

# Castlereagh Macquarie County Council

GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
for the year ended 30 June 2023

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## General Purpose Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2023

### Understanding Council's Financial Statements

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#### Introduction

Each year NSW local governments are required to present audited financial statements to their council and community.

#### What you will find in the Statements

The financial statements set out the financial performance, financial position and cash flows of Council for the financial year ended 30 June 2023.

The format of the financial statements is standard across all NSW Councils and complies with both the accounting and reporting requirements of Australian Accounting Standards and requirements as set down by the Office of Local Government.

#### About the Councillor/Management Statement

The financial statements must be certified by senior staff as 'presenting fairly' the Council's financial results for the year and are required to be adopted by Council – ensuring both responsibility for and ownership of the financial statements.

#### About the Primary Financial Statements

The financial statements incorporate five "primary" financial statements:

##### 1. The Income Statement

Summarises Council's financial performance for the year, listing all income and expenses. This statement also displays Council's original adopted budget to provide a comparison between what was projected and what actually occurred.

##### 2. The Statement of Comprehensive Income

Primarily records changes in the fair value of Council's Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment.

##### 3. The Statement of Financial Position

A 30 June snapshot of Council's financial position indicating its assets, liabilities and "net wealth".

##### 4. The Statement of Changes in Equity

The overall change for the year (in dollars) of Council's "net wealth".

##### 5. The Statement of Cash Flows

Indicates where Council's cash came from and where it was spent. This statement also displays Council's original adopted budget to provide a comparison between what was projected and what actually occurred.

#### About the Notes to the Financial Statements

The Notes to the Financial Statements provide greater detail and additional information on the five primary financial statements.

#### About the Auditor's Reports

Council's financial statements are required to be audited by the NSW Audit Office.

In NSW the auditor provides 2 audit reports:

1. an opinion on whether the financial statements present fairly the Council's financial performance and position, and
2. their observations on the conduct of the audit, including commentary on the Council's financial performance and financial position.

#### Who uses the Financial Statements?

The financial statements are publicly available documents and must be presented at a Council meeting between seven days and five weeks after the date of the audit report.

The public can make submissions to Council up to seven days subsequent to the public presentation of the financial statements.

Council is required to forward an audited set of financial statements to the Office of Local Government.

## Castlereagh Macquarie County Council

### General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2023

#### Statement by Councillors and Management

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

The attached general purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with:

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

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

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

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

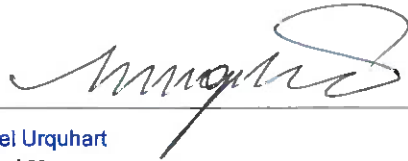
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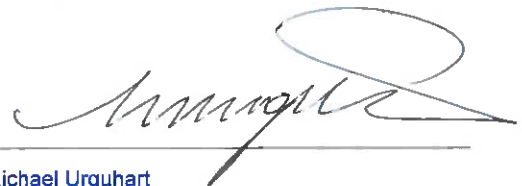
**Doug Batten**  
Chairperson  
28 August 2023



**Bill Fisher**  
Deputy Chairperson  
28 August 2023



**Michael Urquhart**  
General Manager  
28 August 2023



**Michael Urquhart**  
Responsible Accounting Officer  
28 August 2023

## Castlereagh Macquarie County Council

### Income Statement

for the year ended 30 June 2023

Original unaudited budget 2023 \$ '000		Notes	Actual 2023 \$ '000	Actual 2022 \$ '000
	<b>Income from continuing operations</b>			
187	User charges and fees	B2-1	148	95
5	Other revenues	B2-2	6	5
883	Grants and contributions provided for operating purposes	B2-3	1,636	921
6	Interest and investment income	B2-4	27	3
5	Net gain from the disposal of assets	B4-1	15	46
1,086	<b>Total income from continuing operations</b>		<b>1,832</b>	1,070
	<b>Expenses from continuing operations</b>			
591	Employee benefits and on-costs	B3-1	551	564
538	Materials and services	B3-2	1,218	437
80	Depreciation, amortisation and impairment of non-financial assets	B3-3	94	98
1,209	<b>Total expenses from continuing operations</b>		<b>1,863</b>	1,099
(123)	<b>Operating result from continuing operations</b>		<b>(31)</b>	(29)
(123)	<b>Net operating result for the year attributable to Council</b>		<b>(31)</b>	(29)
(123)	<b>Net operating result for the year before grants and contributions provided for capital purposes</b>		<b>(31)</b>	(29)

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

## Castlereagh Macquarie County Council

### Statement of Comprehensive Income

for the year ended 30 June 2023

	Notes	Actual 2023 \$ '000	Actual 2022 \$ '000
<b>Net operating result for the year – from Income Statement</b>		<b>(31)</b>	<b>(29)</b>
<b>Other comprehensive income:</b>			
Amounts which will not be reclassified subsequently to the operating result			
Gain (loss) on revaluation of infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	C1-6	<u>253</u>	<u>–</u>
<b>Total items which will not be reclassified subsequently to the operating result</b>		<b>253</b>	<b>–</b>
<b>Total other comprehensive income for the year</b>		<b>253</b>	<b>–</b>
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year attributable to Council</b>		<b>222</b>	<b>(29)</b>

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

# Castlereagh Macquarie County Council

## Statement of Financial Position

as at 30 June 2023

	Notes	Actual 2023 \$ '000	Actual 2022 \$ '000
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	C1-1	581	632
Investments	C1-2	500	500
Receivables	C1-4	105	78
Inventories	C1-5	79	49
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>1,265</b>	<b>1,259</b>
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment (IPPE)	C1-6	576	367
Right of use assets	C2-1	10	15
<b>Total non-current assets</b>		<b>586</b>	<b>382</b>
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>1,851</b>	<b>1,641</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Payables	C3-1	47	70
Lease liabilities	C2-1	5	5
Employee benefit provisions	C3-2	171	148
<b>Total current liabilities</b>		<b>223</b>	<b>223</b>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>			
Lease liabilities	C2-1	5	10
Employee benefit provisions	C3-2	–	7
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>228</b>	<b>240</b>
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>1,623</b>	<b>1,401</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Accumulated surplus	C4-1	1,186	1,217
IPPE revaluation reserve	C4-1	437	184
<b>Council equity interest</b>		<b>1,623</b>	<b>1,401</b>
<b>Total equity</b>		<b>1,623</b>	<b>1,401</b>

The above Statement of Financial Position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

## Castlereagh Macquarie County Council

### Statement of Changes in Equity

for the year ended 30 June 2023

	Notes	2023			2022		
		Accumulated surplus \$ '000	IPPE revaluation reserve \$ '000	Total equity \$ '000	Accumulated surplus \$ '000	IPPE revaluation reserve \$ '000	Total equity \$ '000
Opening balance at 1 July		1,217	184	1,401	1,246	184	1,430
Net operating result for the year		(31)	–	(31)	(29)	–	(29)
<b>Net operating result for the period</b>		<b>(31)</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>(31)</b>	<b>(29)</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>(29)</b>
<b>Other comprehensive income</b>							
Gain (loss) on revaluation of infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	C1-6	–	253	253	–	–	–
<b>Other comprehensive income</b>		<b>–</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>
<b>Total comprehensive income</b>		<b>(31)</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>(29)</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>(29)</b>
<b>Closing balance at 30 June</b>		<b>1,186</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>1,623</b>	<b>1,217</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>1,401</b>

The above Statement of Changes in Equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.



