



DEVONPORT
CITY COUNCIL



ANNUAL REPORT

2023/2024

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Insurance Broker: Jardine Lloyd Thompson

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Devonport City Council acknowledges and pays respect to the palawa-pakana people as the traditional owners of lutruwita and continuing custodians of this land. We also acknowledge and pay our respects to the Tasmanian Aboriginal elders past and present.





MAYOR'S MESSAGE

As we reflect on the 2023/24 financial year, I am proud to report that we have consistently delivered on our commitments to the Devonport community, with our Term Plan progressing well across all major areas. The future of our City looks exceptionally bright, as we continue to make strides that will benefit both current residents and future generations.

One of the year's most significant milestones was the launch of Tasmania's AFL team, the Tasmanian Devils, hosted right here in Devonport. It was an honour to welcome AFL CEO Andrew Dillon and Tasmania Devils President Grant O'Brien for this historic event, marking a pivotal moment for Tasmanian sport and elevating Devonport's profile on the national stage.

Also, the recent securing of the Devonport Stadium funding represents an exciting development for the City. We are grateful for the bipartisan support for this initiative, which aligns with the Federal Government's funding commitment. This will be a game-changer for our region's sporting infrastructure and will have long-term benefits for our community and beyond.

Another highlight of the year was the Sound and Light Show, which received tremendous feedback from both locals and visitors. Our community's enthusiastic response to these highlights the sense of pride we all share, and I would like to extend my sincere thanks to our dedicated staff for their hard work. Their unwavering commitment to delivering exceptional events and maintaining our community spaces is truly commendable.

The paranple convention centre continues to exceed expectations, becoming a thriving hub for conferences and functions. Its operations have boosted both our local economy and social connection, solidifying its role as a key asset for Devonport.

A major development this year was the announcement of the new \$15 million Indie School facility, part of our Living City

initiative. This project will significantly enhance an alternative education model in Devonport, providing much-needed support to students who thrive in non-traditional learning environments. This development will open new commercial opportunities, further enhancing education in our region.

Our Christmas activities once again brought the community together, showcasing Devonport's strong sense of unity and festive spirit. These events play a vital role in fostering community spirit and togetherness during the holiday season.

The Councillors have settled in well, continuing to make sound decisions that drive our City's progress. Their collaborative approach and focus on the community's needs is ensuring that Devonport is well-positioned for future success.

Looking ahead, our \$1.5 million financial commitment to the redevelopment of Valley Road reaffirms our dedication to improving Devonport's sporting facilities. This, together with our other initiatives, brings us ever closer to a prosperous future for our region—one that we can all be proud of.

I would like to thank my fellow Councillors for their dedication and collaborative efforts, which have been key to Devonport's success. Also, thank you to the Council staff for their hard work and commitment.

I extend my gratitude to the entire Devonport community for your continued support and engagement. Together, we are building a City that is not only unique and welcoming but also full of opportunities.

Cr Alison Jarman
Mayor





GENERAL MANAGER'S MESSAGE

The 2023/24 Annual Report highlights the Council's achievements and progress over the past year, assessing performance against plans, strategies, and the adopted budget. It has been a solid year, with significant progress in the first full year of the Council's new Term Plan 2022-2026, along with a strong financial performance for the organisation.

Devonport's reputation as an attractive investment location continues to grow, assisted by the launch of the Devonport City Investment Prospectus. The Prospectus highlights Devonport's strategic location as a vibrant port city with a diverse economy, currently growing around 2% p.a. quicker than the State GDP. Exciting new developments secured in the last 12 months include the \$15 million Indie Educational facility, expected to commence construction in late 2024, providing a new school along with a Tasmanian head office for this expanding organisation.

The 2023/24 financial result from ordinary activities was a \$14.1 million surplus, an improvement of \$4 million on Council's initial budgeted position. Importantly, the underlying result, calculated after the removal of year in year out non-operational items, resulted in a very strong \$5.2 million surplus, up significantly on previous years. The surplus was primarily due to additional income, which increased by 5.7% on budget. This increase has been partly generated from greater than anticipated growth in Council's rate base, highlighting the organisational financial benefit of the City's growth, along with extra user fees and higher than anticipated interest returns on cash balances. Total expenditure was generally well contained with actual results ending \$2 million or 4.49% over budget, inclusive of an unbudgeted \$1.5 million grant contribution to the Devonport City Strikers Football Club towards construction of a new grandstand and corporate facility at the Devonport Soccer Centre at Valley Road.

Consolidating Council's strong financial position, net worth increased by \$211 million to \$868.2 million, predominately due to new assets and the revaluation of Council owned land. Total debt reduced from \$45.8 million to \$44.7 million in line with anticipated principal and interest repayments detailed in Council's Long-Term Financial Management Plan.

Over the past decade, LIVING CITY, Council's urban renewal initiative, has boosted the local economy, strengthened

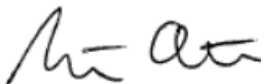
Council's finances, and created new opportunities for residents. Beyond economic gains, it has fostered community pride, confidence, and ambition. The opening of the Sound and Light Show at Roundhouse Park this year highlights Devonport's new identity as a vibrant regional city.

Council secured funding for key projects in the Sports Infrastructure Master Plan, marking the first step toward a \$60 million investment. There will be benefits for seven major sports and 6,000 local participants, creating opportunities to host state and national competitions in Devonport.

Council has invested a total of \$17.2 million in capital works this financial year, with the largest area of expenditure (\$6.7 million) in the transport asset class with the renewal and improvement of Council owned roads, such as Kelcey Tier Road and the development of new shared pathways into Spreyton and along Lillico Strait. Capital works for 2023/24 also involved a major investment in the arts with a \$0.8 million facelift to the paragon Arts Centre Theatre.

While attention is often on the new exciting things that are happening, the essential business-as-usual activities of Council should not be overlooked. This Annual Report includes details on the many services and activities Council provides day in day out to the community. I would like to express my appreciation to the Mayor and the Councillors for their support over the past 12 months. I would also like to thank staff for their ongoing commitment and tireless effort and acknowledge the dedication of both Councillors and staff to serving Devonport and its community.

Chasing innovation and improvement is a value at the heart of the Devonport City Council and we look forward to working further with our stakeholders, partners and the community to continue to see Devonport shine.



Matthew Atkins
General Manager

MISSION

We are committed to excellence in leadership and service.

VALUES



Champion and Respect One Another

We respect and cheer on one another, working together to serve the community.



Dedication to our Customers and Community

We are driven to understand the needs of our customers so we can connect them to the right solutions.



Pioneer Positive Improvement

We chase innovation and improvement, so we can keep getting better.

VISION

Devonport will be a thriving and welcoming regional City, living lightly by river and sea.

Strong, Thriving and Welcoming

Devonport is a regional leader with a strong economy. It is a great place to live, work and play.

Valuing the Past, Caring for the Present, Embracing the Future

We have been shaped by a rich cultural heritage and enthusiastically embrace present challenges and future opportunities.

Engaging With the World

We have an outward focus and send quality products and experiences to the world. We welcome all to share our beautiful City and all it offers.

Living Lightly by River and Sea

We live lightly on our valued natural environment of clean rivers, waterways and beaches, rich agricultural land, and coastal landscapes, so future generations can also enjoy this special place.

THE COUNCIL

The Devonport City Council is established under the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993*. Council is made up of nine elected members who each serve a four-year term, with elections held on an 'all-in-all-out' basis. The term for the popularly elected Mayor and Deputy Mayor is also four years.



Alison Jarman
Mayor
Councillor



Stacey Sheehan
Deputy Mayor
Councillor



Gerard Enniss
Councillor



Peter Hollister
Councillor



Steve Martin
Councillor



Alison Moore
Councillor



Leigh Murphy
Councillor



Damien Viney
Councillor



Janene Wilczynski
Councillor

DECISION MAKING STRUCTURES OF COUNCIL

Decisions are made through Council meetings and a Planning Authority Committee established in accordance with section 23 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (the *Act*). Council meetings are held monthly and the Planning Authority Committee meets as required.

Meetings are open to the public, except where an item is considered to be of a confidential nature in accordance with the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*. Meeting schedules are available on Council's website and at the Council Offices. Meetings are recorded in line with Council's Digital Recording Policy and streamed live on YouTube.

Members of the public can have input into Council decision making through community consultation and engagement, tabling of petitions and public question time at Council meetings. Delegations of authority also support effective decision making by Council. Under section 22 of the *Act*, Council may delegate its powers and functions to the General Manager, who may sub-delegate certain powers and functions to Council officers, in accordance with section 64 of the *Act*. Delegations allow for timely and efficient decision making at an operational level.

Council is further supported by an Audit Panel, which is an advisory committee to the Council, established in compliance with Part 8 of Division 4 of the *Act* and the *Local Government (Audit Panels) Order 2014*. The Audit Panel's objective is to review the Council's performance under section 85A of the *Act* and report its conclusions and recommendations. Current external Audit Panel members are Mr Robert Atkinson (Chair) and Mr Stephen Allen.

26,977

**POPULATION OF
DEVONPORT**

26,970 in 2022/23

ABOUT COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPRESENTATION

Local Government		1 July 2023 - 30 June 2024
Local Government Association of Tasmania		Cr Jarman, Cr Sheehan (proxy)
Shareholdings in Corporations		
TasWater		Cr Jarman, Cr Sheehan (proxy)
Membership/Joint Authorities		
Dulverton Regional Waste Management Authority		Cr Jarman, General Manager
Cradle Coast Authority Representatives Group		Cr Jarman, General Manager
Controlling Authorities and Board Membership		
Maidstone Park Controlling Authority		Cr Enniss, Cr Martin, Cr Viney (proxy)
Tasmanian Arboretum Inc.		Cr Wilczynski
Section 23 Committees		
Planning Authority Committee		Cr Jarman, Cr Sheehan, Cr Enniss, Cr Hollister, Cr Murphy, Cr Viney
Special Interest Groups/Working Groups		
Financial Assistance Working Group		Cr Hollister, Cr Martin, Cr Murphy
Dame Enid Lyons' Trust Fund		Cr Jarman, Cr Sheehan, Cr Wilczynski
Devonport Regional Gallery Advisory Committee		Cr Hollister, Cr Moore
East Devonport Working Group		Cr Jarman, Cr Wilczynski, Cr Hollister (proxy)
Public Art Committee		Cr Moore, Cr Viney
Access and Inclusion Working Group		Cr Jarman, Cr Martin
General Manager's Performance Review Committee		Cr Jarman, Cr Sheehan, Cr Enniss, Cr Hollister, Cr Murphy
External Committees		
Cement Australia Community Liaison Committee		Cr Hollister
Mersey-Leven Emergency Management Committee		Cr Jarman, Cr Sheehan (proxy)
Statutory Council Committees		
Audit Panel		Cr Hollister, Cr Murphy

COUNCILLOR EXPENSES

Allowances and Expenses	Mayor - \$	Deputy Mayor - \$	Councillors - \$	Total - \$
Councillor Allowances	88,062	44,826	176,120	309,008
Vehicles	8,831	0	0	8,831
Other Expenses	8,846	3,606	24,459	36,911
Total	105,739	48,432	200,579	354,750

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS BY COUNCIL

Meeting	No. of meetings	Open session items	Closed session items	Total	% Items dealt in closed session
Council*	14	169	17	186	9
Planning Authority Committee	1	1	0	1	0
TOTAL	15	170	17	187	9

* Includes Special Meeting and Annual General Meeting.

In addition to the number of items listed in Closed Session, there were also 10 Leave of Absence requests. Figures do not include Confirmation of Previous Minutes, Confidential Attachments or moving in or out of Open and Closed Sessions.

WHAT WE DO: OUR ROLE

COUNCIL'S ROLE	DEVONPORT CITY COUNCIL					
PROVIDER 	 3 Indoor Sports Venues	 6 Cemeteries	 5 Arts, Cultural & Convention Facilities	 8 Car Parks	 Community Development	 Internal Services
REGULATOR 	 Development & Building Control	 Public Health Functions	 Animal Control			
FACILITATOR 	 Economic Development	 Events	 Health & Well-being	 Community Partnership		
ADVOCATE 	 Federal and State Funding	 Government Service Provision	 Sustainability Initiatives	 Political Representation		

MEETING ATTENDANCE

	Council	Planning Authority		Workshops
	Member	Member	Non Member	Member
Cr Jarman, Mayor	14	1	-	12
Cr Sheehan, Deputy Mayor	13	0	-	12
Cr Enniss	12	1	-	13
Cr Hollister	12	1	-	12
Cr Martin	13	-	1	11
Cr Moore	13	-	0	13
Cr Murphy	14	1	-	11
Cr Viney	12	1	-	13
Cr Wilczynski	12	-	0	13

INTEGRATED PLANNING FRAMEWORK



ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE



GENERAL MANAGER

MATTHEW ATKINS

- Councillor Support
- External Representation
- Strategic Planning
- Emergency Management
- Governance
- Communications



DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER

JEFFREY GRIFFITH

INFRASTRUCTURE

- Engineering
- Technical Support
- Asset Management

WORKS

- Civil
- Parks and Reserves
- Building Maintenance
- Plant Maintenance
- Waste Management

CORPORATE SERVICES

- Records
- Information Technology
- Business Systems

FINANCE



EXECUTIVE MANAGER

MATTHEW SKIRVING

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- LIVING CITY
- Property Management

CONVENTION AND ARTS

- paranple Arts Centre
- paranple Convention Centre
- Bass Strait Maritime Centre
- Home Hill
- Tourism

COMMUNITY SERVICES

- Events
- Environmental Sustainability
- Community Development
- Volunteers
- Financial Assistance
- Sport and Recreation



EXECUTIVE MANAGER

KYLIE LUNSON

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

- Environmental Health
- Statutory Planning
- Building and Plumbing

REGULATORY

- Risk
- Animal Control
- Compliance
- Workplace Health and Safety

HUMAN RESOURCES

CUSTOMER SERVICES

PARKING

WORKFORCE PROFILE

AS AT 30 JUNE 2024

Category	Full-time	Part-time	Casual
Male	91	9	13
Female	34	28	21
Total	125	37	34
General Manager	1	0	0
Deputy General Manager	1	0	0
Executive Managers	2	0	0
Administrative/Technical	55	19	14
Operations/Works	58	4	1
Facilities/Satellite Sites	8	14	19
Number of staff	196 (153.8 FTE)		
% of female staff	42.35%		
% of male staff	57.65%		
Staff turnover rate	12.66%		
	2023/24	2022/23	2021/22
Absenteeism (sick leave, average number of days lost)	11.71 days	9.36 days	9.38 days
Lost Time Injury Frequency Rate (LTIFR)	41.90	34.90	17.07
Medical Treatment Injury Frequency Rate (MTIFR)	4.19	4.30	12.80

WORKERS COMPENSATION AS AT 30 JUNE 2024

Policy year ending 30 June	Number of workers compensation claims lodged with Council's insurer	Current open claims	Gross value incurred by the insurer \$
30/06/2024	11 claims	3	90,459.71
30/06/2023	8 claims	1	109,878.07
30/6/2022	7 claims	0	114,359.42
30/6/2021	7 claims	0	26,494.39
30/6/2020	6 claims	0	29,481.08
30/6/2019	12 claims	0	349,415.52

Senior Officer remuneration

Council is required to report on the total annual remuneration paid to employees who hold senior positions. For the purpose of this disclosure, all staff appointed to the Executive Leadership Team are included as Senior Officers. Details relating to Senior Officer remuneration are outlined in the Financial Report at note 10.1 (ii).

GOAL 1

LIVING LIGHTLY ON OUR ENVIRONMENT



HIGHLIGHTS

FOGO COLLECTION SERVICE

In July 2024, Devonport City Council is set to introduce the highly anticipated Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) service as part of its ongoing strategy to reduce the amount of waste sent to landfill. Under this new initiative, residents will receive 240L green-lidded bins designed specifically for organic waste such as food scraps and garden materials. The service aims to address the significant issue of organic waste making up 40% of household waste, which, when sent to landfill, contributes to the production of harmful greenhouse gases.

The FOGO service will be rolled out in collaboration with neighbouring councils, including Latrobe, Kentish, and Waratah-Wynyard, as part of the broader North West Resource Recovery and Recycling (NWRRR) project. This regional initiative is focused on diverting organic waste from landfill and transforming it into compost, which can be used in community and agricultural projects.

Residents will be encouraged to use the FOGO bins for items such as vegetable peelings, meat scraps, garden clippings, and small branches. Collection will take place fortnightly, with the NWRRR providing educational materials to help households properly use the bins and minimise contamination. This program will also support Devonport's alignment with State goals to reduce landfill waste and manage rising disposal costs through Tasmania's Landfill Levy.

By launching the FOGO service, Devonport City Council is not only taking a proactive approach to reducing its environmental impact but also setting the stage for a more sustainable waste management system that will offer long-term benefits to the community.



ENVIROMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Volunteer groups, including **Friends of Don Reserve**, **Devonport Community Landcare**, **Friends of Devonport Reserves Wildcare Group**, and individuals have contributed greatly to the management of Council's Parks and Reserves. Their efforts have seen 1500 native tubestock planted, hundreds of weeds removed, numerous bags of rubbish collected and monitoring of the 'critically endangered' Swift Parrots at Kelcey Tier Greenbelt. At any one time there have been up to 50 individuals participating with a total of 400 volunteer hours over the 2023/24 financial year.

Kelcey Tier Greenbelt hosted the **Extinction Matters BioBlitz** in October 2023. Devonport City Council partnered with Bookend Trust, University of Tasmania and ecological experts from across Tasmania. Over 300 community members participated in the event, including 90 school-aged students and their teachers to identify and record 400 distinct species across the 30-hours. Species ranged from microscopic tardigrades and rotifers, through to slime moulds, ferns, and burrowing crayfish, to birds, bats and wallabies. There were 140 species identified as new records for the Reserve. Of special interest was a previously unknown population of the threatened curved riceflower (*Pimelea curviflora* var. *gracilis*).

186,122

LITRES DIESEL
CONSUMED

191,939 in 2022/2023

16,458

LITRES UNLEADED PETROL
CONSUMED

18,399 in 2022/2023

11,264

TONNES WASTE TAKEN
TO LANDFILL

15,404 in 2022/2023

GOAL 1 ANNUAL PLAN ACTION SUMMARY

Action	Outcome	Status
Facilitate and support the provision of EV charging infrastructure in the city.	EV parking and possible future charging stations have been considered and included in the draft Council Parking Strategy. Additional charging capacity being added to the Multi-Storey Car Park.	✓
Formalise agreement with new site recovery operator and plan for commencement at Waste Transfer Station.	The Recovery Centre construction tender has been awarded. Council staff will manage the operation of the Recovery Centre and the changes to the Tip Shop operation is currently being worked through with the current operator.	✓
Continue to introduce EV cars into Council's fleet.	Introduced an additional EV in to the fleet. There are now two, with one in the car pool and one used full time by a Council Officer. Substantial running cost and FBT savings are being realised.	✓
Review and update the Corporate Climate Change Adaptation Plan.	This action has been deferred. As a part of the State Government Climate Change Action Plan 2023-25, funding has been provided to support Tasmanian councils' participation in the Local Government Climate Capability project. Devonport City Council will participate in this program via the Cradle Coast Authority.	➔
Design, tender and commence construction on an improved and upgraded Waste Transfer Station which optimises waste diversion.	The Recovery Centre Construction Tender was awarded at the May 2024 Council Meeting, with construction due to commence in July 2024.	✓
Plan for the go-live of a residential kerbside FOGO collection service including the commencement of a community education program.	FOGO bins have been delivered to residents. FOGO collection calendar has been developed and is available on Devonport City Council's website. FOGO to commence in the first week of July 2024.	✓
LEGEND Completed ✓ In progress ➔ Ongoing ➔ Deferred ➔		

GOAL 2

BUILDING A UNIQUE CITY



REGULATORY SERVICES

Regulatory functions such as development and planning assessment, permit authority services, animal control, compliance and environmental health functions continue to be a core part of the services Council provides to the community.

Overall development and investment in Devonport is continuing to grow, with Council receiving 166 planning applications in the 2023/24 financial year. Valued at over \$75 million, an increase of approximately \$15 million, this amount demonstrates investors' ongoing confidence in Devonport.

Council's Regulatory team remains committed to delivering excellent customer service, with new policies for strata schemes and public open space contributions outlining the application of legislation.

An overview of environmental health services is provided on page 48.

STRATA SCHEME POLICY

Council's Strata Scheme Policy was developed to provide guidance and consistency for Strata Scheme or Staged Development Scheme requests. It outlines the requirements for obtaining a certificate of approval for new strata developments along with the requirements for existing and staged development schemes.

The policy mandates that strata plans clearly designate car parking spaces and maintain visitor parking within common property areas. Strata schemes with vacant land will not be approved; rather, a staged development scheme is necessary. The Policy is available from Council's website.

