

1.1 Reporting entity

(a) The Clarence City Council was established as a Local Government under the *Local Government Act 1993*. Council's main office is located at Bligh St, Rosny Park.

(b) The purpose of the Council is to:

- provide for health, safety and welfare of the community;
- to represent and promote the interests of the community;
- provide for the peace, order and good government in the municipality.

1.2 Basis of accounting

These financial statements are a general purpose financial report that consists of a Statement of Comprehensive Income, Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Changes in Equity, Statement of Cash Flows, and notes accompanying these financial statements.
The general purpose financial report complies with Australian Accounting Standards, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board, and the *Local Government Act 1993* (LGA1993) (as amended). Council has determined that it does not have profit generation as a prime objective.

Consequently, where appropriate, Council has elected to apply options and exemptions within accounting standards that are applicable to not-for-profit entities.

This financial report has been prepared on the accrual and going concern basis.

All amounts are presented in Australian dollars and unless stated, have been rounded to the nearest thousand dollars.

This financial report has been prepared under the historical cost convention, except where specifically stated in notes 4.3, 4.5, 5.1, 5.2, 6.1, 6.2, 7.3, 7.4, 8.1 and 10.3(d).

Unless otherwise stated, all material accounting policy information is consistent with those applied in the prior year. Where appropriate, comparative figures have been amended to accord with current presentation, and disclosure has been made of any material changes to comparatives.

1.3 Use of judgements and estimates

Judgements and assumptions

In the application of Australian Accounting Standards, Council is required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis of making the judgements. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

Council has made no assumptions concerning the future that may cause a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period. Judgements made by Council that have significant effects on the financial report are disclosed in the relevant notes as follows:

Contribution and recognition of assets

Assumptions used in determining the timing of Council's contribution and recognition of assets are discussed in note 2.5.

Investment in associates

Assumptions used in determining Council's valuation of its investment in associates are discussed in note 5.1.

Right of use assets

Assumptions and judgements are used in determining the fair value of Council's right of use assets including assumptions about useful lives and depreciation rates. These assumptions are discussed in note 6.2.

Lease liabilities

Assumptions are used in determining Council's lease liabilities. These assumptions are discussed in note 7.4.

Employee entitlements

Assumptions are utilised in the determination of Council's employee entitlement provisions. These assumptions are discussed in note 7.3.

Defined benefit superannuation fund obligations

Actuarial assumptions are utilised in the determination of Council's defined benefit superannuation fund obligations. These assumptions are discussed in note 9.6.

Fair value of property, infrastructure, plant & equipment

Assumptions and judgements are utilised in determining the fair value of Council's property, infrastructure, plant and equipment including useful lives and depreciation rates. These assumptions are discussed in note 6.1.

Investment in water corporation

Assumptions utilised in the determination of Council's valuation of its investment in TasWater are discussed in note 5.2

1.4 Material budget variations

Council's original budget was adopted by the Council on 5 June 2023. The original projections on which the budget was based have been affected by a number of factors. These include State and Federal Government decisions including new grant programs, changing economic activity, and by decisions made by Council. Material variations of more than 10% are explained below:

Revenues

1 Statutory fees and fines

The decrease of $337K on budget (15%) was due to reduced building and development applications being received to those expected, along with reduced income from car parking fines.

2 Contributions of capital

The increase of$144K on budget (23%) was due to additional contributions received from developers towards public open space.

3 Interest

The increase of$1.852M on budget (50%) was a result of higher than budgeted interest rates on investments, along with a higher than expected average investment balance throughout the year.

4 Other income

The increase of$946K on budget (17%) was due to additional child care subsidies received through Clarence Children's Services, along with the accounting for volunteer income recognition which is unbudgeted.

5 Investment revenue from water corporation

The increase of $454K on budget (21%) was due to the receipt of a special dividend from TasWater in respect of a prior year. This special dividend is not considered as part of the budget process.

6 Grants (capital income)

The increase of $232K on budget (16%) was a result of an increase in Roads to Recovery grant fonding recognised during the year.

7 Contribution and recognition of assets

This category of revenue is not considered as part of the budget process due to being non-cash related transactions that do not support the funding of budgeted activities, and has significant variability year upon year.

8 Gain/(Loss) on retirement or disposal of assets

This category of revenue is not considered as part of the budget process due to being non-cash related transactions that do not support the funding of budgeted activities, and has significant variability year upon year.

9 Share of net result of associates accounted for using the equity method

This category of revenue is not considered as part of the budget process due to being non-cash related transactions that do not support the funding of budgeted activities, and has significant variability year upon year.

Expenses

1 Impairment of receivables

The increase of $5.29M on annual budget (895%) was due to providing for Expected Credit Losses that had been funded within budgets over an extended period of time.

2 Finance costs

The increase of $220K on budget (80%) was due to the accounting for interest expense on right of use assets that is not considered as part of the budget process.

3 Other expenses

The decrease of $3.222M on budget (16%) was largely influenced by the accounting treatment of right of use assets that saw a significant reduction in operating lease expense, along with lower than budgeted donations and IT system expenditure.

4 Net asset revaluation increment/(decrement)

This category of revenue is not considered as part of the budget process due to being non-cash related transactions that do not support the funding of budgeted activities, and has significant variability year upon year.

5 Fair value revaluation investment in Water Corporation

This category of revenue is not considered as part of the budget process due to being non-cash related transactions that do not support the funding of budgeted activities, and has significant variability year upon year.

1.5 Functions/Activities of the Council

(a) Revenue, expenditure and assets attributable to each function as categorised in (c) below:

	GRANTS $'000	OTHER $'000	TOTAL REVENUE $'000	TOTAL EXPENDITURE $'000	SURPLUS/ (DEFICIT) $'000	ASSETS $'000
Government and administration						
2023-2024	61	6,095	6,156	11,045	(4,889)	–
2022-2023	280	5,478	5,758	10,671	(4,913)	–
Roads, streets and bridges						
2023-2024	1,463	146	1,609	5,392	(3,783)	331,367
2022-2023	2,827	543	3,370	5,407	(2,037)	264,290
Drainage						
2023-2024	603	3,402	4,005	1,171	2,834	212,381
2022-2023	1,884	2,854	4,738	1,158	3,580	163,624
Waste management						
2023-2024	71	6,775	6,846	7,095	(249)	1,414
2022-2023	–	6,970	6,970	8,607	(1,637)	1,286
Environmental health						
2023-2024	–	143	143	857	(714)	–
2022-2023	–	145	145	963	(818)	–
Planning services						
2023-2024	–	2,768	2,768	4,156	(1,388)	–
2022-2023	–	3,518	3,518	3,550	(32)	–
Community amenities						
2023-2024	56	882	938	3,763	(2,825)	–
2022-2023	531	1,320	1,851	3,999	(2,148)	–
Community services						
2023-2024	307	4,629	4,936	13,573	(8,637)	–
2022-2023	262	6,438	6,700	12,243	(5,543)	–
Recreation facilities						
2023-2024	1,842	(141)	1,701	6,828	(5,127)	32,358
2022-2023	1,426	894	2,320	6,163	(3,843)	30,911
Economic development						
2023-2024	464	29	493	2,147	(1,654)	–
2022-2023	166	1	167	2,163	(1,996)	–
Other – not attributable						
2023-2024	318	89,240	89,558	31,844	57,714	945,424
2022-2023	208	77,064	77,272	23,722	53,550	652,402
Total						
2023-2024	**5,185**	**113,968**	**119,153**	**87,871**	**31,282**	**1,522,944**
2022-2023	**7,584**	**105,225**	**112,809**	**78,646**	**34,163**	**1,112,513**

(b) Reconciliation of Assets above with the Statement of Financial Position at 30 June:

	2024 $'000	2023 $'000
Current assets	99,394	115,851
Non-current assets	1,423,550	996,662
Total assets	**1,522,944**	**1,112,513**

(c) Governance and administration

Operation and maintenance of council chambers, administration offices, and councillors.

Roads, streets and bridges

Construction, maintenance and cleaning of road, streets, footpaths, bridges, parking facilities and street lighting.

Drainage

Operation and maintenance of open or deep drainage systems in urban areas, including the lining of piping of creeks but excludes drainage associated with road works, flood mitigation and agriculture.

Waste Management

Collection, handling, processing and disposal of all waste materials.

Environmental Health/Environmental Management

Environmental Health includes disease control, food surveillance, public-use building standards, health education and promotion, water quality, workplace safety and cemeteries.

Environmental management includes strategies and programs for the protection of the environment and regulations of activities affecting the environment.

Planning Services

Administration of the town planning scheme, subdivisions and urban and rural renewal programs.

Community amenities

Operation and maintenance of housing for aged persons and persons of limited means, Civic Centre, Council halls (excluding indoor sports complexes).

Community services

Administration and operation of dog registration, operation of pounds, control of straying stock, and noxious weeds. Operation of the Child Care Centre, operation and support of the performing arts, museum and the presentation of festivals. Community Development which provides for the implementation of a process by which strategies and plans can be developed so that the Council can fulfil their general responsibility for enhancing the quality of life of the whole community.

Recreation facilities

Operation and maintenance of sporting facilities (includes swimming pools, active and passive recreation and recreation centres).

Economic development

Maintenance and marketing of tourist facilities, property development and operation of caravan parks.

Other – not attributable

Rates and charges and work not attributed elsewhere.

2. Revenue

2.1 Rates and charges

Council uses capital value as the basis of valuation of all properties within the municipality. Capital value is the total value of the property, including the land, buildings and other improvements.

	2024 $'000	2023 $'000
Net rate revenue received	59,424	54,039
Fire levy	6,895	6,617
Total rates and charges	**66,319**	**60,656**

The date of the last general revaluation of land for rating purposes within the municipality was 1 July 2018. This valuation was first applied in the rating year commencing 1 July 2019.

Accounting policy

Council recognises revenue from rates and annual charges for the amount it is expected to be entitled to at the beginning of the rating period to which they relate, or when the charge has been applied.

Rates and charges in advance are recognised as a financial liability until the beginning of the rating period to which they relate.

2.2 Statutory fees and fines

	2024 $'000	2023 $'000
Infringements and costs	346	273
Town planning fees	1,080	1,145
Certificates issued	461	434
Total statutory fees and fines	**1,887**	**1,852**

Accounting policy

Council recognises revenue from statutory fees and fines when or as the performance obligation is completed and the customer receives the benefit of the good/services being provided.

2.3 User fees

	2024 $'000	2023 $'000
Animal services fees	446	432
Building services fees	912	921
Child care/ childrens program fees	1,738	1,755
Health services fees	125	122
Hire of facilities	247	128
Other fees and charges	555	1,359
Recreational facility fees	327	321
Special committee income	31	400
Valuation fees	25	26
Total user fees	**4,406**	**5,464**
User fees by timing of revenue recognition		
User fees recognised over time	–	–
User fees recognised at a point in time	4,406	5,464
Total user fees	**4,406**	**5,464**

Accounting policy

Council recognises revenue from user fees and charges when or as the performance obligation is completed and the customer receives the benefit of the good/services being provided.

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

2.4 Grants

Grants were received in respect of the following:

	2024 $'000	2023 $'000
Summary of grants		
Federally funded grants	4,469	7,147
State funded grants	635	349
Other grants	81	88
Total grants	**5,185**	**7,584**
Recurring Grants		
Commonwealth Government Financial Assistance Grants – General Purpose	1,394	2,038
Commonwealth Government Financial Assistance Grants – Roads	1,975	2,782
Serrated Tussock Primary Producers Project	50	75
WAF Mediterranean Daisy Trails Project	31	10
Better Fishing Grant	45	–
Arts Tasmania	48	–
Takara Clarence	–	47
Reframing Pacific Exhibition Development	–	3
Healthy Tasmania Lift Local Grant	–	20
Total recurrent grants	**3,543**	**4,975**
Capital Grants		
Commonwealth Government – Local Roads and Community Infrastructure	–	2,080
Commonwealth Government – Roads to Recovery	1,100	200
Meehan Range MBT	119	11
Black Spot – Clarence Street/ Howrah Road	108	–
Safer Rural Roads – Back Tea Tree Road	45	–
Geilston Bay Jetty	150	–
Clarendon Vale Oval Changerooms	41	48
Vulnerable Road User Program	18	–
CWA Lindisfarne Upgrades	61	–
Bedlam Walls	–	75
Mobile Radar Speed Feedback Signage	–	20
Risdon Vale Oval LED Lighting Upgrade	–	175
Total capital grants	**1,642**	**2,609**
Timing of revenue recognition		
Grants recognised over time	310	234
Grants recognised at a point in time	4,875	7,350
Total grants	**5,185**	**7,584**

Unspent grants and contributions

Grants and contributions which were obtained on the condition that they be spent for specified purposes or in a future period, but which are not yet spent in accordance with those conditions, are as follows:

	2024 $'000	2023 $'000
Capital Grants		
Balance of unspent funds at 1 July	1,917	1,725
Add: Funds received and not recognised as revenue in the current year	185	415
Less: Funds received in prior year but revenue recognised and funds spent in current year	(236)	(223)
Balance of unspent funds at 30 June	**1,866**	**1,917**

Accounting policy

Council recognises untied grant revenue and those without performance obligations when received. In cases where there is an enforceable agreement which contains sufficiently specific performance obligations, revenue is recognised as or when control of each performance obligations is satisfied. (i.e. when it transfers control of a product or provides a service.) A contract liability is recognised for unspent funds received in advance and then recognised as income as obligations are fulfilled.

Each performance obligation is considered to ensure that the revenue recognition reflects the transfer of control. Within grant agreements there may be some performance obligations where control transfers at a point in time and others which have a continuous transfer of control over the life of the contract. Where control is transferred over time, generally the input methods being either costs or time incurred are deemed to be the most appropriate methods to reflect the transfer of benefit.

If the transaction is a transfer of a financial asset to enable Council to acquire or construct a recognisable non-financial asset to be controlled by Council (i.e. an in-substance acquisition of a non financial asset), a contract liability is recognised for the excess of the fair value of the transfer over any related amounts recognised and revenue as the unspent funds are expended at the point in time at which required performance obligations are completed.

For construction projects, this is generally as the construction progresses in accordance with costs incurred, since this is deemed to be the most appropriate measure of the completeness of the construction project as there is no profit margin. For the acquisitions of assets, revenue is recognised when the asset is acquired and controlled by the Council.

In both years the Commonwealth has made early payment of the first two quarterly instalments of untied Financial Assistance Grants for the following year. The early receipt of instalments resulted in Commonwealth Government Financial Assistance Grants being above that originally budgeted in 2023/24 by $3.245 million (2022/23: $3.769 million). This has impacted the Statement of Comprehensive Income resulting in the Net result for the year being higher by the same amount

2.5 Contributions

	2024 $'000	2023 $'000
(a) Cash		
Roads	27	9
Drainage	–	399
Parks, open space and streetscapes	706	1,302
Parking	11	91
Other	13	172
Total	**757**	**1,973**
(b) Non-monetary assets		
Land under roads	2,201	1,150
Roads	14,473	9,446
Land	2,617	3,815
Drainage	6,010	4,713
Parks, open space and streetscapes	–	1,340
Total	**25,301**	**20,464**
Total contributions	**26,058**	**22,437**

Accounting policy

Council recognises contributions without performance obligations when received. In cases where the contribution is for a specific purpose to acquire or construct a recognisable non-financial asset, a liability is recognised for funds received in advance and income is recognised as the obligations are fulfilled.

2.6 Interest

	2024 $'000	2023 $'000
Interest on financial assets	4,780	3,641
Interest on rates	741	585
	5,521	**4,226**

Accounting policy

Interest is recognised progressively as it is earned.

2.7 Other income

	2024 $'000	2023 $'000
Government subsidies	4,632	3,791
Insurance claims	20	–
Lease income	756	753
Rent income	24	25
Sponsorship	1	1
Volunteer services	434	1,905
Other	716	437
Total other income	**6,583**	**6,912**

Accounting policy

Insurance claims

Insurance claim revenue is recognised as revenue when a claim is assessed as successful.