## Castlereagh Macquarie County Council

### Statement of Cash Flows

for the year ended 30 June 2023

Original unaudited budget 2023 \$ '000		Notes	Actual 2023 \$ '000	Actual 2022 \$ '000
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>				
<i>Receipts:</i>				
187	User charges and fees		125	49
6	Interest received		23	2
883	Grants and contributions		1,782	921
5	Other		6	90
<i>Payments:</i>				
(591)	Payments to employees		(535)	(554)
(601)	Payments for materials and services		(1,362)	(466)
–	Other		(55)	(74)
(111)	<b>Net cash flows from operating activities</b>	G1-1	<b>(16)</b>	<b>(32)</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>				
<i>Receipts:</i>				
–	Redemption of term deposits		1,000	375
40	Proceeds from sale of IPPE		23	77
<i>Payments:</i>				
–	Acquisition of term deposits		(1,000)	–
(70)	Payments for IPPE		(53)	(167)
(30)	<b>Net cash flows from investing activities</b>		<b>(30)</b>	<b>285</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>				
<i>Payments:</i>				
(5)	Principal component of lease payments		(5)	(4)
(5)	<b>Net cash flows from financing activities</b>		<b>(5)</b>	<b>(4)</b>
(146)	<b>Net change in cash and cash equivalents</b>		<b>(51)</b>	<b>249</b>
1,066	Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		632	383
920	<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>	C1-1	<b>581</b>	<b>632</b>
121	plus: Investments on hand at end of year	C1-2	500	500
1,041	<b>Total cash, cash equivalents and investments</b>		<b>1,081</b>	<b>1,132</b>

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

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## A About Council and these financial statements

### A1-1 Basis of preparation

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These financial statements were authorised for issue by Council on 28 August 2023. Council has the power to amend and reissue these financial statements in cases where critical information is received from public submissions or where the OLG directs Council to amend the financial statements.

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

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

These general purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and Australian Accounting Interpretations, the *Local Government Act 1993 (Act)* and *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 (Regulation)*, and the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting.

Council is a not for-profit entity.

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

#### **Historical cost convention**

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

#### **Significant accounting estimates and judgements**

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

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

#### **Critical accounting estimates and assumptions**

Council makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future.

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

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

- i. estimated fair values of infrastructure, property, plant and equipment – refer Note C1-6
- ii. employee benefit provisions – refer Note C3-2.

#### **Significant judgements in applying the Council's accounting policies**

- i. Impairment of receivables – refer Note C1-4.
- ii. Determination of whether performance obligations are sufficiently specific and whether the contract is within the scope of AASB 15 *Revenue from Contracts with Customers* and / or AASB 1058 *Income of Not-for-Profit Entities* – refer to Notes B2-1 – B2-3.
- iii. Determination of the lease term, discount rate (when not implicit in the lease) and whether an arrangement contains a lease – refer to Note C2-1.

### **Monies and other assets received by Council**

#### **The Consolidated Fund**

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

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

- General purpose operations

## A1-1 Basis of preparation (continued)

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### The Trust Fund

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

A separate statement of monies held in the Trust Fund is available for inspection at the council office by any person free of charge

### Goods and Services Tax (GST)

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

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

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

### Volunteer services

Council does not engage volunteers.

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

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

Certain new accounting standards and interpretations (ie. pronouncements) have been published by the Australian Accounting Standards Board that are not mandatory for the 30 June 2023 reporting period.

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

As at the date of authorisation of these financial statements Council does not consider that any of these new (and still to be applied) standards and interpretations are likely to have a material impact on the Council's future financial statements, financial position, financial performance or cash flows.

### New accounting standards adopted during the year

The following new standards are effective for the first time at 30 June 2023:

- *AASB 2022-3 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Illustrative Examples for Not-for-Profit Entities accompanying AASB 15*
- *AASB 2020-3 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Annual Improvements 2018 – 2020 and Other Amendments*

There has been no material impact from the adoption of these standards on the financial statements.

## B Financial Performance

### B1 Functions or activities

#### B1-1 Functions or activities – income, expenses and assets

Income, expenses and assets have been directly attributed to the following functions or activities. Details of those functions or activities are provided in Note B1-2.

	Income		Expenses		Operating result		Grants and contributions		Carrying amount of assets	
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000
<b>Functions or activities</b>										
Governance	-	-	33	32	(33)	(32)	-	-	-	-
Administration	-	-	255	247	(255)	(247)	-	-	-	-
Environment	1,832	1,070	1,575	820	257	250	1,636	921	1,851	1,641
<b>Total functions and activities</b>	<b>1,832</b>	<b>1,070</b>	<b>1,863</b>	<b>1,099</b>	<b>(31)</b>	<b>(29)</b>	<b>1,636</b>	<b>921</b>	<b>1,851</b>	<b>1,641</b>

## B1-2 Components of functions or activities

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### **GOVERNANCE**

Includes costs related to Council's role as a component of democratic government, members' fees and expenses, subscriptions to local authority associations, meeting of Council and policy-making committees, public disclosure (e.g. GIPA) and legislative compliance.

### **ADMINISTRATION**

Includes corporate support and other support services and any Council policy compliance.

### **ENVIRONMENT**

Includes priority/noxious plants and insect/vermin control, other environmental protection.

## B2 Sources of income

### B2-1 User charges and fees

	Timing	2023 Actual \$ '000	2022 Actual \$ '000
<b>Other user charges and fees</b>			
<b>(i) Fees and charges – statutory and regulatory functions (per s608)</b>			
Private works – section 67	2	148	95
<b>Total fees and charges – statutory/regulatory</b>		<b>148</b>	<b>95</b>
<b>Total other user charges and fees</b>		<b>148</b>	<b>95</b>
<b>Total user charges and fees</b>		<b>148</b>	<b>95</b>
<b>Timing of revenue recognition for user charges and fees</b>			
User charges and fees recognised over time (1)		–	–
User charges and fees recognised at a point in time (2)		148	95
<b>Total user charges and fees</b>		<b>148</b>	<b>95</b>

#### Accounting policy

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

The performance obligation relates to the specific services which are provided to the customers and generally the payment terms are within 30 days of the provision of the service. There is no material obligation for Council in relation to refunds or returns.