PUBLIC OPEN SPACE CONTRIBUTION POLICY

Council's Public Open Space Contribution Policy was developed to provide clarity regarding when Council will require a land contribution for public open space or a cash in lieu contribution, ensure transparency and equity in the assessment and requirements for public open space contributions and ensure adequate provision is made for public open space to meet the needs of the Devonport community.

The policy also outlines the considerations to be used when determining the type of contribution to be made and the requirements to be met for land contributions. The Policy is available from Council's website.

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**BUILDING PERMITS
ISSUED**

54 in 2022/23

180

**BUILDING CERTIFICATES
OF LIKELY COMPLIANCE
RECEIVED**

193 in 2022/23

78

PLUMBING PERMITS ISSUED

60 in 2022/23

120

**PLUMBING CERTIFICATES OF
LIKELY COMPLIANCE ISSUED**

121 in 2022/23

927

**PROPERTY CERTIFICATES
ISSUED**

1306 in 2022/23

\$75M

**ESTIMATED VALUE OF
DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS**

\$67.17M in 2022/23

157

**DEVELOPMENT
APPLICATIONS APPROVED**

206 in 2022/23

LIVING CITY HIGHLIGHTS

HAINES PARK WIN

In May 2024 Haines Park in the Waterfront Precinct was recognised by Parks & Leisure Australia as the Best Park 2024 Victoria/Tasmanian Awards of Excellence. This award celebrates and promotes successful well designed and managed parks/ open spaces by recognising and rewarding exceptional examples of best practice in terms of design and ongoing management.

The award recognises both the high quality design and construction of the new parkland, along with the ongoing management by Council staff in maintaining this important new parkland for the benefit of our community and visitors to our City.



In the past year Devonport has continued to build on the momentum created by Stages 1 and 2 of LIVING CITY. With Stages 1 and 2 both open for the full 2023/24 financial year, both businesses and the public have benefitted from the improved amenity, economic opportunity and social connections that these spaces provide in the City.

Confidence remains high in the business sector with several properties in the Mall making significant upgrades to their frontages. Confidence also remains high throughout the remainder of the Devonport municipality with 680 new ABNs registered in the past year alone. Council has also continued to work with the Devonport Chamber of Commerce

and Industry to build business capability and growth within the City.

Council has continued its investment in LIVING CITY. Work is progressing with planning Stage 3 of LIVING CITY, with Council agreeing to sell land in Fenton Way to Indie School to build a 3 storey, \$15M bespoke school and its State Headquarters.

During the past year, the spaces created by LIVING CITY have hosted many social activities, business conferences, educational forums and art events contributing to a high standard of liveability in the City.



SOUND AND LIGHT SHOW: FROM SKY TO SEA

The construction and commissioning of the Sound and Light Show: *From Sky to Sea* in the Waterfront Park precinct marks the realisation of a long-held and visionary component of the LIVING CITY plan. *From Sky to Sea* is unlike any other permanent night time light show anywhere in Australia, creating a unique attraction for visitors and locals alike. The need for a nighttime experience to attract and retain

overnight visitation to Devonport was identified during the initial consultation for the LIVING CITY Master Plan.

From Sky to Sea is a celebration of the unique natural landscapes and cultural history of our region and was funded by the tri-partnership between the Federal Government, State Government and Council.





INDIE SCHOOL FACILITY

Council also remains focussed on continuing to realise the full potential of the LIVING CITY plan. During the year, further milestones have been achieved in progressing the renewal of the former Devonport Library precinct to the west of Market Square.

In February this year, Council announced an agreement with Indie Education for the development of a \$15 million purpose-built education facility to become the permanent

home of Indie Education in Devonport. Along with the mixed-use Giant Devonport development fronting Oldaker Street, these projects represent the next phase of new commercial investment in the LIVING CITY plan, and a vote of confidence in the future of our City. The ultimate delivery of these two projects will also facilitate a future stage of development within the Market Square precinct, with Council continuing to progress the strategic planning of this area over the year ahead.

CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM

BUILDING AND SPORTS GROUND

UPGRADES INCLUDED:

- Splash Devonport Aquatic and Leisure Centre Waterslide - access stairs and building.
- Splash Devonport Aquatic and Leisure Centre Indoor Pools - floor and wall tile renewal.
- paranapple Arts Centre Theatre - replace ceiling, seating and carpet.
- Forbes Street Play Centre - replace roof cladding.
- Fire Panel upgrades across several buildings.

PLAYGROUND AND RECREATION

UPGRADES INCLUDED:

- Highfield Park - new Skate Park.
- Rooke Street Mall - public furniture replacement.
- Back Beach and Coles Beach - access ramp upgrades.
- Bluff Road Foreshore Reserve - new irrigation installation.
- Shared Use Recreational Path at Maidstone Park and new bridge link over Figure of Eight Creek to Woodrising Avenue.
- Don Cemetery Shared Use pathway link between Don Road and Lawrence Drive.

STORMWATER UPGRADES INCLUDED:

- Watkinson Street and Don College - stormwater main upgrade.
- Eugene Street - major stormwater discharge point upgrade
- North Street (west) - stormwater renewal.
- Stormwater pipe mains realigning at Surrey Street and Watkinson Street.
- Stormwater pollution control nets installed at the Back Beach outfall.



KELCEY TIER ROAD RECONSTRUCTION AND SAFETY UPGRADES

The section of Kelcey Tier Road between Sherston Road and north of Ellice Hill Drive was declining in condition to a point where rehabilitation was necessary, with 950m of road pavement reconstructed and 470m of corner resurfacing. The project also involved safety improvements through seal widening, crest verticle curve improvements, property access alignment and sealing, and stormwater drainage control.

PERCY AND PARKER STREETS ROUNDABOUT

This project was identified and funded by the Federal Government through the Blackspot Program due to the incident history of the intersection and criteria relating to safety. The roundabout construction also involved the realignment of the road kerb and footpaths to provide improved traffic flow and pedestrian access and crossing points.

THE LEE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION AND UPGRADE

The Lee is a small cul-de-sac street providing access to about 20 properties and situated in a low-lying area. The road kerb and pavement had deteriorated to a point requiring renewal and upgrade. The project involved the installation of sub-soil drainage, upgrade of stormwater inlet pits, replacement of road kerb and resurfacing.

DEVONPORT OVAL SCOREBOARD

The Devonport Oval scoreboard was approaching 10-years-old and had suffered a number of faults over time. Due to its age, the necessary parts and technology were no longer supported. The new replacement scoreboard is similar in size to the original, but due to the technological advancements made over the last decade, the new digital scoreboard is better supported.

\$17.12M

**CAPITAL WORKS
COMPLETED**

\$14M in 2022/2023

263KM

ROADS

262.5KM in 2022/2023

291KM

**FOOTPATHS/PATHS
AND WALKWAYS**

280.8KM in 2022/2023

SMART CITY PROJECT: DEVONPORT LIVE

Throughout the 2023/24 period, Council advanced its Smart City endeavour, Devonport Live, demonstrating a continued commitment to innovation. The foundation of Smart Cities lies in the integration of a diverse array of sensor technologies known as IoT devices (Internet of Things), which seamlessly connect through Low Power Wide Area Networking (LoraWAN) infrastructure.

Significant strides were achieved, resulting in the successful deployment of the following IoT devices and applications during the year:

Smart Irrigation: This initiative offers the potential to save up to \$90,000 per annum in water costs. Smart irrigation sensors were deployed to manage the sprinkler systems across all parks, reserves, and open spaces. These sensors automatically shut off the sprinklers when soil moisture levels are sufficient, eliminating unnecessary watering. The system also integrates with the smart weather station, which shuts off the sprinklers when weather conditions predict sufficient rainfall, further optimising water usage.

Additional Smart Bins: The Smart City network was expanded with the addition of bins along Victoria Parade and Pioneer Park. These bins are integrated with Council's core business system, TechnologyOne. Work orders for bin emptying are automatically generated when the bin reaches 75% capacity, enhancing the efficiency of waste management services.

Additionally, Council continued to benefit from previously implemented projects:

- **Asset Tracking and Utilisation:** Comprehensive monitoring of Council's plant and equipment, including backhoes, excavators, and forklifts, was maintained. This initiative ensures optimal fleet utilisation, aligning the fleet size with operational demands for works and maintenance.
- **Don River Flood Monitoring:** The critical water level monitoring in the Don River, established through dedicated sensors, continued to provide real-time data. Alerts are triggered when water levels exceed predefined high thresholds, enabling swift response measures.
- **Vaccine Fridge Monitoring:** Temperature control within vaccine fridges remained a priority. Deployed sensors actively monitor temperature conditions, triggering alerts if thresholds are exceeded, thus safeguarding the integrity of stored vaccines.
- **Rooke Street Pedestrian Flow:** Video surveillance and artificial intelligence continued to track traffic flow within the Rooke Street Mall. The data collected offers valuable insights that influence future strategies for the Mall's development and provide retailers with actionable intelligence.

The ongoing success of these integrations highlights the promising future of Smart City initiatives in streamlining operations and enhancing community services.



ASSET MANAGEMENT

REVALUATION OF PARKS AND OPEN SPACE ASSETS

Council undertakes a scheduled revaluation of infrastructure assets which are valued in accordance with AASB 116: Property, Plant and Equipment and AASB 113: Fair Value Measurement.

Current replacement costs are calculated (except for land and buildings) using current construction costs, or detailed estimations provided by qualified and experienced staff. As part of the revaluation, asset useful lives are reviewed and amended as required.

Summary – Parks and Open Space Assets	Pre-valuation \$M	Post-valuation \$M	Variance amount \$M	Variance %
Asset Cost	53.21	54.64	1.43	2.7
Accumulated Depreciation	20.77	21.74	0.97	4.7
Written Down Value	32.44	32.90	0.43	1.4

STRATEGY UPDATES

The following Council strategies were adopted during the past financial year:

- Financial Management Strategy 2024 - 2033 (adopted December 2024)
- Devonport Events Strategy 2024 - 2030 (adopted March 2024)
- Community Engagement Strategy 2024 - 2028 (endorsed for community consultation)

GOAL 2 ANNUAL PLAN ACTION SUMMARY

Action	Outcome	Status
Participate and contribute in the review of the Regional Land-Use Strategy.	Updates to the Current Regional Land Use Strategy are now formally in effect.	✓
Improve clarity of Council requirements with a new Strata Plan Policy and Public Open Space Contribution Policy.	Council has adopted both a Strata Scheme Policy and a Public Open Space Contribution Policy.	✓
Review Bike Riding and Pedestrian Strategy.	Review of the Shared Path and audit of the path network and missing links has been completed, along with a community survey on what the public would like to see across the Devonport's walking & riding path network. The Engineering Team are now assessing the information collated and drafting the proposed Strategy.	➔
Review and update Council's Parking Strategy.	The draft Parking Strategy was endorsed by Council at the June Council meeting. The Strategy will be placed on public exhibition before being formally adopted by Council.	✓
Develop a long-term maintenance plan for Splash Devonport Aquatic and Leisure Centre, with a focus on the outdoor pool asset.	Independent audit of pool infrastructure and operations completed. Outdoor infrastructure investigations have occurred in recent months informing the long-term maintenance plan and the budgeting for next financial year. Assessment of asset renewal and major maintenance is still being determined for the next 2 - 5 years and will be added to the 10 year Capital and Major Maintenance Programs once finalised.	✓
Undertake a comprehensive condition assessment of Council's road network.	The Road Condition Assessment has been completed. Analysis of road surface and pavement deterioration modelling to be completed during the 2024/25 year with results published in Council's Asset Management Plan.	✓
Engage with the State and Federal Governments to facilitate and assist with addressing housing and rental demand within the city.	A number of opportunities identified during the year and discussed with both State and Federal Government.	✓
Commence a community engagement process to identify opportunities and ideas to revitalise the Rooke Street Mall.	Community drop-in sessions have been held and an extensive survey has been completed as part of the engagement process. The feedback will inform concept design work and next steps.	✓
Develop a Master Plan and concept design for Council owned land in Fenton Way and explore development opportunities.	Design concepts for the western portion of the precinct have been completed, with the final scope and location of the new Indie School development considered by Council in December 2023. Council formally endorsed the progression of subdivision of the precinct at its meeting in May 2024.	✓
Launch the LIVING CITY Waterfront Precinct Sound and Light Show.	All project works are now complete and the Sound and Light Show is operational.	✓
LEGEND Completed ✓ In progress ➔ Ongoing ➔ Deferred ➔		

GOAL 3

GROWING A VIBRANT ECONOMY



HIGHLIGHTS



DEVONPORT JAZZ

Despite the weather, the 22nd iteration of Devonport Jazz ran very smoothly. There were a total of 27 events held across 21 venues, which included five new venues, in and around Devonport. The first-time venues were RANT Arts, Mr Good Guy, Port Sorell Surf Lifesaving Club, the Tasmanian Arboretum and Devonport Tenpin Bowl. All have given positive feedback and have requested inclusion in the program in 2024/25. Four interstate bands were included in the program - Vince Jones' Quintet, The Cope Street Parade and EleKoustiKa (all based in New South Wales) and the Anita Harris Quintet (Victoria). All other performers are based in Tasmania. There was also excellent participation from Coastal groups. In total, 36 groups performed across the festival.

A few specialised concerts to encourage inclusivity included The Cope Street Parade's relaxed performance, Playgroup in East Devonport, and a concert for residents and their community at Rubicon Grove.

Positive comments were recieved about the diversity of the venues, music and events, and the affordability of the events in the program.



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

On 5 March, the International Women’s Day 2024 event at the paranapple Convention Centre attracted 600 attendees with the theme *Reclaiming Our Power: Surviving, Thriving, and Inspiring Others*. Hosted by Penny Terry, the event tackled key social media issues like bullying, harassment, grooming, and sexual assault.

Grace Tame, 2021 Australian of the Year, delivered a keynote speech on social media’s impact on body image and self-esteem, sharing survival stories and advocating for empowerment. A Q&A session, moderated by Penny Terry, featured experts discussing resilience and safer digital spaces. Panellists included Grace Tame, Natasha Freeman (Tasmania Police), Yvette Cehtel (Women’s Legal Service Tasmania), Kathryn Fordyce (Laurel House), Leanne McLean (Commissioner for Children and Young People Tasmania), and Mayor Alison Jarman. Major sponsors included Devonport City Council and Healthy Tasmania.

HARMONY DAY

On March 21st, a Harmony Day celebration took place in Haines Waterfront Park, drawing over 500 attendees, including both locals and tourists.

The event was very successful and featured eight vibrant cultural performances that represented Cambodia, Greece, Ireland, the Solomon Islands, Kiribati, Samoa, India, and Timor-Leste, as well as offerings from food vendors.



DIAMONDS OF DEVONPORT

The Diamonds of Devonport event was held on 8 March at the paranapple Centre with over 170 people in attendance. The 2024 event celebrated 37 new Diamonds. The 2024 Diamonds of Devonport Ambassador was Julie Foster, owner of Passport Surf, and guest speaker was Bianca McKenzie from North Marketing Tasmania. The event displayed a new Diamonds of Devonport backdrop which was made by one of the Devonport Christian School’s woodwork students.



LUMINOCITY

The annual LuminoCity festival showcased augmented reality artworks and projects from the Devonport Regional Gallery, including *Luminous Companions* and stop-motion films by local students, all displayed around the paranapple precinct. The art walk featured 12 installations, along with a multimedia performance that was part of the Devonport Jazz program.

As part of the inaugural festival, EleKoustiKa from New South Wales delivered a captivating concert at RANT Arts, blending electronic music, trumpet melodies, enchanting vocals, and immersive projections to create a unique audio-visual experience.

TASMANIA DEVILS LAUNCH

On March 18th, Tasmanian sports made history with the launch of our very own AFL team—the Tasmania Devils. The paranapple Convention Centre buzzed with excitement as the team’s name, logo, and jumper were officially unveiled, symbolising the spirit of Tasmania.

The event featured notable guests, including Grant O'Brien, Matthew Richardson, and AFL CEO Andrew Dillon, who joined the Devonport community in celebrating this milestone.



CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATIONS

NEW YEAR'S EVE: CLUB TROPICANA

The Devonport New Year's Eve celebration drew around 9,000 attendees, with locals and tourists of all ages gathering at Aikenhead Point and Joshua Slocum Park to bid farewell to the old year and welcome the new. The event featured a variety of free activities for the community, including laser tag, lawn games, a silent disco, a photo booth, face painting, and a Dreams and Wishes activity.

Carnival rides, Henna artists, food and beverage vendors, and live music entertained the crowd from 6 pm leading up to the midnight fireworks. The event included a Welcome to Country, a performance by Samoan dancers, and live music from three bands: The HeartBeats, Retro Blonde, and Baby Come Tack.

To support transport, Council provided a free bus loop service through Kinetic, utilised by approximately 850 passengers. The night concluded with two stunning fireworks displays, sponsored by SeaRoad.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Soroptimist International worked with the Lions Club of Mersey Devonport and Council to put together a two-hour program of local performers presenting traditional carols and more contemporary Christmas songs to a very enthusiastic crowd. The MC for the evening was Sea FM's Jess Bennett. This was the first time the Carols have utilised the newly developed Haines Park, and the staging took advantage of the amphitheatre area.

THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

The Spirit of Christmas project featured a range of festive activities throughout December. In the Storytowns Scavenger Hunt, participants helped Santa find his missing reindeer through custom-made podcasts offering clues. Eight local businesses hosted the event, contributing nearly \$2,000 in prizes, including gift vouchers and stock. There were two minor prize draws of \$250 each during the month, with a grand draw on Friday, 22 December, offering over \$800 in prizes. Remaining stock was given out as Secret Santa gifts during the Festive Friday events.

Augmented reality (AR) decals were placed in the Rooke Street Mall, Haines Park, and the paranapple precinct, allowing families to follow a trail and activate 3D artworks using mobile devices. The displays featured a snow globe, toy parade, storm of presents, Santa, a Christmas tree, and Santa's sleigh flying over the Mersey River.

Eleven schools and youth organisations, along with the Devonport Regional Gallery's Create & Make group, decorated panels for the base of the Community Christmas Tree in Rooke Street Mall. Staff and Councillors dressed as Christmas characters and took selfies with families during the three Festive Fridays in December, distributing Secret Santa gifts, many of which were donated by Elizabeth Matthews Gifts or from the cancelled Spring Fling Fair. The final Friday before Christmas also featured free face painting and gift wrapping.

Despite wet weather, over 40 entries participated in the Devonport Christmas Parade, with approximately 2,500 spectators lining the streets. Santa made his appearance in a golf cart, generously donated by the Devonport Country Club. The parade was marshalled by Senior Management, staff, and members of the Mersey S.E.S. Mayor Alison Jarman awarded \$100 prizes to Studio 8:1 Dance Company, Burnie Highland Pipe Band, and Easy Riders Northwest Chapter for their floats. Members of DEVYAG live-streamed the parade on Facebook.





GOAL 3 ANNUAL PLAN ACTION SUMMARY

Action	Outcome	Status
Launch and promote the Devonport City Investment Prospectus.	Action complete. Digital and hard-copy versions of the Investment Prospectus are now available.	✓
Finalise and launch the feasibility study for the future direction and promotion of Home Hill.	A final report was presented to the June Council meeting.	✓
Commence construction of the Devonport Gateway project including the installation of public art entrance markers.	The workshop fabrication of Bass Highway City Entrance Markers is complete and awaiting approvals for site installation to occur. Design and approval for the remaining sites involving Alex Miles is continuing.	➡
Develop an Industrial Land Strategy for Devonport.	This action is to be carried-forward to next year as part of a broader Annual Plan action regarding development of a new Regional Land Use Strategy, and Regional Strategic Planning Partnerships. The Department of State Growth has recently commenced a Statewide review of Industrial Land which will also influence the outcomes of this action.	➡
Develop and launch the Devonport Events Strategy.	Council endorsed the Devonport Events Strategy 2024 - 2030 at its meeting on 25 February 2024 noting the feedback received during the consultation period.	✓
LEGEND Completed ✓ In progress ➡ Ongoing ➡ Deferred ➡		

GOAL 4

BUILDING QUALITY OF LIFE



61

**NEW CITIZENS
WELCOMED TO
DEVONPORT**

47 in 2022/2023

210,097

**ENTRIES TO
SPLASH AQUATIC
& LEISURE CENTRE**

237,261 in 2022/2023



LIVING WELL DEVONPORT

In alignment with the Living Well Devonport Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2023-2033, the inaugural Living Well Devonport Program launched in June/July 2023. This program, featuring a new calendar of activities each season, runs for 10–12 weeks with a short intermission between cycles. Each program is carefully tailored to meet the unique needs and aspirations of Devonport's residents and is offered free of charge to the community. Local service providers, dedicated to positively impacting community well-being, work collaboratively with the Council to deliver a unique, innovative, and holistic Health and Wellbeing program that extends beyond traditional health initiatives.

