



**Shire of Derby /
West Kimberley**

AGENDA

Electors General Meeting Thursday, 6 February 2025

I hereby give notice that an Electors General Meeting will be held on:

Date: Thursday, 6 February 2025

Time: 4:30 PM

**Location: Council Chambers
Clarendon Street
Derby**

Tamara Clarkson

Acting Chief Executive Officer



Our Guiding Values

We are **PROUD** of who we are and where we live.

We will create a **POSITIVE LEGACY** for our children and children's children.

We will go about our business with **INTEGRITY, TRANSPARENCY and AUTHENTICITY**.

We value and **RESPECT** what our community has to say and will strive to make things happen.

We are **PROUD** of and value the **KNOWLEDGE** of our diverse and strong people and cultures.

We value our **RELATIONSHIPS** and will work with others to achieve common goals and gain maximum impact.

We are **PROUD** of and **COMMITTED** to the responsible preservation of our unique natural environment and making sure our built environment reflects our current and future needs.

We are open for and encourage business, industry and all aspects of **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**, particularly our thriving arts and cultural scene.

Disclaimer

No responsibility whatsoever is implied or accepted by the Shire of Derby/West Kimberley (Shire) for any act, omission or statement or intimation occurring during Council or Committee meetings.

The Shire disclaims any liability for any loss whatsoever and howsoever caused arising out of reliance by any person or legal entity on any such act, omission or statement or intimation occurring during Council or Committee meetings. Any person or legal entity who acts or fails to act in reliance upon any statement, act or omission made in a Council or Committee meeting does so at that person's or legal entity's own risk.

In particular and without derogating in any way from the broad disclaimer above, in any discussion regarding any planning application or application for a licence, any statement or intimation of approval made by any Elected Member or officer of the Shire during the course of any meeting is not intended to be and is not taken as notice of approval from the Shire.

The Shire warns that anyone who has any application lodged with the Shire must obtain and should only rely on written confirmation of the outcome of the application and any conditions attaching to the decision made by the Shire in respect of the application.

Electors General Meeting Procedures

PREPARE ANNUAL REPORT

The Local Government Act 1995 requires that the local government is to prepare an Annual Report (section 5.53), accept the Annual Report (section 5.54), advertise its availability to the public (section 5.55) and hold an Electors General Meeting within 56 days of accepting the Annual Report (section 5.27).

RECORDING AND LIVE BROADCAST OF AN ELECTORS GENERAL MEETING

The proceedings will be video and audio recorded and streamed live to the Shires YouTube channel. The live stream will commence at the scheduled time and date of the electors meeting. If you choose to participate in the meeting it is assumed your consent is given for the audio to be recorded.

The use of any electronic visual or audio recording or transmitting device or instrument to record or transmit the proceedings of a meeting is prohibited unless the person has been given permission to do so by the Presiding Member.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION AT THE ELECTORS GENERAL MEETING

In accordance with section 5.27(3) of the *Local Government Act 1995* and regulation 15 of the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996* – the matters to be discussed at the Electors General Meeting are firstly the contents of the Annual Report for the previous financial year and then any other general business.

PRSIDING PERSON AT THE ELECTORS GENERAL MEETING

Section 5.30 of the *Local Government Act 1995* stipulates that the Shire President (or if not available the Deputy Shire President) is to preside at the Electors General Meeting. Voting at the Electors General Meeting Regulation 17 of the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996*, outlines the voting provisions at an Electors Meeting, being:

- Each Elector at the meeting is entitled to one vote on each matter to be decided, but does not have to vote;
- All decisions are to be made by a "Simple Majority" vote; and
- Voting is to be conducted so that no voter's vote is secret.

ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS AT THE ELECTORS GENERAL MEETING

Regulation 18 of the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996*, states that the procedure at an Electors General Meeting is to be determined by the Presiding Member at the meeting.

In accordance with section 5.33 of the *Local Government Act 1995* all decisions made at an Electors General Meeting are to be considered at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council or, if that is not practicable –

- At the first Ordinary Meeting of Council after that meeting; or
- At a Special Meeting called for that purpose.

If at a Meeting of the Council a local government makes a decision in response to a decision made at an Electors General Meeting, the reasons for the decision are to be recorded in the minutes of the Council Meeting.

DEFINITION OF ELECTOR

An elector is defined under the *Local Government Act 1995* as a person who is eligible to vote in an election of the Shire of Derby/West Kimberley.

SPEAKING AT ELECTORS GENERAL MEETING AND MANNER OF CONDUCT

- Speakers must be Electors of the Shire of Derby/West Kimberley;
- When addressing the meeting, all speakers are asked to clearly give their name and address each time they speak for minute taking purposes;
- No persons are to use offensive or objectionable expressions in reference to any Member, Employee of Council, or any other Person;
- All Elected Members, the Chief Executive Officer and Directors attend this Meeting to observe the proceedings and hear comments from Electors. All questions and comments should be directed to the Shire President who may invite a response from the Chief Executive Officer, Presiding Members of Committees, Directors or Elected Members.

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- 1 DECLARATION OF OPENING, ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS**
- 2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**
- 3 ATTENDANCE VIA TELEPHONE/INSTANTANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS**
- 4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Electors General Meeting held at the Council Chambers, Clarendon Street, Derby, on 8 February 2024 be CONFIRMED.

REPORTS

5 EXECUTIVE SERVICES

5.1 2023/2024 ANNUAL REPORT

File Number: 4210

Author: Maria O'Connell, Media Officer

Responsible Officer: Tamara Clarkson, Acting Chief Executive Officer

Authority/Discretion: Executive

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

ATTACHMENTS

1. Annual Report - 2023/2024 [↓](#) 

RECOMMENDATION

That the Annual Report for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 as presented, be received.



**Shire of Derby /
West Kimberley**

Annual Report
2023/24

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Acknowledgement of Country

In the spirit of reconciliation, the Shire of Derby/West Kimberley acknowledges the traditional custodians of country throughout the Shire and their connection to land, sea and community.

The Shire of Derby/West Kimberley would also like to pay respect to the past, present and future traditional custodians and Elders of this nation and the continuation of cultural, spiritual and educational practices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

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Annual Report 2023-2024

Our Community and Aboriginal Heritage

The area now known as the Shire of Derby/West Kimberley has a diverse Aboriginal Australian heritage.

The Shire acknowledges the traditional language groups of the Bunuba, Bardi, Jawi, Ngarinyin, Worrorra, Nyikina, Mangala, Unggumi, Bunuba, Walmajarri, Kija, Warrwa, Gooniyandi, Oogardang, Oomeday, Yow Jabi and Wangkatjunka language groups among others that surround our Shire.

Shire of Derby/West Kimberley looks forward to an ongoing partnership with Aboriginal organisations to improve the wellbeing of our Aboriginal communities and residents.

Our Wider Community

Our Shire is home to over 7075 people living in 54 communities across the vast West Kimberley. These people all contribute to the district in some form, like helping in the community, running pastoral stations and other businesses, and otherwise participating in making the place we live in a little bit better each year.

The Gibb River Road, the mighty Fitzroy River, the Devonian Reef and the amazing Horizontal Waterfalls are just a few of the incredible assets that make up our 118,560 square kilometres.



Shire of Derby/West Kimberley

Our Annual Report

The Shire of Derby/West Kimberley is pleased to be able to present this annual report for the 2023/24 financial year. The report highlights our activities, achievements and our challenges, over that 12-month period.

This report aligns with our Strategic Community Plan 2021-2031 and associated documents. These plans highlight the strategic vision for the Shire of Derby/West Kimberley based on our vision and values.



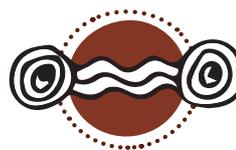
**Leadership
and Governance**



Community



Economy



Environment

Our annual report focuses on the key projects delivered in 2023/24, under each theme, documenting our progress towards our community vision:

'A place where people want to live, invest, visit and return to'

We will work towards our vision while demonstrating these values:

- We are proud of who we are and where we live
- We will create a positive legacy for our children and children's children
- We will go about our business with integrity, transparency and authenticity
- We value and respect what our community has to say and will strive to make things happen
- We are proud of value the knowledge of our diverse and strong people and cultures
- We value our relationships and will work with others to achieve common goals and gain maximum impact
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- We are open for and encourage business, industry and all aspects of community development, particularly our thriving arts and cultural scene

A copy of the Strategic Community Plan 2021-2031 can be downloaded from our website:
www.sdwk.wa.gov.au/council/integrated-planning-reporting/strategies-plans-reports.aspx

Our financial statements have been certified by an independent auditor.

Quick Facts for 2023/24



1961

Became the Shire of Derby / West Kimberley (West Kimberley Road District in 1884)



120,146 km²

Total Area



PEOPLE



0.07
Per km²
Population Density



60.2%
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population



8,433
Total Population



54
Aboriginal Communities



1,968
Number of Rateable Properties



FINANCIAL



\$9.1M
Rates Revenue 2023/24



\$32.2M
Total Revenue 2023/24



\$368M
Total Assets 2023/24

Quick Facts for 2023/24



COMMUNITY



2,415
Books Loaned or Renewed



Cats 56
Dogs 455
Dog and Cats Registered



6,000
Tonnes
Waste Landfilled



20,000
Tonnes
Waste Diverted



2,872.01kms
Total Length of Roads



70,000
Annual Visitors (est)



7,000
Flights into our Derby Airports

5,000

Flights into our Fitzroy Crossing Airports

Vessel Attendances to our Derby Port:



392
Wharf

224
Ramp

88%
Industrial

10%
Tourist

2%
Other



President Report

I am pleased to present this year's President's Report for the Shire of Derby/West Kimberley, reflecting on a year of collaboration and progress for our community. Over the course of the 2023-24 financial year, we have continued to improve and develop our economic base and community infrastructure, whilst also undertaking recovery efforts in response to the challenges we have faced.

One of the key initiatives this year has been our work with the Kimberley Regional Group (KRG) to advance critical projects. By partnering with the KRG, we have been able to lobby for important investments that will benefit the Shire in future years. These initiatives focus on improving our roads, infrastructure and our ports, after shortfalls were identified in our region after the Kimberley Floods. These projects aim to ensure better connectivity and services across the region. This collaboration has targeted promotion of economic development, with initiatives aimed at supporting local industries, attracting investment and tourism, and creating new job opportunities for our region.

We have seen significant progress in youth development this year. I am proud to share that with funding support from Lotterywest, the Fitzroy Crossing Youth Precinct has been developing over the last financial year and project management has begun. This project, which has been developed with input from our local youth and community members, will provide a vibrant, safe space for young people to engage in recreational and social activities. This investment, along with upgrades to the Derby Basketball Court surface, lighting and fencing is the result of the hard work and commitment of our Shire team.

Council continues to support community events, organisations, and sporting groups, which are the heartbeat of our Shire. This year, the Shire supported the annual Boab Festival, drawing in visitors and community members and hosted another successful Kimberley Art and Photographic Prize, with more entries and visitors to the exhibition than ever before.

Additionally, upgrades are now complete on the Derby Nicholson Oval, ensuring we provide opportunities for local sporting groups to compete on home soil.

Throughout the year, the Council has remained committed to doing what we can to make our Shire a better place to live, work, and visit. We have worked to enhance community facilities, improve local governance, and promote sustainable development, creating a welcoming and thriving community for all residents.

The past year, staff have responded to our community interest in re-establishing our local paper, the "Babbling Boabs". Over the past year, we continue to meet the challenges of flood recovery and have focused on restoring infrastructure, supporting local businesses, and ensuring the welfare of affected families. Our recovery initiatives have been supported by a broad network of partners, including state and federal agencies, local businesses, and community organizations, and we have made great progress in restoring essential services and helping our community bounce back stronger than ever.

As I reflect on the past year, I am deeply proud of what we have accomplished together. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to my fellow Councillors, the Shire administration, and our community for their dedication and hard work. It is through our collective efforts that we have been able to make such significant progress, and I am confident that we will continue building on this momentum in the years to come.

Peter McCumstie, President

Chief Executive Officers' Report



I am pleased to present this report highlighting the achievements and challenges the Shire has navigated over the past year. This year has been one of significant recovery and resilience-building, with notable progress across several key areas.

This financial year has been pivotal in our journey of recovery following the Kimberley Floods in January of 2023. There have been a number of key milestones that have occurred, including the completion and opening of the Fitzroy River Bridge in December 2023, the implementation of funds through the Lord Mayor's Distress Relief Fund, supporting many flood-affected residents and families, as well as the significant amount of outreach done in community, building resilience and supporting those in their recovery journey. Through the Flood Hub's four recovery pillars; people and community, environment and infrastructure, economy and environment and heritage, the recovery efforts have restored essential infrastructure, built community resilience, enhanced the economic state of the Fitzroy Valley, supported residents through social and emotional wellbeing services and provided crucial financial support. There is still many recovery projects and initiatives to come in the Fitzroy Valley and the Shire will continue to lead these efforts through 2024/25, supporting its residents and building resilience of the community.

Another important development this year was the reopening of the Derby Community Hub (formerly known as the Derby Visitor Centre). Improving our economic stance through tourism is an important part of our economic development and the reopening of the Community Hub this past year has allowed us to provide that essential service again, attracting more visitors and growing our communities economy.

Despite these developments, the Shire's economy remains under pressure, with unique financial sustainability limitations. Our large geographic size and limited revenue base require us to continuously review operations to maintain essential services. Despite these challenges, we have worked to ensure that vital services such as waste management continue, even though the costs to provide these services are extraordinary. From these challenges, we work to provide solutions, including plans for a new waste management facility in the next few years. We remain engaged in active lobbying with State and Federal governments to secure the additional funding necessary to meet our community's need and aim to enhance the liability of our communities through these operations.

The Council and the Shire remain committed to serving the needs of our residents, ensuring that our community continues to thrive despite the many challenges we face. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have contributed to the achievements of the past year. Each and every member of staff, council and community has contributed to this year's achievements and I am confident these efforts will continue to improve the liability and sustainability of our community for many years to come.

Amanda Dexter

Our Shire Council

The Council of the Shire of Derby/West Kimberley consists of eight elected members and one Shire President. Councillors are elected for a four-year term, with half of their terms expiring every two years.

This year, the Shire held a local government election in October, welcoming five new councillors and one re-elected councillor. The Shire would like to extend its gratitude to the departing councillors—Paul White, Keith Bedford, Rowena Mouda, Pat Riley, and Linda Evans, for their dedicated service and contributions to the community.

For the first time, the public had the opportunity to vote directly for the Shire President. Mr. Peter McCumstie was elected to this role and will serve a four-year term. Councillor Geoff Haerewa

was nominated for the position of Deputy Shire President and will serve a two-year term.

The Shire welcomed our new Councillors at the swearing in ceremony in October 2023. Council welcomed Cr Brett Angwin, Cr Paul Bickerton and returning Councillor Andrew Twaddle, whose will serve a four-year term expiring 2027. Council also welcomed Cr Brian Ellison, Cr Wayne Foley, Cr Kerrissa O'Meara who will serve a two-year term expiring 2025. Cr Geoff Davis will continue servicing his existing term until 2025.