Lease income

Operating lease revenue from the use of Council's assets is recorded on an accruals basis in accordance with leasing arrangements.

Rent income

Rents are recognised as revenue when the payment is due. Rental payments received in advance are recognised as a payable until they are due.

Sponsorship income

Sponsorship income is recognised as revenue in the period earned. Sponsorship received in advance is recognised as a liability until earned.

Volunteer services

Council recognises the inflow of resources in the form of volunteer services where the fair value of those services can be reliably measured and Council would have purchased those services if they had not been donated.

2.8 Gain/(Loss) on retirement or disposal of assets

	2024 $'000	2023 $'000
Net proceeds on disposal of non-current assets	70	1,161
Carrying amount of non-current assets disposed	(2,883)	(2,820)
Total	**(2,813)**	**(1,659)**

Accounting policy

Gain or loss on disposal of an asset is determined when control of the asset has irrevocably passed to the buyer.

2.9 Investment revenue from water corporation

	2024 $'000	2023 $'000
Dividend revenue	2,654	2,654
Total	**2,654**	**2,654**

Accounting policy

Dividend revenue is recognised when Council's right to receive payment is established and it can be reliably measured

3. Expenses

3.1 Employee benefits

	2024 $'000	2023 $'000
Salary and wages	25,290	21,718
Superannuation	3,192	2,746
Payroll tax	1,234	1,078
Fringe benefits tax	147	179
Other employee costs	1,761	1,508
	31,624	27,229
Less amounts capitalised	(2,838)	(2,264)
Total employee benefits	**28,786**	**24,965**

Accounting policy

Expenses are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income when a decrease in future economic benefits related to a decrease in asset or an increase of a liability has arisen that can be measured reliably.

Employee benefits include, where applicable, entitlements to wages and salaries, annual leave, sick leave, long service leave, superannuation and any other post-employment benefits.

3.2 Materials and services

	2024 $'000	2023 $'000
Contract payments	7,187	9,132
Materials	1,496	1,532
Building maintenance	6	12
Utilities	2,551	2,308
Consultants	6,458	6,132
Total materials and services	**17,698**	**19,116**

Accounting policy

Expenses are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income when a decrease in future economic benefits related to a decrease in asset or an increase of a liability has arisen that can be measured reliably.

Routine maintenance, repair costs, and minor renewal costs are expensed as incurred. Where the repair relates to the replacement of a component of an asset and the cost exceeds the capitalisation threshold the cost is capitalised and depreciated. The carrying value of the replaced asset is expensed.

3.3 Impairment of receivables

	2024 $'000	2023 $'000
Rates debtors	5,881	–
Total impairment of receivables	**5,881**	**–**

Accounting policy – Impairment expense

Expenses are recognised when Council has determined there to be an increase in the credit risk of a financial asset since initial recognition. Council's policy and events giving rise to impairment losses arc disclosed in note 4.2.

3.4 Depreciation and amortisation

	2024 $'000	2023 $'000
Property		
Buildings		
Buildings	523	515
Plant, equipment and furniture		
Plant and equipment	605	246
Furniture and fittings	37	346
Infrastructure		
Roads and bridges	10,963	9,835
Drainage	2,867	2,617
Waste management	7	7
Parks and recreation	1,932	1,615
Right-of-use-assets		
Right-of-use-assets	1,056	963
Total depreciation and amortisation	**17,990**	**16,144**

Accounting policy – depreciation and amortisation

Expenses are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income when a decrease in future economic benefits related to a decrease in asset or an increase of a liability has arisen that can be measured reliably.

Buildings, infrastructure, plant and equipment and other assets having limited useful lives are systematically depreciated over their useful lives to Council in a manner which reflects consumption of the service potential embodied in those assets. Right-of-use assets are amortised over the lease term. Estimates of remaining useful lives and residual values are made on a regular basis with major asset classes reassessed annually. Depreciation and amortisation rates and methods are reviewed annually.

Where assets have separate identifiable components that are subject to regular replacement, these components are assigned distinct useful lives and remaining values and a separate depreciation rate is determined for each component. Land, land under roads, artwork and road earthwork assets are not depreciated on the basis that they are assessed as not having a limited useful life.

Straight line depreciation is charged based on the residual useful life as determined each year.

Major depreciation and amortisation periods used are listed below and are consistent with the prior year unless otherwise stated:

	YEARS
Property	
Buildings	100
Buildings	
Plant, equipment and furniture	10
Plant and equipment	
Furniture and fittings	
Infrastructure	
Roads and bridges	
Road seal	13-50
Road pavement	70
Bridges	80
Footpaths	15-60
Drainage infrastructure	100
Waste management	15
Parks & recreation	10-100
Right-of-use-assets	
Right-of-use-assets	2-10

3.5 Finance Costs

	2024 $'000	2023 $'000
Bank overdraft charges	2	2
Interest – borrowings	242	248
Interest – lease liabilities	251	175
	495	**425**

Accounting policy – finance costs

Expenses are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income when a decrease in future economic benefits related to a decrease in asset or an increase of a liability has arisen that can be measured reliably.

Finance costs are recognised as an expense in the period in which they are incurred, except where they are capitalised as part of a qualifying asset constructed by Council. Where specific borrowings are obtained for the purpose of specific asset acquisition, the weighted average interest rate applicable to borrowings at balance date, excluding borrowings associated with superannuation, is used to determine the borrowing costs to be capitalised. Borrowing costs capitalised during 2023/24 totalled $0 (2022/23: $0).

Finance costs are expensed as incurred using the effective interest method. Borrowing costs include interest on bank overdrafts, borrowings, leases and unwinding of discounts.

3.6 Other expenses

	2024 $'000	2023 $'000
External auditor remuneration (Tasmanian Audit Office)	73	60
Other auditor services	19	86
Net rate remissions	383	374
Councillor allowances	507	479
Councillor related expenses	86	549
Lease payments	834	855
Low-value leases	245	179
Family Day Care fee relief	1,876	1,542
Insurance	886	796
Software costs	1,206	1,138
Donations	9	9
Grants and benefits	162	204
State fire commission levy	6,822	6,481
Volunteer services	434	1,905
External plant hire	445	437
Special committee expenses	25	444
Other	3,009	2,459
	17,021	**17,997**

Accounting policy – other expenses

Expenses are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income when a decrease in future economic benefits related to a decrease in an asset or an increase in a liability has arisen that can be reliably measured.

4. Current Assets

4.1 Cash and cash equivalents

	2024 $'000	2023 $'000
Cash on hand	4	4
Cash at bank	8,794	10,322
At call account	1	11
Total cash and cash equivalents	**8,799**	**10,337**

Council's cash and cash equivalents are subject to a number of internal and external restrictions and internal commitments that limit amounts available for discretionary or future use. These include:

	NOTE	2024 $'000	2023 $'000
Restricted funds			
i) Trust funds and deposits	7.2	4,619	5,265
ii) Unspent grant funds with conditions	2.4	1,866	1,917
		6,485	**7,182**
Internal committed funds			
iii) Employee provisions	7.3	4,827	4,785
iv) Special purpose contributions	9.1	8,252	9,743
v) Discretionary reserves	9.1	45,288	43,573
Committed funds		**58,367**	**58,101**
Total uncommitted cash and cash equivalents		(49,568)	(47,764)
Total investments	4.3	83,338	92,838
Total uncommitted funds		**33,770**	**45,074**

Accounting policy – cash and cash equivalents

For the purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits at call and other highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, net of outstanding bank overdrafts.

Restricted and internally committed funds include:

i) Refundable building, contract and other refundable amounts held in trust by Council for completion of specific purposes.

ii) Grant funding received in advance until specific performance obligations required under funding arrangements are completed.

iii) Monies set aside to meet employee provision obligations.

iv) Monies set aside by council to spend on public open space, car parking, and community services.

v) Monies set aside by council to spend primarily on infrastructure renewal.

4.2 Trade and other receivables

	2024 $'000	2023 $'000
Current		
Rates debtors	9,340	7,860
Provision for expected credit loss – rates debtors	(5,881)	–
Compliance debtors	1,081	1,635
Net GST receivable	476	230
Other debtors	429	842
Loan to C Cell Ply Ltd	336	322
Loan to Cricket Tasmania	26	26
Loan to Olympia Football Club	23	29
Total	**5,830**	**10,944**
Non-Current		
Loan to C Cell Pty Ltd	922	1,258
Loan to Cricket Tasmania	177	203
Loan to Olympia Football Club	184	189
Total	**1,283**	**1,650**
Total trade and other receivables	**7,113**	**12,594**

RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT IN EXPECTED CREDIT LOSS	2024 $'000	2023 $'000
Carrying amount at 1 July	–	–
Amounts written off during the year	–	–
Amounts recovered during the year	–	–
Increase/ (decrease) in provision recognised in profit or loss	5,881	–
Carrying amount at 30 June	**5,881**	**–**

For ageing analysis of the financial assets, refer to note 9.10(b).

Accounting policy

Trade receivables that do not contain a significant financing component are measured at amortised cost, which represents their transaction value. Impairment is recognised on an expected credit loss (ECL) basis. When determining whether the credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition, and when estimating the ECL, Council considers reasonable and supportable information that is relevant and available without undue cost or effort. This includes both quantitative and qualitative information and analysis based on Council's historical experience, an informed credit assessment and forward-looking information.

Council lakes the view that unpaid rates represent a charge against the rateable property that will be recovered when the property is next sold. For non-rate debtors, Council uses the presumptions that assets more than 30 days past due have a significant increase in credit risk and those more than 90 days will likely be in default. Council writes off receivables when there is information indicating that the debtor is in severe financial difficulty and there is no realistic prospect of recovery.

Council has determined to provide for an ECL in respect of rates receivable. This ECL has been determined with reference to provisions assumed within current and previous years budgets, along with the reversal of interest on outstanding amounts.

4.3 Investments

	2024 $'000	2023 $'000
Current		
Term deposits – more than 3 months	83,338	92,838
Total	**83,338**	**92,838**

Accounting policy

Investments are valued at face value. For the purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, investments include deposits placed with financial institutions with original maturities of greater than three months.

4.4 Inventories

	2024 $'000	2023 $'000
Inventories held for distribution	146	141
Total	**146**	**141**

Accounting policy

Inventories held for distribution are measured at cost adjusted when applicable for any loss of service potential. Other inventories are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Where inventories are acquired at no cost, or for nominal consideration, the cost shall be the current replacement cost as at the date of acquisition.

5.1 Investment in associates

	2024 $'000	2023 $'000
Investments in associates accounted for by the equity method are:		
Copping Refuse Disposal Site Joint Authority	13,782	11,023
C Cell Ply Ltd	2,724	2,130
Total investment in associates	**16,506**	**13,153**

Copping Refuse Disposal Site Joint Authority

The Copping Refuse Disposal Site Joint Authority (Trading as Southern Waste Solutions) was established under Section 30 of the *Local Government Act 1993* by the Clarence City Council, Sorell Council, and Tasman Council. Kingborough Council joined the authority in 2009.

The CRDSJA is localed in Australia. Its principal activity is to operate both the Lutana Waste transfer Station and Copping Landfill sites.

	2024 $'000	2023 $'000
Council's share of accumulated surplus(deficit)		
Council's share of accumulated surplus/(deficit) at start of year	7,484	5,254
Reported surplus(deficit) for year	2,589	2,230
Council's share of accumulated surplus/(deficit) at end of year	**10,073**	**7,484**
Movement in carrying value of specific investment		
Carrying value of investment at start of year	11,023	8,670
Share of surplus/(deficit) for year	2,589	2,230
Distributions received	170	123
Carrying value of investment at end of year	**13,782**	**11,023**

C Cell Ply Ltd

C Cell Pty Ltd (the Trustee) is a proprietary limited company owned by a local government entity and incorporated in Australia on 5 February 2016. Its sole purpose is to act as trustee (the Trustee) of the C Cell Unit Trust (the Trust).

The Trust is located in Australia; its principal activity is to operate a hazardous landfill cell.

	2024 $'000	2023 $'000
Council's share of accumulated surplus/(deficit) at start of year	–	–
Reported surplus(deficit) for year	594	332
Distributions for the year	(594)	(332)
Council's share of accumulated surplus/(deficit) at end of year	**–**	**–**
Movement in carrying value of specific investment		
Carrying value of investment at start of year	2,130	1,798
Share of surplus/(deficit) for year	594	332
Carrying value of investment at end of year	**2,724**	**2,130**

Accounting policy

Council's investment in associates is accounted for by the equity method because Council has the ability to influence rather than control the operations of these entities. The investment is initially recorded at the cost of acquisition, and subsequently adjusted for post-acquisition changes in Council's share of the net assets of the entities. Council's share of the financial result of the entities is recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

5.2 Investment in water corporation

	2024 $'000	2023 $'000
Opening Balance	171,177	165,846
Fair Value adjustments on equity investment assets	8,888	5,331
Total investment in water corporation	**180,065**	**171,177**

Accounting policy – investment assets

As Council's investment in TasWater is held for long-term strategic purposes, Council has elected under AASB 9: Financial Instruments to irrevocably classify this equity investment as designated at fair value through other comprehensive income. Subsequent changes in fair value on designated investments in equity instruments are recognised in other comprehensive income (for fair value reserve, refer note 9.1) and not reclassified through the profit or loss when derecognised. Dividends associated with the equity investments are recognised in profit and loss when the right of payment has been established and it can be reliably measured.

Fair value was determined using Council's ownership interest against the water corporation's net asset value at balance date. At 30 June 2024, Council holds a 9.52% (2022/23: 9.77%) ownership interest in TasWater which is based on Schedule 2 of the Corporation's Constitution which reflects the Council's voting rights.