With each season, participation and registration have grown, leading to a broader range of activities designed to meet the diverse needs of our residents. To date, the program has successfully achieved several key objectives, thanks to the increasing engagement of both residents and service providers including:

- Strong community participation in both organised and informal sporting and fitness activities. A stronger emphasis on early intervention and preventative measures.
- A connected community with ample opportunities for socialisation.
- An improved health and wellbeing profile across all ages and areas of the City.
- A collaborative network of service providers working together.
- A celebration of a welcoming and diverse community.

These collaborative efforts are playing a crucial role in fostering connections, encouraging active participation, and contributing to the improved physical, mental, and emotional health of the Devonport community.

AUSTRALIA DAY AWARD RECIPIENTS

Council celebrated Australia Day by honouring award nominees and welcoming 17 new citizens during a ceremony on Thursday, 25 January, at the paranaple Convention Centre. The new citizens hailed from countries including South Africa, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, Egypt, Sri Lanka, China, the Philippines, and Italy.

Jenny Mountney was named Citizen of the Year from two nominees, while Steven Fisher received the Spirit of the City Award. Srishti Namoa won Young Citizen of the Year from two nominations.

The Event of the Year category saw six diverse nominations, from large sporting and community events to smaller local projects. The award went to the Novotel Devonport Symphony on the Waterfront featuring the Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra.



GOVERNOR'S VISIT

On the 24th of May, Her Excellency the Honourable Barbara Baker AC, Governor of Tasmania and Emeritus Professor Don Chalmers, AO visited Devonport.

The full day itinerary included visits to Loaves and Fishes, Home Hill, Devonport High School, Tiagarra Cultural Centre, Bass Strait Maritime Centre, Devonport Country Club, Devonport Community House and Garden, the Sound and Light Show site and refurbished Town Hall Theatre. The day concluded with a Civic Reception at the Devonport Regional Gallery, hosted by Mayor Alison Jarman.



HIGHFIELD PARK OPENING

The community gathered to celebrate a new addition to Council's recreational facilities.

Devonport's third skate park was officially opened on Thursday, 27 June, at Highfield Park by the Hon. Roger Jaensch MP and Mayor Alison Jarman.

The crowd enjoyed a BBQ, cake and face painting, whilst celebrating the artwork of Teen-a-rama and Kate Von Rock. The afternoon finished with all enjoying skate demonstrations by Drop in Skate School.

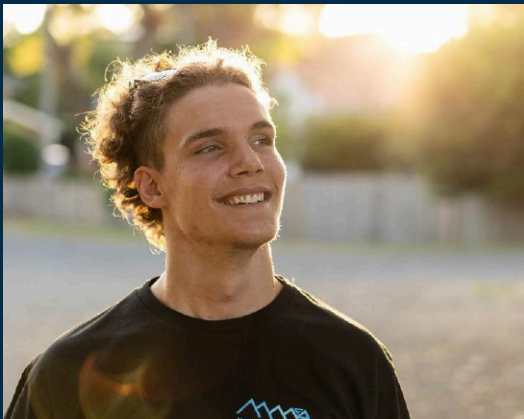


ACCESS AND INCLUSION

The Access and Inclusion Working Group met regularly throughout the year, focusing on implementing the Devonport Disability Inclusion Plan.

The Group collaborated with various Council departments, such as the Devonport Stadium Project and Functions Team, and engaged with external stakeholders, including Splash Devonport Aquatic and Leisure Centre, developers, and local transport services.

Their collective efforts have led to meaningful progress and positive outcomes for the community.



PARANAPLE ARTS CENTRE & CONVENTION CENTRE



BASS STRAIT MARITIME CENTRE

Bass Strait Maritime Centre had a dynamic 2023/24, marked by significant achievements and strong community engagement, leading to an 8% rise in visitation, reflecting growing community interest.

Key highlights include securing grant funding, with a \$12,000 grant from the Australian National Maritime Museum and a \$5,000 TasPorts community grant, supporting the new permanent exhibit, "Our First Mariners."

In July 2023, the "First 50 Years" exhibition took centre stage, where 50 Tasmanian community members curated 50 objects from the BSMC collection to commemorate the museum's 50th anniversary. The event was opened by the Premier the Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP.

From November 2023 to January 2024, the CSIRO's

INVESTIGATE shipping container exhibit showcased an immersive audio-visual experience promoting marine science. It was a major attraction during its 3-month residency in the museum grounds.

June-July 2024 featured two sell-out "Night at the Museum" ghost tours as part of Tourism Tasmania's "Off Season" winter campaign.

BSMC also made significant strides in digitising its archives, bolstering its volunteer program, completing the Australian Emissions Reduction Collective Program and enhancing visitor experience through improved wayfinding strategies. Additionally, Museum Coordinator Joanna Gair was appointed to the National Maritime Museum's Council and attended her first AMMC event in Sydney.

TOWN HALL THEATRE

During the 2023/24 financial year, the Town Hall Theatre presented a lively and diverse program featuring both national touring acts and performances from local schools and community arts organisations. Although the venue closed for renovations during the first four months of 2024, there was a commitment to deliver a high-quality program once it reopened.

The lineup included a wide range of entertainment, such as engaging theatre productions, live music, comedy, Irish dance, and grand illusion, ensuring there was something for everyone to enjoy.

The Theatre also offered a special series of morning music performances tailored for seniors, providing an accessible and enjoyable experience for the community's older generation. Ballet performances also graced the stage, adding elegance and artistry to the lineup. These events, along with children's theatre productions that included interactive workshops and post-show Q&A sessions, contributed to a unique and memorable year. Highlights included:

- **9 Presenter Season performances** including: *Possum Magic*, *Hiccup*, *Vika & Linda*, *Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow*, *Opera Gala*, *I Love Paris*.
- **48 Community performances** including: *On the Road Again* – Cradle Coast Theatre, *The Full Monty* – Devonport Choral Society, *Boy Girl Wall* – Devonport Repertory Society, *Pippin* – St Brendan Shaw College, *Alice in Wonderland* – Caroline Small School of Dance.
- **10 Commercial performances** including: *Happy Hour* – *Swan Lake*, Luke Kidgell, Arj Barker, Diesel, Pseudo Echo and Queen – *It's a Kinda Magic*.

8,246

**ENTRIES TO THE
BASS STRAIT MARITIME
CENTRE**

7,628 in 2022/2023

67

**EVENTS HELD AT THE
TOWN HALL THEATRE**

70 in 2022/2023

28

**EXHIBITIONS HELD
AT THE DEVONPORT
REGIONAL GALLERY**

31 in 2022/2023

TOWN HALL THEATRE UPGRADES

The newly refurbished paranple Arts Centre (PAC) Town Hall Theatre showcased its extensive upgrades when it re-opened in May, marking the first use of the venue since its \$800,000 renovation.

The upgrade included new, wider royal blue seats with timber finishes with extra legroom, improved acoustics with new stage curtains and a ceiling. The refurbishment involved stripping and closing the Theatre for several months, during which time the seating was replaced, the Theatre was recarpeted and repainted, and new house lights and insulation were installed.

The seating, which cost \$300,000, maintains the original 407 seats but offers more space and accessibility. Additionally, removable armrests are strategically placed along the aisle, facilitating easier transfers for individuals with accessibility requirements.

896

**BOOKINGS AT THE
PARANAPLE CENTRE
AND PARANAPLE
CONVENTION CENTRE**

987 in 2022/2023

49,703

**VISITORS TO THE
PARANAPLE ARTS
CENTRE**

48,241 in 2022/2023



DEVONPORT REGIONAL GALLERY

During 2023/2024, the Devonport Regional Gallery offered a varied program of contemporary visual arts. The exhibitions included inhouse curated content with works from the permanent collection and four nationally touring exhibitions: *Zoonoses* by Dr Nicola Hooper, *To Companion a Companion* by Fernando do Campo, *Current*: Gail Mabo, Lisa Waup, Dominic White, and *The Interior* by Natalya Hughes.

The Gallery continued its support of Tasmanian artists with The Little Gallery Emerging Artist program and the Solo Commission exhibition which was awarded to Hobart based artist Michaye Boulter.

A special highlight for the Gallery was our first community art exhibition *All In* where people of all ages and abilities from North West Tasmania were invited to enter. The exhibition had an incredible uptake with some 80 entries.

The Gallery loaned works from its permanent collection to other institutions. The Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery lent two works for separate survey exhibitions: an untitled drawing by David Marsden and the print *Hushing* by Melissa Smith. Bass Strait Maritime Centre lent three watercolours by Katheleen Cocker for the exhibition *First 50 Years*.

The following works were acquired for the Permanent Collection: Michaye Boulter's painting *Meeting*, a sculpture *House Nailed Country Coolomon* by Dominic White, and two digital works: Jade Elford's *Waterfall Lessons* and Milly Yencken's *The Birds Are in My Head* by.

Participation in the Gallery's public programs increased by 29.6%, which includes events in association with exhibitions, the after-school hours program *Create and Make*, school holiday workshops, school group visits and outreach visits by staff.



PARANAPLE CONVENTION CENTRE

In its sixth year of operation, the 2023/24 period saw a robust 896 room bookings, underscoring the Centre's ongoing appeal for a wide range of events, from national conferences to community gatherings.

Key events in this period included: Unite in Yellow Gala, the North-West Regional Tourism Forum, the Tasmanian Energy Development Conference, the Tasmanian Rural Health Conference, Cement Australia Centenary Celebration, Energy and Climate Change Ministerial

Council Meeting, AFL Tasmania Launch, The Gideons International in Australia National Convention, Citroen Car Club National Meet and Disability Expo Australia Aged & Disability Expo.

These events exemplify the paranaple Convention Centre's role as a central hub for significant gatherings, from industry conferences to community expos, reinforcing its reputation as a premier event venue in Tasmania.

GOAL 4 ANNUAL PLAN ACTION SUMMARY

Action	Outcome	Status
Move Well Devonport - Develop and seek funding for initiatives that increase resident access and participation in active living programs.	The Living Well Devonport pilot program has been completed. The program ran for six weeks, commencing on Monday, 30th of October through to the Sunday, 9th of December, 2023. Council provided funding for each program, with all activities provided free to local residents.	✓
Develop, design and obtain Development Application for new indoor sports stadium.	Formal Development Application documentation has been submitted and the assessment process is underway.	➔
Identify and progress priority sports infrastructure projects.	Council Officers are progressing design and development approval for a number of priority projects. Byard Park Pavilion Renewal and lighting of the western Oval have been successfully tendered and will commence during June 2024. Council formally endorsed the full scope and funding for upgrade works at the Valley Road Soccer Centre at the May Council Meeting.	✓
Undertake an internal refurbishment of the parnaple Arts Centre theatre, including the replacement of existing seating.	The works are complete, and the Town Hall Theatre is operational.	✓
Develop concept design for the incorporation of a black box performing arts space in Market Square Pavillion.	The review of project scope and design options is continuing.	➔
Upon advice from the Public Art Committee, commission public art work in Haines Park.	The commission has been resolved. Awaiting construction and installation.	✓
Engage and assist the Indie School in planning for their long term facility requirements within the City.	Council considered and endorsed the final proposal for Indie School at the December 2023 Council meeting.	✓
Facilitate the implementation of the community-led Living Well: Health and Wellbeing Strategy.	A suite of free active health and well-being programs were delivered by Council November-December 2023 as part of a pilot program focused on empowering residents to Live Well and Thrive Together, with 129 people participating. Due to its success, the program is now offered seasonally. The 2024 Autumn program delivered February -March engaged 180 participants.	✓
Establish partnership with UTAS to support the student-centred Devonport Health Enhancement Clinic.	Formal agreements establishing the partnership with the University of Tasmania for the Health Enhancement project at the East Devonport Recreation Centre have been fully executed.	✓

LEGEND Completed ✓ In progress ➔ Ongoing ➔ Deferred ➔

PRACTICING EXCELLENCE IN GOVERNANCE



GOOD GOVERNANCE CHECKLIST

GOOD GOVERNANCE ELEMENT

ACCOUNTABLE

TRANSPARENT

LAW-ABIDING

RESPONSIVE

EQUITABLE

PARTICIPATORY AND INCLUSIVE

EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT

CONSENSUS ORIENTED

HOW DOES COUNCIL ACHIEVE THE GOOD GOVERNANCE ELEMENTS?

- Council Policies
- Public Interest Disclosures
- Integrity Commission Training and Awareness
- Audit Panel
- Community Consultation
- Special Interest Groups
- Declarations of Interest
- Related Party Disclosures
- Workshops
- Active Disclosures
- Delegations Register
- Legislative Compliance Register
- Gifts and Donations Register
- Declaration of Interest Register
- Reporting Compliance
- Planning Compliance
- Budget and Estimates
- Meeting Procedures
- Common Law
- Strategic Plan
- Reports, Policies and Annual Plan Actions Linked to Strategic Plan
- Long-term Plans and Strategies
- Annual Plan
- Annual Report
- Term Plan
- KPIs (Financial and Non-financial)
- Regular Review of Policies and Strategies
- Public Questions/Notices
- Surveys
- Expressions of Interest
- Public Question Time
- Feedback Opportunities
- Petitions
- Continuous Improvement and Lean Activities
- Induction and Targeted Ongoing Training and Development Opportunities (Councillor and Employee)

RELATED/SUPPORTIVE RESOURCES FOR ADDRESSING GOVERNANCE ELEMENTS

LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK

(includes but not limited to):

- *Building Act 2016*
- *Burial and Cremation Act 2019*
- *Dog Control Act 2000*
- *Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1994*
- *Food Act 2003*
- *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*
- *Local Government Act 1993*
- *Local Government (General) Regulations 2015*
- *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*
- *Public Health Act 1997*
- *Public Interest Disclosures Act 2002*
- *Right to Information Act 2009*
- *Roads and Jetties Act 1935*
- *Tasmanian Civil & Administrative Tribunal Act 2020*
- *Vehicle and Traffic Act 1999*

INTERNAL DOCUMENTS

(includes but not limited to):

- Community Engagement Policy
- Election Caretaker Period Policy
- Enforcement Policy
- Fraud and Corruption Control Policy
- Gifts & Donations Policy
- Governance Policy
- Information Disclosure and Right to Information Policy
- Personal Information Protection Policy
- Public Question Time Policy
- Rates and Charges Policy
- Related Party Disclosure Policy
- Whistleblower Policy
- Annual Plan
- Annual Report
- Asset Management Strategy
- Code of Conduct (Councillor and Employee)
- Code for Tenders and Contracts
- Council By-Laws
- Financial Management Strategy
- Long Term Asset Management Plans (Transport; Stormwater)
- Long Term Financial Management Plan
- Risk Management Framework
- Strategic Plan 2009-2030
- Term Plan 2022-2026

3,678

DOGS REGISTERED
3,774 in 2022/2023

24,882

PARKING INFRINGEMENTS ISSUED
20,093 in 2022/2023

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

A summary of key elements of Council's finances are outlined below.

Full details on Council's financial performance can be found in the Annual Financial Statements which are provided as an appendix to this Annual Report.

The Annual Financial Statements meet the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1993* and relevant Australian Accounting Standards and have been audited by the Tasmanian Office.

With the inclusion of all items, Council achieved a total net result of \$14.13 million for the year ending 30 June 2024.

The result from ordinary activities was more favourable than budget, with a surplus result of \$3.9 million against a budget surplus position of \$3.1 million.

The net worth of Council assets increased by \$211 million to \$868 million.

FINANCIAL RESULTS (000)	2022/23 ACTUAL \$000	2023/24 BUDGET \$000	2023/24 ACTUAL \$000
Total income	48,852	49,159	51,959
Total expenses	44,156	46,035	48,102
Net operating result	4,696	3,124	3,857
Comprehensive result	9,169	10,134	14,126
Total assets	711,519	703,910	926,911
Total liabilities	54,736	48,802	58,737
Net assets	656,783	655,108	868,173
Cash balance	21,500	12,898	28,391

INCOME

Council's total operating income for 2023/24 was \$52 million, \$2.8 million more than budget, due to an increase in rates and investment revenue.

Income source (\$m)	2022/23 Actual \$000	2023/24 Budget \$000	2023/24 Actual \$000	% of Total Operating Income
Rates and service charges	31,714	33,614	34,016	65.5%
Fees and charges	7,631	7,387	8,652	16.7%
Operating grants	4,387	2,839	2,925	5.6%
Contributions	168	51	124	0.2%
Investments revenue*	3,769	4,300	5,055	9.7%
Other income	1,183	968	1,187	2.3%

*includes share of profit of associates

EXPENSES

Council's total operating expenditure for 2023/24 was \$48.1 million, or 4.49% higher than budget. Providing a \$1.5 million unbudgeted grant to Devonport City Soccer Club for a grandstand development increased other expenses higher than budget.

\$50.4M

**SPENT ON MATERIALS,
CONTRACTS AND WAGES**

\$45.6M in 2022/2023

Expenses (\$m)	2022/23 Actual \$000	2023/24 Budget \$000	2023/24 Actual \$000	% of Total Operating Expenses
Employee benefits	13,931	14,800	14,811	30.8%
Materials and services	17,691	18,218	18,445	38.3%
Depreciation	9,940	10,441	10,790	22.4%
Financial costs	1,253	1,323	1,379	2.9%
Other expenses	1,341	1,253	2,677	5.6%

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Council delivered \$17 million in capital expenditure during 2023/24, with the majority spent on roads and facilities.

	\$000
Open space and recreation	2,907
Facilities	2,956
Stormwater	1,475
Roads	6,752
Plant and fleet*	830
Equipment/other	1,002
LIVING CITY	1,200

Expenditure amounts as per WIP Acquisitions see note 6.1

*Does not include trade in.

\$25.25M

**TOTAL GENERAL RATE
REVENUE RECEIVED**

\$23.4M in 2022/2023

13,109

**NUMBER OF RATEABLE
PROPERTIES**

12,695 in 2022/2023

\$1,443

**AVERAGE GENERAL
RESIDENTIAL RATE**

\$1,350 in 2022/2023

KEY FINANCIAL INDICATORS

The table below provides a selection of the key financial indicators for the year. Further analysis and other financial indicators are included in Note 43 of the Financial Statements.

Indicator	Council Target	2023 Actual	2024 Actual
Financial operating performance			
Underlying surplus ratio	0% or greater	3.42%	10.31%
Liquidity position			
Current ratio	1:1 or greater	2.99:1	2.34:1
Cash reserves \$'000	6,000	21,500	28,391
Net financial liabilities \$'000		(28,820)	(27,100)
Net financial liabilities ratio	0% to (50%)	(60.52%)	(53.82%)
Net interest cost	below 7%	0.80%	0.00%
Asset management performance			
Asset consumption ratio – roads	40-60%	45.02%	44.75%
Asset sustainability ratio	100%	78.37%	92.22%



PERFORMANCE MEASURES

		Target	Result
GOVERNANCE	Council decisions made during closed session of Council meetings.	<10%	9%
	Councillor attendance at Council meetings.	>90%	91%
PERMIT AUTHORITY	Average time taken to assess building applications (maximum # days from receipt to decision).	7 days	6 days
	Average time taken to assess plumbing applications (maximum # days from receipt to decision).	14 days	7 days
	Building and Plumbing applications decided within required time frame (% decided).	100%	100%
STATUTORY PLANNING	Average time for discretionary planning applications (maximum # days).	42 days	39 days
	Average time for permitted planning applications (maximum # days).	28 days	24 days
	Planning applications decided within required time frame (% decided).	100%	100%
ANIMAL MANAGEMENT	Animal complaints actioned within five days.	100%	100%
FOOD SAFETY	Food complaints actioned within five days.	100%	100%
	Food safety assessments undertaken in accordance with the <i>Tasmanian Food Business Risk Classification System</i> .	100%	74%
ASSET MANAGEMENT	Capital works projects/expenditure completed.	90%	55%*
	Work requests completed for the year (internal and external).	3,000	12,700
WASTE COLLECTION	Cost of domestic kerbside garbage bin collection service - excluding landfill disposal charges (per week per property).	\$2.50	\$3.11
	Domestic resource recovery rate.	20%	17%
CEMETERY MANAGEMENT	Number of available plots/interment sites available (excluding reservations).	500	660
TURNOVER	Resignations and terminations as a % of average staff numbers.	<10%	12.66%
WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY	Lost time injury frequency rate.	0	41.90

*The total Capital Budget of \$31M for the 2023/24 year included \$14M of budgeted multi-year projects, and the remaining \$17M representing the budgeted Annual Projects. Over the 12 month period Council spent/completed \$12M of work on the budgeted Annual Projects, which represents 70% completion of the Total Annual Capital Program.