## B2-2 Other revenues

	Timing	2023 Actual \$ '000	2022 Actual \$ '000
Insurance claims recoveries	2	6	5
<b>Total other revenue</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>

### Timing of revenue recognition for other revenue

Other revenue recognised over time (1)		–	–
Other revenue recognised at a point in time (2)		6	5
<b>Total other revenue</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>

### Accounting policy for other revenue

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

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

## B2-3 Grants and contributions

	Timing	Operating 2023 Actual \$ '000	Operating 2022 Actual \$ '000	Capital 2023 Actual \$ '000	Capital 2022 Actual \$ '000
<b>Special purpose grants and non-developer contributions (tied)</b>					
<b>Cash contributions</b>					
<b>Previously specific grants:</b>					
Noxious weeds	2	1,068	357	–	–
<b>Previously contributions:</b>					
Other councils – joint works/services	2	568	564	–	–
<b>Total special purpose grants and non-developer contributions – cash</b>		<b>1,636</b>	<b>921</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>
<b>Total special purpose grants and non-developer contributions (tied)</b>		<b>1,636</b>	<b>921</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>
<b>Total grants and non-developer contributions</b>		<b>1,636</b>	<b>921</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>
<b>Comprising:</b>					
– Other funding		568	–	–	–
– State funding		1,068	921	–	–
		<b>1,636</b>	<b>921</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>
<b>Total grants and contributions</b>		<b>1,636</b>	<b>921</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>
<b>Timing of revenue recognition for grants and contributions</b>					
Grants and contributions recognised over time (1)		–	–	–	–
Grants and contributions recognised at a point in time (2)		1,636	921	–	–
<b>Total grants and contributions</b>		<b>1,636</b>	<b>921</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>

## B2-3 Grants and contributions (continued)

### Unspent grants and contributions

Certain grants and contributions are obtained by Council on the condition they be spent in a specified manner or in a future period but which are not yet spent in accordance with those conditions are as follows:

	<b>Operating 2023 Actual \$ '000</b>	Operating 2022 Actual \$ '000	<b>Capital 2023 Actual \$ '000</b>	Capital 2022 Actual \$ '000
<b>Unspent grants and contributions</b>				
Unspent funds at 1 July	185	244	-	-
<b>Add:</b> operating grants recognised in the current period but not yet spent	231	185	-	-
<b>Less:</b> Funds received in prior year but revenue recognised and funds spent in current year	(185)	(244)	-	-
<b>Unspent funds at 30 June</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

### Accounting policy

#### Grants and contributions – enforceable agreement with sufficiently specific performance obligations

Grant and contribution revenue from an agreement which is enforceable and contains sufficiently specific performance obligations is recognised as or when control of each performance obligations is transferred.

The performance obligations vary according to the agreement. Payment terms vary depending on the terms of the grant, cash is received upfront for some grants and on the achievement of certain payment milestones for others.

Performance obligations may be satisfied either at a point in time or over time and this is reflected in the revenue recognition pattern. Point in time recognition occurs when the beneficiary obtains control of the goods / services at a single time (e.g. completion of the project when a report / outcome is provided), whereas over time recognition is where the control of the services is ongoing throughout the project.

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.

#### Other grants and contributions

Assets, including cash, received from other grants and contributions are recognised at fair value when the asset is received. Council considers whether there are any related liability or equity items associated with the asset which are recognised in accordance with the relevant accounting standard.

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

## B2-4 Interest and investment income

	<b>2023 Actual \$ '000</b>	2022 Actual \$ '000
<b>Interest on financial assets measured at amortised cost</b>		
– Cash and investments	27	3
<b>Total interest and investment income (losses)</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>3</b>

### Accounting policy

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

## B3 Costs of providing services

### B3-1 Employee benefits and on-costs

	<b>2023</b>	2022
	<b>Actual</b>	Actual
	<b>\$ '000</b>	\$ '000
Salaries and wages	<b>398</b>	449
Travel expenses	<b>1</b>	–
Employee leave entitlements (ELE)	<b>84</b>	59
Superannuation	<b>50</b>	44
Workers' compensation insurance	<b>8</b>	10
Training costs (other than salaries and wages)	<b>7</b>	–
Protective clothing	<b>3</b>	2
<b>Total employee costs</b>	<b>551</b>	564
<b>Total employee costs expensed</b>	<b>551</b>	564
Number of 'full-time equivalent' employees (FTE) at year end	<b>6</b>	6

#### Accounting policy

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

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

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

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

## B3-2 Materials and services

	Notes	2023 Actual \$ '000	2022 Actual \$ '000
Raw materials and consumables		564	150
Contractor costs		331	–
Audit Fees	E2-1	14	19
<b>Previously other expenses:</b>			
Councillor and Mayoral fees and associated expenses	E1-2	33	32
Advertising		3	7
Computer software charges		19	19
Insurance		70	63
Office expenses (including computer expenses)		60	38
Postage		1	1
Printing and stationery		2	1
Telephone and communications		7	5
Plant expenses		88	88
Regional meeting expenses		23	10
Membership		3	4
<b>Total materials and services</b>		<b>1,218</b>	<b>437</b>
<b>Total materials and services</b>		<b>1,218</b>	<b>437</b>

### B3-3 Depreciation, amortisation and impairment of non-financial assets

	Notes	2023 \$ '000	2022 \$ '000
<b>Depreciation and amortisation</b>			
Plant and equipment		81	77
Office equipment		3	10
<b>Infrastructure:</b>			
– Buildings (non-specialised)	C1-6	5	7
Right of use assets	C2-1	5	4
<b>Total gross depreciation and amortisation costs</b>		<b>94</b>	<b>98</b>
<b>Total depreciation and amortisation costs</b>		<b>94</b>	<b>98</b>
<b>Total depreciation, amortisation and impairment for non-financial assets</b>		<b>94</b>	<b>98</b>

#### Accounting policy

##### Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation and amortisation are calculated using the straight line method to allocate their cost, net of their residual values, over their estimated useful lives.

##### Impairment of non-financial assets

Council assets held at fair value that are not held primarily for their ability to generate net cash flow, and that are deemed to be specialised, are not tested for impairment since these assets are assessed on an annual basis to ensure that the carrying amount is not materially different from fair value and therefore an impairment loss would be captured during this assessment.

Other non-financial assets that do not meet the criteria above are tested for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use.

For the purposes of assessing impairment, assets are grouped at the lowest levels for which there are separately identifiable cash inflows that are largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets (cash-generating units).

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

## B4 Gains or losses

### B4-1 Gain or loss from the disposal, replacement and de-recognition of assets

	Notes	2023 Actual \$ '000	2022 Actual \$ '000
<b>Gain (or loss) on disposal of plant and equipment</b>	C1-6		
Proceeds from disposal – plant and equipment		23	77
Less: carrying amount of plant and equipment assets sold/written off		(8)	(31)
<b>Gain (or loss) on disposal</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>46</b>
<b>Gain (or loss) on disposal of term deposits</b>	C1-2		
Proceeds from disposal/redemptions/maturities – term deposits		1,000	375
Less: carrying amount of term deposits sold/redeemed/matured		(1,000)	(375)
<b>Gain (or loss) on disposal</b>		<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>
<b>Net gain (or loss) from disposal of assets</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>46</b>

#### Accounting policy

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

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

## B5 Performance against budget

### B5-1 Material budget variations

Council's original budget was adopted by the Council on 27 June 2022 and is not required to be audited. 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, environmental factors, and by decisions made by Council.