Shire of Derby/West Kimberley

Councillors



Peter McCumstie
President
Term Expires 2027

- Audit and Risk Committee
- Shire of Derby/West Kimberley Recovery Committee
- President of CEO Performance Review Committee/CEO Appointment Committee



Cr Geoff Haerewa
Deputy President
Term Expires 2025

- Audit and Risk Committee
- Deputy President of CEO Performance Review Committee/CEO Appointment Committee



Cr Brett Angwin
Councillor
Term Expires 2027

- Audit and Risk Committee



Cr Paul Bickerton
Councillor
Term Expires 2027

- Shire of Derby/West Kimberley Recovery Committee



Cr Kerrissa O'Meara
Councillor
Term Expires 2027

- Shire of Derby/West Kimberley Recovery Committee
- CEO Performance Review Committee/CEO Appointment Committee



Cr Andrew Twaddle
Councillor
Term Expires 2027

- Audit and Risk Committee



Cr Geoff Davis
Councillor
Term Expires 2025

- Audit and Risk Committee
- Shire of Derby/West Kimberley Recovery Committee



Cr Brian Ellison
Councillor
Term Expires 2025

- Audit and Risk Committee
- Deputy President of CEO Performance Review Committee/CEO Appointment Committee



Cr Wayne Foley
Councillor
Term Expires 2025

- Shire of Derby/West Kimberley Recovery Committee

Council Meeting Attendance

Elected Members attended the following Ordinary and Special Council Meetings during the 2023/24 year:

Councillor	Cancelled	17	31	12		26	30	15	29	28	24	30	27
	Jul	Aug	Aug	Oct		Oct	Nov	Dec	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
	2023	2023	2023	2023		2023	2023	2023	2024	2024	2024	2024	2024
	OCM	Special	OCM	OCM		OCM							
P McCumstie	-	✓	✓	✓	P McCumstie	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
G Haerewa	-	✓📞	✓	✓	G Haerewa	✓	LOA	✓	✓📞	✓	✓	✓	✓
A Twaddle	-	✓	✓	✓📞	A Twaddle	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓
G Davis	-	✓	✓	✓📞	G Davis	✓	✓	✓	✓📞	✓	A	✓	✓
P Riley	-	✓	✓📞	✓	B Angwin	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
P White	-	✓	✓	✓	P Bickerton	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	LOA	✓	✓
R Mouda	-	✓📞	A	✓📞	B Ellison	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
K Bedford	-	A	A	LOA	W Foley	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	LOA	✓	✓
					K O'Meara	✓	✓📞	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Shire Staff



Amanda Dexter
Chief Executive Officer



Tamara Clarkson
Deputy Chief Executive Officer



Wayne Neate
Director Technical and Development Services



Christie Mildenhall
Acting Director Community Services



Neil Hartley
Director Strategic Business



Mark Davis
Director Major Projects

Shire of Derby/West Kimberley

The 2023/24 Year in Review

 <p>COMMUNITY</p>	 <p>ENVIRONMENT</p>	 <p>ECONOMY</p>	 <p>LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE</p>
Derby Boab Festival	Aboriginal Environmental Health Unit	Annual Budget	<p>Compliance</p> Register of Complaints
Kimberley Art and Photographic Prize	Environmental Health	<p>Financial Summary Snapshot</p> Financial Summary Snapshot	Freedom of Information
Community Grants and Funding	Town Planning	<p>Tourism</p> Derby Community Hub	State Records Compliance
Disability Access and Inclusion	Planning Scheme Review	Fitzroy Crossing Visitor Centre	Public Interest Disclosure
Environmental and Sustainability Projects	Building Services	Derby Community Hub	Standards Panel Costs
Events	Ranger Services	Fitzroy Crossing Visitor Centre	Register of Gifts
Youth Services	Transport and Safe Infrastructure	<p>Derby Community Hub</p>	<p>Council Meetings</p>
Aquatics and Recreation	Waste Management	<p>Fitzroy Crossing Visitor Centre</p>	<p>Information Technology</p>
Library	Derby Airport	<p>Media</p>	<p>Payments Made to Employees</p>
Heritage	Fitzroy Crossing Airport	<p>Sculptures on the Marsh</p>	<p>Chief Executive Officer Remuneration</p>
Kimberley Floods - Recovery	Derby Port		<p>People and Culture</p>
	Community Streetlight Audit		<p>Recruitment</p> PROUD Achievers
			<p>Work Health and Safety</p>



COMMUNITY

Derby Boab Festival

The Shire was proud to once again participate in the annual Derby Boab Festival held in the first two weeks of July 2023. In addition to providing sponsorship funding for the opening event, the Mardi Gras, and for the Bush Poets Breakfast, the Shire provided in-kind support to a number of events such as the Boab Festival Basketball Carnival, the NAIDOC Family Fun Day and the Yajilarra Festival. The Shire’s entry into the Horizon Power Float Parade aligned with the Ranger Campaign ‘Shut the gate, look after your mate!’, aimed at encouraging responsible pet ownership by keeping their animals safely secured. The float was awarded Best Corporate Entry and the \$400 Mitre 10 prize was donated to local organisation Derby Landcare Group to support them with projects around Derby.

Kimberley Art and Photographic Prize

Once again the colours of the Kimberley were on display at the Derby Airport at the 2023 Kimberley Art and Photographic Prize. This year the awards, curated by Derby resident Jessica Bidewell, saw 140 art entries and 78 photographic submitted across eleven (11) art and photography categories. Judges Travis Hayto, Linley Nagodaah and Leon Pericles declared Deidre Butters the winner of the Overall Art Prize for her art piece Desert Aurora, whilst Eli Burns won the Overall Photographic Prize for his photo Lumpy Bumpy.

Events such as the Kimberley Art Prize do not happen without sponsors. The 2023 event was sponsored by the following organisations;

- Australia’s North-West Tourism
- Buckley’s Earth Moving
- Buru Energy
- Derby Plumbing and Gas
- Kimberley Art Network
- Kimberley Ports Authority
- Mitchell Plastic Welding
- Mount Gibson Iron Ore
- Pearl Coast Framing
- Vision Power
- Air Kimberley



Shire of Derby/West Kimberley

Community Grants and Funding

Each year the Shire hosts a community grants program, allowing local organisations and groups the opportunity to secure funding for various projects and events across our region. During 2023/24 the Shire provided over \$40,000 in funding to local community groups to host events such as the Derby Rodeo and Campdraft and Fitzroy Crossing Rodeo and Campdraft, the Boab Festival Mardis Gras, the Mowanjum Festival and the 6DBY 20th Anniversary Celebration.

The Shire also assisted the Derby Volunteer Marine Rescue group to upgrade their equipment by funding a new boat motor. The Shire supported local sporting stars to participate in competitions outside of Derby, including sponsoring a representative from Derby Speedway Club for the National Street Stock Championships and sponsoring an under 17's team from Derby Netball Association to compete in the North-West Regional Championships.

Disability Access and Inclusion

Ensuring community members who are living with disability are able to access the facilities and services we and other organisations provide is important to the Shire. During 2023/24 we continued to work on delivering the actions identified in the Shire's Disability Access and Inclusion Plan 2022 – 2027 and the outcomes of the State Disability Strategy. Some of our achievements have included;

- Making accessibility and safety improvements with two new pathways (including pram crossings) installed along Loch Street, Derby and Fallon Road, Fitzroy Crossing. Damaged footpaths between Fallon and Forrest roads in Fitzroy Crossing were also replaced.
- An ACROD Parking Bay Audit resulted in bays and lines being repainted and the replacement of damaged and faded signs. Information gathered in the audit is being used to inform future capital works to bring parking bays in line with the Australian Standards for Parking facilities – Off street parking for people with disability.
- Events were held in both Derby and Fitzroy Crossing to acknowledge International Day of People with Disability.





Environmental and Sustainability Projects

The Shire has continued to work closely with the Derby Landcare Group (DLG) to undertake a range of environmental sustainability projects. We continued to support the group with their work at the Munkajarra Wetlands, Joon Joo Botanical Trail and Sunset Park. In October, Council endorsed the donation of a cattle grid to DLG in order to reduce the impact of cattle at the Munkajarra Wetlands.

In addition, the Shire has collaborated with Derby Landcare Group as well as the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions with the aim of reducing the negative impact of cane toads in Derby. A number of initiatives have been implemented, including cane toad busts, installing a communal cane toad freezer and distributing cane toad traps donated by Mount Gibson Iron Ore, as well as assisting to provide education and information to the local community on cane toads and their impacts.

Each year the Shire collaborates with Keep Australia Beautiful to host a Community Clean Up event in Derby and Fitzroy Crossing. This year the Derby event attracted over 100 people, including children from Derby District High School and Holy Rosary, in order to clean up the Derby jetty while learning about keeping our country clean. A team of officers in Fitzroy Crossing conducted a clean up of key areas in town, while entering the town into the 2024 Tidy Towns Awards, receiving finalist in the competition.



OUR EVENTS: A Year in Pictures

Our community development and events teams have had a busy year, with over 15 Shire events and 10 assisted community events in Fitzroy Crossing, as well as 12 Shire run events and 11 assisted community events in Derby.

Some of the highlights included;

Australia Day Breakfast and Community Citizen of the Year

The 2024 citizens of the year were:

Community Citizen of the Year: Neil Gordon



Young Community Citizen of the Year: Megan Neshoda
Senior Community Citizen of the Year: Elinor Davey



Active Citizenship (Group or Event): Sculptures on the Marsh - M. Norval, C. Reynolds, J. Devany, K. Leamy, P. Bickerton



ANZAC Day



Remembrance Day



Australia Day Community Pool Party



Community Expos



Reconciliation Week Walk (Derby) and Virtual Breakfast (Fitzroy)



Christmas in the Kimberley (Fitzroy)



International Women's Day



Australia's Biggest Morning Tea



International Day of People with Disability



Screening of the STAN Original Series filmed in Derby - Population 11



Santa photo booth

National Volunteer Week

Thanks a Volunteer Day

Keep Australia Beautiful Clean-up events

Christmas lights competition

Senior Week

Homelessness Week – Pursuit of Happiness Screening



Youth Services

The Shire’s Youth Programs in both Derby and Fitzroy Crossing are crucial in providing a safe, supportive environment for local youth during the school terms and holidays. The programs offer both structured and unstructured activities designed to develop life skills, boost confidence, and foster creativity. It ensures participants have access to nutritious meals, cold water, and safe drop-off services, addressing their well-being and comfort.

With dedicated youth workers building strong relationships and offering guidance, the program creates a space where young people feel secure, supported, and empowered to seek assistance when needed. The team also worked closely with local schools, community organisations and stakeholders to create a supportive network for the youth.

In Derby, highlights included a visit from Perth Wildcats and Derby local Keanu Pinder, who ran a basketball session and utilised new basketballs provided by Rio Tinto and a trip to the Croc Farm in Broome.

In Fitzroy Crossing, the community development team have worked with various agencies to provide a holistic youth program, aiming to support those children and families recovering from the Kimberley Floods. This year youth participated in various excursions and programs, including a brand new youth cooking program, the Kimberley Kids in the Kitchen program, excursions to Broome and Kununurra for football games and Kids Fishing Day in Derby.

The financial support we received from our program supporters – the State Government, Rio Tinto, Stan Perron Foundation and LotteryWest supports us to run a wide variety of activities as part of our programs, with some extra special activities including basketball tournaments, laser tag, archery skirmish, bubble soccer and attending local events such as the Derby Rodeo and Mowanjum Festival.

Aquatics and Recreation

The Aquatics and Recreation team work under a number of areas; community swimming pool, recreation programs, school holiday programs and events. Throughout the year a number of new programs were introduced with high numbers of participation and positive feedback, including an adult swim squad; 'dive-in' movies and pool discos; junior soccer program; regular youth nights and the new community sporting organisation capacity building project which will be delivered over the next three years thanks to funding from the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries. The team also organized and ran Dash and Splash events, swimming lessons, bronze medallion training and aqua aerobics, as well as providing and maintaining facilities for the various sporting activities across Derby and Fitzroy Crossing.

In July 2022, the administration and first aid building at Fitzroy Crossing Swimming Pool suffered damage as a result of an arson incident. This meant the pool was closed for a period of time while structural assessments were undertaken and a temporary first aid room was implemented so that the pool could reopen in March 2023. Later that year, in November 2023, works were completed on the pool and the buildings and the pool was able to reopen back to the public.

Library

The Shire's Library Services continued to be a valuable resource for residents, offering access to a diverse range of books, digital resources and educational materials. Fitzroy Crossing library continues to run at a reduced capacity within the Fitzroy Crossing Visitor Centre due to the Kimberley Floods, with plans to expand the service again soon to meet the needs of the community.

The libraries serve as a hub for community engagement hosting children's and infant's programs, including rhyme-time story-time, chess, art and craft and Lego sessions. This year the Derby Public Library added a monthly book club on Saturdays to bring together like-minded individuals. Additionally, the library provided computer and internet access, supporting digital literacy and ensuring equal opportunities for information and education. The dedicated library staff played a vital role in connecting community members with knowledge and fostering a love for reading and learning.



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Heritage

After the completion of filming in August for Population 11, a STAN Original TV production, the Derby heritage sites that were utilised for the show, including the Wharfinger House Museum and the Jetty Woolshed were returned to their original condition and reopened to the public.

Kimberley Floods - Recovery

Since the completion of the initial response phase for the Kimberley Floods in January 2023, the Shire has led the recovery phase through 2023/24, with many significant projects and initiatives achieved through the recovery goals.

Support for the residents throughout the Fitzroy Valley and other flood-affected communities in the West Kimberley was paramount. The Fitzroy Crossing Flood Hub, established during the response phase, allows for a centralised location for collaborative agencies working on recovery services to meet community needs and ensure flood-affected residents only have to tell their story once.

The Flood Hub provides a variety of services through our dedicated community recovery officers, including outreach activities such as Cuppa Circles and general outreach to various Aboriginal Communities in the West Kimberley. The Cuppa Circle initiative has significantly impacted the community, serving as a space where community members can gather, share experiences, and collaborate, reinforcing the Shire's commitment to community-led recovery and supporting immediate needs and communication between community and government organisations.

Under the environmental domain, recovery services have adapted and closely monitored the protection of our natural landscapes, resulting in the implementation of a number of programs that focus on rehabilitation of flood-damaged areas and promoting sustainable land use. We continue to work with environmental groups and Traditional Owners to restore ecosystems, safeguard biodiversity and ensure that our heritage sites are protected for future generations. Facilitated by the Shire, the Fitzroy Valley Flood Recovery Working Group (FVFRWG) includes representatives from the community, business sectors, and PBCs, providing guidance and support to recovery agencies. With 20 meetings held so far, the FVFRWG has achieved remarkable success in navigating flood recovery.





Building resilience and community spirit has been a significant goal throughout the recovery process, with many community events bringing together residents from across the Fitzroy Valley. One of the Shire’s flagship projects, the Stronger Together event, held in October of 2023, was a million-dollar initiative designed to unite the community. The Shire project managed and delivered the event, with many performances and activities, including Baker Boy and Mitch Tambo, a drone show showcasing the local story of ‘Winjali’, inflatable fun as well as face painting, art exhibition and bush cooking classes. Additionally, in collaboration with the Department of Training and Workforce Development, the Shire hosted the Deadly Jobs Expo/Justice Day and Grants Open Day to provide employment and training opportunities as well as an opportunity for community to reach out to officers for their recovery needs.

Under the infrastructure and built environment domain, several milestones have been achieved by various agencies and the Shire, including the completion and opening of the new Fitzroy River Bridge December 2024, completion of road works that were damaged and the arrival and installation of new homes for several communities, ready for residents to move back in over the coming months.

The Shire has also initiated clean-up operations for private residences affected by the floods, which includes the demolition of severely damaged homes. Due to the extensive work required for rebuilding, a temporary accommodation facility was established to accommodate the influx of workers needed for recovery efforts. The Shire oversaw all aspects of this facility during the year, including bookings and maintenance and the planned for demobilisation in late 2024.

Several grant programs have been implemented and delivered during the 2023/24 financial year, with the Shire assisting in lodging GIVIT applications as well as the application and management process for the Lord Mayor’s Distress Relief Fund, which has released \$7.704 million for flood-impacted residents. These funds have been utilised to replace and repair vehicles, household items and homes. The Shire remains focused on recognising community needs and distributing funds appropriately, with the latest upcoming project centered on homemaker fit-outs and rebuilds.

The Kimberley Floods recovery continues and the Shire along with other agencies are committed to supporting community through their recovery journey as well as building resilience for the future.

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Aboriginal Environmental Health Unit (AEHU)

The Aboriginal Environmental Health Unit (AEHU) services communities within the Shire, providing various programs and services, including mosquito management and education, animal health, animal de-desexing, housing audits, environmental health inspections and support and also attending various events throughout the year.

Last year the AEHU were successful in seeking grant funding administered by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) through its Animal Welfare Grant Program. The grant of \$50,000 has enabled the AEHU to carry out a desexing program with AMRRIC (Animal Management in Rural & Remote Indigenous Communities). The program offers free de-sexing of animals, preventative health care, and veterinary attention to animals in remote Aboriginal communities.

The AEHU team are an integral part of the implementation of the council-endorsed mosquito

management plan. The focus is on education, surveillance and treatment of hotspot breeding areas. The team also continues to assist community members to control the ectoparasite (tick) in domestic animals by supplying appropriate treatments.

Environmental Health

The Environmental Health (EH) team service core functions of the Shire’s health and safety, including wastewater installations, public health education and awareness, permits and licenses for businesses and testing of public water areas.

This year the EH team focused on mosquito management and education, ensuring the community continues to be aware of and equipped to deal with mosquito-borne diseases present in the Kimberley. The EH team conducted treatment on the marsh and drain areas in Derby, Fitzroy Crossing, along Gibb River Road and Camballin.

Town Planning

This year the Shire entered into an agreement with the City of South Perth to conduct planning services for the Shire of Derby/West Kimberley from 1 January 2024. During this time the Shire received 14 development applications in which the City of South Perth externally project managed.

One of these applications was the application for Manjali Studio School, an addition to the Yirimalay Studio School. The planning application was issued for a total of a \$45M project, encompassing multiple school, resident and faculty buildings servicing children in the 7, 8 and 9 years of schooling, with plans for the school to open for the 2025 school year.

Planning Scheme Review

The Shire commenced working with Land Insights to prepare a review of the Local Planning Strategy previously dated in 2013. The project is now at the review stage, before being presented to Council subsequently the WA Planning Commission. During the year Council endorsed amendments and modifications to the Local Planning Scheme No.9 which are now being considered by the Minister of Planning after undergoing a review process.