6. Non-current assets

6.1 Property, infrastructure, plant and equipment

	2024 $'000	2023 $'000
Summary		
at cost as at 30 June	37,282	30,217
Less accumulated depreciation	(4,567)	(4,073)
	32,715	**26,144**
at fair value as at 30 June	1,753,113	1,215,220
Less accumulated depreciation	(562,210)	(432,519)
	1,190,903	**782,701**
Total	**1,223,618**	**808,845**
Property		
Land		
at fair value as at 30 June	156,047	133,803
	156,047	**133,803**
Land under roads		
at fair value as at 30 June	414,269	149,280
	414,269	**149,280**
Total Land	**570,316**	**283,083**
Buildings		
at fair value as at 30 June	50,501	46,249
Less accumulated depreciation	(7,434)	(6,742)
	43,067	**39,507**
Total Property	**613,383**	**322,590**
Plant and Equipment		
Plant and equipment		
at cost	6,774	2,499
Less accumulated depreciation	(4,397)	(1,379)
	2,377	**1,120**
Furniture and fittings		
at cost	418	4,764
Less accumulated depreciation	(170)	(2,694)
	248	**2,070**
Total Plant and Equipment	**2,625**	**3,190**
Infrastructure		
Roads and bridges		
at fair value as at 30 June	748,190	578,101
Less accumulated depreciation	(416,823)	(313,811)
	331,367	**264,290**
Drainage		
at fair value as at 30 June	331,169	258,564
Less accumulated depreciation	(118,788)	(94,940)
	212,381	**163,624**
Parks and recreation		
at fair value as at 30 June	51,245	47,667
Less accumulated depreciation	(18,887)	(16,756)
	32,358	**30,911**
Waste management		
at fair value as at 30 June	1,692	1,556
Less accumulated depreciation	(278)	(270)
	1,414	**1,286**
Total Infrastructure	**577,520**	**460,111**
Work in progress		
Buildings at cost	6,152	2,440
Plant and equipment at cost	525	339
Furniture and fittings at cost	13	-
Roads and bridges at cost	12,510	11,270
Drainage at cost	3,133	2,511
Parks and recreation at cost	7,272	5,898
Waste management at cost	-	-
Other at cost	485	496
Total Works in progress	**30,090**	**22,954**
Total property, infrastructure, plant and equipment	**1,223,618**	**808,845**

6.1 Property, infrastructure, plant and equipment (continued)

Reconciliation of property, infrastructure, plant and equipment

2024	BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF FINANCIAL YEAR $'000	ACQUISITION OF ASSETS $'000	REVALUATION INCREMENTS / (DECREMENTS) (NOTE 9.1) $'000	DEPRECIATION AND AMORTISATION (NOTE 3.5) $'000	WRITTEN DOWN VALUE OF DISPOSALS $'000	ADJUSTMENTS $'000	TRANSFERS $'000	BALANCE AT END OF FINANCIAL YEAR $'000
Property								
Land	133,803	2,616	18,631	-	(43)	-	1,040	156,047
Land under roads	149,280	2,201	263,247	-	(459)	-	-	414,269
Total land	**283,083**	**4,817**	**281,878**	**-**	**(502)**	**-**	**1,040**	**570,316**
Buildings	39,507	-	3,584	(523)	-	-	499	43,067
Total buildings	**39,507**	**-**	**3,584**	**(523)**	**-**	**-**	**499**	**43,067**
Total property	**322,590**	**4,817**	**285,462**	**(523)**	**(502)**	**-**	**1,539**	**613,383**
Plant and equipment								
Plant and equipment	1,120	-	-	(605)	-	-	1,862	2,377
Furniture and fittings	2,070	-	-	(37)	(41)	-	(1,744)	248
Total plant and equipment	**3,190**	**-**	**-**	**(642)**	**(41)**	**-**	**118**	**2,625**
Infrastructure								
Roads and bridges	264,290	14,474	56,388	(10,963)	(2,127)	-	9,305	331,367
Drainage	163,624	6,009	34,564	(2,867)	(191)	-	11,242	212,381
Parks and recreation	30,911	-	-	(1,932)	(22)	-	3,401	32,358
Waste management	1,285	-	136	(7)	-	-	-	1,414
Total infrastructure	**460,110**	**20,483**	**91,088**	**(15,769)**	**(2,340)**	**-**	**23,948**	**577,520**
Works in progress								
Buildings	2,440	4,440	-	-	-	-	(728)	6,152
Plant and equipment	339	186	-	-	-	-	-	525
Furniture and fittings	-	13	-	-	-	-	-	13
Roads and bridges	11,270	10,548	-	-	-	-	(9,308)	12,510
Drainage	2,511	12,147	-	-	-	-	(11,525)	3,133
Parks and recreation	5,898	5,418	-	-	-	-	(4,044)	7,272
Waste management	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	497	15	-	-	-	(27)	-	485
Total works in progress	**22,955**	**32,767**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**(27)**	**(25,605)**	**30,090**
Total property, infrastructure, plant and equipment	**808,845**	**58,067**	**376,550**	**(16,934)**	**(2,883)**	**(27)**	**-**	**1,223,618**

Reconciliation of property, infrastructure, plant and equipment (continued)

2023	BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF FINANCIAL YEAR $'000	ACQUISITION OF ASSETS $'000	REVALUATION INCREMENTS / (DECREMENTS) (NOTE 9.1) $'000	DEPRECIATION AND AMORTISATION (NOTE 3.5) $'000	WRITTEN DOWN VALUE OF DISPOSALS $'000	ADJUSTMENTS $'000	TRANSFERS $'000	BALANCE AT END OF FINANCIAL YEAR $'000
Property								
Land	130,605	3,818	-	-	(620)	-	-	133,803
Land under roads	148,130	1,150	-	-	-	-	-	149,280
Total land	**278,735**	**4,968**	**-**	**-**	**(620)**	**-**	**-**	**283,083**
Buildings	39,175	-	-	(515)	(261)	-	1,108	39,507
Total buildings	**39,175**	**-**	**-**	**(515)**	**(261)**	**-**	**1,108**	**39,507**
Total property	**317,910**	**4,968**	**-**	**(515)**	**(881)**	**-**	**1,108**	**322,590**
Plant and equipment								
Plant and equipment	1,176	-	-	(245)	-	8	181	1,120
Furniture and fittings	1,331	-	-	(346)	-	-	1,085	2,070
Total plant and equipment	**2,507**	**-**	**-**	**(591)**	**-**	**8**	**1,266**	**3,190**
Infrastructure								
Roads and bridges	219,324	9,445	38,625	(9,835)	(1,481)	(467)	8,679	264,290
Drainage	159,620	4,713	-	(2,617)	(8)	-	1,916	163,624
Parks and recreation	28,578	1,340	1,265	(1,615)	(449)	(559)	2,351	30,911
Waste management	1,255	-	-	(7)	-	-	37	1,285
Total infrastructure	**408,777**	**15,498**	**39,890**	**(14,074)**	**(1,938)**	**(1,026)**	**12,983**	**460,110**
Works in progress								
Buildings	2,566	1,680	-	-	-	-	(1,806)	2,440
Plant and equipment	258	94	-	-	-	-	(13)	339
Furniture and fittings	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Roads and bridges	12,684	7,324	-	-	-	-	(8,738)	11,270
Drainage	2,129	2,161	-	-	-	-	(1,779)	2,511
Parks and recreation	4,855	4,064	-	-	-	-	(3,021)	5,898
Waste management	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	120	377	-	-	-	-	-	497
Total works in progress	**22,612**	**15,700**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**(15,357)**	**22,955**
Total property, infrastructure, plant and equipment	**751,806**	**36,166**	**39,890**	**(15,180)**	**(2,819)**	**(1,018)**	**-**	**808,845**

Accounting policy

Recognition and measurement of assets

Acquisitions of assets are initially recorded at cost. Cost is determined as the fair value of the assets given as consideration plus costs incidental to the acquisition.

Property, plant and equipment and infrastructure received in the form of contributions, are recognised as assets and revenues at fair value by Council valuation where that value exceeds the recognition thresholds for the respective asset class. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell the asset in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

Where assets are constructed by Council, cost includes all materials used in construction, direct labour, borrowing costs incurred during construction, and an appropriate share of directly attributable variable and fixed overheads.

The following classes of assets have been recognised. In accordance with Council's policy, the threshold limits detailed below have applied when recognising assets within an applicable asset class and unless otherwise stated are consistent with the prior year:

	THRESHOLD $'000
Land	
Land	20
Land under roads	20
Buildings	20
Plant	
Plant and equipment	20
Furniture and fittings	20
Roads and bridges	20
Drainage	20
Parks and recreation	20
Waste management	20

Revaluation	
Council has adopted the following valuation bases for its non-current assets:	
Land	fair value
Land under roads	fair value
Buildings	fair value
Plant and equipment	cost
Furniture and fittings	cost
Roads and bridges	fair value
Drainage	fair value
Parks and recreation	fair value
Waste management	fair value

Subsequent to the initial recognition of assets, non-current physical assets, other than plant and equipment and furniture and filings, are measured at their fair value in accordance with AASB 116 Property, Plant & Equipment and AASB 13 Fair Value Measurement. At balance date, Council reviewed the carrying value of the individual classes of assets measured at fair value to ensure that each asset class materially approximated its fair value. Where the carrying value materially differed from the fair value at balance date the class of asset was revalued.

Council undertakes a formal revaluation of land, buildings, and infrastructure assets on a regular basis to ensure valuations represent fair value. Valuations are performed either by experienced Council officers or independent experts. Between such valuations, Council considers, and when necessary, applies indexing to assets to ensure the carrying values continue to represent fair values.

Fair value valuations are determined in accordance with a valuation hierarchy. Changes to the valuation hierarchy will only occur if an external change in the restrictions or limitations of use on an asset result in changes to the permissible or practical highest and best use of the asset.

Where the assets are revalued, the revaluation increments are credited directly to the asset revaluation reserve except to the extent that an increment reverses a prior year decrement for that class of asset that had been recognised as an expense in which case the increment is recognised as revenue up to the amount of the expense. Revaluation decrements are recognised as an expense except where prior increments are included in the asset revaluation surplus for that class of asset in which case the decrement is taken to the reserve to the extent of the remaining increments. Within the same class of assets, revaluation increments and decrements within the year are offset.

Impairment of assets

Impairment losses are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income under other expenses.

Reversals of impairment losses arc recognised in the statement of comprehensive income under other revenue.

Land under roads

Council recognised the value of land under roads it controls at fair value.

6.2 Right of use assets

	MOTOR VEHICLES $'000	PLANT AND EQUIPMENT $'000	TOTAL $'000
2024			
Opening balance at 1 July 2023	**644**	**1,193**	**1,837**
Additions	573	524	1,097
Modification of existing leases	42	158	200
Depreciation expense	(471)	(585)	(1,056)
Balance at 30 June 2024	**788**	**1,290**	**2,078**
2023			
Opening balance at 1 July 2022	**540**	**1,252**	**1,792**
Additions	363	453	816
Modification of existing leases	137	55	192
Depreciation expense	(396)	(567)	(963)
Balance at 30 June 2023	**644**	**1,193**	**1,837**

Accounting policy

Leases – Council as Lessee

In contracts where Council is a lessee, Council recognises a right-of-use asset and a lease liability at the commencement date of the lease, unless the short-term or low-value exemption is applied. Refer to note 7.4 for details on accounting policy of lease liability.

A right-of-use asset is initially measured at cost comprising the initial measurement of the lease liability adjusted for any lease payments made before the commencement elate (reduced by lease incentives received), plus initial direct costs incurred in obtaining the lease and an estimate of costs to be incurred in dismantling and removing the underlying asset, restoring the site on which it is located or restoring the underlying asset to the condition required by the terms and conditions of the lease.

All right-of-use assets are measured as described in the accounting policy for property, infrastructure, plant and equipment in note 6.1. Also, Council applies AASB 136 to determine whether a right-of-use asset is impaired and accounts for any identified impairment loss as described in the aforesaid note.

Right-of-use assets are depreciated over the shorter period of lease term and useful life of the underlying asset. If a lease transfers ownership of the underlying asset or the cost of the right-of-use asset reflects that the Group expects to exercise a purchase option, the related right-of-use asset is depreciated over the useful life of the underlying asset. The depreciation starts at the commencement date of the lease.

6.3 Other assets

	2024 $'000	2023 $'000
Prepayments	136	304
Accrued interest	1,145	1,287
	1,281	**1,591**

7. Current liabilities

7.1 Trade and other payables

	2024 $'000	2023 $'000
Trade payables	35	347
Rates and charges in advance	1,436	1,368
Accrued expenses	1,058	1,475
Accrued payroll	740	674
Total trade and other payables	**3,269**	**3,864**

Accounting policy – trade and other payables

Liabilities are recognised for amounts to be paid in the future for goods and services provided to Council as at balance date whether or not invoices have been received. General Creditors are unsecured, not subject to interest charges and are normally settled within 30 days of invoice receipt.

Rates and charges in advance represents amounts received by Council prior to the commencement of the rating or charging period. Revenue is recognised by Council at the beginning of the rating or charge period to which the advance payment relates. For ageing analysis of trade and other payables, refer to note 9.10.

7.2 Trust Funds and Deposits

	2024 $'000	2023 $'000
Refundable building deposits	4,532	5,189
Refundable civic facilities deposits	13	11
Other refundable deposits	74	65
	4,619	**5,265**

Accounting policy – trust funds and deposits

Amounts received as deposits by Council are recognised as a liability until they are returned or forfeited.

7.3 Provisions

	ANNUAL LEAVE $'000	LONG SERVICE $'000	TOTAL $'000
2024			
Balance at beginning of the financial year	2,300	2,636	4,936
Additional provisions	1,699	400	2,099
Amounts used	(1,756)	(452)	(2,208)
Payroll tax attributable to long service leave	-	158	158
Balance at the end of the financial year	**2,243**	**2,742**	**4,985**
Current	2,243	1,811	4,054
Non-current	-	931	931
Total	**2,243**	**2,742**	**4,985**
2023			
Balance at beginning of the financial year	2,713	2,573	5,286
Additional provisions	1,108	355	1,463
Amounts used	(1,521)	(443)	(1,964)
Payroll tax attributable to long service leave	-	151	151
Balance at the end of the financial year	**2,300**	**2,636**	**4,936**
Current	2,300	1,887	4,187
Non-current	-	749	749
Total	**2,300**	**2,636**	**4,936**

Accounting policy – employee benefits

i) Short term obligations

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

ii) Other long term employee benefit obligations

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

The obligations are presented as current liabilities in the statement of financial position if the entity does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, regardless of when the actual settlement is expected to occur.

iii) Sick leave

No accrual is made for sick leave as Council experience indicates that, on average, sick leave taken in each reporting period is less than the entitlement accruing in that period, and this experience is expected to recur in future reporting periods. Council does not make payment for untaken sick leave.

iv) Defined benefit plans

A liability or asset in respect of defined benefit superannuation plans would ordinarily be recognised in the statement of financial position, and measured as the present value of the defined benefit obligation at the reporting date plus unrecognised actuarial gains (less unrecognised actuarial losses) less the fair value of the superannuation fund's assets at that date and any unrecognised past service cost. The present value of the defined benefit obligation is based on expected future payments which arise from membership of the fund to the reporting date, calculated annually by independent actuaries using the projected unit credit method. Consideration is given to expected future wage and salary levels, experience of employee departures and periods of service. However, when this information is not reliably available, Council accounts for its obligations to defined benefit plans on the same basis as its obligations to defined contribution plans i.e as an expense when it becomes payable.

Council makes superannuation contributions for a number of its employees to the Quadrant Defined Benefits Fund (the Fund), a sub-fund of the Tasplan Superannuation Fund (Tasplan). The Fund has been classified as a multi-employer sponsored plan. As the Fund's assets and liabilities are pooled and are not allocated by employer, the Actuary is unable to allocate benefit liabilities, assets and costs between employers. As provided under paragraph 34 of AASB 119 Employee Benefits, Council does not use defined benefit accounting for these contributions.

v) Defined contribution plans

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

7.4 Lease Liabilities

	2024 $'000	2023 $'000
Lease Liabilities	2,207	1,967
	2,207	**1,967**
Current	933	910
Non-Current	1,274	1,057

Lease liabilities are secured by the related underlying assets. Future minimum lease payments were as follows:

AS AT 30 JUNE 2024	WITHIN 1 YEAR $'000	1 – 2 YEARS $'000	2 – 3 YEARS $'000	3 – 4 YEARS $'000	4 – 5 YEARS $'000	AFTER 5 YEARS $'000	TOTAL $'000
Lease Payments	1,058	617	392	212	102	109	2,490
Finance Charges	(125)	(76)	(42)	(22)	(11)	(7)	(283)
Net Present Value	**933**	**541**	**350**	**190**	**91**	**102**	**2,207**

AS AT 30 JUNE 2023	WITHIN 1 YEAR $'000	1 – 2 YEARS $'000	2 – 3 YEARS $'000	3 – 4 YEARS $'000	4 – 5 YEARS $'000	AFTER 5 YEARS $'000	TOTAL $'000
Lease Payments	1,002	550	300	171	94	42	2,159
Finance Charges	(92)	(51)	(27)	(14)	(5)	(3)	(192)
Net Present Value	**910**	**499**	**273**	**157**	**89**	**39**	**1,967**

Accounting policy – Leases – Council as Lessee

The lease liability is measured at the present value of outstanding payments that are not paid at balance date, discounted by using the rate implicit in the lease. Where this cannot be readily determined then Council's incremental borrowing rate for a similar term with similar security is used.

The lease liability is subsequently measured by increasing the carrying amount to reflect interest on the lease liability (using the effective interest method) and by reducing the carrying amount to reflect the lease payments made.

Short-term leases and leases of low-value assets

Council has elected not to recognise right-of-use assets and lease liabilities for short-term leases i.e. leases with a lease term of 12 months or less and leases of low-value assets i.e., when the value of the leased asset when new is $10,000 or less. Council recognises the lease payments associated with these leases as expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

7.5 Contract Liabilities

	2024 $'000	2023 $'000
Current		
Grants received in advance	1,866	1,917
	1,866	**1,917**

Accounting policy

Grant funds received in advance includes the construction of upgraded sporting facilities. The funds received are under an enforceable contract which requires Council to construct an identified asset which will be under Council's control on completion. The revenue is recognised as Council constructs the asset and the contract liability reflects the funding received which cannot yet be recognised as revenue. Revenue is expected to be recognised in the next 12 months.