While these General Purpose Financial Statements include the original budget adopted by Council, the Act requires Council to review its financial budget on a quarterly basis, so it is able to manage the variation between actuals and budget that invariably occur during the year.

**Material variations of more than 10%** between original budget and actual results or where the variance is considered material by nature are explained below.

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

\$ '000	2023 Budget	2023 Actual	2023 ----- Variance -----	
<b>Revenues</b>				
<b>User charges and fees</b>	187	148	(39)	(21)% <b>U</b>
Actual private works income was less than original budget predictions.				
<b>Other revenues</b>	5	6	1	20% <b>F</b>
<b>Operating grants and contributions</b>	883	1,636	753	85% <b>F</b>
Received grants of \$569,000 for the Hudson Pear program and \$60,000 for the Parkinsonia program that was not budgeted for.				
<b>Interest and investment revenue</b>	6	27	21	350% <b>F</b>
Interest rates increased during the year allowing for higher interest returns on the term deposit and funds held at bank.				
<b>Net gains from disposal of assets</b>	5	15	10	200% <b>F</b>
Gain on sale of motor vehicle was greater than anticipated in the budget.				
<b>Expenses</b>				
<b>Employee benefits and on-costs</b>	591	551	40	7% <b>F</b>
<b>Materials and services</b>	538	1,218	(680)	(126)% <b>U</b>
Actual materials and services expenses were higher than budget due to spending the funds received for the Hudson Pear and Parkinsonia programs.				
<b>Depreciation, amortisation and impairment of non-financial assets</b>	80	94	(14)	(18)% <b>U</b>
Increased depreciation compared to budget due to purchases from the previous year being depreciated for a full year for the first time.				

**B5-1 Material budget variations (continued)**

\$ '000	2023 Budget	2023 Actual	2023 ----- Variance -----		
<b>Statement of cash flows</b>					
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>	(111)	(16)	95	(86)%	<b>F</b>
Operating income was more than previously estimated in the original budget.					
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>	(30)	(30)	-	0%	<b>F</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>	(5)	(5)	-	0%	<b>F</b>



## C Financial position

### C1 Assets we manage

#### C1-1 Cash and cash equivalents

	<b>2023</b>	2022
	<b>Actual</b>	Actual
	<b>\$ '000</b>	\$ '000
<b>Cash assets</b>		
Cash on hand and at bank	<b>581</b>	632
<b>Total cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>581</b>	<b>632</b>

#### Reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents

Total cash and cash equivalents per Statement of Financial Position	<b>581</b>	632
<b>Balance as per the Statement of Cash Flows</b>	<b>581</b>	<b>632</b>

#### Accounting policy

For Statement of Cash Flow presentation purposes, cash and cash equivalents include: cash on hand; deposits held at call with financial institutions; other short-term, highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value; and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities on the Statement of Financial Position.

## C1-2 Financial investments

	<b>2023</b> <b>Current</b> <b>Actual</b> <b>\$ '000</b>	<b>2023</b> <b>Non-current</b> <b>Actual</b> <b>\$ '000</b>	2022 Current Actual \$ '000	2022 Non-current Actual \$ '000
<b>Debt securities at amortised cost</b>				
Long term deposits	500	–	500	–
<b>Total</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>–</b>
<b>Total financial investments</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>–</b>
<b>Total cash assets, cash equivalents and investments</b>	<b>1,081</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>1,132</b>	<b>–</b>

### Accounting policy

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

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

### Financial assets

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

### Classification

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

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

Financial assets are not reclassified subsequent to their initial recognition.

### Amortised cost

Council's financial assets measured at amortised cost comprise trade and other receivables, term deposits and cash and cash equivalents in the Statement of Financial Position. Term deposits with an initial term of more than 3 months are classified as investments rather than cash and cash equivalents.

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

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

## C1-3 Restricted and allocated cash, cash equivalents and investments

	<b>2023</b> <b>Actual</b> <b>\$ '000</b>	2022 Actual \$ '000
(a) Externally restricted cash, cash equivalents and investments		
<b>Total cash, cash equivalents and investments</b>	<b>1,081</b>	1,132
Less: Externally restricted cash, cash equivalents and investments	<b>(231)</b>	(185)
<b>Cash, cash equivalents and investments not subject to external restrictions</b>	<b>850</b>	947

### External restrictions

#### External restrictions

External restrictions included in cash, cash equivalents and investments above comprise:

Specific purpose unexpended grants (recognised as revenue) – general fund	<b>231</b>	185
<b>Total external restrictions</b>	<b>231</b>	185

Cash, cash equivalents and investments subject to external restrictions are those which are only available for specific use by Council due to a restriction placed by legislation or third-party contractual agreement.

	<b>2023</b> <b>Actual</b> <b>\$ '000</b>	2022 Actual \$ '000
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## (b) Internal allocations

<b>Cash, cash equivalents and investments not subject to external restrictions</b>	<b>850</b>	947
Less: Internally restricted cash, cash equivalents and investments	<b>(153)</b>	(179)
<b>Unrestricted and unallocated cash, cash equivalents and investments</b>	<b>697</b>	768

### Internal allocations

At 30 June, Council has internally allocated funds to the following:

Plant and vehicle replacement	<b>37</b>	48
Employees leave entitlement	<b>96</b>	111
Building	<b>20</b>	20
<b>Total internal allocations</b>	<b>153</b>	179

Cash, cash equivalents and investments not subject to external restrictions may be internally allocated by resolution or policy of the elected Council.

	<b>2023</b> <b>Actual</b> <b>\$ '000</b>	2022 Actual \$ '000
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## (c) Unrestricted and unallocated

<b>Unrestricted and unallocated cash, cash equivalents and investments</b>	<b>697</b>	768
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## C1-4 Receivables

	<b>2023</b> <b>Current</b> <b>Actual</b> <b>\$ '000</b>	<b>2023</b> <b>Non-current</b> <b>Actual</b> <b>\$ '000</b>	2022 Current Actual \$ '000	2022 Non-current Actual \$ '000
User charges and fees	88	-	65	-
Accrued revenues				
– Interest on investments	5	-	1	-
Net GST receivable	12	-	11	-
Other debtors	-	-	1	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total net receivables</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Unrestricted receivables</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total net receivables</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>-</b>

### Accounting policy

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

## C1-5 Inventories

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2023</b>	2022	2022
	<b>Current</b>	<b>Non-current</b>	Current	Non-current
	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Actual</b>	Actual	Actual
	<b>\$ '000</b>	<b>\$ '000</b>	\$ '000	\$ '000
<b>(i) Inventories at cost</b>				
Stores and materials	79	-	49	-
<b>Total inventories at cost</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total inventories</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>-</b>