Building Services

The Shire requires a building application for a new building or renovation. When compared to many other metropolitan and regional local governments, the Shire has low building application numbers, with only 34 building permits issued during 2023/24, comprising;

- 15 certified
- 11 uncertified
- 3 occupancy certificates, and
- 5 building approval certificates
- Ranger Services

Ranger Services

Rangers provide services in animal management including registrations and microchipping as well as provide education and support for the community on responsible pet ownership, fire hazard mitigation and emergency management.

This year the Rangers have committed more time assisting Derby Animal Welfare Group and the Aboriginal Environmental Health team with sterilisation programs, assisting with getting dogs and cats desexed via either the local vet or the AMRIC team that come in to help Aboriginal communities with their animal health. Rangers have also prioritised assisting communities to reduce the numbers of stray and feral cats in our region.



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Transport and Safe Infrastructure

The transport and safe infrastructure team continued to deliver its existing service in the towns of Fitzroy Crossing, Camballin and Derby in regards to verge management, parks and gardens management. The team also continually maintained our road network, engaging local Council appointed contractors.

The highlights of the capital program are listed below:

Capital Projects Undertaken 2023-24	Approx Total Costing
Bitumen Resealing of Beaven, Millard, Nevill & Hardman Streets, Knowsley St East, Rowell Court and Jetty Rd	\$249,968
Re-construction of Alfonsas Street	\$473,498

Re-sheeting and reshaping of the following roads;	Approx Total Costing
Fairfield/Leopold	\$1,155,606
Calwynyardah/Nookanbah	\$330,578
Millijiddee	\$185,950
Fossil Downs	\$112,000
Cherrabun	\$98,011
Mt Anderson	\$121,205
Kalyeeda Roads	\$59,182



Other Capital Projects completed in 2023/24:

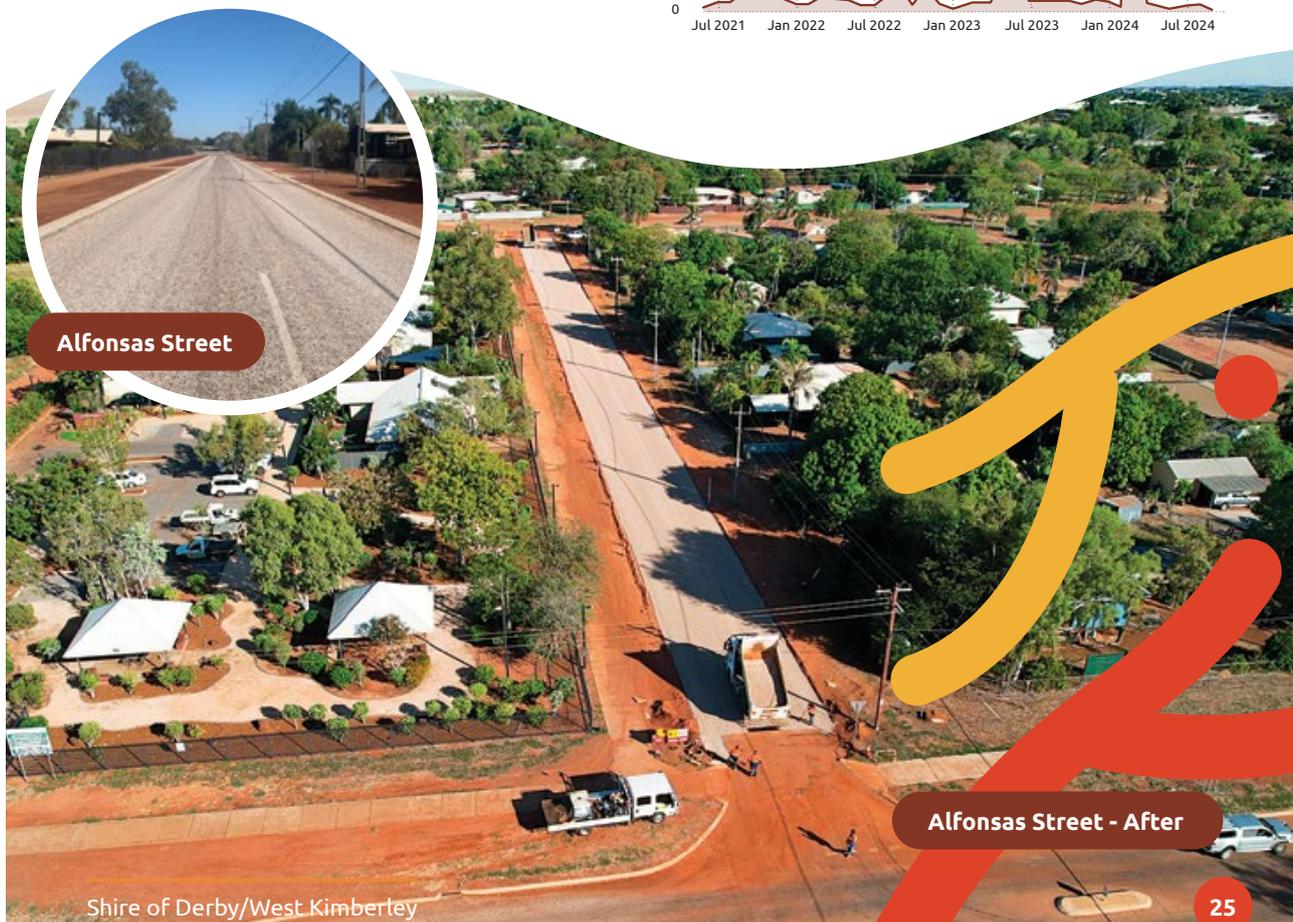
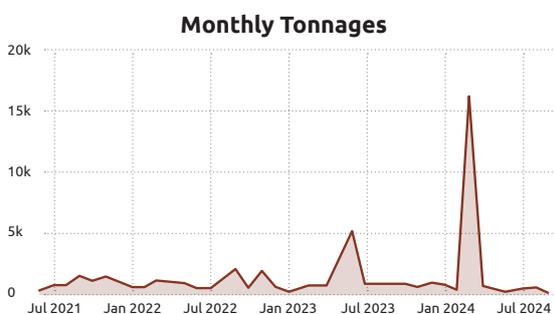
- Completion of all flood damage restoration from AGRN 951 (Tropical Low and Associated Flooding: 28 January – 8 February 2021).
- Completion of all immediate works and emergency works for AGRN 1044 (Kimberley Floods).
- Ongoing work to achieve approval for the Essential Public Asset Restoration program.
- Significant work completed on Orphan Roads throughout the Shire and within communities and roads in the Fitzroy Crossing Valley. This includes the construction of house pads for the Temporary Accommodation Units in flood-affected communities. This work was undertaken in conjunction with the Department of Communities and Main Roads Western Australia.
- Maintenance clean up in Camballin including mowing of verges, cleaning drains road patching.
- Footpath repairs and construction – Loch street, Derby and Fallon Road, Fitzroy Crossing.
- Installation of bollards in the Derby Pioneer Cemetery to protect damage to existing graves.
- Signage and bollard lighting installed near the Sculptures on the Marsh, Derby.

Waste Management

The Derby Waste Management Facility received 24704.67 tonnes, landfilling 4908.05 tonnes per annum and diverting 19796.61 tonnes per annum.

The Fitzroy Crossing Waste Management Facility manages a much lower quantity of waste, with a total of 4423.85 tonnes received of 1278.37 tonnes per annum being landfilled and 3145.47 tonnes per annum diverted.

This year there was a significant increase in household water-damaged waste received due to the Kimberley Floods. To illustrate the tonnages the image below indicates more than 16,000 tonnes of demolition waste was received at the Derby Waste Facility in March 2024. The majority of this waste was generated by flood damage in Fitzroy Crossing.



Alfonsas Street

Alfonsas Street - After

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Derby Airport

The Derby Airport continues to provide an essential facility for commercial and non-commercial operations. The Shire is focused on minimising the airport’s financial losses, whilst maintaining an effective operational capacity. There is work still to be done with asset management improvements, like the entrance road. Further financial improvements are now largely reliant on the district’s ability to attract new and additional business, including increasing patronage for the Aviair Derby/Brome service (which the Shire subsidises by providing free use of the airport and its staff), or attracting more land lessees. The Shire itself has taken advantage of the previously unused RFDS Offices, and relocated part of its Shire’s operations to those facilities, thus saving the costs of providing alternative office space in the Derby townsite.

Fitzroy Crossing Airport

The Fitzroy Crossing Airport is an essential port for the Fitzroy Valley, offering a base for pastoral rotary wing aircraft businesses and a regular passenger transport service for residents and other visitors to the area.

The \$3,000,000 refurbishment scheduled for 2023 was deferred due to the Kimberley Floods. A consideration of the situation is occurring at State Government level, with the potential of added funds being allocated to this facility to enable it to be reconstructed to a higher level, thus making it more flood-resilient. It is anticipated a result of the inquiry will be revealed in 2025 for the airstrip refurbishment to occur.



Relocation of accommodation units for Derby and Fitzroy Crossing

Due to the increasing demand on accommodation in Derby and Fitzroy Crossing, the Shire renovated the existing dongas at the Derby airport to be utilised as consultant and contractor accommodation.

Derby Port

The Derby Port operations included multiple commercial companies leasing areas at the Port as well as community use of the recreational boat ramp. Last year, the lease management responsibilities saw the transfer in full from the WA Department of Transport to the Kimberley Ports Authority (KPA). Since then, repairs have been completed on the wharf roof shed as well as upgrades to the water lines and electrical cables. Additionally, seven new footpath lights were installed on the service road between the north and south abutments.

The usage of the port is broken down as follows:

Major Throughputs	2023/2024	2022/2023
Wharf - Attendances	334	310
Ramp - Attendances	215	224
Fuel (Litres)	16,642,666	22,183,122
Water (Litres)	841,600	824,921
Freight (M3/Tonnes) General Cargo	65,655	47,525
Freight (M3/Tonnes) Fish	1,012	1,146
Freight (M3/Tonnes) Ice	1,063	795
Freight (M3/Tonnes) Fish Feed	5,942	2,327

Community Streetlight Audit

In 2022, the Shire conducted an on-ground streetlight survey to assess the distribution and financial responsibility of streetlights across various communities. The survey revealed significant findings regarding the Shire’s financial obligations, as detailed below:

Category	Derby	Fitzroy Crossing	Total
Shire Streetlights	731	310	1041
Aboriginal Community Streetlights			205
Main Roads Streetlights			66

Following the survey, the Shire engaged Horizon Power to further investigate the financial implications of maintaining these streetlights and after a thorough analysis, a credit of \$63,959.40 was given for the past 12 months. This credit accounted for the removal of streetlights from future billing cycles, significantly reducing the Shire’s financial burden.

It was identified that there was a need for an additional 19 streetlights in several streets in both Derby and Fitzroy Crossing.

A report was presented to Council outlining the need for these additional streetlights. The Council endorsed the installation of:

- 10 additional streetlights in Fitzroy Crossing
- 9 additional streetlights in Derby





ECONOMY

Annual Budget

Each year local governments in Western Australia must prepare an annual budget in the format prescribed by the *Local Government Act 1995* and is required to be adopted by Council by 31 August.

In preparing the draft budget, officers have used the Council’s Integrated Planning and Reporting documents such as the Strategic Community Plan, Corporate Business Plan, Long Term Financial Plan, Workforce Plan and various Asset Management Plans previously adopted by Council to prioritise budget submissions and new initiatives.

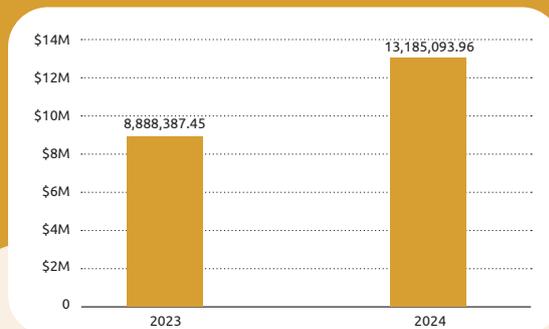
The 2023/24 budget delivers on the strategies adopted by the Council and maintains a high level of service across all programs while ensuring continued focus on roads. The budget is limited in providing adequate capital renewal and identifying a strategy to improve this situation has remained the focus of the administration.

The budget is fiscally responsible and provides for the maintenance of service levels, ongoing focus on road infrastructure and the financing of port and airport capital works.

The main features of the budget include:

- 5% increase in GRV and UV rates;
- The Shire continues to regularly review strategic and financial plans to ensure service levels support the Shire’s ongoing rating strategy to ensure transparency and ongoing sustainability; and
- Expenditure on road infrastructure is a major component of Council’s capital works strategy to increase the investment in roads across the Shire.

Capital Grants Received for Renewal Projects



Financial Summary Snapshot at a Glance



\$50.1m

Total Operating Expenditure for 2023/24



\$13.8m

Employee wage costs for permanent and casual employees



136

Employees at 30 June 2024



\$9m

of the total income received was comprised of Rates and Charges



\$24.7m

Council’s total grant funding for 2023/24



\$12.1m

Capital works program delivered



\$5.5m

Council borrowings at end of year



Tourism

Derby Community Hub

In 2023/24 the Derby Community Hub (previously Derby Visitor Centre) reopened to the public, providing an essential tourism information service to the community. Tourism officers welcomed thousands of visitors to the Hub and provided essential information and local advice, while encouraging visitors to book tours and experiences direct with local operators. In addition, the Hub opened alongside a new tourism website, Australia’s Boab Country, providing an online information Hub, featuring tips and tricks for the Gibb River Road, local information and things to do in the West Kimberley.

Fitzroy Crossing Visitor Centre

Despite the impact on tourism in the Fitzroy Valley after the Kimberley Floods in 2023, tourism officers welcomed a significant increase in visitors to Fitzroy Crossing, providing local information and assistance in booking tours and experiences. The Fitzroy Crossing Visitor Centre also provides local government and library services and facilitates accommodation booking assistance for internal and external staff performing works in the valley. The team continued to support the local community through consistent customer service and providing external resources such as Department of Transport Services.

Media

Last year, the Shire of Derby/West Kimberley had the pleasure of hosting Jungle Producers Entertainment, a renowned production company, for the filming of the STAN Originals Series, "Population 11," in Derby. To facilitate a seamless production process, the Shire appointed a film liaison officer, tasked with assisting in applications, recommending shooting sites, advising on accommodation options, and managing transport logistics. The officer collaborated extensively with crew members, producers, and location managers to accommodate all filming requests, even coordinating the temporary removal of street signs. Since the show, the Shire has received a significant amount of interest in filming in Derby and the West Kimberley and have implemented a filming permit process to streamline these requests.

Sculptures on the Marsh

The Shire is delighted to report the successful completion of the Build Better Region Fund (BBRF) funded Sculptures on the Marsh project. This public art initiative was awarded with the grant in April 2022 and in 2023/24, two additional sculptures were installed.

Valerie Lennard's sculpture 'Mud Crab' was installed on the north side of the marsh. This artwork celebrates the Warrwa people's rich cultural heritage and their enduring presence in the region. The sculpture highlights the significance of spearing mud crabs as both a traditional practice and a connection to ancestral lands.

Joey Kitching's sculpture 'Stingray' was installed on the north side of the marsh. This piece reflects the Derby region's marine life, where stingrays and saw sharks track schools of popeye mullet near the shore. Kitching's sculpture highlights the stingray's streamlined form, capturing how they blend into the tidal flats of King Sound as they silently pursue their prey.

The project's success was celebrated on September 9, 2023, during the first annual Night on the Marsh event, which drew approximately 200 attendees. Former Shire President Geoff Haerewa and local artist Mark Norval officially opened the sculptures, marking a significant community celebration. We are thrilled to announce that in March 2024, the project received a Bronze Award in the Best Sculpture Park or Trail category at the Australian Street Art Awards. This recognition is a proud moment and we are honoured to showcase these remarkable artworks.





LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE

Compliance

Register of Complaints

During the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024, no breach or complaint was registered under Part 5, Division 9 of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

Freedom of Information

The Shire's Freedom of Information statement is available on the Shire website, sdwk.wa.gov.au, and outlines the Shire's functions, the kind of records we keep and how these records can be accessed.

The Shire processed four Freedom of Information requested in 2023/24.

State Records Compliance

The Shire of Derby/West Kimberley remains committed to accurate record keeping practices in accordance with best practice and in compliance with the *State Records Act 2000*.

Public Interest Disclosure

In accordance with the requirements of the *Public Interest Disclosure Act 2003*, Shire of Derby/West Kimberley is committed to the aims and objectives of the Act.

The Act aims to ensure openness and accountability in government by encouraging people to make disclosures and protecting them when they do. It facilitates the disclosure of public interest information and provides protection for those making such disclosures, as well as those who are the subject of the disclosures. The Act also provides a process for matters disclosed to be investigated and for appropriate action to be taken.

The Shire did not receive any public interest disclosure reports during the reporting year.

Standards Panel costs

The Shire did not pay any Standards Panel costs for hearing a complaint regarding a council member, nor did the Standards Panel order any funds be reimbursed to the Shire by a council member.