Revenue recognised that was included in the contract liability balance at the beginning of the period

	2024 $'000	2023 $'000
Grants received in advance	236	223
	236	**223**

8. Non-current Liabilities

8.1 Interest-bearing loans and borrowings

	2024 $'000	2023 $'000
Current		
Borrowings – secured	3,055	5,505
	3,055	**5,505**
Non-Current		
Borrowings – secured	6,009	9,064
	6,009	**9,064**
Total	**9,064**	**14,569**

Borrowings

Borrowings are secured through a Deed of Charge between Council and the Tasmanian Public Finance Corporation ("Tascorp") as the lender of all interest-bearing loans.

	2024 $'000	2023 $'000
The maturity profile for Council's borrowings is:		
Not later than one year	3,055	5,505
Later than one year and not later than five years	1,415	4,306
Later than five years	4,594	4,758
Total	**9,064**	**14,569**

Accounting policy – interest bearing liabilities

The borrowing capacity of Council is limited by the *Local Government Act 1993*. Interest bearing liabilities are initially recognised at fair value, net of transaction costs incurred. Subsequent to initial recognition these liabilities are measured at amortised cost. Any difference between the proceeds (net of transaction costs) and the redemption amount is recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income over the period of the liability using the effective interest method.

Interest is expensed as it accrues and no interest has been capitalised during the current or comparative reporting period. There have been no defaults or breaches of the loan agreement during the period. Borrowings are secured by way of mortgages over the general rates of the Council.

9. Other financial information

9.1 Reserves

a) Asset revaluation reserve	BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF REPORTING YEAR $'000	INCREMENT $'000	(DECREMENT) $'000	BALANCE AT END OF REPORTING YEAR $'000
2024 Property				
Land	96,255	18,631	-	114,886
Land under roads	37,101	263,247	-	300,348
Buildings	17,841	3,584	-	21,425
	151,197	**285,462**	**-**	**436,659**
2024 Infrastructure				
Roads and bridges	151,799	56,388	-	208,187
Drainage	95,763	34,564	-	130,327
Parks and recreation	11,154	-	-	11,154
Waste management	702	136	-	838
	259,418	**91,088**	**-**	**350,506**
Total asset revaluation reserve	**410,615**	**376,550**	**-**	**787,165**
2023 Property				
Land	96,255	-	-	96,255
Land under roads	37,101	-	-	37,101
Buildings	17,841	-	-	17,841
	151,197	**-**	**-**	**151,197**
2023 Infrastructure				
Roads and bridges	113,174	38,625	-	151,799
Drainage	95,763	-	-	95,763
Parks and recreation	9,889	1,265	-	11,154
Waste management	702	-	-	702
	219,528	**39,890**	**-**	**259,418**
Total asset revaluation reserve	**370,725**	**39,890**	**-**	**410,615**

The asset revaluation reserve was established to capture the movements in asset valuations upon the periodic revaluation of Council's assets.

b) Fair value reserve

2024 Equity Investment Assets				
Investment in water corporation	(29,390)	8,888	-	(20,502)
Total fair value reserve	**(29,390)**	**8,888**	**-**	**(20,502)**
2023 Equity Investment Assets				
Investment in water corporation	(34,721)	5,331	-	(29,390)
Total fair value reserve	**(34,721)**	**5,331**	**-**	**(29,390)**

Council has to designate its investment in Taswater as an equity investment at fair value through other comprehensive income. Subsequent changes in fair value are reflected in the reserve and will not be reclassified through the profit or loss when derecognised.

c) Other reserves	BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF REPORTING YEAR $'000	INCREMENT $'000	(DECREMENT) $'000	BALANCE AT END OF REPORTING YEAR $'000
2024				
Infrastructure renewal reserve	32,112	3,112	-	35,224
Commonwealth funded programmes reserve	758	337	-	1,095
General reserve	3,212	1,682	-	4,894
Rosny park child care reserve	383	-	(93)	290
Car parking reserve	2,497	140	-	2,637
Public art reserve	22	22	-	44
Public open space reserve	4,269	-	(948)	3,321
Headworks reserve	1,814	-	(949)	865
Loan funding renewal reserve	7,513	-	(4,987)	2,526
Capital contingency reserve	736	1,908	-	2,644
Total other reserves	**53,316**	**7,201**	**(6,977)**	**53,540**
2023				
Infrastructure renewal reserve	29,292	2,820	-	32,112
Commonwealth funded programmes reserve	411	347	-	758
General reserve	2,213	999	-	3,212
Rosny park child care reserve	221	162	-	383
Car parking reserve	1,445	1,052	-	2,497
Public art reserve	21	1	-	22
Public open space reserve	3,297	972	-	4,269
Headworks reserve	1,406	408	-	1,814
Loan funding renewal reserve	12,418	-	(4,905)	7,513
Capital contingency reserve	-	736	-	736
Total other reserves	**50,724**	**7,497**	**(4,905)**	**53,316**

Infrastructure renewal reserve represents unused amounts collected to fund future renewal of existing infrastructure assets. Commonwealth funded programmes reserve represents unused funds subject to grant programmes operated by the Commonwealth Government. Such funds are subject to grant agreements and are applied as such.

General reserve represents amounts appropriated for general future uses, typically planned projects, expected events and contingencies.

Rosny park child care reserve represents the cumulative operating result of the Rosny Park Child Care Centre. Meets ongoing operations of the centre.

Car parking reserve represents funds contributed in lieu of providing car parking as part of commercial developments. Provides for provision of alternative car parking facilities in !he areas collected.

Public art reserve represents funds contributed by developers in lieu of providing public art as part of commercial developments. Provides an alternative means for the creation of public art in the areas/ precincts in which it was collected.

Public open space reserve represents funds contributed in lieu of providing public open space as part of subdivision developments. Provides for purchase of alternative public open space assets.

Headworks reserve represents funds contributed by property developers to provide for future augmentation of Council infrastructure to meet additional capacity demands arising from property development.

Loan funding renewal reserve represents unused amounts collected lo fund the future repayment of loan funding for development of infrastructure assets.

Capital contingency reserve represents unused amounts collected to fund the future development of infrastructure assets.

	2024 $'000	2023 $'000
Total reserves	**820,203**	**434,541**

9.2 Reconciliation of cash flows from operating activities to surplus/(deficit)

	2024 $'000	2023 $'000
Result from continuing operations	31,282	34,164
Depreciation	17,990	16,144
Contribution of assets	(25,301)	(20,464)
(Profit)/loss on disposal of property, infrastructure, plant and equipment	2,813	1,659
Share of net results of associates	(3,353)	(2,684)
Government grants – capital	(1,642)	(3,024)
Change in operating assets and liabilities		
Decrease/(increase) in rates receivable	4,401	(857)
Decrease/(increase) in other debtors and prepayments	1,213	(2,662)
Decrease/(increase) in inventory	(5)	(2)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors and accruals	(1,480)	331
Increase/(decrease) in provision for employee entitlements	49	(350)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	**25,967**	**22,255**

9.3 Reconciliation of liabilities arising from financing activities

Liabilities arising from financing activities are liabilities for which cash flows were, or future cash flows will be, classified in the Statement of Cash Flows as cash flows from financing activities.

	INTEREST-BEARING LOANS AND BORROWINGS $'000	LEASE LIABILITIES $'000
Balance as at 1 July 2023	14,569	1,967
Acquisitions / New leases	-	1,140
Modification of existing leases	-	154
Changes from financing cash flows:		
Cash repayments	(5,505)	(1,057)
Balance as at 30 June 2024	**9,064**	**2,204**
Balance as at 1 July 2022	19,980	1,956
Acquisitions / New leases	-	840
Modification of existing leases	-	159
Changes from financing cash flows:		
Cash repayments	(5,411)	(988)
Balance as at 30 June 2023	**14,569**	**1,967**

9.4 Reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents (see note 4.1)	8,799	10,337
Less bank overdraft	-	-
Total reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents	**8,799**	**10,337**

9.5 Financing arrangements

Bank overdraft	1,000	1,000
Corporate credit cards	40	40
Used facilities	-	-
Unused facilities	**1,040**	**1,040**

9.6 Superannuation

Council makes superannuation contributions for a number of its employees to the Quadrant Defined Benefits Fund (the Fund), a sub-fund of Spirit Super. The Fund has been classified as a multi-employer sponsored plan. As the Fund's assets and liabilities are pooled and are not allocated by employer, the Actuary is unable to allocate benefit liabilities, assets and costs between employers. As provided under paragraph 34 of AASB 119 Employee Benefits, Council does not use defined benefit accounting for these contributions.

For the year ended 30 June 2024 Council contributed 0% (2022/23: 0%) of employees' gross income to the Fund. Assets accumulate in the fund to meet member benefits as they accrue, and if assets within the fund are insufficient to satisfy benefits payable, Council is required to meet its share of the deficiency.

Deloitte Consulting Pty Ltd undertook the last actuarial review of the Fund at 30 June 2023. The review disclosed that at that time the net market value of assets available for funding member benefits was $48,442,000, the value of vested benefits was $39,789,000, the surplus over vested benefits was $8,653,000, the value of total accrued benefits was $39,479,000, and the number of members was 77. These amounts relate to all members of the Fund at the date of valuation and no asset or liability is recorded in the Spirit Super's financial statements for Council employees.

The financial assumptions used to calculate the Accrued Benefits for the Fund were:

- Net Investment Return 4.50% pa
- Salary Inflation 3.00% pa
- Price Inflation n/a

The actuarial review concluded that:

- The value of assets of the Fund was adequate to meet the liabilities of the Fund in respect of vested benefits as at 30 June 2023.
- The value of assets of the Fund was adequate to meet the value of the liabilities of the Fund in respect of accrued benefits as at 30 June 2023.
- Based on the assumptions used, and assuming the Employer contributes at the levels described below, the value of the assets is expected to continue to be adequate to meet the value of the liabilities of the Fund in respect of vested benefits at all times during the period up to 30 June 2023.

Given the strong financial position of the Fund, the Actuary recommended that Council continue their contribution holiday and contribute 0% of salaries towards the defined benefit arrangements in the Fund from 1 July 2024 until 1 July 2027. This contribution rate is subject to normal review processes which include reviewing the contribution rate if needed to respond to extreme movements in financial markets. In addition, employers pay contributions towards defined benefit members' accumulation accounts where required by agreements.

The Actuary will continue to undertake a brief review of the financial position of the Fund at the end of each financial year to confirm that the contribution rates remain appropriate. The next full triennial actuarial review of the Fund will have an effective date of 30 June 2026 and is expected to be completed late in 2026.

Council also contributes to other accumulation superannuation schemes on behalf of a number of employees; however, Council has no ongoing responsibility to make good any deficiencies that may occur in those schemes.

During the year Council made the required superannuation contributions for all eligible employees to an appropriate complying superannuation fund as required by the *Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Act 1992*.

As required in terms of paragraph 148 of AASB119 *Employee Benefits*, Council discloses the following details:

The 2023 actuarial review used the "aggregate" funding method. This is a standard actuarial funding method. The results from this method were tested by projecting future fund assets and liabilities for a range of future assumed investment returns. The funding method used is consistent with the method used at the previous actuarial review in 2020.

Under the aggregate funding method of financing the benefits, the stability of Councils' contributions over time depends on how closely the Fund's actual experience matches the expected experience. If the actual experience differs from that expected, Councils' contribution rate may need to be adjusted accordingly to ensure the Fund remains on course towards financing members' benefits.

In terms of Rule 15.2 of the Spirit Super Trust Deed (Trust Deed), there is a risk that employers within the Fund may incur an additional liability when an Employer ceases to participate in the Fund at a time when the assets of the Fund are less than members' vested benefits. Each member of the Fund who is an employee of the Employer

who is ceasing to Participate is required to be provided with a benefit at least equal to their vested benefit.

However, there is no provision in the Trust Deed requiring an employer to make contributions other than its regular contributions up to the date of cessation of contributions.

The application of Fund assets on Spirit Super being wound-up is set out in Rule 20.2. This Rule provides that expenses and taxation liabilities should have first call on the available assets. Additional assets will initially be applied for the benefit of the then remaining members and/or their Dependants in such manner as the Trustee considers equitable and appropriate in accordance with the Applicable Requirements (broadly, superannuation and taxation legislative requirements and other requirements as determined by the regulators).

The Trust Deed does not contemplate the Fund withdrawing from Spirit Super. The Fund is a defined benefit Fund.

The Fund has been classified as a multi-employer sponsored plan. As the Fund's assets and liabilities are pooled and are not allocated by employer, the Actuary is unable to allocate benefit liabilities, assets and costs between employers. Thus the Fund is not able to prepare standard AASB119 defined benefit reporting.

During the reporting period the amount of contributions paid to defined benefits schemes was $51,720 (2022/23: $50,793), and the amount paid to accumulation schemes was $3.21 million (2022/23: $2.79 million).

During the next reporting period the expected amount of contributions to be paid to defined benefits schemes is $50,000, and to accumulation schemes is $3.50 million.

As reported on the first page of this note, Assets exceeded accrued benefits as at the date of the last actuarial review, 30 June 2023. Favourable investment returns, since that date, has seen further improvement in the financial position of the Fund. The financial position of the Fund will be fully investigated at the actuarial review as at 30 June 2026.

An analysis of the assets and vested benefits of sub-funds participating in the Scheme, prepared by Deloitte Consulting Pty Ltd as at 30 June 2023, showed that the Fund had assets of $48.44 million and members' Vested Benefits were $39.79 million. These amounts represented 0.17% and 0.15% respectively of the corresponding total amounts for Spirit Super.

As at 30 June 2023 the Fund had 77 members and the total employer contributions and member contributions for the year ending 30 June 2023 were $738,101 and $190,798 respectively.

9.7 Commitments

The Council has entered into the following commitments. Commitments are not recognised in the Statement of Financial Position. Commitments are disclosed at their nominal value and presented inclusive of the GST payable.

2024	NOT LATER THAN 1 YEAR $'000	LATER THAN 1 YEAR AND NOT LATER THAN 5 YEARS $'000	LATER THAN 5 YEARS $'000	TOTAL $'000
Capital expenditure commitments				
Plant and equipment	219	-	-	219
Buildings	565	-	-	565
Roads	1,982	-	-	1,982
Drainage	410	-	-	410
Parks and recreation	768	-	-	768
Total capital expenditure commitments	**3,944**	**-**	**-**	**3,944**
Contractual commitments				
Contractual commitments at end of financial year but not recognised in the financial report are as follows:				
Plant and equipment	1,409	1,457	-	2,866
Waste collection	2,651	11,283	2,999	16,933
Waste processing	3,281	13,967	11,419	28,667
Total contractual commitments	**7,341**	**26,707**	**14,418**	**48,466**

2023	NOT LATER THAN 1 YEAR $'000	LATER THAN 1 YEAR AND NOT LATER THAN 5 YEARS $'000	LATER THAN 5 YEARS $'000	TOTAL $'000
Capital expenditure commitments				
Buildings	283	-	-	283
Roads	1,266	-	-	1,266
Drainage	11,872	-	-	11,872
Parks and recreation	1,307	-	-	1,307
Total capital expenditure commitments	**14,728**	**-**	**-**	**14,728**
Contractual commitments				
Contractual commitments at end of financial year but not recognised in the financial report are as follows:				
Plant and equipment	736	754	-	1,490
Waste collection	2,647	11,266	6,064	19,977
Waste processing	3,501	14,904	16,387	34,792
Street sweeping	57	-	-	57
Total contractual commitments	**6,941**	**26,924**	**22,451**	**56,316**

9.8 Operating leases as lessor

Council is a lessor and enters into agreements with a number of lessees. These include commercial and non-commercial agreements.