### Accounting policy

#### Raw materials and stores, work in progress and finished goods

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

## C1-6 Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment

By aggregated asset class	At 1 July 2022			Asset movements during the reporting period				At 30 June 2023		
	Gross carrying amount	Accumulated depreciation and impairment	Net carrying amount	Additions new assets	Carrying value of disposals	Depreciation expense	Revaluation increments to equity (ARR)	Gross carrying amount	Accumulated depreciation and impairment	Net carrying amount
	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000
Plant and equipment	423	(124)	299	53	(8)	(81)	–	435	(172)	263
Office equipment	57	(52)	5	–	–	(3)	–	57	(55)	2
<b>Land:</b>										
– Operational land	4	–	4	–	–	–	32	36	–	36
<b>Infrastructure:</b>										
– Buildings – non-specialised	287	(228)	59	–	–	(5)	221	460	(185)	275
<b>Total infrastructure, property, plant and equipment</b>	<b>771</b>	<b>(404)</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>(8)</b>	<b>(89)</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>988</b>	<b>(412)</b>	<b>576</b>

## C1-6 Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment (continued)

	At 1 July 2021			Asset movements during the reporting period			At 30 June 2022		
	Gross carrying amount	Accumulated depreciation and impairment	Net carrying amount	Additions new assets	Carrying value of disposals	Depreciation expense	Gross carrying amount	Accumulated depreciation and impairment	Net carrying amount
<b>By aggregated asset class</b>	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000
Plant and equipment	380	(135)	245	162	(31)	(77)	423	(124)	299
Office equipment	52	(42)	10	5	–	(10)	57	(52)	5
<b>Land:</b>									
– Operational land	4	–	4	–	–	–	4	–	4
<b>Infrastructure:</b>									
– Buildings – non-specialised	287	(221)	66	–	–	(7)	287	(228)	59
<b>Total infrastructure, property, plant and equipment</b>	<b>723</b>	<b>(398)</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>(31)</b>	<b>(94)</b>	<b>771</b>	<b>(404)</b>	<b>367</b>

## C1-6 Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment (continued)

### Accounting policy

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

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

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

When infrastructure, property, plant and equipment are acquired by Council for nil or nominal consideration, the assets are initially recognised at their fair value at acquisition date.

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

<b>Plant and equipment</b>	Years		
Office equipment	5 to 10		
Office furniture	10 to 20		
Computer equipment	4		
Vehicles	5 to 8	<b>Buildings</b>	
Heavy plant	5 to 8	Buildings: masonry	50 to 100
Other plant and equipment	5 to 15	Buildings: other	20 to 40

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



## C2 Leasing activities

### C2-1 Council as a lessee

Council has a lease over a building. Information relating to the leases in place and associated balances and transactions is provided below.

#### Terms and conditions of leases

Leases are on a short-term basis with the building lease renewable in the 2023/2024 financial year.

#### Buildings

Council leases a depot building in Coonamble. The lease has a five (5) year term.

The building lease contains an annual pricing mechanism based on a fixed increases of 3% at each anniversary of the lease inception.

#### Extension options

Council includes options in the building leases to provide flexibility and certainty to Council operations and reduce costs of moving premises; and the extension options are at Council's discretion.

At commencement date and each subsequent reporting date, Council assesses where it is reasonably certain that the extension options will be exercised.

#### (a) Right of use assets

	Ready to use Actual \$ '000	Total Actual \$ '000
<b>2023</b>		
Opening balance at 1 July	15	15
Depreciation charge	(5)	(5)
<b>Balance at 30 June</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>2022</b>		
Opening balance at 1 July	19	19
Depreciation charge	(4)	(4)
<b>Balance at 30 June</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>

#### (b) Lease liabilities

	2023 Current Actual \$ '000	2023 Non-current Actual \$ '000	2022 Current Actual \$ '000	2022 Non-current Actual \$ '000
Lease liabilities	5	5	5	10
<b>Total lease liabilities</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>

## C2-1 Council as a lessee (continued)

### (c) (i) The maturity analysis

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

	< 1 year Actual \$ '000	1 – 5 years Actual \$ '000	> 5 years Actual \$ '000	Total Actual \$ '000	Total per Statement of Financial Position Actual \$ '000
<b>2023</b>					
Cash flows	5	5	–	10	10
<b>2022</b>					
Cash flows	5	10	–	15	15

### (d) Income Statement

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

	2023 Actual \$ '000	2022 Actual \$ '000
Depreciation of right of use assets	5	4
	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>

### (e) Statement of Cash Flows

Total cash outflow for leases	(5)	(5)
	<b>(5)</b>	<b>(5)</b>

### Accounting policy

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

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

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

The right-of-use asset is measured using the cost model where cost on initial recognition comprises: the lease liability, initial direct costs, prepaid lease payments, estimated cost of removal and restoration, less any lease incentives. The right-of-use is depreciated over the lease term on a straight-line basis and assessed for impairment in accordance with the impairment of asset accounting policy.

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

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

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

## C2-1 Council as a lessee (continued)

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### ***Exceptions to lease accounting***

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

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

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

## C3 Liabilities of Council

### C3-1 Payables

	2023 Current \$ '000	2023 Non-current \$ '000	2022 Current \$ '000	2022 Non-current \$ '000
Accrued expenses:				
– Salaries and wages	16	–	16	–
– Other expenditure accruals	31	–	54	–
<b>Total payables</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>–</b>

#### Accounting policy

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

#### Payables

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

## C3-2 Employee benefit provisions

	<b>2023 Current Actual \$ '000</b>	<b>2023 Non-current Actual \$ '000</b>	2022 Current Actual \$ '000	2022 Non-current Actual \$ '000
Annual leave	83	-	78	-
Long service leave	88	-	70	7
<b>Total employee benefit provisions</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>7</b>

### Current employee benefit provisions not anticipated to be settled within the next twelve months

	<b>2023 Actual \$ '000</b>	2022 Actual \$ '000

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

Provisions – employees benefits	44	39
	<b>44</b>	<b>39</b>

### Description of and movements in provisions

	ELE provisions		
	Annual leave \$ '000	Long service leave \$ '000	Total \$ '000
<b>2023</b>			
At beginning of year	78	77	155
Additional provisions	30	13	43
Amounts used (payments)	(25)	(2)	(27)
Total ELE provisions at end of year	<b>83</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>171</b>
<b>2022</b>			
At beginning of year	80	81	161
Additional provisions	23	(3)	20
Amounts used (payments)	(25)	(1)	(26)
Total ELE provisions at end of year	78	77	155

## C3-2 Employee benefit provisions (continued)

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### Accounting policy

Employee benefit provisions are presented as current liabilities in the Statement of Financial Position if Council does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least 12 months after the reporting date, regardless of when the actual settlement is expected to occur and therefore all annual leave and vested long service leave (or that which vests within 12 months) is presented as current.