Register of Gifts

Elected members and employees of the Shire to disclose any gift or contribution to travel received over \$300.00 in writing to the Chief Executive Officer within 10 days of receipt.

The Chief Executive Officer keeps a register of gifts which is made available on the Shire's website during the year. The register is also available for public inspection at the Shire's Administration office.

Council Meetings

The upgrade of the audio visual system in the Council Chambers in Derby is now complete.

Council meetings in Derby will be live streamed commencing the first meeting in 2025. Council continues to use Karrayili Adult Education Centre as a meeting location for Fitzroy Crossing Council Meetings and welcomes all community members to attend.

The Shire has continued to progress and improve efficiency levels, this includes ongoing process map development with a dedicated resource ensuring corporate knowledge is not lost due to staff turnover. In 2023/24 110 processes were completed and implemented, with more processes planned for the future.

The compliance calendar system, Attain, provides for an effective governance monitoring and reporting.



Information Technology

The Shire is continually reviewing and implementing new technology to assist in streamlining operations.

Highlights in 2023/24 include:

- Rollout of hardware replacement program including desktops and laptops
- Transition to cloud based server
- Cyber security maturity outcomes

Priorities for 2024/25 include review of existing and development of policies and further improvements to Disaster Recovery planning.

Chief Executive Officer Remuneration

In accordance with the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996* 19B (2)(e), the remuneration provided to the CEO during the financial year was \$291,000.

Payments made to Employees

In accordance with the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996* 19B (2)(b), Shire of Derby / West Kimberley is required to disclose in bands of \$10,000 the number of employees entitled to an annual salary package of \$130,000 or more.

Salary Range \$	Number of Employees
130,000 to 140,000	1
140,000 to 150,000	3
150,000 to 160,000	3
160,000 to 170,000	2
170,000 to 180,000	1
180,000 to 190,000	1
190,000 to 200,000	1
200,00 to 210,000	0
210,000 to 220,000	0
220,000 to 230,000	0
230,000 to 239,999	1
Grand Total	13



Work Health and Safety

The appointment of an additional Work Health and Safety (WHS) Officer demonstrates a strong commitment to enhancing workplace health and safety standards across the Shire. Under the leadership of the Senior WHS Officer, the Work Health and Safety Committee has implemented several significant improvements, including updated hazard and near-miss reporting forms, as well as accident and incident forms.

The appointment and training of new Health and Safety Representatives (HSRs), who meet bi-monthly to address safety concerns, further reinforces a proactive approach to safety.

Staff continue to execute an action plan provided by LGIS (the Shire’s insurer) following a comprehensive safety audit.

Key measures being implemented include the development of evacuation plans for all Shire buildings, along with the conduction of regular evacuation drills to ensure preparedness. First Aid Officers, Area Wardens, and Chief Wardens have been appointed in each building to oversee emergency protocols and responses. The Shire is in the process of developing new directives to strengthen its safety and operational framework.

Regular updates and servicing of first aid kits for vehicles, workplaces, and plant equipment, as well as the maintenance of fire extinguishers, are being conducted to ensure they are in optimal condition. Together, these initiatives create a robust safety network that aligns with the Shire’s commitment to workplace health and safety.

People and Culture

Continuing the strong push for staff development, the Shire emphasises training and development throughout the organisation. The Shire has implemented an improved induction process, prioritising essential training from day one, including an online Work Health and Safety module and Cultural Awareness.

The Shire also implemented a number of group training opportunities for staff, aiming to equip our officers with essential skills that directly enhance their ability to serve the community effectively. The variety of courses range from Local Government Introduction and Synergy Records training to De-escalating Conflict and Leadership Development. These diverse training opportunities provide a comprehensive foundation for managing day-to-day responsibilities and navigating complex challenges. Training in areas like Business Case and Grant Writing, Project Management, and Financial Training helps employees improve planning and resource management, while 4x4 Driving and Conflict Resolution enhance practical, on-the-ground service delivery. By fostering accountability, ethical decision-making, and leadership skills, this training supports staff in making informed decisions, enhancing teamwork, and driving better outcomes for the community.

Recruitment

In 2023/24, the Shire welcomed 61 new team members and farewellled 57. The Shire acknowledges a reduced turnover rate of 28.36% and a improved retention rate of 59.29%, a metric closely monitored for continuous improvement strategies. However, this turnover rate is not unexpected given the highly transient nature of our community.

The recent drop in retention highlights an important opportunity to align more closely with the council’s vision of fostering a local workforce and bringing roles back into the community. With a focus on reducing the number of remote workers and focusing on employing local, the Shire is actively working toward building a more stable, invested workforce that understands local needs and contributes to long-term community growth. This shift allows for the cultivation of local skills, strengthening employee loyalty and reducing the costs associated with recruiting and training new staff. It also supports the broader goal of enhancing community engagement and creating job opportunities that benefit local residents, further embedding the council’s values within its workforce structure.



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PROUD Achievers

In 2023/24 the Shire continued its PROUD achiever's employee recognition program, which is designed to acknowledge and celebrate employees embodying the core values of the organisation. The program fosters a positive and inclusive work culture, encouraging staff to exemplify the values in their daily work.

PROUD Achievers stands for: (P) Proud of who we are and where we live, (R) Responsible preservation of our environment, (O) Open to business, industry, and community development, (U) Understanding and valuing diverse cultures and knowledge, (D) Demonstrating integrity, transparency, and authenticity.

The awards are nominated by staff members and presented to those staff members who, in the following categories embody the vision and values of the Shire.

PROUD Achiever – recognises individuals exceeding expectations, demonstrating dedication and a willingness to take on challenges.

PROUD Team – acknowledges teams consistently going the extra mile and achieving outstanding results.

Winners



Committed to Culture Champion:
Sarah Smith

Executive Service Coordinator, for her outstanding dedication to fostering a positive and inclusive workplace culture. Sarah’s efforts in promoting diversity and creating a welcoming environment for all make her a true champion of our organisational values.

Respect and Relationships:
Colleen Boldison

Executive Assistant to the Director of Infrastructure, as she embodies the essence of respect and relationships. Her exceptional communication skills and empathetic approach create a culture of understanding and collaboration, making every colleague feel valued and heard.

Knowledge and Integrity:
Angela Bourne

Finance and Payroll Officer, who was recognised for her exemplary demonstration of knowledge and integrity. Angela’s proactive approach and commitment to excellence contribute to a culture of innovation and efficiency within our organisation.

Legacy and Community:
Chris Hammer

One of our dedicated Team Leaders in the Works Crew Derby, stands as a long-time pillar of strength and support within our community. His dedication to helping others and his tireless efforts in building a legacy of community impact with our younger crew and new starters make him a deserving recipient of the Legacy and Community Award.

Rising Star Award: David Rennardson

Trainee Aquatics and Recreation Officer, who shines brightly as a rising star in our organisation. His passion, dedication, and commitment to learning make him a beacon of hope for the future, inspiring us all to reach for the stars. The Shire is in good hands with stars like David guiding the way.

Boab Impact Leadership Award:
Tamara Clarkson

Deputy CEO, leads by example with her unwavering dedication and visionary leadership. Tamara’s impact on our organisation and community is immeasurable, and her commitment to excellence sets a standard for us all to aspire to. Tamara received a great number of nominations across departments and has the respect of many as a great leader in the Shire.

PROUD Achiever: Lavenia Ratabua

Senior Finance Officer, was awarded the top individual award for her exceptional dedication and outstanding contributions to the Shire. La’s hard work, dedication, and overwhelming number of nominations from her colleagues make her a true PROUD Achiever, deserving of this prestigious award.

PROUD Team: The Recovery Team

Through their resilience and unwavering support for our community in the aftermath of the floods, exemplify the spirit of teamwork and dedication. Their efforts continue to inspire us all over year on, and we are proud to recognise them as the recipients of this years PROUD Team Award.

2024/2025 The Year Ahead

Council continues to implement its Strategic Community Plan 2021-2031 and review associated documents such as the Corporate Business Plan, Asset Management Plan and Workforce Management Plan.

Throughout 2024/25 the Shire is looking forward to delivering on another exciting year in accordance with the vision and values outlined in the key pillars of the SCP:

'A place where people want to live, invest, visit and return to'



Leadership and Governance



Community



Economy



Environment

Some of the key projects and initiatives the Shire is anticipating on undertaking over the next financial year include:

Project	\$
Derby Airport Road Upgrade	\$500,000
Geikie Gorge Road - Sealing and improvements to Bungardi floodway	\$915,000
Flood Recovery Road Works – Kimberley Floods	\$5,900,000
Calwaynyardah Noonkanbah Road	\$995,000
Lighting, Fencing and Seating upgrade at Derby Recreation Centre	\$1,032,950
Lighting and Fencing at Fitzroy Crossing Town Oval	\$2,016,750
Plant renewal	\$1,136,646
Fitzroy Crossing Youth Precinct and Water Park	\$2,500,000
Wharfinger House Upgrades and Toilet Installation	\$210,000
Derby Recreation Precinct Upgrades	\$1,600,000
Basketball Courts Resurfacing Derby	\$300,000

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FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**

*Local Government Act 1995
Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*

STATEMENT BY CEO

The accompanying financial report of the Shire of Derby-West Kimberley has been prepared in compliance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1995* from proper accounts and records to present fairly the financial transactions for the reporting period ended 30 June 2024 and the financial position as at 30 June 2024.

At the date of signing this statement the particulars included in the financial report are not misleading or inaccurate.

Signed on the 10 day of December 2024



Acting CEO

Tamara Clarkson

Name of CEO



Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year ended 30 June 2024

	NOTE	2024 Actual \$	2024 Budget \$	2023 Actual \$
Revenue				
Rates	2(a),24	9,116,320	9,138,088	8,668,941
Grants, subsidies and contributions	2(a)	14,376,356	2,267,154	11,260,515
Fees and charges	2(a)	6,127,002	5,541,756	5,788,836
Interest revenue	2(a)	255,634	187,000	249,316
Other revenue	2(a)	1,869,985	667,520	1,271,219
		<u>31,745,297</u>	<u>17,801,518</u>	<u>27,238,827</u>
Expenses				
Employee costs	2(b)	(13,975,600)	(14,140,787)	(10,052,651)
Materials and contracts		(24,223,701)	(12,547,595)	(10,342,414)
Utility charges		(1,069,245)	(765,175)	(823,784)
Depreciation		(7,972,106)	(7,500,000)	(7,764,982)
Finance costs		(419,062)	(89,360)	(368,364)
Insurance		(1,335,474)	(1,776,469)	(1,444,271)
Other expenditure	2(b)	(846,723)	(682,589)	(446,625)
		<u>(49,841,911)</u>	<u>(37,501,975)</u>	<u>(31,243,091)</u>
		<u>(18,096,614)</u>	<u>(19,700,457)</u>	<u>(4,004,264)</u>
Capital grants, subsidies and contributions	2(a)	15,346,711	28,120,710	10,217,670
Profit on asset disposals		18,342	0	68,800
Loss on asset disposals		(665,474)	0	0
Loss on revaluation of Other infrastructure- footpaths	9(a)	0	0	(164,984)
		<u>14,699,579</u>	<u>28,120,710</u>	<u>10,121,486</u>
Net result for the period	23(b)	(3,397,035)	8,420,253	6,117,222
Other comprehensive income for the period				
<i>Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss</i>				
Changes in asset revaluation surplus	16	(3,389,567)	0	16,720,901
Total other comprehensive income for the period	16	(3,389,567)	0	16,720,901
Total comprehensive income for the period		(6,786,602)	8,420,253	22,838,123

This statement is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.



Statement of Financial Position for the year ended 30 June 2024

	NOTE	2024 \$	2023 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	7,895,069	10,843,886
Trade and other receivables	5	3,585,642	2,207,236
Other financial assets	4(a)	975,801	975,801
Inventories	6	26,222	50,780
Other assets	7	57,207	313,412
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		12,539,941	14,391,115
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Trade and other receivables	5	124,147	118,798
Property, plant and equipment	8	48,148,506	47,313,725
Infrastructure	9	307,458,558	304,315,196
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		355,731,211	351,747,719
TOTAL ASSETS		368,271,152	366,138,834
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	11	5,740,736	4,993,032
Other liabilities	12	947,063	1,192,405
Borrowings	13	5,539,077	237,288
Employee related provisions	14	955,938	963,120
Other provisions	15	56,144	56,144
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		13,238,958	7,441,989
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Borrowings	13	1,908,378	2,447,455
Employee related provisions	14	129,936	97,550
Other provisions	15	9,162,020	5,533,378
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		11,200,334	8,078,383
TOTAL LIABILITIES		24,439,292	15,520,372
NET ASSETS		343,831,860	350,618,462
EQUITY			
Retained surplus		63,410,169	66,807,204
Reserve accounts	27	975,801	975,801
Revaluation surplus	16	279,445,890	282,835,457
TOTAL EQUITY		343,831,860	350,618,462

This statement is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.



Statement of Changes in Equity for the year ended 30 June 2024

	NOTE	RETAINED SURPLUS \$	RESERVE ACCOUNTS \$	REVALUATION SURPLUS \$	TOTAL EQUITY \$
Balance as at 1 July 2022		60,689,982	975,801	266,114,556	327,780,339
Comprehensive income for the period					
Net result for the period		6,117,222	0	0	6,117,222
Other comprehensive income for the period	16	0	0	16,720,901	16,720,901
Total comprehensive income for the period		6,117,222	0	16,720,901	22,838,123
Balance as at 30 June 2023		66,807,204	975,801	282,835,457	350,618,462
Comprehensive income for the period					
Net result for the period		(3,397,035)	0	0	(3,397,035)
Other comprehensive income for the period	16	0	0	(3,389,567)	(3,389,567)
Total comprehensive income for the period		(3,397,035)	0	(3,389,567)	(6,786,602)
Balance as at 30 June 2024		63,410,169	975,801	279,445,890	343,831,860

This statement is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.



Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 30 June 2024

NOTE	2024 Actual \$	2023 Actual \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Receipts		
Rates	9,171,197	9,152,480
Grants, subsidies and contributions	13,375,732	10,684,509
Fees and charges	5,860,549	5,454,604
Interest revenue	255,634	249,316
Goods and services tax received	4,215,970	2,385,653
Other revenue	1,869,985	1,271,219
	<u>34,749,067</u>	<u>29,197,781</u>
Payments		
Employee costs	(13,828,513)	(9,624,967)
Materials and contracts	(23,401,208)	(12,744,963)
Utility charges	(1,069,245)	(823,784)
Finance costs	(194,697)	720,035
Insurance paid	(1,335,474)	(1,444,271)
Goods and services tax paid	(4,221,924)	(2,269,702)
Other expenditure	(846,723)	(267,667)
	<u>(44,897,784)</u>	<u>(26,455,319)</u>
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	17(b) (10,148,717)	2,742,462
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Payments for financial assets at amortised cost	0	(975,801)
Payments for purchase of property, plant & equipment	8(a) (2,881,709)	(1,438,004)
Payments for construction of infrastructure	9(a) (9,753,162)	(9,389,749)
Capital grants, subsidies and contributions	14,963,716	8,838,124
Proceeds from sale of property, plant & equipment	108,343	113,289
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	2,437,188	(2,852,141)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Repayment of borrowings	26(a) (2,237,288)	(381,778)
Proceeds from new borrowings	26(a) 7,000,000	0
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	4,762,712	(381,778)
Net (decrease) in cash held	(2,948,817)	(491,457)
Cash at beginning of year	10,843,886	11,335,343
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	17(a) <u>7,895,069</u>	<u>10,843,886</u>

This statement is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.