Where leases are non-commercial agreements, these are generally with not for profit, such as sporting organisations. In these cases subsidised or peppercorn rents are charged because Council recognises part of its role is community service and community support. In these situations, Council records lease revenue on an accruals basis and records the associated properties as part of land and buildings within property, plant and equipment. Buildings are recognised at depreciated replacement cost.

Where leases are commercial agreements, but properties leased are part of properties predominantly used by Council for its own purposes, Council records lease revenue on an accruals basis and records the associated properties as part of land and buildings within property, plant and equipment. Buildings are recognised at depreciated replacement cost.

The future (undiscounted) lease payments to be received on an annual basis for all operating leases are as follows:

MATURITY ANALYSIS OF OPERATING LEASE PAYMENTS TO BE RECEIVED	2024 $'000	2023 $'000
Year 1	656	699
Year 2	660	685
Year 3	667	691
Year 4	672	699
Year 5	534	693
Later than 5 years	10,283	10,597
Total	**13,472**	**14,064**

The following table presents the amounts reported in profit or loss:

	2024 $'000	2023 $'000
Lease income on operating leases	756	752
Therein lease income relating to variable lease payments that do not depend on an index or rate	365	358

9.9 Contingent liabilities and contingent assets

Contingent liabilities

Certain amounts raised by way of rates equivalents (which are not a charge on the land) in respect of Hobart International Airport (HIAPL) are subject to dispute which had not been resolved at balance date. The amount raised but unpaid at 30 June 2024 was $7,818,349 (30 June 2023: $6,341,798). This matter was heard in the Federal Court of Australia and a judgement handed down on the 24th of September 2019 in favour of the Hobart International Airport. This decision was appealed by Council, and on the 6th of August 2020 the Full Court of the Federal Court overturned the first instance decision of the Federal Court not to determine the matter. The Full Court order was to the effect that the matter be referred back to the first instance judge for determination. In early March 2022, the High Court confirmed that decision by a 5:2 majority. This means that the substantive issue – the meaning and operation of the rates equivalent clause of the lease between the Commonwealth and HIAPL – would be determined by the Federal Court. This decision was handed down in December 2022 with the Court dismissing the declaration sought by Council. Council appealed this decision with a decision handed down by the Full Court of the Federal Court in February 2024 which upheld the original decision. Legal action related to these amounts is now concluded, however discussion on future rates that will be payable by the Hobart International Airport, along with any agreed shortfall of prior instalments paid, has not yet occurred. Council is also liable to reimburse HIAPL for legal expenses incurred in relation to this dispute.

Guarantees for loans to other entities	2024 $'000	2023 $'000
Bank guarantee – Howrah Bowls Club*	–	300

* As of 21 August 2023 this guarantee was unconditionally discharged

Contingent assets

a) De-recognised Assets

Council has entered into long term leases over two of its properties.

Council is the owner of the Bellerive Oval. It entered into a 45 year lease over this property on 9 October 2001.

Council is also part owner of the Copping landfill. The owners of the landfill entered into a 50 year lease over this property which commenced on 21 March 2001.

The length and terms of these leases means that control over the assets has effectively passed to the lessees. Consequently the assets are treated as contingent and have not been included in Council's Balance Sheet.

Carrying amounts and depreciation expense in respect of these assets were:

	$'000
Bellerive Oval – written down value at derecognition (1 July 2012)	24,062
Copping Landfill – written down value at derecognition (1 July 2012)	2,691
	26,753

Depreciation was charged in 2011/12 on these assets as follows:

	$'000
Bellerive Oval	850
Copping Landfill	70
	920

Various Council properties contain improvements over which Council does not hold effective control. These are generally minor in nature and include pavilions, change facilities, and improvements for sporting, social, and other community purposes.

Accounting policy

Contingent assets (de-recognised assets)

Council owns the Bellerive Oval and has leased this asset to Cricket Tasmania for a minimum period of 45 years. Council is part owner of the Copping landfill site. The landfill and associated land has been leased to the Copping Refuse Disposal Site Joint Authority for 50 years. Both of these leases are dated 2001. It is Council's opinion that control over these assets including maintenance obligations has been effectively transferred to the lessees, making the probability that significant future economic benefits will flow to Council unlikely (other than rental income). Other than the relevant value of the land Council has not included these assets in its balance sheet. This treatment is in accordance with *AASB 137 Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets*.

9.10 Financial instruments

Managing financial risk

Council has exposure to the following risks from its use of financial instruments:

(a) Interest rate risk

(b) Credit risk

(c) Liquidity risk; and

(d) Market risk.

The Chief Executive Officer has overall responsibility for the establishment and oversight of Council's risk management framework. Risk management policies are established to identify and analyse risks faced by Council, to set appropriate risk limits and controls, and to monitor risks and adherence to limits.

(a) Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk refers to the risk that the value of a financial instrument or cash flows associated with the instrument will fluctuate due to changes in market interest rates. Interest rate risk arises from interest bearing financial assets and liabilities used. Non-derivative interest bearing assets are predominantly short term liquid assets. Council's interest rate liability risk arises primarily from long term loans and borrowings at fixed rates which exposes us to fair value interest rate risk.

Council's loan borrowings are sourced from The Tasmanian Public Finance Corporation (TASCORP) or major Australian banks by a tender process. Finance leases are sourced from major Australian financial institutions. Overdrafts are arranged with major Australian banks. We manage interest rate risk on our net debt portfolio by:

- ensuring access to diverse sources of funding;
- reducing risks of refinancing by managing in accordance with target maturity profiles; and
- setting prudential limits on interest repayments as a percentage of rate revenue.

We manage the interest rate exposure on our debt portfolio by appropriate budgeting strategies and obtaining approval for borrowings from the Department of Treasury and Finance each year.

Investment of surplus funds is made with approved financial institutions under the *Local Government Act 1993*. Council manage interest rate risk by adopting an investment policy (*Clarence City Council Investment Policy 2023*) that ensures:

- conformity with State and Federal regulations and standards,
- capital protection,
- appropriate liquidity,
- diversification by credit rating, financial institution and investment product,
- monitoring of return on investment,
- benchmarking of returns and comparison with budget.

Maturity will be staggered to provide for interest rate variations and to minimise interest rate risk.

The exposure to interest rate risk and the effective interest rates of financial assets and non-lease financial liabilities, both recognised and unrecognised, at balance date are as follows. For lease liabilities refer to note 7.4.

2024		FIXED INTEREST MATURING IN:					
	WEIGHTED AVERAGE INTEREST RATE	FLOATING INTEREST RATE $'000	1 YEAR OR LESS $'000	OVER 1 TO 5 YEARS $'000	MORE THAN 5 YEARS $'000	NON-INTEREST BEARING $'000	TOTAL $'000
Financial assets							
Cash and cash equivalents	4.25%	1	-	-	-	8,798	8,799
Investments	4.51%	-	83,338	-	-	-	83,338
Trade and other receivables	6.16%	-	3,844	922	361	1,986	7,113
Investment in water corporation	0.00%	-	-	-	-	180,065	180,065
Total financial assets		**1**	**87,182**	**922**	**361**	**190,849**	**279,315**
Financial liabilities							
Trade and other payables	0.00%	-	-	-	-	3,269	3,269
Trust funds and deposits	0.00%	-	-	-	-	4,619	4,619
Interest-bearing loans and borrowings	2.83%	-	3,055	6,009	-	-	9,064
Total financial liabilities		**-**	**3,055**	**6,009**	**-**	**7,888**	**16,952**
Net financial assets (liabilities)		**1**	**84,127**	**(5,087)**	**361**	**182,961**	**262,363**

2023		FIXED INTEREST MATURING IN:					
	WEIGHTED AVERAGE INTEREST RATE	FLOATING INTEREST RATE $'000	1 YEAR OR LESS $'000	OVER 1 TO 5 YEARS $'000	MORE THAN 5 YEARS $'000	NON-INTEREST BEARING $'000	TOTAL $'000
Financial assets							
Cash and cash equivalents	3.93%	11	-	-	-	10,326	10,337
Investments	4.10%	-	92,838	-	-	-	92,838
Trade and other receivables	6.77%	-	8,237	1,258	392	2,707	12,594
Investment in water corporation	0.00%	-	-	-	-	171,177	171,177
Total financial assets		**11**	**101,075**	**1,258**	**392**	**184,210**	**286,946**
Financial liabilities							
Trade and other payables	0.00%	-	-	-	-	3,864	3,864
Trust funds and deposits	0.00%	-	-	-	-	5,265	5,265
Interest-bearing loans and borrowings	1.46%	-	5,505	9,064	-	-	14,569
Total financial liabilities		**-**	**5,505**	**9,064**	**-**	**9,129**	**23,698**
Net financial assets (liabilities)		**11**	**95,570**	**(7,806)**	**392**	**175,081**	**263,248**

(b) Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that a contracting entity will not complete its obligations under a financial instrument and cause Council to make a financial loss. Council have exposure to credit risk on some financial assets included in our Statement of Financial Position. To help manage this risk:

- we have a policy for establishing credit limits for the entities we deal with;
- we may require collateral where appropriate; and
- we only invest surplus funds with financial institutions which have a recognised credit rating specified in our Investment policy.

Credit risk arises from Council's financial assets, which comprise cash and cash equivalents, and trade and other receivables. Council's exposure to credit risk arises from potential default of the counterparty, with a maximum exposure equal to the carrying amount of these instruments. Exposure at balance date is addressed in each applicable policy note. Council generally trades with recognised, creditworthy third parties, and as such collateral is generally not requested, nor is it Council's policy to securitise its trade and other receivables.

It is Council's policy that some customers who wish to trade on credit terms are subject to credit verification procedures including an assessment of their credit rating, financial position, past experience and industry reputation. In addition, receivable balance are monitored on an ongoing basis with the result that Council's exposure to bad debts is not significant.

The maximum exposure to credit risk at balance date in relation to each class of recognised financial asset is represented by the carrying amount of those assets as indicated in the Statement of Financial Position.

Council may also be subject to credit risk for transactions which are not included in the Statement of Financial Position, such as when Council provides a guarantee for another party. Details of our contingent liabilities are disclosed in note 9.9.

Credit quality of contractual financial assets that are neither past due nor impaired.

2024	FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (A CREDIT RATING) $'000	GOVERNMENT AGENCIES (AA CREDIT RATING) $'000	OTHER (MIN BBB CREDIT RATING) $'000	NOT RATED $'000	TOTAL $'000
Cash and cash equivalents	8,794	1	-	4	8,799
Trade and other receivables	-	-	-	7,113	7,113
Investments and other financial assets	63,338	-	20,000	-	83,338
Total contractual financial assets	**72,132**	**1**	**20,000**	**7,117**	**99,250**
2023					
Cash and cash equivalents	10,332	1	-	4	10,337
Trade and other receivables	-	-	-	12,594	12,594
Investments and other financial assets	73,838	-	19,000	-	92,838
Total contractual financial assets	**84,170**	**1**	**19,000**	**12,598**	**115,769**

Ageing of Trade and Other Receivables

At balance date other debtors representing financial assets were past due but not impaired. These amounts relate to a number of independent customers for whom there is no recent history of default. The ageing of the Council's Trade and Other Receivables was:

	2024 $'000	2023 $'000
Current (not yet due)	475	230
Past due by up to 30 days	1,555	2,490
Past due between 31 and 180 days	3,607	8,011
Past due between 181 and 365 days	193	189
Past due by more than 1 year	1,283	1,673
Total Trade & Other Receivables	**7,113**	**12,593**

Council has determined to not provide for any ECL in respect of receivables. The historical experience of receivables has not provided for any past material losses as a result of default. Council's forward looking view is that this experience is unlikely to materially change and therefore no provision for impairment has been raised in respect to balance date receivables.

(c) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk includes the risk that, as a result of our operational liquidity requirements:

- we will not have sufficient funds to settle a transaction on the date;
- we will be forced to sell financial assets at a value which is less than what they are worth; or
- we may be unable to settle or recover a financial assets at all.

To help reduce these risks we:

- have a liquidity policy which targets a minimum and average level of cash and cash equivalents to be maintained;
- have readily accessible standby facilities and other funding arrangements in place;
- have a liquidity portfolio structure that requires surplus funds to be invested within various bands of liquid instruments;
- monitor budget to actual performance on a regular basis; and
- set limits on borrowings relating to both the percentage of loans and percentage of loan principal repayments to rate revenue.

The Council's exposure to liquidity risk is deemed insignificant based on prior periods' data and current assessment of risk.

The table below lists the contractual maturities for non-lease Financial Liabilities. For lease liabilities refer to note 7.4.

These amounts represent the discounted cash flow payments (ie principal only).

2024	6 MTHS OR LESS $'000	6-12 MONTHS $'000	1-2 YEARS $'000	2-5 YEARS $'000	>5 YEARS $'000	CONTRACTED CASH FLOW $'000	CARRYING AMOUNT $'000
Trade and other payables	2,551	718	-	-	-	3,269	3,269
Trust funds and deposits	-	4,619	-	-	-	4,619	4,619
Interest-bearing loans and borrowings	2,788	266	542	874	4,594	9,064	9,064
Total financial liabilities	**5,339**	**5,603**	**542**	**874**	**4,594**	**16,952**	**16,952**

2023	6 MTHS OR LESS $'000	6-12 MONTHS $'000	1-2 YEARS $'000	2-5 YEARS $'000	>5 YEARS $'000	CONTRACTED CASH FLOW $'000	CARRYING AMOUNT $'000
Trade and other payables	3,180	684	-	-	-	3,864	3,864
Trust funds and deposits	-	5,265	-	-	-	5,265	5,265
Interest-bearing loans and borrowings	2,741	2,764	3,055	1,252	4,758	14,570	14,570
Total financial liabilities	**5,921**	**8,713**	**3,055**	**1,252**	**4,758**	**23,699**	**23,699**

(d) Market risk

Market risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of our financial instruments will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. Council's exposures to market risk are primarily through interest rate risk with only insignificant exposure to other price risks and no exposure to foreign currency risk. Refer to the previous Interest Rate risk discussion for details on market risk exposures.

Sensitivity disclosure analysis

Taking into account past performance, future expectations, economic forecasts, and management's knowledge and experience of the financial markets, Council believes the following movements are 'reasonably possible' over the next 12 months:

- A parallel shift of + 1% and-1% in market interest rates (AUD) from year-end rates.

The table below discloses the impact on net operating result and equity for each category of financial instruments held by Council at year-end, if the above movements were to occur.

		INTEREST RATE RISK			
		-1%		1%	
		-100 BASIS POINTS		+100 BASIS POINTS	
2024	$'000	PROFIT $'000	EQUITY $'000	PROFIT $'000	EQUITY $'000
Financial Assets					
Cash and equivalents	8,799	(88)	(88)	88	88
Investments	83,338	(833)	(833)	833	833
Financial Liabilities					
Interest bearing liabilities	9,064	(91)	(91)	91	91

		INTEREST RATE RISK			
		-1%		1%	
		-100 BASIS POINTS		+100 BASIS POINTS	
2023	$'000	PROFIT $'000	EQUITY $'000	PROFIT $'000	EQUITY $'000
Financial Assets					
Cash and equivalents	10,337	(103)	(103)	103	103
Investments	92,838	(928)	(928)	928	928
Financial Liabilities					
Interest bearing liabilities	14,569	(146)	(146)	146	146

Fair Value

The aggregate net fair values of financial assets and financial liabilities, both recognised and unrecognised, at balance date are as follows:

	TOTAL CARRYING AMOUNT AS PER THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION		AGGREGATE NET FAIR VALUE	
	2024 $'000	2023 $'000	2024 $'000	2023 $'000
Financial assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	8,799	10,337	8,799	10,337
Investments	83,338	92,838	83,338	92,838
Trade and other receivables	7,113	12,594	7,113	12,594
Investment in water corporation	180,065	171,177	180,065	171,177
Total financial assets	**279,315**	**286,946**	**279,315**	**286,946**
Financial liabilities				
Trade and other payables	3,269	3,864	3,269	3,864
Trust funds and deposits	4,619	5,265	4,619	5,265
Interest-bearing loans and borrowings	9,064	14,569	9,064	14,569
Total financial liabilities	**16,952**	**23,698**	**16,952**	**23,698**

9.11 Fair Value Measurements

Council measures and recognises the following assets at fair value on a recurring basis:

- Investment in water corporation
- Property, infrastructure plant and equipment
- Land
- Land under roads
- Buildings
- Roads and bridges
- Drainage
- Parks and recreation
- Waste management

Council does not measure any liabilities at fair value on a recurring basis.