### Short-term obligations

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

### Other long-term employee benefit obligations

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

### On-costs

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

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

## C4 Reserves

### C4-1 Nature and purpose of reserves

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#### IPPE Revaluation reserve

The infrastructure, property, plant and equipment (IPPE) revaluation reserve is used to record increments and decrements in the revaluation of infrastructure, property, plant and equipment.

## D Risks and accounting uncertainties

### D1-1 Risks relating to financial instruments held

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

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

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

Financial risk management is carried out under policies approved by the Council.

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

	Carrying value 2023 \$ '000	Carrying value 2022 \$ '000	Fair value 2023 \$ '000	Fair value 2022 \$ '000
<b>Financial assets</b>				
<b>Measured at amortised cost</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	581	632	581	632
Receivables	105	78	105	78
Investments				
– Debt securities at amortised cost	500	500	500	500
<b>Total financial assets</b>	<b>1,186</b>	<b>1,210</b>	<b>1,186</b>	<b>1,210</b>
<b>Financial liabilities</b>				
Payables	47	70	47	70
<b>Total financial liabilities</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>70</b>

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

Council's General Manager manages the cash and Investments portfolio with the assistance of independent advisors.

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

The risks associated with the instruments held are:

- **Price risk** – the risk that the capital value of investments may fluctuate due to changes in market prices, whether these changes are caused by factors specific to individual financial instruments or their issuers or are caused by factors affecting similar instruments traded in a market.
- **Interest rate risk** – the risk that movements in interest rates could affect returns and income.
- **Liquidity risk** – the risk that Council will not be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.
- **Credit risk** – the risk that the investment counterparty will not complete their obligations particular to a financial instrument, resulting in a financial loss to Council – be it of a capital or income nature.

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

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

## D1-1 Risks relating to financial instruments held (continued)

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

	2023 \$ '000	2022 \$ '000
The impact on result for the year and equity of a reasonably possible movement in the price of investments held and interest rates is shown below. The reasonably possible movements were determined based on historical movements and economic conditions in place at the reporting date.		
Impact of a 1% movement in interest rates		
– Equity / Income Statement	11	12
Impact of a 10% movement in price of investments		
– Equity / Income Statement	–	–

### (b) Liquidity risk

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

Council manages this risk by monitoring its cash flow requirements and liquidity levels, and by maintaining an adequate cash buffer. Payment terms can be extended, and overdraft facilities drawn upon in extenuating circumstances.

Borrowings are also subject to interest rate risk: the risk that movements in interest rates could adversely affect funding costs. Council manages this risk through diversification of borrowing types, maturities and interest rate structures.

The finance team regularly reviews interest rate movements to determine if it would be advantageous to refinance or renegotiate part or all of the loan portfolio.

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

The amounts disclosed in the table are the undiscounted contracted cash flows for non-lease liabilities (refer to Note C2-1(b) for lease liabilities) and therefore the balances in the table may not equal the balances in the Statement of Financial Position due to the effect of discounting.

	Weighted average interest rate %	Subject to no maturity \$ '000	payable in:			Total cash outflows \$ '000	Actual carrying values \$ '000
			≤ 1 Year \$ '000	1 - 5 Years \$ '000	> 5 Years \$ '000		
<b>2023</b>							
Payables	0.00%	–	47	–	–	47	47
Lease liabilities	0.00%	–	5	5	–	10	10
<b>Total financial liabilities</b>		<b>–</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>57</b>
<b>2022</b>							
Payables	0.00%	–	70	–	–	70	70
Lease liabilities	0.00%	–	5	10	–	15	15
<b>Total financial liabilities</b>		<b>–</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>85</b>



## D2-1 Fair value measurement

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

– Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment

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

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

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

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

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

(1) The following table presents all assets and liabilities that have been measured and recognised at fair values:

\$ '000	Notes	Fair value measurement hierarchy							
		Date of latest valuation		Level 2 Significant observable inputs		Level 3 Significant unobservable inputs		Total	
		2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
<b>Recurring fair value measurements</b>									
<b>Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment</b> C1-6									
Plant and Office Equipment		30/06/23	30/06/17	–	–	265	304	265	304
Operational Land		30/06/23	30/06/17	–	–	36	4	36	4
Buildings (non specialised)		30/06/23	30/06/17	–	–	275	59	275	59
<b>Total infrastructure, property, plant and equipment</b>				<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>576</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>576</b>	<b>367</b>

## D3-1 Contingencies

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

### LIABILITIES NOT RECOGNISED

#### 1. Guarantees

##### (i) Statewide Limited

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

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

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

##### (ii) StateCover Limited

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

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

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

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

##### (iii) Other guarantees

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

#### 2. Other liabilities

##### (i) Third party claims

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

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

## E People and relationships

### E1 Related party disclosures

#### E1-1 Key management personnel (KMP)

Key management personnel (KMP) of the council are those persons having the authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the council, directly or indirectly.

The aggregate amount of KMP compensation included in the Income Statement is:

	<b>2023</b>	2022
	<b>\$ '000</b>	\$ '000
<b>Compensation:</b>		
Short-term benefits	<b>57</b>	57
<b>Total</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>57</b>

#### Other transactions with KMP and their related parties

Council has determined that there were no other KMP or related party transactions.

## E1-2 Councillor and Mayoral fees and associated expenses

	<b>2023</b>	2022
	<b>Actual</b>	Actual
	<b>\$ '000</b>	\$ '000
The aggregate amount of Councillor and Mayoral fees and associated expenses included in materials and services expenses in the Income Statement are:		
Member expenses – chairperson’s fee	4	3
Member expenses – member’s fees	19	15
Member’s expenses (incl. chairperson) – other (excluding fees above)	10	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>32</b>

## E2 Other relationships

### E2-1 Audit fees

	<b>2023</b>	2022
	<b>Actual</b>	Actual
	<b>\$ '000</b>	\$ '000

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

#### **Auditors of the Council - NSW Auditor-General:**

##### **(i) Audit and other assurance services**

Audit and review of financial statements

<b>14</b>	19
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#### **Remuneration for audit and other assurance services**

<b>14</b>	19
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#### **Total Auditor-General remuneration**

<b>14</b>	19
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#### **Total audit fees**

<b>14</b>	19
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## F Other matters

### F1-1 Statement of Cash Flows information

#### Reconciliation of net operating result to cash provided from operating activities

	<b>2023</b>	2022
	<b>Actual</b>	Actual
	<b>\$ '000</b>	\$ '000
<b>Net operating result from Income Statement</b>	<b>(31)</b>	(29)
<b>Add / (less) non-cash items:</b>		
Depreciation and amortisation	<b>94</b>	98
(Gain) / loss on disposal of assets	<b>(15)</b>	(46)
<b>Movements in operating assets and liabilities and other cash items:</b>		
(Increase) / decrease of receivables	<b>(27)</b>	(51)
(Increase) / decrease of inventories	<b>(30)</b>	(29)
Increase / (decrease) in other accrued expenses payable	<b>(23)</b>	33
Increase / (decrease) in other liabilities	<b>-</b>	(2)
Increase/(decrease) in employee leave entitlements	<b>16</b>	(6)
<b>Net cash flows from operating activities</b>	<b>(16)</b>	(32)

### F2-1 Events occurring after the reporting date

Council is unaware of any material or significant 'non-adjusting events' that should be disclosed.