\$48M

OPERATIONAL EXPENDITURE

\$44M in 2022/2023

\$52M

OPERATIONAL REVENUE RECEIVED

\$49M in 2022/2023

187

ITEMS CONSIDERED BY COUNCIL

275 in 2022/2023

LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINTS

In accordance with section 72 (1) (ba) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, there were no code of conduct complaints received, and none upheld either wholly or in part during the preceding financial year.

PUBLIC INTEREST DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Council is committed to the aims and objectives of the *Public Interest Disclosures Act 2002*. Council also recognises the value of transparency and accountability in its administrative and management practices and supports the making of disclosures that reveal corrupt conduct, involving substantial mismanagement of public resources, or conduct involving substantial risk to public health and safety of the environment. In accordance with the *Public Interest Disclosures Act 2002*, Council provides information pertaining to the Act on Council's website – www.devonport.tas.gov.au/Council/council-policies. The mandatory disclosures under section 86(b) (i) of the *Public Interest Disclosure Act 2002* for 2023/24 are:

The number and types of disclosures made to the relevant public body during the year and the number of disclosures determined to be a public interest disclosure

0

The number of disclosures determined by the relevant public body to be public interest disclosures that it investigated during the year

0

The number and types of disclosed matters referred to the public body during the year by the Ombudsman to investigate

0

The number and types of disclosed matters referred during the year by the public body to the Ombudsman to investigate

0

The number and types of investigations of disclosed matters taken over by the Ombudsman from the public body during the year

0

The number and types of disclosed matters that the relevant public body has declined to investigate during the year

0

The number and type of disclosed matters that were substantiated upon investigation and the action taken on completion of the investigation

0

COMPLAINTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH CUSTOMER SERVICE CHARTER

During 2023/24 there were a total of 2 complaints made in accordance with Council's Customer Service Charter:

- one complaint related to staff behaviour; and
- one complaint related to a failure to adhere to Council's service standards.

LAND DONATIONS

In accordance with section 72 (1)(da) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, there was no land donated by Council in accordance with section 177 of the Act in 2023/24.

JOINT AUTHORITIES

Section 30 (1) *Local Government Act 1993* - Devonport City Council participates in two joint authorities - the Cradle Coast Authority and Dulverton Regional Waste Management Authority.

ENTERPRISE POWERS

Council did not undertake any activities pursuant to section 21 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

CONTRACTS AND TENDERS

For the purposes of section 72(1)(e) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, a council is to report in its annual report in relation to any contract for the supply or provision of goods or services valued at or exceeding \$250,000 (excluding GST) that is entered into, or extended under regulation 23(5)(b) in the financial year to which the annual report relates:

Contract number	Contractor/supplier	Description of contract	Contract or supply period (plus options)	\$ Value exc GST
CONTRACT 1356	Veolia Environmental Services	Domestic Waste Collection Service	1 July 2024 – 1/7/2026 1 year (plus 1 + 1)	451,477
CT0369	Buildrite Construction and Project Management	Design Construct Bridge Spreyton Connector	April – October 2024 (1 month)	367,349
CS0126	Walters Contracting Pty Ltd	Torquay Road to Wright Street Stormwater Upgrade	April – July 2024 (1 month)	512,790
CT0358	Hardings Group	Oldaker St/Sorell St Roundabout	June – August 2024 (1 month)	310,174
*CONTRACT 1351	Matt Calvert	City Entrance Markers	July 2023 – June 2024	700,000
*CONTRACT 1350	Alex Miles	City Entrance Markers	August 2023 – June 2025	490,000
*CB0134	T and V Mead Pty Ltd (mead Con Building and Civil Contractors)	Byard Park Sports Facility Upgrade	May 2024 – April 2025	\$1,474,542
CB0120	AJR Construction	Theatre Ceiling, Lights, Painting & Carpet	May 2023 – January 2024	406,867
CT0347-01	Hardings Hotmix	Supply, Delivery and Placement of Hotmix Asphalt	August 2023 – June 2024	572,252
CT0347-02	Hardings Hotmix	Supply, Delivery and Placement of Sprayed Bituminous Surfacing	February 2023 – June 2023	1,168,756.70
CB0126	On Time Developments	Devonport Aquatic Centre Indoor 25 Metre & Combined Pool Tile Replacement	November 2023 – March 2024	1,001,400
CT0343	Treloar Transport	Parker/Percy Street Roundabout	October 2023 – June 2024	297,043
CT0356	Walters Contracting	Kelcey Tier Road Renewal	January 2024 – April 2024	722,009
CF0038	Flocon Engineering	Supply & Delivery Road Maintenance Truck	December 2023	386,975
CE0020	Round Table Studio	Devonport Oval LED Scoreboard	December 2023 – April 2024	276,874
*CP0198	Degree C	Sound and Light Show Construction	November 2023 - July 2024	668,700
*CP0249-02	Round Table Studio	Sound and Light Show Equipment	November 2023 - July 2024	1,160,985
CB0129	Creo Consultants Pty Ltd	Devonport Stadium Structural & Civil Engineering sub-consultant services	January 2024 - June 2026	396,000
CT0369	Hardings Hotmix	Spreyton Connector	March - June 2024	298,825
CT0369A	Buildrite Construction & Project Management	Spreyton Connector Bridge Design and Construct	April – October 2024	367,349
CONTRACT 1354	Command 51	Cleaning of Council Facilities	1 April 2024 – 31 March 2026 2 years (plus 1 + 1 + 1)	519,104
CS0126	Walters Contracting	Torquay Road to Wright Street Stormwater Upgrade	April – July 2024 (1 month)	512,790
CB0114-01	Mead Con Pty Ltd	Resource Recovery Centre Construction	July 2023 – June 2024	1,520,917

*Items carried forward related to items within 2023/24 and not reported previously due to timing.

For the purposes of section 72(1)(E) of the Act, a council is to report the following in its annual report in relation to any contract, for the supply or provision of goods and services valued at or exceeding \$100,000 (excluding GST) but less than \$250,000 that is entered into or extended in the financial year to which the annual report relates:

Contract number	Contractor/supplier	Description of contract	Contract or supply period (plus options)	\$ Value exc GST
CT0372-02	Hardings Group	Annual Reseal Program – Sprayed Bituminous Surfacing	July 2024- June 2025	130,968
CT1352	Steeds Weed Solutions	Weed Control 2024	July 2024- June 2025 (1 + 1 year)	141,538
CONTRACT 1356	Veolia Environmental Services	Domestic Waste Collection Service	1 July 2024 – 1 July 2027 (1 + 1)	198,091
* CP0225	Devonport Electrical Service	Byard Park Lighting	November 2023 – April 2025	232,855
* CB0129	COVA Thinking Pty Ltd	Electrical, Fire, Mechanical & Hydraulic Engineering services	January 2024 - June 2026	212,800

*Items carried forward related to items within 2023/24 and not reported previously due to timing.

In accordance with Regulation 27 (b) and 27(i)(i) of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2015* the following tenders were awarded with the non-application of the tender process:

Contract number	Contractor/supplier	Description of contract	Contract or supply period (plus options)	\$ Value exc GST
C150 Panel Contract	Iris (under the C150 panel contract through State Government)	Council PC refresh 2024	Equipment to be leased over 36 month period	198,091
Telstra Service Accounts	Telstra	Azure hosting services and Telstra Teams Calling Account	3 year contract	Min monthly spend of \$10,000



PUBLIC HEALTH STATEMENT

Section 72(1)(ab) of the *Local Government Act 1993* requires that Council provide a statement of its goals and objectives in relation to public health activities in the Annual Report.

Staff resources throughout 2023/24:

- Two part-time Environmental Health Officer;
- One casual Environmental Health Officer;
- Two part-time Administration Officer.

School Immunisation Clinics were administered by Council staff and casual Immunisation Nurses.

Functions of the Environmental Health Department include:

- Food Safety
- Disease prevention and control
- Public health education and promotion
- Assessment of public events
- Public health risk activities
- Immunisations
- Exhumations
- On-site waste disposal systems
- Water carters and private suppliers
- Cooling towers and warm water systems
- Recreational and bathing water quality
- Public health nuisances
- Air, water and soil pollution
- Public health emergency management
- By-law compliance
- Environmental complaints
- Promotion and education of the new mandatory food hygiene training requirements for food premises

Summary of 2023/24 Outcomes

Administered school-based immunisation program in conjunction with the Department of Health.

Food premise and other licence applications were determined with high-quality and responsive processes.

Inspections, licensing and registration of relevant businesses and temporary food stalls were undertaken and education programs for food handlers were promoted.

Monitoring of water quality in recreational water was conducted and concerns were investigated.

Sharps disposal containers were provided in Council's public amenities and the community sharps disposal unit was supported.

Complaints relating to environmental and public health issues were responded to in a timely manner.

Public education of health and environmental matters was supported where appropriate.

Public Health advice was promoted through Council's communication channels.



LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM

The Final Report of the Future of Local Government Review, which commenced in January 2022, was handed down in October 2023.

Following significant consultation with the Tasmanian public and local government sector, the report identified the challenges and opportunities that lay ahead for councils into the future, with a focus on identifying and developing opportunities for reform, ideas that were subject to evaluation and testing.

The Final Report contained 37 recommendations regarding the future of local government in Tasmania.

Key recommendations from the Review Board included defining the role of local government in a new Local Government Act, the introduction of a Local Government Charter to support the newly legislated role, mandatory shared service agreements, formal amalgamations, and an alternative future design model for local government in Tasmania that would include a Cradle Coast Council (comprising of Burnie, Central Coast, Devonport, Kentish and Latrobe councils)

Council provided formal responses at the various stages of the review process. In respect of the Final Report, Council provided a response agreeing that structural reform must occur if councils are to not only be successful into the future, but to simply remain sustainable and continue to serve their communities as they do now.

Council strongly endorsed the position of having fewer, larger councils as the simplest, most effective and efficient way to address the broadly recognised challenges that exist but did not agree with a proposed Cradle Coast Council model, believing Burnie was closer aligned to the councils to their west.

Council also viewed the recommendations involving voluntary amalgamations and mandated shared services as a compromised approach; expressed its support for greater strategic alignment with neighbouring councils (and encouraged Government incentivisation of this and that it believes the 15 proposed council areas should generally be the starting point for any consolidation); considered the recommendation of common ICT systems as more a shared, staged procurement process than a sharing of resources, but acknowledged that significant benefits could be achieved from such an approach; and detailed that it did not support the establishment of a centralised asset management authority.

As at the end of the financial year, the Government were yet to formally respond to the recommendations presented by the Board.





COMMUNITY GRANTS

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS AND AGREEMENTS

Organisations	Description	Amount \$
Devonport Brass Band	3 year Agreement ending 30 June 2025	10,000 pa
Devonport Community House	3 year Agreement ending 30 June 2025	18,000 pa
Devonport Men's Shed	3 year Agreement ending 1 July 2025	8,000 pa
National Trust of Australia – Home Hill operations	3 year Agreement ending June 2025	28,000 pa
RANT Arts	5 year Agreement ending November 2026 – Subsidised rent for property at 45-47 Stewart Street, for provision of delivery of arts and cultural services to the community.	Partnership Agreement/ Arts and Cultural services/in-kind funding
Tasmanian Arboretum	3 year Agreement ending 30 June 2025	20,000 pa
Julie Burgess Inc	5 year Agreement ending 30 January 2025	40,000 pa

COMMUNITY DONATIONS

Organisations	Description	Amount \$
RSPCA Tasmania	Fundraising	250
Devonport Orchid Society	Spring Show	250
Devonport Lapidary Club Inc.	Jewellery, Gem and Mineral Show	250
East Devonport Primary School	End of Year Award	50
Devonport High School	End of Year Award	50
Reece High School	End of Year Award	50
Nixon Street Primary School	End of Year Award	50
Spreyton Primary School	End of Year Award	50
Devonport Primary School	End of Year Award	50
Hillcrest Primary School	End of Year Awards	50
Young Essence PTY LTD T/A	Tasmanian Special Childrens Christmas party	250
Country Women's Association in Tasmania Online Branch	Funds for supplies to make items for homeless	250
Spreyton Primary School Association/Twilight Festival Committee	Twilight Festival	250



MAJOR GRANTS

Organisations	Description	Amount \$
Meercroft Park Development Committee	Replacement of Scoreboard	10,000
Devonport Apex Regatta	2024 Devonport Apex Regatta	25,000
Spreyton Cricket & Community Club	Install Grease Trap System	8,850
Devonport Choral Society	Improvement Plan and Asset Update	8,000
Devonport Tenpin Bowling Association	Adapt & Include equipment	5,491

MINOR GRANTS

Organisations	Description	Amount \$
East Devonport Neighbourhood House	lovEastDevonport	2,500
Uniting Bowls Club	Acquisition of Equipment	462
East Devonport Bowls Sporting & Community Club	Dining Room Refurbishment - Replacing Chairs	3,242
Exhale Community Choir	Devonport Big Sing 2024	3,300
Devonport Anglers Club Inc. North-West Junior Anglers Club	Fish Stock	1,500

SPORT AND RECREATION – GRANTS AND SPONSORSHIP

Organisations	Description	Amount \$
Devonport Basketball Council	Devonport Warriors Primary School Tournament	2,000
Squash Tasmania/ Devonport Squash Club	Tasmanian Squash Open	12,000
Devon Netball Association	Devon Netball Tournament	3,000
Eudaimonia Tasmanian Cycling Tours	Tour of Tasmania	20,000
Devonport Athletics Club	Devonport Athletics Christmas Carnival	8,000
Tennis Australia	Tasmanian Tennis Championships	4,000
Football Tasmania	Football Tas event SAP Festival	11,000
Swimming Tasmania	Tasmanian Country Championships	500
Devonport Triathlon Tasmania Inc	Devonport Triathlon	35,000
Everyday Lions Events	Bluff to Boat Ramp	10,000
Devonport Junior Soccer Association Inc.	Devonport Cup	4,000

INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

Number	Description	Amount \$
32	Approved and paid	1,850

RATE REMISSIONS– NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANISATIONS

Organisations	Description	Amount \$
Van Diemen Light Railway Society Pty Ltd T/A as Don River Railway	Rate Remission	7,876
Mersey Community Care Association Inc	Rate Remission	5,661
Girl Guides Association of Tasmania	Rate Remission	1,511
Parakaleo Ministries Inc T/A Choose Life Services	Rate Remission	2,350
Cancer Council Tasmania	Rate Remission	2,709
Pathway to Life Inc	Rate Remission	2,328
Mersey Rowing Club	Rate Remission	1,696
Mersey District Scout Association	Rate Remission	3,374
East Devonport Tennis Club	Rate Remission	1,087

OTHER PECUNIARY BENEFITS

Organisations	Description	Amount \$
Mersey Bluff Caravan Park*	Rent	30,304

*The Lessee at the Mersey Bluff Caravan Park is undertaking capital improvements at the park, in lieu of paying rent as agreed by Council, resolution no. 218/17.

SUMMARY OF GRANTS AND BENEFITS

Description	Amount \$
paranaple Centre, Convention Centre and Art Centre Room Hire Subsidies	108,345
Community Partnership and Agreements	124,000
Major Grants	57,341
Minor Grants	11,005
Sport and Recreation Grants and Sponsorship	117,727
Community Donations	1,850
Individual Development Grants	1,850
Rate Remissions – Not-for-profit Organisation	28,592
Other Pecuniary Benefits	30,304
TOTAL	481,014

GOAL 5 ANNUAL PLAN ACTION SUMMARY

Action	Outcome	Status
Develop a consolidated Communication and Engagement Strategy.	The Strategy, along with an Engagement Matrix finalised. To be adopted August 2024.	✓
Launch and promote the Council Term Plan 2022-26.	Term Plan launched and promoted within the community, the media and local government sector.	✓
Develop and Adopt a New Parking By-Law.	The new Parking By-Law was adopted by Council.	✓
Implement TechnologyOne Customer Request Management.	A Configuration Design Document has been completed to support the setup of Customer Request Management in TechnologyOne. Configuration is expected to commence August or September pending availability of TechnologyOne consultants.	➡
Continue the implementation and use of TechnologyOne and Smart Cities Platforms, with a Focus on Reporting Outcomes.	All activity for this Annual Plan action has been completed. The smart irrigation system has been installed, configured and is fully functional.	✓
LEGEND Completed ✓ In progress ➡ Ongoing ➡ Deferred ➡		

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Content Overview

These financial statements are General Purpose Financial Statements and cover the consolidated operations for Devonport City Council.

All figures presented in these financial statements are presented in Australian Currency.

These financial statements were authorised for issue by the Council on 16th September 2024
Council has the power to amend and reissue these financial statements.

Independent Auditor's Report

To the Councillors of Devonport City Council

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Opinion

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

In my opinion, the accompanying financial report:

- (a) presents fairly, in all material respects, Council's financial position as at 30 June 2024 and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended
- (b) is in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993* and Australian Accounting Standards.

Basis for Opinion

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

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

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

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

Key Audit Matters

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

Why this matter is considered to be one of the most significant matters in the audit	Audit procedures to address the matter included
Valuation of property and infrastructure assets <i>Refer to notes 6.1 & 9.10</i>	
At 30 June 2024, Council's assets including land, land under roads, buildings, parks and open space, cultural and heritage assets and infrastructure assets, such as roads and stormwater assets were valued at fair value totalling \$762.43 million. The fair values of these assets are based on market value or current replacement cost. Council undertakes formal revaluations on a regular basis to ensure valuations represent fair value. In between valuations, Council considers the application of indexation to ensure the carrying values reflect fair values. During 2023-24, Council undertook a full revaluation of land under roads and parks & open space assets. Indexation was applied to buildings, roads, stormwater, and cultural and heritage assets. The valuations were determined by experts and are highly dependent upon a range of assumptions and estimated unit rates.	- Assessing the scope, expertise and independence of experts involved in the valuations. - Evaluating the appropriateness of the valuation methodology applied to determine fair values. - Critically assessed assumptions and other key inputs into the valuation model. - Testing, on a sample basis, the mathematical accuracy of the valuation model calculations. - Evaluating indexation applied to assets between formal valuations. - Evaluating the adequacy of disclosures made in the financial report, including those regarding key assumptions used.

Responsibilities of the General Manager for the Financial Report

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

In preparing the financial report, the General Manager is responsible for assessing Council's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless Council is to be dissolved by

an Act of Parliament or the Councillors intend to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

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

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

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

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

From the matters communicated with the General Manager, I determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial report of the current period and are

therefore the key audit matters. I describe these matters in my auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, I determine that a matter should not be communicated in my report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.