(a) Fair Value Hierarchy

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

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

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

Level 3 Unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

The table following shows the assigned level for each asset and liability held at fair value by the Council. The table presents the Council's assets and liabilities measured and recognised at fair value at 30 June 2024.

The fair values of the assets are determined using valuation techniques which maximise the use of observable data, where it is available, and minimise the use of entity specific estimates. If one or more of the significant inputs is not based on observable market data, the asset is included in level 3. This is the case for Council infrastructure assets, which are of a specialist nature for which there is no active market for similar or identical assets. These assets are valued using a combination of observable and unobservable inputs.

AS AT 30 JUNE 2024	NOTE	LEVEL 1 $'000	LEVEL 2 $'000	LEVEL 3 $'000	TOTAL $'000
Recurring fair value measurements					
Investment in water corporation	5.2	-	-	180,065	180,065
Land	6.1	-	156,047	-	156,047
Land under roads	6.1	-	414,269	-	414,269
Buildings	6.1	-	43,067	-	43,067
Roads and bridges	6.1	-	-	331,367	331,367
Drainage	6.1	-	-	212,381	212,381
Parks and recreation	6.1	-	-	32,358	32,358
Waste management	6.1	-	-	1,414	1,414
		-	**613,383**	**757,585**	**1,370,968**

AS AT 30 JUNE 2023	NOTE	LEVEL 1 $'000	LEVEL 2 $'000	LEVEL 3 $'000	TOTAL $'000
Recurring fair value measurements					
Investment in water corporation	5.2	-	-	171,177	171,177
Land	6.1	-	133,803	-	133,803
Land under roads	6.1	-	149,280	-	149,280
Buildings	6.1	-	39,507	-	39,507
Roads and bridges	6.1	-	-	264,290	264,290
Drainage	6.1	-	-	163,624	163,624
Parks and recreation	6.1	-	-	30,911	30,911
Waste management	6.1	-	-	1,286	1,286
		-	**322,590**	**631,288**	**953,878**

Transfers between levels of the hierarchy

Council's policy is to recognise transfers in and out of the fair value hierarchy levels as at the end of the reporting period. There were no transfers between levels 1 and 2 during the year, nor between levels 2 and 3.

(b) Valuation techniques and significant inputs used to derive fair values

Investment in water corporation

Refer to Note 5.2 for details of valuation techniques used to derive fair values.

Land

The fair value of land was determined by the Valuer-General through a full revaluation of the municipality, with a deemed valuation date of 1 July 2018, to which indexation of up to 80% has been applied consistent with the Valuer-Generals adjustment factors for the period 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2024. The next full valuation is planned for 30 June 2026.

Land under roads

The fair value of land under roads has been determined based on unit valuations provided by the Valuer-General for various land classes across the City, with an effective date of 30 June 2024.

Buildings

The fair value of buildings other than those recorded at cost was determined by the Valuer-General through a full revaluation of the municipality, with a deemed valuation date of 1 July 2018, to which an indexation of up to 300% has been applied consistent with the Valuer-Generals adjustment factors for the period 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2024. The next full valuation is planned for 30 June 2026.

Roads and bridges

Roads and bridges includes earthworks, substructures, seals, kerbs, crossings, underpasses and overpasses relating to roads, footpaths and bridges. Road and bridge assets have been valued at current replacement cost written down to reflect the portion of the economic life that has expired. Current replacement cost has been established as at 31 March 2024 through revaluation by GR Webb Consulting Pty Ltd, external asset management specialists.

Significant unobservable inputs include estimated useful life and inputs required to construct roads and associated infrastructure such as labour, plant hire, gravel, hotmix, cement etc. The estimated fair value would increase (decrease) if the labour/hire rates and/or prices per unit were higher (lower).

Drainage

Drainage infrastructure assets have been valued at current replacement cost, written down to reflect the portion of the economic life that has expired. Current replacement cost has been established as at 30 June 2020 based upon information provided by Council's engineering officers, to which an index factor has been applied consistent with the Roads and Bridges Construction Index as published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics for the period 1 August 2020 to 31 March 2024. Indexation of up to 21.90% has been applied based upon the service life of the asset. The next full valuation is planned for 30 June 2025.

Significant unobservable inputs include estimated useful life and inputs required to construct stormwater assets and associated infrastructure such as labour, plant hire, pipe length/dimension/material etc. The estimated fair value would increase (decrease) if the estimated useful life, labour/plant hire rates and/or prices per unit were higher (lower).

Parks and recreation

Parks & recreation equipment assets have been valued at current replacement cost written down to reflect the portion of the economic life that has expired.

Current replacement cost has been established as at 31 March 2023 through revaluation by Knowledge Asset Management Services, external asset management specialists. Asset fair value would increase (decrease) if prices increased (decreased). The next full valuation is planned for 30 June 2026.

Waste management

Waste management assets primarily comprise land associated with a landfill site which is leased to a Joint Authority of which Council is a member. Valuation of the land was determined by the Valuer-General based on 1 July 2016. Since this date indexation of up to 64% has been applied consistent with the Valuer-Generals adjustment factors for the period 1 July 2016 to 28 February 2022. Estimated fair value would increase (decrease) if market value increased (decreased). Other assets recorded at fair value, primarily comprising litter bins, are valued at current replacement cost based upon market pricing information provided by Council's officers as at 28 February 2022. Estimated fair value of these assets would increase (decrease) if market prices increased (decreased). The next full valuation is planned for 30 June 2026.

(c) Unobservable inputs and sensitivities

Asset / liability category*	CARRYING AMOUNT (AT FAIR VALUE)	KEY UN-OBSERVABLE INPUTS *	EXPECTED RANGE OF INPUTS	DESCRIPTION OF HOW CHANGES IN INPUTS WILL AFFECT THE FAIR VALUE
Investment in Water Corporation		Refer to note 5.2 for a description of the valuation basis.		

*There were no significant inter-relationships between unobservable inputs that materially affect fair values.

(d) Changes in recurring level 3 fair value measurements

The changes in level 3 property plant and equipment assets with recurring fair value measurements are detailed in note 6.1 (Property, infrastructure, plant and equipment). Roads and bridges, which are classified as level 3 are separately disclosed in note 6.1. Waste management infrastructure, which is classified as level 3 is separately disclosed in note 6.1. Drainage infrastructure, which is classified as level 3 is separately disclosed in note 6.1. Investment in water corporation, which is classified as level 3 has been separately disclosed in note 5.2.

There have been no transfers between level 1, 2 or 3 measurements during the year.

(e) Valuation processes

Council's current policy for the valuation of property, infrastructure, plant and equipment, and investment in water corporation (recurring fair value measurements) is set out in notes 6.1 and 5.2 respectively.

Non-recurring fair value measurements are made at the point of reclassification by a registered valuer, as set out in note 6.1.

(f) Assets and liabilities not measured at fair value but for which fair value is disclosed

Council has assets and liabilities which are not measured at fair value, but for which fair values are disclosed in other notes.

Council borrowings are measured at amortised cost with interest recognised in profit or loss when incurred. The fair value of borrowings disclosed in note 8.1 is provided by Tascorp (level 2).

9.12 Events occurring after balance date

No events subsequent to balance date have been identified which would materially alter these statements.

10 Other matters

10.1 Related party transactions

i) Councillor Remuneration

Names of persons holding the position of a Responsible Person at the Council at any time during the year are:

Councillors	Cr Brendan Blomeley
	Cr Allison Ritchie
	Cr Heather Chong
	Cr Jade Darko
	Cr Emma Goyne
	Cr Daniel Hulme
	Cr Bree Hunter
	Cr Richard James
	Cr Wendy Kennedy
	Cr Tony Mulder
	Cr James Walker
	Cr Beth Warren
Chief Executive Officer	Ian Nelson

	SHORT TERM EMPLOYEE BENEFITS				
2024	**ALLOWANCES $'000**	**VEHICLES[1] $'000**	**TOTAL COMPENSATION $'000**	**REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES[2] $'000**	**TOTAL $'000**
Mayor	116	21	137	7	144
Deputy Mayor	56	-	56	7	63
Councillors	332	-	332	16	348
Total	**504**	**21**	**525**	**30**	**555**

	SHORT TERM EMPLOYEE BENEFITS				
2023	**ALLOWANCES $'000**	**VEHICLES[1] $'000**	**TOTAL COMPENSATION $'000**	**REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES[2] $'000**	**TOTAL $'000**
Mayor	113	21	134	6	140
Deputy Mayor	54	-	54	3	57
Councillors	312	-	312	23	335
Total	**479**	**21**	**500**	**32**	**532**

1 Includes total cost of providing and maintaining vehicles provided for private use, including registration, insurance, fuel & other consumables, maintenance costs and parking. Amount shown is net of costs reimbursed.

2 Expenses relate to the reimbursement of costs such as internet, telephone, conference and meeting attendance costs.

ii) Key Management Personnel Remuneration

2024		SHORT TERM EMPLOYEE BENEFITS			POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS			
REMUNERATION BAND	NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES	SALARY[1] $'000	VEHICLES[2] $'000	OTHER ALLOWANCES AND BENEFITS[3] $'000	SUPER-ANNUATION[4] $'000	TERMINATION BENEFITS[5] $'000	NON MONETARY BENEFITS[6] $'000	TOTAL $'000
$1- $20,000*	1	6	-	-	0	3	(8)	1
$20,001- $40,000	1	22	-	-	3	-	-	25
$40,001- $60,000	1	42	-	-	5	-	-	47
$60,001- $80,000	1	65	-	-	8	-	3	76
$80,001- $100,000**	1	77	-	7	10	-	7	101
$100,001- $120,000**	1	90	8	-	11	-	7	116
$140,001- $160,000	1	109	9	-	14	18	(94)	56
$180,001- $200,000**	3	483	46	25	60	-	34	648
$200,001- $220,000	3	507	31	-	64	-	(23)	579
$220,001- $240,000	1	183	15	9	24	-	12	243
$240,001- $260,000	1	206	15	-	26	-	(9)	238
$300,001- $320,000	1	51	6	-	19	231	(90)	217
$360,001- $380,000	1	325	13	-	29	-	15	382
Total		**2,166**	**143**	**41**	**273**	**252**	**(146)**	**2,729**

2023		SHORT TERM EMPLOYEE BENEFITS			POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS			
REMUNERATION BAND	NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES	SALARY[1] $'000	VEHICLES[2] $'000	OTHER ALLOWANCES AND BENEFITS[3] $'000	SUPER-ANNUATION[4] $'000	TERMINATION BENEFITS[5] $'000	NON MONETARY BENEFITS[6] $'000	TOTAL $'000
$1- $20,000*	1	14	2	3	2	-	1	22
$20,001- $40,000	2	38	4	5	5	-	2	54
$60,001- $80,000	1	52	6	7	7	-	5	77
$100,001- $120,000	1	78	8	13	11	-	2	112
$120,001- $140,000	2	199	18	11	26	3	1	258
$180,001- $200,000	4	627	48	12	79	-	8	774
$200,001- $220,000	2	322	24	4	42	15	16	423
$220,001- $240,000	2	380	24	-	47	-	(64)	387
$340,001- $360,000	1	308	12	-	28	-	26	374
Total		**2,018**	**146**	**55**	**247**	**18**	**(3)**	**2,481**

* Employees within this remuneration band were acting in a key management role for a period of greater than 4 weeks.

** Within these remuneration bands are employees who assumed a key management role during the financial year.

1 Salary includes all forms of consideration paid and payable for services rendered and compensated absences.

2 The value of vehicles provided reflects that amount specified in individual employment agreements.

3 Other allowances and benefits includes the payment of higher duties allowances and cashed out annual leave.

4 Superannuation means the contribution to the superannuation fund of the individual.

5 Termination benefits include all forms of benefit paid or accrued as a consequence of termination.

6 Non-monetary benefits represents movements in accruals for annual and long service leave, and is not included in the determination of remuneration band.

iii) Remuneration Principles

Councillors

Councillors are paid allowances and compensation for certain expenses consistent with the Local Government Act 1993.

Executives

Remuneration of key management personnel is based on an assessment of current market remuneration for similar positions.

The employment terms and conditions of senior executives are contained in individual employment contracts and prescribe total remuneration, superannuation, annual and long service leave, vehicle and salary sacrifice provisions. In addition to their salaries, Council also provides non-cash benefits and contributes to post-employment superannuation plans on their behalf.

Short term incentive payments

Council does not make short term incentive payments.

Acting Arrangements

When members of key management personnel are unable to fulfil their duties, consideration is given to appointing other members of senior staff to their position during their period of absence.

Individuals are considered members of key management personnel when acting arrangements are for more than a period of 4 weeks.

iv) Transactions with Related Parties

In accordance with s84(2)(b) of the Local Government Act 1993, no interests have been notified to the Chief Executive Officer in respect of any body or organisation with which the Council has major financial dealings.

10.2 Special committees and other activities

Under Section 24 of the *Local Government Act 1993* a Council may appoint Special Committees. The Council had 2 such Committees in operation as at 30 June 2024.

The operations of the Special Committees are consolidated in to Council's financial statements and are summarised as follows:

2024	INCOME $'000	EXPEND-ITURE $'000	NET RESULT $'000	NET ASSETS $'000
Clarence City Band	25	23	2	48
Geilston Bay Community Centre	3	3	-	2
	28	**26**	**2**	**50**

2023	INCOME $'000	EXPEND-ITURE $'000	NET RESULT $'000	NET ASSETS $'000
Clarence City Band	19	29	(10)	46
Howrah Community Centre	385	417	(32)	(137)
Geilston Bay Community Centre	1	1	-	1
	405	**447**	**(42)**	**(90)**

10.3 Other significant accounting policies and pending accounting standards

(a) Taxation

Council is exempt from all forms of taxation except Fringe Benefits Tax, Payroll Tax and the Goods and Services Tax.

Goods and services tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Tax Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the balance sheet are shown inclusive of GST.

Cash flows are presented in the Statement of Cash Flows on a gross basis, except for the GST component of investing and financing activities, which are disclosed as operating cash flows.

(b) Impairment of non-financial assets

At each reporting date, Council reviews the carrying value of its assets to determine whether there is any indication that these assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in

use, is compared to the assets carrying value. Any excess of the assets carrying value over its recoverable amount is expensed to the Statement of Other Comprehensive Income, unless the asset is carried at the revalued amount in which case, the impairment loss is recognised directly against the revaluation reserve in respect of the same class of asset to the extent that the impairment loss does not exceed the amount in the revaluation surplus for that same class of asset. For non-cash generating assets of Council such as roads, drains, public buildings and the like, value in use is represented by the deprival value of the asset approximated by its written down replacement cost.

(c) Allocation between current and non-current

In the determination of whether an asset or liability is current or non-current, consideration is given to the time when each asset or liability is expected to be settled. The asset or liability is classified as current if it is expected to be settled within the next twelve months, being Council's operational cycle, or if Council does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement of a liability for at least 12 months after the reporting date.

(d) Financial guarantees

Financial guarantee contracts are recognised as a liability at the time the guarantee is issued. The liability is initially measured at fair value, and if there is material increase in the likelihood that the guarantee may have to be exercised, at the higher of the amount determined in accordance with AASB 137 Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets and the amount initially recognised less cumulative amortisation, where appropriate. In the determination of fair value, consideration is given to factors including the probability of default by the guaranteed party and the likely loss to Council in the event of default.

(e) Contingent assets, contingent liabilities and commitments

Contingent assets and contingent liabilities are not recognised in the Statement of Financial Position, but are disclosed by way of a note and, if quantifiable, are measured at nominal value. Contingent assets and liabilities are presented inclusive of GST receivable or payable respectively.