## F3 Statement of performance measures

### F3-1 Statement of performance measures – consolidated results

\$ '000	Amounts 2023	Indicator 2023	Indicators 2022      2021		Benchmark
<b>1. Operating performance ratio</b>					
Total continuing operating revenue excluding capital grants and contributions less operating expenses <sup>1,2</sup>	<b>(46)</b>	<b>(2.53)%</b>	(7.32)%	25.54%	> 0.00%
Total continuing operating revenue excluding capital grants and contributions <sup>1</sup>	<b>1,817</b>				
<b>2. Own source operating revenue ratio</b>					
Total continuing operating revenue excluding all grants and contributions <sup>1</sup>	<b>181</b>	<b>9.96%</b>	10.06%	13.56%	> 60.00%
Total continuing operating revenue <sup>1</sup>	<b>1,817</b>				
<b>3. Unrestricted current ratio</b>					
Current assets less all external restrictions	<b>1,034</b>	<b>5.78x</b>	5.84x	7.07x	> 1.50x
Current liabilities less specific purpose liabilities	<b>179</b>				
<b>4. Debt service cover ratio</b>					
Operating result before capital excluding interest and depreciation/impairment/amortisation <sup>1</sup>	<b>48</b>	<b>9.60x</b>	5.75x	87.60x	> 2.00x
Principal repayments (Statement of Cash Flows) plus borrowing costs (Income Statement)	<b>5</b>				
<b>5. Cash expense cover ratio</b>					
Current year's cash and cash equivalents plus all term deposits	<b>1,081</b>	<b>6.63 months</b>	12.37 months	15.66 months	> 3.00 months
Monthly payments from cash flow of operating and financing activities	<b>163</b>				

(1) Excludes fair value increments on investment properties, reversal of revaluation decrements, reversal of impairment losses on receivables, net gain on sale of assets and net share of interests in joint ventures and associates using the equity method and includes pensioner rate subsidies

(2) Excludes impairment/revaluation decrements of IPPE, fair value decrements on investment properties, net loss on disposal of assets and net loss on share of interests in joint ventures and associates using the equity method

**End of the audited financial statements**



## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

### Report on the general purpose financial statements

#### Castlereagh Macquarie County Council

To the Councillors of Castlereagh Macquarie County Council

### Opinion

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of Castlereagh Macquarie County Council (the Council), which comprise the Statement by Councillors and Management, the Income Statement and Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year ended 30 June 2023, the Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2023, the Statement of Changes in Equity and Statement of Cash Flows for the year then ended and notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In my opinion:

- the Council's accounting records have been kept in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Chapter 13, Part 3, Division 2 (the Division)
- the financial statements:
  - have been prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the requirements of this Division
  - are consistent with the Council's accounting records
  - present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Council as at 30 June 2023, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards
- all information relevant to the conduct of the audit has been obtained
- no material deficiencies in the accounting records or financial statements have come to light during the audit.

My opinion should be read in conjunction with the rest of this report.

### Basis for Opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. My responsibilities under the standards are described in the 'Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements' section of my report.

I am independent of the Council in accordance with the requirements of the:

- Australian Auditing Standards
- Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 'Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)' (APES 110).



Parliament promotes independence by ensuring the Auditor-General and the Audit Office of New South Wales are not compromised in their roles by:

- providing that only Parliament, and not the executive government, can remove an Auditor-General
- mandating the Auditor-General as auditor of councils
- precluding the Auditor-General from providing non-audit services.

I have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with APES 110.

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

### **The Councillors' Responsibilities for the Financial Statements**

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

In preparing the financial statements, the Councillors are responsible for assessing the Council's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting.

### **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

My objectives are to:

- obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error
- issue an Independent Auditor's Report including my opinion.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but does not guarantee an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect material misstatements. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error. Misstatements are considered material if, individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions users take based on the financial statements.

A description of my responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at: [www.auasb.gov.au/auditors\\_responsibilities/ar4.pdf](http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_responsibilities/ar4.pdf). The description forms part of my auditor's report.

The scope of my audit does not include, nor provide assurance:

- that the Council carried out its activities effectively, efficiently and economically
- on the Original Budget information included in the Income Statement, Statement of Cash Flows, and Note B5-1 'Material budget variations
- on the Special Schedules. A separate opinion has been provided on Special Schedule - Permissible income for general rates
- about the security and controls over the electronic publication of the audited financial statements on any website where they may be presented
- about any other information which may have been hyperlinked to/from the financial statements.



Manuel Moncada  
Delegate of the Auditor-General for New South Wales

31 October 2023  
SYDNEY



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 Castlereagh Macquarie County Council  
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31 October 2023

Dear Chairperson

**Report on the Conduct of the Audit  
 for the year ended 30 June 2023  
 Castlereagh Macquarie County Council**

I have audited the general purpose financial statements (GPFS) of the Castlereagh Macquarie County Council (the Council) for the year ended 30 June 2023 as required by section 415 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act).

I expressed an unmodified opinion on the Council's GPFS.

This Report on the Conduct of the Audit (the Report) for the Council for the year ended 30 June 2022 is issued in accordance with section 417 of the Act. This Report should be read in conjunction with my audit opinion on the GPFS issued under section 417(2) of the Act.

**INCOME STATEMENT**

**Operating result**

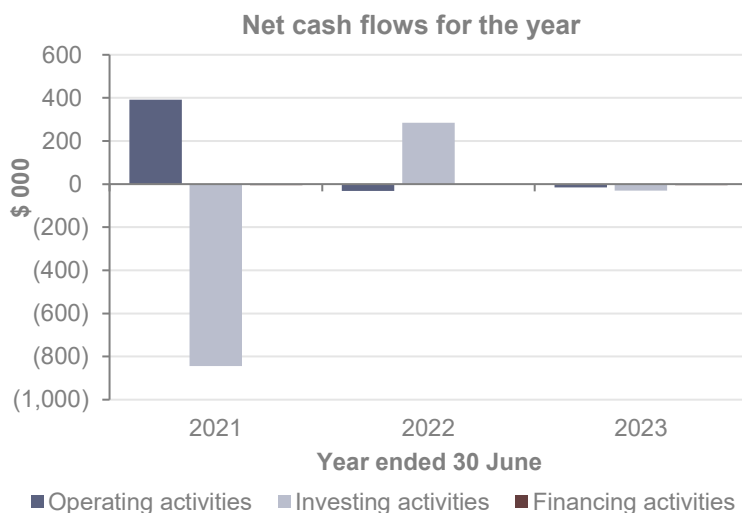
	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>Variance</b>
	<b>\$000</b>	<b>\$000</b>	<b>%</b>
Grants and contributions revenue	1,636	921	↑ 78
Operating result from continuing operations	(31)	(29)	↓ 7

Grants and contributions revenue (\$1,636,000) increased by \$715,000 (78 per cent) in 2022–2023 due to the receipt of additional funding for projects.