Statement of Financial Activity for the year ended 30 June 2024

	NOTE	2024 Actual \$	2024 Budget \$	2023 Actual \$
OPERATING ACTIVITIES				
Revenue from operating activities				
General rates	24	8,687,508	8,617,508	8,238,056
Rates excluding general rates	24	428,812	520,580	430,885
Grants, subsidies and contributions		14,376,356	2,267,154	11,260,515
Fees and charges		6,127,002	5,541,756	5,788,836
Interest revenue		255,634	187,000	249,316
Other revenue		1,869,985	667,520	1,271,219
Profit on asset disposals		18,342	0	68,800
		<u>31,763,639</u>	<u>17,801,518</u>	<u>27,307,627</u>
Expenditure from operating activities				
Employee costs		(13,975,600)	(14,140,787)	(10,052,651)
Materials and contracts		(24,223,701)	(12,547,595)	(10,342,414)
Utility charges		(1,069,245)	(765,175)	(823,784)
Depreciation		(7,972,106)	(7,500,000)	(7,764,982)
Finance costs		(419,062)	(89,360)	(368,364)
Insurance		(1,335,474)	(1,776,469)	(1,444,271)
Other expenditure		(846,723)	(682,589)	(446,625)
Loss on asset disposals		(665,474)	0	0
Loss on revaluation of non-current assets		0	0	(164,984)
		<u>(50,507,385)</u>	<u>(37,501,975)</u>	<u>(31,408,075)</u>
Non cash amounts excluded from operating activities	25(a)	8,814,497	7,500,000	9,053,917
Amount attributable to operating activities		<u>(9,929,249)</u>	<u>(12,200,457)</u>	<u>4,953,469</u>
INVESTING ACTIVITIES				
Inflows from investing activities				
Capital grants, subsidies and contributions		15,346,711	28,120,710	10,217,670
Proceeds from disposal of assets		108,343	0	113,289
		<u>15,455,054</u>	<u>28,120,710</u>	<u>10,330,959</u>
Outflows from investing activities				
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	8(a)	(2,881,709)	(10,369,146)	(1,438,004)
Purchase and construction of infrastructure	9(a)	(9,753,162)	(24,410,472)	(9,389,749)
		<u>(12,634,871)</u>	<u>(34,779,618)</u>	<u>(10,827,753)</u>
Amount attributable to investing activities		<u>2,820,183</u>	<u>(6,658,908)</u>	<u>(496,794)</u>
FINANCING ACTIVITIES				
Inflows from financing activities				
Proceeds from borrowings	26(a)	7,000,000	10,000,000	0
		<u>7,000,000</u>	<u>10,000,000</u>	<u>0</u>
Outflows from financing activities				
Repayment of borrowings	26(a)	(2,237,288)	(395,335)	(381,778)
Transfers to reserve accounts	27	0	(483,324)	0
		<u>(2,237,288)</u>	<u>(878,659)</u>	<u>(381,778)</u>
Amount attributable to financing activities		<u>4,762,712</u>	<u>9,121,341</u>	<u>(381,778)</u>
MOVEMENT IN SURPLUS OR DEFICIT				
Surplus or deficit at the start of the financial year	25(b)	6,613,054	9,738,024	2,538,157
Amount attributable to operating activities		(9,929,249)	(12,200,457)	4,953,469
Amount attributable to investing activities		2,820,183	(6,658,908)	(496,794)
Amount attributable to financing activities		4,762,712	9,121,341	(381,778)
Surplus or deficit after imposition of general rates	25(b)	<u>4,266,700</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6,613,054</u>

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Notes to and forming part of the financial report for the year ended 30 June 2024

1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

The financial report of the Shire of Derby-West Kimberley which is a Class 2 local government comprises general purpose financial statements which have been prepared in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1995* and accompanying regulations.

Local Government Act 1995 requirements

Section 6.4(2) of the *Local Government Act 1995* read with the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* prescribe that the financial report be prepared in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1995* and, to the extent that they are not inconsistent with the *Local Government Act 1995*, the Australian Accounting Standards. The Australian Accounting Standards (as they apply to local governments and not-for-profit entities) and Interpretations of the Australian Accounting Standards Board were applied where no inconsistencies exist.

The *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* specify that vested land is a right-of-use asset to be measured at cost, and is considered a zero cost concessionary lease. All right-of-use assets under zero cost concessionary leases are measured at zero cost rather than at fair value, except for vested improvements on concessionary land leases such as roads, buildings or other infrastructure which continue to be reported at fair value, as opposed to the vested land which is measured at zero cost. The measurement of vested improvements at fair value is a departure from AASB 16 *Leases* which would have required the Shire to measure any vested improvements at zero cost.

The *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* provide that:

- land and buildings classified as property, plant and equipment; or
- infrastructure; or
- vested improvements that the local government controls; and measured at reportable value, are only required to be revalued every five years. Revaluing these non-financial assets every five years is a departure from AASB 116 *Property, Plant and Equipment*, which would have required the Shire to assess at each reporting date whether the carrying amount of the above mentioned non-financial assets materially differs from their fair value and, if so, revalue the class of non-financial assets.

Accounting policies which have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report have been consistently applied unless stated otherwise. Except for cash flow and rate setting information, the financial report has been prepared on the accrual basis and is based on historical costs, modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and liabilities.

Critical accounting estimates and judgements

The preparation of a financial report in conformity with Australian Accounting Standards requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that effect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses.

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 about carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

As with all estimates, the use of different assumptions could lead to material changes in the amounts reported in the financial report.

The following are 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 and further information on their nature and impact can be found in the relevant note:

- Fair value measurement of assets carried at reportable value including:
 - Property, plant and equipment - note 8
 - Infrastructure - note 9
- Expected credit losses on financial assets - note 5
- Measurement of employee benefits - note 14
- Measurement of provisions - note 15

Fair value hierarchy information can be found in note 22

The local government reporting entity

All funds through which the Shire controls resources to carry on its functions have been included in the financial statements forming part of this financial report.

All monies held in the Trust Fund are excluded from the financial statements. A separate statement of those monies appears at Note 28 of the financial report.

Initial application of accounting standards

During the current year, the following new or revised Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations were applied for the first time.

- AASB 2021-2 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Disclosure of Accounting Policies or Definition of Accounting Estimates*

This standard resulted in terminology changes relating to material accounting policies (formerly referred to as significant accounting policies).

New accounting standards for application in future years

The following new accounting standards will have application to local government in future years:

- AASB 2014-10 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture*
- AASB 2020-1 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current*
- AASB 2021-7c *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Effective Date of Amendments to AASB 10 and AASB 128 and Editorial Corrections [deferred AASB 10 and AASB 128 amendments in AASB 2014-10 apply]*
- AASB 2022-5 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback*
- AASB 2022-6 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Non-current Liabilities with Covenants*

These amendments are not expected to have any material impact on the financial report on initial application.

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

These amendment may result in changes to the fair value of non-financial assets. The impact is yet to be quantified.

- AASB 2023-1 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Supplier Finance Arrangements*

These amendments may result in additional disclosures in the case of applicable finance arrangements.

Notes to and forming part of the financial report for the year ended 30 June 2024

2. REVENUE AND EXPENSES

(a) Revenue

Contracts with customers

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

Revenue Category	Nature of goods and services	When obligations typically satisfied	Payment terms	Returns/Refunds/Warranties	Timing of revenue recognition
Grants, subsidies and contributions	Community events, minor facilities, research, design, planning evaluation and services	Over time	Fixed terms transfer of funds based on agreed milestones and reporting	Contract obligation if project not complete	Output method based on project milestones and/or completion date matched to performance obligations
Fees and charges - licences, registrations, approvals	Building, planning, development and animal management.	Single point in time	Full payment prior to issue	None	On payment of the licence, registration or approval
Fees and charges - airport landing charges	Permission to use facilities and runway	Single point in time	Monthly in arrears	None	On landing/departure event
Fees and charges - sale of stock	Aviation fuel, kiosk and visitor centre stock	Single point in time	In full in advance, on 15 day credit	Refund for faulty goods	At point of sale
Other revenue - private works	Contracted private works	Single point in time	Monthly in arrears	None	At point of service

Consideration from contracts with customers is included in the transaction price.

Revenue Recognition

Revenue recognised during the year under each basis of recognition by nature of goods or services is provided in the table below:

For the year ended 30 June 2024

Nature	Contracts with customers	Capital grant/contributions	Statutory Requirements	Other	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Rates	0	0	9,116,320	0	9,116,320
Grants, subsidies and contributions	1,841,319	0	0	12,535,037	14,376,356
Fees and charges	3,872,773	0	2,169,808	84,421	6,127,002
Interest revenue	0	0	150,498	105,136	255,634
Other revenue	1,548,052	0	0	321,933	1,869,985
Capital grants, subsidies and contributions	0	15,346,711	0	0	15,346,711
Total	7,262,144	15,346,711	11,436,626	13,046,527	47,092,008

For the year ended 30 June 2023

Nature	Contracts with customers	Capital grant/contributions	Statutory Requirements	Other	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Rates	0	0	8,668,941	0	8,668,941
Grants, subsidies and contributions	1,739,755	0	0	9,520,760	11,260,515
Fees and charges	3,779,935	0	1,948,894	60,007	5,788,836
Interest revenue	0	0	134,037	115,279	249,316
Other revenue	895,047	0	0	376,172	1,271,219
Capital grants, subsidies and contributions	0	10,217,670	0	0	10,217,670
Total	6,414,737	10,217,670	10,751,872	10,072,218	37,456,497

Notes to and forming part of the financial report for the year ended 30 June 2024

2. REVENUE AND EXPENSES (Continued)

(a) Revenue (Continued)

Interest revenue

Trade and other receivables overdue interest
Other interest revenue

The 2024 original budget estimate in relation to:
Trade and other receivables overdue interest was \$127,000.

Fees and charges relating to rates receivable

Charges on instalment plan

The 2024 original budget estimate in relation to:
Charges on instalment plan was \$12,912.

(b) Expenses

Auditors remuneration

- Audit of the Annual Financial Report
- Other services – grant acquittals

Employee Costs

Employee benefit costs
Other employee costs

Finance costs

Interest and financial charges paid/payable
for lease liabilities and financial liabilities not
at fair value through profit or loss
Provisions: unwinding of discount

Other expenditure

Sundry expense relating to Flood damage AGRN 1044
Sundry expenses

	2024 Actual	2023 Actual
	\$	\$
Interest revenue		
Trade and other receivables overdue interest	168,697	134,037
Other interest revenue	86,937	115,279
	255,634	249,316
Fees and charges relating to rates receivable		
Charges on instalment plan	15,080	11,625
Expenses		
Auditors remuneration		
- Audit of the Annual Financial Report	92,588	89,832
- Other services – grant acquittals	0	9,300
	92,588	99,132
Employee Costs		
Employee benefit costs	9,512,107	8,219,908
Other employee costs	4,463,493	1,832,743
	13,975,600	10,052,651
Finance costs		
Interest and financial charges paid/payable for lease liabilities and financial liabilities not at fair value through profit or loss	194,697	101,868
Provisions: unwinding of discount	224,365	266,496
	419,062	368,364
Other expenditure		
Sundry expense relating to Flood damage AGRN 1044	401,454	13,426
Sundry expenses	445,269	433,199
	846,723	446,625

Notes to and forming part of the financial report for the year ended 30 June 2024

3. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Note	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Cash at bank and on hand	7,895,069	10,843,886
Total cash and cash equivalents	7,895,069	10,843,886
Held as		
- Unrestricted cash and cash equivalents	6,948,006	9,651,481
- Restricted cash and cash equivalents	947,063	1,192,405
	7,895,069	10,843,886

MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, cash at bank, deposits available on demand with banks and 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.

Bank overdrafts are reported as short term borrowings in current liabilities in the statement of financial position.

Restricted financial assets

Restricted financial asset balances are not available for general use by the local government due to externally imposed restrictions. Restrictions are specified in an agreement, contract or legislation. This applies to reserve accounts, unspent grants, subsidies and contributions and unspent loans that have not been fully expended in the manner specified by the contributor, legislation or loan agreement and for which no liability has been recognised.

4. OTHER FINANCIAL ASSETS

(a) Current assets

Note	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Financial assets at amortised cost	975,801	975,801
	975,801	975,801
Other financial assets at amortised cost		
Term deposits	975,801	975,801
	975,801	975,801
Held as		
- Restricted other financial assets at amortised cost	975,801	975,801
	975,801	975,801

MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Other financial assets at amortised cost

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

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

Fair values of financial assets at amortised cost are not materially different to their carrying amounts, since the interest receivable on those assets is either close to current market rates or the assets are of a short term nature. Non-current financial assets at amortised cost fair values are based on discounted cash flows using a current market rates. They are classified as level 2 fair values in the fair value hierarchy (see Note 22 (i)) due to the observable market rates).

Interest received is presented under cashflows from operating activities in the Statement of Cash Flows where it is earned from financial assets that are held for cash management purposes.

Notes to and forming part of the financial report for the year ended 30 June 2024

5. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

Note	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Current		
Rates and statutory receivables	1,309,642	1,285,777
Trade receivables	2,405,399	1,323,265
GST receivable	132,240	126,286
Allowance for credit losses of rates and statutory receivables	(42,984)	(153,930)
Allowance for credit losses of trade receivables	20(b) (218,655)	(374,162)
	3,585,642	2,207,236
Non-current		
Rates and statutory receivables	124,147	118,798
	124,147	118,798

Disclosure of opening and closing balances related to contracts with customers

Information about receivables from contracts with customers along with financial assets and associated liabilities arising from transfers to enable the acquisition or construction of recognisable non financial assets is:

Note	30 June 2024 Actual	30 June 2023 Actual	1 July 2022 Actual
	\$	\$	\$
Trade and other receivables from contracts with customers	2,405,399	1,323,265	966,217
Allowance for credit losses of trade receivables	5 (218,655)	(374,162)	(374,162)
Total trade and other receivables from contracts with customers	2,186,744	949,103	592,055

MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Rates and statutory receivables

Rates and statutory receivables are non-contractual receivables arising from statutory requirements and include amounts due from ratepayers for unpaid rates and service charges and other statutory charges or fines.

Rates and statutory receivables are recognised when the taxable event has occurred and can be measured reliably.

Trade receivables

Trade receivables are amounts receivable from contractual arrangements with customers for goods sold, services performed or grants or contributions with sufficiently specific performance obligations or for the construction of recognisable non financial assets as part of the ordinary course of business.

Other receivables

Other receivables are amounts receivable from contractual arrangements with third parties other than contracts with customers and amounts received as grants for the construction of recognisable non financial assets.

Measurement

Trade and other receivables are recognised initially at the amount of the transaction price, unless they contain a significant financing component, and are to be recognised at fair value.

Classification and subsequent measurement

Receivables which are generally due for settlement within 30 days except rates receivables which are expected to be collected within 12 months are classified as current assets. All other receivables such as, deferred pensioner rates receivable after the end of the reporting period are classified as non-current assets.

Trade and other receivables are held with the objective to collect the contractual cashflows and therefore the Shire measures them subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

Due to the short term nature of current receivables, their carrying amount is considered to be the same as their fair value. Non-current receivables are indexed to inflation, any difference between the face value and fair value is considered immaterial.

Impairment and risk exposure

Information about the impairment of trade receivables and their exposure to credit risk and interest rate risk can be found in Note 20.

Notes to and forming part of the financial report for the year ended 30 June 2024

6. INVENTORIES

Note	2024	2023
Current	\$	\$
Fuel and materials	9,251	32,270
Visitor centre stock	16,971	18,510
	26,222	50,780
The following movements in inventories occurred during the year:		
Balance at beginning of year	50,780	49,353
Inventories expensed during the year	(235,768)	(127,520)
Additions to inventory	211,210	128,947
Balance at end of year	26,222	50,780

MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

General

Inventories are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Net realisable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business less the estimated costs of completion and the estimated costs necessary to make the sale.

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7. OTHER ASSETS

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Other assets - current		
Prepayments	0	22,457
Accrued income	57,207	290,955
	<u>57,207</u>	<u>313,412</u>

MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Other current assets

Other non-financial assets include prepayments which represent payments in advance of receipt of goods or services or that part of expenditure made in one accounting period covering a term extending beyond that period.

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8. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

(a) Movements in Balances

Movement in the balances of each class of property, plant and equipment between the beginning and the end of the current financial year.

	Total Property			Plant and equipment			Total property, plant and equipment
	Land	Buildings - non-specialised	Total Property	Furniture and equipment	Plant and equipment	PPE - Work in progress	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 1 July 2022	4,213,000	41,380,406	45,593,406	124,118	1,448,176	0	47,165,700
Additions	0	689,996	689,996	18,333	720,952	8,723	1,438,004
Disposals	0	0	0	(44,489)	(44,489)	0	(44,489)
Depreciation	0	(972,558)	(972,558)	(27,056)	(245,876)	0	(1,245,490)
Transfers	0	0	0	(115,395)	115,395	0	0
Balance at 30 June 2023	4,213,000	41,097,844	45,310,844	0	1,994,158	8,723	47,313,725
Comprises:							
Gross balance amount at 30 June 2023	4,213,000	43,040,491	47,253,491	0	3,507,887	8,723	50,770,101
Accumulated depreciation at 30 June 2023	0	(1,942,647)	(1,942,647)	0	(1,513,729)	0	(3,456,376)
Balance at 30 June 2023	4,213,000	41,097,844	45,310,844	0	1,994,158	8,723	47,313,725
Additions	0	1,787,688	1,787,688	0	1,094,021	0	2,881,709
Disposals	0	(618,905)	(618,905)	0	(136,570)	0	(755,475)
Depreciation	0	(983,568)	(983,568)	0	(307,885)	0	(1,291,453)
Transfers	0	0	0	0	8,723	(8,723)	0
Balance at 30 June 2024	4,213,000	41,283,059	45,496,059	0	2,652,447	0	48,148,506
Comprises:							
Gross balance amount at 30 June 2024	4,213,000	44,139,771	48,352,771	0	4,303,253	0	52,656,024
Accumulated depreciation at 30 June 2024	0	(2,856,712)	(2,856,712)	0	(1,650,806)	0	(4,507,518)
Balance at 30 June 2024	4,213,000	41,283,059	45,496,059	0	2,652,447	0	48,148,506

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8. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (Continued)

(b) Carrying Amount Measurements

Asset Class	Fair Value Hierarchy	Valuation Technique	Basis of Valuation	Date of Last Valuation	Inputs Used
(i) Fair Value - as determined at the last valuation date					
Land and buildings					
Land	2	Market approach using recent observable market data for similar properties / income approach using discounted cash flow methodology	Independent registered valuer	June 2021	Price per hectare / market borrowing rate
Buildings - non-specialised	2	Replacement cost method	Independent registered valuer	June 2021	Perth based construction rates with appropriate district allowance applied to each location

Level 3 inputs are based on assumptions with regards to future values and patterns of consumption utilising current information. If the basis of these assumptions were varied, they have the potential to result in a significantly higher or lower fair value measurement.