Commitments are not recognised in the Statement of Financial Position. Commitments are disclosed at their nominal value inclusive of the GST payable.

(f) Budget

The estimated revenue and expense amounts in the Statement of Comprehensive Income represent original budget amounts and are not audited.

(g) Adoption of new and amended accounting standards

In the current year, Council has reviewed and assessed all the new and revised Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board, and determined that none would have a material effect on Council's operations or financial reporting.

(h) Pending Accounting Standards

Certain new accounting standards and interpretations have been published that are not mandatory for 30 June 2024 reporting periods. Council's assessment of the impact of the relevant new standards and interpretations is set out below.

(i) AASB 2022-6 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Non-current Liabilities with Covenants

This Standard amends AASB 101 Presentation of Financial Statements to improve the information an entity provides in its financial statements about long-term liabilities with covenants where the entity's right to defer settlement of those liabilities for at least twelve months after the reporting period is subject to the entity complying with conditions specified in the loan arrangement. The amendments are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2024. Council will assess any impact of the modifications to AASB 101 ahead of the 2024-25 reporting period.

(j) AASB 2022-10 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Fair Value Measurement of Non-Financial Assets of Not-for-Profit Public Sector Entities

This Standard modifies AASB 13 Fair Value Measurement for application by not-for-profit public sector entities such as Council. It includes authoritative implementation guidance when fair valuing non-financial assets, not held primarily for their ability to generate cash inflows. This includes guidance and clarification regarding the determination of an assets highest and best use, the development and use of internal assumptions for unobservable inputs and allows for greater use of

internal judgements when applying the cost approach in the measurement and determination of fair values. Although Council is yet to fully determine the impact of this standard, the changes will be evaluated in the future assessment of all property and infrastructure assets measured at fair value. The Standard applies prospectively to annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2025, with earlier application permitted.

All other Australian accounting standards and interpretations with future effective dates are either not applicable to Council's activities, or have no material impact.

10.4 Significant Business Activities

The operating capital and competitive neutrality costs of the Council's significant business activities:

	CLARENCE CHILDREN'S SERVICES		CLARENCE AQUATIC CENTRE	
	2024 $'000	2023 $'000	2024 $'000	2023 $'000
REVENUE				
User Charges	5,859	5,094	-	-
Grants	66	74	-	-
Rental Income	-	-	111	111
Other Income	47	41	-	-
Total Revenue	**5,972**	**5,209**	**111**	**111**
EXPENDITURE				
Direct				
Employee Costs	3,277	2,880	-	-
Materials and contracts	1,975	1,630	396	438
Utilities	6	7	123	150
Other Expenses	319	271	-	-
Indirect				
Engineering and Administration	85	82	-	-
Total Expenses	**5,662**	**4,870**	**519**	**588**
NOTIONAL COST OF FREE SERVICES RECEIVED				
Capital Costs				
Depreciation and amortisation	29	27	137	58
Opportunity cost of capital	123	106	153	123
Total Capital Costs	**152**	**133**	**290**	**181**
Competitive neutrality adjustments				
Rates and land tax	17	16	15	12
Calculated Surplus/(Deficit)	**281**	**312**	**(545)**	**(535)**
Competitive neutrality adjustments	**141**	**190**	**(713)**	**(670)**

Accounting policy – significant business activities

Council is required to report the operating, capital and competitive neutrality costs in respect of each significant business activity undertaken by the Council. Council's disclosure is reconciled above. Council has determined, based upon the requirements of the National Competition Policy, that Clarence Children's Services and Clarence Aquatic Centre as defined above are considered significant business activities. Clarence Children's Services is the consolidation of the Rosny Child Care Centre, Family Day Care, Outside of School Hours Care, and Vacation Care. Competitive neutrality costs include notional costs i.e. income tax equivalent, rates and loan guarantees.

In preparing the information disclosed in relation to significant business activities, the following assumptions have been applied:

- The opportunity cost is based on applying the effective (weighted) average interest rate of cash assets per note 9.10
- Materials, contracts and employee costs are based on actual expenditure on each activity
- Tax calculation has not been included as it is considered to be immaterial
- Depreciation is based on assets associated with the activity

10.5 Financial Management Indicators

(a) Underlying surplus or deficit	BENCHMARK	2024 $'000	2023 $'000	2022 $'000	2021 $'000
Net result for the year		31,282	34,164	20,673	28,552
Less non-operating income					
Capital contributions and recognition of assets		(25,301)	(20,464)	(11,708)	(21,568)
Specific capital grants for new assets		(1,642)	(2,609)	(1,336)	(2,168)
Grants received in advance – current year		(3,245)	(3,769)	(2,470)	(1,530)
Grants received in advance – prior year year		3,769	2,470	1,530	1,510
Add non-operating expenses					
Impairment of receivables		5,881	-	-	-
Payment of redundancy		299	-	-	-
Underlying surplus/(deficit)	0	11,043	9,792	6,689	4,796

The intent of the underlying result is to show the outcome of a Council's normal or usual day to day operations.

The ratio highlights that moderate underlying surpluses continue to be generated. This is through the realisation of income in excess of expectations, such as supplementary rates from strong municipal growth, and interest income.

(b) Underlying surplus ratio	BENCHMARK	2024 $'000	2023 $'000	2022 $'000	2021 $'000
Underlying surplus or deficit		11,043	9,792	6,689	4,796
Recurrent Income*		92,734	88,439	79,071	72,830
Underlying surplus ratio %	0%	11.9%	11.1%	8.5%	6.6%

This ratio serves as an overall measure of financial operating effectiveness.

The underlying surplus ratio indicates a relatively moderate surplus on recurrent income, which is taken to Council reserves and used for the maintenance, development, and/or acquisition of infrastructure assets to service the needs of the municipality.

(c) Net financial liabilities	BENCHMARK	2024 $'000	2023 $'000	2022 $'000	2021 $'000
Liquid assets less		99,112	115,406	107,270	77,579
Total liabilities		26,010	32,518	38,131	18,042
Net financial liabilities		73,102	82,888	69,139	59,537

This measure shows whether Council's total liabilities can be met by its liquid assets. An excess of total liabilities over liquid assets means that, if all liabilities fell due at once, additional revenue would be needed to fund the shortfall.

The excess of liquid assets of total liabilities indicates that Council is able to meet all current financial obligations, while also maintaining reserve funding for future municipal needs.

(d) Net financial liabilities ratio	BENCHMARK	2024 $'000	2023 $'000	2022 $'000	2021 $'000
Net financial liabilities		73,102	82,888	69,139	59,537
Recurrent Income*		92,734	88,439	79,071	72,830
Net financial liabilities ratio %	0%- (50%)	78.8%	93.7%	87.4%	81.7%

This ratio indicates the net financial obligations of Council compared to its recurrent income.

Council is currently in the position of having net financial assets, and as such has no concern in servicing current or future financial obligations.

* Recurrent income excludes income received specifically for new or upgraded assets, physical resources received free of charge or other income of a capital nature.

(e) Asset consumption ratio

An asset consumption ratio has been calculated in relation to each asset class required to be included in the long-term strategic asset management plan of Council.

	BENCHMARK	2024 $'000	2023 $'000	2022 $'000	2021 $'000
Buildings					
Fair value (carrying amount)		43,067	39,507	39,175	30,085
Current replacement cost (gross)		50,501	46,249	44,634	34,410
Asset consumption ratio %	>60%	85.3%	85.4%	87.8%	87.4%
Roads and bridges					
Fair value (carrying amount)		331,367	264,290	219,324	215,692
Current replacement cost (gross)		748,190	578,101	478,960	471,003
Asset consumption ratio %	>60%	44.3%	45.7%	45.8%	45.8%
Drainage					
Fair value (carrying amount)		212,381	163,624	159,620	157,936
Current replacement cost (gross)		331,169	258,564	251,949	247,737
Asset consumption ratio %	>60%	64.1%	63.3%	63.4%	63.8%

This ratio indicates the level of service potential available in Council's existing asset base.

This ratio measures the extent to which depreciable assets have been consumed by comparing their written down value to their replacement cost. Through the development of its Long Term Financial Management Plan and Asset Management Plans, Council continues to plan for the timely replacement of infrastructure assets.

(f) Asset renewal funding ratio

An asset consumption ratio has been calculated in relation to each asset class required to be included in the long-term strategic asset management plan of Council.

	BENCHMARK	2024 $'000	2023 $'000	2022 $'000	2021 $'000
Buildings					
Projected capital funding outlays**		9,623	10,465	8,875	8,116
Projected capital expenditure funding***		10,638	9,657	9,303	8,595
Asset renewal funding ratio %	90-100%	90.5%	108.4%	95.4%	94.4%
Roads and bridges					
Projected capital funding outlays**		84,063	95,279	92,453	87,341
Projected capital expenditure funding***		92,925	87,923	96,907	92,493
Asset renewal funding ratio %	90-100%	90.5%	108.4%	95.4%	94.4%
Drainage					
Projected capital funding outlays**		4,105	4,538	4,130	4,145
Projected capital expenditure funding***		4,538	4,188	4,329	4,389
Asset renewal funding ratio %	90-100%	90.5%	108.4%	95.4%	94.4%
Parks and open space					
Projected capital funding outlays**		6,544	6,943	6,403	5,575
Projected capital expenditure funding***		7,234	6,407	6,711	5,904
Asset renewal funding ratio %	90-100%	90.5%	108.4%	95.4%	94.4%

** Current value of projected capital funding outlays for an asset identified in Council's long-term financial plan.

*** Value of projected capital expenditure funding for an asset identified in Council's long-term strategic asset management plan.

This ratio measures Council's capacity to fund future asset replacement requirements.

The asset renewal funding ratio compares the budgeted renewal expenditure to the projected capital expenditure requirements in the Long Term Financial Management Plan, as established through the Asset Management Plans of Council. This ratio should be considered over a longer period of time, at least 10 years, to assess if Council is adequately funding the renewal of its assets.

Council adopted a Financial Management Strategy in June 2023 which included a Long Term Financial Plan to 30 June 2033. That Plan included data that demonstrated Council has, on average over the 10 year life of the Plan, provided funding to renew assets in accordance with Asset Management Plans.

(g) Asset sustainability ratio	BENCHMARK	2024 $'000	2023 $'000	2022 $'000	2021 $'000
Capex on replacement/renewal of existing assets		10,384	10,523	10,229	12,535
Annual depreciation expense		16,934	15,180	14,683	14,612
Asset sustainability ratio %	100%	61.3%	69.3%	69.7%	85.8%

This ratio calculates the extent to which Council is maintaining operating capacity through renewal of their existing asset base.

Council has experienced a period of investment in new assets and this is reflected in the result for this indicator in the period reported. Council will continue to monitor its performance through the Long Term Financial Plan and manage assets in accordance with Asset Management Plans.

Tasmanian Audit Office

Independent Auditor's Report

To the Councillors of Clarence City Council

Clarence City Council

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Opinion

I have audited the financial report of Clarence City Council (Council), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2024 and statements of comprehensive income, changes in equity and cash flows for the year then ended, notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the statement of certification signed by the Chief Executive Officer.

In my opinion, the accompanying financial report:

(a) presents fairly, in all material respects, Council's financial position as at 30 June 2024 and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended

(b) is in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993* and Australian Accounting Standards.

Basis for Opinion

I conducted the audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of my report. I am independent of Council in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to my audit of the financial report in Australia. I have also fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

The *Audit Act 2008* further promotes the independence of the Auditor-General. The Auditor-General is the auditor of all Tasmanian public sector entities and can only be removed by Parliament. The Auditor-General may conduct an audit in any way considered appropriate and is not subject to direction by any person about the way in which audit powers are to be exercised. The Auditor-General has for the purposes of conducting an audit, access to all documents and property and can report to Parliament matters which in the Auditor-General's opinion are significant.

My audit responsibility does not extend to the budget figures included in the financial report, the asset renewal funding ratio disclosed in note 10.5 (f), nor the Significant Business Activities disclosed in note 10.4 to the financial report and accordingly, I express no opinion on them.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Key Audit Matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in my professional judgement, were of most significance in my audit of the financial report of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of my audit of the financial report as a whole, and in forming my opinion thereon, and I do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

Why this matter is considered to be one of the most significant matters in the audit	Audit procedures to address the matter included
Fair value of financial instruments not quoted in an active market *Refer to note 6.1 and 9.11.*	
At 30 June 2024, Council's assets included land, land under roads, buildings, and infrastructure assets, such as roads and bridges, drainage, parks and recreation and waste management assets valued at fair value totalling $1.19 billion. The fair values of these assets are based on market values and current replacement cost. Council undertakes formal revaluations on a regular basis to ensure valuations represent fair value. In between valuations Council considers the application of indexation to ensure that carrying values reflect fair values. During 2023-24, Council undertook a full revaluation of roads, bridges and land under roads. Indexation was applied to land, buildings and drainage assets. The valuations were determined by experts and are highly dependent upon a range of assumptions and estimated unit rates.	• Assessing the scope, expertise and independence of experts involved to assist in the valuations. • Evaluating the appropriateness of the valuation methodology applied to determine fair values. • Critically assessing assumptions and other key inputs into the valuation model. • Testing, on a sample basis, the mathematical accuracy of valuation model calculations. • Evaluating indexation applied to assets between formal valuations. • Reviewing the reconciliation of asset balances in the general ledger to the underlying fixed asset register. • Evaluating the adequacy of disclosures made in the financial report, including those regarding key assumptions used.

Responsibilities of the Chief Executive Officer for the Financial Report

The Chief Executive Officer is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Local Government Act 1993* and for such internal control as determined necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the Chief Executive Officer is responsible for assessing Council's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless Council is to be dissolved by an Act of Parliament or the Councillors intend to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, I exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. I also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Council's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Chief Executive Officer.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Chief Executive Officer's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on Council's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify my opinion. My conclusion is based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of my auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause Council to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

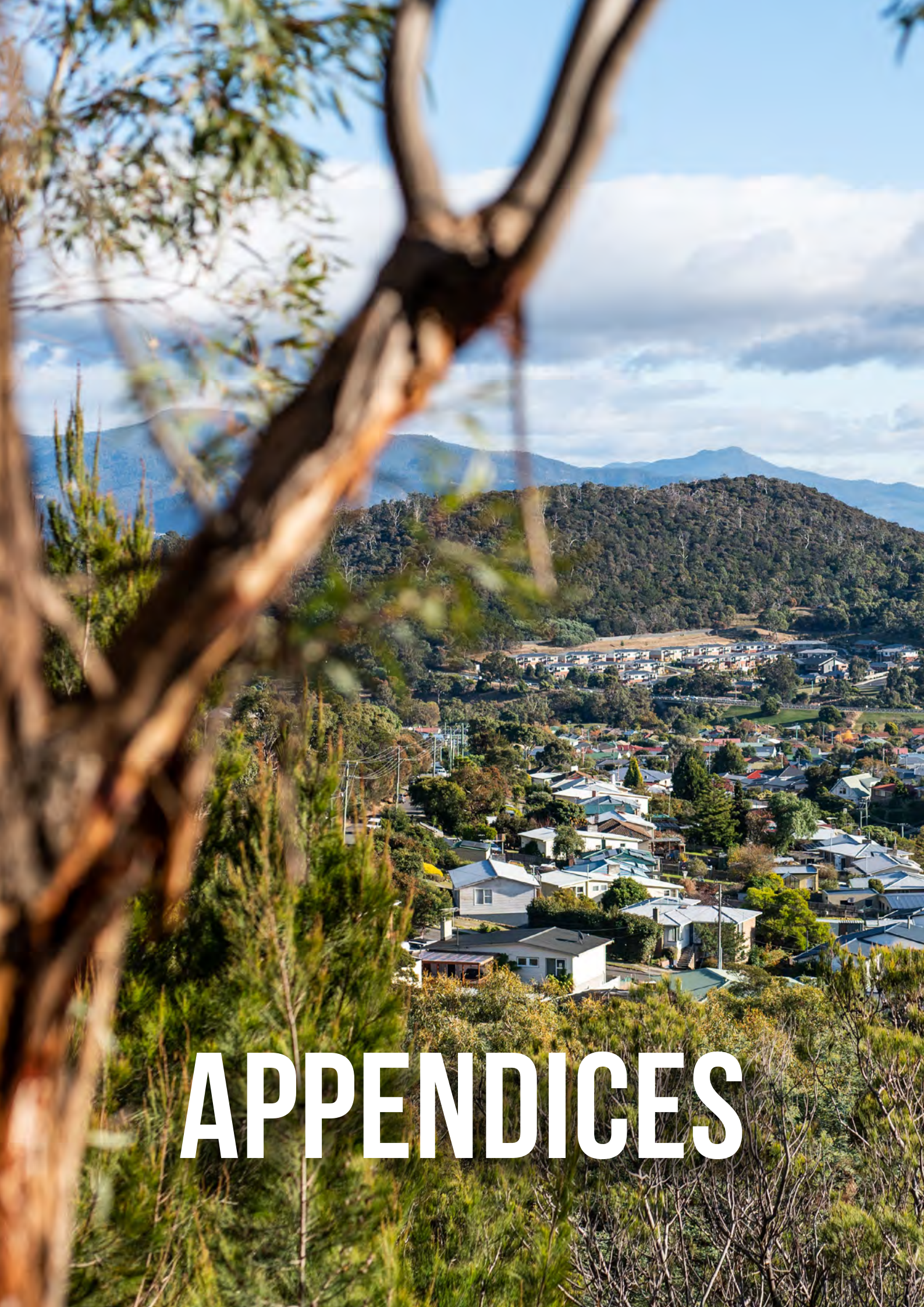
I communicate with the Chief Executive Officer regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during my audit.