Council’s operating result (a deficit of \$31,000 including the effect of depreciation and amortisation expense of \$94,000) compared to a deficit of \$29,000 for 2021–22 result.

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

- The Statement of Cash Flows illustrates the flow of cash and cash equivalents moving in and out of Council during the year and reveals that cash decreased by \$51,000 to \$581,000 at the close of the year.



## FINANCIAL POSITION

### Cash and investments

Cash and investments	2022	2022	Commentary
	\$'000	\$'000	
<b>Total cash, cash equivalents and investments</b>	<b>1,081</b>	<b>1,132</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>External restrictions represent unspent specific purpose grants</li> <li>Balances are internally allocated due to Council policy or decisions for forward plans including works program.</li> </ul>
Restricted cash and investments:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>External restrictions</li> <li>Internal allocations</li> </ul>	231 153	185 179	

## PERFORMANCE

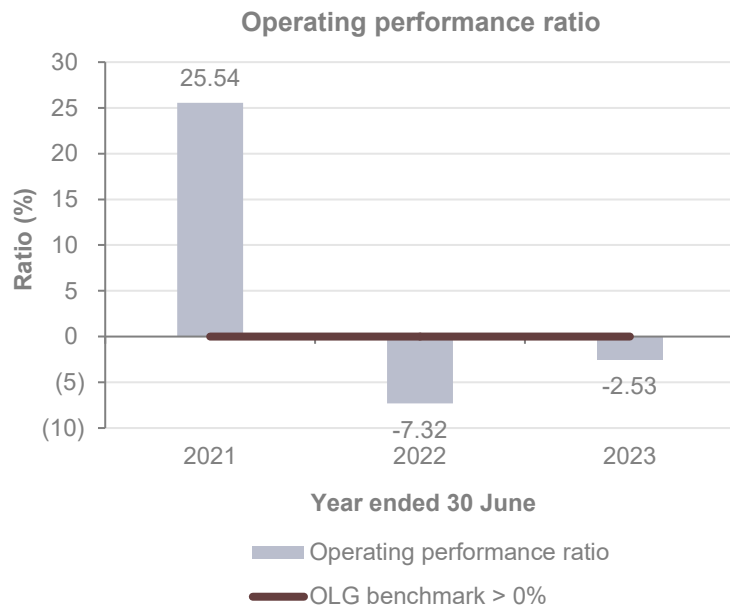
### Performance measures

The following section provides an overview of the Council’s performance against the performance measures and performance benchmarks set by the Office of Local Government (OLG) within the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

### Operating performance ratio

The Council did not meet the OLG benchmark for the current reporting period.

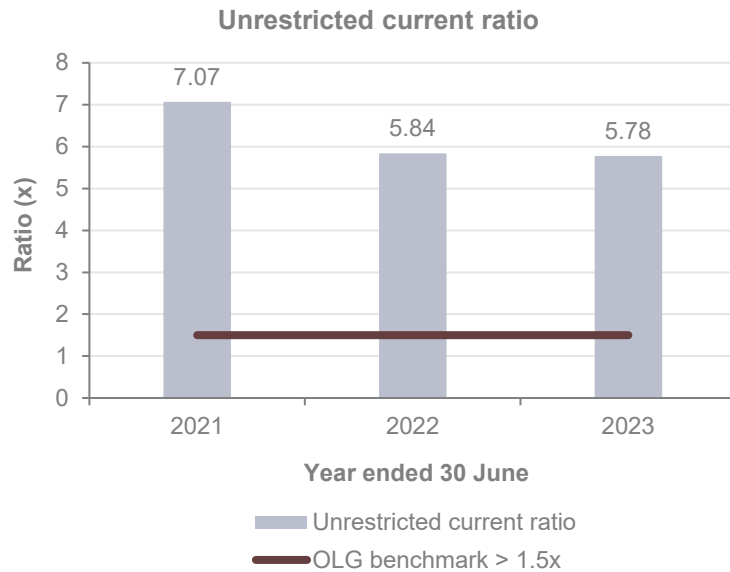
The 'operating performance ratio' measures how well council contained operating expenditure within operating revenue (excluding capital grants and contributions, fair value adjustments, and reversal of revaluation decrements). The benchmark set by OLG is greater than zero per cent.



### Unrestricted current ratio

The Council met the OLG benchmark for the current reporting period.

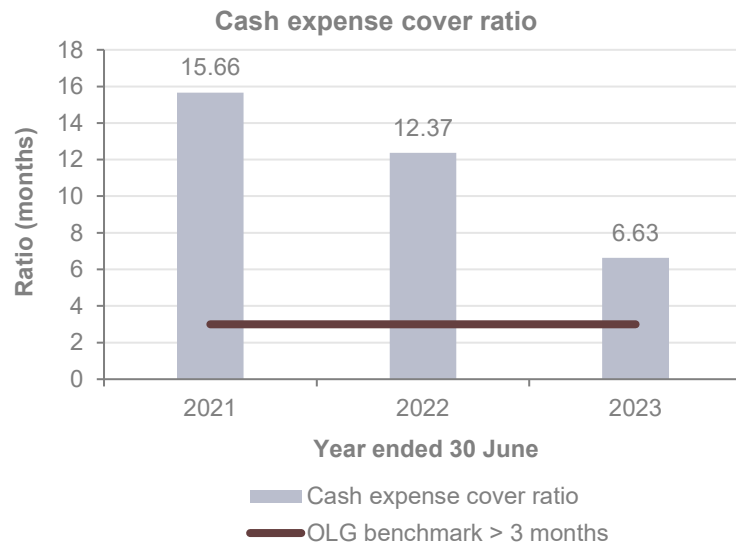
The 'unrestricted current ratio' is specific to local government and represents council's ability to meet its short-term obligations as they fall due. The benchmark set by OLG is greater than 1.5 times.



## Cash expense cover ratio

The Council met the OLG benchmark for the current reporting period.

This liquidity ratio indicates the number of months the council can continue paying for its immediate expenses without additional cash inflow. The benchmark set by OLG is greater than three months.



## OTHER MATTERS

### Legislative compliance

My audit procedures did not identify any instances of non-compliance with legislative requirements or a material deficiency in the Council's accounting records or financial statements. The Council's:

- accounting records were maintained in a manner and form to allow the GPFS to be prepared and effectively audited
- staff provided all accounting records and information relevant to the audit.

The Council's:

- accounting records were maintained in a manner and form that facilitated the preparation and the effective audit of the general purpose financial statements
- staff provided all accounting records and information relevant to the audit.

Manuel Moncada  
Delegate of the Auditor-General for New South Wales