During the period there were no changes in the valuation techniques used by the local government to determine the fair value of property, plant and equipment using either level 2 or level 3 inputs. The valuation techniques applied to property subject to lease was the same as that applied to property not subject to lease.

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9. INFRASTRUCTURE

(a) Movements in Balances

Movement in the balances of each class of infrastructure between the beginning and the end of the current financial year.

	Infrastructure - roads	Other infrastructure - drainage	Other infrastructure - footpaths	Other infrastructure - land & parks	Other infrastructure - wharf	Other infrastructure - airports	Other infrastructure - other structures	Other infrastructure - landfill assets	Total Infrastructure
Balance at 1 July 2022	221,011,419	2,101,628	755,409	3,285,597	20,748,028	28,303,161	8,275,738	1,502,128	285,983,108
Additions	8,988,387	0	0	0	21,070	0	380,292	0	9,389,749
Revaluation increments / (decrements) transferred to revaluation surplus	16,189,298	(192,935)	0	0	0	0	0	(369,548)	15,626,815
Revaluation (loss) / reversals transferred to profit or loss	0	0	(164,984)	0	0	0	0	0	(164,984)
Depreciation	(4,528,839)	(46,356)	(29,917)	(157,515)	(634,957)	(603,828)	(438,150)	(79,930)	(6,519,492)
Balance at 30 June 2023	241,660,265	1,862,337	560,508	3,128,082	20,134,141	27,699,333	8,217,880	1,052,650	304,315,196
Comprises:									
Gross balance at 30 June 2023	300,068,278	3,310,286	1,213,222	3,443,073	21,404,055	28,906,984	9,093,125	4,835,382	372,274,415
Accumulated depreciation at 30 June 2023	(58,408,013)	(1,447,949)	(652,714)	(314,991)	(1,269,914)	(1,207,661)	(875,245)	(3,782,732)	(67,959,219)
Balance at 30 June 2023	241,660,265	1,862,337	560,508	3,128,082	20,134,141	27,699,333	8,217,880	1,052,650	304,315,196
Balance at 30 June 2024	7,691,547	8,500	164,333	0	54,950	0	1,833,832	0	9,753,162
Revaluation increments / (decrements) transferred to revaluation surplus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70,853	70,853
Depreciation	(4,683,910)	(37,465)	(23,767)	(157,516)	(635,960)	(603,829)	(459,663)	(68,543)	(6,680,653)
Balance at 30 June 2024	244,657,902	1,833,372	701,074	2,970,566	19,553,131	27,095,504	9,592,049	1,054,960	307,458,558
Comprises:									
Gross balance at 30 June 2024	307,759,826	3,318,786	1,377,555	3,443,072	21,459,005	28,906,984	10,926,957	4,906,236	382,098,431
Accumulated depreciation at 30 June 2024	(63,101,924)	(1,485,414)	(676,481)	(472,506)	(1,905,874)	(1,811,490)	(1,334,908)	(3,851,276)	(74,639,873)
Balance at 30 June 2024	244,657,902	1,833,372	701,074	2,970,566	19,553,131	27,095,504	9,592,049	1,054,960	307,458,558

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9. INFRASTRUCTURE (Continued)

(b) Carrying Amount Measurements

Asset Class Fair Value - as determined at the last valuation date	Fair Value Hierarchy	Valuation Technique	Basis of Valuation	Date of Last Valuation	Inputs Used
Infrastructure - roads	3	Cost approach using current replacement cost	Independent registered valuer	June 2023	Construction costs and current condition, residual values and remaining useful life assessments
Other infrastructure - drainage	3	Cost approach using current replacement cost	Independent registered valuer	June 2023	Construction costs and current condition, residual values and remaining useful life assessments
Other infrastructure - footpaths	3	Cost approach using current replacement cost	Independent registered valuer	June 2023	Construction costs and current condition, residual values and remaining useful life assessments
Other infrastructure - land & parks	3	Cost approach using current replacement cost	Independent registered valuer	June 2021	Construction costs and current condition, residual values and remaining useful life assessments
Other infrastructure - wharf	3	Cost approach using current replacement cost	Independent registered valuer	June 2021	Construction costs and current condition, residual values and remaining useful life assessments
Other infrastructure - airports	3	Cost approach using current replacement cost	Independent registered valuer	June 2021	Construction costs and current condition, residual values and remaining useful life assessments
Other infrastructure - other structures	3	Cost approach using current replacement cost	Independent registered valuer	June 2021	Construction costs and current condition, residual values and remaining useful life assessments
Other infrastructure - landfill assets	3	Cost approach using depreciated replacement cost and using discounted cash flow methodology for make good estimates	Management valuation utilising independent estimates of future make good costs	June 2024	Construction costs including discounted future make good cost estimates and remaining useful life estimates

Level 3 inputs are based on assumptions with regards to future values and patterns of consumption utilising current information. If the basis of these assumptions were varied, they have the potential to result in a significantly higher or lower fair value measurement.

During the period there were no changes in the valuation techniques used to determine the fair value of infrastructure using level 3 inputs.

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10. FIXED ASSETS

(a) Depreciation

Depreciation rates

Typical estimated useful lives for the different asset classes for the current and prior years are included in the table below:

Asset Class	Useful life
Buildings	30 to 80 years
Furniture and equipment	1 to 20 years
Plant and equipment	2 to 7 years
Infrastructure - roads	
- sealed road surface	14 to 22 years
- sealed road pavement	75 years
- concrete road pavement	85 years
- unsealed road pavement	25 years
- road formation	N/A
- kerb and channel	80 years
Other infrastructure - drainage	100 years
Other infrastructure - footpaths	10 to 80 years
Other infrastructure - land & parks	10 to 100 years
Other infrastructure - wharf	35 years
Other infrastructure - airports	8 to 65 years
Other infrastructure - other structures	10 to 50 years
Other infrastructure - landfill assets	20 to 50 years

(b) Fully Depreciated Assets in Use

The gross carrying amount of assets held by the Shire which are currently in use yet fully depreciated are shown in the table below.

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Plant and equipment	822,073	499,864
Other infrastructure - other structures	5,329	2,849
	<u>827,402</u>	<u>502,713</u>

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10. FIXED ASSETS (Continued)

MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Initial recognition

An item of property, plant and equipment or infrastructure that qualifies for recognition as an asset is measured at its cost.

Upon initial recognition, cost is determined as the amount paid (or other consideration given) to acquire the assets, plus costs incidental to the acquisition. The cost of non-current assets constructed by the Shire includes the cost of all materials used in construction, direct labour on the project and an appropriate proportion of variable and fixed overheads. For assets acquired at zero cost or otherwise significantly less than fair value, cost is determined as fair value at the date of acquisition.

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

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

Individual assets that are land, buildings and infrastructure acquired between scheduled revaluation dates of the asset class in accordance with the Shire's revaluation policy, are recognised at cost and disclosed as being at reportable value.

Measurement after recognition

Plant and equipment including furniture and equipment and right-of-use assets (other than vested improvements) are measured using the cost model as required under *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 17A(2)*. Assets held under the cost model are carried at cost less accumulated depreciation and any impairment losses being their reportable value.

Reportable Value

In accordance with *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 17A(2)*, the carrying amount of non-financial assets that are *land and buildings classified as property, plant and equipment*, investment properties, infrastructure or vested improvements that the local government controls.

Reportable value is for the purpose of *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 17A(4)* is the fair value of the asset at its last valuation date minus (to the extent applicable) the accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses in respect of the non-financial asset subsequent to its last valuation date.

Revaluation

Land and buildings classified as property, plant and equipment, *infrastructure or vested improvements that the local government controls* and measured at reportable value, are only required to be revalued every five years in accordance with the regulatory framework. This includes buildings and infrastructure items which were pre-existing improvements (i.e. vested improvements) on land vested in the Shire.

Whilst the regulatory framework only requires a revaluation to occur every five years, it also provides for the Shire to revalue earlier if it chooses to do so.

For land, buildings and infrastructure, increases in the carrying amount arising on revaluation of asset classes are credited to a revaluation surplus in equity.

Decreases that offset previous increases of the same class of asset are recognised against revaluation surplus directly in equity. All other decreases are recognised in profit or loss.

Subsequent increases are then recognised in profit or loss to the extent they reverse a net revaluation decrease previously recognised in profit or loss for the same class of asset.

Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all property, plant and equipment and infrastructure, are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the individual asset's useful life from the time the asset is held ready for use. Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful life of the improvements.

The assets residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at the end of each reporting period.

Depreciation on revaluation

When an item of property, plant and equipment and infrastructure is revalued, any accumulated depreciation at the date of the revaluation is treated in one of the following ways:

- (i) The gross carrying amount is adjusted in a manner that is consistent with the revaluation of the carrying amount of the asset.
- (ii) Eliminated against the gross carrying amount of the asset and the net amount restated to the revalued amount of the asset.

Impairment

In accordance with *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 17A(4C)*, the Shire is not required to comply with *AASB 136 Impairment of Assets* to determine the recoverable amount of its non-financial assets that are land or buildings classified as property, plant and equipment, infrastructure or vested improvements that the local government controls in circumstances where there has been an impairment indication of a general decrease in asset values.

In other circumstances where it has been assessed that one or more of these non-financial assets are impaired, the asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount.

Gains or losses on disposal

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount. These gains and losses are included in the statement of comprehensive income in the period in which they arise.

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11. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

Current

Sundry creditors
 Prepaid rates
 Accrued payroll liabilities
 Accrued expenses
 Other payables
 Accrued interest on loans

2024	2023
\$	\$
3,132,029	1,734,343
246,313	162,222
399,499	277,616
1,497,775	2,352,807
397,351	458,035
67,769	8,009
5,740,736	4,993,032

MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Financial liabilities

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

Non-derivative financial liabilities (excluding financial guarantees) are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

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

Trade and other payables

Trade and other payables represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the Shire prior to the end of the financial year that are unpaid and arise when the Shire becomes obliged to make future payments in respect of the purchase of these goods and services. The amounts are unsecured, are recognised as a current liability and are usually paid within 30 days of recognition. The carrying amounts of trade and other payables are considered to be the same as their fair values, due to their short-term nature.

Prepaid rates

Prepaid rates are, until the taxable event has occurred (start of the next financial year), refundable at the request of the ratepayer. Rates received in advance are initially recognised as a financial liability. When the taxable event occurs, the financial liability is extinguished and the Shire recognises income for the prepaid rates that have not been refunded.

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12. OTHER LIABILITIES

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Current		
Contract liabilities	166,370	84,860
Capital grant/contributions liabilities	780,693	1,107,545
	947,063	1,192,405
Reconciliation of changes in contract liabilities		
Opening balance	84,860	124,860
Additions	118,663	0
Revenue from contracts with customers included as a contract liability at the start of the period	(37,153)	(40,000)
	166,370	84,860
Reconciliation of changes in capital grant/contribution liabilities		
Opening balance	1,107,545	2,487,091
Additions	719,937	877,558
Revenue from capital grant/contributions held as a liability at the start of the period	(1,046,789)	(2,257,104)
	780,693	1,107,545
Expected satisfaction of capital grant/contribution liabilities		
Less than 1 year	780,693	1,107,545
	780,693	1,107,545

The aggregate amount of the performance obligations unsatisfied (or partially unsatisfied) in relation to these contract liabilities was \$166,370 (2023: \$84,860)

The Shire expects to satisfy the performance obligations, from contracts with customers unsatisfied at the end of the reporting period, within the next 12 months.

Performance obligations in relation to capital grant/contribution liabilities are satisfied as project milestones are met or completion of construction or acquisition of the asset.

MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Contract liabilities

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

Contract liabilities represent obligations which are not yet satisfied. Contract liabilities are recognised as revenue when the performance obligations in the contract are satisfied.

Capital grant/contribution liabilities

Capital grant/contribution liabilities represent the Shire's obligations to construct recognisable non-financial assets to identified specifications to be controlled by the Shire which are yet to be satisfied. Capital grant/contribution liabilities are recognised as income when the obligations in the contract are satisfied.

Fair values for non-current capital grant/contribution liabilities, not expected to be extinguished within 12 months, are based on discounted cash flows of expected cashflows to satisfy the obligations using a current borrowing rate. They are classified as level 3 fair values in the fair value hierarchy (see Note 22(i)) due to the unobservable inputs, including own credit risk.

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13. BORROWINGS

	Note	2024			2023		
		Current	Non-current	Total	Current	Non-current	Total
Unsecured		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Unsecured loan		5,539,077	1,908,378	7,447,455	237,288	2,447,455	2,684,743
Total unsecured borrowings	26(a)	5,539,077	1,908,378	7,447,455	237,288	2,447,455	2,684,743

MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Borrowing costs

The Shire has elected to recognise borrowing costs as an expense when incurred regardless of how the borrowings are applied.

Fair values of borrowings are not materially different to their carrying amounts, since the interest payable on those borrowings is either close to current market rates or the borrowings are of a short term nature.

Borrowings fair values are based on discounted cash flows using a current borrowing rate. They are classified as level 3 fair values in the fair value hierarchy (see Note 22(i)) due to the unobservable inputs, including own credit risk.

Risk

Information regarding exposure to risk can be found at Note 20.

Details of individual borrowings required by regulations are provided at Note 26(a).

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14. EMPLOYEE RELATED PROVISIONS

Employee Related Provisions

	2024	2023
Current provisions	\$	\$
Employee benefit provisions		
Annual leave	620,098	516,935
Long service leave	335,840	446,185
Total current employee related provisions	955,938	963,120
Non-current provisions		
Employee benefit provisions		
Long service leave	129,936	97,550
Total non-current employee related provisions	129,936	97,550
Total employee related provisions	1,085,874	1,060,670

Provision is made for benefits accruing to employees in respect of wages and salaries, annual leave and long service leave and associated on costs for services rendered up to the reporting date and recorded as an expense during the period the services are delivered.

Annual leave liabilities are classified as current, as there is no unconditional right to defer settlement for at least 12 months after the end of the reporting period. Assessments indicate that actual settlement of the liabilities is expected to occur as follows:

	2024	2023
Amounts are expected to be settled on the following basis:	\$	\$
Less than 12 months after the reporting date	813,593	364,110
More than 12 months from reporting date	272,281	696,560
	1,085,874	1,060,670

MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Employee benefits

The Shire's obligations for employees' annual leave, long service leave and other employee leave entitlements are recognised as employee related provisions in the Statement of Financial Position.

Short-term employee benefits

Provision is made for the Shire's obligations for short-term employee benefits. Short-term employee benefits are benefits (other than termination benefits) that are expected to be settled wholly before 12 months after the end of the annual reporting period in which the employees render the related service, including wages, salaries and sick leave. Short-term employee benefits are measured at the (undiscounted) amounts expected to be paid when the obligation is settled.

The Shire's obligations for short-term employee benefits such as wages, salaries and sick leave are recognised as a part of current trade and other payables in the statement of financial position.

Other long-term employee benefits

Long-term employee benefits provisions are measured at the present value of the expected future payments to be made to employees. Expected future payments incorporate anticipated future wage and salary levels, durations of service and employee departures and are discounted at rates determined by reference to market yields at the end of the reporting period on government bonds that have maturity dates that approximate the terms of the obligations. Any remeasurements for changes in assumptions of obligations for other long-term employee benefits are recognised in profit or loss in the periods in which the changes occur.

The Shire's obligations for long-term employee benefits are presented as non-current provisions in its statement of financial position, except where the Shire does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least 12 months after the end of the reporting period, in which case the obligations are presented as current provisions.

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15. OTHER PROVISIONS

	Make good provisions	Other liabilities	Total
	\$	\$	\$
Opening balance at 1 July 2023			
Current provisions	0	56,144	56,144
Non-current provisions	4,637,382	895,996	5,533,378
	4,637,382	952,140	5,589,522
Additional provision	3,460,420	0	3,460,420
Amounts used	0	(56,143)	(56,143)
Charged to profit or loss			
- unwinding of discount	224,365	0	224,365
Balance at 30 June 2024	8,322,167	895,997	9,218,164
Comprises			
Current	0	56,144	56,144
Non-current	8,322,167	839,853	9,162,020
	8,322,167	895,997	9,218,164

Other provisions

Amounts which are expected to be paid out within 12 months of the reporting date are classified as current. Exact timing of payment of non-current obligations is unable to be reliably estimated as it is dependent on factors beyond the control of the local government.