Stephen Morrison
Assistant Auditor-General
Delegate of the Auditor-General
Tasmanian Audit Office

17 September 2024
Hobart

Statement of Comprehensive Income

for the year ended 30 June 2024

		Budget 2024 \$ '000	Actual 2024 \$ '000	Actual 2023 \$ '000
	Note			
Income from continuing operations				
Recurrent income				
Rates and charges	2.1	33,614	34,016	31,714
User fees	2.2	7,387	8,652	7,631
Grants	2.3	2,839	2,925	4,387
Contributions - cash	2.4	51	124	168
Other Investment Income	2.5	629	2,143	1,229
Other income	2.6	968	1,187	1,183
Investment Revenue from TasWater	2.8,5.2	1,310	1,310	1,310
		46,798	50,357	47,622
Capital income				
Capital Grants received specifically for new or upgraded assets	2.3	7,610	5,432	4,041
Contributions - non-monetary assets	2.4	—	5,594	2,690
Share of net profits of associates and joint ventures accounted for by the equity method	5.1	2,361	1,602	1,230
		9,971	12,628	7,961
Total income from continuing operations		56,769	62,985	55,583
Expenses from continuing operations				
Employee benefits	3.1	14,800	14,811	13,931
Materials and services	3.2	18,218	18,445	17,691
Depreciation and amortisation	3.3	10,441	10,790	9,940
Finance costs	3.4	1,323	1,379	1,253
Other expenses	3.5	1,253	2,677	1,341
Net loss on disposal of property, infrastructure, plant and equipment	2.7	600	638	1,924
Capital works completed on assets not owned by Council	3.6	—	118	334
Total expenses from continuing operations		46,635	48,858	46,414
Result from continuing operations		10,134	14,127	9,169
Net result for the year		10,134	14,127	9,169
Other comprehensive income:				
Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to net result				
Fair value adjustments on equity investment assets	5.2,9.1	—	4,708	2,679
Net asset revaluation increment/(decrement)	9.1	—	192,555	27,298
Total items which will not be reclassified subsequently to the operating result		—	197,263	29,977
Total other comprehensive income		—	197,263	29,977
Total comprehensive result		10,134	211,390	39,146

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

Statement of Financial Position

as at 30 June 2024

	Note	2024 \$ '000	2023 \$ '000
Assets			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	4.1	28,391	21,500
Trade and other receivables	4.2	3,246	4,416
Non-current assets classified as held for sale	4.3	270	270
Other assets	4.4	499	504
Total current assets		32,406	26,690
Non-current assets			
Trade and other receivables	4.2	251	282
Investments in associates accounted for using the equity method	5.1	14,116	12,584
Investment in TasWater	5.2	92,680	87,972
Property, infrastructure, plant and equipment	6.1	786,626	583,221
Right-of-use assets	6.2	831	770
Total non-current assets		894,504	684,829
Total assets		926,910	711,519
Liabilities			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	7.1	6,629	3,322
Provisions	7.2	2,609	2,552
Lease liabilities	7.3	55	48
Contract liabilities	7.4	3,456	1,901
Interest-bearing loans and borrowings	8	1,120	1,103
Total current liabilities		13,869	8,926
Non-current liabilities			
Provisions	7.2	507	394
Lease liabilities	7.3	810	745
Interest-bearing loans and borrowings	8	43,551	44,671
Total non-current liabilities		44,868	45,810
Total liabilities		58,737	54,736
Net assets		868,173	656,783
Equity			
Accumulated surplus		259,718	245,591
Reserves	9.1	608,455	411,192
Total Equity		868,173	656,783

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

Statement of Changes in Equity

for the year ended 30 June 2024

	Note	Accumulated surplus \$ '000	Asset revaluation reserves \$ '000	Fair value reserve \$ '000	Total equity \$ '000
2024					
Balance at beginning of the financial year		245,591	399,617	11,575	656,783
Net result for the year		14,127	—	—	14,127
Other comprehensive income					
Fair value adjustments on equity investment assets	5.2,9.1	—	—	4,708	4,708
Net asset revaluation increment/(decrement)	9.1	—	192,555	—	192,555
Other comprehensive income		—	192,555	4,708	197,263
Total comprehensive income		14,127	192,555	4,708	211,390
Balance at end of the financial year		259,718	592,172	16,283	868,173
2023					
Balance at beginning of the financial year		236,422	372,319	8,896	617,637
Net result for the year		9,169	—	—	9,169
Other comprehensive income					
Fair value adjustments on equity investment assets	5.2,9.1	—	—	2,679	2,679
Net asset revaluation increment/(decrement)	9.1	—	27,298	—	27,298
Other comprehensive income		—	27,298	2,679	29,977
Total comprehensive income		9,169	27,298	2,679	39,146
Balance at end of the financial year		245,591	399,617	11,575	656,783

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

Statement of Cash Flows

for the year ended 30 June 2024

		2024	2023
	Note	Inflows/ (Outflows) \$ '000	Inflows/ (Outflows) \$ '000
Cash flows from operating activities			
Rates and service charges (inclusive of GST)		33,644	31,630
User charges and other fines inclusive of GST)		11,255	8,301
Grants (inclusive of GST)		2,938	4,302
Contributions (inclusive of GST)		124	178
Interest received		1,356	857
Other receipts (inclusive of GST)		3,069	3,145
Payments to suppliers (inclusive of GST)		(18,857)	(20,024)
Payments to employees		(14,656)	(13,970)
Finance costs		(1,379)	(1,253)
Other payments		(2,874)	(1,710)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities		14,620	11,456
Cash flows from investing activities			
Payments for property, infrastructure, plant and equipment		(16,354)	(14,411)
Proceeds from sale of property, infrastructure, plant and equipment		227	220
Capital grants		7,126	4,423
Investment revenue from TasWater	2.8	1,310	1,310
Proceeds from investments		787	371
Loans and advances to community organisations		28	28
Distribution from Associate		302	287
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		(6,574)	(7,772)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Repayment of interest-bearing loans and borrowings		(1,103)	(1,088)
Repayment of lease liabilities		(52)	(41)
Net cash flow provided by/(used in) financing activities	9.3	(1,155)	(1,129)
Net Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		6,891	2,555
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year		21,500	18,945
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year	9.4	28,391	21,500

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

Notes to Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2024

Note 1. Overview

1.1 Reporting entity

(a) The Devonport City Council was established in 1908 and is a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal.

Council's main office is located at 137 Rooke Street, Devonport.

(b) The purpose of the Council is to:

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

1.2 Basis of accounting

These financial statements are a general purpose financial report that consists of a Statement of Other Comprehensive Income, Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Changes in Equity, Statement of Cash Flows, and notes accompanying these financial statements. The general purpose financial report complies with Australian Accounting Standards, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board, and the *Local Government Act 1993 (LGA1993)* (as amended). Council has determined that it does not have profit generation as a prime objective. Consequently, where appropriate, Council has elected to apply options and exemptions within accounting standards that are applicable to not-for-profit entities.

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

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

This financial report has been prepared under the historical cost convention, except where specifically stated.

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

All entities controlled by Council that have material assets or liabilities, such as special committees of management, and material subsidiaries or joint ventures, have been included in this financial report. Where relevant, all transactions between these entities and Council have been eliminated in full.

1.3 Use of estimates and judgements

Judgements and Assumptions

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

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

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

Employee entitlements

Assumptions are utilised in the determination of Council's employee entitlement provisions. These assumptions are discussed in note 7.2.

Defined benefit superannuation fund obligations

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

Notes to Financial Statements

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Note 1. Overview (continued)

Fair value of property, infrastructure, plant & equipment

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

Investment in water corporation

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

Notes to Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2024

Note 1. Overview (continued)

1.4 Functions/Activities of the Council

1.4a Revenue, expenditure and assets attributable to each function as categorised in 1.4c:

	Grants \$ '000	Other \$ '000	Total revenue \$ '000	Total ex- penditure \$ '000	Surplus / (deficit) \$ '000	Assets \$ '000
Corporate						
2023 - 2024	2,776	35,649	38,425	(9,486)	28,939	140,131
2022 - 2023	4,101	32,242	36,343	(9,445)	26,898	89,662
Community, Cultural & Recreation						
2023 - 2024	149	2,245	2,394	(9,554)	(7,160)	20,081
2022 - 2023	299	1,957	2,256	(9,000)	(6,744)	19,093
Parking						
2023 - 2024	–	3,634	3,634	(2,325)	1,309	22,271
2022 - 2023	–	2,894	2,894	(2,033)	861	21,159
Economic development						
2023 - 2024	2,838	–	2,838	(654)	2,184	4,203
2022 - 2023	2,544	–	2,544	(818)	1,726	4,084
Roads						
2023 - 2024	612	3,210	3,822	(7,858)	(4,036)	171,320
2022 - 2023	1,309	722	2,031	(7,750)	(5,719)	160,177
Stormwater						
2023 - 2024	–	1,682	1,682	(2,505)	(823)	106,084
2022 - 2023	–	605	605	(2,348)	(1,743)	100,541
Waste management						
2023 - 2024	–	6,288	6,288	(5,384)	904	1,847
2022 - 2023	76	5,982	6,058	(5,270)	788	1,738
Parks & Gardens						
2023 - 2024	25	119	144	(7,325)	(7,181)	349,932
2022 - 2023	84	(679)	(595)	(4,883)	(5,478)	211,603
Buildings						
2023 - 2024	–	2	2	(463)	(461)	103,345
2022 - 2023	–	–	–	(396)	(396)	96,419
Infrastructure Administration						
2023 - 2024	1,957	288	2,245	(812)	1,433	7,544
2022 - 2023	15	394	409	(473)	(64)	6,892
Regulatory Services						
2023 - 2024	–	752	752	(1,733)	(981)	153
2022 - 2023	–	780	780	(1,740)	(960)	151
Total						
2023 - 2024	8,357	53,869	62,226	(48,099)	14,127	926,911
2022 - 2023	8,428	44,897	53,325	(44,156)	9,169	711,519

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Notes to Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2024

Note 1. Overview (continued)

	2024 \$ '000	2023 \$ '000
1.4b Reconciliation of assets above with the Statement of Financial Position at 30 June:		
Current assets	32,406	26,690
Non-current assets	894,505	684,829
	926,911	711,519

1.4c Analysis of Council results by program

The activities relating to the Programs in Note 1.4(a) are as follows:

CORPORATE***This Program includes the following activities***

Executive Management
 Receptions & Functions
 Communication
 Emergency Management
 Corporate Services
 Governance
 Property Management
 Customer Services
 Records Management
 Elected Members Support
 Human Resource Management
 Payroll Services
 Information Technology
 Accounting & Finance
 Corporate Revenue

COMMUNITY, CULTURAL AND RECREATION***This Program includes the following activities***

Community Development
 Community Financial Assistance
 paranaple Arts Centre
 paranaple Convention Centre
 Recreational Development
 Devonport Aquatic Centre
 Devonport Recreation Centre
 East Devonport Recreation Centre
 Marketing & Events
 Bass Strait Maritime Centre
 Home Hill

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT***This Program includes the following activities***

LIVING CITY Project
 Economic Development

PARKING

Parking

ROADS***This Program includes the following activities***

Roads Maintenance

STORMWATER***This Program includes the following activities***

Stormwater Maintenance

WASTE MANAGEMENT***This Program includes the following activities***

Waste Management Operations

PARKS & GARDENS***This Program includes the following activities***

Parks & Open Space Maintenance
 Cemetery Operations

BUILDINGS***This Program includes the following activities***

Building Maintenance

INFRASTRUCTURE ADMINISTRATION***This Program includes the following activities***

Project Management
 Engineering Services
 Plant Services
 Asset Management

REGULATORY SERVICES***This Program includes the following activities***

Town Planning & Development
 Building Permit Authority
 Plumbing Assessment & Inspections
 Environmental Health Services
 Animal Control
 Emergency Management

Notes to Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2024

Note 2. Revenue

	2024 \$ '000	2023 \$ '000
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2.1 Rates and charges

Council uses Assessed Annual Value (AAV) as the basis of valuation, for rating purposes, of all properties within the municipal area. AAV is an assessment of the indicative rental value of a property for a 12 month period or a 4% minimum of capital value, at a specific date and in accordance with legislation. The Valuer-General determines the AAV under the *Valuation of Land Act 2001*.

General rates	25,246	23,442
Penalty income from overdue rates and charges	140	123
Waste management rates & charges	5,149	4,877
Fire Service Levy	3,481	3,272
Total rates and charges	34,016	31,714

The date of the last general revaluation of land for rating purposes within the municipal area was 1 July 2021, this valuation was first applied in the rating year commencing 1 July 2022.

Accounting policy

Council recognises revenue from rates and annual charges for the amount it is expected to be entitled to at the beginning of the rating period to which they relate, or when the charge has been applied. Rates and charges in advance are recognised as a financial liability until the beginning of the rating period to which they relate.

Notes to Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2024

Note 2. Revenue (continued)

	2024 \$ '000	2023 \$ '000
2.2 User fees		
Admission charges	77	65
Animal registrations	85	87
Cemetery fees	237	252
Certificate charges	184	186
Development fees	452	494
Equipment hire fees	147	107
Facility hire	730	648
Fines	1,009	711
Licences	95	76
Parking fees	2,257	1,983
Property leases & rental	1,267	1,194
Sales of goods	1,139	859
Waste management fees	973	969
Total user fees	8,652	7,631

Accounting Policy

Parking fees and fines are recognised when or as the performance obligation is completed, or when the taxable event has been applied and Council has an unconditional right to receive payment.

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

Licences granted by Council are all either short-term or low value and all revenue is recognised at the time that the licence is granted rather than the term of the licence.

Notes to Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2024

Note 2. Revenue (continued)

	Note	2024 \$ '000	2023 \$ '000
2.3 Grants			
Grants were received in respect of the following:			
Summary of grants			
Federally funded grants		4,170	7,570
State funded grants		4,001	531
Other		186	327
Total		8,357	8,428
Grants - recurrent			
Commonwealth Government Financial Assistance Grants - General Purpose (Untied)		1,462	2,189
Commonwealth Government Financial Assistance Grants - Roads (Untied)		1,314	1,833
Others		—	—
State grants		—	38
Transport		—	79
Other		149	248
Total Recurrent Grants		2,925	4,387
Capital grants received specifically for new or upgraded assets			
Commonwealth Government - roads to recovery		509	506
Commonwealth Government - bridges		—	13
Community health		—	503
Family and children		—	15
Transport		2,045	2,545
Homeless support		—	21
Other		2,878	438
Total capital grants		5,432	4,041
Timing of revenue recognition			
Grants recognised over time		5,432	4,387
Grants recognised at a point in time		2,925	4,041
Total Grants		8,357	8,428
(c) Unspent grants and contributions			
Grants and contributions which were obtained on the condition that they be spent for specified purposes or in a future period, but which are not yet spent in accordance with those conditions, are as follows:			
Recurrent			
Balance of unspent funds at 1 July		—	60
Add: Funds recognised as revenue in the reporting year but not yet spent in accordance with the conditions		—	—
Add: Funds received and not recognised as revenue in the current year		—	—
Less: Funds recognised as revenue in previous years that have been spent during the reporting year		—	—
Less: Funds received in prior year but revenue recognised and funds spent in current year		—	(60)
Balance of unspent funds at 30 June		—	—
Capital			
Balance of unspent funds at 1 July		1,901	1,391

Notes to Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2024

Note 2. Revenue (continued)

	Note	2024 \$ '000	2023 \$ '000
Add: Funds recognised as revenue in the reporting year but not yet spent in accordance with the conditions		—	—
Add: Funds received and not recognised as revenue in the current year		3,068	1,083
Less: Funds recognised as revenue in previous years that have been spent during the reporting year		—	—
Less: Funds received in prior year but revenue recognised and funds spent in current year		(1,513)	(573)
Balance of unspent funds at 30 June		3,456	1,901
Total unspent funds held as a contract liability	7.4	3,456	1,901

Accounting policy

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

The performance obligations are varied based on the agreement, but includes improvements to existing infrastructure and construction of new infrastructure.

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

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

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

In both years the Commonwealth has made early payment of the untied Financial Assistance Grants for the following year. The early receipt of instalments resulted in Commonwealth Government Financial Assistance Grants being above that originally budgeted in 2023-24 by \$171K, (2022-23, \$1.3M). Financial Assistance Grants are general grants and do not have sufficient specific performance obligations. As a result, they are recognised as income when received.

Notes to Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2024

Note 2. Revenue (continued)

	2024 \$ '000	2023 \$ '000
2.4 Contributions		
(a) Cash		
Training contributions	55	115
Sundry	34	30
Developer Contribution	35	23
Total	124	168
(b) Non-monetary assets		
Roads	3,544	1,695
Stormwater	2,006	909
Other	44	86
Total	5,594	2,690
Total contributions	5,718	2,858

Accounting policy

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

2.5 Other Investment Income

Interest received from investments	1,356	857
Tax equivalent payment received	787	372
Total Interest and Tax Equivalents	2,143	1,229

Accounting policy**Interest income**

Interest is recognised progressively as it is earned.

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

Notes to Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2024

Note 2. Revenue (continued)

	2024 \$ '000	2023 \$ '000
2.6 Other income		
Commission	207	211
Recoverables	368	350
Sundry Income	217	273
Bad Debts Recovered	351	214
Insurance Recoveries	44	135
Total other income	1,187	1,183

Accounting policy

Other income is recognised progressively as it is earned.

Income treated as other income includes recovered utility charges and insurance claim refunds.

Notes to Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2024

Note 2. Revenue (continued)

	2024 \$ '000	2023 \$ '000
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2.7 Net loss on disposal of property, infrastructure, plant and equipment

Property, infrastructure, plant and equipment

Proceeds of sale	227	220
Written down value of assets disposed	(865)	(2,144)
Total net loss on disposal of property, infrastructure, plant and equipment	(638)	(1,924)

2.8 Investment Revenue from TasWater

Dividend revenue received	1,310	1,310
Total Investment revenue from TasWater	1,310	1,310

Accounting policy**Investment revenue**

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

Notes to Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2024

Note 3. Expenses

	2024 \$ '000	2023 \$ '000
3.1 Employee benefits		
Wages and salaries	11,163	10,389
Annual and long service leave entitlements	1,321	1,392
Superannuation	1,539	1,434
Workers compensation and payroll tax	1,055	919
Other employee related expenses	250	184
	15,328	14,318
Less amounts capitalised	(517)	(387)
Total employee benefits	14,811	13,931
3.2 Materials and services		
Advertising, printing & other office costs	284	247
Computer services and maintenance	1,024	917
Consultants	286	300
Contractors	6,681	6,297
General - services & materials	1,983	2,029
Low-value leases	141	127
Insurance	470	417
Levies & taxes	4,507	4,412
Memberships - organisations	347	279
Plant expenses	742	610
Professional services	183	131
Telephone & postage services	158	220
Utilities	1,639	1,705
Total materials and services	18,445	17,691

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

Notes to Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2024

Note 3. Expenses (continued)

	2024 \$ '000	2023 \$ '000
3.3 Depreciation and amortisation		
Buildings	2,413	2,299
Plant	580	561
Furniture and fittings	473	443
Cultural and heritage	1	—
Roads	4,272	3,984
Stormwater	1,812	1,660
Parks and open space	1,176	938
Right-of-use of assets	63	55
Total	10,790	9,940

Accounting policy

Land and road earthwork assets are not depreciated on the basis that they are assessed as not having a limited useful life.

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

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

	Basis of Depreciation	Useful Life
Buildings	Straight line	20 - 135 years
Plant	Straight line	2 - 50 years
Furniture and Fittings	Straight line	1 - 50 years
Roads	Straight line	15 - 100 years
Stormwater	Straight line	15 - 100 years
Parks and open space	Straight line	2 - 50 years
Cultural and Heritage	Straight line	5 years - Unlimited life
Right-of-use assets	Straight line	Term of lease

Notes to Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2024

Note 3. Expenses (continued)

	2024 \$ '000	2023 \$ '000
3.4 Finance costs		
Interest - Borrowings	1,351	1,223
Interest - lease liabilities	28	30
Total finance costs	1,379	1,253

Accounting policy**Finance expense**

No borrowing costs were capitalised during the period (\$0). Finance costs include interest on bank overdrafts, borrowings, leases and unwinding of discounts.

3.5 Other expenses

External auditors' remuneration	69	60
Internal auditors' remuneration	17	21
General expenses	12	178
Bank fees	71	69
Bad and doubtful debts	264	219
Councillors' remuneration	309	310
Grants and community benefits	1,935	484
Total other expenses	2,677	1,341

Accounting policy

Audit fees paid or payable to the Tasmanian Audit Office to audit the financial statements for 2023/24 total \$57,500 (2022/23: \$55,000). Other audit services performed were the audits relating to the grant acquittal for LRCI funding 2023/24 was \$2,666 (2022/23: \$5,017), Roads to Recovery funding 2023/24: \$1,800 (2022/23: \$1,925) and Living City Grant Acquittal: \$3,115 (2022/23: \$0).

Councillors' remuneration represents allowances payable in accordance with Section 340A of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Regulation 42 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2005* and Council's "Payment of Councillor Allowances, Expenses and Provision of Facilities Policy".

Bad and doubtful debts have been calculated as per analysis in Note 4.2.

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Note 3. Expenses (continued)

	2024 \$ '000	2023 \$ '000
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3.6 Additional Income Statement items - Expense

Capital works completed on assets not owned by Council

Capital works on assets not owned by Council

Total

118	334
118	334

Capital works completed on assets not owned by Council includes works on State Government road assets such as traffic signals.

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Note 4. Current assets

	Note	2024 \$ '000	2023 \$ '000
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4.1 Cash and cash equivalents

Current

Cash at bank and on hand		20,124	894
Investments		8,267	20,606
Total current cash and cash equivalents		28,391	21,500

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

Restricted funds

(i) Trust funds and deposits	7.1	381	208
(ii) Unspent grant funds with conditions	2.3	3,456	1,901
		3,837	2,109

Internal committed funds

iii) Leave provisions	7.2	3,118	2,552
Committed funds		6,955	4,661

Total uncommitted cash and cash equivalents

21,436 16,839

Total uncommitted funds

21,436 16,839

Accounting policy**Cash and cash equivalents**

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

Restricted and internally committed funds include:

- i) Refundable building, contract and other refundable amounts held in trust by Council for completion of specific purposes.
- ii) Represents grant funding received in advance until specific performance obligations required under funding arrangements are completed.
- iii) Monies set aside to meet employee provision obligations

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Note 4. Current assets (continued)

	2024 \$ '000	2023 \$ '000
4.2 Trades and other receivables		
Current		
Rates	1,241	748
Infringement debtors	140	118
Sundry debtors	834	2,773
Planning & health debtors	13	33
Net GST receivable	554	456
Loans and advances	30	28
Accrued revenue	498	316
Provision for expected credit loss	(64)	(56)
Total current trade and other receivables	3,246	4,416
Non-Current		
Loans and advances	251	282
Total non-current trade and other receivables	251	282
Total trade and other receivables	3,497	4,698
Reconciliation of movement in expected credit loss		
Carrying amount at 1 July	(56)	(30)
(Increase) / decrease in provision recognised in profit or loss	(8)	(26)
Carrying amount at 30 June	(64)	(56)

For ageing analysis of the financial assets, refer to note 9.9(b)

Accounting policy**Trade and other receivables**

When estimating the expected credit loss (ECL), Council considers reasonable and supportable information that is relevant and available without undue cost or effort. This includes both quantitative and qualitative information and analysis based on Council's historical experience, an informed credit assessment and forward-looking information. Council has established a provision matrix to facilitate the impairment assessment.