From the matters communicated with the Chief Executive Officer, I determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial report of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. I describe these matters in my auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, I determine that a matter should not be communicated in my report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.



David Bond
Assistant Auditor-General
Delegate of the Auditor-General
Tasmanian Audit Office

8 November 2024
Hobart



APPENDICES

APPENDIX A

ALLOWANCES AND EXPENSES

The following is a statement of allowances and expenses paid to the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors provided in accordance with Section 72 of the *Local Government Act 1993.*

	ALLOWANCE	EXPENSES	TOTAL AMOUNT
Councillor Blomeley, Mayor[1]	$116,363.36	$9,407.59	$125,770.95
Councillor Chong	$33,247.71	Nil	$33,247.71
Councillor Darko	$33,247.71	Nil	$33,247.71
Councillor Goyne	$33,247.71	$1,311.85	$34,559.56
Councillor Hulme	$33,247.71	$5,507.32	$38,755.03
Councillor Hunter	$33,247.71	$5,659.21	$38,906.92
Councillor James	$33,247.71	$2,260.12	$35,507.83
Councillor Kennedy	$33,247.71	$519.36	$33,767.07
Councillor Mulder	$33,247.71	$6,491.37	$39,739.08
Councillor Ritchie, Deputy Mayor	$56,349.76	$7,738.07	$64,087.83
Councillor Walker	$33,247.71	$1,421.10	$34,668.81
Councillor Warren	$33,247.71	$1,719.93	$34,967.64
	$505,190.22	**$42,035.92**	**$547,226.14**

1) The Mayor also receives a fully maintained vehicle for private use.

APPENDIX B

COUNCILLOR ATTENDANCE

The following is a statement of the attendance of Councillors at Meetings of Council during the 2023/2024 financial year, in accordance with Section 72 of the *Local Government Act, 1993*.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

	MEETINGS HELD	MEETINGS ATTENDED
Councillor Blomeley, Mayor	19	19
Councillor Chong[6]	19	17
Councillor Darko[4]	19	17
Councillor Goyne	19	19
Councillor Hulme[3]	19	17
Councillor Hunter[1]	19	18
Councillor James[2]	19	18
Councillor Kennedy	19	19
Councillor Mulder[5]	19	15
Councillor Ritchie, Deputy Mayor	19	17
Councillor Walker	19	17
Councillor Warren[7]	19	17

*Leave of Absence approved:

- Councillor Hunter – Council Meeting of 17 July 2023
- Councillor James – 15 to 30 January 2024
- Councillor Hulme – 9 to 28 February 2024
- Councillor Darko – 4 to 24 March 2024
- Councillor Mulder – 15 April 2024
- Councillor Chong – 14 May to 4 June 2024
- Councillor Warren – 16 June to 17 July 2024

APPENDIX C

SUPPLY AND PROVISION OF GOODS

The following is a report in relation to contracts for supply or provision of goods or services valued at or exceeding $250,000 (excluding GST) that is entered into or extended between 1 July 2023 and 30 June 2024. This is in accordance with Regulation 29 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2015*.

CONTRACT DESCRIPTION	CONTRACT START DATE	CONTRACT EXPIRY DATE	OPTIONS FOR EXTENSION	VALUE	BUSINESS NAME OF SUCCESSFUL CONTRACTOR	BUSINESS ADDRESS OF SUCCESSFUL CONTRACTOR
TT1489-23 – Alma Street Bellerive Children's Services Building and Playground Upgrade	18/7/2023	Defects Liability Period expires 12 months after the date of practical Completion	N/A	$2,331,363.00	Macquarie Builders Pty Ltd	278 Macquarie street Hobart Tas 7000
T1464-22 – Pindos Park, Construction of Playground and Landscape Works	9/4/2023	Defects Liability Period expires 12 months after the date of practical Completion	N/A	$1,038,232.00	David Hawkes trading as Botanic Resources	PO Box 796, Sandy Bay Tas 7006
T1473-22 – Wisteria Avenue Stormwater Upgrade Construction	8/9/2023	Defects Liability Period expires 12 months after the date of practical Completion	N/A	$635,970.00	Batchelor Construction Group Pty Ltd	115 Browns Road Kingston Tas 7050
T1501-23 – Asphalt Supply Only	25/9/2023	30/6/2025	Nil – already extended	Schedule of rates – $244,000.00 estimate	Downer EDI Works Pty Ltd	3 Whitestone Drive, Granton Tas 7030
T1461-22 – Alterations and Additions – Lindisfarne Community Activities Centre	11/1/2023	Defects Liability Period expires 12 months after the date of practical Completion	N/A	$302,406.00	Haven Built Pty Ltd	PO Box 285, North Hobart Tas 7000
Q1509-23 – Provision of Microsoft Enterprise Agreement	22/11/2023	21/11/2026	3 year agreement	$643,706.10	Crayon Australia Pty Ltd	Level 7, 100 Arthur Street, North Sydney NSW 2060
T1507-23 – Panel of Providers for the Supply of Natural Asset Maintenance Services	2/2/2024	14/3/2025	Extend 2 years	Schedule of rates	Multiple	Multiple
T1448-21 – Parking Monitoring and Management Solution	26/5/2023	26/5/2028		$1,100,000.00	DCA Cities Holdings Pty Ltd	Level 6, 30 Convention Centre Place, South Wharf, Vic 3000
C1508-23 Pavement Materials Supply	28/5/2024	30/6/2025	One Year	Schedule of Rates - $200,000.00 estimate	Hanson Australia Pty Ltd	124 Gormonston Road, Moonah, Tasmania 7009

CONTRACT DESCRIPTION	CONTRACT START DATE	CONTRACT EXPIRY DATE	OPTIONS FOR EXTENSION	VALUE	BUSINESS NAME OF SUCCESSFUL CONTRACTOR	BUSINESS ADDRESS OF SUCCESSFUL CONTRACTOR
C1529 Construction of Seniors Exercise Site at Simmons Park, Lindisfarne	23/5/2024	Defects Liability Period expires 12 months after the date of practical Completion	N/A	$193,630.00	Parkway Enterprises Pty Ltd T/as SLS Landscaping	14-16 Hale Street, Derwent Park Tas 7009
C1526-24 Balaka Street Rosny Stormwater Upgrade	24/4/2024	Defects Liability Period expires 12 months after the date of practical Completion	N/A	$102,289.76	De Kleine Contracting Pty ltd	130 Cudgee Road, Mountain River, Tasmania 7019
Supply and Delivery of Toilets to Opossum Bay	25/10/2023	Defects Liability Period expires 12 months after the date of practical Completion	N/A	$120,918.00	Landmark Engineering and Design Pty Ltd T/as Modus Australia	Santos Place, 32 Turbot Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000
C1492-23 Cleaning Public Toilets, BBQ's and Picnic Tables	29/6/2023	30/09/2025	Nil-Already Extended	$214,612.95	NB Direct Pty Ltd T/as Cleenco	PO Box 108, Moonah Tas 7009
C1528-24 Droughty Peninsula Structure Plan	26/6/2024	One Off Project-Expires when Project is completed	N/A	$193,900.00	Realm Studios Pty Ltd	89 Macquarie Street, Hobart, Tasmania 7000
C1480-22 Annual Footrhpath Reconstruction Program	29/6/2023	30/6/2025	One Year	Rates	Earth Innovations Pty Ltd	4 Marana Avenue, Rose Bay, Tasmania 7015
C1504-23 Clarence Council Chambers Heat Pump Replacement	4/4/2024	One Off Project-Expires when Project is completed	N/A	$165,722.00	TCM Proprietary Limited	90 Charles Street, Moonah, Tasmania 7009
C1499-23 Howrah Stormwater Detention Basins – Design Consultancy	19/3/2024	One Off Project-Expires when Project is completed	N/A	$123,253.00	Engeny Australia Pty Ltd	Level 1, 500 Queens Domain, Brisbane QLD 4000

APPENDIX D

STATEMENT OF GRANTS AND BENEFITS

Statement of Grants and Benefits provided in accordance with *Section 77 of the Local Government Act 1993.*

RECIPIENT	AMOUNT
Ten Lives Cat Centre	$6,818.18
Cycling South	$11,700.00
Surf Life Saving Tasmania	$18,881.82
Hobart Playback Theatre	$4,840.00
Natasha Williams	$250.00
Luke Potito	$150.00
Jasper Dalgleish	$250.00
Oscar Wallis	$250.00
Kirra Hulls	$250.00
Ella Kay	$250.00
Zara Kay	$250.00
Clarence Crocs Waterpolo	$300.00
Kanako Watts	$150.00
Maiya Wood	$100.00
Jocob Jones	$150.00
Australian Retired Persons Association	$150.00
Angus Gillham	$250.00
Didier Schnitzer	$150.00
Pipe Clay Coast Care	$500.00
Charli Fitzgerald	$100.00
Henry McCallum	$150.00
Hugh McCallum	$150.00
Meara Cleary	$100.00
Mackenzie Mumme	$100.00
Risdon Vale Primary School Association	$150.00
Charlotte Barnes	$150.00
Charlie Cubit	$150.00
Lily Harper	$150.00
Blake Harper	$150.00
Hannah Griziniz	$150.00
Reuben Jacobson	$150.00
Oliver Byrne	$150.00
Maighan Arnold	$150.00
Stevie-Lee Johns	$150.00
Leo Korn	$150.00
Simon Thomas	$150.00
The Salvation Army	$500.00

RECIPIENT	AMOUNT
Immune Deficiencies Foundation Australia	$500.00
Jasper Hay	$150.00
William Green	$250.00
Abbie Smith	$250.00
Audrey White	$250.00
Warrane Mornington Neighbourhood Centre and Community Garden	$500.00
Aurora Disability Services O/B Alisha Hunter	$250.00
Fuschia House Ukele Players Inc	$500.00
Rose Viney	$250.00
Helen Mollon	$250.00
Audrey Farrelly	$200.00
Lucas Cook	$200.00
Aston Farrelly	$200.00
Harrison Nadler	$250.00
Dimitrios Klonis	$200.00
Huey Brasnja	$200.00
Summer Brasnja	$200.00
Harry Moore	$200.00
Finn Burke	$200.00
Rotary Club of Hobart	$140.00
Rebecca Ogg	$250.00
Ava Carlton	$250.00
Alejandro Fisher	$250.00
Cremorne Community Group	$500.00
Jessica Gardner	$250.00
Ashank Gupta	$250.00
Charlotte Beach	$250.00
Imogen Randley	$250.00
Sam De Salis	$250.00
Jack Woodberry	$250.00
Amelie Brown	$250.00
Ava Pickrell	$250.00
Raena Iyer	$250.00
Polly Lawrence	$250.00
Corpus Christi Catholic School	$500.00
Carolyn Townsend	$250.00

RECIPIENT	AMOUNT
Flynn Marshall	$250.00
Oscar Wiggins	$250.00
Rokeby Neighbourhood Centre	$3,254.79
Phoenix Calvert	$250.00
Akira Midgley	$250.00
Noah Viney	$250.00
Lyla Freeman	$250.00
Eizekiel Prebble	$250.00
Erica D'Silva	$230.00
Sophie King	$250.00
Isla O'Brien	$191.41
Layla Gatward	$190.00
Riley O'Connor	$150.00
Oliver Hutchinson	$250.00
Sandford Scout Group	$500.00
Viu TV – MakerVille Company Limited	281.40
Girl Guides Association (Tasmania)	$1,278.30
Rosny Park Bowls Club Inc	$80,753.34
J & M McCarthy	$119.10
G Fraser	$236.10
Jason Long	$77.00
Tipalea Private No. 16 Pty Ltd	$23,642.00
N Doedens	$122.00
T Fisher-Rust	$236.10
J Jury & S Archer	$119.10
C Rennie	$122.00
Australian Christian College	$100.00
Bayview High School	$100.00
Bellerive Primary School	$100.00
Cambridge Primary School	$100.00
Clarendon Vale Primary School	$100.00
Clarence High School	$100.00
Corpus Christi Catholic School	$100.00
Eastside Lutheran College	$100.00
Emmanuel Christian School	$100.00
Howrah Primary School	$100.00
John Paul II Primary School	$100.00
MacKillop Catholic College	$100.00
Montagu Bay Primary School	$100.00
Lauderdale Primary School	$100.00
Lindisfarne North Primary School	$100.00

RECIPIENT	AMOUNT
Richmond Primary School	$100.00
Risdon Vale Primary School	$100.00
Rose Bay High School	$100.00
Rosny College	$2,100.00
South Arm Primary School	$2,100.00
Southern Support School	$100.00
St John's Catholic School	$100.00
The Cottage School	$100.00
Warrane Primary School	$100.00
The Lions Club of Glenorchy (City) Incorporated	$2,000.00
Military Brotherhood Military Motorcycle Club	$3,549.06
Rosny Park Tennis Club	$4,000.00
Clifton Beach Surf Life Saving Club Inc	$2,890.00
Southern Tasmanian Wine Regions Inc	$6,300.00
Risdon Vale Neighbourhood Centre	$1,818.18
Hobart Malayali Association (HMA) Inc	$8,500.00
Business East Inc	$2,500.00
Hobart Vintage Machinery	$4,000.00
Coal River Valley Tourism Association Inc	$30,000.00
Richmond Village Fair and Events Inc	$70,000.00
Schools Triathlon Challenge	$1,452.00
Rosny Park Community Market	$972.92
Taspride Incorporated	$10,000.00
Salsita Events	$5,000.00
Dominoes Basketball Club Inc	$580.00
Warrane Mornington Neighbourhood Centre	$1,606.00
Dragons Abreast Tasmania Hobart Inc	$1,984.00
Good Grief Studios Inc	$5,000.00
Clarendon Vale Neighbourhood Centre Inc	$7,937.75
South Arm Peninsula Residents' Association Inc	$3,250.00
Rural Rate Remissions	$184,755.00
Council Portion of Pension Remission	$165,075.00
Revaluation Rebates	$4,411.00
Boat Shed Rebates	$3,625.00
Conservation Covenants Remissions	$4,271.00
Public Benefit Discount and Community service obligations to individuals and groups for leased council properties. Other community service obligations will be identified when leases are reviewed.	$255,370.00

Amount excludes GST





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