Make good provisions

Under the licence for the operation of the Shire of Derby-West Kimberley waste landfill site, the Shire has a legal obligation to restore the site.

The estimated future obligations include the costs of restoring the affected areas and continued monitoring of the site.

The provision for future remediation costs is the best estimate of the present value of the expenditure required to settle the remediation obligation at the reporting date. Future remediation costs are reviewed annually and any changes in the estimate are reflected in the remediation provision at each reporting date.

MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Shire has a present legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured.

Provisions are measured using the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period.

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16. REVALUATION SURPLUS

	2024 Opening Balance	Total Movement on Revaluation	2024 Closing Balance	2023 Opening Balance	Total Movement on Revaluation	2023 Closing Balance
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Revaluation surplus - Land - freehold land	12,888,340	0	12,888,340	12,888,340	0	12,888,340
Revaluation surplus - Buildings - non-specialised	8,731,138	0	8,731,138	8,731,138	0	8,731,138
Revaluation surplus - Plant and equipment	748,903	0	748,903	748,903	0	748,903
Revaluation surplus - Computer equipment	18,880	0	18,880	18,880	0	18,880
Revaluation surplus - Infrastructure - roads	201,576,694	0	201,576,694	185,387,396	16,189,298	201,576,694
Revaluation surplus - Other infrastructure- drainage	2,294,725	0	2,294,725	2,487,660	(192,935)	2,294,725
Revaluation surplus - Other infrastructure - land & parks	4,451,496	0	4,451,496	4,451,496	0	4,451,496
Revaluation surplus - Other infrastructure - wharf	17,705,999	0	17,705,999	17,705,999	0	17,705,999
Revaluation surplus - Other infrastructure - airports	28,313,650	0	28,313,650	28,313,650	0	28,313,650
Revaluation surplus - Other infrastructure - other structures	2,539,121	0	2,539,121	2,539,121	0	2,539,121
Revaluation surplus - Other infrastructure - landfill assets	3,566,511	(3,389,567)	176,944	2,841,973	724,538	3,566,511
	282,835,457	(3,389,567)	279,445,890	266,114,556	16,720,901	282,835,457

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17. NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

(a) Reconciliation of Cash

For the purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, cash includes cash and cash equivalents, net of outstanding bank overdrafts. Cash at the end of the reporting period is reconciled to the related items in the Statement of Financial Position as follows:

	Note	2024 Actual \$	2023 Actual \$
Cash and cash equivalents	3	7,895,069	10,843,886
Restrictions			
The following classes of financial assets have restrictions imposed by regulations or other externally imposed requirements which limit or direct the purpose for which the resources may be used:			
- Cash and cash equivalents	3	947,063	1,192,405
- Financial assets at amortised cost	4	975,801	975,801
		1,922,864	2,168,206
The restricted financial assets are a result of the following specific purposes to which the assets may be used:			
Restricted reserve accounts	27	975,801	975,801
Contract liabilities	12	166,370	84,860
Capital grant liabilities	12	780,693	1,107,545
Total restricted financial assets		1,922,864	2,168,206
(b) Reconciliation of Net Result to Net Cash Provided By Operating Activities			
Net result		(3,397,035)	6,117,222
Non-cash items:			
Depreciation/amortisation		7,972,106	7,764,982
(Profit)/loss on sale of asset		647,132	(68,800)
Loss on revaluation of fixed assets		0	164,984
Changes in assets and liabilities:			
(Increase)/decrease in trade and other receivables		(1,383,755)	(89,820)
(Increase)/decrease in other assets		256,205	(246,877)
(Increase)/decrease in inventories		24,558	(1,427)
Increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables		747,704	(2,038,332)
Increase/(decrease) in employee related provisions		25,204	309,801
Increase/(decrease) in other provisions		168,222	1,088,399
Increase/(decrease) in other liabilities		(245,342)	(1,419,546)
Capital grants, subsidies and contributions		(14,963,716)	(8,838,124)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities		(10,148,717)	2,742,462
(c) Undrawn Borrowing Facilities			
Credit Standby Arrangements			
Bank overdraft limit		0	0
Bank overdraft at balance date		0	0
Credit card limit		50,000	50,000
Credit card balance at balance date		(24,320)	(36,630)
Total amount of credit unused		25,680	13,370
Loan facilities			
Loan facilities - current		5,539,077	237,288
Loan facilities - non-current		1,908,378	2,447,455
Total facilities in use at balance date		7,447,455	2,684,743
Unused loan facilities at balance date		NIL	NIL

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18. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Potential Contaminated Sites

In compliance with the Contaminated Sites Act 2003, the Shire has listed sites to be possible sources of contamination. Details of those sites are:

Derby Airport
Myalls Bore
Fitzroy Crossing Works Depot
Derby Works Depot
Derby Landfill Site
Derby Cemetery
Fitzroy Crossing Landfill Site
Fitzroy Crossing Cemetery
Camballin Cemetery
Camballin Landfill Sites

Until the Shire conducts an investigation to determine the presence and scope of contamination, assess the risk and agree with the Department of Water and Environment Regulation the need and criteria for remediation using a risk based approach, the amount of the contingent liability is unknown. This approach is consistent with the Department of Water and Environment Regulation Guidelines.

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19. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

(a) Elected Member Remuneration

Fees, expenses and allowances to be paid or reimbursed to elected council members.

Note	2024 Actual \$	2024 Budget \$	2023 Actual \$
President's annual allowance	54,069	62,727	62,727
President's meeting attendance fees	23,231	23,231	23,231
President's annual allowance for ICT expenses	1,334	1,334	1,333
President's annual allowance for travel and accommodation expenses	12,464	0	0
	91,098	87,292	87,291
Deputy President's annual allowance	15,682	15,682	15,682
Deputy President's meeting attendance fees	17,325	17,325	17,325
Deputy President's annual allowance for ICT expenses	1,334	1,334	1,333
Deputy President's annual allowance for travel and accommodation expenses	9,072	0	5,124
	43,413	34,341	39,464
All other council member's meeting attendance fees	115,951	121,275	121,275
All other council member's annual allowance for ICT expenses	8,922	9,332	9,331
All other council member's annual allowance for travel and accommodation expenses	4,325	0	5,255
	129,198	130,607	135,861
19(b)	263,709	252,240	262,616

(b) Key Management Personnel (KMP) Compensation

The total of compensation paid to KMP of the Shire during the year are as follows:

Short-term employee benefits	1,486,200	1,358,330
Post-employment benefits	180,305	180,291
Employee - other long-term benefits	107,260	152,906
Council member costs	263,709	262,616
19(a)	2,037,474	1,954,143

Short-term employee benefits

These amounts include all salary and fringe benefits awarded to KMP except for details in respect to fees and benefits paid to council members which may be separately found in the table above.

Post-employment benefits

These amounts are the current-year's cost of the Shire's superannuation contributions made during the year.

Other long-term benefits

These amounts represent annual leave and long service leave entitlements accruing during the year.

Council member costs

These amounts represent payments of member fees, expenses, allowances and reimbursements during the year.

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19. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Transactions with related parties

Transactions between related parties and the Shire are on normal commercial terms and conditions, no more favourable than those available to other parties, unless otherwise stated.

No outstanding balances or provisions for doubtful debts or guarantees exist in relation to related parties at year end.

In addition to KMP compensation above the following transactions occurred with related parties:

	2024 Actual \$	2023 Actual \$
Sale of goods and services	9,781	1,365
Purchase of goods and services	218,998	5,960
Amounts outstanding from related parties:		
Trade and other receivables	937	0

Related Parties

The Shire's main related parties are as follows:

i. Key management personnel

Any person(s) having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Shire, directly or indirectly, including any council member, are considered key management personnel and are detailed in Notes 19(a) and 19(b).

ii. Other Related Parties

Outside of normal citizen type transactions with the Shire, there were no other related party transactions involving key management personnel and/or their close family members and/or their controlled (or jointly controlled) entities.

iii. Entities subject to significant influence by the Shire

There were no such entities requiring disclosure during the current or previous year.

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20. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

This note explains the Shire's exposure to financial risks and how these risks could affect the Shire's future financial performance.

Risk	Exposure arising from	Measurement	Management
Market risk - interest rates	Long term borrowings at variable rates	Sensitivity analysis	Utilise fixed interest rate borrowings
Credit risk	Cash and cash equivalents, trade receivables, financial assets and debt investments	Aging analysis Credit analysis	Diversification of bank deposits, credit limits. Investment policy
Liquidity risk	Borrowings and other liabilities	Rolling cash flow forecasts	Availability of committed credit lines and borrowing facilities

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

Financial risk management is carried out by the finance department under policies approved by the council. The finance department identifies, evaluates and manages financial risks in close co-operation with the operating divisions. Council have approved the overall risk management policy and provide policies on specific areas such as investment policy.

(a) Interest rate risk

Cash and cash equivalents

The Shire's main interest rate risk arises from cash and cash equivalents with variable interest rates, which exposes the Shire to cash flow interest rate risk. Short term overdraft facilities also have variable interest rates however these are repaid within 12 months, reducing the risk level to minimal.

Excess cash and cash equivalents are invested in fixed interest rate term deposits which do not expose the Shire to cash flow interest rate risk. Cash and cash equivalents required for working capital are held in variable interest rate accounts and non-interest bearing accounts. Carrying amounts of cash and cash equivalents at the 30 June and the weighted average interest rate across all cash and cash equivalents, term deposits, and Treasury bonds held disclosed as financial assets at amortised cost are reflected in the table below.

	Weighted Average Interest Rate	Carrying Amounts	Fixed Interest Rate	Variable Interest Rate	Non Interest Bearing
	%	\$	\$	\$	\$
2024					
Cash and cash equivalents	0.15%	7,895,069	0	7,893,519	1,550
Financial assets at amortised cost - term deposits	4.88%	975,801	975,801	0	0
2023					
Cash and cash equivalents	0.85%	10,843,886	0	10,711,659	132,227
Financial assets at amortised cost - term deposits	2.65%	975,801	975,801	0	0

Sensitivity

Profit or loss is sensitive to higher/lower interest income from cash and cash equivalents as a result of changes in interest rates.

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Impact of a 1% movement in interest rates on profit or loss and equity*	78,935	107,117

* Holding all other variables constant

Borrowings

Borrowings are subject to interest rate risk - the risk that movements in interest rates could adversely affect funding costs. The Shire manages this risk by borrowing long term and fixing the interest rate to the situation considered the most advantageous at the time of negotiation. The Shire does not consider there to be any interest rate risk in relation to borrowings. Details of interest rates applicable to each borrowing may be found at Note 26(a).

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20. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

(b) Credit risk

Trade and Other Receivables

The Shire's major trade and other receivables comprise contractual non-statutory user fees and charges, grants, contributions and reimbursements. The major risk associated with these receivables is credit risk – the risk that the debts may not be repaid. The Shire manages this risk by monitoring outstanding debt and employing debt recovery policies.

The level of outstanding receivables is reported to council monthly and benchmarks are set and monitored for acceptable collection performance.

The Shire applies the *AASB 9 Financial Instruments* simplified approach to measuring expected credit losses using a lifetime expected loss allowance for all trade and other receivables. To measure the expected credit losses, receivables from grants, contributions and reimbursements are separated from other trade receivables due to the difference in payment terms and security.

The expected loss rates are based on the payment profiles of trade and other receivables over a period of 36 months before 1 July 2023 or 1 July 2024 respectively and the corresponding historical losses experienced within this period. Historical credit loss rates are adjusted to reflect current and forward-looking information on macroeconomic factors such as the ability of users to settle the receivables.

The loss allowance as at 30 June 2024 and 30 June 2023 was determined as follows for trade and other receivables.

	Current	More than 30 days past due	More than 60 days past due	More than 90 days past due	Total
30 June 2024					
Trade receivables					
Expected credit loss	4.71%	4.71%	9.87%	23.91%	
Gross carrying amount	1,455,876	705,155	48,156	468,879	2,678,066
Loss allowance	68,564	33,214	4,753	112,124	218,655
30 June 2023					
Trade receivables					
Expected credit loss	2.87%	2.87%	2.87%	74.13%	
Gross carrying amount	426,735	23,922	29,389	486,171	966,217
Loss allowance	12,243	686	843	360,390	374,162

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20. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

(b) Credit risk

The loss allowances for trade, other receivables and contract assets as at 30 June reconcile to the opening loss allowances as follows:

	Trade receivables	
	2024 Actual	2023 Actual
	\$	\$
Opening loss allowance as at 1 July	374,162	374,162
Increase in loss allowance recognised in profit or loss during the year	0	0
Unused amount reversed	(155,507)	0
Closing loss allowance at 30 June	218,655	374,162

Trade, and other receivables are written off where there is no reasonable expectation of recovery. Indicators that there is no reasonable expectation of recovery include, amongst others, the failure of a debtor to engage in a repayment plan with the Shire, and a failure to make contractual payments for a period of greater than 120 days past due.

Impairment losses on rates and statutory receivables, trade, and other receivables are presented as net impairment losses within other expenditure. Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written off are credited against the same line item.

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20. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

(c) Liquidity risk

Payables and borrowings

Payables 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. The Shire manages this risk by monitoring its cash flow requirements and liquidity levels and maintaining an adequate cash buffer. Payment terms can be extended and overdraft facilities drawn upon if required and disclosed in Note 17(c).

The contractual undiscounted cash flows of the Shire's payables and borrowings are set out in the liquidity table below. Balances due within 12 months equal their carrying amounts, as the impact of discounting is not significant.

	Due within 1 year	Due between 1 & 5 years	Due after 5 years	Total contractual cash flows	Carrying amount
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
2024					
Trade and other payables	5,740,736	0	0	5,740,736	5,740,736
Borrowings	5,643,349	1,700,731	398,604	7,742,684	7,447,455
	11,384,085	1,700,731	398,604	13,483,420	13,188,191
2023					
Trade and other payables	4,993,032	0	0	4,993,032	4,993,032
Borrowings	298,009	1,973,466	769,218	3,040,693	2,684,743
	5,291,041	1,973,466	769,218	8,033,725	7,677,775

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21. EVENTS OCCURRING AFTER THE END OF THE REPORTING PERIOD

There were no events occurring after the end of the reporting period.

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22. OTHER MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) 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 Taxation Office (ATO).

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with 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 which are recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO are presented as operating cash flows.

b) Current and non-current classification

The asset or liability is classified as current if it is expected to be settled within the next 12 months, being the Shire's operational cycle. In the case of liabilities where the Shire does not have the unconditional right to defer settlement beyond 12 months, such as vested long service leave, the liability is classified as current even if not expected to be settled within the next 12 months. Inventories held for trading are classified as current or non-current based on the Shire's intentions to release for sale.

c) Rounding off figures

All figures shown in this annual financial report, other than a rate in the dollar, are rounded to the nearest dollar. Amounts are presented in Australian Dollars.

d) Comparative figures

Where required, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform with changes in presentation for the current financial year.

When the Shire applies an accounting policy retrospectively, makes a retrospective restatement or reclassifies items in its financial statements that has a material effect on the statement of financial position, an additional (third) Statement of Financial Position as at the beginning of the preceding period in addition to the minimum comparative financial report is presented.

e) Budget comparative figures

Unless otherwise stated, the budget comparative figures shown in this annual financial report relate to the original budget estimate for the relevant item of disclosure.

f) Superannuation

The Shire contributes to a number of Superannuation Funds on behalf of employees. All funds to which the Shire contributes are defined contribution plans.

g) Fair value of assets and liabilities

Fair value is the price that the Shire would receive to sell the asset or would have to pay to transfer a liability, in an orderly (i.e. unforced) transaction between independent, knowledgeable and willing market participants at the measurement date.

As fair value is a market-based measure, the closest equivalent observable market pricing information is used to determine fair value. Adjustments to market values may be made having regard to the characteristics of the specific asset or liability. The fair values of assets that are not traded in an active market are determined using one or more valuation techniques. These valuation techniques maximise, to the extent possible, the use of observable market data.

To the extent possible, market information is extracted from either the principal market for the asset or liability (i.e. the market with the greatest volume and level of activity for the asset or liability) or, in the absence of such a market, the most advantageous market available to the entity at the end of the reporting period (i.e. the market that maximises the receipts from the sale of the asset after taking into account transaction costs and transport costs).

For non-financial assets, the fair value measurement also takes into account a market participant's ability to use the asset in its highest and best use or to sell it to another market participant that would use the asset in its highest and best use.

h) Interest revenue

Interest revenue is calculated by applying the effective interest rate to the gross carrying amount of a financial asset measured at amortised cost except for financial assets that subsequently become credit-impaired. For credit-impaired financial assets the effective interest rate is applied to the net carrying amount of the financial asset (after deduction of the loss allowance).

i) Fair value hierarchy

AASB 13 *Fair Value Measurement* requires the disclosure of fair value information by level of the fair value hierarchy, which categorises fair value measurement into one of three possible levels based on the lowest level that an input that is significant to the measurement can be categorised into as follows:

Level 1

Measurements based on quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date.