For rate debtors, Council takes the view that unpaid rates represent a charge against the rateable property that will be recovered when the property is next sold.

For non-rate debtors, Council maintains a Sundry Debtor Management Policy which outlines the approach to debtor collection and management. Council writes off receivables after all reasonable attempts to recover the debt have been taken, there is no realistic prospect of recovery or it is uneconomic to recover the debt.

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Note 4. Current assets (continued)

	2024	2023
	\$ '000	\$ '000

4.3 Assets held for sale

Current

Internal transfer from Land	173	173
Other	97	97
Total assets held for sale	270	270

Council has determined that it will sell the following property:

Land - 29 Fenton Way (to be sold to DOKS Developments Pty Ltd)

Plant - Items of Plant located at 29 Fenton Way (to be sold to DOKS Developments Pty Ltd)

Roads - Road assets located at 29 Fenton Way (to be sold to DOKS Developments Pty Ltd)

	2024	2023
	\$ '000	\$ '000

4.4 Other Assets

Current

Prepayments	433	475
Other deposits	66	29
Total	499	504

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Note 5. Other investments

	2024 \$ '000	2023 \$ '000
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5.1 Investments in associates

Investments in associates accounted for by the equity method are:

Dulverton Regional Waste Management Authority	14,116	12,584
Total investments in associates and joint arrangements	14,116	12,584

Dulverton Regional Waste Management Authority

The Council is a member of the Dulverton Regional Waste Management Joint Authority established under the *Local Government Act 1993* (as amended).

Other members in the Dulverton Regional Waste Management Joint Authority are the Central Coast, Latrobe, and Kentish Councils.

The primary activity of the Authority is to operate a regional landfill site at Dulverton.
As at 30 June 2024 the ownership share for Devonport was 43.45%.

Council's share of accumulated surplus/(deficit)

Council's share of accumulated surplus(deficit) at start of year	8,913	7,969
Report surplus (deficit) for year	1,602	1,231
Distributions for the year	(302)	(287)
Council's share of accumulated surplus(deficit) at end of year	10,213	8,913

Council's share of reserves

Council's share of reserves at start of year	3,221	2,816
Transfers (to) from reserves	232	405
Council's share of reserves at end of year	3,453	3,221

Movement in carrying value of specific investment

Carrying value of investment at start of year	12,584	11,235
Share of surplus(deficit) for year	1,602	1,231
Share of asset revaluation	232	405
Distributions for year	(302)	(287)
Carrying value of investment at end of year	14,116	12,584

The Authority's assets, liabilities and revenue for the relevant financial years were:

Total Assets	65,944	67,931
Total Liabilities	33,455	38,842
Revenue	19,181	14,389

The investment value in Dulverton Regional Waste Management Authority recognised in the 2024 financial year is based on draft financial results, as provided to Council for inclusion in its financial report. Any final adjustments to 2024 draft financial results will be recognised by Council in the 2025 financial year.

Accounting policy**Accounting for investments in associates**

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

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Note 5. Other investments (continued)

	Note	2024 \$ '000	2023 \$ '000
5.2 Investment in TasWater			
Opening balance		87,972	85,293
Fair Value adjustments on equity investment assets		4,708	2,679
Total Investment in TasWater		92,680	87,972

Council has derived returns from TasWater as disclosed at note 2.8.

Accounting policy**Equity Investment**

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

Fair value was determined by using Council's ownership interest against TasWater's net asset value at balance date. At 30 June 2024, Council holds a 4.90% ownership interest in TasWater (2023, 5.02%) which is based on Schedule 2 of the Corporation's Constitution which reflects the Council's voting rights.

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Note 6. Non-current assets

	2024 \$ '000	2023 \$ '000
6.1 Property, infrastructure, plant and equipment		
Summary		
at cost	34,150	22,662
Less accumulated depreciation	(9,953)	(9,298)
	24,197	13,364
at fair value as at 30 June	1,127,363	911,522
Less accumulated depreciation	(364,934)	(341,664)
	762,429	569,858
Total	786,626	583,222
(a) Property		
Land		
at fair value as at 30 June	76,923	76,884
	76,923	76,884
Land under roads		
at fair value as at 30 June	278,727	103,157
	278,727	103,157
Total land	355,650	180,041
Buildings		
at fair value as at 30 June	154,320	144,869
Less accumulated depreciation	(54,158)	(48,888)
	100,162	95,981
Total buildings	100,162	95,981
Total property	455,812	276,022
(b) Plant and equipment		
Plant		
at cost	8,522	8,386
Less accumulated depreciation	(5,105)	(4,879)
	3,417	3,507
Cultural and heritage		
at fair value as at 30 June	5,064	4,832
Less accumulated depreciation	(13)	(12)
	5,051	4,820
Furniture and fittings		
at cost	7,607	7,155
Less accumulated depreciation	(4,848)	(4,417)
	2,759	2,738
Total plant and equipment	11,227	11,065

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Note 6. Non-current assets (continued)

	2024 \$ '000	2023 \$ '000
(c) Infrastructure		
Roads		
at fair value as at 30 June	365,155	346,787
Less accumulated depreciation	(201,750)	(190,661)
	<u>163,405</u>	<u>156,126</u>
Parks and open space		
at fair value as at 30 June	54,792	52,577
Less accumulated depreciation	(21,742)	(19,905)
	<u>33,050</u>	<u>32,672</u>
Stormwater		
at fair value as at 30 June	192,382	182,416
Less accumulated depreciation	(87,271)	(82,201)
	<u>105,111</u>	<u>100,215</u>
Total infrastructure	<u>301,566</u>	<u>289,013</u>
(d) Works in progress		
Parks and Open Space	4,604	1,659
Buildings	3,183	439
Plant	381	136
Furniture and Fittings	965	511
Roads	7,915	4,051
Stormwater	973	325
Total works in progress	<u>18,021</u>	<u>7,121</u>
<u>Total property, infrastructure, plant and equipment</u>	<u>786,626</u>	<u>583,221</u>

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Note 6. Non-current assets (continued)

	as at 30/06/23	Asset class movements					as at 30/06/24
	Balance at beginning of financial year \$ '000	Acquisition of assets \$ '000	Revaluation increments (decrements) (Note 9.1) \$ '000	Depreciation and amortisation (Note 3.3) \$ '000	Written down value of disposals \$ '000	Transfers \$ '000	Balance at end of financial year \$ '000
2024							
Property, infrastructure, plant and equipment							
Reconciliation of property, infrastructure, plant and equipment							
Property							
Land	76,924	–	–	–	–	–	76,924
Land under roads	103,117	–	175,610	–	–	–	278,727
Total land	180,041	–	175,610	–	–	–	355,651
Buildings	95,981	–	5,418	(2,413)	(22)	1,199	100,163
Total buildings	95,981	–	5,418	(2,413)	(22)	1,199	100,163
Total property	276,022	–	181,028	(2,413)	(22)	1,199	455,814
Plant and equipment							
Plant	3,507	11	–	(580)	(96)	573	3,415
Furniture and Fittings	2,738	–	–	(473)	(18)	512	2,759
Cultural and heritage	4,820	–	192	(1)	–	40	5,051
Total plant and equipment	11,065	11	192	(1,054)	(114)	1,125	11,225
Infrastructure							
Roads	156,126	3,578	6,392	(4,272)	(260)	1,840	163,404
Stormwater	100,215	1,972	4,244	(1,812)	(324)	816	105,111
Parks and open space	32,672	–	467	(1,176)	(153)	1,241	33,051
Total infrastructure	289,013	5,550	11,103	(7,260)	(737)	3,897	301,566
Works in progress							
Parks and Open Space	1,659	4,107	–	–	–	(1,162)	4,604
Buildings	439	2,956	–	–	–	(212)	3,183
Plant	136	830	–	–	–	(584)	381
Furniture and Fittings	511	1,002	–	–	–	(548)	965
Roads	4,052	6,752	–	–	–	(2,889)	7,915
Stormwater	324	1,475	–	–	–	(826)	973
Total works in progress	7,121	17,122	–	–	–	(6,221)	18,021
Total property, infrastructure, plant and equipment	583,221	22,683	192,323	(10,727)	(873)	–	786,626

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Note 6. Non-current assets (continued)

	as at 30/06/22	Asset class movements					as at 30/06/23
	Balance at beginning of financial year \$ '000	Acquisition of assets \$ '000	Revaluation increments (decrements) \$ '000	Depreciation and amortisation \$ '000	Written down value of disposals \$ '000	Transfers \$ '000	Balance at end of financial year \$ '000
2023							
Reconciliation of property, infrastructure, plant and equipment							
Property							
Land	68,612	–	7,738	–	(65)	639	76,924
Land under roads	103,117	–	–	–	–	–	103,117
Total land	171,729	–	7,738	–	(65)	639	180,041
Buildings	90,857	–	5,171	(2,299)	(274)	2,526	95,981
Total buildings	90,857	–	5,171	(2,299)	(274)	2,526	95,981
Total property	262,586	–	12,909	(2,299)	(339)	3,165	276,022
Plant and equipment							
Plant	3,253	–	–	(561)	(77)	892	3,507
Furniture and Fittings	2,679	81	–	(443)	(19)	440	2,738
Cultural and heritage	4,616	–	172	–	–	32	4,820
Total plant and equipment	10,548	81	172	(1,004)	(96)	1,364	11,065
Infrastructure							
Roads	141,632	1,080	5,347	(3,984)	(844)	12,895	156,126
Stormwater	92,093	909	7,417	(1,660)	(314)	1,770	100,215
Parks and open space	25,740	–	1,048	(938)	(551)	7,373	32,672
Total infrastructure	259,465	1,989	13,812	(6,582)	(1,709)	22,038	289,013
Works in progress							
Parks and Open Space	12,928	5,039	–	–	–	(16,307)	1,659
Buildings	2,232	905	–	–	–	(2,697)	439
Plant	53	985	–	–	–	(902)	136
Furniture and Fittings	650	460	–	–	–	(599)	511
Roads	2,118	6,183	–	–	–	(4,250)	4,052
Stormwater	1,115	394	–	–	–	(1,185)	324
Total works in progress	19,096	13,966	–	–	–	(25,940)	7,121
Total property, infrastructure, plant and equipment	551,695	16,036	26,893	(9,885)	(2,144)	627	583,221

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Note 6. Non-current assets (continued)

Accounting policy**Recognition and measurement of assets**

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

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

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

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

	Threshold \$
Land	0
Land under roads	0
Buildings	5,000
Plant	1,000
Furniture and Fittings	1,000
Cultural and heritage	0
Infrastructure assets	
Roads	5,000
Stormwater	2,000
Parks and Open Space	2,000

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Note 6. Non-current assets (continued)

Revaluation

Council has adopted the following valuation bases for its non-current assets:

Land	Fair Value
Land under roads	Fair Value
Parks and Open Space	Fair Value
Buildings	Fair Value
Plant	Cost
Furniture and Fittings	Cost
Cultural and Heritage	Fair Value
Roads	Fair Value
Stormwater	Fair Value

At balance date, Council reviewed the carrying value of the individual classes of assets measured at fair value to ensure that each asset class materially approximated its fair value. Council values on a class basis and not by an asset by asset basis.

Council undertakes a formal revaluation of land, buildings, and infrastructure assets on a regular basis to ensure valuations represent fair value. Valuations are performed either by experienced Council officers or independent experts. Between such valuations, Council considers, and when necessary, applies indexation to assets to ensure the carrying values continue to represent fair values. In 2024, Council has formally revalued land under roads and parks and open spaces, therefore land, buildings, cultural and heritage, roads and stormwater assets were revalued utilising relevant indices.

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

Council applies AASB 136 Impairment of Assets to determine whether an asset is impaired and accounts for any identified impairment loss as described. For 2024, no assets were identified as impaired.

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Note 6. Non-current assets (continued)

	Property \$ '000	Total \$ '000
6.2 Right-of-use assets		
a) Right-of-use assets		
2024		
Opening Balance at 1 July 2023	770	770
Additions	—	—
Disposals	—	—
Depreciation expense	(63)	(63)
Modification of existing leases	124	124
Balance at 30 June 2024	831	831
2023		
Opening Balance at 1 July 2022	727	727
Additions	144	144
Disposals	—	—
Depreciation expense	(55)	(55)
Modification of existing leases	(46)	(46)
Balance at 30 June 2023	770	770

Accounting policy**Leases - Council as Lessee**

In contracts where Council is a lessee, Council recognises a right-of-use asset and a lease liability at the commencement date of the lease, unless the short-term or low-value exemption is applied. Refer to note 7.3 for details on accounting policy of lease liability.

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

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

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

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Note 7. Current liabilities

	2024 \$ '000	2023 \$ '000
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7.1 Trade and other payables

Current

Trade creditors & accruals	5,451	2,495
Rates and charges in advance	699	578
Trust funds	381	208
Other	98	41
Total current trade and other payables	6,629	3,322

Accounting policy**Trade and other payables**

General Creditors are unsecured, not subject to interest charges and are normally settled within 30 days of invoice receipt.

Rates and charges in advance represent amounts received by Council prior to the commencement of the rating or charging period. Revenue is recognised by Council at the beginning of the rating or charge period to which the advance payment relates.

Amounts received as deposits and retention amounts controlled by Council are recognised as Trust funds until they are returned or forfeited.

For ageing analysis of trade and other payables, refer to note 9.9(c).

	Annual leave \$ '000	Long service leave \$ '000	Total \$ '000
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7.2 Provisions

2024

Balance at the beginning of the financial year	1,360	1,586	2,946
Additional provisions	914	407	1,321
Amounts used	(932)	(219)	(1,151)
Balance at the end of the financial year	1,342	1,774	3,116
Current	1,342	1,267	2,609
Non-current	—	507	507
Total	1,342	1,774	3,116

2023

Balance at the beginning of the financial year	1,292	1,681	2,973
Additional provisions	1,203	157	1,360
Amounts used	(1,135)	(252)	(1,387)
Balance at the end of the financial year	1,360	1,586	2,946
Current	1,360	1,192	2,552
Non-current	—	394	394
Total	1,360	1,586	2,946

Accounting policy**Employee benefits***i) Short term obligations*

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Note 7. Current liabilities (continued)

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

ii) Other long term employee benefit obligations

The liability for long service leave and annual leave which is not expected to be wholly settled within 12 months after the end of the period in which the employees render the related service is recognised in the provision for employee benefits and measured as the present value of expected future payments to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the end of the reporting period using the projected unit credit method. Consideration is given to expected future wage and salary levels, experience of employee departures and periods of service. Expected future payments are discounted using market yields at the end of the reporting period on national government bonds with terms to maturity and currency that match, as closely as possible, the estimated future cash outflows. The obligations are presented as current liabilities in the statement of financial position if the entity does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, regardless of when the actual settlement is expected to occur.

iii) Sick leave

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

iv) Defined benefit plans

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

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

v) Defined contribution plans

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

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Note 7. Current liabilities (continued)

	2024 \$ '000	2023 \$ '000
7.3 Lease Liabilities		
Current		
Lease liabilities	55	48
Total current lease liabilities	55	48
Non-current		
Lease liabilities	810	745
Total non-current lease liabilities	810	745
Total Lease Liabilities	865	793

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

	Minimum lease payments due						
	Within 1 Year \$ '000	1-2 Years \$ '000	2-3 Years \$ '000	3-4 Years \$ '000	4-5 Years \$ '000	After 5 Years \$ '000	Total \$ '000
As at 30 June 2024							
Lease payments	81	81	81	49	49	841	1,182
Finance charges	(26)	(25)	(23)	(21)	(21)	(201)	(317)
Net present value	55	56	58	28	28	640	865
As at 30 June 2023							
Lease payments	73	73	73	73	41	743	1,076
Finance charges	(24)	(22)	(20)	(19)	(18)	(180)	(283)
Net present value	49	51	53	54	23	563	793

Accounting policy

Leases - Council as Lessee

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

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

Short-term leases and leases of low-value assets

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

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Note 7. Current liabilities (continued)

	2024 \$ '000	2023 \$ '000
7.4 Contract liabilities		
Current		
Grants received in advance:		
Funds received to acquire or construct an asset controlled by Council	3,327	1,772
Funds received prior to performance obligation being satisfied (Upfront payments)	129	129
Total grants received in advance	3,456	1,901
Total current contract liabilities	3,456	1,901

Accounting policy

Council recognised the following contractual liabilities:

i) Grants received in advance includes funding for the construction of improvements to Construct an Indoor Stadium for sporting facilities. The funds received are under an enforceable contract which require Council to construct an identified asset which will be under Council's control on completion. The revenue is recognised as Council constructs the asset and the contract liability reflects the funding received which cannot yet be recognised as revenue.

ii) Upfront payments of funds from contracts with customers are recognised as a contract liability until performance obligations are satisfied. Revenue is recognised as performance obligations are progressively fulfilled.

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Note 8. Non-current liabilities

	2024 \$ '000	2023 \$ '000
Interest-bearing loans and borrowings		
Current		
Borrowings - secured	1,120	1,103
	1,120	1,103
Non-current		
Borrowings - secured	43,551	44,671
	43,551	44,671
Total	44,671	45,774
a) The maturity profile for Council's borrowings is:		
Not later than one year	1,120	1,103
Later than one year and not later than five years	30,000	31,120
Later than five years	13,551	13,551
Total	44,671	45,774

Accounting policy**Interest bearing liabilities**

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

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

Loans as at 30 June 2024 include a variable rate loan with a facility limit of \$11.6M, a fixed interest loan of \$18.6M that matures in 2026 and a fixed interest loan of \$15M that matures in 2041 with a residual balance of \$6.7M.

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Note 9. Other financial information

	Balance at beginning of reporting period \$ '000	Increment \$ '000	Decrement \$ '000	Balance at end of reporting period \$ '000
9.1 Reserves				
(a) Asset revaluation reserves				
2024				
Property				
Land	58,158	—	—	58,158
Land under roads	—	175,610	—	175,610
Buildings	11,694	5,418	—	17,112
	69,852	181,028	—	250,880
Plant and equipment				
Cultural and heritage	907	192	—	1,099
	907	192	—	1,099
Infrastructure				
Roads	276,378	6,392	—	282,770
Stormwater	38,417	4,244	—	42,661
Parks and open space	10,842	467	—	11,309
	325,637	11,103	—	336,740
Other				
Associate	3,221	232	—	3,453
	3,221	232	—	3,453
Total asset revaluation reserves	399,617	192,555	—	592,172
2023				
Property				
Land	50,420	7,738	—	58,158
Buildings	6,523	5,171	—	11,694
	56,943	12,909	—	69,852
Plant and equipment				
Cultural and heritage	735	172	—	907
	735	172	—	907
Infrastructure				
Roads	271,031	5,347	—	276,378
Stormwater	31,000	7,417	—	38,417
Parks and open space	9,794	1,048	—	10,842
	311,825	13,812	—	325,637
Other				
Associate	2,816	405	—	3,221
	2,816	405	—	3,221
Total asset revaluation reserves	372,319	27,298	—	399,617

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Note 9. Other financial information (continued)

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

	Balance at beginning of reporting year \$ '000	Increment \$ '000	Decrement \$ '000	Balance at end of reporting year \$ '000
(b) Fair value reserve				
2024				
Equity Investment assets				
Investment in TasWater	11,575	4,708	–	16,283
Total fair value reserve	11,575	4,708	–	16,283
2023				
Equity Investment assets				
Investment in TasWater	8,896	2,679	–	11,575
Total fair value reserve	8,896	2,679	–	11,575
				2024
				\$ '000
				2023
				\$ '000
Total reserves			608,455	411,192

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Note 9. Other financial information (continued)

	2024 \$ '000	2023 \$ '000
9.2 Reconciliation of cash flows from operating activities to surplus/(deficit)		
Result from continuing operations	14,127	9,169
Depreciation/amortisation	10,727	9,885
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	63	55
Profit/(loss) on disposal of property, infrastructure, plant and equipment	638	1,924
Contributions - Non-monetary assets	(5,594)	(2,690)
Net share of net profits of associates and joint ventures	(1,602)	(1,230)
Capital grants received specifically for new or upgraded assets	(5,432)	(4,041)
Investment revenue from Taswater	(1,310)	(1,310)
Other investments	(787)	(371)
Change in assets and liabilities:		
Decrease/(increase) in trade and other receivables	1,207	(62)
Decrease/(increase) in other assets	(171)	(88)
Increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables	2,584	344
Increase/(decrease) in provisions	170	(27)
Increase/(decrease) in contract liabilities	—	(102)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	14,620	11,456

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Note 9. Other financial information (continued)

9.3 Reconciliation of liabilities arising from financing activities

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

	Interest-bearing loans and borrowings \$ '000	Lease liabilities \$ '000
2024		
Balance as at 1 July 2023	45,775	793
Changes from financing cash flows:		
Cash repayments	(1,104)	(52)
Modification of existing leases	–	124
Balance as at 30 June 2024	44,671	865
2023		
Balance as at 1 July 2022	46,863	736
Changes from financing cash flows:		
Cash repayments	(1,088)	–
Modification of existing leases	–	57
Balance as at 30 June 2023	45,775	793
	2024	2023
Note	\$ '000	\$ '000

9.4 Reconciliations of cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents	4.1	28,391	21,500
		28,391	21,500
Total Reconciliations of Cash & Cash Equivalents		28,391	21,500

9.5 Financing arrangements

Bank overdraft	100	100
Credit card facilities	70	70
Total facilities	170	170
Used facilities	20	24
Used facilities	20	24
Unused facilities	150	146

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Note 9. Other financial information (continued)

9.6 Superannuation

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

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

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

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

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

The actuarial review concluded that:

- The value of assets of the Fund was adequate to meet the liabilities of the Fund in respect of vested benefits as at 30 June 2023.
- The value of assets of the Fund was adequate to meet the value of the liabilities of the Fund in respect of accrued benefits as at 30 June 2023.
- Based on the assumptions used, and assuming the Employer contributes at the levels described below, the value of the assets is expected to continue to be adequate to meet the value of the liabilities of the Fund in respect of vested benefits at all times during the period up to 30 June 2020.