Level 2

Measurements based on inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.

Level 3

Measurements based on unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

The fair values of assets and liabilities that are not traded in an active market are determined using one or more valuation techniques. These valuation techniques maximise, to the extent possible, the use of observable market data. If all significant inputs required to measure fair value are observable, the asset or liability is included in Level 2. If one or more significant inputs are not based on observable market data, the asset or liability is included in Level 3.

Valuation techniques

The Shire selects a valuation technique that is appropriate in the circumstances and for which sufficient data is available to measure fair value. The availability of sufficient and relevant data primarily depends on the specific characteristics of the asset or liability being measured. The valuation techniques selected by the Shire are consistent with one or more of the following valuation approaches:

Market approach

Valuation techniques that use prices and other relevant information generated by market transactions for identical or similar assets or liabilities.

Income approach

Valuation techniques that convert estimated future cash flows or income and expenses into a single discounted present value.

Cost approach

Valuation techniques that reflect the current replacement cost of the service capacity of an asset.

Each valuation technique requires inputs that reflect the assumptions that buyers and sellers would use when pricing the asset or liability, including assumptions about risks. When selecting a valuation technique, the Shire gives priority to those techniques that maximise the use of observable inputs and minimise the use of unobservable inputs. Inputs that are developed using market data (such as publicly available information on actual transactions) and reflect the assumptions that buyers and sellers would generally use when pricing the asset or liability are considered observable, whereas inputs for which market data is not available and therefore are developed using the best information available about such assumptions are considered unobservable.

j) Impairment of assets

In accordance with Australian Accounting Standards the Shire's assets, other than inventories, are assessed at each reporting date to determine whether there is any indication they may be impaired.

Where such an indication exists, an impairment test is carried out on the asset by comparing the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use, to the asset's carrying amount except for non-financial assets that are:

- land and buildings classified as property, plant and equipment;
- infrastructure; or
- vested improvements that the local government controls, in circumstances where there has been an impairment indication of a general decrease in asset values.

These non-financial assets are assessed in accordance with the regulatory framework detailed in Note 10.

Any excess of the asset's carrying amount over its recoverable amount is recognised immediately in profit or loss, unless the asset is carried at a revalued amount in accordance with another Standard (e.g. AASB 116 *Property, Plant and Equipment*) whereby any impairment loss of a revalued asset is treated as a revaluation decrease in accordance with that other Standard.

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23. FUNCTION AND ACTIVITY

(a) Service objectives and descriptions

Shire operations as disclosed in this financial report encompass the following service orientated functions and activities.

Objective	Description
Governance To provide a decision making process for the efficient allocation of scarce resources.	Administration and operation of facilities and services to members of council. Other costs that relate to the tasks of assisting elected members and ratepayers on the matters which do not concern specific council services.
General purpose funding To collect revenue to allow for the provision of services.	Rates, general purpose government grants and interest revenue.
Law, order, public safety To provide services to help ensure a safer and environmentally conscious community.	Supervision of various by-laws, fire prevention, emergency services and animal control.
Health To provide an operational framework for environmental and community health.	Food quality and pest control, inspection of abattoir and operation of child health clinic, analytical testing and environmental health administration.
Education and welfare To provide services to disadvantaged persons, the elderly, children and youth.	Year round care, housing for the aged and educational services.
Housing Help ensure adequate housing.	Management and maintenance of staff and rental housing.
Community amenities To provide services required by the community.	Rubbish collections, recycling, refuse site operations, litter control, administration of the town planning scheme, cemetery operations, public toilet facilities, sewerage and protection of the environment.
Recreation and culture To establish and effectively manage infrastructure and resources which help the social well being of the community.	Maintenance and operation of the Town Hall, the aquatic centre, recreation centre, library, community arts program, cultural activities and various services.
Transport To provide safe, effective and efficient transport services to the community.	Construction and maintenance of streets, roads, bridges, footpaths, street lighting, traffic management and airport. Purchase and disposal of Council's road plant, parking control and police licensing.
Economic services To help promote the Shire and its economic well being.	Building control, saleyards, tourism and area promotion, standpipes and pest control.
Other property and services To monitor and control the Shire's overheads operating accounts.	Private works operations, plant repairs and operation costs, stock and materials, property leases and rental, salaries and wages for council employees.

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23. FUNCTION AND ACTIVITY (Continued)

(b) Income and expenses

	2024 Actual	2023 Actual
	\$	\$
Income excluding grants, subsidies and contributions and capital grants, subsidies and contributions		
Governance	7,172	12,846
General purpose funding	9,429,235	8,994,007
Law, order, public safety	78,972	63,797
Health	54,350	44,314
Education and welfare	153,517	7,993
Housing	140,781	142,696
Community amenities	3,187,825	2,912,968
Recreation and culture	687,503	612,911
Transport	7,951,823	2,948,003
Economic services	65,019	69,003
Other property and services	747,123	238,575
	22,503,320	16,047,113
Grants, subsidies and contributions and capital grants, subsidies and contributions		
Governance	8,444	0
General purpose funding	7,361,554	9,454,466
Law, order, public safety	240,671	133,750
Health	618,265	702,988
Education and welfare	923,751	354,839
Community amenities	0	150,000
Recreation and culture	1,104,508	640,163
Transport	10,956,544	9,521,726
Economic services	0	489,980
Other property and services	3,393,293	30,272
	24,607,030	21,478,184
Total Income	47,110,350	37,525,297
Expenses		
Governance	(2,296,303)	(1,731,448)
General purpose funding	(410,504)	(275,051)
Law, order, public safety	(1,204,082)	(837,484)
Health	(1,788,482)	(1,268,693)
Education and welfare	(1,958,443)	(1,410,299)
Housing	(724,071)	(530,511)
Community amenities	(4,784,347)	(3,923,983)
Recreation and culture	(8,660,669)	(6,387,705)
Transport	(12,804,064)	(10,773,200)
Economic services	(1,671,141)	(1,244,851)
Other property and services	(14,205,279)	(3,024,850)
Total expenses	(50,507,385)	(31,408,075)
Net result for the period	(3,397,035)	6,117,222
(c) Total Assets		
Governance	242,403	91,910
General purpose funding	1,415,037	1,284,359
Law, order, public safety	850,799	489,318
Health	518,793	456,983
Education and welfare	2,801,336	3,283,975
Housing	10,124,970	9,329,838
Community amenities	4,544,085	2,760,786
Recreation and culture	22,291,869	20,361,012
Transport	307,711,021	310,631,888
Economic services	3,323,293	3,316,528
Other property and services	3,837,281	3,748,569
Unallocated	10,610,265	10,383,668
	368,271,152	366,138,834

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24. RATING INFORMATION

(a) General Rates

RATE TYPE Rate Description	Basis of valuation	2023/24		2023/24		2023/24		2023/24		2022/23	
		Number of Properties	Rateable Value*	Actual Rate	Actual Revenue	Interim Rates	Interim Revenue	Budget Rate	Budget Revenue	Actual Total Revenue	Actual Total Revenue
GRV General	Gross rental valuation	1,402	39,385,473	5,543,269	5,537,684	(5,585)	0	0	5,543,269	5,215,895	
UV General	Unimproved valuation	151	37,687,732	3,144,239	3,129,909	(14,330)	0	0	3,144,239	3,022,161	
Total general rates		1,553	77,073,205	8,687,508	8,667,593	(19,915)	0	0	8,687,508	8,238,056	
Minimum payment											
GRV General	Gross rental valuation	273	1,270,617	435,708	435,708	0	0	0	435,708	410,400	
UV General	Unimproved valuation	137	288,933	84,940	84,940	0	0	0	84,872	84,370	
Total minimum payments		410	1,559,550	520,648	520,648	0	0	0	520,580	494,770	
Total general rates and minimum payments		1,963	78,632,755	9,208,156	9,188,241	(19,915)	0	0	9,208,088	8,732,826	
Discounts											
Total Rates											
Rate instalment interest											24,153
Rate overdue interest											109,884

The rate revenue was recognised from the rate record as soon as practicable after the Shire resolved to impose rates in the financial year as well as when the rate record was amended to ensure the information in the record was current and correct.

*Rateable Value at time of raising of rate.

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25. DETERMINATION OF SURPLUS OR DEFICIT

Note	2023/24 (30 June 2024 Carried Forward) \$	2023/24 Budget (30 June 2024 Carried Forward) \$	2022/23 (30 June 2023 Carried Forward) \$
(a) Non-cash amounts excluded from operating activities			
The following non-cash revenue or expenditure has been excluded from amounts attributable to operating activities within the Statement of Financial Activity in accordance with <i>Financial Management Regulation 32</i> .			
Adjustments to operating activities			
	Less: Profit on asset disposals	0	(68,800)
	Add: Loss on disposal of assets	0	0
9(a)	Add: Loss on revaluation of fixed assets	0	164,984
	Add: Depreciation	7,500,000	7,764,982
Non-cash movements in non-current assets and liabilities:			
	Pensioner deferred rates	0	0
	Employee benefit provisions	0	(7,936)
	Other provisions	0	38,195
	Contract liabilities	0	1,162,492
	Non-cash amounts excluded from operating activities	7,500,000	9,053,917
(b) Surplus or deficit after imposition of general rates			
The following current assets and liabilities have been excluded from the net current assets used in the Statement of Financial Activity in accordance with <i>Financial Management Regulation 32</i> to agree to the surplus/(deficit) after imposition of general rates.			
Adjustments to net current assets			
27	Less: Reserve accounts	(1,459,125)	(975,801)
13	Add: Current liabilities not expected to be cleared at end of year	339,763	237,288
	- Current portion of borrowings	402,441	402,441
	- Employee benefit provisions		
	Total adjustments to net current assets	(716,921)	(336,072)
Net current assets used in the Statement of Financial Activity			
	Total current assets	5,038,523	14,391,115
	Less: Total current liabilities	(4,321,602)	(7,441,989)
	Less: Total adjustments to net current assets	(716,921)	(336,072)
	Surplus or deficit after imposition of general rates	0	6,613,054

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26. BORROWING AND LEASE LIABILITIES (Continued)

(b) New Borrowings - 2023/24

Particulars/Purpose	Institution	Loan Type	Term Years	Interest Rate %	Amount Borrowed		Amount (Used)		Total Interest & Charges \$	Actual Balance Unspent \$
					2024 Actual \$	2024 Budget \$	2024 Actual \$	2024 Budget \$		
Disaster Recovery, Flood Damage and Fitzroy Crossing Airstrip Refurbishment Project	WATC*	Short Term	3	Variable	7,000,000	5,000,000	7,000,000	5,000,000	41,791	0
Staff Housing Project	WATC*	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	10,000,000	0	5,000,000	0	0
					7,000,000	10,000,000	7,000,000	10,000,000	41,791	0

* WA Treasury Corporation

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27. RESERVE ACCOUNTS

	2024 Actual		2024 Budget		2024 Actual		2024 Budget		2023 Actual		2023 Actual	
	Opening Balance	Transfer to	Opening Balance	Transfer (from)	Opening Balance	Transfer to	Closing Balance	Transfer (from)	Opening Balance	Transfer to	Closing Balance	Transfer (from)
Restricted by council												
(a) Leave Reserve	402,441	0	402,441	0	402,441	0	402,441	0	402,441	0	402,441	0
(b) Office Building Reserve	314,511	0	314,511	0	314,511	0	314,511	0	314,511	0	314,511	0
(c) Airport Reserve	28,456	0	28,456	0	28,456	0	28,456	0	28,456	0	28,456	0
(d) Derby Wharf Maintenance Reserve	3,721	0	3,721	0	3,721	0	3,721	0	3,721	0	3,721	0
(e) Economic Development Reserve	19,936	0	19,936	0	19,936	0	19,936	0	19,936	0	19,936	0
(f) Fitzroy Crossing Recreation Hall Reserve	46,771	0	46,771	0	46,771	0	46,771	0	46,771	0	46,771	0
(g) Staff Housing Reserve	159,965	0	159,965	0	159,965	0	159,965	0	159,965	0	159,965	0
	975,801	0	975,801	0	975,801	0	975,801	0	975,801	0	975,801	0

All reserves are supported by cash and cash equivalents and financial assets at amortised cost and are restricted within equity as Reserve accounts.

In accordance with council resolutions or adopted budget in relation to each reserve account, the purpose for which the reserves are set aside and their anticipated date of use are as follows:

Restricted by council

- (a) Leave Reserve
- (b) Office Building Reserve
- (c) Airport Reserve
- (d) Derby Wharf Maintenance Reserve
- (e) Economic Development Reserve
- (f) Fitzroy Crossing Recreation Hall Reserve
- (g) Staff Housing Reserve

Purpose of the reserve account

- To be used to fund annual and long service leave requirements.
- To be used to fund the new Derby administration building.
- To be used to fund airport capital works, primarily bitumen resealing.
- To be used to carry out wharf maintenance.
- To promote economic development within the Shire.
- To be used to quarantine funds received from the lease of the FX Recreation Hall to be utilised for any upgrade works.
- To be used for the construction of staff housing.

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28. TRUST FUNDS

Funds held at balance date which are required to be held in trust and which are not included in the financial statements are as follows:

	1 July 2023	Amounts Received	Amounts Paid	30 June 2024
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Public open spaces	295,981	0	0	295,981
	295,981	0	0	295,981

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

2024

Shire of Derby-West Kimberley

To the Council of the Shire of Derby-West Kimberley

Opinion

I have audited the financial report of the Shire of Derby-West Kimberley (Shire) which comprises:

- the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2024, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity, statement of cash flows and statement of financial activity for the year then ended
- notes comprising a summary of material accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In my opinion, the financial report:

- is based on proper accounts and records
- presents fairly, in all material respects, the results of the operations of the Shire for the year ended 30 June 2024 and its financial position at the end of that period
- is in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1995* (the Act) and, to the extent that they are not inconsistent with the Act, Australian Accounting Standards.

Basis for opinion

I conducted my 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 below.

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

Other information

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) is responsible for the preparation and the Council for overseeing the other information. The other information is the information in the entity's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2024, but not the financial report and my auditor's report.

My opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly, I do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with my audit of the financial report, my responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or my knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

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If, based on the work I have performed, I conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, I am required to report that fact. I did not receive the other information prior to the date of this auditor's report. When I do receive it, I will read it and if I conclude that there is a material misstatement in this information, I am required to communicate the matter to the CEO and Council and request them to correct the misstated information. If the misstated information is not corrected, I may need to retract this auditor's report and re-issue an amended report.

Responsibilities of the Chief Executive Officer and Council for the financial report

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Shire is responsible for:

- keeping proper accounts and records
- preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the requirements of the Act, the Regulations and Australian Accounting Standards
- managing internal control as required by the CEO to ensure the financial report is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the CEO is responsible for:

- assessing the Shire's ability to continue as a going concern
- disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern
- using the going concern basis of accounting unless the State Government has made decisions affecting the continued existence of the Shire.

The Council is responsible for overseeing the Shire's financial reporting process.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report

As required by the *Auditor General Act 2006*, my responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report. The objectives of my audit 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 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 the financial report. 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.

A further description of my responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located on the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website. This description forms part of my auditor's report and can be found at https://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_responsibilities/ar4.pdf.

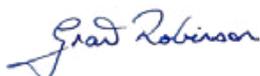
My independence and quality management relating to the report on the financial report

I have complied with the independence requirements of the *Auditor General Act 2006* and the relevant ethical requirements relating to assurance engagements. In accordance with ASQM 1 Quality Management for Firms that Perform Audits or Reviews of Financial Reports and Other Financial Information, or Other Assurance or Related Services Engagements, the Office of the Auditor General maintains a comprehensive system of quality management including documented policies and procedures regarding compliance with ethical requirements, professional standards and applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

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Matters relating to the electronic publication of the audited financial report

This auditor's report relates to the financial report of the Shire of Derby-West Kimberley for the year ended 30 June 2024 included in the annual report on the Shire's website. The Shire's management is responsible for the integrity of the Shire's website. This audit does not provide assurance on the integrity of the Shire's website. The auditor's report refers only to the financial report. It does not provide an opinion on any other information which may have been hyperlinked to/from the annual report. If users of the financial report are concerned with the inherent risks arising from publication on a website, they are advised to contact the Shire to confirm the information contained in the website version.



Grant Robinson
Assistant Auditor General Financial Audit
Delegate of the Auditor General for Western Australia
Perth, Western Australia
12 December 2024

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5.2 QUESTIONS FROM ELECTORS ON ITEMS RELATING TO THE ANNUAL REPORT 2023/2024

6 GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 MOTIONS FROM ELECTORS ON ITEMS RELATING TO OTHER MATTERS

6.2 QUESTIONS FROM ELECTORS ON ITEMS RELATING TO OTHER MATTERS

7 CLOSURE

7.1 Closure of Meeting