Given the strong financial position of the Fund, the Actuary recommended that the Council consider a contribution holiday and contribute 0% of salaries from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2027. his contribution rate is subject to normal review processes which include reviewing the contribution rate if needed to respond to extreme movements in financial markets. In addition, employers pay contributions towards defined benefit members' accumulation accounts where required by agreements.

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

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

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

As required in terms of paragraph 148 of AASB 119 *Employee Benefits*, Council discloses the following details:

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

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

- In terms of Rule 15.2 of the Spirit Super Trust Deed (Trust Deed), there is a risk that employers within the Fund may incur an additional liability when an Employer ceases to participate in the Fund at a time when the assets of the Fund are less than members' vested benefits. Each member of the Fund who is an employee of the Employer who is ceasing to Participate is required to be provided with a benefit at least equal to their vested benefit. However, there is no provision in the Trust Deed requiring an employer to make contributions other than its regular contributions up to the date of cessation of contributions.

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Note 9. Other financial information (continued)

- The application of Fund assets on Spirit Super being wound-up is set out in Rule 20.2. This Rule provides that expenses and taxation liabilities should have first call on the available assets. Additional assets will initially be applied for the benefit of the then remaining members and/or their Dependants in such manner as the Trustee considers equitable and appropriate in accordance with the Applicable Requirements (broadly, superannuation and taxation legislative requirements and other requirements as determined by the regulators). The Trust Deed does not contemplate the Fund withdrawing from Spirit Super.

- The Fund is a defined benefit Fund.

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

During the reporting period the amount of superannuation contributions paid to defined benefits schemes was \$0 (2022-23, \$0), and the amount paid to accumulation schemes was \$1,539,630 (2022-23, \$1,483,869).

- During the next reporting period the expected amount of superannuation contributions to be paid to defined benefits schemes is \$0, and the amount to be paid to accumulation schemes is \$1,715,844

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

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

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

	2024 \$ '000	2023 \$ '000
Accumulation funds		
Accumulation Schemes	1,540	1,484
	<u>1,540</u>	<u>1,484</u>

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Note 9. Other financial information (continued)

9.7 Commitments

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

	Not later than 1 year \$ '000	Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years \$ '000	Later than 5 years \$ '000	Total \$ '000
2024				
Contractual commitments				
Contractual commitments at end of financial year but not recognised in the financial report are as follows:				
Purchase commitments for material supplies & equipment	2,597	–	–	2,597
Total contractual commitments	2,597	–	–	2,597
2023				
Contractual commitments at end of financial year but not recognised in the financial report are as follows:				
Purchase commitments for material supplies & equipment	2,694	–	–	2,694
Total contractual commitments	2,694	–	–	2,694

9.8 Contingent liabilities and contingent assets

(a) Contingent liabilities

There are no known claims pending against Council which would exceed current insurance arrangements held at 30 June 2024.

Accounting Policy

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

9.9 Financial instruments

Managing financial risk

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

- (a) Interest rate risk
- (b) Credit risk
- (c) Liquidity risk; and
- (d) Market risk.

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

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Note 9. Other financial information (continued)

(a) Interest Rate Risk

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The exposure to interest rate risk and the effective interest rates of financial assets and non-lease financial liabilities, both recognised and unrecognised, at balance date are as follows. For lease liabilities refer to note 7.3.

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Note 9. Other financial information (continued)

	Weighted average interest rate	Floating interest rate \$ '000	Fixed interest maturing in			Non- interest bearing \$ '000	Total \$ '000
			1 year or less \$ '000	Over 1 to 5 years \$ '000	More than 5 years \$ '000		
2024							
Financial assets							
Cash and cash equivalents	5.73%	8,267	–	–	–	20,124	28,391
Trade and other receivables	0.00%	–	30	150	101	3,215	3,496
Investment in TasWater		–	–	–	–	92,680	92,680
Total financial assets		8,267	30	150	101	116,019	124,567
Financial liabilities							
Trade and other payables		–	–	–	–	6,247	6,247
Trust funds and deposits		–	–	–	–	381	381
Interest-bearing loans and borrowings	3.05%	11,600	1,120	18,400	13,551	–	44,671
Total financial liabilities		11,600	1,120	18,400	13,551	6,628	51,299
Net financial assets (liabilities)		(3,333)	(1,090)	(18,250)	(13,450)	109,391	73,268
2023							
Financial assets							
Cash and cash equivalents	3.85%	20,606	–	–	–	894	21,500
Trade and other receivables	0.00%	–	28	140	132	4,398	4,698
Investment in TasWater		–	–	–	–	87,972	87,972
Total financial assets		20,606	28	140	132	93,264	114,170
Financial liabilities							
Trade and other payables		–	–	–	–	3,114	3,114
Trust funds and deposits		–	–	–	–	208	208
Interest-bearing loans and borrowings	2.70%	11,600	1,103	19,520	13,551	–	45,774
Total financial liabilities		11,600	1,103	19,520	13,551	3,322	49,096
Net financial assets (liabilities)		9,006	(1,075)	(19,380)	(13,419)	89,942	65,074

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Note 9. Other financial information (continued)

(b) Credit risk**Credit risk**

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

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

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

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

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

Council may also be subject to credit risk for transactions which are not included in the Statement of Financial Position, such as when Council provides a guarantee for another party. Details of our contingent liabilities are disclosed in note 9.8.

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

	Financial Institutions (AAA credit rating) \$ '000	Government agencies (BBBB credit rating) \$ '000	Other (min BBB credit rating) \$ '000	Not Rated \$ '000	Total \$ '000
2024					
Cash and cash equivalents	28,391	—	—	—	28,391
Trade and other receivables	—	—	—	2,943	2,943
Total contractual financial assets	28,391	—	—	2,943	31,334
2023					
Cash and cash equivalents	13,476	—	8,024	—	21,500
Trade and other receivables	—	—	—	4,246	4,246
Total contractual financial assets	13,476	—	8,024	4,246	25,746

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Note 9. Other financial information (continued)

	2024	2023
	\$ '000	\$ '000

Ageing of trade and other receivables

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

Current (not yet due)	1,794	4,224
Past due by up to 30 days	53	17
Past due between 31 and 180 days	66	3
Past due between 181 and 365 days	2	2
Past due by more than 1 year	314	—
Total trade and other receivables	2,229	4,246

Ageing of individually impaired trade and other receivables

At balance date, other debtors representing financial assets with a nominal value of \$2,228,063 (2022-23: \$4,245,942) were owing. The amount of the provision raised against these debtors was \$64,082 (2022-23: \$56,337). The individually impaired debtors relate to general and sundry debtors and have been impaired as a result of their doubtful collection. Many of the long outstanding past due amounts have been lodged with Council's debt collectors or are on payment arrangements.

	2024	2023
	\$ '000	\$ '000

The ageing of trade and other receivables that have been individually determined as impaired at reporting date was:

Current (not yet due)	—	—
Past due by up to 30 days	—	—
Past due between 31 and 180 days	49	6
Past due between 181 and 365 days	3	20
Past due by more than 1 year	13	30
Total trade and other receivables	65	56

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Note 9. Other financial information (continued)

(c) Liquidity risk

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

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

To help reduce these risks we:

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

The Council's exposure to liquidity risk is deemed insignificant based on prior periods' data and current assessment of risk. The table below lists the contractual maturities for non-lease Financial Liabilities. For lease liabilities refer to note 7.3.

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

Financial liabilities

	6 mths or less \$ '000	6-12 months \$ '000	1 - 2 years \$ '000	2 - 5 years \$ '000	> 5 years \$ '000	Contracted cash flow \$ '000	Carrying amount \$ '000
2024							
Trade and other payables	6,248	—	—	—	—	6,248	6,248
Trust funds and deposits	—	381	—	—	—	381	381
Interest-bearing loans and borrowings	557	563	28,551	1,449	13,551	44,671	44,671
Total financial liabilities	6,805	944	28,551	1,449	13,551	51,300	51,300
2023							
Trade and other payables	3,114	—	—	—	—	3,114	3,114
Trust funds and deposits	—	208	—	—	—	208	208
Interest-bearing loans and borrowings	548	554	29,671	986	14,015	45,774	45,774
Total financial liabilities	3,662	762	29,671	986	14,015	49,096	49,096

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Note 9. Other financial information (continued)

(d) Market risk

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

Sensitivity disclosure analysis

Taking into account past performance, future expectations, economic forecasts, and management's knowledge and experience of the financial markets, Council believes the following movements are 'reasonably possible' over the next 12 months: (Base rates are sourced from Reserve Bank of Australia):

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

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

		Interest rate risk -1% -100 basis points		Interest rate risk +2% +200 basis points	
	\$ '000	Profit \$ '000	Equity \$ '000	Profit \$ '000	Equity \$ '000
2024					
Financial assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	28,391	(278)	(278)	568	568
Financial liabilities:					
Interest-bearing loans and borrowings	44,671	452	452	(893)	(893)
2023					
Financial assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	21,500	(215)	(215)	430	430
Financial liabilities:					
Interest-bearing loans and borrowings	45,774	458	458	(915)	(915)

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Note 9. Other financial information (continued)

Fair value

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

	Total carrying amount as per the Statement of Financial Position 2024 \$ '000	Total carrying amount as per the Statement of Financial Position 2023 \$ '000	Aggregate net fair value 2024 \$ '000	Aggregate net fair value 2023 \$ '000
Financial instruments				
Financial assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	28,391	21,500	28,391	21,500
Trade and other receivables	3,561	4,472	3,561	4,472
Investment in TasWater	92,680	87,972	92,680	87,972
Total financial assets	124,632	113,944	124,632	113,944
Financial liabilities				
Trade and other payables	6,247	3,114	6,247	3,114
Trust funds and deposits	381	208	381	208
Interest-bearing loans and borrowings	44,671	45,774	44,671	45,774
Total financial liabilities	51,299	49,096	51,299	49,096

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Note 9. Other financial information (continued)

9.10 Fair value measurements

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

Investment in TasWater

Property, infrastructure plant and equipment

- Land
- Land under roads
- Buildings
- Roads
- Stormwater
- Parks & open space
- Cultural & heritage

Council also has assets measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis as a result of being reclassified as assets held for sale. These assets are disclosed in note 4.3. A description of the valuation techniques and the inputs used to determine the fair value of these assets is included below under the heading 'Assets held for sale'.

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

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Note 9. Other financial information (continued)

a) Fair Value Hierarchy

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

Level 1:	Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date.
Level 2:	Inputs other than quoted prices included within level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.
Level 3:	Unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

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

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

	Note	Level 2 \$ '000	Level 3 \$ '000	Total \$ '000
As at 30 June 2024				
Recurring fair value measurements				
Investment in TasWater	5.2	—	92,680	92,680
Land	6.1	76,923	—	76,923
Land under roads	6.1	278,727	—	278,727
Buildings	6.1	70,849	29,313	100,162
Roads	6.1	—	163,405	163,405
Stormwater	6.1	—	105,111	105,111
Parks & open space	6.1	—	33,051	33,051
Cultural and heritage	6.1	5,051	—	5,051
		431,550	423,560	855,110
Non-recurring fair value measurements				
Assets held for sale	4.3	270	—	270
		270	—	270
As at 30 June 2023				
Recurring fair value measurements				
Investment in TasWater	5.2	—	87,972	87,972
Land	6.1	76,884	—	76,884
Land under roads	6.1	103,157	—	103,157
Buildings	6.1	69,214	26,767	95,981
Roads	6.1	—	156,126	156,126
Stormwater	6.1	—	100,215	100,215
Parks & open space	6.1	—	32,672	32,672
Cultural and heritage	6.1	4,820	—	4,820
		254,075	403,752	657,827
Non-recurring fair value measurements				
Assets held for sale	4.3	173	97	270
		173	97	270

(b) Highest and best use

AASB 13 *Fair Value Measurement*, requires the fair value of non-financial assets to be calculated based on their "highest and best use". All assets valued at fair value in this note are being used for their highest and best use.

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Note 9. Other financial information (continued)

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

Investment in TasWater

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

Land

Land fair values were determined by the Valuer-General as at 1 July 2021 with values being adopted as of 30 June 2022.

In March this year the Valuer General issued indexation rates for the following land use classes:

Residential	1.25
Commercial	1.10
Industrial	1.10
Primary Production	1.35
Community Services	1.10
Other	1.10

As there is no change to these indices from prior year, there will be no revaluation of land assets.

Level 2 valuation inputs were used to value land in freehold title as well as land used for special purposes, which is restricted in use under current planning provisions.

Land under roads

Land under roads fair value is based on valuations determined by the office of the Valuer-General using site values adjusted for englobo (undeveloped and/or unserviced) characteristics, access rights, private interests of other parties and entitlements of infrastructure assets and services.

In June 2024, effective 2024 financial year, the Valuer-General issued the new rates for the following land use classes:

	Residential	Commercial	Industrial	Primary Production	Community Services	Other
Municipality	M2 Rate	M2 Rate	M2 Rate	M2 Rate	M2 Rate	M2 Rate
108 - DEVONPORT	80.8	122.9	30.64	2.64	18.36	11.96

Land under roads has been categorised as either urban residential land or rural land in accordance with Council data . The Residential rate is applied to Urban land under roads and the Primary Production rate is applied to Rural land under roads.

Buildings

Where there is a market for Council building assets, fair value has been determined by applying the statutory values assigned by the office of the Valuer General as at 1 July 2021 with values being adopted as at 30 June 2022. Since that date to ensure the current values represent fair value, Council applied a cumulative index of 5.7% as at 30 June 2024 which is the five year average for Non-Residential Building & Construction Index (Tasmania).

Fair value has been derived from the sales prices of comparable properties after adjusting for differences in key attributes such as property size. The most significant input into this valuation approach is price per square metre. These buildings have been classified as level 2 in the Table above.

Buildings of a specialised nature were subject to full revaluation in 2022. Since that date to ensure the current values represent fair value, Council applied a cumulative index of 5.7% as at 30 June 2024 which is the five year average for Non-Residential Building & Construction Index (Tasmania). These buildings have been classified as level 3 in the Table above.

In determining the level of accumulated depreciation, significant building assets have been disaggregated into components which exhibit useful lives. Allowance has been made for the typical asset life cycle and renewal treatments of each component.

While the unit rates based on square metres can be supported by market evidence (level 2), the estimates of useful life that are used to calculate accumulated depreciation comprise unobservable inputs (level 3). Where these other inputs are significant to the valuation the overall valuation has been classified as level 3. The table at (d) below summarises the effect that changes in the most significant unobservable inputs would have on the valuation.

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Note 9. Other financial information (continued)

Infrastructure assets

All Council infrastructure assets were fair valued using written down current replacement cost (CRC). This valuation comprises the asset's gross replacement cost (GRC) less accumulated depreciation calculated on the basis of such cost to reflect the already consumed or expired future economic benefits of the asset. Council first determined the gross cost of replacing the full service potential of the asset and then adjusted this amount to take account of the expired service potential of the asset.

CRC was measured by reference to the lowest cost at which the gross future economic benefits of the asset could currently be obtained in the normal course of business. The resulting valuation reflects the cost of replacing the existing economic benefits based on an efficient set of modern equivalent assets to achieve the required level of service output.

The unit rates (labour and materials) and quantities applied to determine the GRC of an asset or asset component were generally based on a "Brownfield" assumption meaning that the GRC was determined as the cost of replacement with a new asset excluding components that may not need to be replaced, such as earthworks.

The level of accumulated depreciation for infrastructure assets was determined based on the age of the asset and the useful life adopted by Council for the asset type. Depreciation is applied on a straight line basis. Estimated useful lives are disclosed in Note 3.3.

The calculation of CRC involves a number of inputs that require judgement and are therefore classed as unobservable. While these judgements are made by qualified and experienced staff, different judgements could result in a different valuation. The table at (d) below summarises the effect that changes in the most significant unobservable inputs would have on the valuation.

The methods for calculating CRC are described under individual asset categories below.

Roads, including footpaths & cycleways

A full valuation of road infrastructure was undertaken by Council staff effective 30 June 2022. Since that date to ensure the current values represent fair value, Council applied a cumulative index of 4.0% as at 30 June 2024, which is a five year average of the Road & Bridge Construction Index (Australia) of 4.0% and the Heavy Civil Engineering Construction Index (Australia) of 3.9%.

Council categorises its road infrastructure into urban and rural roads and then further sub-categorises these into sealed and unsealed roads. Urban and rural roads are generally managed in segments from intersection to intersection. All road segments are then componentised into formation, pavement and seal (where applicable). Council assumes that environmental factors such as soil type, climate and topography are consistent across each segment. Council also assumes a segment is designed and constructed to the same standard and uses a consistent amount of labour and materials. Pavements constructed post 1993 have longer asset lives as they require more stringent quality assurance on material selection and pavement design.

CRC is based on the road area multiplied by a unit price; the unit price being an estimate of labour and material inputs, services costs, and overhead allocations. Council uses known pavement thickness for most assets and applies a 350mm default when unknown. For internal construction estimates, material and services prices are based on existing supplier contract rates or supplier price lists and labour wage rates are based on Council's Enterprise Agreement (EA). Where construction is outsourced, CRC is based on the average of completed similar projects over the last few years.

Stormwater

A full valuation of stormwater was undertaken by Council staff effective 30 June 2023. Since that date to ensure the current values represent fair value, Council applied an index of 4.4% as at 30 June 2024, which is the general average of all the relevant indexes for this asset class.

Similar to roads, drainage assets are managed in segments; pits and pipes being the major components. Consistent with roads, Council assumes that environmental factors such as soil type, climate and topography are consistent across each segment and that a segment is designed and constructed to the same standard and uses a consistent amount of labour and materials for each pipe depth.

CRC is based on the unit price for the component type. For pipes, the unit price is multiplied by the asset's length. The unit price for pipes is based on the construction material (including pipe diameter) as well as the depth the pipe is laid.

Parks & Open Space

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Note 9. Other financial information (continued)

A full valuation of parks & open space was undertaken by Council staff effective 30 June 2024. Parks and open space assets was revalued using a combination of replacement rates calculated by experienced and appropriately qualified Council staff, verified by the Infrastructure Manager and the indexation of original construction costs.

Cultural & Heritage

The collections held in this asset class relates to the Devonport Regional Gallery art collection, public art assets, Bass Strait Maritime Centre Collection and Sister Cities Collections.

The Devonport Regional Gallery art collection and public art assets were independently valued effective 30 June 2021 and the Bass Strait Maritime Centre Collection and Sister Cities collections were independently valued effective 30 June 2022. Since those dates to ensure the current values represent fair value, Council applied a cumulative index of 3.9% as at 30 June 2024 and 3.7% as at 30 June 2023 to all assets in this class, which is the five year average of the Hobart Consumer Price Index.

Assets held for sale

Assets classified as held for sale during the reporting period were valued at the lower of carrying amount or fair value less costs to sell at the time of reclassification. Market value was used to determine fair value.

(d) Unobservable inputs and sensitivities

The changes in assets and liabilities with recurring fair value measurements are detailed in Note 6.1.

Investment in TasWater, which is classified as level 3 has been separately disclosed in note 5.2.

(e) Valuation processes

Council's valuation policies and procedures are determined by the Asset Management Team, the Infrastructure Manager and Finance Manager. An Asset Revaluation Paper is prepared each year that is approved by the General Manager and referred to the Audit Panel for review.

Council's current policies for the valuation of property, infrastructure, plant and equipment, investments in associates, right of use assets and investment in TasWater are set out in Note 5.1, Note 5.2, Note 6.2 and 6.1.

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

Council has assets and liabilities which are not measured at fair value, but for which fair values are disclosed in other notes. (refer Note 9.9)

The carrying amounts of trade receivables and trade payables are assumed to approximate their fair values due to their short-term nature (level 2).

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Note 10. Other matters

10.1 Related party transactions

(i) Councillor remuneration

Name	Position	Period	Short term employee benefits					Total allowances and expenses section 72
			Allowances	Vehicles ¹	Compensation AASB 124	Expenses ²		
			\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
2024								
A. Jarman	Deputy Mayor / Mayor	Full Year	88,062	8,831	96,893	8,846		105,739
S. Sheehan	Deputy Mayor	Full Year	44,826	–	44,826	3,606		48,432
G. Enniss	Councillor	Full Year	25,160	–	25,160	3,619		28,779
L. Murphy	Councillor	Full Year	25,160	–	25,160	3,606		28,766
P. Hollister	Councillor	Full Year	25,160	–	25,160	3,200		28,360
D. Viney	Councillor	Full Year	25,160	–	25,160	3,500		28,660
S. Martin	Councillor	Full Year	25,160	–	25,160	3,402		28,562
J. Wilczynski	Councillor	Full Year	25,160	–	25,160	3,670		28,830
A. Moore	Councillor	Full Year	25,160	–	25,160	3,462		28,622
Total			309,008	8,831	317,839	36,911		354,750
2023								
A. Jarman	Deputy Mayor / Mayor	Deputy Mayor to 09/11/2022, Mayor from 10/11/2022	68,803	2,466	71,269	10,266		81,535
S. Sheehan	Deputy Mayor	10/11/2022 - 30/06/2023	26,428	–	26,428	3,524		29,952
A. Rockliff	Mayor	01/07/2022 - 9/11/2022	33,170	3,873	37,043	1,999		39,042
G. Enniss	Councillor	Full Year	24,311	–	24,311	5,136		29,447
L. Murphy	Councillor	Full Year	24,311	–	24,311	4,386		28,697
P. Hollister	Councillor	Full Year	24,311	–	24,311	6,024		30,335
D. Viney	Councillor	Full Year	14,834	–	14,834	3,323		18,157
S. Martin	Councillor	10/11/2022 - 30/06/2023	14,834	–	14,834	3,667		18,501
J. Wilczynski	Councillor	10/11/2022 - 30/06/2023	14,834	–	14,834	3,092		17,926
A. Moore	Councillor	10/11/2022 - 30/06/2023	14,834	–	14,834	2,128		16,962
L. Perry	Councillor	01/07/2022 - 9/11/2022	9,477	–	9,477	1,235		10,712
J. Alexiou	Councillor	01/07/2022 - 9/11/2022	9,477	–	9,477	1,606		11,083
L.Laycock	Councillor	01/07/2022 - 9/11/2022	9,477	–	9,477	1,235		10,712
S. Milbourne	Councillor	01/07/2022 - 9/11/2022	9,477	–	9,477	1,235		10,712
Total			298,578	6,339	304,917	48,856		353,773

(1) Includes total cost of providing and maintaining vehicles provided for private use, including registration, insurance, fuel and other consumables, maintenance cost and parking (including notional value of parking provided at premises that are owned or leased and fringe benefits tax).

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Note 10. Other matters (continued)

Section 72(1)(b) of the *Local Government Act 1993* requires the disclosure of expenses paid to Councillors. Expenses includes reimbursements for mobile phone, travel costs, costs for attending Local Government seminars, provided at Council meetings and a notional parking benefit of \$2,490 (2022/23 : \$3,075) per annum.

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Note 10. Other matters (continued)

(ii) Key management personnel remuneration

	Position	Period	Short term employee benefits			Post employment benefits			Total
			Salary ¹	Vehicles ²	Other allowances and benefits ³	Superannuation ⁴	Termination benefits ⁵	Non-monetary benefits ⁶	
			\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
M. Skirving	General Manager	Full Year	273,562	25,926	1,140	28,716	–	11,917	341,261
	Deputy General Manager	Full Year	203,227	24,848	1,608	25,403	–	7,667	262,753
	Executive Manager	Full Year	159,402	19,683	484	19,925	–	4,774	204,268
	Executive Manager	Full Year	146,323	10,513	449	19,022	–	6,411	182,718
			782,514	80,970	3,681	93,066	–	30,769	991,000
K. Peebles	General Manager	Full Year	253,747	26,511	1,140	25,658	–	18,645	325,701
	Deputy General Manager	Full Year	195,503	21,552	1,608	24,438	–	2,667	245,768
	Executive Manager	01/07/2022 - 27/10/2022	40,368	984	–	9,321	36,856	(34,385)	53,144
M. Skirving	Executive Manager	Full Year	149,199	20,268	460	18,650	–	4,404	192,981
	Executive Manager	22/10/2022 - 30/06/2023	93,318	6,450	297	11,964	–	(1,824)	110,205
			732,135	75,765	3,505	90,031	36,856	(10,493)	927,799

Gross Salary includes all forms of consideration paid and payable for services rendered, compensated absences during the period.

Includes total cost of providing and maintaining vehicles provided for private use, including registration, insurance, fuel and other consumables, maintenance cost and parking (including notional value of parking provided at premises that are owned or leased and fringe benefits tax).

Other allowances and benefits includes all other forms of employment allowances (excludes reimbursements such as travel, accommodation or meals), payments in lieu of leave, and any other compensation paid and payable.

Superannuation means the contribution to the superannuation fund to the individual and salary sacrificed amounts.

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

Non-monetary benefits include annual and long service leave movements and non-monetary benefits (such as housing, subsidised goods or services etc).

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Note 10. Other matters (continued)

(iii) Remuneration principles

Councillors

Councillors receive an allowance from Council in accordance with S340A of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Regulation 42(2) of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2005* specifies the amount payable mayors, deputy mayors and Councillors.

Executives

Remuneration levels for key management personnel are set with regard to current market expectations considering the qualifications, skills and experience required for each role. employment terms and conditions of senior executives are contained in individual employment contracts and prescribe total remuneration, superannuation, annual and long service leave, vehicle and salary provisions. In addition to their salaries, Council also contributes to post-employment superannuation plans on their behalf.

performance of each senior executive, including the General Manager, is reviewed annually which includes a review of their remuneration package. The terms of employment of each senior executive, the General Manager, contain a termination clause that requires the senior executive or Council to provide a minimum notice period prior to termination of the contract. Whilst not automatic, contracts extended.

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Note 10. Other matters (continued)

(iv) Transactions with related parties

is related to an entity if directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, the party: controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with the entity (this includes parents, subsidiaries and fellow subsidiaries); an interest in the entity that gives it significant influence over the entity; or joint control over the entity

Council is a member of the Dulverton Regional Waste Management Joint Authority (DRWMA) established under the *Local Government Act 1993* (as amended). Other members of the Dulverton Regional Management Joint Authority are the Central Coast, Latrobe, and Kentish Councils. The primary activity of the Authority is to operate a regional landfill site at Dulverton. engaged Synectic Audit & Assurance Pty Ltd (Synectic) to provide internal audit services during the year. A director of Synectic is a close family member of a KMP. The close family member did not any direct involvement with the work undertaken. makes membership contributions to Cradle Coast Authority. Cradle Coast Authority is deemed to be a related party due to the General Manager and Mayor having authority and responsibility for and controlling the activities of the entity indirectly. Coast Authority has project managed the construction of the Coastal Pathway which Council has contributed to.

following transactions occurred with related parties . All transactions were subject to normal terms and conditions:

Receipts from related parties

	2024 \$ '000	2023 \$ '000
DRWMA - Commercial office space supplied by Council (subject to lease)	19	16
DRWMA - Utilities and other sundry reimbursements	1	1
DRWMA - Parking	3	3
DRWMA - paranaple Convention Centre - hire and catering	1	–
DRWMA - Distribution received	302	287
CCA - paranaple Convention Centre - hire	–	1
DRWMA - Tax equivalents received	787	372

Payments to related parties

DRWMA - Cost of transfer of waste to the regional facility maintained by	3,377	3,191
Synectic - Payment for Internal Audit services	17	21
CCA - Coastal Pathway Contribution	1,037	250
CCA - Membership Contributions	238	226

Receivable from and payable to related parties

following balances are outstanding as at 30 June 2024 in relation to transactions with related parties:

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Note 10. Other matters (continued)

	2024 \$ '000	2023 \$ '000
Receivable from: DRWMA	1	1
Payable to: DRWMA	163	226

(v) Transactions with related parties that have not been disclosed

the entities and people that are related parties of council live and operate within the municipality. Therefore, on a regular basis ordinary citizen transactions occur between Council and its related
Some examples include:

- Payment of rates on a primary residence
- Dog registration
- Use of Council's swimming pool

has not included these types of transaction in its disclosure, where they are made on the same terms and conditions available to the general public.

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Note 10. Other matters (continued)

10.2 Interest in other entities

10.2.1 Controlling Authorities

	2024	2023
	\$ '000	\$ '000

Maidstone Park Management Controlling Authority

The Council has established a controlling authority under section 29 of the *Local Government Act 1993* to manage Council facilities on its behalf. This Controlling Authority does not have a separate legal identity to Council and their income, expenditure, assets and liabilities are included in Council's Statement of Comprehensive Income and Statement of Financial Position.

Summarised statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income

Revenue	11	14
Expenses	(7)	(13)
Profit / (loss)	4	1

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Note 10. Other matters (continued)

10.3 Other significant accounting policies and pending accounting standards

(a) Taxation

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

Goods and services tax (GST)

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

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

(b) Impairment of non-financial assets

At each reporting date, Council reviews the carrying value of its assets to determine whether there is any indication that these assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use, is compared to the assets carrying value. Any excess of the assets carrying value over its recoverable amount is expensed to the Statement of Other Comprehensive Income, unless the asset is carried at the revalued amount in which case, the impairment loss is recognised directly against the revaluation reserve in respect of the same class of asset to the extent that the impairment loss does not exceed the amount in the revaluation surplus for that same class of asset. For non-cash generating assets of Council such as roads, drains, public buildings and the like, value in use is represented by the deprival value of the asset approximated by its written down replacement cost.

(c) Allocation between current and non-current

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

(d) Contingent assets, contingent liabilities and commitments

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

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

(e) Budget

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

(f) Adoption of new and amended accounting standards

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

(g) Pending Accounting Standards

Certain new accounting standards and interpretations have been published that are not mandatory for 30 June 2024 reporting periods.

Council's assessment of the impact if the relevant new standards and interpretations is set out below:

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

This Standard modifies AASB 13 *Fair Value Measurement* for application by not-for-profit public sector entities such as Council. It includes authoritative implementation guidance when fair valuing non-financial assets, not held primarily for their ability to generate cash inflows. This includes guidance and clarification regarding the determination of an assets highest and best use, the development and use of internal assumptions for unobservable inputs and allows for greater use of internal judgements when applying the cost approach in the measurement and determination of fair values. Although Council is yet to fully determine the impact of this standard, the changes will be evaluated in the future assessment of all property and infrastructure

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Note 10. Other matters (continued)

assets measured at fair value. The Standard applies prospectively to annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2025, with earlier application permitted.

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

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Note 10. Other matters (continued)

	Parking 2024 \$ '000	Parking 2023 \$ '000	Waste Management 2024 \$ '000	Waste Management 2023 \$ '000	Paranaple Convention Centre 2024 \$ '000	Paranaple Convention Centre 2023 \$ '000
10.4 Significant business activities						
The operating capital and competitive neutrality costs of the Council's significant business activities:						
<i>Revenue</i>						
Fees and charges	2,257	1,983	6,122	5,845	1,299	951
Other	1,370	911	166	137	4	–
Total revenue	3,627	2,894	6,288	5,982	1,303	951
<i>Expenditure</i>						
<i>Direct</i>						
Employee costs	347	370	648	621	400	275
Materials and Contacts	1,195	937	4,366	4,297	1,126	953
Levies and taxes	248	233	318	303	35	33
Total expenses	1,790	1,540	5,332	5,221	1,561	1,261
<i>Capital costs</i>						
Depreciation expense	263	251	50	48	304	287
Opportunity cost of capital	662	556	55	47	235	209
(Gain) / loss on sale of non-current assets	–	2	–	–	7	–
Total capital costs	925	809	105	95	546	496
Calculated surplus/(deficit)	912	545	851	666	(804)	(806)
<i>Competitive neutrality costs</i>						
Taxation equivalent	274	164	255	200	–	–
Tax equivalent rate	30.00%	30.00%	30.00%	30.00%	30.00%	30.00%
Total competitive neutrality costs	274	164	255	200	–	–

Accounting policy

Council is required to report the operating, capital and competitive neutrality costs in respect of each significant business activity undertaken by the Council. Council's disclosure is reconciled above. Council has determined, based upon materiality, that Parking, Waste Management, and the Paranaple Convention Centre are considered significant business activities. In 2023 Paranaple Arts Centre was combined into Paranaple Convention Centre, though as this was determined to not be a significant activity in 2024, this activity has not been included in 2024 and removed from comparatives.

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

- the opportunity cost of capital is calculated at 3.05% (2022/23 2.70%) of assets; and
- income tax equivalents are calculated using the company tax rate

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Note 10. Other matters (continued)

10.5 Management indicators

	2024	2023	2022	2021
(a) Underlying surplus or deficit				
Net result for the year	14,127	9,169	10,532	15,168
Less non-operating income				
Contributions - non-monetary assets	(5,593)	(2,690)	(3,117)	(5,352)
Adjusted for timing on Financial Assistance Grants	475	(1,141)	(578)	(297)
Grants capital	(5,432)	(4,041)	(5,760)	(9,277)
Add non-operational expenses				
Donated assets	—	—	424	942
Capital works completed on assets not owned by Council	118	334	51	61
Grant - Devonport Soccer Club	1,500	—	—	—
Underlying surplus/deficit	5,195	1,631	1,552	1,245

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

	Benchmark	2024	2023	2022	2021
(b) Underlying surplus ratio					
Underlying surplus or deficit		5,195	1,631	1,552	1,245
Recurrent income*		50,357	47,622	44,489	40,741
Underlying surplus ratio %	0%	10.32%	3.42%	3.49%	3.06%

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

The ratio reflects Council's goal to break-even and is reasonably consistent with the benchmark for the period reported.

	2024	2023	2022	2021
(c) Net financial liabilities				
Current trade and other receivables	3,246	4,416	4,326	4,407
Liquid assets	31,637	25,916	23,271	18,127
less:				
total liabilities	(58,737)	(54,736)	(56,207)	(56,741)
Net financial liabilities	(27,100)	(28,820)	(32,936)	(38,614)

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

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Note 10. Other matters (continued)

	Benchmark	2024	2023	2022	2021
(d) Net financial liabilities ratio					
Net financial liabilities		(27,100)	(28,820)	(32,936)	(38,614)
Recurrent income*		50,357	47,622	44,489	40,741
Net financial liabilities ratio %	0% - 50%	(53.82)%	(60.52)%	(74.03)%	(94.78)%

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

The result over the reported period is outside the benchmark, and reflects the higher level of borrowings in recent years in relation to the LIVING CITY project. As stated above, Council actively manage debt levels and repayment schedules through the Long Term Financial Plan.

	2024	2023	2022	2021
(e) Asset consumption ratio				
An asset consumption ratio has been calculated in relation to each asset class required to be included in the long-term strategic asset management plan of Council.				
<i>Buildings</i>				
Fair value (Carrying amount)	100,162	95,981	90,857	92,939
Current replacement cost (Gross)	154,320	144,869	135,561	143,805
Asset consumption ratio %	64.91%	66.25%	67.02%	65.00%
<i>Transport infrastructure</i>				
Fair value (Carrying amount)	163,405	156,126	141,632	139,069
Current replacement cost (Gross)	365,155	346,787	324,217	317,621
Asset consumption ratio %	44.75%	45.02%	43.68%	44.00%
<i>Stormwater</i>				
Fair value (Carrying amount)	105,111	100,215	92,093	87,892
Current replacement cost (Gross)	192,382	182,416	168,498	158,334
Asset consumption ratio %	54.64%	54.94%	54.66%	56.00%
<i>Parks and open space</i>				
Fair value (Carrying amount)	33,050	32,672	25,740	25,740
Current replacement cost (Gross)	54,792	52,577	44,456	43,571
Asset consumption ratio %	60.32%	62.14%	57.90%	59.00%

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

Council have set a benchmark for this ratio of between 40% and 60% in the Long Term Financial Plan. This ratio measures the extent to which depreciable assets have been consumed by comparing their written down value to their replacement cost.

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Note 10. Other matters (continued)

	Benchmark	2024	2023	2022	2021
(f) Asset renewal funding ratio					
An asset renewal funding ratio has been calculated in relation to each asset class required to be included in the long-term strategic asset management plan of Council.					
Buildings					
Projected capital funding outlays**		44,571	41,174	10,159	12,434
Projected capital expenditure funding***		44,571	41,174	10,159	4,700
Asset renewal funding ratio %	90-100%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	265.00%
Transport Infrastructure					
Projected capital funding outlays**		41,681	44,547	42,410	39,031
Projected capital expenditure funding***		41,681	44,547	42,410	42,208
Asset renewal funding ratio %	90-100%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	92.00%
Stormwater					
Fair value (Carrying amount)		11,425	4,766	6,395	4,378
Current replacement cost (Gross)		11,425	4,766	6,395	313
Asset renewal funding ratio %	90-100%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	1,399.00%
Parks and open space					
Fair value (Carrying amount)		12,176	9,285	11,132	6,335
Current replacement cost (Gross)		12,176	9,285	11,132	5,279
Asset renewal funding ratio %	90-100%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	120.00%

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

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

This ratio measures Council's capacity to fund future asset replacement requirements, by comparing the budgeted renewal expenditure to the projected capital expenditure requirements in the Asset Management Plans. This ratio should be considered over a longer period of time, at least 10 years to assess if Council is adequately funding the renewal of its assets. Council adopted a Financial Management Strategy in June 2022 which included a Long Term Financial Plan to 30 June 2032. That Plan included data that demonstrated Council has, on average over the 10 year life of the Plan, provided funding to renew assets in accordance with the Strategic Asset Management Plan.

As well as adopting a Strategic Asset management Plan in 2022, Council prepared a 10 year Forward Works Program which was adopted as part of the 2023/24 budget process. All renewal expenditure identified in the 10 year Forward Works Program is funded in the Financial Management Strategy. A progressive condition assessment for all asset classes is currently underway and this information will be reflected in future Asset Management Plans.

The 10 year Forward Works program was subsequently updated and adopted during the 2024/25 budget process and the updated long term financial plan will be put forward for adoption by Council together with the reviewed Financial Management Strategy after finalisation the 2023/24 Financial Statements.

Projected capital funding outlays for buildings includes the construction of a sport stadium which was identified as a priority in the Sports Infrastructure Master Plan and is intended to be substantially funded through external grants.

This ratio is not subject to audit.

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Note 10. Other matters (continued)

	Benchmark	2024	2023	2022	2021
(g) Asset sustainability ratio					
Capex on replacement/renewal of existing assets		9,950	7,790	6,700	8,119
Annual depreciation expense		10,790	9,940	9,969	10,284
Asset sustainability ratio %	100%	92.22%	78.37%	67.21%	79.00%

This ratio calculates the extent to which Council is maintaining operating capacity through renewal of their existing asset base. Council has experienced a period of investment in new assets and this is reflected in the result for this indicator in the period reported. Council will continue to monitor its performance through the Long Term Financial Plan and manage assets in accordance with the Asset Management Plans.

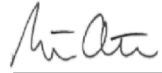
	Capital renewal expenditure \$ '000	Capital new /upgrade expenditure \$ '000	Total Capital Expenditure \$ '000
2024			
Parks and Open Space	1,581	2,098	3,679
Buildings	1,619	1,221	2,840
Plant	352	266	618
Furniture and Fittings	701	518	1,219
Roads	4,857	1,889	6,746
Stormwater	840	413	1,253
Total	9,950	6,405	16,355
2023			
Parks and Open Space	2,204	3,574	5,778
Buildings	588	438	1,026
Plant	265	681	946
Furniture and Fittings	166	123	289
Roads	4,307	1,675	5,982
Stormwater	260	131	391
Total	7,790	6,622	14,412

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Certification of the Financial Report

The financial report presents fairly the financial position of the Devonport City Council as at 30 June 2024 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended, in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993* (as amended), Australian Accounting Standards and other authoritative pronouncements issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board.



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